

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the long hot Summer!

NEW MEMBERS

I welcome all new members, namely Elvis & Catherine Romeril & Adam Le Seilleur, who have joined the club since the last newsletter. It is a pleasure to see so many people taking such an interest in the Club. I look forward to seeing you at the up and coming Club Events.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS (Last Sunday of the Month)

In June we welcomed a group of French Classic enthusiasts from Le Pôle Collection which is based in Brittany, in South Nantes. They are all French but they love the British Classics and own the following: MGB, Austin Healey, MGB Sebring, MG TD, MGB and a Triumph TR3. They are a very friendly group, their leader is Alain Leboeuf who is a great organiser and he selected trips for each day they were on the island. They arrived the Saturday evening and I met them at the boat and led them to their hotel. They had a great time in Jersey and so enjoyed the monthly meeting at St Clement's where they brought us gifts of wine and the biggest brioche I have ever seen. This was shared out at the meeting with a small tippie of white wine. The brioche was delicious and we thanked them at the meeting for their generous gifts. I also thanked Alain for presenting me with the Le Pole cap which was most appreciated. I am glad you all brought your classics along, the carpark was full to capacity with at least 50 cars. Everyone had a very enjoyable morning. The French party continued to enjoy three full days on the island, none of them had been to Jersey before and they were all enthralled with the beautiful sea views and small roads leading down to Greve de Lecq and numerous other bays. They visited Elizabeth Castle and Mont Orgueil, Gorey and St Catherines. Unfortunately there was one hiccup when the MG TD broke down at Corbiere where they had asked Pam and I to meet them. Pierre, one of the group, who is a mechanic and myself, tried everything we could think of to get it going. The fuel pump was iffy and I went home to get a spare and ended up asking my neighbour Richard if he had one. I brought down what we had and that seemed to work. However, it started and stopped and it was something else. This all began at 4pm, four hours later when the light was failing it was still being temperamental. I could see the points were not in a good state so I offered to go home again to see if I had some spare ones. I took the old ones with me. I didn't have the correct size so I gave the old ones a jolly good clean and hoped for the best. I went back again and fitted the old ones, it burst into life, and the time was 9pm and I got home at 9.30pm when it was nearly dark. The following day they checked in and got on the boat to sail to Saint Malo. Having arrived they got off the boat and set off for Nantes. Two kilometres down the road the TD broke down and that was it. She had to be towed back home and I have heard that she is still having repairs done at the garage. The moral of this story is to make sure you thoroughly check your Classic before going on a long journey and make sure it has a good service. I have since spoken to the owners of the MG TD – Claude and Marie-Jeanne as they came to see us at our camp site whilst we were in France in July. They were most appreciative that we managed to get the car going for the boat departure but it has quite a few issues which are now being sorted out.



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Alain has also sent an album of pictures and commentary of the trip which I have sent to Alan who is going to try and make a video to be shown to members later in the year.

Le Pôle Collection meet once a month on a Sunday similar to ourselves and they are hoping that Pam and I can go down to see them when we go over again in October.

The numbers at the July meeting were a bit sparse but I believe we had several members away and why not, during the Summer. I thank Mick and Christine for taking on the kitchen duties and Emma and Family for doing the raffle.

The next monthly meeting will be Sunday August 30th from 10.30am at St Clement's Parish Hall. I can't believe I am writing the word August, where has the time gone this year!

VEHICLE OF THE MONTH – June

In June it was Richard Pallot who was awarded Vehicle of the Month with his 1983 Ford Fiesta XR2 Mk 1. What a great job he has made with the restoration, he has written an article which is included in this letter.



I bought the car in 2006 for the bargain price of £240. It was a non runner but in fair condition with common issues for its age, threadbare seats, dashboard cracks and rust in the usual places. It was in storage until a stable was converted into a suitable work space to undertake the restoration project.



My vision was to restore the car but with subtle period modifications, the first being a 5 speed gearbox conversion. This meant cutting a section from the nearside chassis leg, reinforcing where necessary and adding a brace below the gearbox. The shell was then sent to the body shop where it had new sills, wings, front panel, crossmember and bonnet, with all other areas of rust being cut out and repaired before new paintwork. The engine was shipped to Vulcan Engineering in Kent for a full rebuild with added spice in the form of a rebore to 1700cc, stage 1 head, Kent 244 cam and twin 40 DCOE carbs. In the meantime a donor MK2 Fiesta was sourced and stripped for various parts needed for this project, driveshafts, gear linkage, rear axle, interior and various other bits and bobs. Many hours were then spent cleaning and painting parts in preparation for reassembly. Once the shell was back, many more evenings were spent building the car with help from my brother Daniel, music blasting and a cheeky beer or two. Great memories. Then came the engine, which with help from my Dad (Tim Pallot), slotted into place with ease. Once it was bolted in and the car was back on 4 wheels, I felt the end of the project was in sight. From then on, nearly every evening was spent getting it finished, filling fluids, bleeding brakes, wiring, fitting lights, grill, bonnet, bumpers and decals. The first turn of the key was amazing. I finished the restoration in 2010 and my family and I thoroughly enjoy every drive.

PS, Apologies for taking so long to bring it to a Sunday meeting.

Richard Pallot.

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

By all accounts the Coffee Morning went extremely well in July with an attendance of 30 plus. Perhaps Pam and I should be away more often? We are glad that you enjoyed your chat. The next one will be August 11th.



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EVENING DRIVE – SATURDAY JULY 4th

On July 4th we had a very pleasant Evening Drive leaving St Martin's village Green car park with 20 cars. The route took us in several quirky little lanes and some lovely scenery was enjoyed. We ended the drive at Greve de Lecq where 30 of us enjoyed an excellent meal at the Prince of Wales. I wish to thank all who attended.



PICNIC RUN – SUNDAY JULY 19TH

Pam and I did not attend this event as we were away in France and I asked John du Heaume to take charge. John and Lorraine arranged the route which does take some time and trouble to sort. I was disappointed to learn that it had not had the support it normally does with only 5 cars and 7 Members at the picnic. What happened there? It is a shame for those who organise these events as Gorey Common has to be booked well in advance. Perhaps it is time to have a change of ideas and we shall be discussing this at the next committee meeting. In the mean time if anyone has any thoughts please let me or a committee member know. John will be writing a short article.



Froggy polished and picnic basket packed. We headed off to Les Fontaines for the start of the Picnic Run. Five members were already there when we got there and we waited excitedly for the others to arrive, 45 minutes later, unfortunately there was still only the seven of us. But were we downhearted? Never. I pulled my cap down, put on my sunnies and lead a lovely scenic, mostly coastal run though St John, Trinity and St Martins, enjoying the countryside and the ever present blue/green sparkling sea views with France in the background. We arrived at Gorey Common, gathered our chairs and picnics and sat, chatted and shared our food in the sunshine for a couple of hours. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Just proves you don't need a lot of people, just the right ones.

Cheers, John.



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LA FERME OPEN FARM DAY - SATURDAY JULY 25th

The Farm has not been open for some years and it was a surprise last year when Robert Perchard contacted me to invite us to attend. I remember past events when the Club has been present which were very enjoyable. Again we didn't have the attendance I thought we would, 11 cars and two visitors with their Caterham who turned out to be relations of the Perchard Family.

I thank everyone who attended and showed support. The Tractor Boys and Girls did us proud with an excellent selection of tractors on show. They also organised the Tractor Rides for the event and did they have their work cut out the whole day with queues of people waiting for rides all across the field. They did not stop with three tractors and trailers full to capacity on each trip round the farm, they are a credit to the Club. It was great to see a working farm again and have the opportunity of seeing the cows come in for milking and go out again.

During the day Robert Perchard came to have a chat to Pam and I and we thanked him for the invitation to the Club. It is an opportunity not to be missed for all of us to see the workings of a dairy farm with the modern machinery on display. The struggles they face at the moment with no rain in the forecast to get the grass growing again. We suffer from the heat but think of the animals, milk production goes down with the stress, dry grass and the farmers have to start feeding the winter feed.

I think everyone who attended enjoyed their day, we had a good old chat and met people we hadn't seen for along time.



That is all from me!

Frank



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RJA & HS SUMMER FLOWER and PRODUCE SHOW – Sunday August 16th

The Club has once again been invited to attend the RJA & HS Summer show at the Royal Jersey Show ground, Trinity. It is open to the public from 10.30am to 5pm. Vehicles must be parked up by 10am before the public arrive. The Show is also open on the Saturday which also includes a Fun Dog Show but we have been invited for **SUNDAY ONLY**. It would be very encouraging if we could have a mix of vehicles, tractors, lorries, vans, and motorcycles as well as cars. I know that the organisers of the show would be very pleased to see a variety of makes and models on display. Please do your best and show your support and I thank you in advance. Don't forget to bring your current JCVC Membership card in order that you can visit the show in the hall free.



SAMARES MANOR COUNTRY FAIR – Bank Holiday Monday - August 31st

The Club has once again been invited to the Country Fair by Vincent Obbard, the Seigneur of Samares Manor and his wife Jilly. Please arrive by 9am via the back entrance of the Manor through La Blinerie Lane. The Fair is open to the public from 10am to 5pm and you are encouraged to stay until the end. There will be plenty to see and do with food outlets, live music, entertainment and the threshing in the farm yard. If you wish to bring a picnic please do so. We look forward to seeing you there. A gentle reminder that 2 people per Classic car, all other guests need to come through the main gate and pay.



JCVC BBQ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

The route is not finalised for the Drive but we shall meet at 10.30am for an 11am start. The Drive will finish at Pallot's Steam Museum where the BBQ will be held in the field or inside the Museum if the weather is wet.

There will also be a Tractor Run and they will also be finishing at the Museum. Hopefully this year some of the Tractor Boys and Girls will be joining us from Guernsey.

The menu is attached or enclosed, please let me know if you have any allergies in order that Laura from the Grazing Company can sort something suitable. I will need to know numbers at a later date so please can you complete the slip and return with payment by: **Saturday September 12th** 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



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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
They will be available at the RJAHS and the Samares Manor events.

That is all from me,
Safe Motoring

Pam Laurens

Tractor Run – Sunday 12th July 2026...

Thirty six of the most enthusiastic classic tractor drivers as well as many family & friends this Island can imagine descended on Tractor Services Limited, Le Couvent, St. Lawrence on Sunday 12th July for the Tractor Division's fourth Tractor Run this calendar year and fifth of the Club's year.

Huge thanks to Rob Romeril & Frank Quenault for allowing us to start the run from their premises more commonly known throughout the Island as 'The Centre Of All Things Massey Ferguson'. Allowing all who attended to have a look around the showroom as well as the workshops and yards, gave us all a chance to see what is on offer if they hadn't popped along previously...

Barista Mick and Chef Toots served up traditional bacon butties and instant coffee or tea {bag in cup} to all those who wished to indulge. Going back to basic food and drink stuff gave all a glimpse of 'what used to happen' before any professionalism came into the tractor run catering more commonly seen nowadays. Do hope no one suffered any peculiar side effects from such an experience!!! To accompany this 'style' we all ate in the workshop or outside area – a true tractor style event if there's ever been one...

Leaving the yard we had absolutely no idea whatsoever where we were going other than knowing we were ending at approximately 11.45 at the carpark opposite Les Fontaines Pub, St. John. It can safely be said we explored St. Lawrence, St. John & St. Mary accordingly, travelling down many roads traversed beforehand but as per most runs not travelling on any road twice!!! Thanks to Chris Le Marquand for allowing us to circumnavigate his farm, Hi Ho, entering from one way and exiting another – lovely jubbly...

Arriving at the final destination we parked up and continued the ongoing debates and discussions being forever thankful we didn't get blown away with the strong winds currently being experienced – oh how the Jersey weather is being widely varied at the moment...

Thank heavens also for Scot Jehan, he didn't get lost or break down so on this day we all celebrate England getting through to the world cup semifinals we also celebrate Scott's accomplishments too {lol}!!!

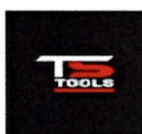
We thank once again John 'shake the tin', Lamy, Richard 'snap a many photo' Billot and several 'Road Enforcers' enroute which keep the convoy rolling – your efforts are not done in vain – they are greatly appreciated without a shadow of any doubt...

Next tractor run planned for Sunday 23rd August, starting from Bel Val Farm, Fliquet, St. Martin {quite honestly the farm with the most scenic outlook ever} home of Colin & Paulette De La Haye. Meeting at 09.30 in readiness for a 10.30 departure...

Keep at it, onwards & upwards...

Thanks

Mick & Toots



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VEHICLE OF THE MONTH – July

In July it was the turn of Nigel Shepherd with his 1966 Renault 16, a car that is not seen on the road nowadays. He has told me it was a barn find and what a pleasure to have it in the car park last Sunday. Nigel has written an interesting article below.



The Renault 16, arguably the world's first hatchback, was launched in France in 1965. Right-hand drive production began later that year. Initially, L and GL models were available on the UK market. The Motor Magazine road tested an R16 GL, FYP 470C, in February 1966.

Renault 16 won Car of the Year 1965, largely for its innovative mechanical layout, sealed cooling system, boot design and versatile rear seats.

MPD 39D was registered in Surrey on the 6th April 1966, making it one of the very earliest cars - and almost certainly the oldest surviving right-hand drive example. What makes it rarer still is that it is an L model, lacking the chrome trim around the window frames and having a bench front seat. Very few of this vari-



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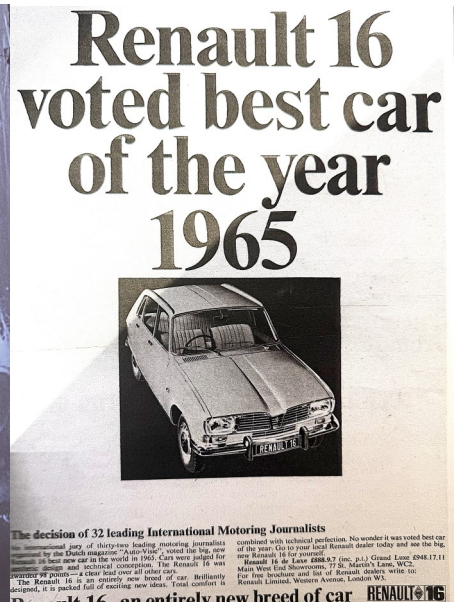
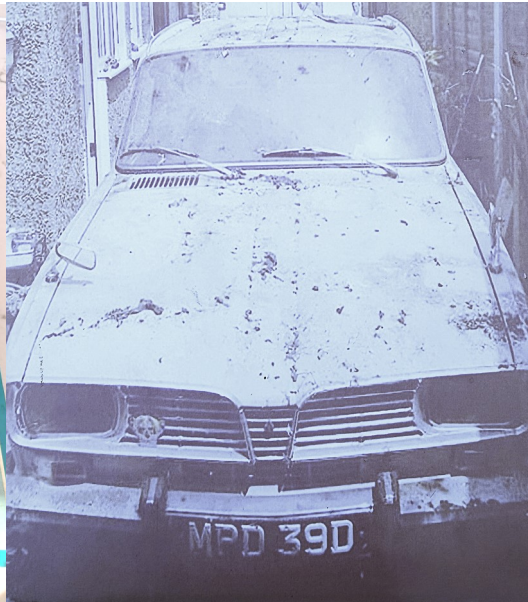
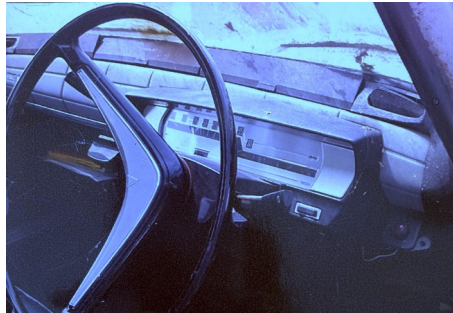
It has covered 58,696 miles at the time of writing. I bought the car from a gentleman in Northampton. When he and his wife were courting they had an R16, FVV 837E (Northampton index mark) FVV was traded in “for a dinner set and cutlery”.

I bought the car from that same gentleman in March 2025. He had owned it since late 2020.

It had been in the same family from new in 1966, owned by father, uncle and cousin. The car was recovered from approximately 35 years in storage. Numerous repairs were carried out to bring it to it’s current condition, that is to say, original. It has never been “restored” in the accepted sense.

MPD 39D arrived in Jersey in June 2025 and then became J16246.

The photographs below show the car as found in the early 2000s.



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