



Alfa Romeo Owners Club Cotswold Section



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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Tanti Auguri di Buon Anno!

First of all, a huge "Thank you" to everyone who sent in photos and articles to the 2016 Newsletters!

Secondly, a huge "Thank you" to everyone who took charge of or helped with our meetings and events over the last year. That includes our Pub Hosts – Carol and Mike at The Fox!

Thirdly, a huge "Thank you" to everyone who sponsored our activities and donated generously.

Don't forget The AGM in February. We are hoping that some of you will step forward and join the Committee and make yourselves known to the current Committee (Mark Byatt. Secretary; John Mills, Treasurer; Steve Davies). You can do this in one fell swoop by emailing all three on the current Committee email: aroccotswolds@933.me.uk or telephone Mark Byatt 07521 189342; John Mills 01789 470071; Steve Davies 07977236866. Mark will be sending out information before the AGM. As you know, Mark Byatt is stepping down this year, so we are looking for someone to fill this vital role and we also need a Chairman. John Mills has shown interest in retaining the role of Treasurer. For the section to continue we must have a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. To maintain activities in addition to monthly meetings and to organise CAD, the section needs a bigger committee and others willing to be co-opted for organising CAD and any other commitment initiated by the interest of the members. For those interested and wanting to know more before the AGM, we hope there will be a chance to meet up before the AGM to ask questions or put forward ideas. Formal nominations and volunteers will be put forward at the AGM. So please get in touch!

The AGM begins promptly at 7 p.m. on Tuesday February 21st at The Fox Broadwell. We will have reserved the dining room on the right as you enter by the front door of The Fox. For background information on what is required see the October and November issues of the section newsletter



Remember: For general enquiries and anything relating to items in the Newsletter, please first check our website <http://www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds/> or email the section committee on aroccotswolds@933.me.uk

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter sent to you, please let the committee know on aroccotswolds@933.me.uk or ring them on the numbers given above.

Please send your news! Snippets of news/ event stories /photos are so welcome – so please email us with details or, if you prefer, ring through the information. Deadline: 5 days before monthly meetings, which are currently the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. at The Fox, Broadwell. GL56 0UF

Una festa nel mese di febbraio!

Saturday February 25th. The Village Hall, Longborough.

Back by popular request is our Italian Lunch at The Village Hall, High Street, Longborough, Gloucestershire GL56 0QE

Alex Payne has again devised a wonderful menu for the Cotswold AROC Section followers! For those of you who did not see it in the December newsletter – here it is again to tempt you!

- Antipasto platter with Ciabatta and Balsamic dip
- ❖ Chicken, Lemon and Thyme Risotto on a bed of rocket and a Chilli infused dressing
- ❖ Traditional Lasagne made with a rich beef ragu
- ❖ Pappardelle with roast tomatoes, porcini and a pea and mint pesto
- ♥ Apple Crostata with Honeycomb cream
- ♥ Rhubarb and ginger tiramisu (by popular request)
- ♥ Pannacotta with a cherry compote



PLUS Coffee and biscotti!!

Alex is keeping the cost to £15.00 per person for what promises to be a sumptuous meal. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of 30. (We already have 15 names!) Payment of £15.00 per person will confirm your booking. Please give or send this to John Mills (cheques should be made payable to “AROC Cotswold Section”). **DON'T FORGET!**

A MESSAGE FROM MARK BYATT

(taken from the insert for the February AROC magazine) : Well my last Section News before our February AGM and new Secretary takes up the reigns. The Sections are the life blood of the club. I've made many friends through the role and being involved with a Section, so if anyone is thinking about helping or supporting any section then don't hesitate, it will definitely be appreciated. Our last meeting of 2016 coincided with the village carol service that certainly put us in seasonal spirit, as did a couple of early Christmas presents received by Section members in the shape of freshly delivered new Giulias. One Alfa Red Giulia and another in Monza Red which is a stunning colour in the flesh and towards the deep Proteo Red of 156 fame. Although it was a little dark I still took a couple of pictures !!!!! **The Truth is out there !**



The Giulias certainly attracted a lot of attention. Having sat in one at a local dealership I'm sure they will be a solid performer. The dealership said sales were not that high currently but January is a slow month generally for new car sales. There are a few regulars who are looking to place orders shortly so hopefully we will see a number at coming meeting and events. Thanks to everyone for the support and help you have given me and the section over the last 6 years and best of luck to our new Section Secretary who you will hear from next time around.

Addio - e grazie per tutto il pesce.

Ciao,

Mark Byatt



Cotswold Section Charity Donations 2015/2016



The Section voted to support The Myton Hospices during this committee year.

The total raised was £791.00.

The proceeds came from:

- ♥ The December 2015 Christmas Raffle and Auction.
- ♥ A donation in memory of the passing of a section member, Robin Hale.
- ♥ The 2016 Italian Lunch.
- ♥ The December 2016 Christmas Raffle and Auction (£275).

Thank You!

The Committee have received a "Thank you" card from

Ruth Freeman, Chief Executive, The Myton Hospices, which says:

"Thank you very much for your group donation of £275.00 raised from your raffle and auction held in the memory of Jo Coulter and Robin Hale. We really appreciate your support.

Your recent donation, along with the other generous donations you have made in the past, will enable us to continue providing the best possible care and support for our patients and their loved ones. On behalf of everyone at Myton – Thank you so much."

There is also an indication of how the monies are used:

- ♥ £12 will fund a patient's meals for a day
- ♥ £14 will fund a child's bereavement counselling sessions
- ♥ £25 will fund 1 hour of specialist nursing care
- ♥ £37 covers the upkeep cost of our relatives' accommodation
- ♥ £70 covers the cost of a Myton at Home patient visit
- ♥ £535 is the cost of an in-patient bed for the day

To know more about what these hospices provide see www.mytonhospices.org

The Section also made a donation to "Friends of St Cross" Rugby, in memory of Peter Wood, a long serving Cotswold Section member, **who passed away in May 2016. For more information, see <http://fsx.org.uk/>**

Dates for the diary:

Full details of any Cotswold Section Events will be available on the website by the March meeting at the latest. We plan to retain the monthly meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Fox, Broadwell. The Italian Lunch on February 25th is going ahead as planned. The Christmas Lunch is booked at "The Pudding Club" for December 2nd 2017. CAD is currently provisionally planned for the last Sunday in June - which is the 25th.

Already on the website (and in previous Newsletters) are details of national and local AROC and car related events which many of us like to attend. The new committee elected at The AGM will plan for the Cotswold Section year and activities generated from ideas from members.

