



AROC COTSWOLD SECTION

January 2019 Newsletter



THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES " BEING AN ALFISTI"

So, I take it we are all "Alfisti"? If so, we know it's more than a word. It's the cars, the passion, the events, the occasional hiccup. (It's never a breakdown!) But most of all, it's the people.

Stepping into an Alfa Romeo is a different experience. How many times have I heard from someone who has never been in one: " Oh! Isn't nice in here!?"

It takes passion and sometimes a deep pocket to run the cars. If a spare part costs a fortune, the fuel consumption is average, the servicing costs are high. Yes, we might complain a touch, but - hey - it doesn't matter.

The engine of course is an Alfa's heart and an Alfa engine "sings", it makes more than a mere noise. I am sure at times we all love to get near the rev limiter and hear that Milano choir at full song.

Car colour is emotive and important but does red look better on any other brand? Of course not!
The design, the construction, the dynamics, the technology are areas where Alfa Romeo have always been at the forefront. They are not afraid to make something less ordinary, something which stands out and doesn't follow the herd.

The terms *ordinary* and *Alfa Romeo* can't be used together, the marque is for those who live for the extraordinary. "Alfisti" don't think about which brand to buy, they just think what the next Alfa is going to be! You don't as much own an Alfa as share your life with it, including all those little ups and downs. It's the very definition of "different" in the car world, it is a passion we all share.
So, this year, feed your passion. There are lots of events to suit all tastes and as a section we will be supporting many of them.

Speaking of support, we, the committee, would like to see as many of you as possible for the AGM next month. After all it's your section, a section within AROC that has a great reputation. Let's keep it that way.

So, a very Happy New Year to you all and a great "Alfisti" season.

Ciao, Alex



Cotswold Section Meeting Tuesday January 22nd

The Fox. Broadwell. GL56 0UF

7.00 p.m. onwards

Social get together. Regulars and new faces welcome!

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

Many of our regulars enjoy a meal as well as a drink and a natter! See the website for the menu!

Cotswold Section Meeting Tuesday February 19th

The Fox, Broadwell

This meeting will be the AGM and will start promptly at 7 p.m.

There will be time afterwards for the usual social gathering in the bar.



COTSWOLD SECTION AGM 2019 (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

It's that time of year again to start planning for the section activities in 2019.

Over the year in 2018 we have been to so many events as individuals, small groups or flying the banner as a Cotswold Section at larger events. You only have to look back at the newsletters or the photographs on the website gallery to see where we have been! There is so much going on in the world of car events these days, that we are spoilt for choice.

We need you!

Our own Cotswold Section also organises events as part of the regular Tuesday meetings or extras which usually give the chance for family and friends to join the fun. Of course, there is Cotswold Alfa Day, CAD, which now regularly attracts over 100 cars from far and wide.

The committee has flourished over the last two years and achieved another successful CAD, a new website, innovative events and an increased membership. We also flourish because our regulars volunteer to help at events. 2019 sees changes in the committee and we encourage and invite one or two to step into these positions. Let us know who you are!

- ❖ Alex as **Secretary** is seeking extra help with his role for the beginning of the year.
- ❖ John is standing down as **Section Treasurer** after the AGM. Full accounts and procedural records will be handed to the new treasurer and John can meet with anyone interested to discuss what has been involved.
- ❖ There will be a vacancy for someone to compile a **newsletter** as Hazel will also be standing down from her temporary non-committee role. The AGM is a time to review the communication methods to the section members, wider membership and potential members. AROC UK encourages the production of a newsletter and promotes ways of ensuring methods of communication are in a format to suit all.

Your current committee: Steve Davies (Chair), Alex Payne (Secretary), John Mills (Treasurer – retiring Feb 2019), Chris Martin (Web Manager and Photography) and Neale Smith.

All committee members currently support each other across the roles with boundaries often blurred, which means they are a great team. If you would like to be part of the fun – let them know!

Alex will be sending out the AGM Agenda before the meeting on February 19th. Please contact the committee if you have any items to raise or you want to know more about the committee's work.

***New committee email address**

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or check details on

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

COTSWOLD SECTION NEW YEAR LUNCH

As an alternative to our meal at Longborough this year, John Mills is inviting people to book in to a Sunday Lunch at Three Ways House Hotel (The Pudding Club). Mickleton. GL55 6SB.



On SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

Arrive 12.15 for drinks.

Sit down for meal at 12.45

John has spoken to the venue and initially there are 20 places held for AROC Cotswold Section members for a 3-course meal with tea/coffee. If you are interested, you must **contact JOHN BEFORE FEBRUARY 10TH to book your place** by calling 01789 470071 or email mills9jt@btinternet.com

Please advise John on special dietary requirements.

You will make your menu choices on the day and pay on the day direct to the hotel.

Here is a sample menu.

Sample SUNDAY LUNCH THREE COURSE AND COFFEE £26.75 PER PERSON

Starter

- ❖ Homemade Cream of Tomato & Rocket Soup
- ❖ Smoked Fish Mousse with Granary Bread and Butter
- ❖ Chicken Liver Pate with Crispy Toast
- ❖ Grilled Goats Cheese with Balsamic Dressing

Main

- ❖ Roast Rib of Herefordshire Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
- ❖ Roast Loin of Gloucestershire Old Spot Pork with an Apple and Sage Compote
- ❖ Baked Fillet of Pollock with Herb Crust
- ❖ Wild Mushroom & Chestnut Risotto with Parmesan

(All Dishes served with Fresh Local Vegetables and Potatoes)

"Afters"

- ❖ A Selection of Puddings from the Buffet. All served with Lashings of Custard!

or

- ❖ A Selection of English Cheeses

Tea or Coffee served with Petit Four

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