



The Scalextric event was held last Saturday and although the weather resembled that of Australia during the F1 qualifying period, the racing was as intense. I for one cannot wait for Spring and get a chance to enjoy some of our events without the fear of salt and hyperthermia! However having just watching the Countryfile forecast that may still be a few weeks away. - MB

### *Scalextric Challenge*

After having to postpone our event due to the weather in January we were able to hold the event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We returned to the Coach and Horses at Ganborough where Rod Ashton set about engineering another set of races for both the children and the big kids of the Section.

With a few technical difficulties over come more successfully than the Australian F1 Grand Prix qualifying session by race director Rod we were underway in a round of head to head races swopping lanes and cars with the aggregate times leading to a final head to head for the fastest finishers.

The children's draw saw Harry Willmott lining up against Will Morris, with more than a little encouragement for the competitive dad's, the racing was close but remaining consistent and keeping it on the track (unlike his dad's last track outing!) bought victory to Harry.

The big kids final saw Richard Morris go up against Jock Hiddleston with a Hunt v Scheckter esq race which saw Jock triumph over previous champion Richard.

A lovely buffet put on by the Coach and Horses and a fine pint of Donnington beer kept everyone fuelled during the day.

Many thanks to Rod Ashton for all his efforts supported by Dave Hood, and to John Raper for his help and again suggesting the use of the Coach and Horses. We are looking at a skittles evening which may well see us return in the near future. - MB

### *Cotswold Alfa Day*

Cotswold Alfa Day as I wrote last month will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. We will start again at the Green at Twyning near Tewkesbury and the focus of the Giro Panoramico will be Stanway House.

Tickets will go on sale from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Pricing will be £11 for Adults and £3.50 for children under 12 including a bacon roll and tea/Coffee at Twyning, Giro Route map, Giro sticker and entrance to Stanway house.

For those who wish to go direct to Stanway and not take part in the Giro prices will be £7.50 for adults and free entrance for children.

Tickets will be available by post from Matthew Willmott at The Coach House, Gatacre Hall, Claverley, Shropshire, WV5 7AW. Please make cheques payable to AROC - Cotswold Section, and please could you include a Self Addressed Envelope.



A speeding GT40 - photo Richard Rees



Jock Scheckter.

Fingers crossed for a wonderful sunny day similar to that we were blessed with in 2011. - MB

## Drive It Day

Our first major section event will be on Sunday 21st April to coincide with Drive It Day for those who are not attending Spring Alfa Day. We will be joining the Austin Healey South Western club at a Breakfast at Twyning which coincidentally falls on the same day as the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary FBHVC Drive it Day.

There will be a presence at Twyning Green all day from 10am to 4pm, the aim being that people can drop in and out during the day, including any FBHVC touring groups.

We will start with a bacon roll and hot drink (served between 10 & 11) in the morning with a display on the green.

There is a circular route plan for people who wish to take drive around the area including a section along the Malvern ridge, the idea is that people will come and go as they wish individually or in small groups. The drive is approximately 40 miles and would take around an hour without stopping.

Pork & beef baps will be available from the Village Inn on the green from lunchtime onwards. They will also be doing a full Sunday lunch but places are limited so booking for this will be essential. Please book this directly with the pub (Tel: 01684 293500)

There is another pub in the village (The Fleet) that does food if the Village Inn gets swamped and there are plenty of places along the driving route. <http://www.thefleetattwyning.co.uk>

Although the FBHVC part of the day is aimed at older cars because we have combined this event with a 'Breakfast at Twyning' and in order to be as inclusive as possible owners of modern Alfas are welcome to come along and join in.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if you will be joining us for the bacon roll, so the pub can order the right amount and an indication of whether or not you would be likely to have a hot roast roll at lunchtime would be helpful.

All proceeds from the day will go to Fly2Help <http://www.fly2help.org> Their main aim is to support families and individuals facing a wide range of trauma or tragedy who are often not already within another support network. fly2help works closely with a number of like-minded charities, including Dreamflight, Action for Children, MENCAP and The Wallace and Gromit Children's Foundation.

Twyning Green is near to Tewkesbury, Glos and is just off junction 1 of the M50. - MG



## Prescott

We are also returning to Prescott on the Sunday 12th May for the Cleeve Vale Rotary Club event which offers the chance to watch runs up the hill and even the opportunity to take part yourself.

We will have a Section gathering in the orchard as in previous years. Bookings for the event should be made directly with Geoff Kimber (full details on the Section website) but do drop us an email to let us know you have booked, so we can secure sufficient space to gather all our Alfas together. - MB



## AGM

February saw our section AGM and after a run through the section finances we moved to committee elections, with the current committee members being joined by Richard Morris who has been co opted onto the committee for 2013 (welcome back Rich).

Mark Grimsham also announced that he and Steve Dymoke would be standing down next year and asked that if anyone would like to become involved and join the committee in 2014 to give it some consideration and to let us know.

We then moved to a discussion about a number of events for 2013 to supplement those we have already organised. We have emailed a list to all on our distribution list to gauge interest, including a brewery tour of Wychwood Brewery and an inter section event (if you are not on our distribution list and would like to join please do let us know. - MB