



AROC COTSWOLD SECTION JUNE NEWSLETTER 2018



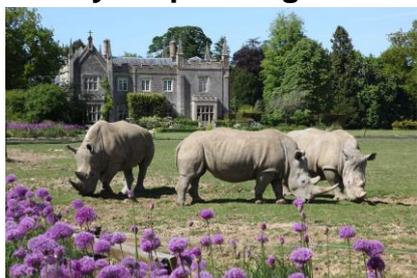
COTSWOLD ALFA DAY 2018 – THE COUNTDOWN!

Saturday June 23rd

COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK. BURFORD. OX18 4JP

Have you registered your car?

Free entry to CAD's own parking area and the Cotswold Wildlife Park for car and driver with a CAD windscreen sticker (available to those who register with us). Discounted entry for your passengers too. Pay at the gate for your passengers.



You can go direct to Cotswold Wildlife Park where the CAD site will be available from 10.30.a.m.
(Do not arrive earlier)



OR DO THE **GIRO PANORAMICO** 50 MILE COTSWOLD TOUR

for the modest sum of £ 6.00 (children £4.00) paid direct to us in advance.

This year the Giro starts in a totally different location and answers the pleas of many previous participants for more Cotswolds villages. The route has villages and country lanes in shedloads!

Start at Ye Olde Hobnails Inn, Little Washbourne, nr. Tewkesbury. GL20 8NQ

Arrive between 9.30 and 10.30 and for your money you will be rewarded with a breakfast roll and drink, the giro instructions and a car sticker to say you have done it. You will also get your windscreen sticker for CAD special entry to Cotswold Wildlife Park. There is a prize of a Carluccio's Hamper to the one who guesses correctly all the Quiz answers. More prizes for individual cars to be awarded by our sponsor, Mark Knight of Retromarques



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REGISTER NOW – YOU ALL NEED A WINDSCREEN STICKER

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM ON THE WEBSITE <https://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>
DETAILS OF WHERE TO SEND IT ARE ON THE FORM.

ENQUIRIES: To the committee on aroccotswolds@933.me.uk

OR to John Mills, AROC Cotswold Section Treasurer on mills9jt@btinternet.com / Tel. 01789 470071

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THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

"THE BIG EVENT"



I guess that for any section planning a large event of their own is always 'The Big One'. Well, by the time you read this, our "Big One", CAD, will only be a few days away. We still need a couple of helping hands at the start of the "Giro" and, as always, some help at the end of the day is always appreciated.

So, if you haven't already done so, please support your section and buy a ticket. There's still time, and if you can lend a hand that would be great.

Speaking of big events, National Alfa Day is also just around the corner, so to speak, and we have the Silverstone Classic fast approaching too.

One event which seems to always grow each year is the Italian Car Day at Brooklands. Organised by Auto Italia magazine, it's always a great day out and we have an article in this issue to give you a taste of this fine event.

Shows of course don't have to be big to be good or successful and by the time you read this the section will have attended the bi-annual Churchill show, always a good day out and a write-up will follow for next month's newsletter.

We still plan to have our annual Fun Concours, as it seems to be enjoyed by all. This year it will probably be held at the August meet.

On a more sombre note we remember Malcolm Coulter, who sadly passed away recently, Hazel and I have written a few words in the newsletter and I will have represented the section at his funeral service.

So, as ever, enjoy your Alfas over the next few months and make the most of all the events you attend.

Ciao, Alex

AUTO ITALIA 2018

Brooklands



A small group of us met in the early hours of a thankfully dry Saturday morning at the Peartree Services just off the A34 for our annual trip to Brooklands. This year's journey was a touch more on the vocal side because we had not one but three "Busso's" in the convoy including Dave Parker's Wizard exhaust fitted GTV which proceeded to make other drivers change lanes suddenly and the others in the convoy knew exactly where we were! Great fun though.

After a somewhat spirited led drive from Mr. Davies, arrival this year was a lot less stressful than before as we had a dedicated entrance for Alfa and Abarth owners and the gate staff were very well organized. Once parked up the sun shone and after a brief chat with other Alfa owners and friends it was time for breakfast in the Club house canteen.



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Again, excellent organization saw a lovely lady taking your coffee order in the queue and phoning it to the pay-desk, so it was all there waiting for you, very impressive.

After breakfast, it was time for some retail therapy. One of my favorite car detail suppliers has a stand at Brooklands, so it would be rude not to stock up for the car cleaning duties.



With the newly re-built hangars showing off the many aircraft to the wonderfully nostalgic race car displays and a Concorde for you to step aboard, the revamped Brooklands is a wonderful day out and being surrounded by Italian exotica make it even more special. If you've not been before than meet us at "silly o clock" next year, it's a great day out.

Alex Payne

Malcolm Coulter

As ever the variation of vehicles on show was varied, everything from pre-war cars through to modern super cars. For me though it's the unusual and rare which always attract me and to find a genuine Abarth Fiat Strada with not only one owner from new but to spend some time chatting to the owner was as good a reason to attend than any other.

The lunchtime track demo saw some fantastic cars drive past us, Lamborghini Miura's, Ferrari "Superfast's" from the 60's and current 2018 version (Yes please!) Lancia Stratos and full rally HF's, a superb road going Alfa 155 in Martini race livery and some wonderful small but mighty Abarth 500's from Middle Barton Garage, always a delight.

It was sad to learn that Malcolm had passed away on May 25th after a period of ill health. Not only was he a true "Alfisti" but also a fine man. Although he was a touch reserved, with the passing of his wife a couple of years ago, our monthly meets became even more of a must to attend for him and that lovely warm smile when you greeted him, to the depth of knowledge and tales in his conversation will be sorely missed.

Malcolm and his late wife, Jo, joined the Cotswold Section a few years ago and he was keen to stand for committee once he had spent some time with us. They were both enthusiastic regulars, in their own quiet way, keen to get to know everyone and join in with the fun. Sadly, when Jo became ill, Malcolm was not able to take up a committee role but continued to support us.

Rest peacefully, Malcolm, you will be in our thoughts.

Alex Payne/Hazel Mills

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La Vita Rossa. Prescott Hill Climb May 26th

La Vita Rossa was almost La Vita Grigia! Low cloud delayed the start of the hill climbs in the morning and the many cars who had arrived reported driving through rain and fog!



The number of Alfas who registered with us, did not qualify for an Alfa spot, but we are a friendly lot and we nestled in with some lovely Lancias in a "mixed breed" arena in a good central spot in The Orchard. The vibrancy of Italian car liveries brightened what was a damp start and there was ample time to wander the paddock to see how the "wannabes" were coping.



We arrived, as we thought - early, but found most of our section already parked up and enjoying their time in the clubhouse which was, as usual, serving a great breakfast and warming coffees.



Eventually things got under way and to show the variety of cars there – here are a Riley and some ERA's ready for the off.



A star of the day was the 1948 Cisitalia 202 SMM Nuvolari Spider which had been driven that day from Surrey! It is one of only 28 originally built between 1947 and 1948 and one of the only 5 original survivors today. It is the ex-Mario de Boni car. He raced it through 1955 including the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti in 1951. Since the 1940's it has successfully competed in the Mille Miglia several times and still attends.



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In the afternoon, the sun broke through and the whole event took on a new feel. Great interest was shown in this 6C restored to such perfection it was almost too good to be true. Ask Steve for the full story!

In contrast, this beautiful Vauxhall had a wonderful "patina" that Drew Prichard would die for!



There was time to catch up on a few Cotswold Section matters. Steve presented Mark Grimshaw with a long overdue "Thank you" for continuing to support the website. (We will let you retire soon, Mark!)



And there was also the usual "Swapmeet" between friends!



Then there was the choosing of "The car you would most like to drive home in". John was rather taken with this immaculate 1955 Alfa Romeo 1900 C SS, but we settled for our own yellow "Bertie" and drove off into the sunset!



Hazel Mills

Monthly Car & Bike Meet
 Thursday 10th May to Thursday 13th Sept
 ALL INTERESTING VEHICLES WELCOME

Every 2nd Thursday
 of the month

Free admission
 6-8pm BBQ Bar

Join us on;
 Thursday 10th May
 Thursday 14th June
 Thursday 12th July
 Thursday 9th August
 Thursday 13th September

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Bibury Classic Motor Hub in June
<https://classicmotorhub.com>
(from Dave Townsend!)



July 1st Coffee and Classics at the Hub
July 21st The Classic Motor Hub Summer BBQ

Coming up

This Month

**Saturday June 23rd. Cotswold Alfa Day
Cotswold Wildlife Park (see cover)**

Co-sponsors with Retromarques

Keith Hall: 07964 934911 01684 560106 Malvern WR10 1AT	Tony Williams Bodyshop Modern & classic car paint and bodywork... ▲ Welding ▲ Paintwork ▲ Polishing ▲ Restoration ▲	
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JULY

**SUNDAY JULY 1ST: NATIONAL ALFA DAY.
WESTON PARK, SHIFNAL.**

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

July 1st - Wellesbourne Lions Family Fun and Classic Car Day (Nr Stratford on Avon)

July 12th – 15th - Goodwood Festival of Speed
<https://www.goodwood.com/flagship-events/festival-of-speed/>

July 17th - Cotswold Section meeting (Possible Fun Concours evening this month or August – to be confirmed)

July 20th – 22nd Silverstone Classic.
<https://www.silverstoneclassic.com/>

AUGUST

August 12th - Cotswold Festival of Motoring. Bourton on the Water.

<http://cotswoldfestivalofmotoring.org/>
(A new event for us and we have booked a small pitch- 6 Cars. AP)

August 19th - Festival Italia. Brands Hatch.
<http://www.festivalitalia.com/>
(Any "916" owners who want to go please let Alex/committee know asap)

August 21st- Cotswold Section meeting (poss Fun Concours – see July above)

August 25th-26th - Spettacolo Sportivo organized by Scarb. Dutch Alfa Romeo Owners Club.
<http://www.aroc-uk.com/news/2017/spettacolo-sportivo-2018>

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