

## APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Here we are nearly at the end of March with the clocks going forward and Easter just round the corner – where did those three months go, I ask myself?

Since the last letter went out, Alex Thomson one of our members, has recently lost his wife. Liz passed away at peace after a brave battle with cancer. On behalf of the Club I wish to convey my deepest sympathy to Alex and his daughter Michaela. Rest in Peace Liz.

I wish to also send “Get Well” wishes to all members who have recently had spells in hospital. Pam and I wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you are feeling more yourselves very soon.

### NEW MEMBERS

I welcome all new members who have joined the club since the last newsletter was circulated.

I hope that you will come along and join in the many events that are organised during the year.

### CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP

There is no update since the last newsletter. it will be interesting to hear the final analysis of the survey.

### SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING & DRIVE IT DAY

The next Sunday meeting on April 26th will coincide with Drive it Day. Please meet as usual at St. Clement’s Parish Hall at 10.30am where Members can enjoy an assortment of cakes, coffee and tea, during the morning prior to the drive, courtesy of the Club. Vehicle of the Month will also be awarded at this monthly meeting.

### VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

In February it was the turn of Michael Genée with his beautiful Jaguar XJ8. Congratulations Michael.

#### Jaguar XK8 Silverstone Supercharged Convertible



My year 2000 Jaguar XK8 was available as both a 2 door coupe or a 2 door convertible. It features a 4 litre V8 DOHC turbocharged engine. The Silverstone model was unique, as it only came with a platinum paint finish. Only 102 models were produce and all were sold in the UK. I am fortunate in being the owner of one. Thank you. Mike.

### COFFEE MORNING - JERSEY PEARL, St Ouen, second Tuesday of the Month, from 10am.

This proves to be a popular gathering every month with everyone enjoying a good natter about all things mechanical. The next Coffee Morning is Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>.



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### **SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER**

Membership fees remain as follows: Couple £30 and Single £20 and postal fee at £12.

The Treasurer will still accept a cheque or cash if you prefer to use this method of payment, but please enclose your payment slip with the cheque or cash and write your JCVC Acc. Number on the back of the cheque.

The problem has been resolved at Lloyds Bank with payments being paid straight into the Club's Account. Don't forget to complete the transaction by tapping in The Jersey Classic Vehicle Club, putting in "The" is important. Also, when it asks for a Business or Personal Account please click on Personal. I apologise for the inconvenience and hope that subscriptions will be received without any further delay. Alan has since sent out reminders and I do hope you will pay as soon as you can. Please let us know if you do not wish to continue in order that the Membership details can be updated.

### **ST JOHN'S CHURCH FÊTE – SATURDAY MAY 25<sup>th</sup> 11am to 4pm**

I was recently contacted by Robert Vautier of St John's Church. He and his team are organizing a Fête on Bank Holiday Monday and have asked if the Club could provide a small display of vehicles. It would be 9 or 10 at the most as they only have a small area to use beside the Church and Village Stores.

The Fête will be open to the public from 11am to 4pm but vehicles must be parked by 10.30am and must remain on site for the day.

I have put John du Heaume and Jim Paton in charge of this event as Pam and I will be in France on the Sunbeam Rapier Trip in Normandy.

Please contact John du Heaume on 07797827864 or email: johnduhaume@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to join the group. There is limited space so please contact them as soon as you can, Jim's Mobile number is 07797760312 and I thank you in advance for this.

I think that is all from me!

*Frank Laurens*

### **SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> – EASTER RUN and AFTERNOON TEA**

A Drive will be organised for Easter Saturday ending with an Afternoon Tea at Jersey Pearl, St Ouen. The food will be similar to last year with a selection of sandwiches, scones jam and cream and a mixture of mini cakes. Tea and Coffee will be included and the price will be £17.50. I have 35 attending and numbers have been given to Jersey Pearl. A prize will be awarded to the owner of the best decorated vehicle for Easter so please get those Easter Chicks and Bunnies out and make a real effort.

### **PRACTICAL CLASSICS MAGAZINE**

As mentioned in the last newsletter Frank and I have been contacted by James Walshe, the Deputy Editor of the Practical Classics magazine. He and his partner are coming over to Jersey the afternoon of Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> and returning to England on the evening of Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

I have organised for us to meet on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> James is also interested in Jersey's Military past, therefore I have arranged for us to meet in the car park at Jersey Pearl at 10.30am. The Channel Island Military Museum is opposite so he and his friend can take the opportunity to visit there afterwards.

On a positive note it would be great to see a variety of makes and models on view e.g. military vehicles, cars, motorbikes, vans, lorries and tractors.

If you are interested in taking part please can you let us know so we can gage the number attending, either email pamcyrano@gmail.com or phone 01534 744446.

### **DRIVE IT DAY – SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

This is just to let you know that I am still taking orders for the Drive It Day plates. The price has not changed from last year - £12.50 for regular and £30 for the Platinum.

For anyone who has a motor cycle there are Ride It Day Plates which are smaller to fit the bike. The cost of the plates are the same as the Drive It Day ones.

All the Plate money will be returned to the NSPCC Jersey Branch, which give children and young people



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access to confidential support when they are in distress or danger.

We shall have NSPCC Jersey Branch collection buckets on hand during the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> April, all money collected stays locally so please dig deep and give generously to help support this very worthy Charity. If you wish me to order you a plate please let me know as soon as possible as Frank and I will be away 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April and I wish to send the order in before we go. Either email [pamecyrano@gmail.com](mailto:pamecyrano@gmail.com) or [jerseyclassic@hotmail.com](mailto:jerseyclassic@hotmail.com) or phone 01534 744446.

### **Sunbeam Rapier Normandy Spring Trip 2026**

This is a heads up for a meeting with the Sunbeam Rapier Owners Club UK taking place the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 in Bagnoles de L'Orne, Normandie, France. Any classic vehicle is welcome to join in.

The Jersey group will leave Jersey for St Malo on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I must point out that the Hotel La Ville Bois Joli is now fully booked however, there is another hotel 5/6 minutes walk away in which you can book i.e. Hotel Spa du Beryl and some members have already started to book accommodation.

This should be a very enjoyable trip, the Sunbeam Rapier Owners Club have invited us to join up with them where they will be organising drive outs if we want to take part. They are a very friendly group and they also plan to meet with other local classic car clubs during this visit. Members would not be committed to stay for 3 nights. The trip is based on B & B except for the first night when it is hoped the whole group would be having a meal together to get to know each other.

We are advised to make early bookings for the hotel.

**For further details**, please contact Martyn Michel, 07797 710508, [martynmichel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martynmichel@hotmail.co.uk)

***If you have booked on the above trip please can you let Martyn know the details of the vehicle you are taking with you as follows:***

***Vehicle***

***Make & Model***

***Year of manufacture & engine size***

***Manual or Automatic***

***Colour***

***Registration Number***

***Also:***

Names and contact details including the hotel they you are staying in etc. as Ralph would like to add your mobile phone number, to his What's App group to keep you informed when you are over in France.

### **JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL – JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> inclusive**

The Club is booked again for this important event in our calendar and further details will be included in the next newsletter but I hope that as many of you as possible will be there on the two static days and the Cavalcade Evening.

I am sure you have noticed that the dates coincide with the the local election on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> which is not great for all involved in the above. Somehow we must try and make the time to vote as it is important to do so. You don't have to vote for everyone just vote for the ones you are sure will do the job!

You can vote by Post, Pre-Poll at St Paul's Centre or on Election day(8am to 8pm) and in the next few weeks the candidates will be officially announced.



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## **CONCOURS JUNE 13th 2026**

Any Member wishing to enter their vehicle into the above, will need to fill in the **attached** application form and forward it to Ian Barnes at Barnes Publishing Ltd by the 1st May at the latest.

## **JCVC MERCHANDISE**

Mick de Sousa has assorted merchandise for sale to Club members. The following are available for sale and he usually has them with him at the monthly meetings: 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

## **Stop Press.**

## **MARCH MONTHLY MEETING**

What a marvellous attendance at Sunday's meeting at L'Auberge. Thank you for your support. More details in the next Newsletter.

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring

*Pam Laurens*

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