

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope that you are all making the most of the recent sunny days and getting the Classics out of their Winter slumbers. We have had a few excellent days to take them out for a good run.

I wish to send "Get Well" wishes to several of our members who have recently had operations and 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, namely Richard Vibert, Kirsty Thys, Graham Gale and Jennifer Gorvel.

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

CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP

An update on the above. Over 2000 individuals and businesses completed the Government Consultation Survey and I wish to thank all of you who contributed to this as it seems to have done the trick and slowed Government down in their thinking. Many also sent in individual written responses and took the trouble to attend the public meetings.

The Environment Minister and his team are busy analysing the information but have already realised that they need to modify their approach to the Carbon Neutral Roadmap.

Restrictions will not be imposed on used petrol and diesel vehicles imported and registered in Jersey from 2030.

It should be noted that the combined efforts of all the car and motor sport clubs to meet collectively with the Environment department shouldn't be underestimated and clearly made a good case for the proposed policy to be significantly changed.

It will be interesting to hear the final analysis of the survey etc which I believe is meant to be out in March.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS

Both the January and February meetings were well attended with 60 plus each time.

On Sunday March 29th the 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 if required. On this occasion please can you all pay for your teas and coffees.

A raffle will not be held at this meeting.

Don't forget that the time springs ahead one hour at 2am on March 29th.



JANUARY VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

The vehicle of the month for January was a 1982 white Fiat Giannini 126p belonging to Claudio Escorcio. Congratulations Claudio.



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I was absolutely thrilled to win Vehicle of the Month with my little pocket rocket, especially as I very nearly sold her the day before!

She is a 1982 air cooled Fiat 126p that was imported into Jersey in 2000. Owned by me for approximately two years, she is one of five Fiats in my ever growing collection. (If you have a Fiat/Lancia for sale please let me know....)

Tastefully modified with Panda 30 heads, bigger Arbath oil sump, after-market exhaust, alloy wheels and black interior leather. She never fails to put a smile on my face when driving down the road. What she lacks in size she makes up for in heart.

Claudio Escorcio.

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 Treasurer reports that Lloyds Bank have solved the problem with payments being paid straight into the Club's Account. Please complete transaction by tapping in The Jersey Classic Vehicle Club, apparently 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 you are all now able to pay your subscriptions without any further delays. Thank you in advance.

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

February proved just as popular as January with 25 plus enjoying a good natter about all things mechanical. Getting together and just stopping is so important these days as life gets faster and busier all the time. The next Coffee Morning is Tuesday March 10th.

VALENTINE RUN and LUNCH



The Valentine Run took place on 15th February, our first Run of the Year! Unfortunately the weather was not on our side. Ten of us persevered and took things slowly through the drizzle and fog. The route was greatly appreciated and we have been asked to do it again sometime when the conditions are more sunny.

We still managed to see the beautiful beds of snowdrops along the way which won't be there when we repeat the run later in the year.

We eventually arrived at the Jersey War Tunnels where we were welcomed into the parking provided. 25 of us enjoyed an excellent lunch and the service was a credit to the



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Management. I am sure we shall book again in the future.

Richard and Angela Taylor won the best decorated Valentine themed vehicle with their 1958 Riley 1.5. The wet and damp conditions made it very difficult to decorate the cars so congratulations to all who made an effort.



I think that is all from me!

Frank Laurens

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

If you have booked on the above trip please can you let Martyn know the following details ASAP.

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.

Vehicle

Make & Model

Year of manufacture & engine size

Manual or Automatic

Colour

Registration Number



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And any other details you might want to include.

Martyn and Colleen plan to meet the ferry on arrival at the Port of St. Malo on Friday 22nd May and form a convoy to the hotels.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact Martyn on 07797710508

SATURDAY APRIL 4th – 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. Enclosed or attached is a slip for you to return with payment to Pam Laurens, Cyrano, Elizabeth Close, St Brelade, Jersey JE3 8GY. Please make



cheques payable to the "Jersey Classic Vehicle Club". **Please return by FRIDAY MARCH 27th** as Jersey Pearl will need confirmation of the number attending. The run will start at the Steam Museum, meeting at 1pm for a 1.30 start. 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

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 16th and returning to England on the evening of Monday April 20th. He would very much like to meet and interview some of the members with their vehicles. Unfortunately the above dates don't fall on any of our scheduled events. His partner is doing the Park Run on the Saturday.

I wondered if we might be able to organise a group meeting on Sunday April 19th for as many of you as possible who would like to be involved. 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 26th

This is just to let you know that I am now 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 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 26th 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 in the coming weeks, either email pamcyrano@gmail.com or jerseyclassic@hotmail.com or phone 01534 744446.



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JCYC 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

MAGIC TOUCH - 87 St Clement's Rd, Jersey

At the last meeting I was asked if the Club supplied garments with the Club logo printed on them. If you take a fleece in your size to Magic Touch they have our logo and they will print it on. They also have T shirts etc that you can buy and they will print the logo on them. I am not sure of the price for printing but they will advise.

Other Events Taking Place in March, Worth a Visit

Jersey Eisteddfod. (March 12th - 15th) A showcase for the Island's talent featuring art, calligraphy, woodwork, sewing, embroidery and all the work from the schools.

Spring Flower Show. (March 21st & 22nd)

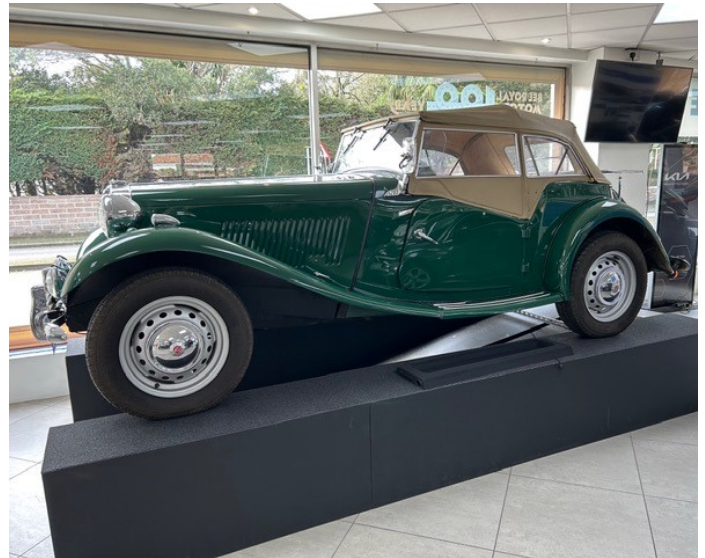
Fun Dog Show. (March 29th)

All the above events are taking place at the RJA & HS Showground Trinity.

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring

Pam Laurens

Jim & Janine Buckley's MG-TD Midget



This car was built at Morris Garages in Abingdon then exported to California where it stayed for some time until it found its way back to Surrey in the UK. It was purchased by Tod O'Donoghue and brought to Jersey where the car was completely stripped down and each panel repaired, repainted and restored. The chrome work was repaired by Derby Plating.

The car can be viewed in Bel Royal Motors showroom window, who are celebrating their centenary this year.



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