



AROC COTSWOLD

Section Newsletter - May 2019

aroccotswolds.co.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

date per la tua agenda

26 & 27 May - **La Vita Rossa**

Prescott - booking deadline was 17 May

16 June - COTSWOLD ALFA DAY - and
Giro Panoramico from The Bell, Alderminster
to Compton Verney, Warwickshire

18 June - regular monthly Section Meeting
The Fox Inn, Broadwell GL56 0UF

29 June - Kirklington Fete & Classic Vehicle
kirklingtonfete.co.uk

30 June - AROC NATIONAL ALFA DAY
Bicester Heritage - OX26 5HA

7 December - COTSWOLD Section Christmas
Lunch - The Bell, Alderminster

Breakfast at Twynning - sponsored by
The Austin Healy Club Southwestern
in support of the charity: **fly2help**
Dates for Summer 2019 - Sundays Jun 2, Jul 7
and Sep 8 @ 10.00. Also BBQ evening on Sat
Aug 3 @ 16.00
info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

gli scarabocchi del segretario

"MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"

As we head into what we trust will be a
glorious summer for our beloved Alfas and
other assorted Italian beauties, there are
probably more events to attend than there
are weekends!

The main focus for this Section is **Cotswold
Alfa Day** and by the time you read this, the
Committee will have done a site visit to
Compton Verney and finalised the plans for
another fantastic CAD....

.....I am delighted to report that ticket sales
for **Giro Panoramico 2019** are going well.



If you haven't yet booked, you can do so
online at aroccotswolds.co.uk or at tonight's
meeting in person.

Tonight's meeting is our first 'run out' of the
year to Caffeine and Machine. We thought,
and I hope you agree, that a change of
scenery is good once in a while. If this is a
success then we will plan a similar night out
in the autumn.

The next few months are the busiest time for
any car club. So whatever you are attending,
be that a local event or a national one,
should you have a spare few minutes to put
together something about your day together
with some pictures, our new newsletter
editor would be most appreciative. Send
your articles FOA David Slorach at
contact@aroccotswolds.co.uk

Speaking of 'local' events, the car and
motorcycle evenings at Kineton on the first
Thursday of the month, The Bell Alderminster
on the second and the Whichford meet on the
third Thursday of the month; these are
always worth attending.

The August meet will be our 'Fun Concours'
on the village green. This is always well-
attended and always fun - which of course is
the whole idea!

Later in the year we hope to team up with
Mark Knight of Retro Marques for a workshop
and body shop visit and then a scenic drive
and lunch and /or supper.

Ciao, *Alex*.

SPRING ALFA DAY 2019 - *catchup*

On a chilly but dry and bright Sunday morning a few of us met up at Milton Services on the A34 for the trip to Beaulieu. After a much needed coffee, it was an early start!, we headed off for a spirited but fairly traffic free drive south.

We were a touch early on arrival and were placed in a holding car park until the gates opened. But what a car park! We were surrounded by everything from a stunning GTV V6 Alfetta to a rare Junior Zagato to admire at and in my case, envy.



.....Parking was a bit haphazard being a case of 'where you fancy'; however once parked up breakfast was the order of the day and it was a pleasure to find that the large Brabazon restaurant was for the exclusive use of event participants.

For me, one of the main attractions of these larger Alfa gatherings is to meet up with friends old and new; sure enough it didn't take long for folks to join us and have a good catch up. So good in fact that my breakfast lasted over an hour and three more coffees!

I overheard a few moans about "not here again" and although Beaulieu has been a regular gathering place over the past few years, you can see why. For me, it never disappoints, how could it, with a large number of lovely Alfa's to look at and photograph and the museum itself with its ever-changing exhibits; the Gulf Porsche 917 was indeed something to behold!



seeing and chatting about the cars many of us grew up with. My own first car was an Austin A40 Farina so just a touch Italian!

You also have the stunning gardens to explore, the Abbey itself and the monorail to ride. Unfortunately, it was so bitterly cold; cold enough that by early afternoon many were leaving for the journey home including myself. The journey down was sans roof, the journey back was roof up and heater on!

Many thanks yet again to AROC UK and the organising Sections for putting on another great day out.
Alex.

AUTO ITALIA - BROOKLANDS 2019

catchup

Four cars met at Pear Tree Services near Oxford at the early hour of 06.30 for the journey to Brooklands. Alex was in his 916 Spider as was Alan Finch, Dave Parker was back on the road in his 916 GTV, and Jack and I were in the GT.

Gareth Cavaciuti and family also joined us in the queue in his Giulia and while the morning was sunny, it was sufficiently cold to necessitate the donning of woolly hats!



There were the usual fantastic range of cars on show, everything from an old Abarth 500 with an Alfasud boxer engine, to the queue of fabulous Ferraris and the very loud line of Lamborghinis driving in past Concorde.

The parade on the Mercedes Benz World track included various Alfas including old and new 8C, Alfasud, 75, GTV Cup, 156 GTA and Giulia Quadrifoglio.



After the track parade the weather turned a bit and we just made it back to the car to eat lunch as a hail shower hit. It was then an afternoon of sun and heavy showers. Jack and I stayed to watch some of the cars going up Test Hill but decided it was time to leave as the weather began to close in again.

Chris Martin



All of Chris's numerous photos from Auto Italia can be viewed at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bBmbP2xhHcob6auW6>

coming up - fast!

NATIONAL ALFA DAY 2019

30 JUNE



National Alfa Day 2019 is being held at the fabulous Bicester Heritage. Thames Valley is the hosting section this year but because the venue is 'on our doorstep', Cotswold Section will be assisting with the event.

Accordingly, we are asking for **volunteer marshals** to help with everything from main gate welcoming to manning ticket points to directing attendees on site.

This is a great opportunity to support the national event, meet and greet friends old and new, help put Cotswolds Section on the map and above all, have a fun day.

Please let any Committee Member know if you are keen to up your enjoyment of the day by getting involved as a marshal.

Thanks in advance, *Alex*.

DRIVE it DAY BICESTER - Sun 28 April

images courtesy of Dave & Angela Townsend



If only.....which would you take home?

THE CLASSIC MOTOR HUB Sun 5 May ITALIAN DAY

The promise of good weather and a feast of Italian autos created an impromptu gathering of Cotswold Section members old and new.

Easy to recognise was the Alfa Bertone of Susanna and Tony Mitchell and we soon had a hub of our own around their car before inspecting the scores of other entries.....

.....



Peter and Caroline Burton were there in their "Bronze" Bertone (originally *giallo ochra* like mine) and Peter was thirsty for knowledge of other similar models to help him in his quest to fully restore his own. You may recognise Neale Smith's 2000 GTV in this line up too.



The event attracted a host of cars not previously seen with some amazing Lancia's including a 1951 Lancia Aurelia B50 Cabriolet by PininFarina and which the Motor Hub have for sale.



In the car park, a rather smart Lancia Fulvia was highlighted by the backdrop of an equally smart and familiar yellow Alfa GT 1300 Junior



It was good to see Dave Parker, our newly elected Treasurer, giving his V6 GTV an airing and enjoying sharing its merits with some newer members of the Alfa Clan. Could he be training for "Cleanest Engine Bay" in the 2019 Cotswold Section Fun Concours?



Our attention was caught by this Alfa Romeo 2600 Berlina, a rare model in the UK, originally produced in the mid 60's.



Another rarity was this 1959 Maserati Tipo 61 "Birdcage" from Nick Mason's collection.



Live music was provided all morning and the refreshments were excellent as always. A good collection of Bikes included that of our own Richard Morris who had arrived on his Ducati.



There was much interest in the general car park and a good turnout of Fiat, Lancia, Maserati and Ferrari - from the diminutive Fiat 500 to the rather unusual appearance of an Iso Grifo. Designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro at Bertone, this limited production grand tourer was manufactured by Italian Iso Autoveicoli S.p.A. between 1965 and 1974.

There are plenty more photos on the Section website but the final word goes to some of the *alfisti* who shared the day.

“Every picture tells a story”. Plainly, we have the picture but what could the story be...?

John & Hazel Mills



Dave Parker, Gareth Cavaciuti, Neale Smith, Hazel Mills and former Cotswold Section Secretary, Richard Morris.

A note from your new Section Newsletter Editor

Please send your news and other interesting items for publication FAO myself at least 3 days before regular monthly Section meetings: contact@aroccotswolds.co.uk

This edition is my first so I still have to get into my stride. Please help to make life easy for me by sending plain text and image files; i.e. please don't submit formatted documents because it is overly fiddly to unravel and re-ravel....if y'know what I mean.....but....better something than nothing so don't hang back. Say what you think, say what you want and don't worry about language or presentational niceties because I can easily fix those.

Just get your material to me and I'll do the rest!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

*Tanti auguri
David Slorach*