



Issue **129** Sept/Oct 2013

### Monthly Event - Local Kent Gathering

First Monday of the Month  
7:30pm, Cock Inn, Boughton Monchelsea (nr Maidstone) ME17 4JD  
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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)

#### September 2013

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

#### October 2013

**6 October 2013**  
**Italian Sunday, Goodwood**  
www.goodwood.com

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

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

**13 October 2013**  
**Autumn Motorsport Festival**  
Brooklands Museum  
Website:  
auto-italia.co.uk/events.asp

**16 October 2013**  
**H&H**  
Imperial War Museum, Duxford  
Auction  
www.classic-auctions.com

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

#### October 2013

**29th October 2013**  
**Race the Runway**  
Edinburgh Airport  
Prince & Princess of Wales  
Hospice: Race your car on an  
Airport Runway  
Contact: Ashley Thomson  
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**30 October 2013**  
**H&H Auction**  
The Pavilion Gardens  
Buxton.  
www.classic-auctions.com

#### November 2013

**3rd November 2013**  
**Hampshire Group Run**  
The White Horse, Priors Dean,  
Froxfield  
A locally organised event  
Contact: Ken Chisholm  
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**14 November 2013**  
**International Historic  
Motoring Awards 2013**  
St Pancras Renaissance Hotel,  
London  
Website:  
historicmotoringawards.com

#### November 2013

**15 - 17 November 2013**  
**The Classic Motor Show**  
NEC, Birmingham  
www.necclassicmotorshow.com

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

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

#### December 2013

**8 December 2013**  
**Maserati Club  
Christmas Lunch**  
Bluebird Dining Rooms,  
350 Kings Road, Chelsea,  
London SW3 5UU  
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#### January 2014

**26th January 2014**  
**Northern Lights Winter  
Lunch**  
The Mere, Knutsford  
Contact: Gail Mosley

#### April 2014

**19 April 2014**  
**Bristol Italian Auto Moto  
Festival**  
Bristol  
Maserati Centenary Feature  
Website: www.biamf.co.uk  
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biamf@italianautomotoclub.co.uk

**24 - 27 April 2014**  
**Cameron Millar Spring  
Meeting**  
Perth, Scotland  
Contact: Peter Holmes  
Email: ph.kerfield@tiscali.co.uk.

#### June 2014

**8th June 2014**  
**AGM & Concours**  
Prescott Hill  
Contact: Michael O'Shea

#### October 2014

**3rd - 5th October 2014**  
**Autumn Meeting**  
Metropole Hotel,  
Llandrindrod Wells  
Contact: Dick & Mary Pole

## SILVERSTONE

By Dave Smith



Steve Hart receiving the Ray Fielding Rosebowl Trophy from our President Alexander Fyshe.



50th Anniversary of the Quattroporte was celebrated.



**SILVERSTONE was celebrated in style, with club members enjoying over 20 races in three days. Many thanks to Edwin Faulkner for his time, enthusiasm and energy in organising a memorable event.**

◀ Gordon McCulloch at speed in his 200S.

Photos by  
Dave Smith

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## Vera Cooper: Obituary



Photo: Dave Smith

Vera passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, 15th August 2013. A commemorative service will be held at St Andrews Church, Wraysbury at 3.30pm on Wed 25th September 2013. Graham Cooper would like to see as many of Vera's friends from the Maserati Club as possible and will arrange a small reception at Magna Carta Island after the service. We know that it would please Vera very much if you can attend. Sir Drummond Bone provides a short obituary inside.



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 Nov/Dec issue is 4th Nov 2013.**

Ghosted background image: Three Cups Full - Featured on page 5.



## Editor's Agenda

My impeccable timing ensured I missed Silverstone, Monterey and the Ghibli launch by a matter of hours on each occasion. So, I am really looking forward to the Autumn Weekend as my first club event since Vera's in February. I was blessed in being able to attend this year. Sir Drummond's obituary collectively sums up our thoughts perfectly. We will miss her dearly.



I did make it to the Coastline Car Classic at Newport Beach, where I came across an award winning Fiat Eden Roc, the perfect beach car for my time on the west coast. The location of this event is second to none, as you could go for a paddle after the exhausting 1st Annual Coastline Car Classic Pin-Up Girl contest.

Monterey were spectacular, including \$2.5m for a A6G/2000 Spyder; \$2.2m for a A6GS/53 Spyder (Fantuzzi) and 'only' \$2m for the Birdcage. Diane told me to stay away from telecommunication devices while this was taking place.

There always appears to be a market for the esoteric end of classic cars as Michael O'Shea's article highlights. The results from

The first big review of the Ghibli I have found (you may know different) is in this month's Auto Italia. Phil Ward has done a thorough job for those of you interested in the latest Masers. Don't know why, but the diesel intrigues me. The Ghibli luanch has not yet featured in California, but my guess is that interest will be high for this relatively compact car. (Please note that the 'big in Europe' Mercedes GL SUVs are relatively 'small' here).



**Henry McNeill,**  
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Support for club events is a key theme in this Newsletter. Late bookings have caused some consternation for our organisers. Could I encourage you to book as soon as practical if you are planning to attend their events? Knowing the number of members who will attend does impact pricing, logistics and viability. Some require the same amount of time and effort as it does take to arrange the national events.

Remember, every new member (and older ones!) has the opportunity to introduce themselves to the club. Hopefully, I can expect a deluge of letters and emails!

**Happy Maserati Motoring!**  
**Ciao, Henry McNeill,**  
**September 2013.**

## Chairman's Note By Nick Heywood-Waddington



Nick Heywood-Waddington

It has been a busy and warm summer for the Club. Edwin and Pam Faulkner's Highland Fling II was a great success judging by the email traffic from participants in support of an HF III. I am truly sorry to have missed it. There was Jim and Penny Buss's generous and entertaining Summer Party at the Dering Arms though attendance was disappointing compared with previous years. A very good turn-out at Silverstone with excitement on and off the track was followed by Clive and Pamela Brandon's invitation to a picnic at their lovely home in Bucks. Meanwhile, the local initiatives in the South-East are finding their feet but need members support to thrive - it is particularly disappointing that Paul Brown's RNLI Tour did not attract sufficient interest and

has had to be called off. But my thanks go to Paul for trying so hard. The same fate nearly stopped the Northern Tour arranged by Brian Smiles but a spate of late entries allowed the event to go ahead and it sounds as though participants had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Autumn events will include the Swiss International centred in Montreux, The Autumn Meeting touring the Cotswolds based in the town of the Bard (with apologies - is this a Ghibli I see before me?) and the Club's usual professional stand at the NEC in Birmingham. If that's not enough then there is also Salon Privé, Goodwood Revival and the Kop Hill Climb amongst other events to claim your attention. There is a change to our end of season celebrations with a Christmas lunch in London rather than a dinner. The change of format and the new venue at the Bluebird seems to be finding support from members so book now to avoid a waiting list!

Derek Mills has some reflections on events elsewhere in this Newsletter

but I would like to make one observation. Members comment that it is difficult to get on to the list for some of our more established events. The popularity of these events and the practical limitations on numbers makes it important to get an application in as early as possible. Communications are now web-based and late decisions to join established events may result in disappointment. However, as I have previously noted, the Club is trying to increase the number and type of events to give members greater opportunity to join in. May I ask members not only to support their fellow members' initiatives in this respect but also to give that support early rather than late? There is always a critical mass needed for an initiative to succeed and if our interest is only expressed at the last minute it could be too late for an event to be confirmed.

Sir Drummond Bone notes elsewhere in this newsletter the Club's sorrow at the passing of Vera Cooper so I make no further comment on that here except to note what a loss she is to the Club and to express the Club's sincere condolences to her family.

Readers of this blog may recall that I was stranded south of Verona earlier this summer when my Lancia Flaminia let me down and may want to know what the result was. Even if you don't, I am going to tell you anyway! She was repatriated and the engine stripped down to find that there was absolutely nothing wrong with any part of it. Everything was in perfect condition. The crank-shaft has been die-tested and x-rayed and it too was perfect. So why, when it is fully assembled, does it sound as though it has run its bearings? God probably knows but unfortunately He has been too busy to tell me. Perhaps members with a bit more clout with Him may have a few suggestions?

I hope the autumn weather will continue to be fine and the remaining events of the year will be as enjoyable as those that have already past

**Buon viaggio!**

**Nick.**

## Obituary – Vera Cooper



Sadly, I have to report that Vera died on August 15th. She was a central character of the Maserati Club, and her famous spring lunches were a central event in the club's calendar. All of us will have our own memories and stories, and there will be a full appreciation in a future Trident (the current issue is in print as I write). I met Vera for the first time at a Silverstone event (the old Coy's Classic), but we really got to know each other when she navigated for me in an event organized by Henny Cate at Buxton - and that was the first of many outings together. We had Maseras in common of course, but who could resist Vera's sparkling joie de vivre, whatever the occasion? - not many, if anyone



at all. Vera looked after the Committee at their meetings for many years, and her hospitality warmed our hearts, her food sustained us, and her humour cooled our tempers through many a long meeting. Well into her nineties Vera could make a twenty year old feel they were lacking energy. She was a phenomenon, and all our lives are better for having known her.

**Drummond Bone**



## A message from the Treasurer - Change of Bank Account

One of the consequences of our change to a limited liability company last year is that we were told by our banks that we should open new accounts in the name of Maserati Club Limited as we are now a new legal entity. This was not as straight forward as one might expect but it did give us the opportunity to review our arrangements and select a new account most appropriate for our needs. The new account has been up and running for a while and we now need to communicate the new arrangements to all our members.

### Your Action Required Please!

- If you have any pre-existing payment instructions with your bank please arrange for these to be amended to the new details below, if you bank online you can do this yourself, you can also use your bank's telephone banking service.
- If you normally pay your subscription by cheque please consider whether you can use one of the above methods to arrange future payments by standing order. UK subscription is £50 and overseas subscription is £65, due each January.
- Once you have made the changes please email admin@maseraticlub.co.uk so that Dave can keep track.

Ideally we would like as many members as possible to make future payments for subscriptions, events and other items into the account by electronic transfer. Many members already do this and if you manage your own bank account online it is the easiest method. It also reduces costs for members and the club compared to posting cheques to the Administrator or Treasurer. We will still accept cheques, cash and postal orders etc. but wherever possible please make payments direct to the account.

### Bank Details

- Account Name: Maserati Club Ltd.
- Sort Code: 08-92-99
- Account Number: 65635025
- Reference: This is your membership number, a 4 digit number printed on the newsletter and Trident envelope label and followed by the first 3 letters of your surname
- Additional information for non-UK members - Swift International Transfers:
  - o BIC: CPBKG22, IBAN: GB83CPBK08929965635025

Finally, don't worry if you can't use the instructions above, we will be in touch later in the year to make sure that your subscription is kept up to date and that you continue to receive the benefits of Maserati Club membership.



## Summer Party at the Dering Arms

By Graham Wood

A Mistral Spyder to a 90th anniversary GranSport Spyder was part of the great range of Maseratis lined up outside the Dering Arms, and (new this year) parked in the gardens made for a superb display. The stunning weather offered a wonderful day, with the Jazz Band making it a very British affair. Champagne flowed and the lunch was more than up to the exceptionally high standards of previous years; introduced by some delectable warm poached quail egg canapés (we have now mastered the art of eating these 'safely!'). Jim's Maserati collection was on display in the garden, showcasing his beautiful Mistral alongside his newly acquired 4200 Spyder (with the Kyalami, Ghibli & Khamsin acting as the support act), really helping to boost the numbers of Maseratis on show. An interesting mix of local classic and modern sports car connoisseurs and the (sadly, less than hoped for) Maserati contingent enabled some lively conversation as we relaxed during the afternoon. A raffle with the generous proceeds going to Maserati Club funds made for a nice finale to the afternoon. This was a great opportunity for the Club to enjoy summer sun in the South East, in relaxed and friendly surroundings. Many thanks once again to Jim & Penny for a great event and their continued kind hospitality.



## Thoughts on encouraging the use and preservation of classic Maseratis

By Brian Cunningham

It is probable that owners of modern Maseratis will use them as everyday cars and have plenty of opportunities to enjoy driving them. The same can't be said for owners of the classic cars, which are not ideally suited to busy city traffic and congested car parks. Most owners use their classics on Maserati Club events and, when convenient, on other Italian car meetings.

Since I joined the club in 1992 I have never missed a Spring or Autumn Meeting, have attended about 15 Silverstone Classic events and have participated in 10 International Meetings. I have thoroughly enjoyed both the driving and the excellent company.

In November 2012 I expressed an interest in the 2013 Autumn Meeting on behalf of myself and Peter Batemen, with whom I now enter Maserati events with since my wife died. I mentioned that we would bring both my Khamsin and Peter's Bora.

Since last year's abortive attempt to reach Wexford in the Khamsin, having to return home and exchange it for my 228, arriving one day late, while the Khamsin received some TLC. First, I removed the repaired the ignition switch which had been the cause of our failure to reach Ireland. Then, since the clutch felt a bit dodgy, I replaced the master cylinder. This made very little difference and after a few weeks, the clutch ceased to operate entirely. With my son's assistance and the car on axle stands, we removed the exhaust manifold and replaced the slave cylinder. Total success, and the clutch now feels as good as when I acquired the car.

Thoughts now turned to the Autumn meeting and re-reading the last Newsletter I observed that booking forms were being sent out by email in June and July. Slightly worried that I had not yet received a form, I emailed the organiser, to be informed that Peter and I did not have an entry, since enough people had applied before us.

Having digested this information with considerable disappointment I would like to make the following proposed for consideration by the committee. For Maserati Club events, 30-40% of the places should be reserved for classic Maseratis, until, say, 8 weeks before the events. Any places not taken up by then would, then be released to any Maserati.

It is with deep regret that, for the first time since I acquired them, I have considered selling my Maseratis, since the cost of maintaining, taxing and ensuring them, I wonder if it is worthwhile if the opportunity to drive them becomes limited to once or twice per year. Because of the enjoyment I have experienced over the past 20 years plus, I will almost certainly banish any such thoughts, but some encouragement along the lines suggested would be the most welcome.

## Cup Corner: Ghibli Cups take over Prescott

By Ewan Clark

Eight highly prized and polished Cups shone brightly. To get more than a third of the remaining population at the same place at the same time was a great success. There was a great range of colours, but no silver ones (shame on you Ed).



Douglas, Alex, Roger, Julian and I took to the hill, at various levels of attack. Definitely a time to press "4" on the adjustable suspension control pad. Much of the course was taken in second, with just brief glimpses of third. I'm still undecided as whether I found driving the hill genuinely fun, or just nerve-wracking. Certainly it would take many more laps to feel genuinely confident and relaxed.

Concours honours went to Douglas and his stunning Azzuro Blue car. Though I did notice that one of the darker blue Cups was particularly well presented. The other Mk2 Ghiblis present included one Ghibli Primatist and three Ghibli GT models.

- Graham Nicholls is currently in the process of fitting a 3.9:1 rear diff to his Cup as opposed to the standard 3.45:1. The 1996 race cars had this diff, which gave better acceleration at the cost of top speed. Graham will keep us updated of his findings.
- Cup sales fever has broken out, with the unique French Blue example for sale on PistonHeads UK. There was a dark blue one for sale on the club web site, and Ewan Clark may be aware of others.

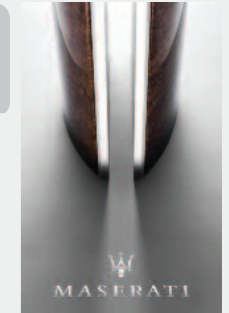


In memory of last year's Silverstone Classic, John Lourie took this photo along with two other Cups. He has owned it for 10 years or so, used for shopping, work and Cameron Millars. Cared for by McGraths, it's had one intensive massage session with Candini in Modena a few years ago, which just had to involve a return trip over the Stelvio Pass - much to be recommended.

## ANORAK'S CORNER



What's this? *Answers on Page 2*



## Italian Stallions at Poole's Quay For My Car 30th August

By Paul Hanmore

The very first 'Italian Stallions' event held on Poole Quay, Dorset was a magnificent success. Within half an hour of the quay opening to exhibitors, the area was full with Italian cars of all marques and models. Visitors and locals thronged the area to see and experience the sights and sounds of this Italian themed evening. A rare Maserati Khamsin was amongst the most notables, alongside a Ferrari F40, Fiat 2300 S Coupes, a Lancia Beta Coupe rally car resplendent in Alitalia colours, and a 1937 Lancia Aprilia.

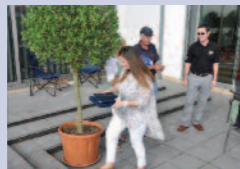


This event came about following a suggestion by an IAMC member and we would like to thank all the clubs, publications and individuals that we approached for their support and lobbying to persuade Poole Tourism to include the event in their summer calendar. We will campaign to ensure that it becomes a regular annual event. You can play your part in this: Please Email Anne Simpson at Poole Tourism (a.simpson@pooletourism.com) congratulating them on the success of Italian Stallions and asking for it to become an annual fixture.

## Picnic at Brandon on the Water

Clive & Pamela Brandon opened the doors of their lovely home and garden to the Maserati Club for a picnic in late August.

The weather got off to a gloomy start but improved as the day got longer. Club members started to arrive from 11.30 am and a happy group of 48 spread our picnics out around the lake. Dick Lovett Maserati kindly provided wines to enjoy through the afternoon, plus 2 beautiful Gran Turismo cars for us to test drive. They also provided super prizes for our entertaining raffle. Elizabeth Lowndes did a grand job of selling tickets to all and sundry while the sun warmed up in the afternoon. The top prize of a leather Maserati wallet for an iPad/tablet went to Charlotte O'Shea, while the enthusiasts amongst us were kept busy looking at the 22 or so cars in the drive way. Finally we were given an interesting tour of Clive's newly constructed stable block and paddock for his mares and colts to round off a great afternoon. Special thanks to Clive & Pamela for inviting us to Brandon on the Water and Elizabeth Lowndes for selling so many raffle tickets and Dick Lovett for providing prizes and refreshments.



## The Who's who

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## Welcome to the Club

Membership on the 1st July 2013 stood at **572**, this time last year it was 578.

New members signed up since the last newsletter are: -

Name	Membership Number	Area	Car
Bill Oldham	4839	Lancashire	Coupe
Lorraine Sparrowhawk	4841	Lincolnshire	GranCabrio
Stephen Hyatt	4843	Scotland	-
Rob Jenner	4844	Scotland	-

**Change of bank** - many thanks to those who have updated their standing order details due to the club changing its bank, I am sure there are plenty out there who have not changed or updated me yet....

**Subscription renewal** - although we would prefer members to renew by Standing Order, if you would rather pay by cheque the NOV/DEC newsletter will have your personal renewal insert inside, but if you have the urge to send your cheque to me early [£50.00 UK, £65.00 the rest] made out to the Maserati Club Ltd, I won't mind at all!

### Welcome to the Club

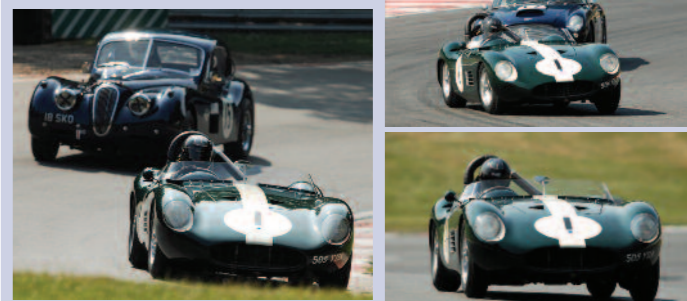
Emails - thanks to those club members who have updated their email address.  
**Dave Smith** Club Administrator phone/fax 01494 717 701  
 admin@maseraticlub.co.uk

## Maserati on the Web

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

## Third place for Steve Hart at Brands Hatch

Photos by Geoff Lancaster



## Bride arrives in true Maserati style

Photos by Peter Stewart

Carol Smallman, MD of a travel consultancy, arrived at her wedding to marry her long standing partner Andy Kemp at a 16th Century Tythe Barn in Ditchling, West Sussex. She was driven by her good friend Pete Stewart in his Gran Turismo. This was a double celebration as it was Carols 50th Birthday. Awaiting guests certainly heard Carol arrive! She said the Maserati helped to make her day very special indeed.





## AUTUMN MEETING A Cotswold Tour

### Waiting List Only 27-29 September 2013

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



Billesley Manor Hotel

**Friday** Dinner in the hotel.

**Saturday** After a leisurely breakfast (9 – 9:30am), we will be touring around some of the most picturesque countryside and villages in the area. There will be a mixture of roads, including quiet country lanes and other roads suitable for those of you who like to make progress. We will be having a morning coffee break at the beautiful Bibury Court Country Hotel, in the grounds (weather permitting!), then, on to Blenheim Palace for lunch and guided tours. The first tour will be around the state rooms which hold one of the finest collections in Europe, the second will be an experience of life inside the palace, from lady's maid to Duchess. Fans of Downton Abbey will love this. We will be parking in front of the palace, providing a great photo opportunity. In the evening at the hotel, there will be canapés and a champagne reception before dinner, in the topiary garden (again, weather permitting).

**Sunday** After another leisurely start, a picturesque drive with plenty of places for coffee stops, ending up in Oxford at the Balliol College kindly arranged by the one and only Sir Drummond Bone. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Make sure your cars are clean, as there will be a concours competition here. After lunch in the grand hall, there will be the traditional prize giving and then depart for home.

This meeting is now fully booked. In case of a place becoming available due to cancellations, please email [douglas.lowndes@sky.com](mailto:douglas.lowndes@sky.com).

## Goodwood Breakfast Club, Italian Day

Consider improving the usual Trident v Prancing Horse ratio by attending! Trevor Griffiths shall be taking his A6GCS replica. It's free to enter at the Goodwood racing circuit, and one can also pre-register, which enhances the chances of being allocated a coveted place on the start/finish straight.

## 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.

## Hampshire Group Run

### A locally arranged event - Sunday 3rd November

Following the success of our two previous drives, I am planning another similar little run. Don't miss it, because we will not do another during the winter.

We will again meet for coffee at 10.30 in The White Horse (the pub with no name) at Priors Dean, Froxfield. At 11.00 the cars will leave at two minute intervals to do a little navigation run through the lanes, this time towards Sussex and then return to the pub for lunch. The run will be about 40 miles with directions by ball and arrow (tulip) instructions an mileage in-between. On the way there will be a few questions, just to keep you interested. If you want to come, please let me know by sending an email to [kenchisholm000@btinternet.com](mailto:kenchisholm000@btinternet.com).

## 'Northern Lights' Winter Lunch Locally Arranged Event 26th January 2014

At last! A new social event is being launched for the Midlands and the North. A New Year's lunch at The Mere in Knutsford has been organised by Gail Mosley - see the web site for details. Any one who has been to Gail's events before will know that she is a past master for producing the buzzy ambience we all enjoy.

## International Historic Motoring Awards 2013 open for entry - 14 November 2013

Nominations are now invited for the International Historic Motoring Awards 2013, in association with EFG International and Octane magazine. Judges will include Jochen Mass, Berthold Dörrich (Presenting Editor, Octane Germany), Jay Leno, Derek Bell, Ian Callum and Peter Stevens, Horst Brünig of FIVA and Dr. Franz-Josef Paefgen (Volkswagen Group's Classic activities).

Nominations can be made through the Awards' website [www.historicmotoringawards.com](http://www.historicmotoringawards.com), and voting for Car of the Year will open later this year. The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in London on Thursday, 14th November at the magnificent St Pancras Renaissance Hotel. Tickets cost £150 plus VAT per person and can be bought from [www.historicmotoringawards.com](http://www.historicmotoringawards.com).

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## Maserati Club Christmas Lunch

Tickets selling fast -  
book now to avoid disappointment  
Sunday 8th December 2013, 12:30 start



Bluebird Dining Rooms, 350 Kings Road, Chelsea, London SW3 5UU

Bluebird is the realisation of Sir Terence Conran's dream to incorporate a wide range of food and drink activities in a unique London destination. Bluebird is a Grade II listed building built in 1923 and it was originally the largest motor garage and one of Chelsea's most notable landmarks; it was here that Malcolm Campbell's famous Bluebird cars were allegedly assembled. Between 1927 and 1935 he broke the world land speed record nine times, taking it to 301.129 miles per hour. The building has since been used as an ambulance station, a photographic studio, fashion market and finally in May 1997, Bluebird opened.

On arrival, pre-lunch drinks will start at 12:30pm followed by a three course lunch served at 1:00pm, accompanied by appropriate wines. A vegetarian option will be available. Price will be £55 per head.

The Club is hopeful that existing members, who have not generally participated in Club events will consider attending this luncheon.

Booking forms are now available on the club website. However, places are now limited, please send your application form and payment asap to **Andrew Hutton** at [andrewhutton5@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewhutton5@btinternet.com).

## Bristol Italian Auto Moto Festival, Maserati Centenary 2014 - 19 April 2014

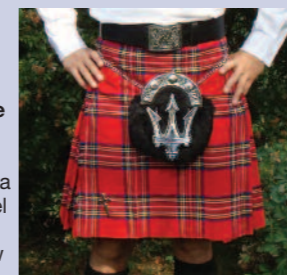
The 12th BIAMF will take place on Easter Saturday when we shall be celebrating the centenary of Maserati. We request all who wish to enter a Maserati to register your intention now, so that we can be sure to have sufficient space allocated when entries begin to be accepted towards the end of January. The website is [www.biamf.co.uk](http://www.biamf.co.uk). To register your entry please contact: [biamf@italianautomotoclub.co.uk](mailto:biamf@italianautomotoclub.co.uk)



## CAMERON MILLAR SPRING MEETING

24 - 27 April 2014

The Cameron Millar Spring Meeting will take place over three days and three nights and will be based at the award winning luxury Ballathie House Hotel just north of Perth - [www.ballathiehousehotel.com](http://www.ballathiehousehotel.com). This is a stunning Scottish Country House Hotel beside the River Tay. Some years ago it hosted a Maserati Club event; it now has 23 rooms in the main house, including five single rooms, and 14 luxurious Riverside rooms very close to the main house. So there are just 37 rooms available over the weekend and early booking is going to be essential in order to avoid disappointment. More details will be included later in the Newsletter and also a booking form on the Club's website.



# Maserati News

From BILL MCGRATH to MCGRATH MASERATI

## MCGRATH MASERATI

The McGrath brand has undergone something of a restoration itself over the last few months and now we are proud to launch our new branding and a completely new website.

From now on, we'll be McGrath Maserati, celebrating our support of the marque and our evolving association. And while our traditional craftsmanship and restoration services will always be a big part of our business, we are moving forward once again to offer servicing on modern Maseratis. Check out the new website at [www.mcgrathmaserati.co.uk](http://www.mcgrathmaserati.co.uk).

## Debutants at Goodwood: Ghibli, GranCabrio MC, the GranTurismo MC Stradale



The 150,000 spectators at the Goodwood Festival of Speed were treated to an amazing sight of Maserati's three latest additions: the GranCabrio MC, the GranTurismo MC Stradale four seater and, making its official UK debut, the new Ghibli.

Crowds also gathered at the Press Centre, sponsored by Maserati, to view the stunning display of Quattroportes parked there. The rare line-up exhibited all six generations of the marque's flagship model, celebrating fifty successful years since its creation and highlighting the fantastic evolution of the unrivalled executive four door saloon. Completing the display was the Quattroporte's little brother the Ghibli, allowing spectators to admire the car from up close and explore the interior. There is also an interesting video review of the Ghibli on the Evo website.

Celebrity chef James Martin was the first one to get behind the wheel of the GranTurismo MC Stradale four seater. The GranTurismo MC Stradale has a new microsite at [www.maseratigranturismomcstradale.com](http://www.maseratigranturismomcstradale.com). Taking advantage of the fantastic weather in the GranCabrio MC was Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason; a great racing driver of classic cars whose collection includes a Maserati 250F and two Maserati Birdcages.



## Even More...

## ...Ghibli News



With prices starting from £48,830, the new Maserati Ghibli is smaller, shorter, lighter, more dynamic and more economical than the Maserati flagship Quattroporte. The most powerful model, the Ghibli S, has 410hp of power and races from 0 - 62mph in 5.0 seconds.

Each model in the new range, the Ghibli, the Ghibli S and the Ghibli Diesel utilise an eight-speed automatic transmission to deliver performance and provide seamless comfort with fast gear shifting for hard acceleration.

Having entered the E-segment sports premium market, the Ghibli has a marked advantage in terms of cabin craftsmanship and detailing, including luxury features like the Maserati Touch Control screen, reversing camera, Poltrona Frau leather interior and the 15-speaker Bowers & Wilkens audio system, as well as WLAN-based WiFi and compatibility with most modern mobile phone systems.

To view further information on this stunning new car, please click on the link to view the e-Brochure or alternatively contact: James, Lawrence or Sam from Maranello Sales in Egham, Surrey on either: 01784 558 430 or via email on: maranello@sytner.co.uk. Or, I am sure you can contact you local dealers as well!

[http://www.ebrochure.maserati.com/ebrochure\\_ghibli/index\\_en.html](http://www.ebrochure.maserati.com/ebrochure_ghibli/index_en.html)

## Maserati Quattroporte Ermenegildo Zegna Limited Edition



Unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show, this limited edition Trident features a unique new look in colour scheme, materials and finish. The car is intended for development into a production version in 2014.

## Maserati Store

New silky things, such as foulards (whatever they are), bandanas (everyone should have one) and scarves for him and her. Recent Maserati Store communications have included summer season polo shirts, jackets and shades, but I think it might be a bit late now - maybe save up for next year.

## Maserati Bicycle



Montante Cicli is one of the most prestigious brand for bicycles. Since the 1920's, innovation and quality have been the main characteristic of the bicycles produced by this company. The prestige of the brand grew over the years and Montante bicycles became the official vehicle of the Italian Army.

Saddle, handlebar cover and pedal block are covered in grain leather, the same colour and material used for the Maserati 8CTF leather saddle. Montante Maserati 8CTF bicycle will be produced in a limited series with 200 examples - the number of Indianapolis laps driven by Wilbur Shaw in his Maserati in 1940. For further details, have a look at the Maserati Store website.

## Maserati Fitted Luggage

Apparently, Don Mansfield's luggage caught the attention of many people on the HFII. The luggage had been made by www.hillsalive.co.uk for his 4200. Don says 'they do seem to offer a very good solution to the perennial problem of fitting all your 'stuff' into a Maserati on tour.'

## CMC and the Maserati 300S are celebrating Le Mans 90 Years

Jo Bonnier and Francisco Godia raced this car in the 1958 Le Mans and unfortunately did not finish after 142 laps with an engine problem. CMC has taken chassis no 3066 to make an excellent car model in scale 1/18, assembled of more than 1900 parts. The breath taking shape of the Fantuzzi body is a real masterpiece of model making, with finely detailed drum brakes and a perfect copy of the engine and chassis.



## Advertising Rates

Post or email advertisements, and cheques where applicable, to the Editor. See above for contact details. Cheques payable to 'The Maserati Club Ltd'.

All advertisements will feature in two consecutive issues of the Maserati Club Newsletter, added to the Maserati Club website for 4 months and free in Auto Italia magazine. Please inform us when you have sold your car or parts.

Text is unlimited and free to all members. Text with a photograph @ £10.00 for members. Text with/without a photograph @ £15.00 for non-members.

## Dave Smith

As a lifelong Maserati man and keen photographer, Dave Smith has built up an extensive library of photographs of Maserati cars and Club members taken at race meetings and other motoring events.

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



## Khamsin

Number 409 of only 430 built over a 7 year period. RHD. 73,000 miles. Recently restored and completely rust-free after bare metal re-spray in period colour Rosso Fuoco. New carpets and some new leather but trying to retain its original patina.

Substantial work by Bill McGrath to engine, suspension, brakes, and sub-frame and considerable fettling to get all the little bits and bobs just right. Set of new correct tubed Michelin XWX tyres make it a beautiful usable car with nothing further required. McGrath has just completed a full service.

A larger photo is on page 56 of Trident, Spring 2013. Reluctant sale in order to enable Ghibli project to be undertaken. £85,000. Tony Bernstein; long-standing Club member; 0044 (0)7798 532791; abernstein67@gmail.com



## 1989 Spyder E Wheels and Tyres



Four original Maserati alloy wheels from a 1989 Spyder E, two fitted with Pirelli P700Z ZR15 Tyres Size 205/50 and two fitted with Pirelli P700 VR15 Tyres Size 205/50. Price £180 each. John Heathfield Tel 07770 938300

## Maserati Suitcase

Beautiful black, embossed leather, Maserati suitcase. Measuring 15cm x 71cm x 53cm and with Maserati motifs. New and unused. Offers please. Contact: rogev@birminghamstopper.co.uk Mob: 07977 270 446



## 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).

Post your order to: Maserati Club, C/O 20 Church Street, Chiswick, London W4 2PH enclosing a cheque made payable to "Maserati Club Ltd".

Postage and packing is included to UK addresses only. For other destinations or any other queries contact Roger Epszajn: email: [regalia@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:regalia@maseraticlub.co.uk) Tel / Fax: 020 8995 9995

## WANTED

### Merak Whereabouts

From Stan Parsons: I restored a Merak SS 20 years ago, registration 6740.RH. It was originally standing in 3 feet of grass in a back garden in St Albans and the pistons were left in two old tea chests. I restored it and ran it for a while, until someone ran into the front of it. I sold it on and I still have lots of photos of it. I was wondering if its still about as someone might want to know the history of it. Please contact Stan at stanley.parsons@yahoo.co.uk.

### Wanted: Ghibli 4.7 or 4.9

I am a long-standing member of the Club and am looking for the 'right' Ghibli. 4.7 or 4.9. Please contact me if you are considering selling your car. 07968 094741 or laurel-cottage@hotmail.co.uk

## Parts Wanted

- 1) 2 front shock absorbers for a Quattroporte Ottocylindre
- 2) Becker Radio, possibly a Mexico
- 3) CD player

Contact Steve Rogers - 01707 261232 or mobile 07563 552500, steverogers@zen.co.uk

## FOR SALE

### Sebring & Mistral Parts

Various Sebring and Mistral parts for sale. 07968 094741 or laurel-cottage@hotmail.co.uk

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**We have all played the game of what we would do if we won the lottery. The UK's largest single payout was £42million, shared between three ticket owners. Now imagine, if you can, when Irvine Laidlaw sold his business in 2005 for more than 50 times the highest UK lottery win! He could afford the best of everything in the world. He purchased country estates, racing yachts, a cruise ship, the finest road and classic racing cars from the golden era of the 1950s and 60s to indulge his love of racing.**

In a previous article for the Newsletter, I set out all the Maserati and Osca cars that Irvine has owned over the years. Now he is retiring from racing at the age of 70, Irvine is selling his remaining racing car collection. It is reassuring that of these last five cars, two of them bear the Trident. You cannot have failed to read the exposure that RM auctions have given the sale throughout the national newspapers and motoring magazines.



Irvine is not a sentimental man although these cars have given him years of pleasure and cabinets of trophies. He now wants to sell them on to be enjoyed by another racer who will hopefully continue to give us the pleasure of seeing them at the premier historic race meetings. The Ex Le Mans 1960 Tipo 61 Birdcage started life as one of the famous Camoradi team owned by Lloyd "lucky" Casner and bears the chassis number 2464. It did not achieve any outright wins with the Camoradi team and was sold the following season. In 1962, it was going to be broken up and used for parts but fortunately it was saved and reassembled and lived to race again with several successes the following season. However after several DNFs the Maserati 2890cc engine was replaced by a 4.7 litre Ford V8 engine, which was later replaced with a Chevy engine. By today's moral code the owner would be tried for high treason, especially as he lost the original engine. Fortunately in the 1980s the car was returned to Europe and acquired by the German financier Dr Thomas Bscher who started the restoration of this car by ordering a correct engine to be built by Crosthwaite & Gardiner.



Before the bidding started, the room was darkened and we had a short film of the car being driven at high speed around Cadwell Park, with all the wonderful sounds of the 3 litre engine booming loudly through the sound system. There were eight RM staff ready to take telephone and on-line bids. To help loosen the wallets of the bidders in the room there was free champagne. RM had done their best to give the maximum exposure to the Laidlaw Competition Car Collection. The room was fairly busy and the bidding started at £1M. The auctioneer was working hard using all his charm and humour, but the bids were coming in very slowly, £1.1M, £1.2M, £1.3M, £1.4M, £1.45, and so on and then stuck at £1.6M. That bids equates to £1,760,000 (plus another £32,000 in VAT) with the buyers premium. So a set back for RM and Irvine as the car did not reach its reserve.

After 25 years of racing, the chassis which had become structurally compromised, had to be replaced and was rebuilt according to the original design by Geoff Squirrel and Chris Fox. So there you have it – the engine is not original, the chassis is not original and undoubtedly, the body panels are not original. But this has always been a racing car and not a museum exhibit, safety and reliability are more important than originally and at the RM auction on the 9th September, the expected range was between £2.25m - £2.75m! A Tipo 61 Birdcage reached just over \$2m at Monterey in August just past.

This 250S is one of the four 250S's built and is the only one with an original 2.5 Litre factory built engine, as the others had enlarged engines. The history of this car after it came back from racing in America in the 1970s is like a Who's Who of the Maserati Club restorers. Tony Merrick, Shaun Danaher and Steve Hart were all involved over the years in maintaining this car, which Irvine Laidlaw acquired in 2001. £2.5 - £3m was expected.



The bidding started well with a telephone bid at £1.5M and slowly continued in increments of £100K to £1.9M. This was £600K below the estimate, again the auctioneer tried his hardest to extract another bid and so it was a surprise when the gavel fell and he announced that the car was sold.

Of the seven racing cars that Irvine was selling, only four were sold on the night, realising £3.4M of which RM earned £424,000 plus VAT in sellers premium and another £340,000 plus VAT in buyers premium. No doubt a new owners will be found soon, but it does show that even with all the RM razzmatazz the wealthy buyers will not always be seduced into paying the RM estimated price.

Let us hope that the new owners have the passion to keep racing the cars and a wallet to maintain them in the manner they have become accustomed!



## The Sicilian Targa Florio

Billed as the world's oldest race, the Sicilian Targa Florio has been re-launched, taking place along the original route over 3 days. But after many accidents and deaths, the racing stopped in 1977, becoming a rally instead. A 6CM Maserati won it twice, once by a 4CL, with a further 15 podiums for the marque. They give preference to models of cars that competed in the race in period from 1906 - 1977. As you can see from the photo more modern cars are permitted to follow or get in the way of the competitors!



*Whilst every effort has been made to provide accurate information about these events at the date of going to print please contact the organisers for the latest details. I have widened my brief for the next Trident and I would like to hear from any members entering a motor sport competition in any car.*

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