



# AROC Cotswold Section. Newsletter November 2017



## THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

### " THANK YOU!"



It's not only the title of my favourite Led Zeppelin track but shows it's that time of year to say "Thanks Guys!"

Firstly, thank you to the new committee. What can I say?! Cotswold Alfa Day, I guess, was the big one for us and I was amazed at how smoothly it all went. Also, a big thanks to Mark

Knight for his continued sponsorship. Thanks to Nick Wright for the AROC presence. It was also good to have a main dealer attend, thanks to T.H. White Ltd of Swindon and we aim to invite them back next year. Also a huge thanks to all the helpers on the day. I've got your number for next year!

Thanks to Rupert for the idea and execution of Cotswold Autumn Alfa Day. I gather it was a big hit for those who went. Let's hope we can build on it and make it a regular feature.

To John Mills, thank you for steering the good ship "Cotswold" and the advice and guidance given so generously in my first year as secretary and to Hazel Mills, behind the scenes, for putting together the "Newsletter". It gets better with each edition (and Hazel when it comes around to the autobiography - you have a volunteer for the publisher!)

For all the work on the web and Facebook pages, on behalf of the committee, I thank Mark Grimshaw and also for your input and advice. It has helped so much.

Our unofficial photographer and committee member, Chris "The Snapper" Martin, has ensured that hardly an issue of the Newsletter/ Web site has been without one of your excellent pic's. Love the one from on high of the gang at CAAD. Thank you.

The final thanks goes to Steve Davies Esq., Chairman: "For your laid-back vibe and keeping my pressure valve from popping!"

Ciao!

Alex

## COTSWOLD SECTION CHRISTMAS LUNCH!!!!

DECEMBER 2ND.  
ARRIVE 12.30 P.M. FOR 1.00  
P.M. DINING.



We are returning to **THREE WAYS HOUSE** (Home of World Famous "Pudding Club")  
Chapel Lane, Mickleton. Glos. GL55 6SB  
<http://www.threewayshousehotel.com/>  
Phone: 01386 438429.

If you are reading this online, take heed - we are almost full complement with our bookings this year – **BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE IN SOME LATECOMERS!** See how to book and pay below!

The cost per person is £23.50 (children half price)  
**Please can we have your names and payment ASAP.**

**The balance and choices for those who have booked and paid the deposit will be needed by our November meeting (Nov 21<sup>st</sup>) at the very latest. Telephone or email John if you cannot make the meeting.**

### HOW TO PAY

Please pay John Mills on November 21<sup>st</sup> or send a cheque for the amount (made payable to "AROC Cotswold Section") to John Mills, Section Treasurer, AROC Cotswold Section, Edgehill Cottage, Loxley. Warwick CV35 9JT. **Menu choices will also be needed by NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** Please give the balance and choices to John as described above. See menu overleaf. Choices can also be emailed to [mills9jt@btinternet.com](mailto:mills9jt@btinternet.com). **There is a form on the website to list choices– or simply let John know with your payment.**

### RAFFLE!

Last year's Christmas Lunch raffle prizes were all donated by section members and friends. Same again this year - and we look forward to your donations at the November meeting or on the day of the lunch.

All money raised will go to The Myton Hospices, our chosen charity for 2017. Three Ways House are also donating a prize of a voucher for a Sunday Lunch for two at their famous restaurant.



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## Christmas Menu 2017

### Starters

- Homemade Spiced Parsnip Soup
- Mackerel Pate, with Horseradish Crème Fraiche and crispy toast
- Fried Halloumi, rocket salad and a shallot and chilli jam
- Chicken, Apricot and Sage ballotine with homemade chutney



### Mains

- Roast Local Turkey with all the Trimmings
- Slow cooked pork belly with black pudding mash and sage gravy
- Fillet of Cod with a Tarragon & prawn butter
- Bubble and squeak cake, poached duck egg, crispy rocket and grain mustard sauce



### Puddings

- The Pudding Club's Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
- Syrup Sponge pudding with lashings of custard
- Dark Chocolate and Cointreau Pave with orange shortbread

### Or

- Double Gloucester and Stilton Cheese with Homemade Chutney and biscuits

**COST £23.25 PER PERSON (CHILDREN HALF PRICE)**

(See booking sheet for details)

**Please send your choices. You can also use the booking sheet on the website.**

**Remember to advise on special dietary requirements.**

**All information is on our website.**



### **BLOODHOUND IS GO!**

**Alex Payne**

In early October, my good friend, Craig, called to ask if I would like a trip to RAF St Mawgan near Newquay to see the Bloodhound SCS (hopefully) complete its first live run. Did I want to go? Hotel paid for, beer and curry on the house.....?? I gave it about a second to say "Yes"!

After a great meal and a few beers at said curry house the night before, we drove to the event. I wasn't too sure what to expect, but it certainly was not like anything I had imagined. The whole event was so well organised from the entrance, which included the large merchandise tent. (Crafty that!). To the left was a very large hangar-like building with steps up the side. Inside was a full size mock-up of Bloodhound and all the key sponsors were set up around the perimeter.

I hadn't appreciated that the key part of the project wasn't just the 1000 mph land speed record but the education and recruitment of young people into hi-tech industries. Apparently there is a large shortfall at the moment and they have reached out to over 200 countries and in the UK alone to 6,000 schools.

<http://www.bloodhoundssc.com/education>

The most fascinating company for me was the 3D printing, but in metal. I didn't fully understand the laser technology but as for the results - Wow!. They made the steering wheel for Bloodhound but the minute full-detailed sailing galleon had to be seen to be believed.

After lunch it was time to line up. We had superb access and could watch the beast in action. Again, I wasn't sure what to expect. Andy Green did a slow pass to the left of us and lined up on the main runway.



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At this point, it all seemed very serene and if I'm honest a touch disappointing. All of sudden there was a tremendous roar; the after burners lit; the ground shook and "Whoosh" - Bloodhound was touching over 200mph in the time it took to blink. He then turned around and did it all again. The experience was a little out of this world. I've never seen anything accelerate as quickly!!!!

Next year, in South Africa, the plan is to break the current record and in 2019 go for the big one. It should be an epic moment.



## Looking ahead to 2018

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**AROC Cotswold Section meetings:** These are currently held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. at The Fox, Broadwell. GL56 0UF. These will continue with the AGM as usual taking place in February. Any changes to this will be notified on the website.

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

We have one last 2017 section meeting on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. onwards

*There are already a number of extra activities planned and provisional dates and bookings, plus national events. Alex Payne has reserved us a Cotswold Section area at those marked with \*.*

**N.B. AROC National Alfa Day and Spring Alfa Day dates are still to be published**

### JANUARY

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 Bicester Sunday Scramble

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/tickets/sunday-scramble-tickets/>

January 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Autosport International. NEC Birmingham. <http://www.autosportinternational.com/>

### FEBRUARY

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Cotswold Section AGM 7.00 prompt at The Fox

February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Race Retro . Stoneleigh Park, Warwick  
<http://www.raceretro.com/>

### MARCH

March 17<sup>th</sup> Cotswold Section Italian Meal. Longborough Village Hall. (provisional date)

### APRIL

April 22<sup>nd</sup> "Drive it Day"  
<http://www.fbhvc.co.uk/heritage-culture-and-museums/drive-it-day>

April.22<sup>nd</sup> Bicester Scramble  
<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/whaton/sunday-scramble-drive-it-day/>

### MAY

May 5<sup>th</sup> Auto Italia. Brooklands  
<https://www.brooklandsmuseum.com/whats-on/auto-italia-italian-car-day>

May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. La Vie en Bleu incorporating La Vita Rossa. \* Cotswold Section booked for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> <https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/events/prescott-eventdiary-2018>



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## JUNE

June 10<sup>th</sup> Churchill Vintage and Classic Car Show\*  
Cotswold Section space confirmed. Details not yet available.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> (N.B. **Saturday**) Cotswold Alfa Day. CAD.  
Cotswold Wildlife Park

<https://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk/>

June 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Bicester Flywheel Festival

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/flywheel-festival/>

## JULY

Cotswold Section Fun Concours to be confirmed

July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Goodwood Festival of Speed

<https://www.goodwood.com/flagship-events/festival-of-speed/>

July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Silverstone Classic

<https://www.silverstoneclassic.com/>

## AUGUST

Spettacolo Sportivo organized by Scarb. Dutch Alfa  
Romeo Owners Club. Date and venue to be confirmed

MITCAR – more information by end of 2017

## SEPTEMBER

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Goodwood Revival

<https://www.goodwood.com/flagship-events/goodwood-revival/>

## OCTOBER

October 7<sup>th</sup> Bicester Heritage Scramble.

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/whaton/sunday-scramble-2/>

## NOVEMBER

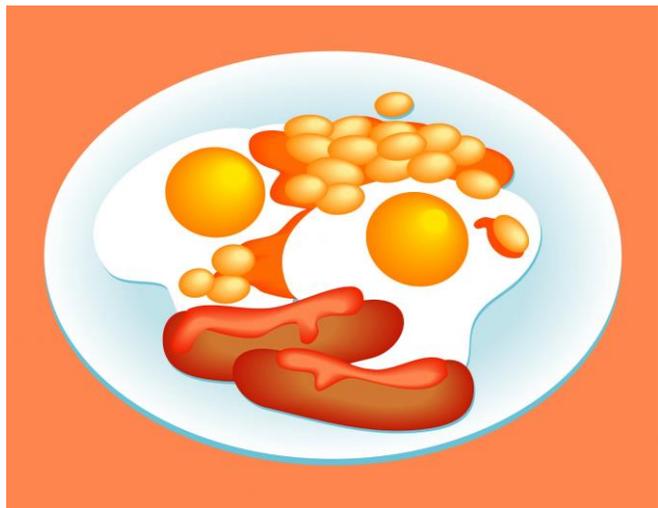
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Show NEC Birmingham

<http://www.necclassicomotorshow.com/>

## DECEMBER

Cotswold Section Christmas meal. Date and details to be confirmed.

The Cotswold Section Committee welcome ideas for events and all offers of help from members to organize, run and assist at events throughout the year. Looking forward to hearing from you!



### BREAKFAST MEETINGS:

Watch this space for any of these where we may have an informal meeting from the Cotswold Section.

#### Prescott Breakfast Club meetings 2018

<https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/bugatti-owners-club/prescott-breakfast-club>

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb Breakfast Club 2018

<http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/events/breakfast-club/>

Sunday	11th February
Sunday	11th March
Sunday	13th May
Sunday	8th July
Sunday	9th September
Sunday	14th October

## A Classic at the Classic!



### MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Dedicated AROC insurance scheme for all models
- Motel Registers with technical advice/knowledge
- Area Sections with local meetings and activities
- Discounts at participating dealers/specialists
- Discounts on tickets for AROC events
- Discounts on AROC parts service
- Quality full colour magazine
- Free insurance valuations
- Member only web forum
- Club shop

Thought you might like to see one of our "Classics" who has recently been undergoing restoration and is now awaiting the day when he can get back to his record speed and track time!

Dave Hood is seen here at the recent Classic Car Show at The NEC. His other reason for being there was to be "Minder" for this beauty! HM



