



AROC COTSWOLD SECTION

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NEWSLETTER



Secretary's Scribbles "Autumn Leaves"

As the title suggests it's now that time of year when we start thinking of winter prep for our beloved cars. Be that a few days spent maybe undersealing, working on the mechanics etc. or a good wax it's time well spent.



With the evenings drawing in, I mentioned last month that we move the October meeting from the usual Tuesday evening to a Sunday lunchtime and all meet up for a Sunday roast and some banter in daylight. We can of course do both, but if you are interested I need to get the "ball rolling" soon so please let me know.

Speaking of evenings drawing in, I thought the setting, the sun going down and the wonderful cars made our Concours night particularly special this year. Chris Martin, aka "Dr Photographer" has posted some superb pictures on the FB page and more will follow on the new website soon.

October sees the last, for this season, of the Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble and the Cotswold Motor Hub "Cars and Coffee" meets. Unfortunately, despite promoting the event, I have not had enough interest to secure an Alfa slot at Bicester.

If we get enough interest, I can organise the Ten Pin Bowling at Brize for November. If you have done this before, you will know it's great fun. If not, then you should!

Moving forward - and it probably seems a long way off - it will soon be our Xmas meal at the new venue, The Bell at Alderminster. John will be taking deposits soon and having eaten there I can certainly vouch for the food: "Superb!"

So, hopefully, plenty to do this Autumn and as ever if you have an idea or something I've missed then please let me know.

Ciao! Alex.



FUN CONOURS AT OUR AUGUST MEETING

A glorious August evening saw a varied collection of Alfas turn out on the Broadwell Village Green for our annual "Fun Concours"

On arrival, myself and Chris set up the sail banner and marker tape and waited for the cars to arrive, it didn't take long.

I was a tad concerned that being a month later than normal we would not get many cars turnout and that the light would disappear a bit more quickly. How wrong I was. We had a great mix from 105 series through to an immaculate 4c.



Later we saw the most delightful Lancia Appia saloon, advertised last month in the newsletter, brought along by Mark Knight.

The judging forms were snapped up quickly and returned, I must say, with a good deal of banter and fun. After some careful marking and a couple of recounts we announced the winners while we still had some daylight.

Also, I would like to offer a huge thanks to Chris Martin for some superb photos of the event. (See them all on Facebook). Perhaps we might have a Best Picture Class next year!

It just leaves me to say a big thanks to all who took part. **Alex**

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Best Modern and Landlord's Choice:
Peter and Joy Rendell. 4c Spider (see P1)



Best Italian (non-Alfa):
Alec Macfie Abarth 695



Best Memorabilia:
Suzanne & Tony Mitchell. GT 1600 Junior



Cleanest Wheels:
James Cunningham. 916 Spider



Most Bug Splats AND Must Try Harder:
Rod Ashton. 937 GT



Ladies Choice:
John Raper. Spider S4 "Beaute"



Cleanest Engine Bay:
Chris Martin

(Not camera shy but the cameraman!)

TIME TO BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS MEAL!!!

Saturday December 1st.
12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. dining at

The Bell at Alderminster,
Shipston Road, Alderminster,
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 8NY

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



Starter

Squash Soup, Feta Cheese & Pumpkin Seeds with
Artisan Bread (Can be GF) (Can be DF)

Confit Chicken Leg Terrine, Sweetcorn Puree,
Corn Crisp & Watercress (GF) (DF)

Hot Smoked Salmon, Beetroot Panna Cotta & Pea
Shoot Salad (GF) (Can be DF)

Grilled Halloumi, Confit Cherry Tomatoes & Basil
Pesto (V) (GF)

Main Course

Pan-Seared Whitchurch Farm Brown Turkey
Breast, Braised Crispy Leg, Fondant
Potato & Pickled Red Cabbage (GF) (Can be DF)
Braised Beef Brisket, Parsley Mash, Beef Dripping
Confit Carrots & Red Wine Jus (GF) (Can be DF)
Baked Smoked Haddock, Lemon Confit Potato,
Spinach Salad & Saffron Sauce (GF) (Can be DF)
Mushroom & Chestnut Pie with Braised Leeks (V)
(VGN) (GF) (Can be DF)

Pudding

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Ice Cream
Chocolate Marquise, Passionfruit Ice Cream &
Chocolate Soil (Can be GF)
Lime Glazed Panna Cotta, Sable Biscuit & Poached
Pineapple
Three Cheeses (Cheddar, Brie & Blue) with
Biscuits, Grapes & Chilli Jam (Can be GF)

V Vegetarian **GF** Gluten Free **DF** Dairy Free **VGN** Vegan
The Bell Team are happy to customise menus wherever possible and will, of course, offer vegetarian, vegan & special dietary options should they be required.

You can have 2 courses for £23.00 or 3 courses for £26.00* (both options include coffee/tea, mince pies and Santa hats)*



We should have exclusive use of the main restaurant if we have our usual numbers of 30+ attending. So, make sure you are on board!

This year, the Section raffle and auction will not be at Christmas, so hang on to any items you have collected for now. What we have done is to add £1.00 per person to the cost of the meal which will become a donation to our chosen charity of the year which is The Friends of Pershore Hospital. (* Cost given above includes this donation)

Please let me know as soon as possible how many of you plan to be there.

To secure numbers and booking, I am asking for a deposit of £5.00 each to be given or forwarded to me by the October meeting (16th October) at the latest.

Please give the deposit or send a cheque for the amount to myself, John Mills, Section Treasurer, AROC Cotswold Section, Edgehill Cottage, Loxley. Warwick CV35 9JT. (Cheques should be made payable to "AROC Cotswold Section"). I can also be contacted at 01789 470071 and emailed via the section email aroccotswolds@933.me.uk or mills9jt@btinternet.com.

Menu choices and balance will be needed by November 20th.

Looking forward to hearing from you!
John Mills

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AROC Southern Alfa Day

September 23rd

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club UK are coming to the Arboretum for Southern Alfa Day. Enjoy an exciting display of classic and modern competition Alfa Romeos, while sampling the delights of an Italian market on the meadow.

Time: 10:30am to 4pm Price: Free with garden admission

**Winkworth Arboretum Hascombe Road
Godalming Surrey GU8 4AD**

Contact telephone: [01483 208477](tel:01483208477)

September 29th and 30th

Cotswold Airport Revival Festival

<https://www.cotswoldairport.com/events/revival-festival-2018>

October 7th

Bicester Scramble

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/events/>

October 14th

Auto Italia

Autumn Motorsport Festival'

The Autumn Motorsport Festival at Brooklands Museum, with its associated competition car displays, will held again in 2018. Taking place on Sunday 14th October, it's a wonderful chance to round off the season with the sight of competition cars from all eras in action on the Mercedes-Benz World test track, adjacent to Brooklands Museum. Selected cars will also run up the demanding Brooklands Test Hill.

Competition car clubs and racing car owners with special or interesting cars are invited to apply for a space in the Mercedes-Benz World track demonstration and/or a run up Test Hill.

November 9th – 11th

NEC Classic Motor Show

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

Cotswold Section Meetings every third Tuesday at The Fox Inn Broadwell from 7.00 p.m. onwards.

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

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THE LANCIA AGM PHOTOS - PROMISED LAST MONTH



In our section are many who enjoy and sometimes own more than one Italian car, even straying over to other Italian Marques! So, August 4th saw some of us enjoying the pre Concours view at the Lancia Owners Club AGM in Kenilworth.



Above is the Beautiful Fulvia of Cotswold Section Member David Townsend. For more information on the rest – see David at the next meeting. **John Mills**



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