

**ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB**

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# **COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER**



Cotswold Alfa Day was the highpoint of last month with brilliant attendance and equally good weather. We also held our Fun Concours evening and have been busy putting a few ideas together for the rest of the year, more on that over the coming weeks. - MB

## ***Panoramico Panoramico!***



## ***Cotswold Alfa Day 2011***

What a stunning Cotswold Alfa Day!

This year the weather was more than kind with over 100 cars coming together at the Frog Mill hotel for the start of another outstanding Giro Panoramico route devised again by Richard Morris. With no fallen trees or heavy rain to contend with the gathered groups headed across the Cotswolds towards Lechlade and Buscot Park. No ford this year but the route showcased some of the unknown gems of the area. As has become tradition we parked the vehicles broadly by register with a good turn out of modern Alfas forming the perimeter to the paddock. With over 130 cars from pre-war to the current Giulietta the cars made for a colourful display of all things Alfa. We also had an unprecedented 2600 series attendance which made for an interesting ad hoc photo shoot towards the end of the day.

With such a hot day picnics were taken in the shaded areas under the welcome trees and the odd glass of Prosecco was raised to the day. I never managed to tear myself away from the cars but am reliably informed that the gardens were beautiful on a hot summers day.

During the course of the day our sponsors Bristol Street Motors Worcester and RetroMarques chose the modern and classic of the day. Steve Davies took the modern category with his 156 GTA, the classic category was awarded to a lovely 101 Series Spider. Also this year our Chairman's Choice Award was won by Chris Saville's Giulia Nuova Super. Many thanks to all who attended, those who helped with various duties on the day, our sponsors and to Richard Morris for another brilliant Giro route. We have had many messages of thanks for a wonderful day. We are pleased it was enjoyed by so many which makes the organising all the more worthwhile. Thinking caps on already for Cotswold Alfa Day 2012! - MB



Cotswold Alfa Day 2011



## Fun Concours

Our regular monthly meeting in June became our first Fun Concours evening and although some heavy localised downpours threatened the evening the weather held off. So we ventured out, bonnets were popped and the tyre kicking began. We were also pleased to be joined by AROC Club Manager Nick Wright and Club Director John Norrington as part of their schedule visiting sections throughout the country. This was a good opportunity for us to feedback what we want from the broader club and for them to see what we get up to first hand.

Well it wasn't long before the V6s and twin cams were fired up and the exhaust note battle commenced.

After all the votes were in and finalised by our independent adjudicator (well me!) the winners were announced. Classic of the evening was a close-run thing with the trophy going to Richard Stevens and his Bertie. Modern of the evening went to Steve Davies in his 156 GTA, which we'll hear more of later.

We had two drawn categories, *Cleanest engine bay* was tied between Pete Wood and his 1750 Bertie and David Hunt and his 159.

The other tie was for *Cleanest wheels* which again was a split between modern and classic with Matt 'Clean wheels' Willmott and myself. Dave Hunt again took the *Dodgiest tyres* category and Steve Davies the *Best exhaust note* with the wonderful sound of the V6 in his GTA being the runaway winner.

I hope all enjoyed the evening, it certainly put a smile on a few faces as we nattered and mulled over the gathered cars old and new - MB



Bonnets Up !!!

## Arnageddon @ NAD

National Alfa Day was more like the start of Cotswold Alfa Day last year with a very damp day in store! But despite this a number of brave souls brought along a few very rare cars, including Cotswold section owners' almost unique road worthy Arna ! Love child of an Italian - Japanese collaboration the Arna took the beloved Sud engine and had it transplanted into a Nissan shell.

Dave Hood and Richard Rees are the, er, proud owners of the Arna and entered the National Concours event coming a sterling 2nd place overall and also collecting best newcomer. Pete Wood took 1st prize overall as well as the best Bertone Coupe award for the second year. Steve Davies also won the Modern Alfa group with what is becoming a multi award winning 156 GTA!

The Cotswold Section members really had a good day in the Concours and what next for this rare and valuable Arna ? - MB



James Wheeler taking a closer inspection



Steve Davies and his 156 GTA



The best road worthy Arna.....ever ?

