

Alfa Romeo Owners Club COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSPAPER NEWSLETTER



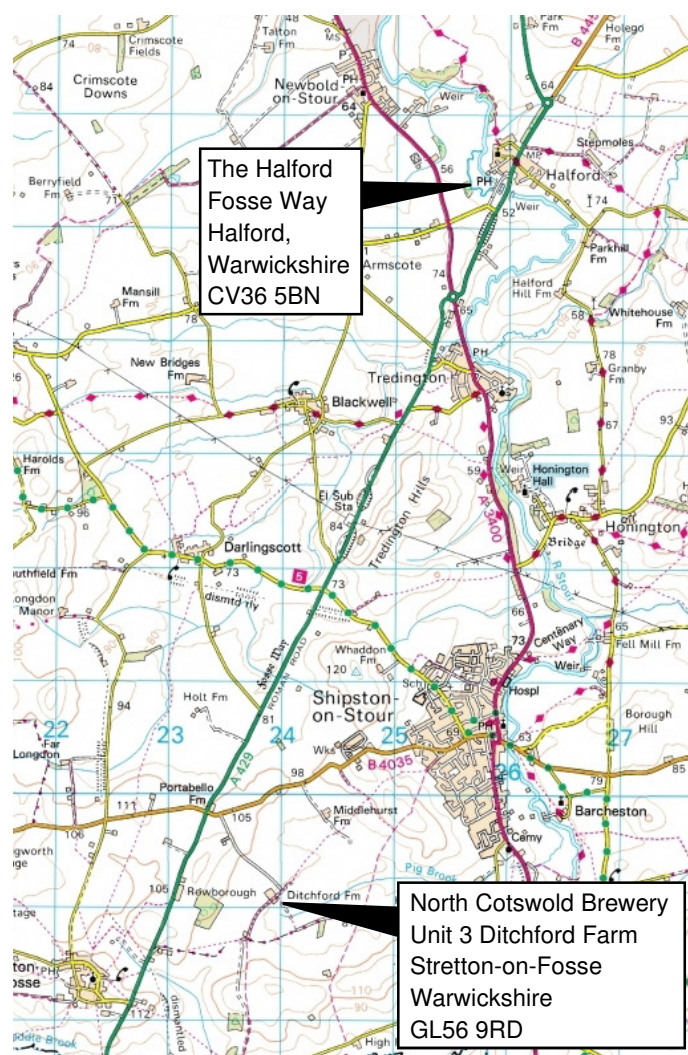
October 2013

BEER ANYONE?

If the answer is yes then join us at the North Cotswold Brewery on Saturday. We are meeting at the brewery which is situated between Stretton-on-Fosse and Shipston-on-Stour at 11.15am. The tour of the premises starts at 11.30am and lasts approximately 1½ hours. Cost is £10 per person. After the tour there will be a chance to sample the breweries products and everyone who attends will receive a branded glass to takeaway.

When business at the brewery is concluded we will be heading up the Fosse Way to The Halford for a spot of lunch.

If you'd like to join us for the brewery tour and lunch, or just one or the other, please let us know. Speak to any committee member or email us at aroccotswolds@933.me.uk RM



EVENTS

October

Saturday 19th. Visit to North Cotswold Brewery, followed by pub lunch. See left for details.

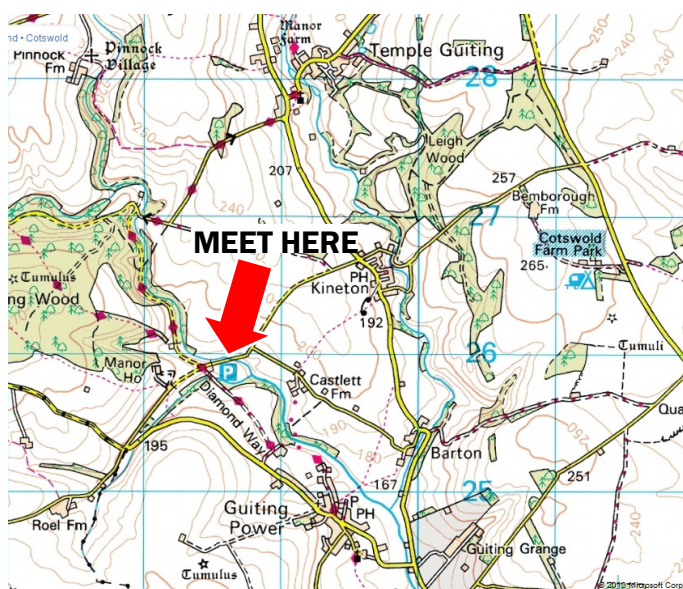
November

Sunday 10th. Autumn Walk. See below for details.

Wednesday 20th. Regular monthly meeting.

December

Saturday 7th. Christmas Lunch at Three Ways Hotel, Mickleton.



Fancy a ramble?

AUTUMN WALK

Sunday November 10th

Our Autumn Walk is all arranged. It's a 3 mile(ish) ramble around the Cotswold countryside close to Kington and Guiting power. The start point is the car park on Critchford Lane near Kington, Gloucestershire, close to a ford that has featured on many Giro Panoramico routes. The grid reference is SP 08436 225890, Lat 51.931 - Long -1.878. We aim to assemble there at 10.45 for an 11.00 start. The walk will follow a secluded lane alongside a stream in Guiting Wood before turning 90 degrees and following a bridge path to Kington. Here we take a breather at the Halfway House Inn before dropping down to cross and re-cross the Windrush. Then its over open farmland, down to the stream again, and back to the cars along another bridge path. Fingers crossed for the weather. RM

As the 2013 'season' draws to a close your section committee is already planning for 2014.

Our plans are not set in stone, although we have made two firm decisions. The first of these is to bring the chequered flag down on our Scalextrics challenge. It's been successfully run for seven or eight years and although it still seems reasonably popular we've decided to take a break. In its place we've decided to make proper use of the skittle alley at the Coach and Horse's and actually play skittles. We may well return to Scalextrics in the future. The second decision we have made is to drop Prescott from our diary. Numbers have been dropping at this event in the last few years and so we have decided to freshen things up and try something new. In place of Prescott we are planning to visit that other historic hill climb location, Shelsley Walsh, to attend one of their breakfast events. More details in due course.

In the meantime here's a rough list of 2014 events. No specific dates are included at the moment but they will be added as we tighten things up over the coming weeks. And if you have any ideas for events that the section could organise or get involved in please speak to one of the committee members.

JANUARY Skittles

FEBRUARY AGM

APRIL Spring Alfa Day, Alfaholics Trackday, Drive-it-Day

MAY Shelsley Breakfast Club

JUNE Churchill Classic Car Show, Cotswold Alfa Day

JULY Witney Motor Show, National Alfa day

AUGUST Fun Concours, Tewkesbury Classic Show, Blenheim Palace Classic Show

SEPTEMBER Possible weekend away in North Wales

OCTOBER Museum visit

NOVEMBER Autumn Walk, NEC

DECEMBER Christmas Lunch

There are bound to be alterations as things come together but this at least gives you a flavour of what 2014 has in store. RM

There will be no monthly meeting in December. In the past when we have held meetings so close to Christmas they have been very poorly attended. So next months will be the last of 2013.

John Perkins of AlfaOwner has been in touch about an event he is organising that he thought might be of interest to our members. He and other AO members are visiting the Jet Age Museum at Staverton near Cheltenham on Sunday 24th November at 11.00am. You can find out more about the museum at www.jetagemuseum.btck.co.uk If you'd to go along please let John know. His email address is john.perkins@yahoo.co.uk



I found this jigsaw puzzle in a charity job recently. And after one of the dullest afternoons of my life I am happy to confirm that its all there! RM

Section Committee

You will be aware that Steve Dymock and Mark Grimshaw will be stepping down from the Cotswold Sections Committee in February 2014. That leaves John Mills and Mark Byatt, with a little behind the scenes support from yours truly, to run things. If the Section is to continue to operate at the level it has done for the previous eight years then new committee members must be found. The Section has generally operated with four committee members sharing the workload. At the moment the 2014 workload looks set to be shared by three, and one of them (me) is only part-time.

Without continued 'hands on' support the Sections future is uncertain. If you feel you can offer practical support and would like to join the committee we would love to hear from you. RM

This years NEC Classic Motor Show takes place on 15th, 16th and 17th of November. It is the biggest classic car exhibition in the UK with over 1500 cars from all eras on display. It is a great way to round off the 2013 season.

The final Breakfast at Twynning for 2013 took place recently and included an impressive number of Alfas. Here's a message from the event organiser Mark Knight. *'The Breakfast at Twynning events have finished for 2013 and so I would like to thank you for your support during the year. We (you) raised the sum of £661 for our nominated charity - fly2help - and I will be handing over cheque for this amount to fly2help's CEO very soon! Thanks again for your support'*.

