

## Newsletter 179 July / August 2023



### FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the summer edition of your newsletter, back after a pause and with a lot to catch up on!

Though I am writing this in fact it is Matt Briffa who has done all the work on this edition of the club's newsletter. Going forwards I have the honour of picking up the editorial 'pen'. I hope you will agree that Matt has done a great job

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As we hurdle the longest day and note the lessening of the evening light the Club's committee is busy in preparing for the next few years of activities. In the immediate future we have Auto Italia day at Brand's Hatch and the wonderful Salon Prive Club Day on 2nd September at Blenheim Palace. All members are very welcome, and parking is free in the Club paddock at Blenheim. On the road there is the International Rally in mid-September to Barcelona and

in the last four years in revitalizing the newsletter format and subsequently transforming it into a web-based publication. Many thanks Matt for all your work, and a personal thank you too for offering ongoing help as I learn the ropes.

This year has already seen a busy programme of club events, reported in the summer edition of Trident, and we look forward to hearing more about the summer Highland Fling and the trip to Le Mans Classic in later editions. We have a short report here on the annual club concours which I personally really enjoyed, despite the very hot day. It was my first time driving the 3200GT solo in earnest; and yes, I get the excitement now!

It's an interesting time to be taking on the newsletter editorial role. Our new Chairman has lots of fresh ideas and is already tasking the committee members with forward planning. I hope to share some insights into the work of your committee in future editions.

Of course, any newsletter is only as good as its content so if you have news to share or ideas please get in touch. Do keep an eye on the

the participants hope the Mediterranean cools a little by then, followed by the Autumn Tour to the Peak District at the end of the month where everyone can be very confident that things will have cooled down a lot. The end of the year sees a presence again at the NEC – do come along – what else are you doing in darkest late November? and then the Christmas Lunch in London in early December.

In the next three years we will be building on our post covid programme by adding one new mid-summer Club rally and thus increase the number of places available and places to go to try to get supply and demand more in balance as the committee understands some have been disappointed. Of course, it is important to book early – so the organiser can plan with certainty – and life events change plans so we will try to be ever more flexible and accommodating. In addition, the Club will be offering a greater variety of events and specialist days – all of which will be put into the events Calendar – which in 2024 will be published early in the year on Club Web site [Events@MaseratiClub.co.uk](mailto:Events@MaseratiClub.co.uk) for the whole year to allow folk to plan their year in full. Suggestions for new

website and your emails too for the latest information on events and other developments. I encourage to you to make use of the Maserati Club UK YouTube Channel if you would like to share your 'Maserati moments'.

I hope that you are able to enjoy some later summer motoring,

**Jacky Wood**

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destination, ideas for new events and tours and willingness to become an organiser are always welcome through emails to the Event's organiser at the Club. The Club also intends to develop its presence on social media platforms and disseminate news of what we are doing for members through information pages posted on the web site and via our publications of the Trident and the online Newsletter.

**Michael Roberts**



## Welcome July 2023

Membership on the 6<sup>th</sup> July stood at **808**.

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

Name	Membership Number	Area	Car
Stephen Garrett	5928	Huddersfield	-
Michael Munro	5929	Motherwell	Ghilbi III
Luke Hannant	5930	Cubert	-
David Stewart	5931	London	4200 Spyder
Steve Rickards	5932	Bussage	Levante
Brian Jones	5933	Corby	-
Ivan Owen	5934	Norwich	4200 Spyder
Richard Budd	5935	Solihull	GranTurismo
Pete Lawrence	5937	Dorset	-
Colin McCulloch	5938	Edinburgh	4200 Spyder
Andrew Smith	5940	London	Assetto Corsa
Nick Kerigan	5941	Oxford	Quattroporte VI
Paul Morris	5943	Lincoln	Quattroporte VI
Enzo Scalzo	5944	London	GranTurismo
Imraan Anwar	5945	London	Levante

Mark Tennant	5946	Mayfield	3200GT/GTA
Peter Turner	5947	Marlow	3200GT/GTA
Frank Deer	5948	East Cowes	GranTurismo
Franco Fossaluzza	5949	Bury St Edmunds	Levante
Nathan Chadwick	5950	Peterborough	Ghibli II Cup
Todd Gilmour	5951	Kirribilli Australia	4200 Spyder
Gary Lewington	5952	Yatley	-
Samantha Gratix	5954	Reading	-
Simon Boi	5955	Goole	Ghibli III
Marc Ellison	5956	Orcop	4200 GranSport

**A warm welcome to the Club.**

**Samantha**

Samantha Gratix Club Administrator

[admin@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:admin@maseraticlub.co.uk)



## **Maserati Club Events**

\*Our Organizer of the Maserati Concours at Hampton Court Salon Prive on Sunday 3rd September 2023 would be pleased to hear from you, as soon as possible, if you own a Khamsin or Ghibli 1 , which would complete the display of the Maserati marque across the eras.

If you have a lovely car which you would like to show, please email:  
luqniaz@gmail.com

\*\* Important update on the Rallye de Fougères, please see below

**2nd September 2023**

**Salon Prive Concours d'Elegance at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock**

Book your tickets on line via the Blenheim Salon Prive website

Salon Prive Club Trophy to be presented by Lockton

Organiser: Michael Roberts

Contact: [chairman@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@maseraticlub.co.uk)

**\*3rd September 2023**

**Hampton Court Salon Prive**

The Club now has 9 of 10 cars confirmed for our attendance at the Hampton Court Concours of Elegance where we are displaying good examples of the Maserati marque across the eras.

For the last available space we are looking for either a Ghibli 1 or a Khamsin to complete the Club display. If you have a lovely car which you would like to show, please contact Luq

Organiser: Luq Niazi

Contact: [luqniaz@gmail.com](mailto:luqniaz@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.**

Do you own a Khamsin or Ghibli 1? – A chance to ‘win best club car’ at Hampton Court Salon Contact event organiser Luq Niazi [luqniaz@gmail.com](mailto:luqniaz@gmail.com).

**14th to 17th September 2023**

**MASERATI INTERNATIONAL BARCELONA**

Bookings have officially closed.

Contact: John Bennett [jbb@dircon.co.uk](mailto:jbb@dircon.co.uk)

**29th September to 2nd October 2023**

**Autumn Rally to the Peak District and the Derbyshire Dales**

Details on the Events Webpage

Now fully booked

[Payment of balance due on 15th August]

Organiser: Dominic Findlow

Contact: [autumntour@emaildom.co.uk](mailto:autumntour@emaildom.co.uk)

**10th / 12th November 2023**

**Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show – NEC Birmingham**

Details on the Events Webpage

Organiser: Michael O’Shea

Contact: [michaeloshea1@gmail.com](mailto:michaeloshea1@gmail.com)

**3rd December 2023**

**Christmas Lunch at The Oriental Club**

Full details available on webpage

Organiser : Event Coordinator

Contact: [events@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:events@maseraticlub.co.uk)

**Dates for your diary in 2024**

**16th May to 19th May 2024**

**CM24 to Brittany**

Organiser: Julia Hitchon

Contact: [alfachic@live.co.uk](mailto:alfachic@live.co.uk)

**\*\*24th May to 27th May 2024**

**Rallye de Fougères : Specifically for pre1970 cars**

For the first time since 1997, Maserati will be the guest marque at Rallye de Fougères in Brittany. It will take place on 24-27 May 2024. Patrick Rollet, its organiser and former President of FIVA, would like to make sure Maserati Club UK, the historic/first ever club of the marque, can enjoy suitable representation amid all the other European clubs which are also going to be invited.

Organiser/Liaison: Marie Elisabeth Deroche-Miles

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If you have any queries about any of the Events, please do contact: [events@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:events@maseraticlub.co.uk)



Hampton Court Salon Prive



Peak District Autumn Rally



NEC Classic Car Show



Xmas Lunch



## **Maserati Club Uk Summer Concours 2023**

**Maserati Club Concours 11th June 2023**

Phyllis Court, Henley-on-Thames

On a lovely summer day we held the 2023 annual Concours and Summer Lunch at Phyllis Court Henley-On Thames. Luckily the potential heavy thunderstorms expected after lunch kept their distance

We had an entry of 20 cars this year split into the usual four classes.

In Class 1, Maserati Cars of the 60's. Peter Milligan lifted the Class Cup in his wonderful 1965 Sebring..

Class 2, with cars from the 70s' and 80s' Ian Turner secured the win with his 1972 Bora with an added bonus to follow.

In Class 3, mainly the Bi-Turbo era, Alex Taylor's red Ghibli Cup took the Class trophy,

As often is the case, Class 4 had the largest entry as we moved towards the more modern cars. The Class 4 winner was Neill Murray in his Green 3200GT.

Lockton's Insurance; we thank sincerely for once again sponsoring the event and presenting the Sponsors Choice Cup. After looking at all the cars in the car park Andy Cooper from Lockton's chose the Gran Turismo belonging to Eric Toft.

Finally, as noted for Ian Turner our Class 2 winner there was "more to follow" as he lifted the Overall Winner Trophy.

So, thanks to our judges and to Gail for doing what she always does quietly and efficiently.

So, after my first Concours as Organiser I rather enjoyed it all and I think so did everyone.

Chris Green



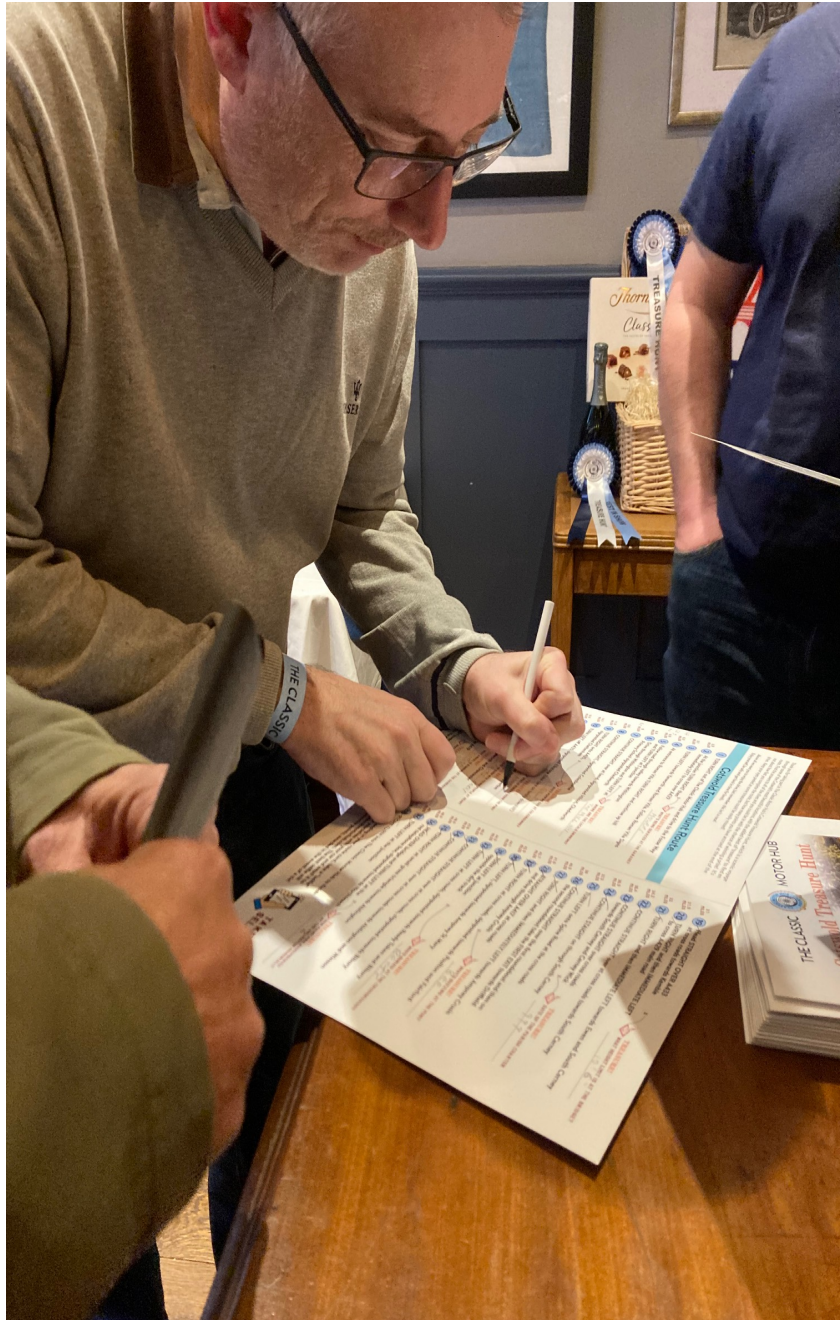
## Classic Motorhub Gallery

### The Classic Motor Hub Spring 2023

With this year's Maserati Club events now in full swing, here is a glimpse in the rear-view mirror – a visit to the Classic Motor Hub. The clouds parted for the treasure hunt. Cars dodging puddles in the sunny Cotswold countryside. My navigator for the day, full of chat, missed some vital clues. Being new to the Club however he was rewarded with the warmest of welcomes and a lovely lunch. Seeing one of the best RHD Biturbo 222e's in the UK was a treat for me. Thanks to Peter Bateman for giving me his spare Bora 'passenger door close clamshell lever warning sticker'. Not forgetting Gail Mosley for organising the event for all to enjoy.

Matt Briffa





‘making sure of the right answer’



'a wonderful setting for lunch'



## 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 or at [admin@maseraticlub.co.uk](mailto:admin@maseraticlub.co.uk)



## Book Review

### Book Review from "The Society of Automotive Historians"

Roberto Giordanelli, the author of "Confessions of a Test Driver. From a Pedal Car to Formula One. The Story Behind the Stories", is not just a test driver but is also a qualified engineer, a car restorer and builder, a successful racing driver, a qualified race driving instructor, and a recognised consultant in legal cases as well as a prolific author. It is that last skill which makes this such an interesting and enjoyable book.

Mr Giordanelli, a freelance throughout his career, has the rare ability of not only being able to drive exceptionally well, but also to understand what the car is doing, or not doing, and to explain it fully. It is undoubtedly this ability which has enabled him to get the respect and confidence of the likes of Maserati and Lamborghini works teams, as well as the owners of British racing cars to get him access to events and places few others have achieved.

This is undoubtedly a motoring book, but it is also part travelogue, part family history and part motoring history. Mr Giordanelli has dual British and Italian nationality, and whilst he has a love for things Italian, he prefers to live in the UK. The story is told year by year, so we read of numerous trips to the Continent as well as the USA and South Africa. Of his family we are told that in 1940, when Italy declared war, his mother, who was in the Italian armed forces, happened to be in London so she just hid her uniform, didn't say anything to anybody, so escaped detention whereas his father, also in the Italian Army, was captured in North Africa and made a Prisoner of War.

Mr Giordanelli tells his readers about the mouth-watering selection of cars he has driven fluently and understandably. He doesn't like clogging his story with technical detail but uses sidebars containing that stuff whenever he can persuade his magazine editors to allow that. He also tells the manufacturers and race teams what problems there are, or improvements that could be made, many of which have been adopted. Whilst never a formal member of any team, his considerable ability has secured him invitations to race many cars.

The history part of the book gives sufficient technical and other data to explain the evolution of several supercars. This is helpful for those of us who get confused by the profusion of models such as Countach, Diablo, Miura, Espada, Murcielago, Gallardo, Jarama and Aventador (they are all Lamborghinis by the way). Coverage includes many Italian supercars and racing cars as well as some British cars, which are usually mentioned favourably. For example: his turbocharged monster Jaguar E-Type built in the early 1970s that got banned by the Modsports Association.

Mr Giordanelli has an often-irreverent sense of humour which enlivens many of the stories. This lavishly illustrated book is very well produced, informative, easy-to-read and highly recommended.

And straight to the point, a book review from Marcus Pye, the UK's leading motorsport commentator and historian:

"Roberto your book is a joy".



## Caption Competition

### 'From the Northern Island Tour 2022'

Simon Edwards wins picture caption competition –

'Edwin realises that Bob-a-Job week respray may have been a mistake'

A lovely bottle of red wine goes to Simon – thank you



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