

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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# COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



I'm not going to mention the weather because I'm still trying to dry out after Soggy Alfa Day! We have had a better weekend for Prescott but even there parking was re-arranged due to the conditions. As I write with a sunny evening and thoughts of the weather in Brescia for the start of the Mille Miglia surely we are due for some fair weather for Cotswold Alfa Day?

P.S. Check out the count down to CAD on the Section website ! - MB

## Spring Alfa Day

Well I think the picture says it all really. With probably the worst weather at any AROC event it demonstrated a couple of things. Firstly as Ken Carrington said, 'It confirms that we Alfa Romeo owners are all mad' and that worked out at around 250 car owners who braved the weather to attend. Truly remarkable given the standing water, fallen trees and distance travelled by many. Secondly that the Cotswold Section put up a sterling effort to bring things together on such a difficult, cold, windy and wet day.

We have had numerous messages of thanks from both the Club management team including Club Manager Nick Wright, our honorary club chairman James Wheeler and members alike, who had nothing but praise for all those involved and who worked through the weather with soggy but smiling faces. I'd like to add my personal thanks to Mark Grimshaw's, to everyone who helped out and hope that no one suffered too much from colds, flu or trench foot as a result.

Cotswold Alfa Day has to have some weather reminiscent of last year and with the start point, venue and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Giulia it has all the makings of being a classic Cotswold Alfa Day.

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The Cotswold Crew - Photo J. Griffiths.

## Cotswold Alfa Day Sunday 24th June 2012

**Cotswold Alfa Day will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 hope to be starting from the village of Twynning 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 on sale now !!!!!!!** - MG

## Mille Miglia 2012

The Alfa Romeo Historic Motoring team will be lining up four official entries for the 2012 Mille Miglia, two pre-war - the 1500 SS and the 1750 GS - and two models from the 1950s - the 1900 SS and the 2000 Sportiva.

All these models took part in the Mille Miglia races between 1927 and 1957, which resulted in 11 victories for Alfa Romeo - a record which remains unbeaten.

This year's Mille Miglia will be run from 16-20 May and it's the 80th anniversary of the first time an Alfa Romeo 8C won this race. In 1932 Baconin Borzacchini and Amedeo Bignami crossed the finish line at Brescia in an 8C 2300, followed by a sister car and another five Alfas filling the top order down to seventh!

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The 6C 1500 Super Sport

## Prescott Hill Climb 2012

Just a brief taster of this year's Classic Car event at Prescott Hill climb. Although the parking in the Orchard was affected by the recent deluge, the day itself was sunny and a number of section members were able to take part in the cavalcade up the hill. - MB



## Forthcoming event reminders

### 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.

For those who could not make the last visit in 2010 it was a highly enjoyable evening offering the opportunity to not only take some time to explore the collection of cars that James has at B&W but also to catch up with and see some of the cars from our neighbours in the Thames Valley Section.

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

