

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



As you read this Spring Alfa Day and the Alfaholics track day have taken place, both beautiful fine days and well attended. With May looming large let's hope the beautiful spring weather holds for our season opener at Prescott and our Asparagus run next month. - MB

Spring Alfa Day

Sunday was the AROC season opener with Spring Alfa Day being held at RAF Duxford, offering a great opportunity to catch up with friends and take advantage of the excellent exhibits at Duxford itself.

An early start by many saw, by luck, most of the Cotswold members who had travelled down from various overnight stops come together, some having spent the previous day at Alfaholics track day at Castle Combe.

With brisk business being done at both the Club shop and ClassicAlfa the allocated parking area soon filled with some 500+ cars making the most of some fine dry weather.

Whilst many of the cars were familiar there were a few rarely seen models in attendance. A matt finished Brera Spider, the Chairman's award going to a stunning Giulietta Sprint and a rather under stated 155 WB KW resplendent in its 155 DTM inspired racing decals!

The 155 WB KW as some may know is a shared ownership between myself, Matthew Willmott, Richard Rees and Brian Smith from the Central Mids Section as a lasting light hearted reminder of the adventures celebrating the Alfa centenary. The car is being developed for some track day use this year, and who knows what this could snowball into next. With much grateful support from many members of the Cotswold section it enjoyed its first outing on Sunday.

Duxford provided almost too much interest with so many people to catch up with, cars to see and hanger after hanger of interesting and informative displays. The American hanger was one of my favourites housing the awesome Blackbird, which considering its era of manufacture is a truly astounding piece of engineering. With tired feet and only scratching the surface I for one aim to return. - MB

Prescott Hill Climb

Sunday 15th May - 8th Prescott Hill Climb - Open Classic Car Event

***** Hot Off the Press *****
Sir Stirling Moss will be opening the event on the 15th with a drive up the hill in a Jaguar

Sunday 15th will be devoted to display and driving the famous hill. **Hill Runs now fully booked.**

The Cotswold section will be organising the parking on the 15th in a special area for all Alfas attending the static display in the orchard, please send your entry to the address on the form **which you can download from our website** but could you please let us know in the Cotswold Section you are attending so we can plan the parking - MG

Hazel Mills Charity Walk

On May 21st 2011, I am doing a 10 mile charity walk for Breast Cancer Care.

If any of the Cotswold AROC group would like to support Breast Cancer Care by sponsoring my doing this 10 mile walk on May 21st at Blenheim.

I have a new website: <http://www.justgiving.com/Hazel-Mills> where sponsorships can be made on line.

More information about the walk is on www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk

Many Thanks Hazel Mills



Cars, Planes and Spring Sunshine

Don't forget our Asparagus Run !!!!!!!

Sunday 22nd May - Asparagus Run - Starting from Budgens Car Park, Moreton in Marsh at 10:30am we will take a scenic drive to Revills Farm Shop, near Strensham (featured on the Hairy Bikers round Britain Tour) where we will visit the Asparagus farm with a talk from the owner, Darren. We aim to arrive at Revills around 12:30pm.

We will then take a short drive to Croome Landscape Park (NT) for a visit (arriving around 2pm) to this much restored property and a walk in the park and/or a visit to the house. We will have our own dedicated parking area and for people who are not NT members a reduction of the entry cost to £5.25 (if we get 15 in the group).

Please contact one of the committee to book your place(s); we have a maximum of 30 spaces available and we will require your menu choice four weeks before the event.

Alfa Romeo Championship Racer - Round One

Saturday 26th March saw the first round of the ARCA Alfa Romeo Championship take place at Silverstone on a cool but dry day. Our own Steve Dymoke was racing in his 156 prepared by Neil Smith. Neil, although not racing at Silverstone did have another NJS prepared car in the shape of Guy Hale's 33 who was racing for the first time this year.

Quali in the morning saw a water pipe come off Steve's car pushing him to the back of the grid. Up front Roger Evans much developed V6 GTV, fitted with a rather substantial rear wing, led the Alfas who started behind the production touring car race.

The race itself saw Steve storm up the field, up to 7th by the 1st lap and then 3rd by the end of the second. The impressive GTV not only pulled out a substantial gap to the next Alfa, but also passed all the production touring cars to wrap up a decisive victory. Steve remained 3rd behind what looks to be one of his main rivals in a very rapid 33. Guy came in 18th but first in class and seemed to enjoyed his first race immensely.

The ARCA event was relaxed and allowed you to wander around the paddock and get up close to the cars, only trouble is, it encourages you to want to get involved!!!!!!

Next race is Snetterton. You can keep an eye on the ARCA website and we'll keep you to date with Steve's progress during the year. –

MB

Cotswold Alfa Day

As promised here are the details of Cotswold Alfa Day – Sunday 26th June 2011.

Giro Panoramico will be starting from The Frogmill Inn, close to the junction of the A40 and the A346 near Andoversford (GL54 4HT), between 10am and 11am. Here complimentary tea or coffee will be served; you can collect your Giro Panoramico route plan and window sticker. The route will finish at Buscot Park the home of Lord Faringdon between Lechlade and Faringdon, in Oxfordshire, (SN7 8BU).

Thanks to our sponsors; AROC Ltd, RetroMarques Ltd and Mitchell Dismantling there is no cost associated with Giro Panoramico.

Entry prices for Buscot Park, **payable on the day** at the venue; House & Grounds £8.00 / Grounds only £5.00 / Children half price / **NT members Free**.

Please note if you are intending to go straight to Buscot Park **the entrance to the parking area will not be open before 12:30 pm**.

This year due to a change in club insurance rules we have to have a completed application form for all vehicles attending. Could you please complete the attached form and post it to Matt Willmott. Address on the application form. You can download one from our website.

If you have any problems printing the form, supplies will also be available at our section meetings, any other problems with the form please just get in touch.

Hope to see many of you on the day - MG



Guy Hale's 33 @Silverstone



Roger Evans GTV V6 Barn Door Wing

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