

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



With 4 bank holidays and a wedding it's been a busy old time for most and hopefully you've had the opportunity for some Alfa related fun. If not we have one of our busiest months so far to look forward too. Cotswold Alfa Day tickets are now on release so get your application forms in. Anyone wanting to help out on the day please let one of us know and we'll have a hi viz jacket ready for you. -MB

COTSWOLD ALFA DAY SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

The 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 (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.**

Could you please complete the application form and post it to Matt Willmott. (Address on the 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



Also coming up

Over the weekend we attended this years Cleeve Vale Rotary Club event at Prescott Hill climb which we will feature in next months newsletter. But we have our Asparagus run on May 22nd to look forward too along with a little bit of fun for the next monthly meeting on Wednesday June 15th .

At that meeting we plan to run our own fun concours evening. A far more light hearted affair than the national event, and one where we'll ask you to take a look at the gathered cars and give us your views against a number of fun concours categories. No need to necessarily polish the car to within an inch of its life, but we want to knock, Matt 'Clean Wheels' Willmott off his top spot of number one wheel cleaner!

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Prescott Hill Driving School

Friday 6th May I was lucky enough to attend a driving tuition day at Prescott Hill Climb. The course is aimed at teaching how to approach what is regarded as one of the most technical hill climbs in the country.

A real mix of cars took to the hill, an array of 911's, Morgans, a Subaru Impreza, TVR, Honda Integral and me in the Alfa 155 WB KW. After our first outing with the KW at Duxford this was the first foray into track action.

The day started with coffee and teas and a briefing and video presentation of how it should be done! Then we walked the hill taking particular note, or not, of the prescribed lines, turn in and apex points to give the fastest line through the circuit. All seemed easy so far!! Then two runs up the hill following a course car with a number of cones guiding you towards the ideal line.

Then the first solo run, how quickly everything we'd seen, heard and walked disappeared as the helmet went on and you're on the line ready to go.

During the morning we also had the chance to take a passenger ride up the hill with one of the instructors, a bog standard ford fiesta 1.4, but I can tell you that was the fastest car up the hill all day! What it lacked in bhp it more than made up for with skill, knowledge and the drivers 9000+ runs up the hill.

Four runs up the hill brought us to lunch, and after something to eat video feedback and commentary on our runs. With sometimes caustic comments from the instructors we laughed at each others efforts and commenced the afternoon runs.

Clearly the comments were taken on board and far more aggressive starts could be heard with spinning of wheels and two offs, one into the uphill hairpin after leaving his braking far too late and another lucky escape as the final blind corner, semicircle, saw the car take to the bridle path rather than the tarmac! Another video assassination and certificates saw a close to the day.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and it really did give an insight in to Prescott and Hill Climbs and certainly meant I looked at the Cleeve Vale event in a different light. - MB



Alfa 155 WB KW on Prescott Hill

ARCA Round Two

Steve Dymoke had his 2nd outing of the season in the ARCA championship at Snetterton and what a weekend. A class win, 2nd overall, fastest class lap in practice and the race and new class lap record. And if that wasn't enough Steve was also awarded "Driver of the day" just to top things off. So a class first and second from the first two races of the season bodes well for this years championship. - MB



Mille Miglia 2011

As I write this today Thursday 12th May, the Mille Miglia 2011 has begun.

For the 2011 edition of the historic Mille Miglia tribute, the Alfa Romeo Historic Motoring team will be lining up three official Museum vehicles which, in accordance with the regulations, took part in the Mille Miglia race, held from 1927 to 1957, and which saw Alfa vehicles triumph some eleven times: a record which remains unbeaten.

From 1928 to 1947, the Mille Miglia was one of the great classic competitions in which Alfa Romeo dominated, while in the 1950s, the brand collected a whole series of prestigious victories, just as important as they were achieved by vehicles in mass production, thus demonstrating the excellence of the brand's products.

The Alfa Romeo Historic Motoring team at Mille Miglia 2011 will line up the 6C 1500 Super Sport. The second vehicle to be entered in the race is a 6C 1750 Gran Sport from 1930. Finally, a 1900 Super Sprint from 1956 completes the official vehicles group.

The official historic vehicles from the Alfa Romeo History Museum will be accompanied at Mille Miglia 2011 by a fleet of six new Alfa Romeo Giuliettas.

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