

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER

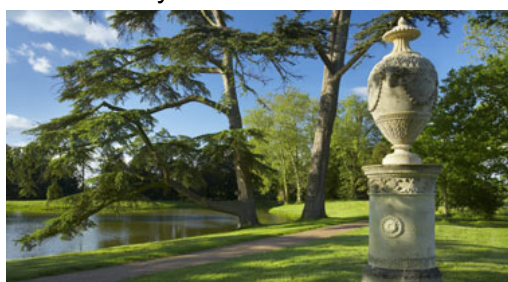


A very Happy New Year to one and all. I hope you had a restful and festive break and that Santa Claus was particularly kind (I'd obviously been a very good boy with an increasingly rare set of 2000 pistons & liners arriving). The events diary is bursting at the seams so here's to a busy and enjoyable year ahead and don't forget to capture it for our Section Calendar competition. - MB

Asparagus Run - Sunday May 22nd

To coincide with the peak of the asparagus season we are running our own vegetable based version of the Beaujolais run with the Cotswold Asparagus Run. A scenic drive to Revills Farm Shop, near Strensham where we will visit the Asparagus farm with a talk from the owner (<http://www.revillsfarmshop.co.uk>).

After the visit we will take an asparagus related lunch at the Farm Cafe and there will be the opportunity to buy Asparagus. We will then take a short drive to Croome Landscape Park (NT) for a visit to this much restored property and a walk in the park. Great cars, good honest seasonal food and a visit to a lovely National Trust venue. - MB



Italian TV treats

Watch out for a new BBC series called *Two Greedy Italians* which sees Antonio Carluccio and Gennaro Contaldo on a gastro tour around Italy in a 1960's Giulietta. Over 30 years ago Antonio and Gennaro separately left their native Italy for Britain where, in time, they met, worked together and established themselves as leading authorities on Italian cooking.

In the soon to be aired prime time BBC series - the two old friends have embarked upon an amazing journey back to their homeland to reconnect with their culinary heritage, explore past and current traditions and reveal the very soul of Italian gastronomy. They go beyond the cliches to reveal real Italian food, as cooked by real Italians. It includes an intriguing combination of classic dishes and ingredients as well as others showcasing the changes in style and influences that have become a part of the Italy of today.

Reflecting the insights of both men into Italy then and now, Carluccio and Contaldo's return captures the essence of its authors their humour, their wisdom, their curiosity and, most significantly, their shared passion for good simple food. After the many treats of Zen recently on BBC Sunday evening's this series has the mouth watering already. - MB

COTSWOLD ALFA DAY

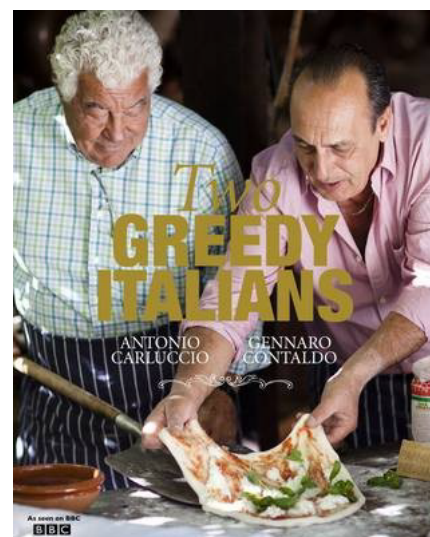


BUSCOT PARK
SUNDAY 26TH
JUNE 2011

Prescott Hill Climb Sunday 15th May

Don't forget if you want to do the run up the hill at Prescott this year (15th May) you will need to get your booking form in ASAP to avoid disappointment. The run is usually booked up by mid February. The form can be downloaded from the Diary section of our website.

I'm signed up already !!! - MB



Additions to the fleet

A number of the section regulars have added to the fleet during 2010. John & Hazel Mills having a 916 GTV in red joining the GT Junior, and another 916, this time a spider, joining Roger Lewis's Alfa fleet. James Wheeler has also been busy during the end of 2010

Firstly a 2600 Berlina joined the Black & White Collection in November 2010 at 63,400 kilometres (39,400 miles) when purchased in Holland. The Berlina was manufactured on November 12th 1965 and sold by Alfa Romeo to their dealer in Genoa, Italy, on February 5th 1966. An extremely rare car being one of only 2,069 manufactured, one of very few survivors and possibly the only example in the UK. The engine is a 2,584cc double Solex carburettor equipped straight six twin-cam unit delivering 130 BHP.

Next a 2600 Spider purchased in the New Forest from its owner of nearly thirty five years, manufactured on January 9th 1963 as one of only 2,255 2600 Spiders produced by Carrozzeria Touring between 1962 and 1968. Its original colour was Alfa Red!

Then an Alfa Romeo Giulietta Ti, manufactured on September 19th 1959 and sold by Alfa Romeo to their dealer in Tripoli, Libya on September 23rd 1959. The Ti was imported and registered in England in November 1961. It was later purchased in 1983 by Roger Purvis, a founder member of the Giulietta Register, and retained by him until acquired by James. During Roger's ownership the car featured regularly in the Giuliettaletta, the Giulietta Register newsletter as Alfie the Giulietta, recounting its many imaginary tours of Europe. Dreaming became reality in August 1987 when Roger and his brother Linden attended the Oldtimer Grand Prix at the Nurburgring and managed to do a lap of the famous Nordschleife in the Ti.

And finally a MV Agusta 750 F4 Serie Oro with a very special history. Number 294 of only 300 F4 Serie Oro's manufactured by MV Agusta to celebrate the re-launch of the MV Agusta brand by Cagiva, and one of only 21 official UK supplied motorcycles. More on the B&W website but a really interesting set of additions to the B&W collection.

Elsewhere a very very special vehicle has been purchased by a Cotswold Section member but more on that in good time. If you've changed or added to your cars please let me know we would love to hear about it. - MB

Alfa Romeo Championship

Steve Dymoke will again be campaigning his 156 in the 2011 Alfa Romeo Championship and we are looking to attend a number of the races. A great opportunity to offer Steve some moral support as well as getting the chance to see a host of Alfas battling it out on track. MB

Race Dates :

Saturday, March 26th Silverstone

Sun/Mon, April 24th/25th Snetterton

Saturday, May 7th Cadwell Park

Sat/Sun, May 28th/29th Donington

Sat/Sun, June 18th/19th Brands Hatch

Sat/Sun, July 2nd/3rd Pembrey

Saturday, July 30th Oulton Park

Sat/Sun, August 13th/14th Snetterton



James Wheeler's additions: 2600 Berlina and 2600 Spider.



Giulietta Ti and MV Agusta 750 F4 Serie



AGM & Photo Quiz

Our regular February meeting will see the AGM take place, with the current committee all standing for re-election and a great opportunity to let us know what you think of the section, events and suggestions for both this year and next. Its nice to see some of last year's suggestions coming together to form part of the 2011 events calendar.

Once the formalities are out of the way we'll then have this years quiz, an eclectic mix of photos over three rounds to get you guessing and putting the old grey matter to work. 7.30 prompt for the AGM to commence - MB