



AROC COTSWOLD SECTION



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Secretary's Scribbles

" The Social Scene "



Well, without stating the obvious, what a sweltering few weeks we have had! I trust those of us with Spiders have been out and about as much as possible sans roof and enjoying the lovely weather. Having said that, on the way back from NAD it was too hot with the roof down and no air con. I

never thought I would need it with a convertible. How wrong I was! That's another job on the list this winter for Enzo to attend to!

I personally haven't done as much as usual this summer car wise but I'm sure many of you have. The pictures posted on social media from various events have looked fabulous and some of you have enjoyed (in no particular order) Chateau Impney, Shelsley Walsh, The Silverstone Classic, Prescott and many others. The love of Alfa Romeo at these and other events never ceases to amaze and as a section we certainly "fly the flag" that's for sure. Speaking of flying the flag, the new website should be up and running soon so keep an eye out for that.

With reference to the Cotswold Section, at the last committee meeting we mulled over some things to do this Autumn and Winter. This is never an easy task when for many it's a time to take cars off the road and prepare for next year.

So, we have come up with the following ideas. There's nothing set in stone yet, but, given enough interest, we will pursue them

We have, courtesy of Jack Martin, a tour of the Mini plant in Oxford. This will need to be planned and booked with the factory in advance

We thought it might be a good idea, with the evenings getting darker, to move our October meet to the following Sunday, the 21st, and have a drive out for a Sunday lunch. Social events seem to be popular so how about it? Let me know.

Looking to next year, I can arrange a Ten Pin Bowling event at Brize any evening or a weekend. It's always good fun even if the pins seem a long way away!

I mentioned that the Italian Meal might take a break next year, so in its place how about a Curry Meal at Longborough in January to spice up the "winter blues". This can take place instead of the January meet or at a lunch time at the weekend. It's up to you.

So, plenty of - we hope - social things to do together and if any take your fancy then just let any of the committee know and we will do the rest. Ciao! Alex.

STOW ON THE WOLD CLASSIC CAR DAY Saturday, July 14th



"A quick note to report that myself, Dave Townsend, John Raper and Steve Davies formed a small AROC display at this resurrected event held at the Stow cricket ground, with its stunning views. Hence, we had 105 Bertone coupe, Lancia Fulvia, S4 Spider, 916 convertible plus another Bertone and 916 joining us.

The day dawned hot and sunny and stayed that way, helping to attract both vast crowds and around 200 vehicles, from pre-1940 vintage and classic cars to modern superbikes, cars, farming and commercial vehicles. Not bad considering the show faced stiff competition from other major local events that weekend, such as the Fairford air show and Prescott anniversary.

Proceedings were opened by Stow's own version of Top Gear's Stig – the "Stoig" – who arrived in a Reliant Robin, complete with Rolls Royce radiator grill. More interesting vehicles from an Italian perspective included a replica 1961 Ferrari California, built from a kit by the owner and apparently based on the car in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, and a lovely Fiat 500. Sorry no pictures of these, too busy socialising!"

Neale Smith

**Lancia Motor Club AGM Weekend
Rally, Dinner and Concours
August 3rd to 5th
Woodside, Kenilworth.**



At the invitation of Vincenzo Licata (<http://autocasa.co.uk/>), John and I were invited to join the family at the afternoon and evening of the annual Lancia Motor Club AGM event. Also there, at the invitation of David and Angela Townsend was Roger Lewis. We chose to arrive in the afternoon to watch the return of the Lancias of many eras from the Warwickshire Tour and quiz. The central location had attracted cars from all over the country – even the Netherlands.

The dinner was excellent and the highlight was an after-dinner talk from ING. Paolo Buffardi who had worked with Lancia since 1977 after he graduated in Mechanical Engineering. Lancia was then a company with a CEO, but Fiat already owned it.

Now retired, his career was previously involved in Strategic Planning and he became Director of Lancia Commercial for the NW of Italy. Following this, he was Director of Fiat for all Sicily and then, after 1995, he created Targa Rent, the Fiat Group car rental firm. In 1999, he returned to the Lancia brand and stayed there until 2011. He was Director of the Product Development of Lancia.

During his career he worked on the following projects:

- Lancia Ypsilon 1 series 2003 - 2010
- Lancia Ypsilon 2 series from 2010
- Lancia Musa 2004 – 2012
- Lancia Delta 2008 – 2015
- Lancia Thesis 2002 – 2009
- Lancia Thema 2011 (working on the transformation of Chrysler 300)

His special projects were:

- Lancia Concept Fulvietta Coupe 2002
- Lancia Ypsilon 1 series sport 1.9 diesel 2004

He retired in 2011, but in June of that year went to Pininfarina as a Consultant working on Projects for electric cars and buses. From 2012, he became a Professor teaching “The Process of Car Product Development” in several universities.

It was a privilege to listen to this illustrious and entertaining speaker with such a broad and exciting career with Italian cars. (He did make amusing and respectful references to Alfa Romeo!).

The presentation focussed on the special project with the **Lancia Concept Fulvietta Coupe** and the accolade of it being taken to the Frankfurt Motor Show 2003.



Although it never went into production, it received phenomenal interest at the show and this together with an appearance at Villa D'Este proved the proudest moments for our speaker.

This reference and the photo above are taken from Wikipedia: *In 2003, the Fulvia name was revived on a concept car, the Lancia Fulvia Coupé Concept, inspired by the original 1965 Coupé. Designed by Centro Stile Lancia under the direction of Flavio Manzoni, the car made its debut at the September 2003 Internationale Automobil-Ausstellung in Frankfurt am Main. The strictly two-seater cabin was upholstered in Testa di moro (dark brown) leather and trimmed in Tanganika wood, contrasting with the tree-layer Avorio (ivory) exterior paint colour. The prototype was front-wheel drive and weighed 990 kg (2,180 lb), and was powered by a transverse-mounted 16-valve 1.8-litre VVT, 140 PS (103 kW) inline-four engine which could propel the vehicle from 0–100 km/h (0–62 mph) in 8.6 seconds and to a top speed of 213 km/h (132 mph).*^[15] The suspensions were MacPherson

struts at the front and trailing arms at the rear; electronic control systems were limited to ABS. Despite the needs of a possible production model having been considered during development,^[14] the new Fulvia Coupé did not progress past the prototype stage.

Hazel and John Mills

And while we are on the subject of Lancias...

Mark Knight of RetroMarques Ltd has asked us to advertise this gem which he has for sale:

1961 Lancia Appia Series 3 Berlina



Last of the Appias and last of the 'sliding pillar' cars!

A former South African, RHD car in good, usable condition and to 'Sport' spec (Weber carb & manifold), also with a new leather interior.



With a fresh MoT and driving nicely, a quite rare, very usable and stylish Italian Berlina to suit the family and affordable at £8500.



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Mark Knight on 07791 417256 or
Mark@retromarques.co.uk

A Summer's evening meeting.



Don't forget the Fun Concours on August 21st!

This was the scene at the July meeting when two new faces appeared with their Alfas. Most of the evening was spent sharing anecdotes, giving advice and enjoying the summer sun.

We are hoping for good weather for the August meeting as we will all be parked on the village green at Broadwell (Courtesy of the Local Parish Council) and judging will take place against the following categories:

1. Best Prepared Modern Alfa
2. Cleanest Engine Bay
3. Cleanest Wheels
4. Most Bug Splats
5. Best prepared Italian Non - Alfa
6. Ladies Choice
7. Must Try Harder
8. Best Vehicle Memorabilia

Don't forget to book your meal at The Fox if you plan to dine there. Tel 01451 870909. Newcomers welcome!

We usually arrive between 6.30 and 7 p.m. and you will find us at The Fox, Broadwell, Moreton in Marsh, GL56 0UF. See you there.






The 'BAT'
'Breakfast at Twynning'
Sunday 26th July at 10:00

Our mid-summer Bank Holiday BAT!

A wet and windy July BAT still raised £140 for fly2help, so please support this next event! Prize raffle draw – anyone can enter!

Next event 3rd September; date for the diary!

All classic and vintage cars and bikes (and supporters) are welcome!

To help plan catering, please let me know if you plan to attend.

Sponsored by: The Austin-Healey Club Southwestern
 Information: Mark Knight 07791 417256 or Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk





Le Tour Panoramique”,
Sunday 9th September start
9 a.m. at the
Classic Motor Hub, Bibury.
<https://classicmotorhub.com/>

“Le Tour Panoramique”, is a leisurely trip of nearly 60 miles around the Cotswolds. It is an opportunity to drive your classic car with friends or family in the company of other classic cars and enthusiasts in idyllic Cotswold settings. The starting point is the Classic Motor Hub at the old RAF Bibury site in Ablington, near Bibury.

The Hub will be open from 9 a.m., where you can enjoy a light breakfast and visit the showrooms. The finish is at Stanway House, a magnificent Jacobean manor house, where you can see the gardens, the fountain and have a homemade Cream Tea served from 2 p.m.

After registration, collecting a route plan and rally plaque, you start at your leisure, taking advantage of the available time to stop and enjoy the scenery and visit places of interest en-route. The travel time is about 2 hours, which gives about a further 2-3 hours to visit places such as; Bibury, Lodge Park (NT) Cheddington Roman Villa, Belas Knapp, Sudeley Castle, Hailes Abbey (NT) or Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway at Toddington.

Wearing clothing that is period to the car is encouraged and there will be prizes for the ‘best dressed team’ and a fun concours that everyone can take part in. There is also a quiz related to sights along the route. The event will be run under MSA Regulations for Touring Assemblies.

Tickets per car and driver are £35, additional adults £15 and children under 14 £10. This includes Breakfast, Cream Tea, Rally Plate and route plan. Tickets can be purchased here or by contacting 01242 673136 directly. Tickets are strictly limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For on line booking and enquiries see

<https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/events/le-tour-panoramique>

All proceeds from this event go to Friends of Prescott formed by the Bugatti Owners' Club in 2008. Its specific purpose is to raise funds for sympathetic improvements to the facilities, estate and hill climb across the 65-acre Prescott estate.

Steve Dymoke. (Cotswold Section Member)

Saturday 25 - Monday 27 August 2018



Always a good weekend and loads of classic cars!

For more information see
www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk

BLAG A RIDE (IN BERKSHIRE)

(An invitation from Nick Suiter, Secretary Thames Valley Section, AROC UK)

Sunday 9th September

“On Sunday 9th September we'll be running our ever popular Blag-a-Ride event, where you'll be able to sample other members cars. We are expecting support from Unity Automotive with at least a Giulia Quadrifoglio and Stelvio”. We'll be gathering from 11am at: The Pack Saddle, Mapledurham, Berks. RG4 7UD. The pub will be open for tea and coffee (alcohol served from midday). If you require lunch, please phone 0118 946 3000.”

<http://thepacksaddle.com/>

Alex has sent a note to all about this: ***“Have been discussing this as a joint venture with the Thames Valley Section. Promises to be a great day out and you can stay afterwards for late lunch/early supper which you need to book with the pub. Be good to have some support from our section so please let me know if you would like to attend.” Alex Payne***

All enquiries re the Cotswold Section or articles for newsletter to aroccotswolds@933.me.uk.

COTSWOLD AIRPORT REVIVAL FESTIVAL



“On 29th and 30th September Cotswold Airport is throwing open its gates to the public once again for its incredible vintage and wartime extravaganza, the ‘Cotswold Airport Revival Festival’.

Last year saw the inaugural launch of this hugely popular event, which started out as an informal fundraising Open Day for 500 people and ended up as a major event with over 10,000 visitors!

The event this year will be a two-day event and is set to be an unforgettable weekend with lots of exciting activities and attractions for all the family. Both days will be packed full of dramatic re-enactments and demonstrations; thrilling vintage air fly-ins; exciting rides and experience flights; hundreds of vintage and military vehicles; full size and miniature steam engines; and plenty of entertainment including period live music.

Whether you trade in automobilia, aeronautica, memorabilia, period clothing, vintage accessories, art or offer a restoration service, then the Cotswold Airport Revival Festival is the place for you”.

See the website below for a downloadable Event Display Application Form if you plan to take your classic car.

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

MITCAR 2018 MIDLANDS ITALIAN CAR DAY



SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

ARBURY HALL

NEAR NUNEATON. CV10 7PX

ALL enquiries about MITCAR, please contact John Griffiths at john.griffiths@aroc-uk.com

CHRISTMAS WITH THE COTSWOLDS SECTION

This year we are off to
The Bell at Alderminster,
Shipston Road, Alderminster,
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 8NY



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

Saturday December 1st.

12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. dining

At the AGM, many people expressed interest in a change of venue for the section Christmas meal. Whilst more than happy with our previous hosts, we wanted to try somewhere different. The Bell was chosen from several options and we are all looking forward to sharing more time with an inn which has looked after us well on many other occasions in their very elegant but relaxing surroundings.

The menu is now available (see overleaf) and those of us who have dined there before know we will not be disappointed. It is a multi-award-winning pub with restaurant renowned for its excellent food and friendly service. This year it has also hosted classic car nights once a month and has enjoyed 100 to 150 cars on each occasion.

There is a choice of 2 courses or 3 courses (both including 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. This year, there will be no raffle or auction as we would need our own licence to do so. The committee have chosen to add £1.00 per person to the cost of the meal which will become a donation to our chosen charity of the year. Thus, the cost of 2 courses will be £23.00 per person and 3 courses will be £26.00 per person.

As usual, to secure numbers, 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 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 your bookings!

John

Mills



The Bell's Festive Fayre Menu



Saturday, December 1st.

Arrive by 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. dining

Costs : Pre-Bookings & Pre-Orders Only - 2 Courses **£23pp or 3 Courses **£26pp
(***Costs above are the prices amended by Alfa Romeo Cotswold Section to include £1 donation to chosen charity: The Friends of Pershore Hospital**)

Included will be Santa hats, tea/coffee & mince pies

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

We're happy to customise our menus wherever possible and will, of course, offer vegetarian, vegan & special dietary options should they be required.

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