

COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



A Happy New Year to all our Section members and I hope you received lots of Alfa related presents from Babbo Natale. With a fairly mild December a number people have put off the SORN application and enjoyed some salt free roads before the winter has properly arrived. Now we turn our attention to 2012 and a full diary of section events, next months AGM and of course the Scaletrix challenge this evening - gentlemen start your engines ! - MB

Section Christmas Meal

Saturday 8th December at the Three Ways Hotel saw our section's Christmas meal. With one of our best attendances the Saturday lunchtime format seemed to be appreciated by many, so we are thinking of repeating it again this year.

We all met in the hotel bar after a number of people stocked up with some excellent game from Clive Porter the butcher in Mickleton (I can personally recommend the venison !) and we were soon seated in the main restaurant area with another small party having to put up with us as the inter-table party popper and squeaky balloon wars raged between courses. The food was again excellent and the meal certainly got the Christmas festivities underway for many.

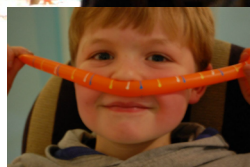
Mark G closed the afternoon by thanking everyone for their attendance and support of the section in 2011 and wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. - MB



Christmas festivities



Three wise men !?



Cotswold Alfa Day

We are still finalising CAD for 2012, with a suggested date of the 24th June which is also the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Giulia. We would also like to assure people that CAD will still take place and will not be replaced by the Spring Alfa Day event, if anything it just adds yet more to events in our section area for 2012. - MB

AGM

Wednesday 15th February our next meeting will be held back at the Feathered Nest and will be our AGM. Whilst the current committee are willing to stand again for the forthcoming period if anyone feels they would like to take on any of the committee posts please let us know in time so that we can send out the information. We are hoping to run a photo show from AROC events in 2011 (technology permitting).

I also mentioned that if anyone was interested in eating after the AGM I would see what the Feathered Nest could offer; Esperanca has come back with the following:

Option 1 : 25 Guests - Buffet consisting of hot & cold dishes
Price per person £19.95

Option 2 : 10-12 guests Burger & Chips

Price per person £12.50 - For this number of guests any other dish may be chosen from our blackboard menu

If you are interested in either of these options **please let me know asap** - MG

Prescott Hill Climb

Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club invites classic car owners to an event to be held on the weekend of 12th and 13th May 2012. The event is open to all pre-1980s vehicles but exceptions may be made at the discretion of the organisers for particularly interesting vehicles.

We will again be attending on the Sunday for the culmination of the weekend events

Sunday will be devoted to display and driving the famous hill, with passengers if you wish, in marshaled but un-timed runs. Un-timed runs eliminate the need for crash helmets and the full gamut of safety equipment etc. However vehicles must have valid road tax, MOT and insurance documentation. A Paddock entry donation of £46 per vehicle covers 2 runs up the hill, all passengers and a souvenir programme. Entries are limited to 200 with some 90 places already booked. Additional runs, if available, will be at a suggested donation of £5 each.

Orchard Static Display and Cavalcade

As before, we will also be having a static display in a designated area of the Orchard for classic, vintage and special vehicles. For those who wish we will also be repeating the gentle cavalcades up the hill so that vehicles can be displayed in motion to the attending public. We feel this significantly enhances the presentation of the superb range of vehicles expected. An Orchard entry donation of £18 per car and covers all passengers, a free programme and a cavalcade drive up the hill.

The hill run part of this event books up very quickly so if

you are interested I suggest you **get your booking in as soon as you can.** -

MB



Photo R. Rees



Spring Alfa Day

Spring Alfa Day this year will be hosted by the Cotswold Section and held at the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Sunday 29th April.

Parking will be by Section and each section has been asked to put on some form of themed display within their allocated parking area, with the best display being judged on the day. So any ideas for the Cotswold Section display would be welcomed.

Although the various sections have been asked to organise their own parking we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. The individual sections will provide parking marshals but we need to ensure we get cars filtered into the specific section areas and general parking so any help will be greatly appreciated. - MB

Churchill Classic Car Show

Sunday 10th June - Churchill Classic Car Show - 12 noon to 5pm

The twelfth bi-annual Vintage and Classic Car Show at Churchill. Due to the popularity of this show entries are being restricted this year so please get your application in early if you want to join us.

We have again asked for what has become our usual parking area in front of the Church. The event is a real mix of vehicles and retains a village fete atmosphere so is well worth a visit. I've booked already! - MB