

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



As this year's main events draw to a close and our thoughts turn to the festive season, planning is well underway for 2013. Whilst a number of events are yet to be confirmed we have a few firm favourites already in the diary and a provisional date for Cotswold Alfa Day of Sunday 23rd June.

If like me the list of winter jobs to be done on the old bangers has grown and dreams of a better summer are at the front of your mind then we'll do our best to make sure we have a fun packed diary of events for next year. - MB

Breakfast at Twyning

With the luxury of an extra hour in bed Sunday 28th October saw our autumn walk which had been planned to coincide with the final Breakfast at Twyning run by Mark Knight.

The event is a sociable breakfast meeting at Twyning Green near Tewkesbury. It's an opportunity for a bacon roll, cuppa and the chance to take a look at the eclectic mix of classics that turn up.

The event helps with fund raising for the Fly2help charity who we supported at Cotswold Alfa Day and also by the South Western Section of the Austin Healey Owners Club.

Even with the poor weather forecast and overnight rain we had a good turn out of Alfas to swell the ranks of Healeys, MGs and Triumphs along with the odd Auto Union (Audi R8).

3 Spiders, a Bertone Coupe and a 75 were joined by the moderns in 916 GTV and GT guise.

After breakfast and a raffle draw it was off on a leisurely drive out to Croome Park for a spot of leaf kicking and blast of fresh air.

A warming cuppa in one of the various cafes at Croome and a final blast in the rain back to the cars made for an enjoyable Sunday.

Mark intends to re-start the Breakfast at Twyning meet in the Spring. It's a great way to kick off a Sunday morning so we will keep you posted once the dates are set. No doubt we'll put on another good Alfa display in support of this worthwhile charity. - MB

What's it all about Alfie ?

Well as the nights draw in we have perhaps had our last surprise visitor turn up in the Feathered Nest car park after David Bridges and his Alfa RLSS.

During the September meeting another visitor to the Nest certainly raised some interest. Ex TVR employee and now more famous for his efforts on stage last year as lead tenor in Les Miserables, Alfie Boe was out for an evening at the Nest.

After a few 'that looks like that guy off the telly', our own Steve Davies bagged a celebrity shot with Alfie who had been stopping in the area.

With a number of famous faces living in the area it's just a matter of time before we have another interesting visitor to admire the fine Alfas in the car park ;-) - MB



2013 Events

A few early dates for the diary and there is a lot more in the planning stage at the moment.

Our annual Scalextric event has become more and more popular so this year we are running it on a Saturday afternoon / early evening. We will be returning to the Coach and Horses at Ganborough on **Saturday 26th January** for a full afternoon of racing.

The Cleeve Vale Rotary Club event at Prescott Hill Climb is taking place on **Sunday 12th May** and we are again looking to attend this popular event. Weather permitting we will have a section presence in the Orchard area.

We are also looking at trying to take in one of the last flights of the Avro Vulcan Bomber as it looks as if 2013 will be its final year of flight. This is still very much in the planning stage but we will keep you posted.

We are also considering a trip down to Goodwood to watch, and perhaps some may wish to participate, at Classic Alfa's trackday.

Having attended the revival this year I loved the atmosphere of the circuit and would relish even a less than competitive blast round the airfield circuit.

Keep an eye out for the full diary on the Section Website, monthly newsletter and monthly email, and don't forget to let us have any ideas for events you'd like to see incorporated into the 2013 calendar.

KW Corner

Well after a lengthy MOT waiting for parts the KW didn't really have much use this year. That was until we joined up with a bunch of Alfasud fans for a track day at Cadwell park on Sunday 21st October. After a new battery, fuel and a wash down it was time to head over early on the foggy Sunday morning.

In the true pre-war style we drove our stead across to the Lincoln circuit, known as the mini Nurburgring for a blast. Although foggy the car drove like a dream and we were soon installed with coffee and bacon rolls waiting for the driver briefing. This took a little longer than normal but as the fog was a little slow to clear it didn't really matter.

That also gave us time to try on the new Scuderia Kontz polo shirts (in a store near you soon) and kick the tyres to make sure the pressures were appropriate! A sighting lap with all 4 Kontz on board gave a feel for the challenging and in places narrow circuit. Then it was time for the off, with no real issues other than the odd wayward line it was soon time for lunch.

However after lunch it all seemed to go wrong. With Captain Fast Willmott at the wheel and Arnold Rees riding shotgun, the car sounded magnificent right up to the point it passed me sounding like a bag of spanners. Next thing Matt coasted to a halt and the recovery truck was summoned. That was only the beginning, after a mercy call to the AA at 4.00pm I eventually walked through my front door at half past twelve Monday morning!

Rest assured the KW Phoenix will rise from the ashes, not sure in what form, but watch this space.

P.S. Anyone got a good spare mildly tweaked 2.0l twin spark engine going cheap? - MB

HSCC Fuji Film Championship



After the success of the Fuji Films Championship race for original touring cars from 1970 - 2000 at this year's Silverstone Classic, a four round event is being planned for 2013.

Even more exciting is the fact that two ex N-technology Alfa 156 touring cars are entered into the line up. Our own Steve Dymoke with his ex ETTC S2000 156 campaigned in the day by Giovanardi, along with Neil Smith's ex Tarquini WTTC 156 both in original livery will make a stunning addition to the grid, culminating in the final round at the Silverstone Classic at the end of July.

We'll be keeping a close eye on this one and intend to support Steve and Neil at these events.

- MB

Have your say

If anybody has anything they would like to contribute to our newsletters then please do let me have your input.

I usually aim to bring things together the week before our regular meetings so anything by the second Wednesday of the month would be appreciated - MB

