



NEWSLETTER

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As the year draws to a close it's time to have a look at our last events of 2014 and start thinking about our diary for 2015. I'd also like to thank everyone who has supported us in 2014 and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and Prosperous New Year. -MB

Prescott Breakfast Meeting

A foggy start in the Vale of Evesham did nothing to put people off and we had a good turn out for our final outing at the Prescott Hill Climb Breakfast club with S2 & S4 Spiders, Bertone Coupes, GTV6, 916 GTV & Spider and 147.

Spookily the fog temporarily cleared as we approached Prescott to give a glorious view across the western edge of the Cotswolds.

The meeting shares the same format as Shelsley Walsh which we attended at the start of the year the chance to park up, have a look around the gathered cars and have breakfast in the Club House.

After a convivial breakfast we took a short drive to the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway and parked up at the Winchcombe station. A quick cuppa in the period station cafe followed by a steam pulled journey through the Cotswolds on the GWR.

We headed back braving a chilly hood down journey home which was a good chance to give the Spider a good run before the winter.

We will look to attend Shelsley or Prescott breakfast clubs next year so do keep an eye on the events section. - MB



Next Year.....

We are thinking about 2015 and would like to hear from you about events or activities that as a section we could include in the 2015 calendar.

We are looking at a another skittles evening early in the New Year at a different venue and on a weekend which doesn't coincide with any Six Nations fixtures!

We will look to Shelsley or Prescott Breakfast Clubs, Breakfast at Twynning, attending a Hill climb event and are looking ahead to Drive it Day and Cotswold Alfa Day.

We also have a member who is involved with the Shackleton Association and we are thinking about a visit to Coventry Airport for a closer look at the displays there.

Also with our AGM early in the New Year we are looking again for anyone who is willing to join the committee either on a full or part time basis for 2015.

We are also looking to create a Cotswold Alfa Day team to help bring the event together and if you would like to be involved please let me or John Mills know as we are in the early stages of planning and would appreciate your involvement from the start.- MB



Not a bad line up of old bangers ?



Mist hanging in the valley at Prescott and Steam power at GWR.

Compton Verney Italian Car talk

Bringing the Compton Verney Italian celebration to an end was a weekday talk on Italian Cars by Steven Parissien.

To make a fitting entrance we were again asked to display some cars on the approach to Compton Verney itself. As it turned out we flanked the left with Bertone Coupes of varying vintages with John Mills' and Roger Lewis's 105 series coupes and Rod Ashton in his modern GT. On the right was a mini Spiderfest with my 105 series, Alex Payne in his 916 Spider and David Heath with his Brera Spider completing the evolution of Spiders.



The talk and slideshow took us from the early Fiat 3hp of 1899 through to the formation of Fiat. Steven covered the allegiances of the Agnelli family to the various power brokers of Italy over the decades as Fiat survived and then grew post-war to become the giant it is today.

The point was also made that Enzo Ferrari raced Alfas under his Scuderia Ferrari banner and obviously without Alfa there would be no Ferrari today and why Alfa as the senior marque is so important.

The talk also highlighted the difference between the Italian offerings of the 60s and those of the UK.

With such a range of cars and manufacturers within Italy it was a fairly general canter through the history of Italian cars but it was entertaining and threw in a few gems of information that were new to a number.

The cars looked great at the entrance to the house. Compton Verney was really pleased with the display which gained a lot of attention from visitors to the talk and the house alike. - MB

Cars they are a changin' !



Bertone Coupes at Compton Verney

Spring Alfa Day 2015

A number of members have changed or are in the process of changing cars

David Townsend's Sud has been replaced by a 1970's Fiat 500 which we are looking forward to seeing in the flesh next year.

Tim Roberts has taken on a restoration project in the form of a 1970's Alfa GTV which needs a little tlc but fingers crossed should be on the road next year in time for some of our events.

Also someone who's been Alfaless for a short time has also returned to Alfa ownership so keep your eyes peeled at our regular meetings for an old face with a new Alfa Saloon. - MB

Silverstone Classic 2015 tickets on sale

Tickets for the 2015 Silverstone Classic are now on sale, for this event being held on 24th-26th July.

Members can purchase tickets at varying discounted rates until 31st May.

For details of prices and the discount code please see the Club forum or contact Club Manager, Nick Wright manager@aroc-uk.com

On the main AROC website there is the following announcement with regard to Spring Alfa Day 2015.

We are pleased to confirm that Spring Alfa Day will be held at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire on Sunday 26th April 2015.

Full details will be on the website in the New Year, and also in the February edition of the magazine. In the meantime please save the date!
- See more at: <http://www.arocuk.com>

This also coincides with Drive it Day so we will gauge what interest we have from the Section and perhaps arrange a convoy down to Duxford

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