



# COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER

May saw the Spring Alfa Day at Burghley House and York Giorni events which a number of members attended. A bit closer to home we had a wonderful day at Prescott with some spirited Alfa runs up the hill, and the chance for a more sedate cavalcade at lunch time! The season is really gaining momentum and we've only just begun with a full calendar for all to enjoy - MB

## Prescott Hill Climb - 9th May

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May saw an excellent turn out for the Cheltenham and Cleve Vale Rotary Club Prescott Hill Climb. Prescott invited the Section to showcase the marque with a static display in the orchard which saw over 70 cars ranging from Mike Hirst's 1750 6C to the 60's and succeeding decades right through to the current model range.



Mike Hirst leads the way in his 1750 6C - Photo Jane Grimshaw

With a prominent position in the Orchard we lined up, classics to one side and moderns to the other, to create a fine display. We invited people to vote for the 'most desirable Alfa', (any tie in voting was to be decided by asking Nick Clegg!). Early exit polls had Mike's 6C as the favourite, but it was just edged into second by a single vote. The winner a 1967 Duetto owned by some chap by the name of Rees. Third was taken by Jonathon Trinder with his beautiful 1.2Ti Sud.



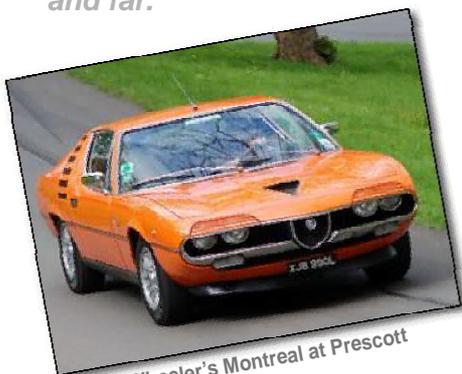
John Mills on Prescott Hill - Photo Richard Rees

On the timed runs up the hill itself we had good Alfa representation with Spiders, Berties, an Alfasud Sprint, Montreal, 166, 159 and Giulia Sprint.

Lunchtime saw a cavalcade up the hill with those gathered in the Orchard forming a long line of cars for a fun blast up the hill. Mike Hirst's 6C led the way with a stream of Alfas prompting admiring comments, including one from a marshal who had 'never seen so many Alfas together - what a brilliant display'.

The day stayed dry and it was an excellent event all round, with other exotica parked in the paddock and the atmosphere of Prescott to soak up. If you have never visited I highly recommend it and why not join us next year. I'm definitely going to sign up for the hill itself! - MB

*We have also had a number of messages and comments from those who attended, thanking the section for organising such an enjoyable day. Thanks to everyone concerned with organising the day and helping out on Sunday. The Section's strength is in its members and we were pleased to see so many from both near and far.*



James Wheeler's Montreal at Prescott



Section gazebo put to good use!

## 'Section BBQ'

**Final call for anyone who would like to attend our section BBQ.**

**John & James Dobson have kindly offered to host this at their home near Ledbury on Sunday July 18th.**

**We need to finalise numbers so let me or one of the committee know by the end of May, either in person, by email [byatt\\_m@o2.co.uk](mailto:byatt_m@o2.co.uk) or by phone on 07521 189342. We can't guarantee the weather, but we'll do our best!**

## York Giorni Alfa Centenario - 2nd May



Over May Bank Holiday weekend the centre of York celebrated 100 years of Alfa Romeo, with a vast array of Alfas stealing the limelight from the magnificent backdrop of York city centre. The events team did a fine job of organising as many different models as possible, demonstrating the development of Alfa through the years.

A long line of Spiders, Suds and Sprints - I was in my element! There really was something for everyone including Carol Corliss's 1750 6C proudly sporting its Giro Panoramico 09 sticker.

Local dealer Piccadilly Motors brought the best of the current range including a new black 8C and Mito Cloverleaf (is it just me or has someone supersized the QV wing badge ?).

The real talking point was the matt finish Brera which people just had to touch, you either love it or hate it !

A nice line up of Berties headed by a Le Mans Blue car which really stood out, as did a line of RZ's & SZ's. I'm sure there is a marketing campaign in the offing with Pizza Express – Fastest Pizza Delivery in the North.

However what was really pleasing was the number of people interested in the marque and amazing the number who had a story or fond memory of one of those Alfas when growing up. - MB



York Giorni - SZ, Bertie , Brera & Biscuits - Photos Mark Byatt

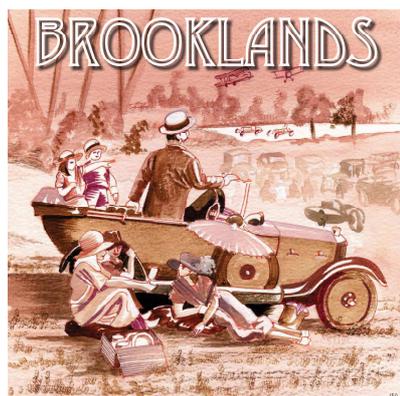
## 'Other Events'

We have also been asked to mention a couple of events that may be of interest. Although it is a busy year they may fill that last free slot in the diary and an Alfa always lifts any event !

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Classic Car Show Ragley Hall - Warwickshire

Entry is only £2.50

An ideal venue for a Classic Car and Transport Show, Ragley Hall is set in 400 acres of parkland, woodland and gardens. Family home of the Marquess & Marchioness of Hertford for 9 generations. Over 600 Vintage and Classic Cars, American, Kit and Custom Cars, Motorcycles, Commercials, Club Stands, Autojumble, Tradestands, children's inflatables as well as onsite catering.



### Brooklands Fête Champêtre – June 26th

A summer evening of jazz, picnics and vintage vehicles takes place at Brooklands in the form of the annual Fête Champêtre. Organised by the Brooklands Trust Members, this is a chance to dress up and recreate the atmosphere of Brooklands in its heyday.

The event starts at 4.00pm for Motor Show entrants and at 5.00pm for other guests. The evening ends at 10.00pm. More information and an application form can be found at the website: [www.brooklandsfete.co.uk](http://www.brooklandsfete.co.uk) or for telephone bookings contact Angela Hume on 07880 670 339.

**Coming up.....**  
**Auto Italia - Sunday 6th June**  
**Stanford Hall**

**Churchill Classic Car Show**  
**Sunday 13th June**

**Section Midsummer Drive Wed**  
**16th June from The Merrymouth**  
**Inn 7.30pm for 7.45pm off for a**  
**drive to the Victoria Inn in**  
**Eastleach.**

**Gloucestershire Motor Show.**  
**12th & 13th June at Highnam**  
**Court:**  
**[gloucestershiremotorshow.co.uk](http://gloucestershiremotorshow.co.uk)**

*I've managed to blag an invite to the Birmingham ICC for a preview of the new Giulietta . I'll give you some of my impressions next month ! MB*

