

DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I wish you all a very belated Happy, Healthy New Year! Time has flown by so fast I can't believe we haven't had a newsletter since November. Christmas seems to take over everything and I know that Pam has been very busy with other Clubs and events in the last six to eight weeks, so I apologise for not being in touch until now.

BEREAVEMENTS

On a sad note I must report that we have lost two past members from the Club since Christmas, namely Reg Hougueux and Sid Barry.

Reg drove a lovely Rover P6 and he was a great supporter of the Club as is all his Family. He and his wife Marian attended numerous events until he sadly had a stroke and was unable to drive again. He was always one for a laugh and a joke and I am sure he will be missed by all his Family and friends. I wish to send my sincere condolences to his wife, Marian, daughters Deborah and Beverley and their partners Steven and Mick.

Marian has since asked me to convey her thanks to all who attended the funeral and Wake, it was most appreciated.

Sid Barry was a great motorcycle enthusiast and one of the group that always sat together at the Sunday monthly meetings. I had known Sid for many, many years always seeking him out at Colebrooks for my motorcycle spares when I was sand racing all those years ago. He and the other staff at Colebrooks were always ready to help, to give advice, tips and guidance for our motorcycles. On behalf of the Club members I wish to send my sincere condolences to all his Family.

Rest in Peace Reg and Sid.

NEW MEMBERS

I welcome all new members who have joined the club so far this year namely, Christine Palmer, Wayne Lowe and Robert MacRae. I Hope that you will come along and join in the many events that are organised during the year.

NOVEMBER VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

Thank you for choosing my Corvette as Vehicle of the Month. I purchased the car from a very reputable Dealer in Manchester and brought it back to Jersey via Poole on Condor! Remember them? We have enjoyed many happy trips to our other home in France and have attended many car shows over there, along with other friends who also own Corvettes.

The car performs extremely well there, as it is very restricted on our only Motorway!!! And it gives it a great blowout. We had the car recently "Wrapped" and its colour is now "Luscious Lips" ! It was done by a very good friend of mine "wrapper" Mark Tinworth in France.



He's done an absolutely fantastic job and all that see it say the same. I'm really pleased with the car, it drives like a dream and I'm expecting many happy miles of motoring both here and in France. Thanks again.

Tim and Nicole Atkinson.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 30 November 2025



The Annual General meeting was held in November with a huge attendance of nearly 100 people. The committee remains the same except for one new member who came forward to replace Phil Johnson who had regrettably decided not to stand again. Phil was thanked for his time on the committee and presented with a Marks and Spencer Gift card and Wine.

I thanked Tim Pallot for compiling the 2026 calendar which was distributed at the close of the meeting. I hope you have all received your copy and found your remittance advice inside the envelope for the Annual subscription. A reminder that you must use your new Club Account number when paying your subscription by Bank Transfer or write it on

the back of your cheque if paying by cheque.

The new 2026 committee was duly elected as follows:

Chairman Frank Laurens, Vice Chairman Pam Laurens, Treasurer Judy Ridley, Secretary Cara Miller, Alan Michel Editor and Membership, John du Heaume and Jim Paton Committee members, Ian Le Brun and Mick Jehan Tractor Section.

I thanked Jim Paton for putting his name forward at the meeting in order that we make a full committee for 2026. A warm welcome to you Jim.

I know that it is difficult to commit oneself to committee and I understand. This Club is a very busy one and one of these days Pam and I would like to stand down. I am hoping that in the next year or two someone may come forward to take over the Chairmanship. I am saying this now so you can all have a think and get prepared.

At the AGM the following was put forward in Any Other Business:

“To consider the inclusion in the Club Constitution the age of a Classic Vehicle”.

Much discussion was put forward by members and it was finally agreed for the Committee to go back and discuss this item and agree wording to be approved at an EGM. It was suggested to hold the EGM at the January monthly meeting.

On January 12th a Government consultation meeting was organised for the Motor Clubs in Jersey which Pam and I attended. It was helpful to all who attended on both sides. We informed them that our Club recognised a classic vehicle to be 20 years and above, however there are the modern classics that can be 15 years old. They realised that perhaps it wasn't age that was significant but the mileage the vehicle did. As we said a classic vehicle is not on the road every day, it does very little mileage compared to a road car etc. Also many classic insurance firms ask you to cap the mileage to 1000, 1500 or 3000 miles a year.

In view of the above the JCVC committee have decided not to change the Constitution for the time being and wait and see what happens in the next 12 months. There will be Government elections in June which may change everything all over again. I hope that you are in favour of this, if not, the committee can meet again and agree on wording, for approval at a future EGM or the next AGM.

Meanwhile we urge you all to complete the phase out survey on the Government website as follows:

www.gov.je/phaseout2030

It is extremely important that they know all our views.

This survey will end on 30th January 2026.

Complete the survey again if you want to respond in a personal capacity and on behalf of a business or organization.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 22nd at St Clement's Parish Hall. I hope you will be able to attend.

THE MARCH meeting will NOT be held at St Clement's Parish Hall. Instead we shall meet at L'Auberge (The Farm House), Route du Nord, St John from 10.30am and we can use the room upstairs. On this occasion please can you all pay for your teas and coffees. Please note: We will not be holding a Raffle at this meeting.



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DECEMBER VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

The Vehicle of the Month for December was a 1970 Mercedes Benz owned by Bruno Bodnar. Congratulations Bruno!

My Mercedes Benz 250 CE Automatic was bought new in 1970 by Mr. Perruchon in St Croix-Valmer near St Tropez, France. It is a W114, classic 2-door coupé featuring a 2.5L inline 6 cylinder petrol engine (M114), producing around 148-150 hp, offering a top speed of roughly 118 mph (190 km/h or more). It was at the time acquired by my brother Laurent in August 2002 in Paris. After several years of use, including my wife's and I wedding (2005), the car was stored for nearly a decade, towards the end of my brother's life, before his passing in early 2023.



In the same year, Mr Manon from Garage du Meridien at Villers-sur-Mer (Normandy) gradually restored it into working order over 18 months, until it passed its road test for a new French log book. It was repatriated to Jersey in early 2025...Finally, Paul from Hefford's Motor Repairs Ltd. helped me pass the DVS inspection for the new Jersey log book. There is still a few issues to fix like the dash clock, centre locking system...That is keeping me busy!



I have enjoyed driving this Mercedes regularly, often accompanied by the songs of Eddy Mitchell, Laurent's favourite singer.

Finally, I would like to thank all the club members for their friendliness and warm welcome. I am very happy to be part of this wonderful community of enthusiasts. I wish that I could come more often to participate in more events.

Bruno Bodnar.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Membership fees remain as follows: Couple £30 and Single £20. However, the postal fee will increase to £12 from £10. 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.

Some members have experienced difficulty in paying by Bank Transfer, however, we hope that this will be resolved. The Treasurer has been to the Bank and spoken to them on numerous occasions and we believe it is because we have a very old Bank Account. In the meantime when paying by this method the Treasurer advises to force the payment in, by agreeing that you do wish to pay, and if it goes through you will have no future trouble.

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

The first meeting held on January 13th was fantastic with over 30 people attending. It just shows how getting together for an informal chat is so important in our ever increasing busy lives. Next meeting Feb. 10th.

VALENTINE RUN and LUNCH (Lunch 12.30pm for 1pm)



The Valentine Run and Lunch will be taking place on Sunday February 15th. The Run will start at Ransoms, please meet at 10.30am for an 11am start and it will end at the Jersey War Tunnels for lunch. Please decorate your vehicles for Valentine as there will be a prize for the best decorated. I will need **payments, numbers and menu choices by Friday February 6th**. A menu is attached or enclosed with your newsletter. The price of the menu is £29.95 and Jersey War Tunnels are very pleased to welcome us for lunch.



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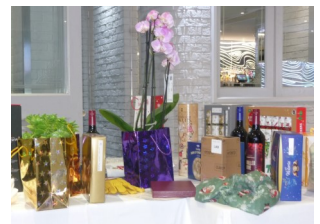
ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st

It seems a long time ago but the Annual Dinner was held on the above date with 33 attending.

A free bumper raffle was held and nearly everyone won a prize. The Club sourced many of the prizes but I wish to thank Tool Plus Jersey, C.I. Engravers and several other Members who donated prizes to us. The Manager and the Team of the Hotel Ambassadeur were thanked for an excellent meal and service.



Every year the Club presents a Shield to a member who has shown a keen interest in the Club and helped throughout the year. It is very difficult to choose but this year I chose our Editor, Alan Michel. He does a wonderful job each month and always on hand when needed. He agreed to take over the Membership section of the Club from Phil Johnson, who retired at the AGM. Alan, with his partner Maria, who is also a great support to him, show true loyalty to the Club. Alan thanked the Chairman and Members and said it was a great surprise.



I thanked my wife Pam for organising another splendid event and she was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. Pam thanked the Members for their generous gift.

I think that is all from me.

Frank Laurens



CHRISTMAS RUN and LUNCH



The Christmas lunch was held at the Dolphin Hotel on Sunday December 14th, where 55 of us enjoyed a truly excellent meal. The Management and Staff were duly thanked for excellent food and service. 25 vehicles took part in the Run which started at *L'Auberge, Route Du Nord*. It was great to see that many of you had decorated your vehicles and the worthy winner this year for the best decorated was Al Gullet with his lovely Jaguar S-Type. Al was presented with



a gift at the lunch. Collette Bisson was thanked for taking the photographs of the Run and at the dinner. Robert and Sharon Romeril of Tractor Services were thanked for their sponsorship of the Club and Apogee for printing our Newsletters. On leaving the Dolphin, we were lucky enough to see 50 Tractors pass through Gorey, all lit up with Christmas lights.



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Crank – Up {ish}' Tractor Run – Tuesday 30th December 2025...

Twenty two chaps and a lovely lady turned out on what can only be described as a 'Gorgeous December Day' at the car park opposite La Fontaine pub to attend the pre-trip 'Crank – Up {ish}' gathering put on by The Pallot Family for the Club to have a get together at the Museum.



Although it's nearly the end of the calendar year {have no real idea where 2025 went} this trip is actually the start of the new year 'Club Wise' as it's the first trip out with the new committee – Mick & I are now entering our fourth year {I think} heading up the commercial and tractor side and would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who hosted an event in 2025... This really does make our jobs a whole lot easier as there's limited roads and tracks on this stunning '9 x 5' piece of rock to travers, so having different starting locations does make a big difference...

The 'Crank Up' event has become very popular over many years and thank The Pallot Team for allowing us



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all to be part of their 'wider family' as we all hold a passion for the internal combustible engine no matter what it powers... Sipping a warm drink and munching on a biscuit or two makes for a great way to end the run whilst 'catching up' with club colleagues...

We ambled through five parishes St. John, St. Mary, St. Lawrence, St. Helier and Trinity taking in what Jersey really looks like in December – it's amazing what can be seen when there's no leaves on the trees and it's a fine day!!!

Trialing a new approach to 'the route' Mick and I hadn't pre planned the run {because we ran out of time again!!!}, we decided to see where the roads took us with the governing factor being 'ending up at The Steam Museum around 11.15 {ish}'... I think it worked, twenty three tractors left, twenty three arrived and most impressive of all Scott 'I can't keep Up' Jehan didn't take a wrong turning for a change {lol}!!!

Huge thanks once again to Collette Bisson for turning out and taking various photos of us 'on the run' so to speak. I'd also like to thank the various folk who send me photos of the trip itself, especially the tractor resident photographer Richard 'Click' Billot... Having different 'snaps' to look at after reading these ramblings makes it all the more interesting, I dare say!!!

2026 Tractor Runs will be arranged and sent out middle of January so you can get them all in the diary. If anyone would like to host an event or plan a route do let us know – we'll happily let you sort it out!!! Join up a few of you, ask Mick & I to assist, comment {we'll do this anyway} but please do give it a go as after all it's Our Club not just selected ones...

Finally - here's Wishing You All A Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2026 – stay safe and enjoy your driving...

Catch ya

Mick & Toots

PS – don't forget to get your 2026 Membership Forms and Subs sent through...



The Tractor Boys and Girls raised the amazing amount of £1700 during their Tractor Runs last year and donated the full amount to Jersey Hospice Care. Thank you for your generosity.

GET TOGETHER at Pallots Steam Museum

Once again the Club was kindly invited by the Pallot Family to a Get Together at the end off December. This also co-coincided with the the Club Tractor Run organised by Ian and Mick. There was a great number of tractors driven by the Girls as well as the Boys. It is great to see such an enthusiastic group taking part. Liz and Family were ready with warm cups of tea and coffee and plenty of biscuits. It can be a very breezy and chilly journey on the tractors so I am sure the warm drinks were very welcome. Thank you to Liz, Derek and Sam and all who took part on the Tractor Run.



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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 22nd May 2026 in Bagnoles de L'Orne, Normandie, France. Any classic vehicle is welcome to join in.

For those of you who live in the UK the trip starts in Portsmouth on Thursday 21st.

The Jersey group will leave Jersey for St Malo on Friday May 22nd. 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

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

2026 EVENTS LIST

The new Events' list is enclosed or attached, please look for updates in your future newsletters.

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring
Pam Laurens

WEDDING CAR/CARS REQUIRED

Emma Paul's daughter is getting married next year on the 21st August 2027 and she is looking for cars to take Bride / Father to the Church and Bride and Groom back to their home for the reception. She is also looking for a 7/8 seater to take Mother of the Bride / Bridesmaids (all for a gratuity).

She was wondering if anyone in the JCVC could help.

If you can help please contact Emma on Tel: 07797911165



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CARS FOR SALE

1972 Rover P5B Coupe

1977 Triumph Dolomite 1500

1978 Vauxhall VX 2300

Vehicles requiring work to revive them from a number of years of inaction. Each requires welding to repair and replace areas of rusted bodywork. Otherwise 99% complete mechanically. Currently engines not running.

INDIVIDUAL OFFERS. If you are up for the challenge and are interested to view or know more, contact John on 851713.

FOR SALE

Jaguar XK150 Fixed Head Coupe RHD

Local Car registered in 1960 and sold by St. Helier Garages.

Colour is Old English White with Red Interior.

It has the preferred 3.8L engine. Manual Gearbox with Overdrive.

On Jersey plates and on Island.

Viewing via Steven Hunt. Steven.hunt@jerseychannelislands.je



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