

Alfa Romeo Owners Club COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



July 2013

So another Cotswold Alfa Day is behind us. And judging from the level of attendance and the positive comments received by the committee, CAD 2013 was another success. If you helped out on the day, or with the preparations, please accept our grateful thanks. Below are just a few photos from the event.



Left: 105 Coupes and Spider in Guiting Power



Below: 105 Coupes take pride of place at Stanway

Right: Dave Parker welcomes a GT to Stanway



Left: A fine selection of 916 GTVs and Spiders

If you'd like to see more photos of Cotswold Alfa Day 2013 please visit the Section website where you will find the photos divided into sections entitled Twynning, Giro Panoramico, Stanway Parking, 105 Giulia Coupe Display, Stanway House, Mill and Fountain and Prize Giving.

EVENTS

July

Saturday 20th. Evening BBQ at Twynning with the Austin Healey Club.

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th. Silverstone Classic. AROC will have a dedicated display area.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th. Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway, Heritage Diesel Weekend. Free entry for classic car drivers. Contact richardscott45@netscape.net

August

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th. Gloucestershire Steam Extravaganza. One of the UK's largest gatherings of traction engines, vintage buses, commercial, agricultural and military vehicles, and classic cars. Plus craft markets, fun fair, and trade stalls. Also displays of shire horses, rare breeds of poultry, dog agility, and falconry. South Cerney Airfield near Cirencester. www.steamextravaganza.com

Sunday 18th. Tewkesbury Classic Car Show. Free for exhibitors. £5 public entry. Under 16s free. Starts 11am at Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road.

Wednesday 21st. Regular monthly meeting at the Feathered Nest. Polish your nuts (and bolts) it's fun concours night!

Sunday 25th & Monday 26th. Blenheim Palace Festival of Transport. Sunday is the day for lovers of classics cars. For a booking form visit http://classicshows.org/BookingForms/2013_car_booking_form.pdf

Saturday 31st. Donington Grand Prix Collection. See overleaf.

September

Wednesday 18th. Regular monthly meeting.

October

Wednesday 16th. Regular monthly meeting at the Feathered Nest.

Saturday 19th. Visit to North Cotswold Brewery. Just a few places left. Cost is £10 per head which includes the tour, "free" samples and a branded glass to take away

Donington Grand Prix Collection

Thank you to those of you that have already confirmed your place for our visit to the Grand Prix Collection at Donington Park. If you fancy joining us but haven't let us know yet, don't worry there are still places available. The trip takes place on Saturday August 31st and we have negotiated a discounted admission price of just £8 per person which represents great value given that the collection is the largest showcase of Grand Prix racing cars in the world.

To ensure we all park together we plan to convoy up to Donington. Our starting point will be the car park of the National Motorcycle Museum which you'll find adjacent to junction 6 of the M42. We aim to meet there at 9.00am for a 9.15am departure. Of course you're welcome to make your own way to Donington but it would be nice if we all arrived together. *RM*

Places on our tour of North Cotswold Brewery are still available. The tour takes place on Saturday October 19th and starts at 11.30.

The tour includes a brief history of the brewery, a talk on how beer is brewed, a look around the brewery itself, samples and a branded glass to take home.

The tour lasts approximately 1½ hours and costs £10 per person. Let us know if you'd like to join us. *RM*



Alex Payne reports on **SIMPLY ALFA** **ROMEO DAY** at Beaulieu

Although our Cotswold Convoy did not get together I managed to hook up with some fellow local Alfa owners for the trip down to Hampshire. Six cars joined up at Abingdon and proceeded down the A34 to Winchester to meet up with another 15 or so.

The weather God's shone on us so it was roof down for the journey across the New Forest to Beaulieu. On arrival we were met and guided to an Alfa only entrance, where we witnessed a Ferrari 308 being turned away!, and we were parked and marshalled very efficiently.

After some "Alfa" chat with my neighbours for the day it was time for a bacon roll and a coffee and then on to the museum which I hadn't been to for over 20 years. The James Bond display was first port of call and very impressive it was too, not just cars but boats and

aircraft including 'Little Nellie', and some superb models used in filming. The rest of the museum is filled with a mix of everything from road cars, sports cars, F1 and the amazing sight of Donald Campbell's 'Bluebird' land speed record car. They even had an Austin A40 on display, my first car! We then walked around the Abbey and gardens and couldn't resist taking the Mono-Rail back!

The Alfas on display were varied and superb. There were two Montreals, a fantastic 'Special' which looked a bit like a late Thirties 6C, a wonderful collection of early GTV's, GTA's and Spiders and a good mix of more modern cars including all the GTA's which were together with their own signage etc, and a Brera Spider finished in I think 8C Red, whatever the colour it looked fantastic.

The journey home via Salisbury and across 'The Plain' was the perfect finish to a great day out.

If you'd like to see more of Alex's photos please visit the [Section website](#).