

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and eager to come along to the various events in the coming months and I also welcome all new members.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - St Clement's Parish Hall – 10.30am



At the July meeting Alan Michel returned with his very useful sales table, much to members' delight. An assortment of new old stock which he and Maria have kindly sold at £1 each. All proceeds will be added to the Club funds. Alan and Maria will have a break from sales in August but in September they will have a table at the Pallot's September Fayre. We look forward to seeing them there!

The next monthly meeting will be on SUNDAY August 25th at 10.30am.

COFFEE MORNINGS - JERSEY PEARL, St Ouen, the second Tuesday of the Month, 10am

In August the coffee morning was again well attended with everyone having a good old natter, putting the motoring world to rights.

SUNDAY JULY 21st - RUN and PICNIC on Gorey Common

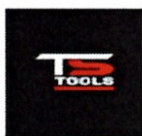


The Picnic went ahead as planned and 25 cars gathered for the Run which started at La Saline, St Ouen. Philip took us on an interesting route which ended up as a mystery tour in the middle as St Mary's had some unexpected closed roads but it all adds to the fun. Twenty of us enjoyed our picnic at Gorey to the sound of Paul Anderson's old gramophone playing in the background. The weather was fine but a bit breezy and this hurried things along as the chilly wind brought out the rugs and anything else that could be found!



THE GUERNSEY VINTAGE SHOW - Sat. August 3rd and Sun. August 4th.

How do I begin! We had the greatest of times and a load of fun. The hotel, the Driftwood Inn, situated 5 minutes away from the showground and unknown to us before, proved excellent. The food was great and all the staff couldn't be more helpful over the 3 to 4 days we were there or was it 5 days as Condor let us know early on the Monday that our boat had been cancelled and we had been moved to the next available sailing on the following day. An extra day and a half in Guernsey, we made the most of it, visiting the different attractions. However, enough of that the Vintage show was marvellous and we would recommend



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any of you to go if you haven't been before. Beautiful shire horses 19 hands, fairground rides, sheep racing that will certainly make you laugh and don't forget to put a bet on the tote, Rhum Baba was one I remember and I don't think I won on that one! 25 to 30 tractors all going round the ring with various implements attached, threshing in another area and it was great to see Charles Le Couteur and his son, Peter helping the Guernsey Boys. It was such an enjoyable two days even though it rained most of the Saturday, this didn't affect the run of the show, they certainly know how to improvise in Guernsey. We had taken the 1953 MG TF and Richard and Ann had taken their 1959 MGA Roadster to join the Guernsey Classic Vehicle section, Edward and Stephanie had their 1943 Willys Jeep and he joined up with the Military section which took up half the field. What an impressive selection of vehicles the Guernsey Military had on display, at the end of the show they were asked to do a parade of vehicles, I believe 15 to 20 took part and Edward and Steph were part of this with their Willys Jeep. The tractors also demonstrated with the correct implements attached the art of baling hay. They spread, turned, put the hay in rows, baled and loaded the bales in a trailer and finished with the load ready to go back to the farm. This was fascinating for anyone who hadn't seen this before and I must admit it was a long time ago when I saw this being done it brought back a lot of memories for me.



A tribute was made to 'the Lumberjills', a separate part of the Women's Land Army. I had not heard of this before, it was founded in 1942 at a time when there was a shortage of imported timber. The demonstration was done by Mia, a Comtois mare, this is an old breed of horse. She was pulling a log as she would have done and they still do this type of work today. The Lumberjills worked alongside the men chopping, loading trees and measuring the wood as well as administrative work. Their work helped produce telegraph poles, railings or tracks that were used in the D-Day landings, as well as charcoal which was used to create smoke screens used by the Allies to cross the Rhine in 1945. Pit props built with timber provided by the corps also helped keep the British mining industry going.



There was various old machinery on display, old mowers, traction engines, very old two man chain saws cutting huge dinner plate size chunks off a tree trunk. The tea tent was a huge draw with the most delicious Guernsey Gâche I have ever tasted, spread with Guernsey butter. All the cakes were home made and extremely tempting, you couldn't go in without checking out another sample. Frank and I wish to thank Ron Le Cras, John Richard and Rod Bourgaize for putting on a most magnificent show and allowing us to be part of it. I sincerely hope that some of you will think about going along next year with your vehicle. We would love to have a decent group to go and I am sure that Ron would be very happy for us to have a parade of our vehicles in the ring at the end of the show.



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I don't know when the 2025 dates are for the Vintage Show but the Guernsey Classic Vehicle Show is Sunday June 15th 2025 in Saumarez Park.

RJA AND HS SUMMER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – Sun 18th August

I wish to thank everyone who made the effort to go along to the above show, we had 20 cars, one tractor, one motorcycle and one vespa. The 1959 vespa was an addition to our display as it belonged to Damien who was running the Fairground, but it fitted in perfectly with all the Classics on display.



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The RJA & HS judges went round during the day to pick their awards and the results were as follows:

GOLD AWARD – 1959 Austin Metropolitan owned by Frank and Pam Laurens

SILVER AWARD – 1949 Vauxhall Wyvern owned by Peter and Rita Evan

BRONZE AWARD – 1953 MG TF owned by Frank and Pam Laurens

Three SPECIAL AWARDS were given to Alan Coutanche for his 1970 Massey Ferguson 135 tractor, Paul Tinley for his 1960 Austin Healey 3000 BN7 Mk 1 and Damien for his 1959 Vespa.



Alan's Grandson Rhys in the drivers seat

Congratulations to everyone, it was a very enjoyable day, the sun shone and there were lots of beautiful flowers and produce on show. I wish to also mention Pam's Ikebana flower arrangement. She loves her flowers and Ikebana was a hobby she took on when she first retired and she was thrilled when Mrs Helen Hickman asked her to arrange the display for this Summer show.

Thank you once again and I look forward to seeing you at the Sunday meeting, Samares Manor and the September Fayre at Pallots' Steam Museum.

Frank Laurens, Chairman



SAMARÈS MANOR COUNTRY FAIR – AUGUST 26th Open 10am to 5pm



We have once again been invited to the above Fair on Bank Holiday Monday. It is a very popular event and all vehicles are welcome. We need to be in place by 9.30am, please use the back entrance (La Blinerie Lane). Parking for the vehicles is in front of the main house, but leave the corner cordoned off on the right for the Lindy Hop dancers.

The Manor welcomes any tractors to be part of this display but please park the tractors in the horse shoe area in front of the Office, opposite the courtyard. Please can you leave details of the tractor on the seat if you are not intending to stay with your vehicle.

Please remember to bring your Club Membership Card in case you need to leave the show ground and want to come back in again. There are plenty food outlets but bring a picnic if you wish.

Should you need to leave before 5pm please ask a marshal to guide you out.

PALLOT'S SEPTEMBER FAYRE – Saturday Sept. 14th and the JCVC BBQ Sunday Sept. 15th

We have been invited to the September Fayre at the Museum from 10am to 5pm. As with other events please arrive by 9.30am before public opening. The Family ask if some of you will volunteer as marshals on the day sorting out the traffic and parking. I am pretty sure I shall be on the gate which I enjoy as it is lovely seeing people one hasn't seen for a while. Fingers crossed the sun shines as the following day is the BBQ in the Museum field with a Car and Tractor Run beforehand. I am attaching the BBQ menu, the price per person will be £15 which has been subsidised, the Guernsey Tractor boys will be guests of the Club. Please forward the cheque made payable to the Jersey Classic Vehicle Club by Saturday September 7th to Pam Laurens, Cyrano, Elizabeth Close, St Brelade, Jersey JE3 8GY. I need to let Matthew know the numbers in good time as we need at least 50 attending to go ahead and I need to know numbers for the pudding



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order. Thank you for your help in this.

ST JOHN FELLOWSHIP RUN – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

The St John Fellowship Run and Lunch at the Hotel Ambassadeur will be taking place on the above date. Please meet on the lower floor of Pier road carpark at 10.30am further details are attached with this newsletter. Don't forget to make a note on the form if you have room for passengers in your car as Trevor Bayliss needs this information in case he has to hire a minibus. The form and payment (**cheques need to be made payable to Mrs Y Ellis**) must be sent by 15th September to Mr Trevor Bayliss, 95 Les Quennevais Park, St Brelade, Jersey JE3 8GD. There will also be a raffle in aid of St John Fellowship, if anyone wishes to donate a prize this will be very welcome.



SUNDAY MEETING SEPTEMBER 29th – JERSEY PEARL, FIVE MILE ROAD, ST OUEN

Please **note the change of venue** as the Parish have commitments in the Parish Hall that weekend. The Club shall meet at Jersey Pearl at the same time from 10.15am onwards until around 12 noon. 6 tables of 10 will be reserved for us and the tea/coffee flasks will be on the tables for us to help ourselves there will also be plates of mixed cakes. The club will be paying for this.

POPPY RUN, LUNCH and RAFFLE– Sunday November 3rd



The Poppy Run and lunch has been organised for Sunday November 3rd and will also include a raffle in aid of the Royal British Legion. The lunch will be at Moulin de Lecq, 12.30pm for 1pm.

JCVC ANNUAL DINNER – Friday November 15th, Hotel Ambassadeur, 7pm for 7.30pm

As you can see the date and hotel are different from the Event's List. Due to large demand for the Saturday we have had to change so we shall be holding the Dinner and Raffle at the Hotel Ambassadeur on the Friday. An overnight stay will be available the night of the dinner costing £99 BB for a double or twin room and £65 BB for a single room. Further details in the next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS RUN and CARVERY LUNCH – Sunday December 15th

The lunch will be at the Monterey Hotel, 12.30pm for 1pm.

JCVC MERCHANDISE

Mick de Sousa has assorted merchandise for sale to Club members. The following are available for sale: Lapel Badge - £2.50, Car Screen badge - £1, Tractor Screen Badge £1, Grill Badge - £31 and Left and Right Hand flags - £5 each and key rings - £3. Please phone Mick if you need any on 01534 725859 or email mdesousa1962@hotmail.com

That's all from me, happy and safe motoring
Pam Laurens

Tractor Run – Sunday 28th July 2024...

Twenty Four magnificent machines and their trusty drivers took part in the fourth Tractor Run of the year which due to Mick & Tracey Jehan returning from their international travels with the 'lergy' began at the Les Platons carpark not their home as previously planned. The option to partake in a little refreshment and substance before hand was taken up by many, myself included {shame to miss an opportunity I always say } (lol)}...

Leaving the home of BeezKnee's food trailer we turned right, west bound before we turned left {south}, left {east} and left {north} again!!! We traversed through various guises of lanes, main roads and a track of St. John, St. Lawrence, the fringes of our Capital, St. Helier, returning back into the fine parish of Trinity this



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time ending at the carpark at Jardin D'Olivet – in essence ‘a big circle of driving joy’!!!

Thanks to Brian Brown and his co-driver daughter Lidia for bringing up the rear of the group {due to Mick not being in attendance} – their communication was invaluable as a few went ‘off piste’ due to early leaving thus having a little confusion but no losses so to speak. Thanks again to the ‘Road Marshalls’ once again for their talents in asking fellow road users to give way so the convoy can pass uninterrupted...

Parking up at Jardin D'Olivet we once again ‘put the world to right’ sorted the local, national and international issues before departing home for the rest of the weekend...

Next tractor run planned for Sunday 25th August – starting at the home of The De La Haye Family, Bel Val Farm, St. Martin {Fliquet}...

Keep at it...

Thanks

Mick & Toots



JULY “VEHICLE of the MONTH”



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Willys M.B Jeep J1416

Built by Willys-Overland Inc. in Toledo, Ohio, USA in May 1942 and issued to the US Army. In June 1942 sent to Britain and served with the British Army until the 1950's. Correct wartime history not known but was in Germany in 1945. It was sold out of service in late 1950's to a Dealer in the north of England and arrived here in 1970 with several defects.

I bought the Jeep in September 1972 and over the years have repaired or replaced many parts. Most spares are available but some are getting difficult to obtain.

The Jeep has attended many shows, rallies and fetes etc. both local and the UK, and provided transport for Service Veterans at air displays, Liberation days and Remembrance events.

Since I bought the Jeep in 1972 I have done approx. 40,000 miles, sometimes in sunshine, rain, wind and even snow.

Thanks to all the Committee Members etc. who keep the JCVC running so well.

Cheers - Geoff Burbidge.

FOR SALE

1999 BLUE JAGUAR S TYPE – 3.0 SE

PETROL – J91814

The reason for selling is that the previous owner has deceased

It was given a £3000 service in 2023

Offers in the region of £1000.00 ono

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