

The Fox Inn @ Broadwell



We'd already decided it was time to find a new meeting place but we didn't intend it to happen quite so quickly. Our hand was forced when committee members turned up early for a pre-meeting chin-wag only to find the Feathered Nest closed! We quickly made a few calls and leaving a note on the Nests door we headed for the Fox at Broadwell.

The Fox is run by Mike and Carol East and they made us very welcome. So after a quick chat with our members we spoke to Mike and Carol and the deal was done. The Fox is our new home!

As the Fox is a Donnington Brewery pub you can be confident of a great pint. And if you want to eat you'll find the food is proper English pub grub, with a refreshing lack of gastro aspirations. Portions are generous and the service is prompt. A certain Mr Grimshaw speaks very highly of the Steak and Kidney Pudding! Prices of beer and food are certainly more reasonable than our previous host venue.

The Fox is a traditional village pub and as such is very much part of the Broadwell village community. With the approval of the parish council the Fox is able to use the village green for larger events and this is something we might make use of for things like our concours night in August.

Your committee is sure we have found a venue that suits our needs perfectly and we expect to be very happy here for many years to come.

EVENTS

March

Saturday 15th. Skittles at The Coach and Horses, Ganborough. PTO for more information.

Wednesday 19th. Curry night. Venue to be confirmed. PTO for more information.

April

Saturday 5th. Alfaholics Trackday at Castle Combe. The Section has no plans to attend *en masse*.

Sunday 6th. Our season-opener. We plan to attend the Shelsley Walsh Breakfast Club. PTO for full details.

Wednesday 16th. Regular monthly meet at The Fox.

Sunday 27th. Drive-it-Day. The annual event organised by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. More details soon.

Farewell from the Chair!

Dear All

With my impending step-down from the committee - after nine years - at the AGM this week I would like to take this opportunity to thank all AROC members who have supported the section, since we restarted it in 2005, for their support in making our section one of the best in the club. I would ask that you continue to support the new committee in the future and even consider getting more involved where you can. I will be continuing to attend section meetings and events as well as running the website, so I hope to see many of you during the year.

Ciao

Mark Grimshaw (Chairman)

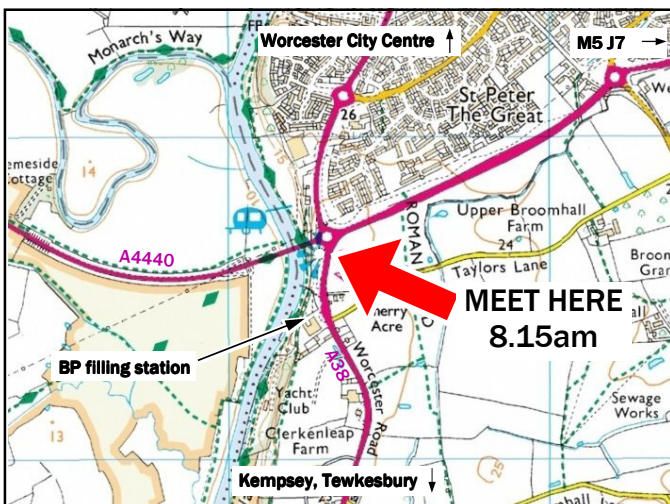
CURRY NIGHT

At the time of writing the venue for our curry night, which we are planning to hold on the night of next months get-together on March 19th, is still to be decided. We had been planning to visit one of the Indian restaurants in Moreton-in-Marsh. However Carol (landlady of the Fox) suggested she could knock us up a curry and we could stay here. We'll talk it over with you, our members, and with Carol on the night of our AGM at the Fox and make a decision.

Shelsley Walsh Breakfast Club

Sunday 6th April

A new event for us and hopefully a great way to kick-off the new season. The Shelsley Walsh Breakfast club is an informal gathering of classic car owners, car clubs, and motoring enthusiasts of all persuasions held each month at the historic hill climb venue in Worcestershire. There is no racing on the day, this event is simply a chance to meet up with friends and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts. It is a very popular event and there is always a wide variety of cars old and new on show. The gates open at 9am and the event is free to enter. Once inside you are free to wander around the cars and if you're feeling fit you can even walk the hill. If that sounds too strenuous why not visit the Stratstone Restaurant and relax with a hearty breakfast. More details can be seen on the Shelsley website at <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/events/> Our plan is to meet at 8.15am at the Ketch viewpoint south of Worcester and then convoy to Shelsley. The viewpoint is accessed off the A38 just south of the roundabout with the A4440. Its grid ref. is SO853516 and the nearest postcode is WR5 3HR. If you plan to join us please let know as soon as possible as we need an idea of how many cars we are taking.



The Section needs your help

Unfortunately our appeal for someone to join the committee garnered no response and unless someone comes forward during our AGM the Section will be forced to operate with a Committee of just two, namely John Mills (treasurer) and Mark Byatt (secretary). In the past the Section has operated with a committee of four, who share the workload. It will be difficult for a committee of two to keep the Section running at the level of previous years.

So if no one wants to join the committee on a full-time basis, how about helping out part-time? Some of you already help out for the big events like Cotswold Alfa Day and that is very much appreciated. What we are asking of you now is to volunteer to lead specific events or an element of an event, just to spread the workload.

For instance, if we are planning a trip to a museum or a brewery would you be willing to contact the venue, negotiate costs and then inform members - via the committee - of details, then field members questions relating to that event and liaise with the venue ahead of the visit? Or rather than take on a whole event perhaps you'd be willing to help with just part of the organising process. Perhaps you'd be happier to help with a bit of admin, for example, keeping a record of which members are signed up to an event, who has paid, who has not. That kind of thing.

Any support you can give will be very much appreciated. We have created a great Section in the Cotswolds but if it is to remain fully active it does require the increased hands-on support of it's members.

SKITTLES

Our skittles match takes place on Saturday March 15th at The Coach and Horses, Ganborough. The plan is to play against a team from the Austin Healey Owners Club lead by Mark Knight. If it turns out they don't fancy it then we'll have our own Section skittles championship. We'll let you know about cost and start time as soon as we can via email. The Coach and Horses is where we have held the Scalextrics in recent years. It is on the A424 about 2 miles north-west of Stow. It's full address is The Coach and Horses, Ganborough, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, GL56 0QZ.