

## JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

So much has happened in the Club since the last letter went out, it is difficult to keep up! I hope that this letter finds you well.

### CONGRATULATIONS

I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating Dawn Tinley, Paul's wife, in being awarded the British Empire Medal for services to people with learning disabilities in Jersey. I am sure that Dawn is thrilled with the award but equally shocked when she received the call from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. "Well Done Dawn", a truly excellent achievement!

### NEW MEMBERS

I welcome all new members, namely Neville de Gruchy and John Cronin, who have joined the club since the last newsletter. It is a pleasure to witness the interest the Club attracts at the many events we have attended in the last few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at the up and coming Club meetings.

### SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS (Last Sunday of the Month)

The meeting in May was very well supported even though we had several members out of the Island enjoying some well earned rest. At June's monthly meeting we welcomed a group of French Classic enthusiasts from the Le Pôle Collection which is based in Brittany, south of Nantes. Not only did they bring their British owned cars with them, but kindly brought bottles of French wine and brioche cake for the Members to enjoy. What a turnout, the car-park was full of Classics and the Parish Hall full with Members. Not only would I like to thank our French guests for their generosity but also the Members for providing our guests with such a wonderful collection of Classics to view. The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday July 26th at 10.30am at St. Clement's Parish Hall.

An additional article re: "the Le Pôle Collection" will be included in next month's Newsletter.

### VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

In May the beautiful Massey Ferguson 35X fitted with a Jaguar V12 engine belonging to Trevor Gallichan was picked as Vehicle of the Month. This is a special model and I wish to congratulate him.



I acquired my Massey Ferguson/Jaguar V12 in 2010 from the late John Guedards's wife Margaret. I had admired the tractor for years but never thought I would own it. Owned and built by the late Jim Purvis and first registered in 1990.

He started with a back axle and

gearbox from a Massey 165, mated it with a 5.3ltr. Jaguar V12 front end, tinwork and running gear. The wheels and tyres were from a 1965 MF35, and the engine was finished with a 6 twin 40 Webber carburetors. It was painted red and black.

I recently completed the project by fitting new stainless steel fuel tanks, new exhaust system and a few other modifications.

Trevor Gallichan.



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

The Coffee Morning went well in June with 26 attending for a good natter about all things mechanical, plus a post discussion on the Festival which had just taken place the weekend before.

The next one will be on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRACTICAL CLASSICS MAGAZINE**

I hope you have all seen the spread in the July issue of Practical Classics. James Walshe has written a wonderful article, a great promotion for the Club. He will be adding other articles in future issues so keep a look out for the magazine. If you haven't seen it, I will also bring a copy of the magazine to the next meeting. The shop in St. John's Precinct may be able to order back copies if you wish to buy one.

### **2026 Sunbeam Rapier Trip – Bahnoles de L'Orne, Normandy**

Fifteen of us set off from Jersey for this trip in May. The weather was unusually hot for the time of year and driving in 30+ degrees was okay in an open top but for those closed in the car it was not so pleasant! We met members of the Sunbeam Rapiers Club the first evening at Bois de Jolie for an evening meal around the



biggest oval table I have ever seen. I think there were 40 of us seated. There was much chatter and merriment after a few glasses of wine. When it came to organising the group for outings together things seemed to get confused and maybe if this happens again an itinerary might be the answer so we know where we are all going to avoid missing out. However, on the Sunday we all enjoyed a most memorable get together in the main Bagnole Square. Over 50 makes and models of vehicles were all parked up from the BMC BAGNOLES MOTEURS CLASSIQUES as well as the Sunbeam Rapiers and all the Jersey Classics. What a glorious sight for us petrol heads! I wish to thank Martyn and Colleen Michel most sincerely for organising this trip. Martyn will be adding to this with his article.



### **RUBIS JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL - JUNE 3rd - 7th inclusive**

The Festival began on Wednesday June 3rd with the new Parade in Town. The Rolls Royces started their route from the People's Park and ended parked outside the Royal Yacht hotel. The remaining classic sports cars and motor cycles wound their way around and parked up in the Royal Square. It was an excellent addition to the Festival to see all these exotic and fast moving machines, giving the public a super parade in town to kick off a great attraction for the Island and tourists alike. A stunning selection of cars, motorcycles, and historic machines - what more to enjoy!



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### **RUELLAN'S ROLLING ROAD SHOW CAVALCADE 4th JUNE**

The Cavalcade and rolling road show continued on Thursday evening along Victoria Avenue from 6.30pm. This year 13 of us met up near Le Fregate and waited our turn. The wind blew and with it sand and salt settled on the cars and at the last minute an almighty show of rain just before we were called forward. We battled on as we do and were allowed two laps of Victoria Avenue for the first time. This was much appreciated until Pam had a breakdown in the MG TF and was pushed to the side into a lay-by, near the sea wall. Some time later we towed the car home and the following day the fault was found and corrected and she was able to participate again on the Saturday and Sunday, much to her delight.



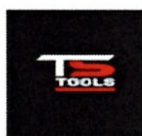
### **FRIDAY JUNE 5th - THE MOONLIGHT PARADE from 6.30pm**

I believe this event was well attended as the weather had improved with less wind and no rain. After cleaning the cars and rectifying the fault on the MG we decided it was just too much and gave this a miss this year.

### **SATURDAY and SUNDAY June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – WESTMOUNT HILL CLIMB, STATIC DISPLAYS, VICTORIA PARK ACTIVE ARENA, LIVE MUSIC etc**

Thank you to all who came along and supported. There were 26 vehicles on the Saturday which gave an excellent flavour of what members have in the Club. Unfortunately we were battered by a constant wind that spoilt numerous opportunities for the catering outlets who just didn't turn up as their gazebos would have been blown away. The ones that were there had to battle with the elements for most of the day as did the other concessions. After finding a coffee and a seat out of the wind in a marquee we made our way down to our cars and stayed locked in for most of the day. Once again it was washing and cleaning the cars ready for the next day.

Luckily Sunday was much better, the wind had dropped and one could at least sit out and enjoy the sun. It was great to see 33 vehicles on show and amongst them we had a tractor, a caravan, a motorcycle and numerous cars. I was pleased to see some of our new members taking part and we all enjoyed having many visitors on the Sunday. Both Parks were packed with people of all ages, enjoying the many activities going on, whether it was the thrills and spills of the Active Arena or the Hill Climb or just enjoying the many makes and models of vehicles on the Parks.



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This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the Club's enthusiasm for all makes, models, shapes and sizes of vehicle and demonstrate to the public what a passion we all have for our Classics. Pam and I are very grateful to Steve, Julie and Alex Salmon for inviting the JCVC each year to participate in such a wonderful motoring extravaganza. The ordinary person doesn't realise the work and preparation involved over many months to put on such a wonderful event. We also wish to thank Tim Pallot who is the Co-Ordinator of the Lower Park during the Festival. He has a huge task in keeping everyone happy and making sure all is in place for when we arrive on the Saturday and Sunday mornings. Once again thank you to all involved.

### **MOTORISED CHILD'S CAR**

On both days I brought along a motorised child's car that had been a gift to my son, Simon, when he was only five years old so it makes it nearly 60 years old. It was admired by a great deal of people and the little ones were overjoyed when allowed to sit in it and have their photo taken. This car was designed by Jack Knight, a British engineer who was active in the racing field in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. His company, Jack Knight Motorsport Ltd, became known for specially made 5 speed gear sets for the Hillman Imp transaxle, which was also used by several speciality car makers.

This beautiful model child's car is a copy of a Lotus 18. It was built by Jack knight Ltd of Theatre Street, Battersea. The maker's plaque was always applied to the back of the seat which can be seen if you look. In 1972 I bought this model car for my son from Bill Knight, who was in charge of the Go Kart track at Les Quennevais. Simon had many hours of enjoyment driving it around and about at home. It was originally red in colour but when I gave it to Simon he insisted it be painted yellow which is the colour I have kept it.

When Damon Hill was 5 years old, he was given a car at the 1964 Brands Hatch British Grand Prix race weekend. The bodywork was finished in Lotus racing colours of British Racing Green with yellow central



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