

# NEWSLETTER

July 2014



First off this month a massive thank you to Richard Morris for all his help with the newsletters over the last 12 months. Richard also put in a huge amount of work again in this years Giro Panoramico and on behalf of all the participants Grazie Mille. A lot about CAD this month and also a reminder for the Fun Concours in August. Get polishing and watch out for the new categories !!!!! - MB

## Cotswold Alfa Day 2014 - 105 at Blenheim Palace

Cotswold Alfa Day 2014 saw us start at the green in the village of Whichford with route maps and refreshments being served at the Norman Knight pub.

This was as usual a convivial starting point with a number of people coming along before a direct run to Blenheim or to participate in the Giro Panoramico, which was a 45 mile route through the pretty Oxfordshire Cotswold countryside taking in some of the beautiful villages and sweeping driving roads.

We were also really lucky to have Matt Spitzely join us at Whichford with both his pre war Alfa 8C and its modern incarnation which was just a taster for the range of cars to attend at Blenheim.

Ready for the off at Whichford



The route took the participants through Swerford, passing Nether Worton House (recently for sale with a guide price of 6,750,000), on to Church Enstone and then bringing the cars into Woodstock into Blenheim via the town gate. This entrance has a stunning view across the estate parkland and towards Blenheim Palace itself which led us into the Showground area allocated to us.

At the palace



We were joined this year by the 2600 register and saw a real range of variants with Robert Gore's SZ Zagato catching the eye of most.

As a centre piece to the display of Alfas we had the modern 8C flanked by Max Askew's 1750 GT and David Bridge's 1750 GS with three 2600s aside the pre war cars. The palace was a fitting backdrop to the collection of varied but enchanting cars.

We had our usual excellent turnout of 105 series Spiders, Coupes and Saloons along with most things running through to the current modern era.

Spiders on parade



We've had lots of thanks via email and on the AROC forum and would just like to thank all the marshals and helpers on the day. Without your help we couldn't make Cotswold Alfa Day the success it is. - MB



## CAD Continued

Alfa through the ages !



2600 Register



RetroMarques



Berties



Dramatic but dry ;-)



### Coming Up In August .....

**Sunday 17th** - Tewkesbury Classic Vehicle Festival  
Tewkesbury school, Ashchurch Road from 11.00am.  
[www.tewkesburycvf.org](http://www.tewkesburycvf.org)

**Wednesday 20th** - Regular monthly meeting at The Fox including our Fun Concours. -Categories will include *Best Classic Alfa*, *Best Modern Alfa*, *Tidiest Engine Bay*, *Cleanest Wheels*, *Best non-Alfa*, *Weirdest-thing-in-the-Boot* and a *Must Try Harder* award for the scruffiest Alfa.

**Sunday 24th - Monday 25th** - Blenheim Palace Classic Car Show - [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org)

**Monday 25th** - Pershore Plum Festival Classic Car Show

### Anytime, anyplace, anywhere



Seems as if Richard M isn't the only one keeping an eye on the Internet for Interesting cars.

I spotted a couple including this Martini liveried Sprint Trofeo which grabbed me and is no doubt in vogue with the current Williams F1 sponsorship deal.

Vino Rosso of course



*Photos - David Gibbins.  
A wonderful selection from Dave with more on the section website soon.*