



Alfa Romeo Owners Club Cotswold Section



NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

CAD 2016 IS NEARLY HERE! Sunday June 26th 2016 - 40 days to go!



**Have you registered with us yet and obtained your Privilege Pass to Ragley Hall?
The Clock is ticking!**

**No CAD ENTRY PASS? – no event discount of £10 per car but
the regular entry fee of £10.50 per adult and £6.50 for children!**

This year we intend to arrange parking by model to allow the variety of cars who are attracted to Cotswold Alfa Day to be displayed at their best.

BOOK EARLY TO HELP US TO FINALISE THE PARKING PLAN!

The Giro Panoramico this year covers new territory for us. There is an optional route-quiz to keep the passengers busy and a prize for the winner! If you want accommodation on the night before at The Bell, Alderminster, which is the start point for the Giro Panoramico - please contact the inn at <http://www.thebellald.co.uk>. They have a small number of quality rooms and great food.

Giro entrants will need to pay for their coffee and biscuits in advance by obtaining a Giro Ticket from John Mills. On receipt of the completed application form, a cheque for your party (£5.50 per adult and £4.00 per child aged 5-12 years) and s.a.e., John will send the **Giro tickets** and a **CAD ENTRY PASS** for discounted entry to The Ragley Estate and Hall. This payment will also cover costs of your Giro Route instructions which you will receive during coffee on the day.

Your **CAD ENTRY PASS** will be shown as you enter the Ragley Estate and will qualify you for the very generously discounted entry fee of £10 per car which you pay to Ragley staff **on entry**. It will also enable you to have forward parking on the CAD designated site where Cotswold Section Marshalls will be there to guide you.

Going direct to Ragley? Please get your applications in to John as soon as possible so that he can send you your **CAD ENTRY PASS**

Planning to join us? Download the application from www.roc-uk.com/cotswolds and post it with a cheque (if doing the Giro) and s.a.e. to John Mills, AROC Cotswold Section Treasurer, Edgehill Cottage, Loxley, Warwick. CV35 9JT.

WHAT DID WE DO?

More Cotswold colleagues' capers, updates and some new events!

SPRING ALFA DAY



Sunday the 17th April saw the first national event for the Alfa Romeo Owners Club at the Beaulieu Motor Museum, last visited en masse back in 2013. Although sunny, the weather felt somewhat cooler this year but an excellent show of approximately 600 cars from all generations made the trip to the south worthwhile. The cars of Messer's Payne and Parker did not

make an appearance due to enjoying an extended holiday stay at Uncle Enzo and Neil's respectively but Steve Davies kindly stepped in to provide transportation in his ever beautiful 156 GTA.

DAVE PARKER



Bristol Italian Automoto Festival April 23rd

Bristol is always great for car events whether it be the monthly Queen Square Breakfast meet or the Annual BIAMF organised by the Italian AutoMotor Club. This year celebrated Lancia and Corn Street was filled with a selection of two seaters, saloons and ex-Mafioso cars which somehow betrayed their age.

Alfa had a better spot this year in Small Street and 45 generally post 80's cars squeezed in - with a wonderful 6c 1750 SuperSport once again grabbing centre stage.



Very few 105's were on show with only a pair of Spiders bravely occupying the cashpoint spaces but thankfully the seagulls left them alone this year.

The 'Starting your engines' proved two things; a Panda 100HP sounds sublime with a de-silenced Abarth cat back system and a Huracan can sound horribly lumpy after 15 minutes of abuse.

If you like your bikes, the usual Ducatis, Benellis, Laverdas, Guzzis and Mod-bikes-with-loadsamirrors

came – most of them by conveying with friends and thus enjoying the day even more.

DAVE PARKER



DRIVE IT DAY (DiD) 2016 – BICESTER HERITAGE

Drive It Day fell on Sunday 24th April and we registered as a club to attend the Bicester Heritage Scramble. The venue destination is the UK's first park for the restoration, storage and enjoyment of vintage and classic cars, motorcycles and aeroplanes. It's home is something of a classic too, 348 acres of a historic 1920s RAF bomber station !

A small group of us met up in the centre of Moreton in the Marsh to take a drive across the Cotswolds to Bicester and the dedicated Alfa Romeo Owners Club parking that we had been allocated. My Series 2 Spider was joined by 3 Bertone Coupes, a Lancia Fulvia Coupe and a 916 GTV for a spirited run across to Bicester with plenty of other classics on the road it was great to see such a good turn out in support of DiD.

The steady stream of classics making their way into the site was a good sign and it was a brilliantly attended event on a very evocative site. Time to explore and fortified with coffee and pastries or tea and a bacon butty we set out to take in the vast range of cars and vehicles in attendance as well as the businesses on the site.



We also bumped into ex Alfa Bertone Coupe stalwart Richard Morris who was with the family in his 1939 Rover 14 which by his own admission couldn't be hurried along like the old Bertie!



The site houses numerous classic car and bike restoration companies, from an exhaust specialist who has made exhausts for Bertone Coupes to Historic single seater race cars, Kingsbury Racing Shop Limited who are specialists in 4-Cylinder WO Bentleys and Pendine Historic Cars Limited who are based in the old Blast House and had a stunning array of cars for sale including a Sprint Speciale (with AROC sticker in the window) to name just a few.

Whilst we were on the site the row of Alfas had been joined by

a Giulietta TI, another S2 Spider (which I thought was familiar and on checking was Matthew Willmott's previous S2 Spider), a further 4 Bertone Coupes, a lovely chrome bumpered Alfasud Sprint, Alfa 33, 916 Spider and a Lancia Fulvia Zagato making for a great classic Alfa/Italian line up.

I'd thoroughly recommend a visit to one of the events and with further Sunday Scrambles and the Flywheel event coming up it's well worth a visit.



(Full details on the Bicester Heritage website <http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/>). MARK BYATT

THE ALTERNATIVE DRIVE IT DAY 2016

Mark Knight from the Austin Healey Club, South Western Centre had arranged a Drive it Day event with



parking in the concourse outside The National Trust HQ at Heelis in Swindon and invited other local clubs of varying marques to join in. An advantage of this location is it is directly opposite the Swindon Designer Outlet village and GWR Steam Museum, so plenty of people to see the cars and lots of shops for those so inclined!

Despite the gloomy forecast Sunday dawned clear and bright although very chilly, Jane and I were ready to convoy with Mark K to Heelis who was going to be driving his bertie, so we had the roof up due to the chill. So he turned up in his Healey 100 with Joanna toggged up

against the weather. Not to be the odd one out, Jane popped into the house for a quick change of clothes and we set off topless.

We had a great drive over to Heelis seeing a few other classic cars heading in various directions and sadly one apparently broken down on the side of the road, I wonder if the AA and RAC put on extra staff for Drive it Day ?

As we arrived at Heelis a few others tacked on behind us and we made a very eclectic sight as we arrived; Austin Healey, Alfa Spider, Morgan three wheeler, XJS Jaguar, a Healey Sprite !



A few of the Austin Healey club had already arrived, so Mark K spent the next 20 minutes marshalling parking, whilst the rest of us headed for the NT café for coffee and a bacon sandwich, they had opened up especially early for us and it was well worth it. About 25 cars in all turned up and the interest from the public was immense, lots of people wanting their photos taken with or even in the cars! Around 4pm after a pizza for lunch and some shopping, we headed off home still in the sunshine and despite a short shower on the way we arrived home dry and warmish. All in all a great venue and the objective of Drive it Day achieved!

MARK GRIMSHAW

BROOKLANDS **AUTO ITALIA** DAY. April 30 2016

A last minute decision to attend Brooklands....

If you have not tried this one then please consider this next year. A massive attendance from every possible Italian marque with cars spread over the iconic banking, the Museum grounds and car parking and an optional attempt at the hill if you feel brave. Rare beauties such as Muiira, Ghibli, 365 GTB4, 275, 250, 512BB, F40, Dinos, Stratos, 037 plus lots of modern super cars for the kids

DAVE PARKER



FUTURE EVENTS

A WALK. John and Helen Raper have kindly volunteered to organise an Autumn walk, probably one weekend in October. This usually involves a mini drive out and meeting up at a central point for a short family friendly walk. Please let the committee know if you would like to take part by telling us at the May meeting or emailing aroccotswolds@933.me.uk before June 26th.

Giro Nel Autunno?! Rupert Organ is starting to plan an all-day drive- out event, starting at Twynning for bacon butties and coffee at 9.30-10.00 a.m. and driving to Hay on Wye to arrive around lunchtime. The return route would go a bit further around and over the Malvern Hills, finishing back at the Elgar Inn, Earls Croome, famous for their Italian restaurant. Please let the committee know if you would like to take part by telling us at the May meeting or emailing aroccotswolds@933.me.uk before June 26th.

LAST MINUTE IMPORTANT UPDATE !!!!!

LA VIE EN BLEU INCORPORATING LA VITA ROSSA

Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29.

Prescott Hill Climb, Gotherington. Gloucestershire www.prescott-hillclimb.com

French and Italian Motoring Festival - a celebration of French and Italian cars, music and entertainment. Saturday is Italian day!

We know of approx. 18 Alfa's intending to park up with us in an AROC designated area.

Are you one of them?

Have you booked on line using the reference code ARO16 when you book? This offers a *buy one get one free ticket* option. N.B. - If you have used another booking code when purchasing tickets other than the **ARO16** (amended code) please would you email Chrissie@bugatti.co.uk to obtain an Orchard Car Pass and to let them know that you will be part of the AROC car club display – otherwise you run the risk of being in public parking. Mark B. has emailed all who have notified him to date. Check the email and take it with you.

The ticket offer will run to 21st May only. The website ticket link is: [https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/even ... talian-day](https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/even...talian-day) Prescott need numbers attending, so tell Mark Byatt or John Mills when you register as a running total will be sent to Prescott.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday June 5. The Churchill Vintage and Classic Car Show. Cotswold section are planning to have allocated parking again. Apply direct to Churchill organisers to attend or find out more from Dave Chambers on dhc@freezezone.co.uk. and <http://www.churchillsarsden.com/vintage--classic-car-show.html> Let Mark Byatt know if you are attending so we can plan parking area.

Sunday June 26. Princethorpe College 21st Motoring Festival nr Rugby. Yes – it is the same date as CAD 2016 at Ragley Hall!

However, our website and newsletter is read by many who can no longer support CAD and have enjoyed this event in the past. Find out more on <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/news/events/twenty-first-motoring-festival--2016-event>

See website for other diary dates and lots more information!

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

COTSWOLD SECTION MEMBERS MISCELLANY!

Spaghetti con aglio, olio e peperoncini

- *Spaghetti with garlic, olive oil & chillies.*



This is a classic Italian recipe; the main ingredient as always is the pasta and if you can get the old style long pasta this is even better.

The peperoncini are fierce dried red chillies.

The Italians as well as just enjoying this use it as a hangover cure !

Ingredients

- Spaghetti
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 2 or 3 peperoncini - *if you can't find them use two red birds-eye chillies*
- 3 tablespoons of Extra Virgin Olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley – *Flat leaf if you can get it*

Method

Peel the garlic and cut each clove into four.

Put the garlic with the chillies into a small pan with the oil and warm over a very low heat. If you are using the peperoncini just crush them into the pan other wise chop them finely. Don't let the garlic burn or you will have a horrid bitter taste. When the garlic is just starting to go gold turn off the heat and leave the pan.

Cook the spaghetti al dente, drain it and put it back into the cooking pan.

Remove the garlic from the oil and throw it away, add the parsley and warm it through then pour the oil into the spaghetti and mix thoroughly.

Serve immediately, it is not normal to serve parmesan cheese with this dish.

A couple of variations on this dish are to sprinkle the top with crispy fried bacon which is delicious or if you like clams add cooked clams at the same time as the parsley. The tinned clams are fine for this.

Buon Appetito!

MARK GRIMSHAW

Don't forget our regular Monthly Meetings at the Fox Inn, Broadwell from 7pm on the **third Tuesday** of the month! www.foxbroadwell.co.uk . Our hosts, Carol and Mike, assure us the perfect setting in their lovely local pub on the village green!



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
Please send us your news! Snippets of news/ event stories /photos etc are so welcome – so please email us with details or we will ring you back to chat through. Newsletter deadline is five days before monthly meetings. Hazel Mills