



# NEWSLETTER

Sept/Oct 2015

Whilst the main events of the year have taken place we still have a few left in 2015 and thoughts have already turned to 2016. This coming Sunday is the last Breakfast Club at Prescott and a great excuse to walk the hill before a full English breakfast and exercise the cars before the onset of winter. We gain an hour on Sunday so not such an early start! - MB

## Cotswold Alfa Day 2015

This year we started from the lovely pub The Bell at Alderminster. After coffee and biscuits Giro Panarmico participants were issued with route maps and Giro stickers and then it was time for the off.

The route was around 50 miles depending upon the number of diversions taken and took in some of the stunning Cotswold and South Warwickshire countryside and villages.

Part of the route included an observational quiz capturing the names and locations of the pubs on route and a couple of tie breaker questions (and who said "It's not all Beer and Benzina")

One of the tie breakers asked what time the clock showed at Broad Campden. Unbeknown to us the clock had been repaired after the final recce of the route the previous week and was once again working after years of it being stuck at 2.11! So everyone got that question right!

The route ended at Charlecote Park, a stunning National Trust property who allowed us to park up along the driveway. With classics to one side and moderns to the other this created a brilliant display.

Nick Wright was along with the Club Van to support us on the day. The club tables and chairs were put to good use along with the Section Gazebo, until we had a brief but heavy shower or two, which thankfully cleared in time for the prize giving.

Mark Knight of RetroMarques, our key sponsor, presented the RetroMarques award to the stunning Blue Giulietta Spider. This was lined up with three 2600s - the coupe amongst them scooped our committee's choice.

We were really fortunate to have another wonderful selection of 105 series cars almost out numbering moderns. The gorgeous step

front won best classic and an equally well kept 145 Cloverleaf in Zoe yellow was our best modern.

The Giro quiz was won by Cotswold Alfa Day regulars Tom Taylor and his wife from Liverpool who claimed an evening in Chipping Campden



Photo's - Matthew Willmott



had nothing to do with them getting so many of the pub names correct.

A big thank you to the Townsends for the Giro route and co-pilot Roger Lewis, all the helpers, marshals and to all those that attended this year. A full set of photographs are on the section website. - MB

**SAVE the DATE**

**Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 we are  
looking to hold the 2016  
Cotswold Alfa Day on this date.**

## Robin Hale 1939 - 2015



Many of you will know of the sad passing of Robin Hale who along with his wife Sue were keen supporters of the Section and loved nothing more than enjoying driving his S2 Spider at many of our events.

A number of us attended his Service of Thanksgiving in September and his son spoke of his fondness of the Spider.

The family have asked for any photographs of Robin, Sue and the Spider for the family photo album, so if you have any please forward them to me or John Mills and we will pass them on to the family.

We have made a Section donation to Myton Hospice in memory of Robin. - MB

## The Churchill Vintage and Classic Car Show 2016

The Churchill Classic event is a bi-annual event that we have attended for a number of years and next year will be held on Sunday 5th June 2016.

It has a wonderful village fete atmosphere so get your applications in directly with the organisers and let me know and we'll try and get an area together as in previous years (details of the applications will be on our website once they are released).

- MB



## Christmas Meal Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

As we head towards the festive period just a reminder to ask everyone to let John Mills have their choices, any dietary requirements and payment balance by Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>. - MB

### Three Ways House Hotel - Christmas Party Lunch Menu

**Homemade Tomato & Red Pepper Soup with a Basil Crème Fraiche**

**Smoked Fish Pate with Citrus Dressing & Crispy Toast**

**Roasted Pear & Blue Cheese Salad with Toasted Walnuts**

**Chicken & Pistachio Terrine with Pickled Vegetables**



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**Roast Local Turkey, Chipolata, Bacon & Sage Stuffing with Fresh Cranberry Sauce**

**Braised Blade of Beef with Sweet Potato & Shallot Gravy**

**Baked Lemon Crusted Cod Fillet with a Dill Cream Sauce**

**Roast Root Vegetable & Nut Ragout in a Pastry Basket**

**All served with Roast Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Swede and Roast Parsnips**

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**The Pudding Club's Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce**

**Orange & Cranberry Terrine with a Vanilla Shortbread Biscuit**

**Tiramisu with a Mocha Sauce**

**Double Gloucester and Stilton Cheese with Biscuits and Homemade Chutney**

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**Tea or Coffee with Homemade Fudge**

**If you have any ideas for events in 2016 or would like to organise an event then please do let John Mills or myself know. It will soon be time to think about committee nominations for 2016 so if you would like to get involved please do let us know.**