

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

June 2012

COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Well June is upon us and it's time for the big one, Cotswold Alfa Day. Fingers crossed for a repeat of last year's glorious weather but come what may we are in for another brilliant event this. This month we also have a look at the Churchill Vintage & Classic Car show which was brilliantly attended and even made for some roof down motoring. We also have a reminder of events and an invitation from the East Midlands Section for their MITCAR show in August. - MB

Churchill Vintage & Classic Car Show

This year's biannual event was sold out in virtually no time at all and with increasing interest was limited to 400 entrants overall.

As a club we again secured our regular spot outside the church. With 3 Spiders, Bertone Coupe, Fiat 500 & Steve Davies's Morris Minor Traveller our line up was completed by a 1930 6c 1750GT that has been in the same family for 58 years and has been regularly raced at VSCC events.

The show has a real village fete feel and attracts the great and the good from the motoring world. A 1962 Gilbern that really has Giulietta Sprint styling cues, Maserati Khamsin, Bugatti T35A and thundering 1951 Bentley MK VI. The human fruit machine run by the local lions club also saw me roped into service and with last year's event raising in excess of £18,000 the event's popularity continues to grow.

I'm already looking forward to the 2014 event. - MB



The Cotswold Section at Churchill



Wanted

Richard Morris is after a few items following a less than alert Land Rover Discovery driver took a closer than desired look at his Bertone Coupe !

He is looking for a good used boot lid, nearside light, and rear bumper for a 1972 Giulia Coupe 2000 GTV.

If anyone can help please contact Richard on 07773 257671 or email richard.art@btinternet.com - MB

Cotswold Alfa Day Sunday 24th June 2012

Cotswold Alfa Day will be on Sunday 24th June and the Giro Panoramico will finish at Sudeley Castle in Winchcombe, where we will have exclusive parking on the Falcon Lawn.

This was a very popular venue last time we went there and a number of people have asked to return, so we have decided to go back this year. <http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/>

We are starting from the village of Twyning near Tewkesbury where we will have coffee/tea/bacon rolls with the cars parked on the huge village green prior to setting off in small groups for the Giro.

Tickets selling fast !!!!!!! - MG

Section Subsidy Cuts

As you may have seen via Mark Grimshaw's email and the club magazine, the Section subsidy arrangements will be changed from January 2013.

In essence the £50 per month allowance that could be claimed with receipted expenditure will be removed. It will be replaced by an allowance of £25 per quarter and Section 'Project' funding which delivers significant benefit to both section and club.

As such an active section this has the potential to have a real impact on the way in which we run the section and before we respond we wish to canvass section members' views and respond back accordingly.

Please let us have your views and we will look to incorporate in our response. - MB

East Midlands Section MITCAR

Sunday 5th August 2012 - MITCAR 2012 - Midlands Italian Car Day, Elvaston Castle – between Nottingham and Derby

Midlands Italian Car Day is back in the East Midlands for its 12th year. The venue is historic Elvaston Castle, which is just off the A52 near to Borrowash.

On Sunday 5th August we will have exclusive use of the large show-ground site, with its own entrance a few hundred yards from the main public access to the castle. MITCAR will open at 10.30am and stewards will be on hand to park the cars by marque. The entrance fee will again be a modest £5 per Italian Car, once again confirming a commitment to give best possible value. This will entitle all attendees to free entrance with direct access to the imposing Gradell listed gardens and lakeside walks.

There is a café in the castle courtyard serving drinks, snacks and light lunches and there will also be a catering van on the showground for our exclusive use.

Although imposing from the outside, the castle building has fallen into disrepair is generally not open to the public but the extensive grounds and environs are well worth the visit and in the stable yard there is an information centre and gift shop. As always visitors in any Italian car will be welcome and we can expect both classics and modern, there will again be a competition for 'Car of the Day' (The Camshaft Trophy and Cup) and this year this will again involve a popular vote. The competitive element is always light-hearted at MITCAR and sometimes the unusual and off-beat is rewarded, which might not be the case in a conventional Concours. It all adds to the fun!

Many will want to picnic and sensible barbecues will be allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leash.

More details can be found on the websites www.mitcar.co.uk and www.elvastoncastle.org.uk The address is: Elvaston Castle, Derbys. DE72 3EP

Organiser Contacts;

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B&W Garage Meeting

James Wheeler has kindly invited us to join him and some of the neighbouring sections for another meet and blag-a-ride at his Black & White garage near Newbury on Wednesday 11th July.

If you could give us an indication if you are intending to come along we'll pass this on to James. - MB

Ladies Night

Our regular July meeting on Wednesday 18th July is Ladies Night. The Feathered Nest have generously offered a glass of wine to the AROC Ladies dining at The Nest that night. If you would like to take advantage of this please book a table with the The Nest on 01993 833 030. - MB

Loxley Silver Run

After two highly successful events, the Loxley Run & the Loxley Re-run this year will see another :

The Loxley SILVER Run on Saturday 18th August.

A tour of around 60 miles in Midlands/Cotswolds Countryside. There will be a limit of maximum 30 cars.

Starting from The Bell at Alderminster from 11.00am and arriving at a mystery destination from 2.00pm for a picnic lunch.

Please let John & Hazel know ASAP or by **June 21st** if you'd like to join the run. - MB



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