



## AROC COTSWOLD SECTION NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



### THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES



#### " A Time for Reflection"

Well I guess it's that time of the year to look back at another cracking Alfa year.

We started the year with the third Italian Lunch at Longborough and this led us very swiftly into the Spring and the first "Sunday Scramble " at Bicester which was quickly followed by the excellent " La Vita Rossa" at Prescott, I know many of you have been to this wonderful event, but if you haven't then make sure it's in your diary for next year.

Into April and May and with summer fast approaching, it was time for the Auto Italia "Italian " Car day at Brooklands (another excellent day out), the Prescott Breakfast meets and Spring Alfa Day at Duxford which is a great venue.

The heart of the summer, of course, was spectacular with some of the highest temperatures we have seen for many a year and this meant that shows from the small local ones like Churchill and right up to National Alfa Day were very well attended and enjoyed by all. Of course, we also had superb motor racing with the Alfaholics Day at Castle Combe, the ever-popular Silverstone Classic and if you were lucky the Goodwood Revival.

In the Autumn we have still had plenty going on and it was such a pleasure to enjoy our cars for such a prolonged spell of good weather, although we will probably pay the price this winter!

As I hope you all know, the new website is up and running and it would be very amiss of me not to give a big shout to Mark G for keeping things going while it was developed. It took longer than we expected and through it all Mark handled all the requests and small issues with a smile. Thanks Mark from all the committee and members.

On a personal note, I have been diagnosed with a small health issue which will mean that I will not be able to commit myself to as much for a while. Sorry to say that the proposed Indian meal is a casualty, but I would like to remain as Secretary and do my very best for the section. To this end, I will put myself forward again at the AGM. I guess I could do with a Secretary's Secretary!!

Ciao, Alex

### OUR WEBSITE HAS CHANGED!

It is now live!!



Try it out at

<http://aroccotswolds.co.uk>

and we have a new committee email address

[contact@aroccotswolds.co.uk](mailto:contact@aroccotswolds.co.uk)



### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

**Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

(Pre-booked only by Nov 20)

– arrive 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. dining

The Cotswold Section Lunch is at

The Bell at Alderminster,

Shipston Road, Alderminster,

Stratford upon Avon

CV37 8NY



<http://www.thebellald.co.uk/>



# GREAT NEWS FOR THE CLASSIC AND HERITAGE CAR ENTHUSIASTS

The press release below was forwarded to us by Mark Knight of RetroMarques Ltd.

It was being circulated by Emma Balaam Secretary, Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs Ltd.

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For immediate release



## **CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK PARTNER WITH FBHVC TO FUND AND TRAIN HERITAGE ENGINEERING APPRENTICES.**

- **Cambridge & Counties Bank launch as "Finance Partner" to FBHVC.**
- **Cambridge & Counties Bank to offer £10k bursary to Heritage Engineering apprentices.**
- **Cambridge & Counties Bank to design and deliver business modules for Heritage Engineering course.**

Cambridge & Counties Bank, who offer finance for classic car purchases, have announced they are to become official 'Finance Partner' to the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC).

The partnership will see the bank, which launched its specialist classic car division in the spring, support the FBHVC's Heritage Engineering apprenticeship scheme, held at the Heritage Skills Academy at Bicester Heritage.

The Heritage Skills Academy brings together experts from across the restoration industry who are committed to teaching the skills required to preserve and restore pre and post-war engineering heritage. The course is the only one of its kind accredited by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations (OFQUAL). Students that complete the full term will leave with a nationally recognised Advanced Diploma in Heritage Engineering with an option to specialise for a further year. The course covers a range of sectors, including classic motor vehicles, aviation, marine and steam.

**The main focus is on students aged between 16 and 18 years of age and the Academy is supported by the Government Trailblazer scheme.**

Cambridge and Counties Bank will be supporting the FBHVC's Heritage Skills Academy by providing a £10,000 bursary. The money will be made available via an application process to help with travel and accommodation.

The support however is not just financial, as Cambridge and Counties Bank will also be designing and delivering the business modules within the curriculum as well. Managers and key subject experts from within the bank will be passing on training to ensure the apprentices are fully equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to run a business and manage finances.

Mike Kirsopp, CEO of Cambridge and Counties Bank explains; "It is vitally important that we nurture and support skills for the future. Apprentices entering the world of heritage engineering will likely be working within small businesses or a business of their own and so equipping them with the understanding of finance, cash flow, accounting and asset management will be critical to their future success. We have the expertise and passion here at Cambridge & Counties Bank to support these students and play our part in preserving the future for historic vehicles."

David Whale, Chairman of the FBHVC said ahead of the launch; "Having Cambridge & Counties Bank as our finance partner will help the federation in its work to champion the cause of transport heritage in the UK. The bank's approach to supporting our students through a balance of commercial assistance and the offer of training and apprenticeships reflects their obvious commitment to supporting the classic car sector and the thousands of skilled jobs it creates."

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### **Editor's notes**

1. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to maintain the freedom of its members to use historic vehicles on the UK's roads, hence its campaign message: 'Yesterday's Vehicles on Tomorrow's Roads'. The FBHVC has over 550 member clubs representing over 251,000 individual owners.

2. About Cambridge & Counties Bank Cambridge & Counties Bank has a unique structure being jointly owned by Trinity Hall, a College of the University of Cambridge, and Cambridgeshire Local Government Pension Fund. They each own 50 per cent of the bank, which has a strong management team led by chief executive Mike Kirsopp who has held a number of senior roles in the banking and building society sectors. The classic car finance scheme offers loans from £63k to £1.5m with equity release considered. For further information on Cambridge & Counties Bank, visit [www.classiccarbank.co.uk](http://www.classiccarbank.co.uk) or call 0344 225 3939

# Caffeine and Machine

*An exciting new find*

*on the doorstep to the Cotswolds!*

*“Come for the machinery! Stay for the food! From burgers that will blow your mind to coffee that will knock your socks off. Roadhouse at C and M is what food should be like!”*



On a gloomy Friday afternoon, John and I paid a visit to a whole new experience which opened only 18 days ago just 2 miles from our home!

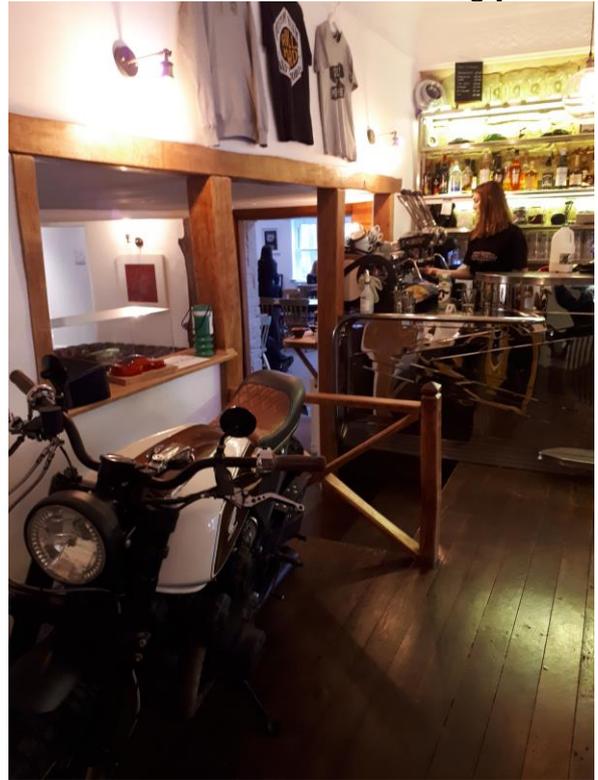
Anyone with an interest in road vehicles, supercars, kit cars, classics and motorbikes will enjoy this place. They cater for everything from a pitstop coffee and cake to a lazy lunch in their new restaurant and bars where you are surrounded by all sorts of memorabilia in the most amazing surroundings.

How did they get that VW Beetle into one of the bars?



When you first enter you have to be careful not to fall over the bike which stands resplendent in the hallway - quite possible as you have just been musing over the VW conundrum!!

Pretty soon you are heading to the bar and even more surprises as you grab the menu, find your table and get distracted by the super photos and automobilia surrounding you.



The food is excellent, locally sourced and so well priced. I defy you to finish one of their genuine German sausage hotdogs in a baguette! We opted for the burger with own choice of add-ons and were pleased to note that it was genuine beef and so-o tasty. Purity beer added to the experience whilst people-watching of other car gurus was the added floor show.

Outside there's ample parking and hard-standing for 60+ cars and a private paddock. They were hosting a corporate event in the "Yurts" on our visit, but we saw such an eclectic mix including this beautiful 4C.

There were MG's, Morgans, Abarths and cars were continually coming and going.



## **Future plans for C&M are to create a C & M Speedshop**

*“Here you’ll eventually find humans covered in oil and swarf, as well as advice and practical help for any kind of mechanical need – from wheel alignment to forced induction. One day there’ll be old – school builders and fabricators at work allowing visitors to observe practical skills that don’t come from the bits and bytes of a computer”. It’s here we’ll keep the C&M Project cars and run “Craft and Create” skills workshops, keeping the traditions of “Built not bought” alive. Old school, new lessons and a practical application of Zen and The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance”*

So, what are we waiting for ....? Who wants to plan a drive out or a lunch meet? They are keen to see us in force as long as we ring ahead with numbers dining. At the moment, the opening times are 12.00 - 23.00, but this will be extended to an earlier start once the guest rooms are up and running.

Look them up on

<https://www.facebook.com/caffeineandmachine/>

or

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

### **Find them at:**

The Houndshill,  
Banbury Road  
Ettington  
Stratford-upon-Avon,  
Warwickshire  
CV37 7NS



Don't forget your plastic – there's some gems for sale too!

Whilst we are on the subject of Car restoration – here is a gem from Rod Ashton!



### **Snake Oil!**

Lately, I've been sorting through 44 years and 6 Alfa car types of parts and rediscovered these Alfa-branded wonders. Found on Mangoletsi's obsolescent parts pitch - sadly long-discontinued after the advent of eBay - they came from one of the Stanford Hall NAD's.

The backs of the bottles say you can both wash and polish with the brew within. I didn't expect a lot, six bottles in a bundle cost £1!

"Conservation" is too large a claim. The stuff can raise a shine but, as my compendious array of cutters, grinders, welders, panel hammers and the metal sort of dollies attests, it doesn't affect the dread progress of the metal moth. Not even slightly!

**Rod Ashton**

## The last Prescott Breakfast Meeting 2018!

The last Breakfast Meeting of the season at Prescott brought an amazing turnout, despite the early morning fog.

The star of the show was Rod Ashton and his first public appearance with the long-awaited restored Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV.



It outshone the rest because of its amazing restoration history, although, new Cotswold Section Member, Neville, had bravely driven his "new to him" (since less than 2 weeks) Spider and came a close second!



We had a brilliant Italian line up with Mark and Jane (105 Series 3 Spider), Joanna and Mark (105 Series GT1600 Junior), David and Angela (Lancia Fulvia), Matt and Sharon in their new Giulia, Mark and Rayanne (105 Series 2 Spider), Nigel Carter (916 Series V6 GTV), Neville (105 Series 2 Spider – see above), Hazel and myself in our 916 Series GTV and Dave Hood with Rod in the aforementioned 105 Series 2000 GTV.



The sun shone and the queue for breakfast snaked well out of the clubhouse but there was enough food for all and plenty of time for browsing in the paddock before returning to inspect the result of hours of devotion to restoration on Rod's car.



## Some photos from Chris Martin of Bicester Heritage at the last Sunday Scramble of the Season

"Jack and I had a great morning at the last Sunday Scramble of the year at Bicester Heritage on the 7th October. Although I did not go in the GT (we went in Jack's recently purchased classic Mini).



There were plenty of lovely Alfa's on display, as well of all sorts of other fantastic machinery.



If you have not yet made it to a Sunday Scramble, I fully recommend it as a great way to spend a Sunday morning. The next Sunday Scramble is on the 6th January 2019.



## Christmas Shopping ideas:

### The Alfa Romeo Tipo 105 Collection

In case you hadn't noticed, there is now available a remarkable six book set of 1700+ photographs from the 60's and 70's featuring a unique account of Alfa Romeo History. There is an in-depth focus on the Tipo 105 range and separate volumes on Berlina, GT, Spider, Zagato and Montreal. The set also includes a general look at the factory. They are available on line via

<https://dingwort-verlag.de/en/alfa-romeo/>

Prices vary per volume but are generally in the region of £80 - £100 each.

(Thanks to Mark Knight for alerting us to these).

## Dates for the diary

**Cotswold Section Meetings** at The Fox, Broadwell every third Tuesday of the month 7.00 p.m. onwards.

**N.B the February Meeting will be the AGM.** The committee welcomes extra members as there will be some changes in 2019. They will be voting in a replacement Treasurer and be reviewing the newsletter and communications. Alex is also looking for extra help with his role. So, have a chat with any of the committee if you would enjoy becoming one of the team.

**February 22 -24**

**Race Retro**

**International Historic Motorsport Show**

Stoneleigh Park

Warwickshire

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