



Newsletter 180 March/April 2024



Editor's Note from Sarah O'Shea



The Club Newsletter has returned and will be sent bi-monthly to you all from now on. The Newsletter is all about club news so I would welcome hearing your Maserati news whether it is a local gathering of Maserati enthusiasts, a road trip in your Maserati, a car event you have been to or a Maserati day out.

Please send me a short article or story with some pictures, I cannot promise I can include them all BUT we will include some.

For our next Newsletter if any of you are going to the 80th Goodwood Members Meeting in April please do send in your review of the meeting and photos of any Maserati's. As you know Maserati's have a long and successful history of racing at Goodwood. Please send all articles and photos to newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk and I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, a thank you to the Club Webmaster Eric Toft who has put this edition together with me working to a very tight deadline. His help and patience have been invaluable.

Sarah O'Shea

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From the Chairman



Hooray!!!!

The longest nights of winter are now behind us, the days are drawing out and thoughts are turning to the motoring opportunities ahead, with much fettling in between!

In the Members Events section of the Club website the Calendar for the whole of 2024 can be viewed with all the main events, with dates and other relevant information. Members can fill in their new diaries judiciously, while carefully considering all potential domestic and other conflicts of interest!

At the appropriate time, well in advance of the major events and 'when ready' at the discretion of the organiser, the "Expression of Interest" email will be sent out. For the most popular events the Organisers will be encouraged to ensure that there is as much fairness as possible in the allocation of places, and a new selection protocol is in place for oversubscribed events.

There is a significant increase in the number of cars that can be accommodated on our main motoring events in 2024 to try to ensure demand is satisfied and if that produces more demand the Club will try to increase further the places available in future years, though of course this does depend on suitable venues and willing organisers.

Do go online regularly though as some information will change and new events added.

In addition, there is the International Rally, to Salzburg, Austria which will offer the opportunity to create a major European expedition. The event is planned for 12th to 15th September 2024 and Registration is directly with the Austrian Club. Places are limited so early booking is highly recommended.

I hope that all members are likewise looking forward to the Spring arriving and that everyone will have an opportunity to attend one of the Club's organised events in 2024.

Michael Roberts

Chairman@maseraticlub.co.uk



MASERATI CLUB UK TREASURER NEEDED!

Could you be the new Treasurer the Club needs? Our Club is run mostly by the members of the Club Committee who meet five times a year. The Club's constitution provides for up to four Directors of the limited company, one of whom is the Treasurer. Jerry Hutton is filling the role on an interim basis however we need someone who would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the running of the Club.

The day to day recording of income and expenditure is dealt with by Samantha Gratrix, our administrator / bookkeeper using Quickbooks accounting software. The Treasurers role is to prepare an annual budget, to report on the Club's finances at Committee meetings and at the AGM and to make payments from our online accounts. Although Samantha is responsible for recording the transactions, it is the Treasurer who has authority to make payments. Statutory accounts are completed and submitted annually by a chartered accountant employed for this purpose.

The ideal candidate should be computer literate and have a basic understanding of business accounting, it is not necessary to have any formal accounting qualifications and Jerry Hutton will be available to support the new Treasurer in taking on the role. It is a great opportunity to be more involved in the running of the Club, to get to know many of the members and should be an enjoyable experience.

If you are interested could you please write expressing your interest to Jerry Hutton treasurer@maseraticlub.co.uk and Michael Roberts chairman@maseraticlub.co.uk

THANK YOU!!



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Welcome All New Members

Active Membership on the 1st April 2024 stood at 811.

There will be a full update in the next addition of Newsletter of this important section



NORTHERN LIGHTS DINNER

Organised and Hosted by Alex Jackson

The Northern Lights dinner, the opening event of the Maserati Club year, kicked off the season on 24 February at the Midland Hotel in Morecambe. The Midland is a 1933 Art Deco gem in the *Streamline Moderne* style, positioned prominently on the Morecambe beach seafront. Having originally planned the event to host no more than 50, the bookings kept rolling in, so we were delighted to welcome a total of 65 Maserati Club revellers, with members travelling the length and breadth of the country to join us. The unseasonably good forecast of dry and mild weather also helped encourage a pleasingly sizeable pride of Maserati to appear in the car park out front.



A Pride of Maserati in front of the Midland Hotel Morecombe – Photo by Alex Jackson

That evening the sparkling wine reception buzzed as friends caught up, and the three-course meal with wine was met with approval all round as everyone seemed to appreciate the food and finery. In addition to the dinner, a silent auction and raffle were held to raise funds for charity, with prizes kindly contributed by Maserati UK and McGrath Maserati. Thanks to all those attending, we managed to raise a sizeable sum for the Children's Hospital Charity in Sheffield. As usual, the evening finished at the bar with many yarning late into the night, or certainly up until 11pm when the hotel bar closed!



David Dawes successfully bids for the luxurious Maserati luggage pictured with Gail Mosley

Blue sky and sunshine met us the following morning, the perfect weather to complement the delicious breakfast and enhance the spectacular views across the beach, Morecambe Bay, and the far-off peaks of the Lake District. Finally, the time came to say our fond farewells, but not before we puzzled on how to improve for the following year!



Sunset over Morecombe Bay. Photo by Alex Jackson

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CLASSIC MOTOR HUB TREASURE HUNT AND LUNCH

Review by Sarah O'Shea

On a cold March Saturday, a group of us gathered at the new Classic Motor Hub venue the Black Barn for a warm welcome to the day by Martin Chisholm (Founder of the Classic Motor Hub) and his team. After a delicious breakfast of hot coffee, croissants and bacon sandwiches we were handed our Treasure Hunt route instructions and clues and then set off in the horizontal driving rain.

Immaculate and very clean Gran Cabrio and Gran Turismo pre cross country route!



Photo by Dave Smith: photo@maseraticlub.co.uk

The route was beautiful taking us through the best of Cotswold countryside and villages in the area including Coln St Aldwyns then across to Chedworth which is close to one of the best-preserved Roman villas in Britain. Finally winding our way through beautiful back roads ending up at the Classic Motor Hub near Bibury. William Morris famously called Bibury “the most beautiful village in England”.

Treasure Hunt Winners - Sarah O’Shea slightly windswept and the O’Shea Mistral en route.



Photo by Michael O’Shea

The driving was great fun along a mix of single-track lanes, sweeping country roads and at Chedworth the road turned into a stream and was so narrow that the Gran Cabrio's and Gran Turismo's barely squeezed though the village in their search for the last clue.

All smiles braving the cold with the top down having successfully completed the Treasure Hunt.



Photo by Dave Smith: photo@maseraticlub.co.uk

At The Classic Motor Hub, we were able to view the stunning collection of cars in their showrooms including the iconic Maserati A6GCS next to a 1966 Rally BMW 1800 TI, stunning collections of Aston Martin and Jaguar amongst many other classic car gems.

Maserati A6GCS on display.



Photo by Dave Smith: photo@maseraticlub.co.uk

A delicious buffet lunch was served in the Motor Hub's car themed dining area a great opportunity to talk more about cars and car events! Also catch up with old friends as well as meet new fellow club members. A very enjoyable day with a mix of great driving, a stunning collection of classic cars and fun conversations over lunch.

Club Lunch in the Motor Hub dining room.



Photo by Michael O'Shea

Thank you to Gail Mosley for organising a very enjoyable event and Martin Chisholm and his team for the superb route, organisation and hospitality.

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The “Quattroparty” at Salon Privé Club Day August 31st 2024 at Blenheim Palace.

by Simon Davies

Over 60 years ago the Maserati Quattroporte was launched at the “Salone dell’ Automobile” in Turin. There Maserati unveiled a completely new type of automobile, combining true performance and sportiness with a very luxurious body and highly appointed interior, which would become the longest running model in the history of Maserati.

The First Quattroporte: A Quattroporte Series 1 being driven with gusto in Italy. The series ran from 1963 to 1969, Styling by Pietro Frua and powered by a Maserati 4.1 Litre V8 Engine which gave the driver a top speed of up to 143 mph!



The model survived the Citroen owned years. However during this era Maserati produced the rare Maserati Quattroporte II built from 1976 – 1978, The Quattroporte II was designed by Marcello Gandini at Bertone based on a stretched Citroen SM chassis. Only 12 were ever built due to Maserati being unable to gain EEC approval for the European market.



The Modern Era has included the Racing Quattroporte. The Maserati Quattroporte EVO (race spec), based on the 4.2 Litre Quattroporte V (Tipo M139), campaigned in the International Superstars Race Series from 2009 to 2012.



Today the model is in its sixth evolution Quattroporte VI, and at the summit the powerful, elegant and very desirable Maserati Quattroporte Trofeo. Powered by a booming 3.8 Litre

twin turbocharged V8 engine it is fast and supremely luxurious - the signature model of this most spacious of Maserati's Grand Tourers



To celebrate the model's production history through six variants (to date), and its 60th anniversary, the Maserati Club UK has organised a "Quattroparty", to bring together as many Quattroporte owners and their cars as possible, at the Salon Privé Club Day on August 31st 2024 at Blenheim Palace. Organiser Club Member Simon Davies.

This beautiful, palatial location and established annual event provides an excellent backdrop to our celebration of the Maserati Quattroporte, the location having the flexibility to accommodate a significant number of cars and the audience of the other prestige car clubs being appropriately educated to appreciate the best of Italian automotive engineering.

In addition to the normal representative Maserati models that attend the Club Day we are keen to bring together many Quattroportes, of all six series produced, belonging to both Maserati Club members and also non-members.

To book your tickets:

<https://www.salonpriveconcours.com/club-trophy/>

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Film Review



REVIEW OF THE 2023 FILM FERRARI –

By Gerrard Driscoll.

The Film was Directed by Michael Mann and based on the 1991 biography *Enzo Ferrari: The Man, the Cars, the Races, the Machine* by motorsport journalist [Brock Yates](#)

The first thing to say about a Michael Mann film is it is drama packed; action, emotion, visual it's all there and Ferrari is no exception

I approached watching this film with trepidation given my love of Maserati and general disdain for Ferrari cars, however, I was pleasantly surprised at how both Ferrari himself was characterised and the rivalry with Maserati was portrayed despite it being a very minor part of the film. From the opening scenes Enzo Ferrari is shown to be selfish, un-caring and not particularly interested others feelings or how his actions effect those close to him. Pretty much any relationship, be it with his wife, his mistress, son, customers, bank manager, paints Enzo Ferrari in a poor light. But this did not leave me disliking him, or liking him for that matter, it was more a feeling of interest, the way a documentary provides information rather than creating judgment. The film covers his pathological desire to win through engineering and risk, using the back drop of the 1957 Mille Miglia Race to propel the Ferrari business to next level. There are some wonderful driving scenes of both Ferrari's and Maserati's testing and racing, many of which will be familiar to those who have ever carried out a youtube search for 250F & Fangio. Intertwined was his personal journey to keep the company afloat, maintain his various relationships with family, drivers, potential investors and customers. All of which lead to only one conclusion that he was a very single minded and ruthless individual, who did not concern himself with others. He is not alone in having these traits and indeed many of those who are very successful process these, but

rarely are they laid bare in a film for all to see. I enjoyed the film very much for its mix of documentary style and compelling drama, with the cars, racing, noise of the engines providing the extra excitement. Featured in the film - The Maserati 450S. There were 2 Maserati 450S entered in the 1957 Mille Miglia as part of the Maserati Works Team – Officine Alfieri Maserati. The cars were driven by Stirling Moss and Jean Behra. Unfortunately Behra was out before the event even started and Stirling Moss was forced to retire early in the race with a snapped brake pedal.

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