



AROC Cotswold Section. Newsletter April 2017



COTSWOLD ALFA DAY

JUNE 25TH 2017

at UPTON HOUSE, (National Trust)

NEAR BANBURY, WARWICKSHIRE. OX15 6HT



It's all systems go for the committee and CAD extras as preparations start in earnest for the Alfa Extravaganza of the Cotswold Year!

A site visit has seen the committee pacing out the proposed parking area at Upton and discussing finer points of the day. This year will see cars lined along the drive from the magnificent gated entrance. This grand entrance is no longer for public use, so will be a magnificent backdrop with no through traffic interrupting the view.

There is an upper limit of 125 cars – so APPLY EARLY FOR TICKETS! Application forms can be downloaded from the website and will be available on April 18th at the regular meeting at The Fox at Broadwell.

The National Trust are charging us per car this year, so by applying for a Privilege Parking Ticket to display on your windscreen, you and all the occupants of the car, will be able to tour the house and gardens for the one price of the car. (Sorry, no dogs at Upton).

RetroMarques have once more kindly agreed to be our main sponsor. Thank you, Mark!

Rupert and family have been out and about preparing the route for the ever popular Giro Panoramico – a favourite part of the CAD experience. Once again we will have some cryptic questions to keep you entertained. (As if driving your lovely Italian beast through the Cotswolds wasn't enough!). This year we will start the Giro from The Fox at Broadwell where our hosts, Carol and Mike, are cooking up a bacon or sausage bap with coffee to set you up for a 50-mile tour to Upton.

If you are doing the Giro Panoramico, the costs will be:

Adult cost per Giro ticket including coffee/tea, sausage or bacon roll & route - £6.00

Child cost per Giro ticket including coffee/tea, sausage or bacon roll - £4.00

Cost per car for discounted entry to Upton House - £12.00

Not doing the Giro Panoramico and going direct to Upton ? You still need to apply in advance and will need a Privilege Parking Ticket cost per car £12.00.

Please do not arrive at Upton House before 11.00 a.m. if going direct

SO APPLY NOW!!! DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Download an application form from our website <http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>

or request a hard copy

by emailing to aroccotswolds@933.me.uk (marking the email for the attention of John Mills or contacting John at the address below).

Completed forms should be posted to John Mills, Section Treasurer, together with the appropriate payment. Cheques should be made out to "AROC Cotswold Section". The address for completed forms and payment is:

John Mills, AROC Cotswold Section Treasurer, Edgehill Cottage, Loxley, Warwick, CV35 9JT.

PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF TICKETS.

A QUICK SCOTTISH BORDER "RAID"

To celebrate my good friend Tony's 75th birthday I organised a two-day trip to the Jim Clark Room in Duns on the Scottish borders.
<http://jimclarktrust.com/the-jim-clark-room/>

An early start on the Thursday morning saw me drive 95 miles to St Ives in Cambridgeshire in my newly acquired 147 to collect Tony. After a swift tea it was time to pack his Giulietta Sportivo TCT for the run up the A1 and a lunchtime detour to the west of Hull to collect another friend.

Apart from heavy traffic around Newcastle we arrived at our pub in Chirnside for the evening, where I presented Tony with a surprise present of a Williams F1 car that I built for the occasion. Supper and a few "drams" made sure for a good night's rest.

The pub itself is opposite the church where Jim is buried, so next morning after a good Scottish breakfast we duly paid our respects and drove the 7 miles to Duns for our scheduled visit.



The room itself is just that, a single room packed with the most amazing collection of trophies, pictures, models and memorabilia of Jim's fantastic career. A single room doesn't sound a lot, considering the long trip, but any petrol head will I'm sure soak up the atmosphere that the collection generates, and can't fail to be impressed with the items on show. Opposite, is another room with video playing with footage of Jim's varied racing career and on the walls are some lovely pictures, with descriptions of Lotus cars that Jim drove or

owned described by the current owners of the cars. Plans are afoot for a stunning extension due to go ahead soon for a 2018 opening. This will include room for three cars as well.



So after a fascinating hour or so it was time to repeat the journey in reverse. I was the only driver, so in all just under 1000 miles in two days of Alfa driving, and well worth it.

If you are in the Border area then a visit is a must, or if you are touch crazy like me just drive it in two days! Alex P.

THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Well where's that month gone?

I think I'm settling in to my new role and am delighted to say enjoying it, so far!

We now have a good calendar of events for the year but sadly my request for ideas for Drive it Day fell on deaf ears, so I guess do your own thing, but more importantly enjoy your Alfas.

The committee and helpers are working hard on CAD and it promises to be another great day out for all.

As ever please contact me with any ideas for something the section can do together or anything else.

Ciao! Alex Payne

(Contact me at aroccotswolds@933.me.uk)



WHAT'S ON?

SUNDAY JUNE 11

Cotswold Section invited to Classic Vehicle Day at Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

The Cotswold Section have had an invitation from **Barrie Murray Upton (Friends of Prescott)** to attend the above event:

"We would be delighted if your Club can join us on the 11th June where you can enjoy Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch and afternoon tea as well as enjoy the great locomotives that GWSR has to offer.

The Flag and Whistle will be serving its tasty food as well as coffee tea and soft drinks from 9.00 am until well into the afternoon. Trains will run from 10.00 am which will transport you in style past Prescott for a brief sojourn at Cheltenham Racecourse. You are also invited to take a tour of the railways locomotive restoration workshops if you wish – times to be advised on the day.

We would welcome you bringing along your Club banners, Gazebo's, Barbecues, Wine coolers, cigar humidifiers et al! Each Club will have its own dedicated parking area in the adjacent field (with all-weather road) with easy entry into the Station."

The June event is primarily for Car Clubs and is organized jointly with the **Prescott Breakfast Club**. Individual participants are also welcome.

WHEN REGISTERING ON THE GWSR WEB SITE IT DOES STATE CARS MUST BE PRE 1980 BUT **MORE MODERN CARS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED**

"To help with allocating parking would Club Secretaries please confirm your Club's attendance with Barrie at friends@bugatti.co.uk or 0780 388 7811 and please ask your members to register using the GWSR registration page on their website at:

http://www.gwsr.com/planning_your_visit/visiting_gwsr/cvdfom.html "

We are keen to have a good display – so please let the committee know if you plan to join us – **Register direct as advised and tell Alex Payne on aroccotswolds@933.me.uk** that you have registered so we can plan parking.

http://www.gwsr.com/Classic_Vehicle_Days_11th_June_and_10th_September--post--20.html

Other "Friends of Bugatti" events which you may wish to put in your diary:

Sunday April 30th - Prescott Clubhouse -

Ciaran and his team will be serving breakfast, juices, tea and coffee from 0900 to approx. 12.00. Featuring the Cotswold's Military Vehicle Trust.

Sunday May 21st – an "Away Day" at Chateau Impney, Droitwich. This promises to be a special event prior to the third running of their hill climb on July 8th & 9th. Prescott and the Chateaux are running an ERA challenge trophy and the first round will be at Prescott the following week end. On display, will be one of the ERAs, a racing twin cam Austin and a Bugatti. This event requires registration by at friends@bugatti.co.uk or 0780 388 7811.

Sunday July 2nd - another new 'Away Day' at the Classic Motor Hub, Ablington, Bibury, GL7 5NX. Home to a fascinating collection of Vintage and Classic motors owned and run by true enthusiasts. **This event requires registration at friends@bugatti.co.uk**

Shelsley Walsh next Breakfast Club

<http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/event/bcmay/>

Next Breakfast Club is on the 14th May, anyone wishing to attend is reminded to purchase or register in advance as this event is by Advanced Ticket only.

A NEW EVENT!!!!

CLASSIC GATHERING

Sunday June 4 2017

12.00 to 16.00

Wellesbourne Sports Field CV35 9JL (between Stratford on Avon and Warwick)

Wellesbourne and District Lions, Warwickshire are proud to announce their first ever Classic Gathering which will include classic cars, traction engines, vintage bikes, displays and much more. Free entry for visitors. £5.00 for display vehicles. More info:

Simonoram17@gmail.com or telephone Simon on 01789 840704

A REMINDER>>>>

LA VIE EN BLEU
INCORPORATING LA VITA ROSSA

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 May 2017



Prescott Hill Climbs
FRENCH AND ITALIAN
MOTORING FESTIVAL



See the March newsletter and website for details.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COTSWOLD SECTION GATHERING AT LA VITA ROSSA AND NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU WANT TO COME!

*You will have to prebook your own ticket at £15 per day (per person). But once you have done so let the committee know. Members of the Cotswold Alfa Romeo Owners Club can use the promotional code: **ITA17** when purchasing tickets, this will entitle them to a car display pass. (NB new code)*

Owners can either purchase online:

<https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/events/tickets/la-vie-en-bleu-2017> or calling the Bugatti Owners Club office on Tel: 01242 673136 and quoting the reference code. Last year it was useful for the committee to keep a list of all those who had purchased tickets and were attending, so please can you confirm with Alex Payne, Section Secretary. Tel 01993 845673 or by committee email address aroccotswolds@933.me.uk - marked for the attention of Alex.

STOP PRESS!

SPRING ALFA DAY 2017 is on Sunday 23rd

April from 09.30 hrs at Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Branton Near Doncaster DN4 6TB

<http://www.aroc-uk.com/news/2017/spring-alfa-day-2017>

DRIVE IT DAY. Sunday, April 23rd.

Traditionally a chance for all classic car owners to raise awareness of the classic vehicle movement in the UK. If you are planning to classic car out and want some company – let us know on Facebook or tell the committee who will post it there for you.

STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF MOTORING

Sunday 30th April and Bank Holiday Monday 1st May.



It's amazing who you bump into!

Still one or two places left. A good tip is that all cars start at the Leisure Centre Car Park which will

be open from 07:00 on both the Sunday and Monday. The older cars tend to leave first – but it is a great opportunity to see a variety of cars together and then head into Stratford for a leisurely breakfast!

<http://www.stratford.co.uk/events/stratford-festival-of-motoring/>

PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS!

Snippets of news/ event stories /photos are so welcome!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. at The Fox, Broadwell. GL56 0UF

CHECK OUR WEBSITE

**<http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>
For all our latest news and links with a direct link to our Facebook page. We welcome contributions to the site – including photos.**

THE COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESS IS aroccotswolds@933.me.uk