



### Monthly Event - Local Kent Gathering

**First Monday of the Month**  
7:30pm, Cock Inn, Boughton Monchelsea (nr Maidstone) ME17 4JD  
David Bracey: dbracey@gmail.com



Plan your diary to ensure you don't miss the motoring events that matter to you. Maserati Club events are highlighted and marked with the Trident.

If you have a date you would like included in this section please email it to [newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk)

### March 2013

**29 March - 1 April 2013**  
**Horsham Piazza Italia Festival**  
[www.piazzaitalia.co.uk](http://www.piazzaitalia.co.uk)  
john.bignell@yahoo.com

**31 March 2013**  
**Classic Rally and Autojumble Show**  
Old Warden Aerodrome,  
Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 9EP  
[www.classicmotorshowshows.co.uk](http://www.classicmotorshowshows.co.uk)  
info@geminievents.co.uk

### April 2013

**6 - 7 April 2013**  
**Passion for Power - Classic Motor Show**  
EVENTCITY, off Barton Dock Rd, near  
The Trafford Centre, Manchester, M41 7TB  
[www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk/](http://www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk/)

**7 April 2013**  
**Kent Area Treasure Hunt**  
Paddock Wood  
dbracey@gmail.com

**14 April 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - China**  
(Shanghai)

**20 April 2013**  
**Bristol Italian Auto Moto Festival**  
[www.biamf.co.uk](http://www.biamf.co.uk)

**21 April 2013**  
**Cliveden Car Displays 2013**  
katherine.walton@nationaltrust.org.uk

**21 April 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Bahrain**  
(Sakhir)

**21 April 2013**  
**Hagerty and FBHVC**  
**"Drive it Day"**  
Start: Towcester Racecourse  
[www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/](http://www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/)  
Hagerty-Online/Drive-It-Day  
matkinson@hagerty.com

**28 April 2013**  
**Ace Café London & Fuetopia**  
**Incarnation**  
Madeira Drive, Brighton  
[www.acecafevents.com/incarnation2011.html](http://www.acecafevents.com/incarnation2011.html)

**28 April 2013**  
**Classic Car Run to support Help for Heroes**  
Start: Haselbury Mill (TA18 7NY)  
[www.bmycharity.com/RayandBarbaraG](http://www.bmycharity.com/RayandBarbaraG)  
UIVER  
r.guiver@yahoo.co.uk  
Tel:01308 488421

### May 2013

**1-8 May 2013**  
**Cameron Millar**  
**Spring Meeting**  
Northern Spain  
Contact Roger & Sarah Lucas  
besleybarn@gmail.com

**4 May 2013**  
**Auto Italia Italian Car Day**  
Brooklands Museum  
[www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp](http://www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp)

**4 May 2013**  
**The Warren Classic and Concours**  
Woodham Walter, Nr Maldon,  
Essex, CM9 6RW  
[www.warrenclassic.co.uk](http://www.warrenclassic.co.uk)  
nic@nicwaller.co.uk

### May 2013

**5 May 2013**  
**Holyhead Rotary Club Classic Car & Bike Show**  
Tyddyn Mon, Bryn Refail,  
Dulas, Anglesey, LL70 9PQ  
Tel: 07880 745480

**5-6 May 2013**  
**Bedfordshire Classic Motor Show**  
Woburn Abbey, Woburn,  
Beds MK17 9WA  
[www.classicmotorevents.co.uk/](http://www.classicmotorevents.co.uk/)  
Info@geminievents.co.uk

**12 May 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Spain**  
(Barcelona)

**18 May 2013**  
**Ace Café Car Meet**  
London  
Italian Cars Meet (11am)

**18 - 19 May 2013**  
**Beaulieu Spring Autojumble**  
National Motor Museum, Beaulieu

**19 May 2013**  
**Make a Wish Car Show**  
Stanborough Park,  
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire  
neil.castle@sky.com  
[www.maseratiweddings.co.uk/lat-est%20news.html](http://www.maseratiweddings.co.uk/lat-est%20news.html)

**26 May 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Monaco**  
Monte Carlo

**25-27 May 2013**  
**Brands Hatch**  
**Masters Historic Festival**  
[www.brandshatch.co.uk/calendar/2013/may/masters.aspx](http://www.brandshatch.co.uk/calendar/2013/may/masters.aspx)  
dbracey@gmail.com

**26 May 2013**  
**Sunday Lunch in Hampshire**  
The White Horse,  
Priors Dean,  
Froxfield GU32 1DA  
[kenchisholm000@btinternet.com](http://kenchisholm000@btinternet.com)

**27 May 2013**  
**Vale of Glamorgan**  
**Classic Car Show**  
Sully Sports & Leisure Centre,  
South Road, Penarth, CF64 5SP  
Rotary Club of Dinas  
Powis Fund raising event  
[valeofglamorganclassiccarshow.net/srtant@notmail.co.uk](http://valeofglamorganclassiccarshow.net/srtant@notmail.co.uk)

**31 May - 3 June 2013**  
**International Gordon Bennett Rally**  
Laois, Kildare, Carlow  
[www.discoverireland.ie/kildarewiclkw](http://www.discoverireland.ie/kildarewiclkw)  
Nessa Corbett  
Nessa.Corbett@failteireland.ie

### June 2013

**2 June 2013**  
**Supercar Sunday,**  
Goodwood Circuit  
[www.goodwood.com](http://www.goodwood.com)

**8 June 2013**  
**Letchworth GC Classic & Vintage Car Club**  
Fairclough Hall Farm, Halls Green,  
Weston, Herts, SG4 7DP  
[www.lgccc.co.uk](http://www.lgccc.co.uk)  
Nick Salmon  
picnic@lgccc.co.uk  
07831 805455

### June 2013

**9 June 2013**  
**AGM & Concours**  
Prescott Hillclimb

**9 June 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Canada**  
Monte Carlo (Montreal)

**9 June 2013**  
**Sheringham Classic Car and Bike Show**  
enquiries@the-lobster.com

**14 - 16 June 2013**  
**Pageant of Power**  
Cholmondeley Early Bird  
booking available  
[www.cpop.co.uk](http://www.cpop.co.uk)

**15 - 16 June 2013**  
**Double Twelve Motorsport Festival**  
Brooklands Museum  
Speed Trials & concours  
[www.vscoc.co.uk](http://www.vscoc.co.uk)

**16 June 2013**  
**Rotary Club of Croxford**  
Rotary Fields, Purley CR8 2BR  
A.W.L.@btconnect.com

**16 June 2013**  
**Lions Classic Vehicle Rally and Donkey Derby**  
Buckingham Park, Shoreham BN43 6BO  
secretary@adureastions.org.uk

**22-29 June 2013**  
**Highland Fling II**  
Edwin J Faulkner,  
01624 822622, ejf@manx.net

**30 June 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Great Britain**  
(Silverstone)

**30 June 2013**  
**Yeovil Classics**  
Ivel Barbarians Rugby Club  
Yeo Vale Rotary Club  
[www.yeovilclassics.co.uk](http://www.yeovilclassics.co.uk)  
info@yeovilclassics.co.uk

### July 2013

**4 July 2013**  
**Goodwood Festival of Speed**  
Goodwood House

**6/7 July 2013**  
**Harlow Classic Car and Motorbike Show**  
Harlow Town Rugby Club, CM19 5BE  
copperpotevents@gmail.com

**7 July 2013**  
**Summertime Classics**  
Stanford Hall  
[www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp](http://www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp)

**13 July 2013**  
**Hoddesdon town centre Vintage and Classic Vehicle Display**  
Karen Hughes  
klt.memberservices@broxbourne.gov.uk  
01992 785655

**14 July 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Germany**  
(Nurburgring)

**17 July 2013**  
**Tatton Vintage & Classic Show**  
Tatton Park, Knutsford

### July 2013

**26 - 28 July 2013**  
**Silverstone Classic Festival**  
Silverstone  
[www.silverstoneclassic.com](http://www.silverstoneclassic.com)  
Edwin Faulkner: ejf@manx.net

**28 July 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Hungary**  
(Budapest)

**27 July 2013**  
**Supercar Saturday**  
Brooklands Museum  
[www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp](http://www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp)

### August 2013

**2 - 4 August 2013**  
**Irish Festival of Speed**  
The Limerick Raceway at Greenmount,  
near Adare  
[www.irishfestivalofspeed.com](http://www.irishfestivalofspeed.com)

**3 - 4 August 2013**  
**Croft Nostalgia Weekend**  
Croft Circuit VW2 and many classic cars  
[www.croftcircuit.co.uk/croft/index.html](http://www.croftcircuit.co.uk/croft/index.html)

**3 - 4 August 2013**  
**Castle Hill Car Festival**  
Filleigh, near Barnstable,  
Devon, EX32 0RQ  
Classic, Modern & Historic;  
Rallies & Trials  
[www.castlehillcarfestival.co.uk/](http://www.castlehillcarfestival.co.uk/)

**4th August 2013**  
**Summer Garden Party**  
Dering Arms, Pluckley  
Jim Buss  
jim@deringarms.com

**10 August 2013**  
**Classic Vehicle Day**  
Waltham Cross Town Centre  
Karen Hughes  
klt.memberservices@broxbourne.gov.uk  
01992 785655

**18 August 2013**  
**MITCAR 2013 - Midlands Italian Car Day**  
Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire S44 5QJ  
[www.mitcar.co.uk](http://www.mitcar.co.uk)  
mitcar@icuknet.co.uk

**24 August 2013**  
**Southend on Sea Italian Festival**  
youtu.be/AlmT3mLWJ-M

**25 August 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Belgium**  
(Spa-Francorchamps)

**25-26 August 13**  
**Knebworth Classic Motor Show**  
Knebworth Park, Nr Stevenage,  
Herts SG1 2AX  
classicmotorevents.co.uk  
info@geminievents.co.uk

**28 August 2013**  
**Gerrards Cross Classic Car Meet**  
[www.abbeyfieldgerrardscross.co.uk](http://www.abbeyfieldgerrardscross.co.uk)  
07790 928535

**30 August 2013**  
**Italian Stallions**  
Poole Quay, Dorset  
6-9 pm, first come, first served  
[www.pooletourism.com](http://www.pooletourism.com)

### September 2013

**4 - 9 September 2013**  
**Salon Privé**  
Syon House, Syon Park, London

**7 - 8 September 2013**  
**Beaulieu International Autojumble**  
Brockenhurst, Hampshire  
8 September 2013  
F1 Grand Prix - Italy  
(Monza)

**13 - 15 September 2013**  
**Goodwood Revival**  
Goodwood nr Chichester

**19 - 22 September 2013**  
**Maserati Clubs International Meeting**  
Montreux, Switzerland

**21 Sept 2013**  
**Cliveden Car Displays**  
katherine.walton@nationaltrust.org.uk

**21-22 Sept 2013**  
**Kop Hill Climb**  
Princes Risborough  
[www.kophillclimb.info](http://www.kophillclimb.info)

**22 September 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Singapore**  
(Singapore)

**22 Sept 2013**  
**Kents Classic Car Show**  
Aylesford Priory, Aylesford,  
Kent ME20 7BX  
[www.kentsclassiccarshow.co.uk/](http://www.kentsclassiccarshow.co.uk/)  
info@kentsevents.co.uk

**27 - 29 September 2013**  
**Cotswold Tour, Autumn Meeting**  
Barcelo Billesley Manor  
Contact Douglas & Elizabeth Lowndes  
douglas.lowndes@sky.com

### October 2013

**6 October 2013**  
**Italian Sunday, Goodwood**  
[www.goodwood.com](http://www.goodwood.com)

**6 October 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Korea**  
(Yeongam)

**13 October 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Japan**  
(Suzuka)

**13 October 2103**  
**Autumn Motorsport Festival**  
Brooklands Museum  
[www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp](http://www.auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp)

**27 October 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - India**  
(Greater Noida)

### November 2013

**17 November 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - United States**  
(Austin)

**24 November 2013**  
**F1 Grand Prix - Brazil**  
(Sao Paulo)

## The Sun Always Shines on Vera's! By Henry McNeill



Every year, we appear to be blessed with beautiful weather to ignite our club year in the perfect English setting. With about 80 Maseratians in attendance, we enjoyed the bubbly and delicious food, sharing our love of the Trident.

Vera was again the perfect hostess and we were honoured by her presence. The Maserati Club year has started!



Photo by Henry McNeill



Photo by Dave Smith



Photo by Carole Brown

### Four seat GranTurismo MC Stradale launched in Geneva By Henry McNeill



Great news for those with children! More power – up to 453bhp from the 4.7-litre V8 that's now standard across the rest of the GranTurismo range, compensating for the increase in weight, along with a new carbon-fibre bonnet and forged 20-inch alloy wheels. It is paired with an MC Race Shift six-speed automated manual transmission. Apparently the interior will have "new materials and style". Expect to spend around £110k plus extras.

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Articles and news items on Maserati related topics are welcome. Please address contributions to: Henry McNeill, The Editor, 15 The Crofts, Upper Halliford Green, Shepperton TW17 8SD. Email: [newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk) **Copy deadline for the May/June issue is 3rd May 2013.**

Ghosted background image: GranTurismo MC Stradale - Featured on front page.



## Editor's Agenda

**The start button for the club year was pressed, with the great and the good in attendance at Vera's for a festival of Maserati chat. We were blessed with sunshine and Vera's presence brought us all good cheer.**

Locally organised events remain a strong focus during Q1 2013. After David Bracey's Kent chapter, Ken Chisholm is proposing a Sunday lunch event based in Hampshire. And, just to show that there is action north of Watford, Brian Smiles is asking for expressions of interest for Northern tour around Durham and Northumberland. Please keep me informed of progress.

To quote David Bracey: 'It seems that locally organised events are the

way forward and a very positive step towards growing the club and getting the members more involved. Certainly, if Maserati are going to try and sell 50,000 cars worldwide we should see UK figures increase proportionally and that provides the club with many potential new members to cater for.'

EVO magazine had a recent group test of the new GranTurismo against the Mercedes CLS 63 AMG, BMW M6, Aston Martin DB9 and Bentley Continental GT Speed. I have not seen many group tests including Maserati but we just edged it thanks to its fantastic damping, superior ride and greater refinement – not to mention a hefty saving of up to £40,000. Along with that, the romance of that Trident badge and that warm, fuzzy

excitement that just holding a Maserati key can give you, we all know and love..

Thought for today. Did you know if you advertised in the Newsletter Marketplace, your advert will placed on the club website and one issue of Auto Italia magazine? All for a maximum charge of £15? Time to do some dealing....

On a personal level, do take care when you are driving. My son has taken up cycling, increasingly popular on our roads these days. Unfortunately, his mouth has been re-arranged after a car turned right into his path. We are thankful his injuries were not more extensive, but it has provided me with increased awareness.

I would like to welcome the new members who have joined the club. Feel free to send letters of introduction or your experiences at your first club event for publication.



Henry McNeill,  
newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk

**Happy Maserati motoring  
Caio, Henry McNeill,  
March 2013**

## Chairman's Note By Nick Heywood-Waddington



Nick Heywood-Waddington

As those who attended will know, and those who did not attend will find out elsewhere in the Newsletter, the Club's year got off to a fantastic start at Vera's lunch in February blessed with a window of glorious sunshine defying the continuously

miserable weather so far this year and driving away all quotidian cares. This hugely enjoyable event, made possible by Vera's hospitality and Graham Cooper's hard work, made a small contribution to the Club's coffers for which I am very grateful.

For me the motoring year started the week before with a trip to Paris Retromobile, so much more classy an event than our own NEC, even if one does get a bit fatigued with endless Peugeots, Renaults and Citroens. Perhaps our French guests at the NEC are similarly wearied with our endless displays of British equivalents. I managed to catch up with two friends of mine displaying their artistic talents. First Klaus Waggoner, whose paintings are always full of motion and excitement. I attach a photograph of one of his Maserati pictures from my own collection. See his site at [www.klauswaggoner.at/firmst\\_auto.html](http://www.klauswaggoner.at/firmst_auto.html).

Secondly Martin Heukeshoven, whose models made from scrap metal are quite extraordinary. A contributor on page 246 of Enrico's site has also drawn attention to Martin's work which was on display at Retromobile (you can see Martin's work on his own site: [www.martin-heukeshoven.de/technische\\_skulpturen.php](http://www.martin-heukeshoven.de/technische_skulpturen.php)). See it to believe it.



But the year has only just started and there are many events to enjoy as the year progresses. I am pleased to report that more local and regional events are being planned and many of you will have received an invitation to an event in Kent in April. Another is being planned for Durham/Northumberland in the Autumn so look out for that and other events already noted in the newsletter. I hope we can build on these initiatives even if we cannot all, like Edwin Faulkner, establish an ad hoc Tenerife event as previously reported! Avanti!

Your committee continues to wrestle with the 21st century and plans are being developed for digitalisation and improvements to how we hold and can use our database for the direct benefit of our members without prejudice to our data privacy responsibilities. For the avoidance of doubt, may I stress that any developments in this respect will only be for use within the club and not outside the club! We are planning hard for the AGM and Concours to be held for the first time at Prescott on 9th June and thinking about the possibility of a different venue for our Christmas get-together. If you have particular thoughts on that please let Derek Mills or me know. Meanwhile all my previous exhortations to members to contribute their stories and views remain. Finally I should record the Committee's congratulations to Geoff Lancaster on his appointment to the Board of FHBVC as Communications Director. Geoff's experiences there will be of great interest to the Club I am sure.

I flatter myself that someone spotted the omission of a photograph to illustrate my comments on superleggera techniques in the last newsletter. If so, I apologise and I will see if the editor can find space for the errant image. More on my restoration sagas in the future. For the moment I can only report that the Flaminia's engine rebuild is complete and I need to run her in before greater exertions over the summer to be fitted in between our Club's events.

**Nick**



## Answers to ANORAK QUIZ on page 7

1. a) Maserati brothers b) Orsi family c) Citroen d) De Tomaso e) Fiat f) Ferrari
2. Their cylinders were inclined at 90 degrees rather than the naturally balanced 60 degrees
3. a) A young cowboy b) Ice cream c) The "Eldorado Special" d) The Shah of Persia
5. Ferrari 6. Levante 7. Six
8. Spark plugs - Batteries - Vans / commercial vehicles - Machine tools

Aircraft parts (during the war) - Pedal bicycles

## Maserati Enthusiasts of Kent February and March report. By David Bracey

Despite being 'brass monkey's' cold, the roads were dry for the first time in weeks and so we had an excellent turnout for our monthly gathering at The Cock Inn on Monday 4th February. Mike, John, and I were joined by newcomers Trevor, David, Kevin and Colin. Star of the show was without doubt Trevor who arrived in his beautiful replica 1954 A6GCS - complete with period racing helmet and scarf. He looked fantastic even if he was frozen solid!! I wish we had medals to hand out...



Trevor was unable to make it when we met again on 4th March but Colin brought us his road-going Ascari to drool over. Colin actually has two of these beauties which, when there are only nine in existence, does seem greedy but perhaps I'm just being jealous. David came in his Aston Martin V8 Vantage but us Maserati owners weren't to be out done. In all there were five Maseratis there on the night; my QP, Mike's 4200 Spyder, Diane and John's 3200, and David and John both brought their 4200GT's.

I took some photos of our cars in the car park but it was dark and they didn't come out too well so have attached one of Colin's Ascari. Because of Easter and our Treasure Hunt in April, our next meeting is on Monday 6th May at 7:30 so if you would like to join us get in touch. [dcbracey@gmail.com](mailto:dcbracey@gmail.com), 07710 423667

## Meet the Committee: Derek Mills – The Organiser

**Maserati first entered my life in 1978 when I purchased a Merak SS that I still own today. Little did I know then how that car would influence my social life and give me so much pleasure for the next 30 years.**

I had always been interested in cars from a young age. Owning the Merak was exciting but also made me a bit anxious as there was no one I knew that owned a Maserati and the nearest dealers were 10 miles away. So I thought joining the Maserati Club would offer me assistance and comfort should my new purchase become a

troublesome mistake of judgement on my part.

I am pleased to say my worries were unfounded and the Merak was far more reliable than I had anticipated. However the Club proved to be a surprise and constant source of pleasure through which I have met so many interesting and kind people.

My first meeting in 1980 was a rally in Oxford after which it was 10 years before attending another event in 1990, this being the Xmas dinner in London and we were smitten.

The rest is history, in 1999 I organised the Xmas dinner with the help of my wife Christine and continued for five more years.

Now I am on the committee as the Club's event coordinator but must mention the most stimulating prelude to this post was working in this role on our International event in 2009.

This is a Club with hidden depths still to be explored and it has been my good fortune to be part of it.

## Welcome to the Club

Membership on 5th March 2013 stood at **607**, at the end of 2011 it was 612.

**New members signed up since the publication of the last newsletter are: -**

Name	Membership Number	Area	Car
Adam Ferrington	4809	Stoke on Trent	-
John Briggs	4810	Isle of Man	-
James Tetherton	4813	Essex	Coupe CC
John Tallis	4814	Wiltshire	Indy and GranSport
Alistair Keith	4815	Wiltshire	Coupe CC
Julia Hitchon	4816	Cornwall	-
Clive Bate	4817	Dorset	-
Mark Haddon-Jones	4818	Hertfordshire	-
Martin Hutchings	4819	Somerset	GranCabrio

**Welcome to the Club** For those wondering, CC = Cambiocorsa.

## The Who's who

### Committee

President: Alexander Fyshe  
 Vice-President: Sir Drummond Bone  
 Chairman: Nick Heywood-Waddington  
 Secretary: Ken Painter  
 Treasurer: Jerry Hutton  
 Trident editor: Geoff Lancaster  
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 Web liaison: Ken Painter  
 Events co-ordinator: Derek Mills  
 Publishing: Andy Heywood  
 Racing News: Michael O'Shea  
 Newsletter editor: Henry McNeill  
 Archive: Roger Epszajn  
 International liaison

### Non-committee

Club Administrator: Dave Smith  
 Web master: Enrico Pederzoli  
 Back issues: Adam Painter  
 Maserati: Tony Willis  
 Newsletter design and printing: Amber



## Maserati on the Web

- The Club has a Dropbox folder where you can post photographs. Please contact me for access, [newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk)
- Maserati on Twitter: @MaseratiNews and (@Maserati\_HQ , lots of news tweets, [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com))
- Maserati on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Maserati](http://www.facebook.com/Maserati)
- Maserati Racing & Trofeo World Series: [www.maseraticorse.com](http://www.maseraticorse.com)
- Maserati Store, things to buy with a Trident: [www.maseratistore.com/en/](http://www.maseratistore.com/en/)
- Pinterest, an online pinboard with great photographs: [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) and search for Maserati
- European photos, including the recent Belgian International and the Khamsin Quaranta : [ampa.voila.net](http://ampa.voila.net)
- [www.maseratinet.com](http://www.maseratinet.com) , US based parts and information
- Mexico Registry: <http://www.mexico-registry.com>
- Maserati Club of Ireland: [www.maseraticlub.ie](http://www.maseraticlub.ie)
- [www.classicdriver.com](http://www.classicdriver.com), which has Maserati content and cars for sale from time to time

## Club Emails

The Club is increasingly using emails for instant communication to members, so a check on the accuracy of your email address would be very useful. On Tuesday 2nd April all members who have given me their details will have been sent a "test" email. If you did not receive this test email it means you have either changed your email address, or do not have one. If you would like to amend or add your email address to the database please update me on [admin@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:admin@maseraticlub.co.uk).

## Club Renewals

Looking through the database I notice we have 607 members but a significant number of these have not paid either by cheque or Standing Order. Please check to see if you have paid for 2013 and if not, and you wish to remain a member, either send me a cheque made out to Maserati Club Ltd or pay electronically [details on request.] After this Newsletter the next communication from the Club will be "the letter" if you have not paid. [admin@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:admin@maseraticlub.co.uk)

**Dave Smith** Club Administrator phone/fax 01494 717 701



## New Members

### Jolyon Davis

I've been the proud owner of a Maserati GranSport for three and a half years now and thought it about time that I signed up as a member of the Maserati Club. My partner Kerry was a little taken aback when after looking at several Spydres in lovely understated blues and greens I turned up one day in a pearlescent white Coupe but I love the colour and think she's converted now. We've already done a month-long European tour where the car really shone; that's what it's made for I guess. And I've just booked in my 4th year straight at the Le Mans 24 Hours. I particularly like the way that everyone likes the car. I often get positive comments while cleaning it and it tends to be a door opener. I have an independent mortgage advice business and I simply couldn't turn up at meetings in a Ferrari or equivalent. The Maserati fits just about right.

### Jo Brown

It all began some ten years ago when my friend Brian Harris (yes the ex-club chairman) gave me a lift in his Maserati 3200 to collect some spare parts from the Morgan factory for our respective Morgan cars. Wow! I was really impressed with how well the car went and the envious looks it drew as we drove slowly through towns and villages. So arriving back home again, full of enthusiasm, with money to spend, what did I go and do? I went out and purchased a - Porsche 911!

I kept the Porsche for four years and then, being bored with it, I sold it on the spur of the moment on Pistonheads, a great website for moving on these unwanted toys! Meanwhile Brian began to collect Maserati after Maserati - often letting me have a drive in them, thereby attempting to infect me with the Maserati bug. But, it was not until 2007 and whilst on the stand at the NEC Classic Car Show where the Club allowed the local dealership to place a current model, that the first inkling of desire, or should it be lust, took root. For it was then that I first saw and sat in, a GranTurismo. I remember it as though it was yesterday. I sat back in the driver's seat and thought "this is just me". Well, Brian's collection of Maseratis grew and grew over the years until there were five cars for us to play with. But out of the five cars, it was always my favourite trip to have a ride, and sometimes a drive, in his last acquisition, a GranTurismo S. That was it. Brian had finally hooked me! I knew I had to have one of my own one day, and join the Club.

To cut a long story short, that day came just before Christmas last year when a long-term investment matured earlier than expected and I grabbed the opportunity to dash off to my not so local dealership. The end result was that I purchased an almost three year old GranTurismo S in Grigio Granito with Sabbia leather interior. Brian, just to make sure I was well and truly hooked on the Maserati marque and didn't defect back to Porsche, enrolled me in the Maserati Club as a special Christmas present - resulting in me writing this introduction.

I am now looking forward to joining in with the Club events and meeting like-minded club members. Perhaps those around the Peterborough area, of which there seem to be quite a few, might like to meet up on a regular monthly local basis, as the Kent members do. Perhaps one of the more established members might like to organise this?

## Hagerty and FBHVC "Drive it Day"

21st April 2013

Hagerty International will be bringing together 90 classic cars for a countryside rally around Northamptonshire to raise money for key UK charities. The Federation of British and Historic Vehicle Club's (FBHVC) "Drive It Day" initiative, in its 7th year, brings together a collection of classic car owners and their driving obsessions, to celebrate their common interest. Last year the Drive it Day celebration, hosted by Hagerty, raised £3,000 for the charities involved. Starting at Towcester Racecourse, the rally finishes at Silverstone for the Vintage Sports Car Club's Spring Break race meeting, showcasing some fabulous pre-war machinery. An entry form for this event can be found at [www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/Hagerty-Online/Drive-It-Day](http://www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/Hagerty-Online/Drive-It-Day). Contact Marcus Atkinson (+44 (0)844 824 1130, [matkinson@hagerty.com](mailto:matkinson@hagerty.com)).

## Brooklands Double Twelve Motorsport Festival

15th – 16th June 2013

A little different to previous years, as will be made up of three stand-alone events which, when combined over one weekend, will have something exciting for every veteran, vintage or classic car owner. The Double Twelve Speed Trials on Mercedes-Benz World Circuit on Saturday; the Double Twelve Concours held on Saturday and Sunday; and the Double Twelve Driving Tests on Sunday.

Each event will have its own winners, but to achieve a Brooklands Double Twelve award an entrant must compete in any 2 of the 3 events and the combined scores of these two events will decide their Brooklands Double Twelve placing. Entry forms available at [www.brooklandsmuseum.com](http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com).

## Treasure Hunt - Locally Arranged Event

7th April 2013

Following the success of our Christmas drive through Kent, my fellow Kentish club members have asked me to stage another event. I have therefore arranged an Easter Treasure Hunt through the Kent and East Sussex countryside on Sunday the 7th April and would like to invite any Maserati Club GB members to participate.

This is not an official Club event and will not exclusively feature Maserati's although even at the early stages of planning we have at least five Maser's and two Ferrari's so let's see how many more Trident cars we can get. I am pleased to say that our Chairman, Nick Heywood-Waddington, is hoping to join us and it would be great to see many more local members.

The route I have planned covers just over 55 miles starting at Paddock Wood and finishing south of Royal Tunbridge Wells. There are 22 questions which relate to things that will be seen along the way and it will last about 2 1/2 hours. We will be meeting up at 9:30am for coffee (and an excellent breakfast if you are interested) and to receive instructions and a briefing before setting off at intervals from 10:15am. The route takes in the Ashdown Forest and other picturesque beauty spots and is mostly driven through country lanes and B roads. It's not really a competition, and certainly won't be a race, but there will be a prize for the winning team. We will end up at a country pub that does Sunday lunch for those that want it.

There is no charge for taking part but I would like to encourage a donation to my chosen charity which will be The Quest School which provides for pupils across the Autistic Spectrum [www.questschool.co.uk](http://www.questschool.co.uk). Please let me know as soon as possible so that I can ensure we can accommodate everybody. David Bracey, 01622 751493, [dbracey@gmail.com](mailto:dbracey@gmail.com).

## Bristol Italian Auto Moto Festival

20th April 2013

Bristol Italian Festival is run every year and the event attracts exhibitors across many of the Italian thoroughbred stables with streets dedicated to different marques including Maserati. This year our main theme will be Scorpions and Spiders, so if you have a convertible we would love to hear from you.

Paul Brown writes: I have participated over the past three years and enjoyed the family atmosphere. It has suited me to stay at the conveniently positioned Thistle Hotel, to take lunch at the fabulous San Carlo Italian restaurant in Corn Street followed by a pleasant late afternoon drive to the wonderful Manor Hotel at Castle Combe for a cream tea! The display for 2013 will be held on Saturday 20th April and I wondered whether there would be any Maserati Club members interested in attending? Applications can be made at <http://www.biamf.co.uk/>. Contact [biamf@italianautomotoclub.co.uk](mailto:biamf@italianautomotoclub.co.uk).

## Classic Car Run Supporting Help for Heroes Charity

28th April 2013

The run will start at Haselbury Mill near Crewkerne (post code TA18 7NY) and finish at the Haynes Motor Museum (group rate), Sparkford (post code BA22 7LN). The 100 mile run take about four - five hours and is open to all classic and modern classic cars, allowing participants to visit Abbotsbury Swannery or Abbotsbury Gardens (group rates). £30 per car, most money to H4H.

## Auto Italia Italian Car Day, Brooklands Museum

Saturday 4th May 2013

Developed over the last 27 years, the Italian Car Day has become established as the UK's premier event for owners and admirers of Italian cars. This historic location provides visitors with the opportunity to see and hear selected cars being demonstrated on the demanding hillclimb and the circuit at the adjacent Mercedes-Benz World. Visitors arriving in any Italian car, be it a Fiat or a Ferrari, will have the opportunity to park in the areas set aside for the appropriate marques, car clubs and register displays.

## The Warren Classic Concours

Saturday 4th May 2013

The inaugural Warren Classic Concours will take place in the quiet hamlet of Woodham Walter in Essex, planned to be the destination of choice for British and international classic car owners and collectors. Sixty cars will be selected by the organising committee to compete in this first Warren Classic Concours. The judges have been hand-picked for their specialist knowledge of veteran, vintage and classic cars. The judges will select the best car from each class to be a class winner. The overall Best of Show car will then be selected as well as a Best of Show runner-up from these class winners. For full details and entry forms, please visit the web site at [www.warrenclassic.co.uk](http://www.warrenclassic.co.uk).

## Make a Wish Foundation Car Show

Sunday 19th May 2013

Make a Wish Foundation are planning a Car Show and Fun Day, due to take place on Sunday 19th May 2013 at the Stanborough Park, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. They are seeking participants to show their vehicles. It will be a fun and lively day for all the family as there will be live music, children's rides, catering facilities, local radio station broadcasts, stalls selling different products and an award ceremony for the Best in Show vehicle. Please contact [neil.castle@sky.com](mailto:neil.castle@sky.com).

## Brands Hatch, Masters Historic Festival

25th – 27th May 2013

David Bracey has been contacted by the event organisers, who are keen to display some Maserati's in a dedicated area at this weekend of historic F1 racing. In return they will give us tickets for the whole weekend but there are only 10 tickets so we will need to share them around. You do not need to attend all three days. I'm afraid this is only for Maseratis. Even though this is a three day event, the real racing is on Monday, so that would be the best day to attend if you can make it. First come first served so let David know if you are interested and he will pass your details on and they will post tickets directly. Contact [dbracey@gmail.com](mailto:dbracey@gmail.com). For further details, see <http://www.brandshatch.co.uk/calendar/2013/may/masters.aspx>

## Maserati NEWSLETTER

### Copy Dates

Editorial and advertisements for the May/June issue should be in by 3rd May 2013.



## Maserati Club Highland Fling II

Reserve List Only Isle of Mull & Scottish Tour, 22nd – 29th June 2013

Supported by



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This event is now full, but, I will take names for reserves. Please contact Edwin Faulkner to be included on the reserve list. Tel: 01624 822622, email: [ejf@manx.net](mailto:ejf@manx.net)

## Sunday Lunch in Hampshire Sunday 26th May 2013 By Ken Chisholm

### LOCALLY ARRANGED EVENT

Many people will know that I have been a member of The Maserati Club for many years and have owned a Vignale Spyder, a Ghibli Spyder and currently have a Mistral Spyder, which some of you will have seen, but it has been under restoration for much too long. I have also had a 4200, so I think that my credentials as a Maserati enthusiast are OK.

I have been impressed by David Bracey's efforts in establishing a Kent group, so I am motivated to emulate his efforts in Hampshire. Like him, all petrol heads AND their partners would be welcome. You do not have to run a Maserati, anything interesting will be appreciated. I also plan to run a few little events as David has done.

I have chosen The White Horse, Priors Dean, Froxfield GU32 1DA as the base venue as it is located in Mid-Hampshire. It is within easy reach of our Dorset, Surrey and Sussex members as well as Hampshire. It is a little difficult to find, but its website does give a map: [www.pubwithnoname.co.uk](http://www.pubwithnoname.co.uk), 01420 566387.

The plan is to hold an initial lunch meet at noon on SUNDAY 26TH MAY and see what happens from there. I hope that a few will turn up! After that, it could be the first Sunday of the month, but I am flexible on that if people would prefer an evening meet. For any info or thoughts, please contact me on my email - [kenchisholm000@btinternet.com](mailto:kenchisholm000@btinternet.com).

## Letchworth GC Classic & Vintage Car Club

Classic Car Show, 8th June 2013

A mouth-watering collection of classic, vintage, and modern thoroughbred vehicles from a wide range of manufacturers is expected and visitors will see the likes of Maserati, Ferrari and Porsche rubbing shoulders with Austin, Triumph and Hillman. A 1950's rock and roll band entertains the visitors.



## Maserati Club AGM and Concours 2013 Sunday 9th June 2013, Prescott Hillclimb

For 2013, this popular club event moves to a new venue, the scenic Gloucestershire home of Prescott Hillclimb. This event is open to all Club members and their families and includes the Annual General Meeting, the Club Concours and also an opportunity to drive the famous hill.

Prescott has been at the forefront of British Hillclimbing for almost 80 years now and is the home of the Bugatti Owner's Club. We are sharing the venue with the Jaguar E-type Register, which allows us to offer the event and the hillclimb at a very competitive price.

Graypaul have supported our event at Stanford Hall for the last eight years and we are delighted to announce that they will continue to sponsor our Concours event at this new and exciting location. Imagine a summer's day on the Prescott Estate, enjoying the rolling acres of green and dappled sun in the orchard combined with the smell of hot motor oil and polish, the feel of warm tarmac and the sound of a well-tuned engine!

However, before we get too carried away, first the AGM:

### The Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be held at 10.45am on Sunday morning in the restaurant at the top of the hillclimb paddock. This is open to all members and their partners. There is no charge for attending the AGM but the chief organiser would be grateful for an indication of numbers attending this part of the day when you book your parking.

### Graypaul Maserati Club Concours D'Elegance 2013.

Our ex-chairman Brian Harris couldn't keep away for long and is now our enthusiastic new Concours organiser and chief judge. The Concours will be run along traditional lines with five classes for different eras of Maserati and OSCA cars competing for class honour and then for the overall Maserati GB trophy. If you've never tried the Concours before, it is actually great fun and you might find that your polished beauty does better than you might think! The judging panel will be a mixture of Maserati experts, motoring journalists and style gurus and they will spend the morning checking and squinting and tweaking and prodding to produce the winners. If you wish to enter the Concours then you will have to pay the parking charge but there is no specific charge for the Concours itself. You will however have to be on display (you and car!) at 9.00am! Pre-booking for the event is preferable to help Brian's workload and you can

[download the Concours entry booking form from the Club website](#)

For more information on the Concours part of the day, your contact is Brian Harris: [Bandk.harris@gmail.com](mailto:Bandk.harris@gmail.com), 01733 265977.

### The Hillclimb.

The chance to pit your Maserati against the twists and turns of this famous hill is a rare opportunity and on the day,

members can buy a package of five runs (non-timed) for a bargain price of £30 for drivers and an extra £5 for passengers. The hillclimb course will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm closing for lunch between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Drivers and their passengers will have to attend briefings and sign indemnity forms etc.

This option is open to all members driving Maserati or OSCA cars. If you wish to enter your car then pre-booking is essential with the Chief Organiser, Michael O'Shea.

[You can download an AGM parking and Hillclimb driver booking form from the Club website.](#)

For more information on the hillclimb part of the day, your contact is Michael O'Shea: [racingnews@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:racingnews@maseraticlub.co.uk), 01628 397900 (office).

### Parking – MOST IMPORTANT!

There will be a charge for car parking for the day, regardless of whether you are entering any part of the day or just coming along to spectate. This is **£20 per car**, regardless of number of occupants. Parking should be pre-booked with the Chief Organiser, Michael O'Shea and is part of the same booking form as above.

### Lunch.

The restaurant at Prescott will be open from 12.30 serving a variety of lunches. No pre-booking is necessary, just pay on the day. Another outlet selling snacks is also located near the start line. Alternatively, bring a picnic!

### Hotel Accommodation.

While the club is not offering a formal hotel package this year and this is a one day event, members may wish to stay locally. Club member Teresa Lerry, who based in the area, is offering advice and recommendations for hotels and B&B to suit all pockets. Please contact Teresa on: [cclassics@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cclassics@hotmail.co.uk)

One of Teresa's options is: The Hilton Puckrup Hall, Tewkesbury, Puckrup, Tewkesbury GL20 6EL (01684-296-200), which has been provisionally booked (B&B, £90 for 2 people sharing, £65 for a single) for the night of the 8th June. Maserati club members can contact Teresa to reserve rooms. It is a lovely hotel about 15 miles from Prescott, with Golf course, spa, restaurant etc.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Pre-booking parking for this event is recommended to guarantee entry to Prescott for your Maserati! This is just £20 per car.
- You can download booking forms from the club website.
- The Concours organiser is BRIAN HARRIS.
- The Chief organiser is MICHAEL O'SHEA.
- Prescott Hill, Gotherington, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 9RD
- Further information can be found at: [www.prescott-hillclimb.com/usefulinformation](http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/usefulinformation)

## Silverstone Classic - 26-28 July 2013

Expect to see the most exciting racing action over the weekend. The action will build on the excitement, spectacle and adrenaline of previous events, with more than 20 races over the weekend.



Featured races from Group C running into the dusk on Saturday evening, over 100 Formula 1 cars from the 1950's right up to the 1980's, Formula Junior, several GT grids, 50's sports cars, and prototypes. There will be many other attractions including Rock concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings (acts to be advised). Hot air balloons, parachutists, fairground rides, many car club displays plus trade stalls etc.

### Special Maserati Club Display Ticket Offer

As per last year, please contact the Silverstone Ticket office directly for your tickets using the Club Telephone: **0871 231 0849** or on line:

<http://silverstoneclassic.seetickets.com/Event/Silverstone-Classic/Silverstone-Circuit/674815?OfferCode=C13206>

These tickets can only be purchased by using the booking code **C13206** which is dedicated to our Club. The package includes two Event Tickets and one infield vehicle display pass. There will be a small booking fee. The following offer is available until 31st May 2013.

	Early Bird Tickets Until 31st March 2013	Standard Tickets 1st April to 31st May 2013
Friday	£35	£40
Saturday (Limited)	£50	£55
Sunday	£45	£50
2day Fri/Sat	£60	£70
2day Sat/Sun	£70	£80
3day Weekend	£80	£95

The Club will not be organising accommodation this year, leaving it to individuals to make their own arrangements.

I will be looking for interesting cars for the centre of the display, so please contact me by email [ejf@manx.net](mailto:ejf@manx.net) **Edwin Faulkner**

## Supercar Saturday, Brooklands Museum

### Saturday 27th July 2013

Following a successful first edition in 2012, this exciting event will be repeated at Brooklands for 2013. This is a rare opportunity for the public to get close to exclusive motor cars and also see them in action. At most venues, exotic cars are fenced off in secure enclosures but at Brooklands, with it's friendly atmosphere, visitors can inspect the cars at close quarters. The event is supported by extensive displays from the appropriate car clubs including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo and hopefully Maserati.

## Castle Hill Car Festival 3-4 August 2013

The Festival will be staged in the magnificent parkland grounds of the Castle Hill estate near South Molton in Devon and will include a display of up to 1,000 classic and historic vehicles from clubs and private owners. Bonhams, the international specialist auctioneers and valuers will have a team of staff on hand to provide advice as well as confidential valuations for owners. For the more ambitious owners there will be an exciting Track Sprint Trial organised by the North Devon Motor Club that will be run through the heart of the festival site. Alternatively there will be two more sedate road runs through the spectacular North Devon countryside. More information can be found on our Facebook page or on Twitter. A booking form is available for download from our website at - [www.castlehillcarfestival.co.uk](http://www.castlehillcarfestival.co.uk)



## Maserati Club – Lakes Autumn Meeting 2012

1. The Maserati company has had many owners over the years. How many can you name?
2. The V6 engines used in the Biturbo era cars (from the first Biturbo to the last V6 engined Quattroporte) were unusual in their configuration compared to most V6 engines from other manufacturers
  - a) In what way?
3. In the 1950's a race series, popularly known as "Monzanapolis" was organised to see whether Europe or America produced the fastest race cars. Maserati entered a one-off special for the 1958 race:
  - a) What logo prominently adorns the body?
  - b) The company that sponsored it made .. what?
  - c) By what name is the car now most popularly known?
4. The first Maserati 5000GT was made for ... ?
5. The engine and transmission used in the current range of Maseratis is actually made by which former fierce competitor of the company?
6. This year saw Maserati introduce a 4x4 SUV model. What is it called?
7. Including the current model, how many distinct models of Maserati have borne the name "Quattroporte"?
8. The Maserati name has been attached to several products other than cars (ignoring "merchandise"). How many such products can you name?

With thanks to George and Louise Perfect, as used at The Lakes Autumn Meeting.

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## MITCAR 2013 - Midlands Italian Car Day

### Sunday 18th August 2013 Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire S44 5QJ

The venue is the lovely National Trust parkland of Hardwick Hall just Two miles from J29 of the M1 and well served with 'brown' signs for directions. It has exclusive use of a prime site adjacent to the newly refurbished 'Stable Yard' with the restaurant and other visitor facilities and enjoying a view of the Elizabethan Hall through the trees. As always, visitors in any Italian car will be welcome and we can expect both classics and modern.

There will again be a competition for 'Car of the Day' (The Camshaft Trophy and Cup) and this year this will again involve a popular vote. More details can be found on the websites [www.mitcar.co.uk](http://www.mitcar.co.uk) and [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardwick/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardwick/). Organiser Contacts: Bryan Alexander: 0115 9283636 and [mitcar@icuknet.co.uk](mailto:mitcar@icuknet.co.uk) John Griffiths: 0774 8881317 and [jg.alfa@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jg.alfa@tiscali.co.uk)



## Northern Tour 30th Aug to 1st Sept 2013

### LOCALLY ARRANGED EVENT

Club member Brian Smiles has asked for expressions of interest for a Northern Tour. The proposed itinerary will be:

**FRIDAY** Meet at Beamish Museum (County Durham) to have light lunch, collect welcome pack and spend afternoon looking at "yester-year", some parts of which might bring back happy memories. Leave for the Hotel and evening meal.

**SATURDAY** Leave the hotel and head up the beautiful Northumbrian Coast to Bamburgh Castle, then cut inland to Alnwick and the Castle (home of the Duke of Northumberland). Travel further West through the spectacular hills and fells of Northumberland to Otterburn, then to the Kielder Reservoir and the Kielder Forest Drive and back to our Hotel for the evening meal.

**SUNDAY** Settle any outstanding hotel accounts and drive to Derwent Water reservoir and on to Sunday Lunch (midway between M6 and A1) for easy access.

Prices and final routes to be confirmed at a later date depending on numbers. Good Hotels, good food, good scenery and roads, but best of all good company. Please get in contact with Brian at [bandk67@gmail.com](mailto:bandk67@gmail.com).

## 'Italian Stallions' Vehicle Show, Poole, Dorset

### Friday 30th August 2013

Poole Tourism has announced an "Italian Stallions" night on the quay in Poole, Dorset, 6.00 – 9.00 PM on Friday 30th August. With a stunning backdrop of the Quay and Poole Harbour, it is the perfect location for owners to exhibit their vehicles. The display will be on a first come, first served basis and can accommodate about 100 cars. This is the first time that Poole Tourism has extended its weekly summer event to feature Italian cars. For further information see – [www.pooletourism.com](http://www.pooletourism.com).

## AUTUMN MEETING A Cotswold Tour

We will be meeting up on Friday at the prestigious Billesley Manor Hotel near Stratford-upon-Avon ([www.pumahotels.co.uk](http://www.pumahotels.co.uk)).

- Friday: Dinner in the hotel in the evening.
- Saturday: Touring around some of the most picturesque countryside, with a mixture of quiet country lanes and roads suitable for those of you who like to make progress. Morning coffee break in the grounds of the beautiful Bibury Court Country Hotel. Then, on to Blenheim Palace for lunch and guided tours afterwards. A champagne reception will precede dinner, in the topiary garden, weather permitting.
- Sunday: Another leisurely start, another picturesque drive with plenty of places for coffee stops, ending up in Oxford at Balliol College kindly arranged by the one and only Sir Drummond Bone. After lunch prize giving and a look around the college then depart for home.

Price to be confirmed but should be about £600 per couple including bed, breakfast, lunches, dinners, canapés, champagne reception, wine at dinner only, and coffee at Bibury Court. Booking forms will be available later. Places will be limited, to register interest (no deposit required yet), please email [douglas.lowndes@sky.com](mailto:douglas.lowndes@sky.com).



Billesley Manor Hotel

## Maserati Swiss International 2013

### 19th to 22nd September 2013

This year's International will be in Switzerland, from 19th to 22nd September 2013, based at the Fairmont Hotel in Montreux. The website is now live, [www.mir2013.ch](http://www.mir2013.ch). It is worthwhile visiting website and enrolling in the rally newsletter in order to receive updates. Click on the "Newsletter" button and subscribe to regular updates. We believe that entry will be possible from the website including credit card payment.

Roger Epszajn will be acting as International Liaison for the UK entries, so please let him know if you are interested or indeed have actually booked. His International Liaison email is [roger@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:roger@maseraticlub.co.uk). He will be delighted to co-ordinate UK entries.



## Kop Hill Climb September 21st - 22nd 2013

This very popular event in Princes Risborough goes from strength to strength. Last year there were 14,000 visitors with 10,000 on the lovely Saturday and 4,000 on the very wet Sunday. One hundred motorcycles and 300 cars were on parade. Pre-war cars are allowed to go up the hill on both days whereas post-war cars are allowed just one day with the other one just in the paddock.

The cut-off date is 1972 but there is also an "Exotics" section where you may get a run in a modern car but this is mainly for the sponsors of the event to show modern machinery and the Dick Skipworth "Ecurie Ecosse" collection of racing Jaguars and transporter. Their website is [www.kophillclimb.info](http://www.kophillclimb.info) and bookings should open in April.

## Autumn Motorsport Festival, Brooklands Museum Sun 13th Oct 2013

A repeat of last year's successful event, competition cars from all ages will be put through their paces on the adjacent Mercedes-Benz World test track. Selected cars will also run up the demanding Brooklands test hill. Visitors can expect to see a wide variety of competition cars including Formula 1, F5000, GTs, Touring cars, Group B rally cars and historic cars such as the record breaking 1933 Napier Railton – holder of the outright lap record at Brooklands.

This is the only venue in the UK where visitors can get really close to competition cars in action. Competition car owners and club organisers are invited to apply for entry details.

## News from Maranello Maserati Egham

### UK QP Launch

Following the launch of this extraordinary new car at the Detroit Motor show earlier this month, expect the first right hand drive cars to be available from June this year. The full specification is now available for both models so please do contact the dealers if you would like further information. I await news from Maserati UK on full launch details.

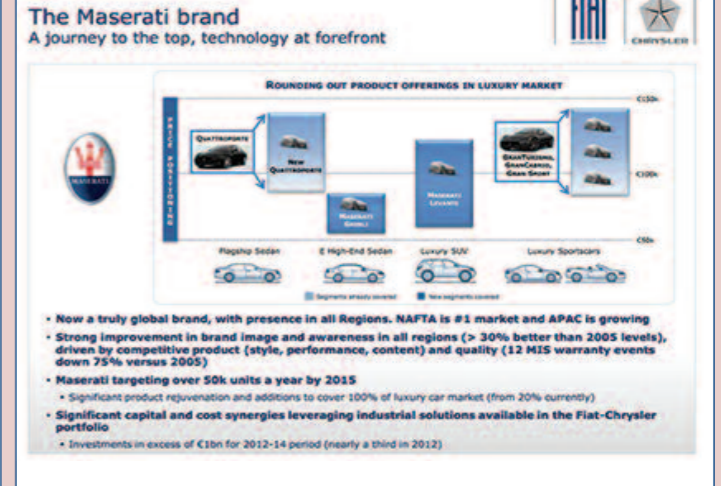
### After the QP, Comes the Ghibli

This summer Maserati will launch a new mid-range car which is currently in pre-production under the name Ghibli. At a browser near you, you will see a number of spy shots of a car similar to the QP but covered in plastic cladding. This will see Maserati enter into the very competitive E-segment market. To ensure you receive further information on this exciting new model, please contact [maranello@sytner.co.uk](mailto:maranello@sytner.co.uk) quoting ref: Ghibli.

### Tower Garage Showroom Reopening

This April will see the iconic Tower Garage in Egham reopen it's doors following a multi-million pound investment and refurbishment project. A background to showcase the most beautiful cars in the world combined with outstanding customer facilities has been created.

## A Journey to the Top for the Maserati Brand?



Thanks to a club member for bringing this to my attention. Some interesting perspectives, I will let you draw your own conclusions. If this year's launches are the QP and Ghibli and next year for the Levante, that means probably 2015 is for the new GranTurismo and GranSport. The GranCabrio in 2016 follows on.

## Master Maserati Driving Courses

The first Master Maserati courses of 2013 will take place at the Varano de' Melegari circuit near Parma, Italy. Driver places for these courses are always limited but are still available for the following dates:

**May 14th/15th:** Master GT 2 Days: Two days of in-depth exploration of driving techniques with a personalised programme.

**June 6th/7th:** Master GT Italian Lifestyle Experience: Exclusive cars, Fashion, beauty, art: A two day experience offering all the best of Italy.

**June 13th/14th:** Master GT High Performance 2 Days: Where drivers can put themselves to the test with high-performance models using the most advanced techniques.

Contact your Maserati dealer for more information.

## Maserati: A Century of History

A new book to be released in Italy in December, so Christmas is sorted already. [www.giorgionadaeditore.it](http://www.giorgionadaeditore.it).

## Regalia

Postage and packing is included ( to UK addresses only). The small price rises reflect the increase in Royal Mail costs.

We have secured a pre-owned copy of this increasingly hard to find collectors book which has been out of print for many years and was first published in 1980. Chapters cover every famous racing, sports and GT car up to 1980 with photos and some technical drawings. This copy is in excellent condition with a similarly good slip cover. Only the dust cover has shown some signs of wear and tear. These books have been selling from £350 to £450 in recent years. This used to be the Chagford Street Garage reference copy.



Maserati – A complete history from 1926 to the present by Orsini & Zagari @ £200

### Maserati Regalia

As a service to members, the Club offers books, manuals and parts catalogues via the Club's website: [www.maseraticlub.co.uk](http://www.maseraticlub.co.uk).

For Maserati Regalia, including clothing, gifts and accessories, please visit the factory store at [www.maseratistore.com](http://www.maseratistore.com).

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### Dave Smith

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Copies and enlargements are available at attractive prices. Contact Dave on **01494 717701**



### 1988 Maserati Biturbo Spyder 2.5 SE



Black with cream leather interior. Very good condition exterior and interior. Good mechanicals. MOT to March 2014. Full service history. 56000 miles. £7450. tjpmorgan@tiscali.co.uk

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4.9litre LHD 1974. Originally supplied in the USA. Very original car in original verde pino with ivory leather. On the button with MOT and tax and drives well. £65,000. Contact Glenn Kinnersley 07831 522121. glenn@kdk.co.uk

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Manual, blu nettuno/blue leather, much recent expenditure, superb 60,000 miles, £12,999, 01242680130 or 07595218406, www.countyclassics.net

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Excellent condition. Extensive McGrath service history. Solid valves. 53,000 miles. £34,950. roger.harrison49@btinternet.com. 01293 525388.

### Maserati Biturbo



1982 Biturbo 2.0litre. Long stored, bit of a timewarp car and very original - 75,000kms. Light green metallic with immaculate cord interior. Running but in need of further work. Open to offers, please enquire to Andy Heywood at Bill McGrath Limited. 01438 832161 andy@classicmaseratis.co.uk

### 2001 Maserati 3200 GTA



Auto, 53,000 miles, Verdi Mistral/tan leather, full service records, beautiful condition. £12,999, 01242680130 or 07595218406, www.countyclassics.net

### Biturbo Spyder



Project car! Original RHD in black with cream leather, manual. Has engine problems and requires restoration, suit enthusiast. Comes with replacement engine. £1500 or offers. Contact Andy Heywood at Bill McGrath Limited. andy@classicmaseratis.co.uk.

### Maserati Indy



1970 LHD Indy 4700. Excellent specification and incredibly original showing 19,000kms. Requires restoration. £14,000 or offers. Contact Andy Heywood at Bill McGrath Limited 01438 832161 andy@classicmaseratis.co.uk.

### 2003 Maserati 4200 Spyder Cambio Corsa



Grigio touring metallic/bordeaux leather, FSH, 48,000 miles, £17,999, 01242680130 or 07595218406, www.countyclassics.net

### Maserati Merak SS



1983 RHD. South African import, very sound in body. Blu Sera with magnolia hide. Much recent work and low mileage at 38,000. £33,000. Please contact Will Freeborough wfreeborough@aol.com or Tel: 07802 433355.

### Maserati Merak SS



1977 RHD. Very original car being in the same family since 1979. Maintained by McGrath. Celeste blue with blue velour interior. Excellent investment. £29,995. Please contact Henry Fyshe on 07830 139905 or henryfyshe@gmail.com.

### Quattroporte Tyres and Satnav CDs for sale

2 new tyres for sale. Quattroporte-V - 55 plate original fitment. Front - Pirelli P-ZERO Direzionale 245/40 ZR19 (98Y) Rear - Pirelli P-ZERO Asymetrico 285/35 ZR19 (99Y) - (no longer manufactured). Never fitted and brand new (no wheels). £250 for both. Collect RG26 or pay shipping.

Bosch Blaupunkt double CD satnav CDs. CD one - France. CD two - Major roads of Western Europe. Purchased July 2010. Compatible with all Maserati's with original satnav. Cost £120 - sell £20 David Allen - 07917732421 - rdfallen@btinternet.com

### Registration for sale: GTII MAS Offers over £1,500 invited.



Registration currently held on certificate that includes £80 transfer fee. Email pcutbert250@btinternet.com or phone 01636 830582 Southwell, Notts.

### Maserati Biturbo Spyder Boot (Trunk) Lid wanted

This is a different size to coupes and saloons. Contact Edwin Faulkner EJJ@MANX.NET or phone 01624 822622.

The yellow flag was waved at a recent writers briefing by the Chief Mechanic because the Racing News was not staying within the racing line and appeared to be spinning off track. The Newsletter is supposed to report on future events and the Trident report on previous ones, whereas the Racing News jumbles them all up and reports on past, present and future events all on the same page. With immediate effect, the new MSA ruling (Maserati Scribbles Association) is to get back on track and will supply articles for both publications. It is good to know that at least one person reads it!

Well here goes as we gaze into the future: with over 100 organising clubs in the UK and as many series to choose from, you could be very busy, whether you are competing or

spectating - there is plenty to enjoy. The Historic Racing calendar for 2013 are mostly firmed up and whilst grids ebb and flow with the drivers entries, they broadly remain strong as George Osborne has failed to find a way to directly tax our sport...yet. The emphasis by the series organisers continues to steer towards cars being presented to their original period specification.

I was speaking to a specialist gear box restoration company recently and some of their clients have been replacing their steel gear box housings with aluminum ones to save weight. But, now the same clients are being caught out by the scrutineers and have to rebuild them in steel again. Good for business for the gearbox company!

## Here are some of the major UK motor racing competitions over the next two months:

The Classic Hill Climb Championship runs three categories - saloon cars, sports cars and sports racing cars with meetings at Gurston Down, 21st April, Prescott 27-28th April, Goodwood 18th May and Wiscombe Park 19th May.

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Adam Painter in his 4CS in a VSCC Meeting

### The Donington Historic Festival

3rd -5th May for the HGPCA and the HSCC. Includes 2 rounds of the E Type Challenge, 2 rounds of the Historic Formula 2 and the Masters Series of Gentlemen Drivers, Pre-66 Touring Cars and 70's Celebration.



Conrad Ullrich in his 300S at Donington 2012



Silverstone 18-19th May with the HSCC with the following grids: Historic Road Sports, 70's Road Sports, Historic Touring Cars, the Guards Trophy, Matini Trophy for 2litre Sports Racing Cars, Historic Formula Ford, Classic Racing Cars, Classic Formula 3, Historic Formula 5000 and Formula 2 for Derek Bell Trophy, Historic Formula Junior, Historic Ford 2000.

### Brands Hatch Masters Series

25th-27th May Masters Festival with Historic Formula 1, Historic Sports Cars, Gentlemen Drivers, CanAm Interseer Challenge, Pre-66 Touring Cars and the Masters 70's Celebration plus Formula Junior.



## And Finally...

Finally we really would like you to support the Club's Prescott AGM and Hillclimb Day on the 9th June. You can download a booking form from the club website. It is an opportunity to put your foot down in relative safety.



At the sharp end of the sport the first round of The British GT Championship will take place at Oulton Park on the 1st April and the second round at Rockingham on the 5/6th May.



The Racing News welcomes photos and captions from any member of our club competing in any motoring competition in any vehicle anywhere in the world. We also welcome news of any Maserati/OSCA taking part in the same, even if it is not owned or driven by a member of our club.

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