



Alfa Romeo Owners Club Cotswold Section



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The Fun Concours 2016

We were lucky with a stunning evening on one of the hottest days of the year, so had a good attendance on the village green in Broadwell for our annual Fun Concours. With some familiar categories and a few new ones, we had a number of new faces along with some of our regulars.

Mark Knight of Retromarques also provided two prizes for the **Ladies choice** and **Best Prepared Modern Alfa**, and they were presented by Joanna and Mark to the GTC of Martin Taylor and the Zoe Yellow 145 GC of Keith Williams.



Cleanest Engine bay award went to Neale Smith with his 147 Ducati. **Cleanest Wheels** went to Mark Grimshaw in a fiercely contested category which saw Matt Willmott disqualified for entering brand new wheels!!

Most Bug Splats went to Geoff Caver's Brera Spider whose car I saw the following weekend at another event - minus bug splats thanks to the Autoglym Active Insect Remover he won for that category!

Best prepared Italian non-Alfa was a one-horse race due to a few of the regular Fiat/Lancia owners being on holiday, but went to Alec Macfie with his immaculate Fiat 500 Abarth.

The **Must Try Harder** award went to Rupert Organ for his 916 GTV (not Kermit) - a new arrival that's had some mechanical TLC including a full Alfaholics exhaust system which did sound the business as he left and whose paint work and cosmetics are next in line for attention. Watch out for this one next year as I expect Rupert to be challenging in a number of other categories.

Finally, **Best Vehicle Memorabilia** award went to Roger Lewis, who had a wonderful history folder for his Bertie, which included the original bill of sale, pre-delivery check sheet and masses more history for his lovely Bertone Coupe which looked splendid as ever.

Richard Morris also popped along with his lovely Rover 15 which also gained a few votes and very nearly won the Ladies Choice. Mark Knight wasn't in his Bertie but a Healey which did gain three votes in the Must Try Harder category with a few kind souls pointing out - 'IT'S NOT AN ALFA' ;-)



Thanks to everyone who turned up and made it a fun evening helped by the weather. Thanks also to Mike and Carol at the Fox for gaining permission for us to park on the village green, and to Mark Knight for sponsoring the Retromarques categories and the bottles of Prosecco for the Retromarques winners. **Mark Byatt**

(The Judges' decision is final! – See left! **HM**)

Our Concours winners – in order of appearance!



(Photos – Richard Morris)

National Alfa Day. Chatsworth House. July 10th 2016.

When this year's NAD was announced as Chatsworth House I thought "Wow! What a setting - a fantastic stylish venue with (some bias here) the most stylish of cars!". So a plan was hatched and we joined a party of five cars, travelling up on the Saturday over the Pennines with an overnight stop at a local pub offering four poster beds, good ale and food. The Sunday dawned with a slight drizzle, but by the time we parked up in front of the great house and in model order, the rain stopped. So - a quick wipe down - and the Spider looked resplendent. A fantastic array of Alfa's spread over a large area included pretty much everything from the 30's, a fantastic unrestored 6C, through to three Zagato Juniors (Mr B's favourite!) a fantastic green Montreal, a modern 8C and - a touch divisive (but I liked it) - a 159 with full Carabinieri colours!!



I was, however, a little surprised that our car was the only "Proteo" Spider on display. With the house and gardens to look at too, I have to admit that, at times, the cars played second fiddle for a while and a splendid day flew by. On the way home we played a touch of "roof roulette", but apart from one moment drove through most of the rain topless. A well organised weekend with great cars, great setting and great friends, what more can you ask for?! **Alex Payne. (inc. Photos)**



Witney Motor Show. July 21st 2016

The 50th Witney Motor Show took place beneath leaden skies on the evening of Thursday 21st July but still managed to attract a record number of vehicles. Classic cars made up the highest proportion of exhibits but there were also motorcycles and many and varied modified cars. These included banger racers, stock cars, hot rods, and custom cars. There were also several 'boy racers' with their lowered hot-hatches and pulsating sound systems. Thankfully they were on the edge of the field and were easy to avoid.

Among the classics were some lovely pre-war cars including two beautiful Triumphs. First was a 1937 Dolomite Roadster featuring the beautiful 'fencers mask' or 'waterfall' grill, and alongside this was a very rare 1935 6 cylinder Gloria Southern Cross. Across the other side of the field was a group of American classics including three Corvettes dating from the 1950s and the early and late '60s. They were joined by a brace of Mustangs and a hat-trick of '50s pick-ups from Dodge, Chevrolet and Ford. Italian classics were represented by 3 original Fiat 500s (one sporting a 2010 Giro Panoramico sticker).



Other Italians seen included a Lancia Integrale, a Maserati Quattroporte V8 Evoluzione, a Fiat 124 Spider, and two Alfa 916 GTVs both in metallic grey. An infestation of MGBs dominated the British classics. However, there were also some interesting home-grown cars too, most notably a Ford Anglia estate, a gorgeous XK120, a Bristol 405, and a barn find Austin FX3 Taxi owned by well-known banger racer Alan Cartwright. He has promised not to race the Austin. Let's hope temptation doesn't get the better of him!



Witney Motor Show is held every year and all proceeds go to charity. It's a lovely way to spend a summer's evening even if the evening isn't very summery!

Richard Morris (inc. Photos)

The Cowley Classic Car Show, Oxford, August 14th 2016

The Cowley Classic Car Show started life about 8 years ago as an event to celebrate cars produced at the famous factory down the road. But over the years the show has steadily evolved into a major gathering of cars of varied marques and this year it attracted around 300 cars. Cowley and Abingdon cars made up about a quarter of that total. This meant that there were high numbers of Morris Minors and MGBs, but if one ignored the dreary, there were actually some interesting cars to scrutinize.

In one corner of the showground I found a little group of Wankel fans who'd brought along a pair of NSU Ro80s, an NSU Prinz and a Suzuki RE5. The Prinz later went on to win best unrestored car.



Another interesting car and one whose purposeful looks certainly drew a crowd was the Wiesman MF4 GT.

A Noble M400 gathered similar levels of onlookers as did a Ford GT40. Further down the price range there were plenty of Jags and Jensens, and a very nice pair of Bristols (oh- er Misses!). Another car that caught my eye was a deep blue 1955 Alvis TC.21/100 convertible.

There were heaps of more day-to-day models, of course. Included among those was a beautifully original Morris 1100 with only 18,000 miles on the clock.

But what about the Alfas I hear you ask? Well I'm afraid there weren't any. Not one! Other Italian makes were well represented though. I spotted 3 Lancias; an Integrale, a Fulvia 3 and a Fulvia Sport 1600 Zagato. Fiats were present in the shape of a pair of 500s.

There was also an X-19 and a 1970 500 Abarth that was for sale, (call 07948187181 if you're interested) – see below



On the field too was a Ferrari 308GTB and a Maserati Biturbo which I should imagine is a pretty rare car these days.

This NSU Prinz L won best unrestored!

I attended the event with my Dad (Morris 8), my brother-in-law (Minor) and my sister and nephew (Mini) and we all parked



together and had a thoroughly enjoyable family day. To cap it all off my sister's spaniel 'Charlie' won 'the loveliest oldie' in the dog show and a certain Rover won best pre-war car! And before you say 'was it the only pre-war car?' no it wasn't, there were quite a few!

Richard Morris Inc. photos (For newer members: Richard was one of the founder members of the Cotswold Section of AROC and did sterling work on the committee for a number of years. Although no longer an Alfa Owner, he is still a keen supporter and contributes when he can. Thank you Richard!)

Diary Dates

See website for other diary dates and lots more information!

<http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>

Please send us your news! Snippets of news/ event stories /photos etc are so welcome – so please email us with details or, if you prefer, we will ring you back for the info. Newsletter deadline is five days before monthly meetings. Don't forget we meet at the Fox Inn, Broadwell from 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month! www.foxbroadwell.co.uk . Our hosts, Carol and Mike, always do us proud in their lovely local pub on the village green!

Hazel Mills

ARANCINI DI RISO ALLA SICILIANA (TRADITIONAL SICILAN ARANCINI)



Ingredients



For 12 Arancini

- 1 teaspoon saffron
- 30g of Butter 30
- 500g Carnaroli rice
- 1 pinch salt
- Water 1.2 L
- 100 grams of grated Parmesan cheese



Traditional Sicilian meat filling.

Ingredients

- Salt and pepper
- Small onions
- 25g Butter
- 100g of pork or beef mince
- Extra virgin olive oil 1 wire
- Tomato puree 200 ml
- 80 g peas
- 50g of Caciocavallo or cheddar cheese
- 50ml of Red wine

An equally scrummy ham filling

Ingredients

- 30g of cooked Ham
- 60g of Mozzarella



For the batter

- 200 g Plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- 300 ml Water

For bread crumb coating and frying

- Breadcrumbs
- Vegetable oil

Method

1. To prepare the arancini, boil the rice in 1.2 litres of boiling salted water for about 15 minutes. You should get a very dry and compact rice).
2. Dissolve the saffron in a little water and add to the already cooked rice. Mix with the butter.
3. Add the grated cheese and mix well
4. Pour and level the rice on a large tray. Cover with cling film to cool and prevent from drying out. (This will probably take a couple of hours)

Meat sauce preparation

1. Peel and finely slice the onion and fry in a pan with 2 tablespoons of olive oil and butter
2. Add the beef mince and sauté over high heat
3. Add the wine and let it evaporate.
4. Add the tomato puree, with salt and pepper to taste
5. Cover and cook on low heat for 20 minutes. Halfway through cooking, add the peas. (If you need to - add a little hot water as the sauce needs to dense but not liquid)
6. Meanwhile, dice the cheese (and also the cooked ham and mozzarella if doing second filling)

Arancini ready to prepare! Once the rice has cooled completely start putting together your arancini.

1. Using a table spoon, get a handful of rice (about 120 gram) and push the handful into the palm of your hand, moulding into a cup shape.
2. Fill/stuff the "cup" with the meat sauce using a teaspoon. Add a few cubes of cheese .
3. Then take more rice to to make an arancini ball (You can also make them egg/cone shaped)
4. Repeat the same process, if you wish, with the ham and mozzarella.

Ready for cooking!

- ♥ Prepare the batter. With a whisk, mix the flour, a pinch of salt and the water thoroughly to avoid lumps
- ♥ Dip the arancini, one by one, into the batter (ensure you cover them entirely) and then roll them in bread crumbs
- ♥ In a saucepan heat the oil and bring it to a temperature of 170-180 °, then fry one at a time (or two at the most) so you do not lower the temperature of the oil
- ♥ When they are golden brown, drain them by placing them on a tray lined with kitchen roll/paper towels.

Must be eaten hot! - Enjoy 😊! From Antonia of **Autocasa** (Car Servicing and Repair Specialists), Coventry.
<http://www.autocasa.co.uk/>

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH MENU 2016



Hope you have time from your sun-worshipping to make a note in the diary for Saturday, December 3rd and our return to The Pudding Club for our pre-Christmas get together!

Mark B and John will let you know the booking and deposit arrangements at the September meeting and we will put the information in the next newsletter and on the website.

The deposit has already been paid and the team are looking forward to seeing us all again. Here is a preview of the menu to whet your appetite!

THREE WAYS HOUSE - A COTSWOLD VILLAGE HOTEL
Home of the World Famous Pudding Club
<http://www.threewayshousehotel.com/>

AROC Cotswold **Section** Christmas Lunch

Two Courses and Coffee - £20.00

Three Courses and Coffee - £23.50

Homemade White Onion and Thyme Soup

Smoked Haddock & Dill Fishcake with Mustard Cream

Ham Hock Ballantine with Fig Puree and Pickled Vegetables

Baked Brie and Cranberry in a Crispy Pastry Basket



Roast Local Turkey, Chipolata, Bacon and Sage Stuffing with Cranberry Sauce

Slow Cooked Belly Pork rolled with an Apricot and Sage Stuffing topped with Crackling

Salmon Supreme with Ginger, Soy and Sesame Roasted Bok Choi

Butternut Squash and Sage Risotto topped with a Blue Cheese and Cashew Crumble

(All served with Roast Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot, Swede & Roast Parsnips)



The Pudding Club's Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Very Chocolate Pudding with Lashings of Custard!

Iced Nougat Parfait with Mixed Spiced Shortbread

Double Gloucester and Stilton Cheese with Homemade Chutney and Biscuits



Followed by Tea or Coffee with Homemade Petit Fours

Remember: For general enquiries and anything relating to items in the Newsletter, please first check our website <http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/> for more information

Or email the committee on the section email aroccotswolds@933.me.uk



THE ENNSTAL CLASSIC 2016. JULY 26TH – 29TH
AUSTRIA

The lure of Austria proved too great again this year and the added attraction of The Ennstal Classic Rally, now in its 24th, year clinched the decision to go. Always a stimulating event – and one of the years when we were gifted soaring temperatures - the “classic” gave us 5 glorious days wandering amongst legends of the motoring world, both cars and drivers.



The event normally has to fit in with the F1 calendar, but as next year is their 25th anniversary, they are already taking registrations for the dates July 18th – 22nd 2017. So, if you own a 1972 car (or older) which could cope with 2 wonderful alpine regularity rallies averaging 400km each, then get your registration in now as they limit numbers to 200 vehicles.

Look what we found !



Our ploy is to be there on the first two days when the cars arrive by road, trailer or transporter, to register for scrutineering. You can get up close to cars and drivers at all times – except when owners and drivers enjoy the VIP hospitality.



Some folk follow the rallies in their own cars - classic or not – as it all takes place on normal roads – regardless of country bus routes or cattle grazing. This lends itself to interesting photo opportunities. On rally days, we usually find a nearby scenic point on the route – or head for a village check point to watch all the action.





Thursday starts with a hill climb of 12.5 kilometers up the Stoderzinken outside Grobming. The hill is closed from 06.30 until the cars have all done the challenge and then returned. Austin A30's to Cadillacs can be seen negotiating the twists and inclines. The extra attraction on the Friday is the Racecar Trophy at the nearby airfield at Nieder Oblarn. This year saw 34 entrants from racing cars of 1983 and earlier from the rally and racing world. Drivers included Derek Bell in a 1920 Bentley 4.5 litre Birkin Blower! I

took the liberty of asking for a photo – and he charmingly said he had enjoyed driving many Alfas in his career!

Meanwhile, John was admiring an Alfa Romeo Barchetta!

The cars race in their class, to regularity rules, on a long oval track (the airstrip) and we watched with interest the 1961 Alfa Barchetta, 1973 Alfa GT 1600 Zagato and the 1965



Abarth 1000 SP. At the end of the day's racing, the other 198 cars arrived for a regularity stop after their long trek over to Lunz am See

and Steyr. They were relieved to have done this in sunshine, after a very wet drive the previous night which added to the "excitement" for those such as Tim Summers and Gary Spencer from the UK. They had entered for the first time this year in their 1964 AC Cobra, normally used for "flat- out" racing! They told me Thursday's drive had been "a bit damp", but hadn't dampened their enthusiasm



to come back – maybe with a different car!



Mark Webber, who did both road trips, had to fly back for the German Grand Prix on Friday, but Sir Stirling Moss and Lady Susie were there, as they so often are. Brian Johnson (*Cars that Rock* – and AC/DC), drove a 1966 Alfa Romeo GTA on the road trips – but had the pleasure of chauffeuring Sir Stirling in the Jaguar C type during the Saturday Grand Prix of Grobming, where legendary F1 cars get up as much speed as allowed on the streets of the town. The Ennstal is a



great holiday area, good for skiing in winter, but super for alpine walking in summer and not too far for a day trip to Salzburg. There is a wide choice of accommodation and lots of good eating. For Ennstal Classic week, we always head to Café Wieser on the Hauptstrasse for a reunion with friends we have made in our previous visits! You can still view the 2016 information on <http://www.ennstal-classic.at/en/home/>. We will also ask Mark G. to put some of our photos on the website (once edited). Meanwhile – here is a flavour and a summary of the Italian contingency! **HM**

Entry list of “Italian cars” in Ennstal classic (about 20% of all models)

For the full list of 198 entries and details see: http://www.ennstal-classic.at/en/ennstal_classic/teilnehmer/entries/enc/

1937	Lancia Aprilia	
1946	Stanguellini Barchetta	
1952	Alfa Romeo Sprint/coupe	
1954	Lancia Aurelia At B20 Nardi	
1954	Lancia Aurelia B20 GT	
1954	Maserati A6 GCS/53 Fantuzzi	
1956	Ferrari 250 GT	
1956	Ferrari 250 GT Prototype	
1958	Lancia Aurelia B20S Da Corsa	
1960	Ferrari California Spider	
1962	Ferrari GTO driven by Irvine Laidlaw and Tony Davies	GB
1964	Alfa Romeo Giulia Ti	
1964	Alfa Romeo Touring Spider	
1965	Ferrari 275 GTS	
1965	Ferrari 275 GTB (Schumacher)	
1966	Ferrari 330 GT 2+2	
1966	Maserati GT 3500 Sebring	
1966	Maserati Sebring II	
1966	Alfa Romeo GTA (Brian Johnson)	GB
1967	Steyr Puch TR/2	
1967	Alfa Romeo Junior GTA (Frankel)	GB
1967	Alfa Romeo GT Veloce	
1968	Alfa Romeo GT 1750 Veloce	
1968	Steyr Puch 650 Tr Europa	
1969	Fiat 2300 S coupe	
1969	Alfa Romeo Giulia ti	
1969	Alfa Romeo GT Junior	
1970	Alfa Romeo 1750 GT Veloce	
1970	Alfa Romeo Junior Zagato	
1970	Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce	
1970	Maserati Indy	
1971	Alfa Romeo Giulia Super	
1971	Lancia Fulvia	
1972	Alfa Romeo GT Veloce	
1972	Alfa Romeo GT Veloce 2000	
1972	Fiat Dino Spider	
1972	Fiat Abarth 124	
1972	Ferrari 246 Gt Dino	