

Newsletter 175 - January/February 2022



Dear Member,

Welcome to Newsletter 175, our first E-Letter. The main purpose of the Newsletter is to keep members up to date with Club Events. It will be emailed bi-monthly and has been designed so that Members have convenient links to the Website and the wider Maserati community. NL 175 is a starting point where Members are invited to send their introductions, photos, and anything else Club related. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Alcantara, the only new car sold by Bill - but I had previous. My series 1 Sebring looked the deal, but I should have taken as a warning that its previous owners in Downham Market said they had never had it in fifth gear - and when I did under a certain amount of throttle load, the top burned off a piston, cue full engine rebuild by Forward Engineering and a second mortgage. Somehow it didn't put me off.



The Club has been a real joy, and so have all the subsequent Maseratis with the marginal exception of a Ghibli GT, which was a bit dull - and broke reverse gear at an awkward moment (a lot of them did). From rallies with Vera Cooper (she would angle the road book from her navigator's seat so the driver could read it more easily) to drinks with John Bennet, reading wine lists by Italian lakes with Roger Epszajn, properly (well, most of the time properly) admiring the ladies, racing with support from Paul and Nick and Andy, it's given us thirty good years - even being Chairman had its moments when things actually worked. If I had to pick favourites (cars I mean, not members) it would, of course, be the Barchetta (why is no one still racing LLC?), and I'm growing ever fonder of the QPV second time round. We're into a new period with the digital Newsletter, and the cars with the MC20 - new, but still recognisably Maserati."

Sir Drummond Bone



Scrolls of honour

At the Maserati Club Xmas Lunch 2022 the following Members photographed here were:

- Cliff and Rosemary Clifton (T.A.S.O Mathieson Trophy)
- David and Sue White (The Anthony Hartley Trophy)
- Hilary Green (Vera Copper Rose bowl)
- Rex Barton (The Vice Presidents Trophy).

Not present but awarded the following were:

- Peter Bateman (The Indy Trophy)
- Dr Peter Milligan (The Maserati GB Concours)



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FROM THE EDITOR



With a blink of an eye and it's February. Recent weekends were spent decorating the spare room in case family or friends stop over now triple jabbed with a booster. Between brush strokes, I was able to catch up with Gilles Peterson shows and I downloaded some gripping tunes for 2022 Maserati road trips. I have a clever gadget connected to the analog radio on my dashboard which automatically synchronises with my smartphone. It works every time! I'm excited too because I'm booked onto my first ever Club Rally, the CM2022 in Alsace. I can't wait.

Speaking of gripping, make sure you check out the February edition of Auto-Italia magazine - a 'Masters of Grip Special'. The mighty Maserati Ghibli Cup is pitched against the Alfa Romeo SZ and the Lancia Delta Integrale. No contest surely? There's also a feature on the new Grecale and the exciting Mazzanti Evantra. If you have time, see what you think of another Ghibli, the latest MC Edition offering from the factory. I'm liking the colour!

Matt Briffa

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Happy New Year. This is the Club's first E Letter. As a club we have been discussing an E letter for many years but it has taken a virus from China to make it happen, there is no turning back now. It will give Matt the opportunity to write up events with less time delay and hopefully increase the readership whilst reducing the costs.

Trident will remain as a printed record of the club's activities over the year and views on all sorts of topics to be treasured as family heirloom. At least I hope so as I have every copy from 1972 onwards! The club has weathered the COVID/Omicrom crisis well so far and put on ten events last year and already 7 events are planned for this year.

After my 21 years of historic car racing I may have finally raced my last race at the Silverstone Classic in July last year. It follows on from my previous notes about my concern as to the way historic motor racing is heading. My last race was for pre-65 race cars and my 1961 E-type was hit off the circuit by a Ford Daytona Coupe driven by a touring car driver.

Apparently the Daytona was built from scratch last year which says it all! So much for Historic Car Racing.

I hope to see you during the year and wish you well.

Michael O'Shea



Photographs of Maserati cars and Club Members

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**.



Regalia

Trident binders are available for purchase each holding 12 copies of the A4 Trident.



From Chris Wright Member No 3206

As the club newsletter enters cyberspace, my 1971 Ghibli SS enters its sixth decade.

We celebrated its 50th birthday last weekend with a trip out to fetch some delicious local Pembrokeshire oysters.



Welcome to the Club

Membership on the 21st January 2022 stood at **775**, this time last year the figure was 682.

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

- **Richard Richmond** 5721 Stratford-upon-Avon Q'Porte IV
- **Keith Sykes** 5722 Newhaven Ghibli III
- **Mark Hardwick** 5723 Chesterfield 3200GT
- **Andrew Biggs** 5724 Gillingham GranSport
- **Stephen Clarke** 5726 Chelmsford GranTurismo
- **Heidi Pedersen** 5727 Marlow
- **Nicolas Jagou** 5728 France Indy/ QPIV V8/ 4200 spyder
- **Nigel Austin** 5729 Sir Lanka 4200 Spyder
- **Anthony Owen** 5730 Oxfordshire Ghibli III
- **Patrick Byrne** 5731 London Indy
- **Jerome Letuve** 5733 France 4200 Coupe
- **Tony Palombo** 5735 Bury GranTurismo
- **Richard Ashton** 5736 Lowestoft 4200 Coupe
- **Jim Casey** 5740 Warwick
- **Gwyn Rees-Sheppard** 5743 Wales 4200 Coupe
- **Alan Beresford** 5749 Stroud
- **James Steel** 5751 Shiplake GranTurismo

- **Andrew Orchard** 5752 London 4200 Spyder/ Ghibli III
- **Colin Sharpe** 5753 Workington
- **Stephen Geraint Llewellyn** 5754 Wallington Ghibli III
- **Stuart White** 5756 London Q'Porte V
- **Phil Evans** 5757 Potters Bar 3200GT
- **Vito Pacini** 5760 Shrewsbury 4200 Coupe
- **Anthony Morris** 5763 Coventry GranCabrio
- **Luke Jackson** 5764 London
- **Andrew Bartle** 5765 Leek Ghibli II
- **Neil Phelps** 5766 Watlington 4200 Coupe
- **Jon Davis** 5767 Cowes -
- **Johan Denekamp** 5769 Chilmark Sebring II
- **Martin Evans** 5770 Sutton Coldfield 3200GT
- **Joshua Bateman** 5771 London GranTurismo
- **Roger Langridge** 5772 Alresford GranTurismo
- **Matthew Howells** 5773 Kingsbridge 3200GT
- **Steve Jarvis** 5774 Sunderland GranTurismo
- **John Beeson** 5775 Surrey GranCabrio
- **Gordon Cameron** 5776 Edinburgh
- **Chris Butler** 5777 Pontefract
- **Simon Burton** 5778 Chelmsford GranTurismo
- **Brian Powley** 5779 USA GranTurismo
- **John Periam** 5780 Bolton 4200 spyder
- **Paul Alfieri** 5781 London 4200 coupe
- **Richard Vaughan** 5782 Marlborough Ghibli III
- **Craig Harwood** 5783 Southampton GranTurismo
- **Rodney McMahon** 5786 Ramsbury
- **David Cooper** 5788 Swindon GranTurismo
- **David Astley** 5789 Warrington Ghibli III
- **James Douglas** 5790 Stoke on Trent Q'Porte IV
- **William McKerrow** 5792 Newtonhill Q'Porte VI
- **Robert Cottrill** 5793 Hastings Ghibli III
- **John Kerr** 5794 Saffron Walden GranTurismo
- **John King** 5795 Rake Q'Porte VI
- **James Meikleham** 5796 Falkirk
- **Chris Mann** 5797 Tring

Re-join:

- **Charles Willis** 4901 Chertsey

A warm welcome to the Club.



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