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A dark, close-up photograph of a car engine bay, showing various components like hoses and metal parts. The word 'WELCOME' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

**WELCOME**

Dear Member,

Welcome to your May/June Newsletter 176. The Newsletter has been designed so that Members' have convenient links to access Club information on the Website. This allows the Newsletter to fill the gap between the Website and Trident offering a timely snapshot of Club life and activities. With that, I am pleased to report that our first rally event in over two years, the CM22 Rallye d'Alsace, was a great success - what a blast! Closer to home please join us at the Club AGM on the 11th June at the Greenlands Hotel, Henley on Thames followed by dinner. The Club Concours and Summer Buffet Lunch will take place the following day at Phyllis Court, Henley on Thames on the 12th June. You can make a weekend of it with an option to stay over and attend both. Booking forms are available on the website. It's not too late to enter your Maserati for Concours where cars of all eras are welcome. If you find yourself with a last-minute urge for an overseas adventure, there are limited places on the Swedish International Rally 30th June to 3rd July. For a fun Club day there are places available on the Gurston Down Hill Climb on the 5th July. Later in the year, the Autumn Meeting 2022 - North Berwick and South East Coast of

Scotland, is nearly fully booked so be quick if you fancy that. In the meantime, if you're a new member don't forget to send me your introduction with a couple of paragraphs about yourself and photos of your Maserati (s).

I look forward to hearing from you!



## FROM THE EDITOR



At last Newsletter has an event to report – The Cameron Millar 2022 Rallye d'Alsace. This was the Club's first outing since the pandemic and dedicated to the memory of Graham Wood whose birthday was also celebrated. This was also my first Club 'rallye' event. What a fantastic time made very special by our organisers Michael and Marie-Elisabeth Miles. The event had been postponed twice but well worth the wait. An interesting mix of classic and new Maserati cars were a great

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN



To mark the club's 50th anniversary, Andy Heywood and Phil Ward produced an updated copy of the Maserati Centenario called Cinquanta. We hope you enjoyed the publication which included a reprint with new text to cover the new models.

I have today applied for a stand at the NEC in November (12/13) and we will be looking for a theme for 6 cars to put on display. I am open to your suggestions on the cars we choose. We will be looking for helpers to assist with setting up the stand. Gail Mosley

spectacle when visiting the Musee Lalique, historic towns and Chateaux and on the stunning forested mountain roads. With the age range of the cars came a variety of navigation equipment – hand drawn routes, paper maps, google maps and Satnav. Amusingly we found different ways to the same destinations sometimes passing in opposite directions! It was great to catch up with members of Club Maserati France too, their local knowledge greatly appreciated and with generosity extending to a rather fine Cohiba and Maserati stories shared over a glass or two of local Eau de Vie. A full report will feature in Trident.

Was it all too much for my recently completed Bora restoration? No and yes. On 'Le Shuttle' there was a bang to the nose, small but irritating. Once away from Calais however the car soaked up the motorway in comfort, wafting on its ample torque and covering over 1200 miles in all. Some last-minute preparation with new shock absorbers successfully corrected a wandering high speed habit. A refuelling incident was

has been busy organising accommodation and dinner for the AGM (11th June) and the lunch for the Concours at Phyllis Court Club the follow day so you can make a weekend of being in the Henley-on-Thames area.

There are lots of changes happening behind the scenes in the club. We have appointed Samantha as a bookkeeper to assist Luq our Treasurer with his workload, when Luq is in the UK long enough to hand over to Samantha her job will start. Eric Toft has joined the Committee to replace Adam Painter after the AGM as our new webmaster. Adam was only stepping in to cover the position. Samantha and Eric will work together to try and simplify the payments system.

The role of administrator will remain with Dave until the 2023 AGM.

Unfortunately, I was not able to make the Brecon Beacons weekend, but I heard that it was a great success, and our thanks go to Dick and Mary Pole the organisers. By all accounts the "Simply Italian Day" at Beaulieu was a great success too. Philip Pearson sent me some great photos which are published here in the Newsletter.

I am competing on the Flying Scotsman

solved by adapting an old pump and some even older flexible tubing - not easily come at a French service station. Like a faithful friend the car transported us back to London and to the very top our road...before the inevitable...but that's another story.

Thank you to Professor Chris Green for compiling a Club Questionnaire. The idea being that with some pertinent research and more in-depth knowledge, the Committee could better understand Members' thoughts in relation to Club activities and events etc. Please look at the [Questionnaire Report](#) here in Resources on the web site which offers a fascinating contemporaneous snapshot. Perhaps voice your thoughts at the Club AGM or otherwise over dinner?

**Matt Briffa**

for pre-war cars covering 700 miles in three days. The start is at Hexham and finishing at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland. I will be pleased just to make the start which is a 5 hour drive in a modern car! My navigator is my youngest son Felix who has never got around to taking his driving test and never navigated before so it should be interesting to see where we end up.

**Michael O'Shea**



## **I joined the Club in late 1999...**

I joined the Club in late 1999 because I was looking to swap my 1972 TVR for something more of a grand tourer. My good friend Ian Calvert (who owned a series of bi-turbos) tried to persuade me that it should be a Maserati and lent me his copy of the Richard Crump & Rob de la Rive Box book. I fell in love with the picture of the Series 2 Sebring on page 235. Despite this Ian and I are still good friends.

I made the classic mistake of buying the first one I looked at, a pretty scruffy car with dodgy red paint and a black vinyl interior but it had an MOT, I could drive it home and I could afford it. If you can find a 1999 copy of Classic and Sportscar you will see that at that time it was not too much of a step up from a well sorted TVR Vixen into a scruffy Sebring.

Our first Club event in the Sebring was the 2003 Cameron Millar Spring Meeting organised by Brian Harris and based in Rutland, as it was only about 20 miles from home, I thought it a safe bet! In the early years many of our adventures ended with the car coming home on a trailer but on this occasion, we did manage to get there and back under our own steam.

I still own that car and hopefully it will be out on Club events this year looking very different after more than 20 years of using and enjoying and improving it. Over those years the running gear has been restored and improved, the interior retrimmed and now finally the dodgy red paint is being addressed.

Our first Club event was so enjoyable we continued to sign up for subsequent outings, this may be why I came to the attention of the committee and in 2011 I was asked if I would consider becoming Treasurer. Dick Pole was Treasurer at the time and I agreed to attend committee meetings and work with Dick on a hand over to become Treasurer from the 2012 AGM, subject to approval by members. The members approved my appointment and I served two terms as Treasurer & Director from 2012 to 2018 before handing over the baton to Luq

The Articles of Association of the Club stipulate that Directors serve for a term of three years and then can stand for re-election, and committee members have typically been re-elected annually at each AGM if they want to continue. The intention of this is to encourage a turnover of committee members and ensure that fresh faces and ideas are introduced.

In 2020 I was asked to re-join the committee as Secretary so I am due to stand down next year. It has been a strange couple of years though for obvious reasons. The committee meetings have been held by Zoom throughout this period, our first time getting back together is/was in April and we will have a “live” AGM in June for the first time since 2019. Committee meetings usually take place at Phyllis Court, Henley-on-Thames in September, November, February and April with a further meeting before the AGM in June. Lots of Club business can be conducted by electronic communications but I will be very happy to get back to proper face-to-face interaction.

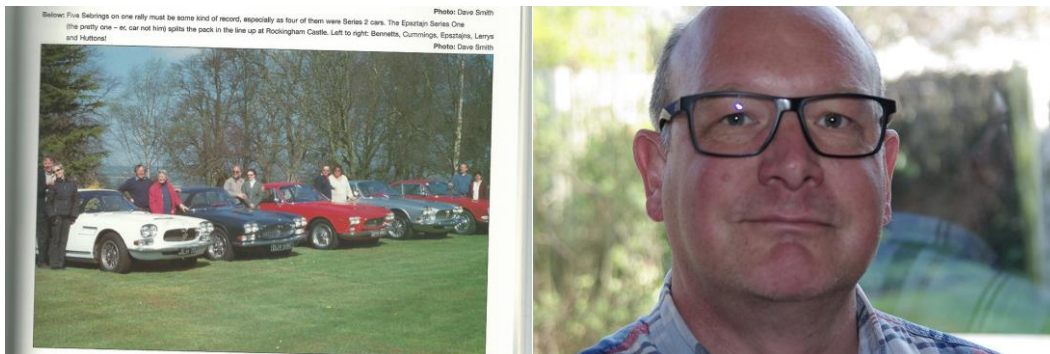


Photo – ‘Five Sebrings’- Our First Event. Jerry Hutton



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## 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**.



## Advertising

To create a classified advert for a member who has already logged on to the website: - Either go to the MY ACCOUNT tab and select the CLASSIFIED AD option. Then click on CREATE A CLASSIFIED ADVERT and take it from there. This advert creation page is also available by going to the MARKET TAB and clicking on ADD A CLASSIFIED AD.

The screenshot displays a classified advertising interface. On the left, there are two listings:

- QUATTROPORTE 1/MEXICO AND MERAK HANDBOOKS**  
Type : Car Parts for Sale  
**£100.00**  
Handbooks for sale  
[MORE INFO](#)
- GRANSPORT V8**  
Type : Car for Sale  
**£24,900.00**  
Exceptional Collectors' Car  
[MORE INFO](#)

Below these listings are two more car images: a silver Jaguar and a dark classic car.

On the right, there is a **FILTER** sidebar with the following options:

- CAR FOR SALE
- CAR PARTS FOR SALE
- CAR WANTED
- CAR PARTS WANTED

Below the filter options, a note states: "The following filters relate specifically to cars therefore only work with 'car for sale' and 'car wanted'." There are two dropdown menus labeled "Select Make" and "Select Model".

At the bottom right, there is a section titled **ADD A CLASSIFIED AD:** with the text: "Login to your account to add a classified advert. If you are not a member please contact us for more information."



## Events

- **11th June 2022** - Annual General Meeting To be held at Greenlands Hotel, Henley on Thames
- **12th June 2022** - Club Concours and Summer Lunch Phyllis Court Club, Henley on Thames
- **24th – 26th June** – Yorkshire Motorsport Festival Meltham,

HOLMFIRTH, Yorkshire

- **26th June – 7th July 2022** - Northern Ireland Tour
- **5th July 2022** - Gurston Down Hill Climb
- **30th June – 3rd July 2022** – Maserati International in Sweden
- **30th June – 3rd July 2022** - Le Mans Classic Club Maserati France
- **30th Sept – 3rd Oct 2022** - Autumn Rally: North Berwick & South East Scotland

Full details of each event can be found on the [Club events page](#).



## Rallye d'Alsace – The Cameron Millar 2022 Spring Rally

### Prizes and Awards in Alsace



Lining up in Riquewihr



Michael and Marie-Elisabeth Miles  
and the Bretzel



No speeding please



From left - Jacky Wood, Marie-Elisabeth Miles, Joyce Leonard, Julia Hitchon, Gail Mosley



Jerome Letuve. Club Maserati France support team



Nicolas Jagou Club Maserati France support team



The 'A Team' from left - Keith Davies, Edwin Faulkner, John Moon



Mike and Shirley Pilgrim. Longest distance travelled



John and Nick Connor. Best car – Mexico



Edwin Faulkner receiving the Michael Miles 'Le Coup de Coeur' Trophy



Thanks to Michael and Marie-Elisabeth Miles with Sir Drummond and Lady Vivian Bone



Cliff and Rosemary Clifton. Squashed Frog Award – 3500GT



## Beaulieu Simply Italian 2022

On a beautiful Spring morning on Sunday 24 April, an Italian cavalcade descended the sleepy village of Beaulieu, nestled in the heart of the New Forest for the annual Simply Italian meet. Hundreds of cars were gathered across the full spectrum of Italian motorcar creation, spanning the 1950's to the present day with Maserati presented in their rightful position of centre stage, in Beaulieu's hard standing arena. Around 40 of Modena's examples were on display with the Club represented by 12 members. Club member Clifford

Whitley presented his immaculate Grancabrio MC Centenary edition resplendent in Blu Mediterraneo, beige leather with blue piping. It caught many an on lookers' eye and took second place as the 'People's Favourite' of the show. It's been said that most men never really grow up they just grow older and their toys get more expensive. A fine example of this was seeing Club member John Lamden's childhood dream finally realised when he was spotted with his son and grandson being driven around the grounds in the world famous Chitty Chitty Bang Bang but of course, all Maserati owners know that dreams really do come true. Hopefully next year more members will come to Beaulieu to enjoy a great day out at Simply Italian in a beautiful part of the South of England.

### Philip Pearson



## Welcome to the Club

Membership on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 stood at **798**, this time last year the figure was 682.

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

- **Phil Asante** 5798 Cardiff GranCabrio
- **Julie Barker** 5799 Thirsk Levante
- **Seb Walther** 5800 Bridport

- **Martin McKeen** 5801 Faversham
- **Adrian Carter** 5802 Middlewich 4200 spyder
- **David Bell** 5803 Ireland 4200 coupe
- **Simon Davies** 5806 St.Albans Q'Porte VI
- **David Lavell** 5807 Leeds Q'Porte VI
- **Paul Fletcher** 5808 Henley in Arden 3200GT
- **Darren Levett** 5809 East Preston GranCabrio
- **Hugh Duffin** 5811 Leamington Spa GranTurismo, Levante
- **Lawrence Alexander** 5813 Dorchester GranTurismo
- **James Wooster** 5814 Oxford GranTurismo
- **Nigel Titterton** 5815 Chesterfield Q'Porte V
- **Joe Desira** 5816 Bury St.Edmunds GranTurismo
- **Paul Crudge** 5821 Chester GranTurismo
- **Charles Charalambous** 5822 Chatham 4200
- **Gary Noble** 5823 Bollington GranCabrio
- **Duncan Peyton** 5825 Leeds Shamal
- **Neil Murray** 5826 Huntingdon 3200GT
- **Mak.T.Otto** 5827 London Ghibli III
- **Richard Williams** 5828 Welwyn Garden City 3200GT
- **Stephen Fowler** 5830 Horsham GranTurismo
- **Oss Bozier** 5831 Ashbourne 420S

**A warm welcome to the Club.**



**From the Factory. First glimpses of the GranTurismo  
Folgore in Rome**



### **Regalia**

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

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