



# NEWSLETTER

April/May 2015

Fortunately we have had some reasonable Spring weather and a number of events have taken place including our first Breakfast club meeting at Prescott, Spring Alfa Day, Drive It Day and our Vulcan visit. There is plenty still to come including the next Breakfast at Twyning on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 10am - MB

## Drive It Day

Chocks away! - Richard Morris reports on one of many events on Drive it Day 2015.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Bicester 'Scramble' on Sunday April 26th coincided with the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs 'Drive-it-Day' and as a result the turn-out was huge. An estimated 300 vehicles packed the tree-lined roadways of the former RAF Technical Site with another 150 displayed out on the fringe of the airfield.

The Technical Site forms part of the best preserved World War Two bomber aerodrome in the UK and the old brick built buildings are currently being restored. Some have already undergone a sympathetic refurbishment and are now home to classic car specialists. Among these are restorers, trimmers, paintshops, bodyshops, trimmers, polishers and blasters. With the enormous hangars forming an ideal storage facility, Bicester really is becoming a Mecca for classic car owners. For the 'scramble' most of the specialists had thrown open their doors to welcome the public and to show off their expertise. It made for a truly interesting event that was very different to the usual park-in-a-field type of gathering.

And the variety of cars on show was absolutely staggering. I been to hundreds of shows over the years and I've never seen such a diverse range of cars. There were Aston Martin DB5s parked next to Ford Prefects and Bugatti Brescias next to Vauxhall Wyverns! E-types and XK Jags were ten-a-penny, Bentleys were plentiful, Alvis and Jensens were abundant, and Bristols were commonplace. However Alfas were scarce, no doubt because of the clash with SAD. The two I spotted were a dark blue Series 2 Spider and a red 2000 GT Veloce.

The next 'Scramble' clashes with CAD 2015 so go to CAD but be sure to put the 'Scramble' on your list of things to do in 2016.



Very handsome 1938 Rover 14. Not that I'm biased! - RM

Photos-  
Richard  
Morris

## Cotswold Alfa Day Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

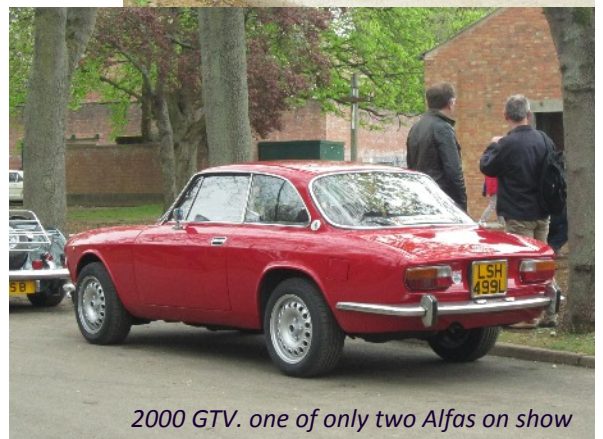
As I said last time that this year's Cotswold Alfa Day will be held on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

Starting from The Bell Inn, Shipston Rd Alderminster, Stratford-upon-Avon we will take our traditional scenic 'Giro Panoramico' drive through the north Cotswolds and Warwickshire to end up at the National Trust property Charlecote Park.

This year we will be limited to 100 Alfas. Full details and entry forms are available on the Section website. Tickets are moving fast so please do get your applications in as soon as possible. - MB



Bugatti Type 13 'Brescia'



2000 GTV. one of only two Alfas on show



## Spring Alfa Day - Duxford

Alex Payne reports on Spring Alfa Day at Duxford.

Like most "Alfisti" when this year's venue for S.A.D was announced I thought what a great place to spend the day with my fellow "petrol heads".

Despite some overnight rain and a dire weather forecast the day dawned dry, so it was hood down for the journey, albeit with jackets and bobble hats on! Alfa Romeo ones of course!

I'd put out a call to 916ers on a couple of forums with regard to marking the cars 20th anniversary with a dedicated parking area and this was duly organised with the help of Phil Gotts and the boys from the East Anglia Section. So the first part of the morning was spent marshalling cars to the area with help from Fran. I had expected 20-30 cars to attend but in the end, according to Dave Parker's maths, 78 turned up! which meant we couldn't park everyone together.

The mix of Alfas present was very varied, from a 1930s 6c to five new 4cs, a lone Montreal, a few SZs (my favourite), several "Berties" and as ever just about every model from the 1950s to the present day. Among the Suds was my first good look round Keith Appleby's superbly restored orange beauty, just stunning!

To cap things off the Museum had several aircraft flying during the day, and to look at all the wonderful Alfas with the sound of a Spitfire overhead was a wonderful thing to experience.

The journey home was dry, so again hood off all the way, a great end to a superb day. Once again thanks to the East Anglian crew, Nick Wright, and all at AROC for the organisation. - AP

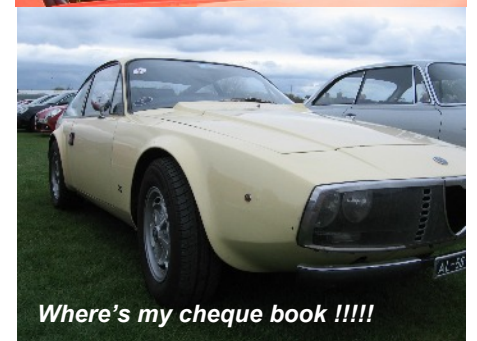
## Vulcan XM655 visit

A full report next time but it was a brilliant visit and one we may well look to repeat at a later date.

Although XM655 is not airworthy it does take part in an annual fast taxi along the airfield at the Wellesbourne Wings and Wheels event on 21<sup>st</sup> June which is a spectacle in itself and if anyone is interested in attending please do register. Full details on the XM655 website.



916 Spiders line up



**A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to this months newsletter.**

**If anyone would like to write a few words about an event, road-trip, your experience with a new car, a car related product, or an ongoing project please let me know and I'll include it in a future newsletter.**

**Cheers, Mark B.**

