

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It saddens me to begin this letter by marking four recent bereavements from the Club as follows: Derek Bonhomme who was a founder member of the Club, he had now been living in France for some time with his wife who also remains very ill at this time. Joe Le Jehan who was a very keen supporter of the club and attended many events locally and on our trips away. Sonya Patton, wife of Jim also a very keen supporter of our Club attending whenever she felt well enough. Barry Rondel who was so full of life, joking whenever the opportunity arose. He was a very keen supporter of the Tractor section with his red Massey Ferguson. The Tractor Boys held a Tractor Run on June 29th where a minutes silence was held in his memory and I thank them for doing this. On behalf of the Club I wish to send my deepest sympathy to all their Families and may they all Rest in Peace.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS – Venue St Clement's Parish Hall from

10.30am

On June 29th Pam and I were out of the island so I asked John du Heaume to take the meeting and by all accounts he did a very good job and I thank John most sincerely. The attendance was as good as ever, the raffle went well and all enjoyed the refreshments.

Amanda Myers helped John to choose the Vehicle of the Month and I am delighted to say that the winner was Linda Allo with her beautiful Frog Eye Sprite. Congratulations Lynda!

JUNE VEHICLE OF THE MONTH



Thank you for choosing my little MK1 Austin Healey Sprite as July's Vehicle of the Month. I have owned "Millie" the Frogeye since 2001. She is celebrating her 65th birthday this year. It will take little to work out that she is a 1960 model. The Frogeyes were produced between 1958-1961. The only modification is that she now sports a 1275cc A Series engine. She was also treated to a new coat of paint soon after we had her. Other than that, she is pretty much original.

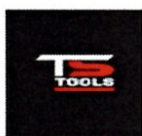
Lynda Allo.

The next Sunday meeting will be on Sunday July 27th. This will also coincide with the Club Picnic and Run. The Run will start at the Parish Hall after the meeting and end at Gorey Common for the Picnic.

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

I hope you all enjoyed the get together on June 10th and caught up with all the chat. The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 12th.

There are quite a few events this month and next, so I hope to see you at some of them.



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THE RUBIS JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL 5-8th JUNE

This proved a very busy few days but unfortunately this year the weather was not with us until the last day. We grouped together at La Fregate on Thursday evening under heavy drizzle. In the end we were 12 cars and thank you to all of you who braved it. It wasn't the chaos of last year as some Clubs had pulled out due to the weather conditions and we all drove on the Avenue in a very tidy, calm manner. The weather had prevented a large crowd but there were still some brave souls who had ventured out to admire the vehicles on display.

On Friday evening Pam and I decided to go and watch the Moonlight Sprints which are always a thrill to me.



The weather was again iffy and we were there for just over an hour when the drizzle became a bit heavier. We had seen Steve Hebert in his Frog Eye Sprite make a time and several others had braved the greasy conditions. As the drizzle got heavier we decided to make our way to the carpark and home. Within minutes the drizzle turned to torrential rain and became a monsoon with the raindrops jumping off the pavement



and you can imagine two drowned rats arrived in the car park. Not surprisingly the Sprints had to be cancelled after that deluge, due to safety.



On Saturday I decided not to take the MG and put the roof on the Austin Metropolitan, luckily I did because again it was a day of dodging heavy showers. The public made a great effort when it wasn't raining to come down and view the different vehicles from an array of local and visiting Clubs. The Mini club were very well supported and the late Mark Le Gallais would have been proud to see them. We had 18 vehicles displayed on Saturday of all years, types and models and I thank you all for your support. It was a treat to walk down the park and see the enthusiasm and pride amongst you.



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On the Sunday the weather was more settled, we had no rain but there was a distinct chilly wind early in the morning. I am delighted to say that we had 30 vehicles on display which was absolutely fantastic. It showed off the variety of makes and models we have in the Club and how keen you all are to exhibit what can only be described as “your pride and joy”.

Again the two parks were full of entertainment for all the family and there were plenty of food outlets. The hill climb was a great pull for anyone who enjoys the thrill of speed. Several tinkered with their bikes to get that extra speed up the hill. The go-cart, side-car, car and motorbike races around the park road were also magnificent with so many young riders gaining experience for the future. It was a pleasure to see young Archie Langlois, who is a member of the JCVC, on his motorbike riding hell for leather with his team mates. I am sure that many of those younger people will join us in the future and this Club will be secure for many years to come.



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The Rubis Jersey International Motoring Festival celebrated 25 years this year and several items of memorabilia were on sale, I hope that some of you managed to buy something. There were Anniversary mugs as well as other merchandise.



The Rubis Festival Anniversary plates made for the vehicles were also of very good quality and admired by many of the visitors to the show. I wish to thank Steve, Julie and Alex Salmon as well as the whole team who organise this Festival every year. It is a mammoth operation and this year they had to factor in the bad weather which is an added headache which we can't do anything about and have to just take it as it comes and do the best we can. I also wish to thank Tim Pallot who co-ordinated the lower Park, making sure everyone fitted into place, which is no mean feat. Thank you to all Club members who helped in any way with marshalling, putting up and taking down the gazebo and we look forward to next year's event which will take place 4th to 7th June 2026.

Frank Laurens

EVENING RUN and MEAL

An Evening Run will be taking place on Saturday July 19th and the start will be the carpark at Jersey Pearl. ***Please meet at 5pm for a 5.30pm start.*** The Run will finish in the car park on the New North road opposite Les Fontaines Tavern where we shall have a meal booked for 7pm. Pre-orders will be necessary and the menu has been circulated. To date only 16 Members have responded so please let me know ASAP and no later than Saturday July 12th. If you wish to stay for the meal, I will need your choices. (Pam tel. 01534 744446 email pamcyrano@gmail.com)

SATURDAY JULY 26th 10am to 12 noon

Frank and I recently met with Steve Picot from L'Hermitage Care Home, Beaumont, St Peter. He is very keen to arrange meetings to stimulate the memories of the elderly residents, many of whom suffer from Dementia. The sight of a classic car, lorry, tractor or old motorcycle takes them back in time and often they will remember some good times which is a bonus for them and puts a smile on their faces.

Steve has asked if Club members could meet up at the Care Home on Saturday July 26th from 10am to 12 noon in order that we can get a good selection of vehicles in place for them to come out and look at. The Home will be providing us with coffee and bacon rolls, therefore I do need you to let me know if you will be coming, in order that Steve knows how many to cater for. (email pamcyrano@gmail.com or tel. 01534 - 744446)

JULY 27th SUNDAY MEETING plus SUMMER RUN and PICNIC

The July Sunday meeting also includes a Summer Run and Picnic. The Run will start from the Parish Hall after the meeting has finished and the hall has been cleared. We will end the Run at Gorey Common where we shall have the picnic. As in the past please bring your own picnic – food, drinks, picnic rug etc. The Common has been booked in advance, we drive onto the common through the chained entrance. Frank and I will have the key to unlock the chain so please don't drive through until the chain has been unlocked.



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The Tractor section also has a Run on this day. It would be lovely to see them coming to the Common as well to join in the picnic. A row of tractors would be a real treat to see!



REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

RJA & HS SUMMER and PRODUCE SHOW – Sunday August 17th where we are invited for a static display of vehicles. Please arrive at the Showground by 10am as the show is open to the public at 10.30am.



ST JOHN FELLOWSHIP - Sunday August 31st. Please see attached flyer and Lunch Menu.



JCVC BBQ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th

This year the Pallot's Museum Autumn Fayre **will not** be taking place due to circumstances beyond their control. However, we shall be holding the Club BBQ in the field on Sunday September 14th, a run will be held beforehand, the route is yet to be confirmed. Laura Wainwright of the Jersey Grazing Company will be doing the BBQ for us. She is the daughter of Matthew Wainwright who has been catering for us for several years. Even though he has retired he will be helping Laura with the cooking. The price will be £26.50. Please complete the form (attached) and return cheque with slip to me by Saturday September 7th. If possible before, as Frank and I are away from 3rd to 9th September and then I am due to go in for my cataract operation on 11th September so I want to order the desserts before I go away on 3rd Sept. I am not sure if I will be at the BBQ as there will be only 2 days that the operation will have been done. Thank you all for your co-operation in this.

JCVC MERCHANDISE

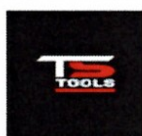
Mick de Sousa has assorted merchandise for sale to Club members. The following are available for sale: Lapel Badge - £2.50, Car Screen badge - £1, Tractor Screen Badge £1, Grill Badge - £31 and Left and Right Hand flags - £5 each and key rings - £3. Please phone Mick if you need any on 01534 725859 or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

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring

Pam Laurens

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Tractor Run – Sunday 18th May 2025...

Twenty six tractor driving folk of all ages, sexes and sizes driving a varied mix of the finest agricultural specimens of decades past, arrived at the starting point of the second run of the year which happened to be the Les Platons car park and venue of the BeezKneez catering trailer...

In true Sunday morning style some of us participated in a little nibble and refreshment thus giving us the much needed start of the day!!!

Gorgeous Trinity, home to some of the Islands most lovely and tranquil lanes, incidentally the only Parish not to have dedicated 'Green Lanes' was the area chosen for approximately {luck only} 90% of this trip marginally leaving to enter St. Saviour for a short stretch, into our Capital St. Helier then returning to Trinity before crossing the border again into St. Helier literally feet from the end of the trip to finally park up in a field belonging to The Le Boutillier Family at Woodlands Farm, Café & Shack. Huge thanks to them for allowing us to descend upon them like this – it's greatly appreciated.

No one was in any particular hurry to leave, we seemed to talk for an age in the midday sun in small groups which for this 'fast pace life' was a great way to appreciate everything and everyone around us.

Thanks again to the Gents who are happy to hold up traffic at the various junctions required along the route, this really does keep the whole group together and so much more enjoyable for all {I think}... Please do let either Mick or I know if you'd be happy to undertake, we do seem to rely on the normal bunch and more than likely miss some out...

Seeing new people of all ages turning up at most meets, as well as 'regular' folk, really does bode well for the Club and proves all are welcome, no matter who you are or what you drive... Life is busy so averaging mid to high twenties in numbers each time must mean the trips are worthwhile...

Twenty six machines arrived at Les Platons, however, due to mechanical issues only twenty four went on the run, the other two had to limp home for repairs after a cuppa in the morning sunshine – hopefully see them next time out.

Keep at it. Thanks.

Mick & Toots



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Tractor Run – Sunday 29th June 2025...

Two lovely ladies & thirty three gents of ‘varying vintages’ as well as a bunch of other spectators descended upon Stanley Lodge, St. Martin, the home of Mick, Tracy & Scott Jehan who welcomed us all in true Jersey style with an abundance of fine food and drink pre the ‘June Run’...

Huge thanks to all that assisted in catering for us all, Mick has the fine ability to delegate various tasks out to his family, all of which kept on smiling whilst undertaking their duties. The whole event from start to finish was exactly what our ‘Tractor Lot’ now seem to experience – something we are all very thankful for without any doubt.

Setting off from various ‘folks abodes’ across the Island sets these Sunday trips as times to remember, catch up on the local gossip but above all laugh – this last part being one of the best medicines available to us all for absolutely no monetary expenditure which is a feat in itself nowadays!!!

Mick led the way with me bringing up the rear as we left Stanley Lodge, heading east we meandered through some delightful lanes, across a few main roads into sunny St. Saviour then into tranquil Trinity and through the delightful property of Dielament Manor, home of Charlie Mullins.

Continuing through Trinity heading due north east we headed for Rozel before turning down and through La Ferme, back into Mick’s parish, stunning St. Martin {over the bridge} home of The Perchard Family. Continuing in the same fashion we then traversed through La Fosse, home of Steve Rylance before we eventually ending up at the St. Martin’s Green.

Traversing through three stunning properties our grateful thanks to all the Family’s for allowing us to do so – these areas really do capture a different edge to the runs when feasible to incorporate.

Ending up at such a lovely venue gives the opportunity for many people to enjoy these fine machines, hopefully attracting new generations of keen enthusiasts forever in the hope one or two may even end up in the industry they were built for back in the day {people not tractors so to speak}. Thanks again to all the drivers for allowing many to sit on, have photos and generally be true ambassadors of our club and Island.

Lastly, thanks again to the ‘Road Marshalls’ for making sure there is a steady flow throughout – keeping the whole convoy moving makes for a much better drive not to mention not having to read routes and almost guess where to go at various junctions...

Next tractor run planned for Sunday 27th July – starting from the home of The Emmanuel family located right alongside and opposite Hamptonne Museum, in the delightful parish of St. Lawrence. Usual time, meet at 09.30 for a 10.30 start...

Keep at it. Thanks. Mick & Toots



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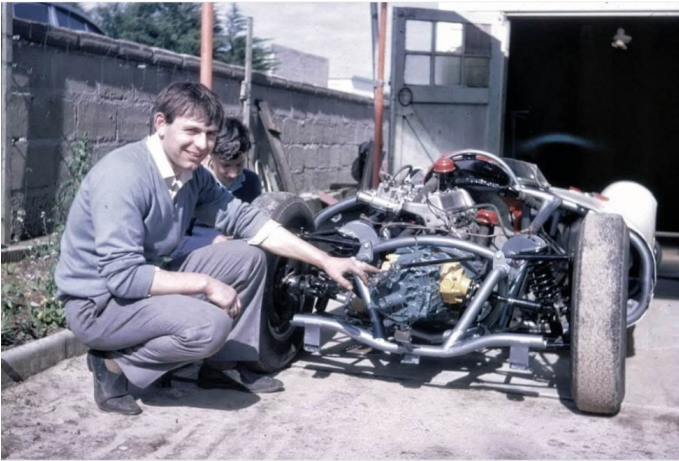
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Frankie Laurens and his Cooper Monaco after a re-build in May 1968.



Frank working on the 1959 Singer Gazelle 111A

Super Hero Brings Car Back To Life

After nearly one year off the road due to heart problems, well carburettor issues actually, my 1959 Singer Gazelle IIIA convertible is now revived and living a new lease of life thanks to its heart surgeon, Frank Laurens.

It was just after the Jersey International Motor Festival 2024 when a lumpy engine, falling revs and cutting out at most inconvenient moments, caused the car to be laid up so long.

Being unable to move it easily due to its location, by chance I mentioned it to Frank Laurens at one of Frank and Pam's Jersey Classic Vehicle Club meets and Frank readily agreed to take a look.

On his first visit, I offered the experienced mechanic surgeon a diagnostic tool that I had found on the internet, but Frank laughed and had other ideas - simple touch and listen!

As he held the palm of his hands over the twin Solex carburettors, he very soon diagnosed that one of the two was working far less efficiently than the other and fairly quickly seemed to improve the running through suction. However, being the perfectionist that he is, he decided to take the carburettors away and undertake the necessary surgery, which was similar to removing the build up in clogged arteries.

Having thoroughly cleaned each minuscule part of each carburettor and soaked them in thinners for days, the moment came to refit them and start the car.

Applying fresh lubricant and clean seals, Frank reassembled the carburettors and reset the choke cable and asked me to start the engine.

It was like bringing a body on the verge of disappearing, back to life. The Singer fired up beautifully and then Frank set about adjusting the two mix screws on each carburettor to a perfect tick over.

The difference was unbelievable. The car started on the turn of the ignition key, without even the need to pump the accelerator or pull out the choke.

You can expect to see my pearl grey and pippin red Singer about again on sunny days.

There is no substitute for a good ear and sensitive hands. Thank you, Frank.

Steven Hunt



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