



# AROC COTSWOLD SECTION MAY 2018 Newsletter



## THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

### "On Your Marks"



When you read this in mid-May most of our cars will be out and about enjoying the start of the "season", so "On your marks! Get set! Go!" I'm writing this having just returned from a fabulous day at Bicester Heritage for their first "Sunday Scramble". Please see the article in this issue for more.

Also by the time you read this, many of us will have attended a few events and for some "The" event in early May will be Auto Italia at Brooklands and a write-up on this will appear in the June newsletter.

Speaking of June, the plans for CAD will have hopefully been finalised, we now have a fabulous "Giro" planned and it's just a matter of a site visit at the Cotswold Wildlife Park and asking for volunteer marshals and helpers for the day. So if you want to help and get a different perspective on the day please speak to any of the committee members.

Also in June is the ever popular bi-annual Churchill show for which we have our regular spot by the church.

For July/August we will hopefully run our popular Fun Concours evening, depending on if we can use the village green. We will also maybe take a drive out or meet up for one of the Thursday evening BBQ events at the Bell at Alderminster. These promise to be a good evening out and as Hazel said in the April newsletter it would be good to have a "cache" (I likes that one the best) of Alfas attend.

So plenty to do and enjoy over the next few months a hope that we get a great summer.

Ciao, Alex

## LA VITA ROSSA

May 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

Prescott Hill Climb

**Book NOW!** – for this Italian themed day on the La Vie en Bleu weekend. There is a space for up to 30 Alfas. Several Alfa spaces are already booked.

Booking is done via Prescott here:

<https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/events/la-vie-en-bleu-2018> If you are attending you need to

enter IMC18day in the promo box when buying your tickets (2 for 1). **Tell Alex Payne you have done so.HM/AP**

## COTSWOLD ALFA DAY+ GIRO PANORAMICO.

**SATURDAY June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**WILL YOU BE THERE?**

**COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK**, Bradwell Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire.OX18 4JP.

[www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)

Everyone is welcome -"old" and "not so old" and new.



There is the usual optional pre event



This year we start from

**Ye Olde Hobnails Inn**, Little Washbourne, nr.

**Tewkesbury. GL20 8NQ**

Chris Martin and Alex Payne have already plotted the route and are now devising suitably fiendish questions for the clues to be found along the way

**ADVANCE APPLICATIONS PLEASE-**

**YOU ALL NEED A CAD WINDSCREEN STICKER!**

Everyone needs to apply for an entry sticker to the park even if not doing the Giro. See Cotswold Section website <http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>.

### Entry Cost to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Going direct or after Giro – show your sticker and Cotswold Wildlife Park staff will charge CAD discount **CAD driver and car FREE; Passengers discounted rate: £11.50 per adult (£8.00 per senior); £8.00 per child (aged 3-16). Please do not arrive before 10.30 a.m. for cad parking at Cotswold Wildlife Park**

### GIRO PARTICIPANTS - additional cost direct

**to us. £6.00 for adults and £4.00 per child (5 -12 years) for breakfast bap and hot drink plus hard copy of the route per car (and a Giro sticker to say you have done it!) Please arrive between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Payment for Giro participants:** In advance by cash (or cheque made payable to "AROC Cotswold Section") and given

or sent to John Mills. Section Treasurer. (See Application Form) <http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/>

**Please note: For admin reasons, tickets for applications received at the end of April and in May will be distributed no earlier than the last week of May. Looking forward to seeing them "en masse" – or "in massa" if you prefer! Enquiries to**

**[aroccotswolds@933.me.uk](mailto:aroccotswolds@933.me.uk)**

**A Day at the Racetrack!  
Afaolics Track Day at Castle Combe  
April 21st**



It is about three years since I last made it to this event and it was as good as ever. Roger Lewis and I went in my GTV 916 and arrived in good time to have the obligatory breakfast batch.



It is a great location with ample space to inspect the visitors' cars of those venturing on the track and those, like us, just spectating.



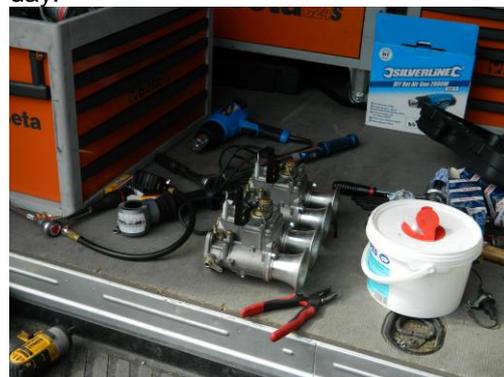
It was interesting to see some visitors from Holland and Belgium.



Some had even ventured from as far as the Cotswolds. Spotted here were club members Tony and Susanna Mitchell admiring a Giulia saloon.



I don't have any pictures of cars on the track as we were too busy enjoying the spectacle. Attendance numbers were good but not so high as to prevent cars from having a good few laps of the circuit during the day.



**John Mills**

## SUNDAY SCRAMBLE AT BICESTER.

### April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bicester Heritage

A fine and sunny Sunday saw the first of this year's "Scramble" car meets at Bicester Heritage. Once we found our Alfa parking area, we set up the banner and waited for cars to arrive.



And arrive they did! It wasn't just the Alfas, but it was fascinating just to stand and look at the sheer variety of vehicles driving in.



There was everything from pre-war vehicles, American muscle (which all sounded fabulous) pickup trucks, super cars, motor bikes, rally cars, even a fully legal road going speed boat!



From an Alfa point of view, I wasn't expecting to see too much as the day clashed with national Spring Alfa Day, how wrong can you be.

Our modest area had a fabulous modified 105 with tuned early twin spark engine, a highly tuned 156 GTA with the most stunning engine bay.

We had an increasingly rare 1984 Giulietta saloon in immaculate and original Rosso and when Dave Hood spoke to the owner he said "I've got a spare windscreen for one of those". Well, Dave would, wouldn't he!?



Another new car to us was a white 1980 GTV, again beautifully restored. I spoke to the owner, Simon, and not only was it his first Alfa but he had only owned it for two weeks. Four 916 Spiders, Chris Martin's lovely V6 GT, a Mito, a modern Giulietta and a Giulia QV made for a great display.





Scattered around the site were plenty of examples of fine Italian machinery - Ferraris, Lamborghini's, several superb Lancia's and one of my favourite Bertone designs, a Gordon Keeble.



Being an active aerodrome it was an added bonus to be close up to Tiger Moths taxiing and taking off – “Wonderful!”

To sum up, there was almost too much to look at. It felt like a full-on large car show not a Sunday morning meet. I'm not complaining though. It was terrific! **Alex Payne**

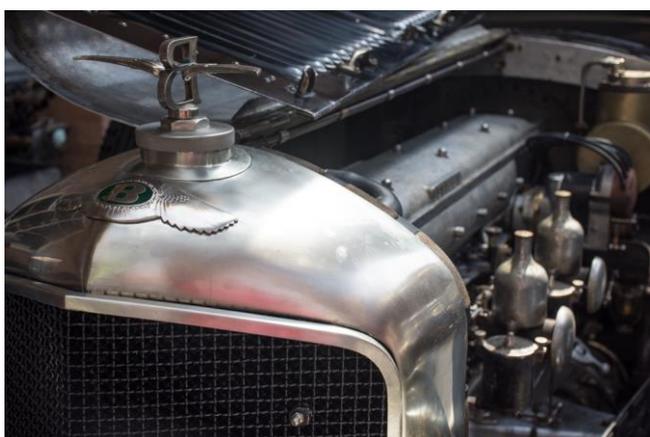


**DON'T FORGET!**

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 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

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