

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB NOV 2010 COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Winter is fast approaching, almost as quickly as the SORN applications hitting the DVLA! And so thoughts turn to Christmas and our meal at the Three Ways Hotel, projects and jobs to be completed over the winter and planning for a fun packed 2011. No post Centenary blues I can guarantee you, our diary dates are shaping up nicely and we have an advance look at some Section & National events in this months Newsletter. The Classic car show this month saw a strong section presence and we look back on the Westonbirt visit . - MB

NEC Classic Car Show

This years Classic Car Show ran from the 12th to 14th November and the Alfa stand promised to be a bit special to mark the Centenary year. And special it was with 14 Alfas representing some of the iconic models of the various decades.

Matt Spitzley's 8c lined up alongside a modern 8c currently for sale at a bargain price of 120k!, in the good company of Matthew Willmott's S2 Spider which sported its new spotless alloy wheels and post Milan detailing . Also James Wheeler's eye catching Montreal, along with my personal favourite the Junior Z.

Matthew had a high speed drive across to Birmingham in the Spider on Friday after a busy morning with work in his 159, a lift back to Tewkesbury via my GT and Mark G's 147, bringing his Alfa quota for the day to 4 ! Some detailing duty once he had arrived helped by the resident detailing king (Simon 'AutoGlym' Addison) and the Spider certainly looked the part in the display.

I visited on the Friday and the stand was busy with much interest and many admiring comments. Being closely located to both the Ferrari and Maserati stands Hall 4 was a true Italian stronghold for the weekend. I know a number of section members visited over the various days and I'm sure enjoyed the show and in particular the Alfa display. - MB



Classic Car Show - Photos Mark Byatt

2011 Diary.....

We have a number of events in the pipeline and we'll be issuing a full diary for 2011 but here's a little taster of some ideas we are considering at the minute:

A visit to the Prince of Wales' gardens at Highgrove, a drive and a night away somewhere in the UK leaving Saturday morning returning Sunday.

A fun concours, a visit to the GWR Railway @ Toddington, and guest speaker(s).

We will also be running a section photo competition, a planned drive for FHVBC Drive it Day, as well as some of our normal events which will include the Scalextric evening, AGM and Quiz but the quiz will be a little different in 2011. Along with Prescott, Cotswold Alfa Day etc. it will be another full calendar of section events.

There is even a possibility of another Loxley Run !!

As ever any ideas would be welcomed especially ideas for a Guest Speaker. - MG



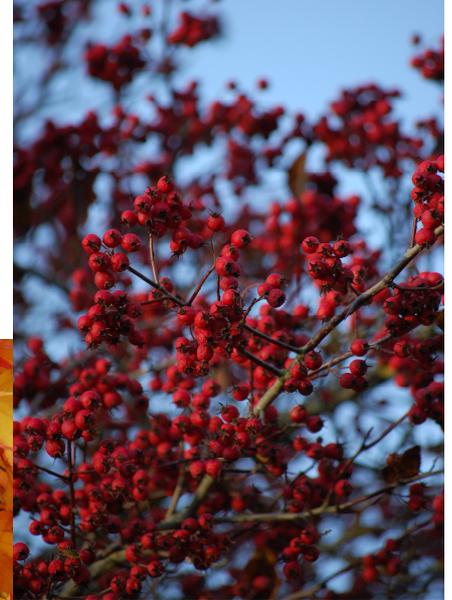
Section Autumn Walk - Westonbirt Arboretum

Matthew takes the pen for our visit to Westonbirt's Autumn Colour!

Improving on our 'timing' from last year, we set our autumn walk exactly 2 weeks earlier this time, and in doing so managed to catch things just right.

Westonbirt Arboretum looked glorious as around 10 Alfas parked up in our reserved area, including the Poulson's in their lovely black 916 Spider, and the new acquisition in the Mills fleet, a very tidy and very red, '916' series, facelift front GTV.

We then apparently managed about 5 miles (according to some little device strapped to Jane's leg!), although to be honest it didn't feel like it. The threatened showers never came, and I think all that attended enjoyed a good old chin wag along with the exercise! All in all another very pleasant Cotswold excursion. - MW



Westonbirt Colour - Photos Mark Grimshaw & Matthew Willmott.



**Cotswold Section on
facebook.**

Did you know that we now have a Section Facebook page ?

Just add us as a page and keep up to date with events, comments and photos.

A great way to keep in touch and post your photos and comments. - MB

Please note that as AROC have not yet been able to resolve finally the appointment of a Club General Manager they are cancelling the General Meeting on 21st November.



Following a spectacular Alfa Romeo Centenary Year, the Club is now looking forward and is pleased to announce our two National Events for 2011.

Spring Alfa Day

Sunday 17th April – Imperial War Museum
Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR

Our 'season opening' event will be held at Europe's premier aviation museum. The venue also houses one of the finest collections of tanks, military vehicles and naval exhibits in the country.

National Alfa Day

Sunday 17th July - Basildon Park
Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire, RG8 9NR

The AROC will hold its annual national gathering at Basildon Park, which is owned by the National Trust and is a Grade I listed building. The impressive Georgian mansion, surrounded by glorious parkland, was built between 1776 and 1783 for Sir Francis Sykes and designed by John Carr in the Palladian style.

The event will feature our National Concours d'Elegance competition on the elegant lawn fronting the mansion, model register and Alfa Romeo main dealer displays, trade and private stands, offering all manner of Alfa-related automobilia, accessories, miniatures and literature.