

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I wish to welcome all new members to the Club and hope that you come along and join in the activities.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING

The October meeting was well attended with fine weather to match. As the Royal British Legion had begun fundraising for 2025 Pam had brought along assorted merchandise for members to buy. The Poppy Run being a week later many took advantage and bought Poppies for their vehicles, the special 2025 metal Pin badge, Reflectors and so on. I am happy to report that the total raised that morning was £245.50. Thank you to all who contributed.

PETROL and DIESEL PHASE-OUT

At the October meeting I introduced one of our members, Edward Pipon, who wished to share his concerns over the "Petrol and Diesel phase-out" which the States are proposing to help the island reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Edward has been in the motor trade for over 40 years, 33 of these self employed. The importation and registration of all new fossil-fuelled cars and small vans will end from 2030 under the Governments proposals. I have attached the report that Edward has compiled and gave to us at the meeting. There will also be public meetings that islanders will be invited to attend to meet the consultation team as follows:

Monday December 8th 2025, 11am to 2pm Charing Cross, St Helier

Monday January 8th 2026, 11am to 2pm Charing Cross, St Helier

Separate events will also be held for members of the motor trades, motor sport organisations and vehicle owners' clubs. Dates are yet to be confirmed and those interested in attending are asked to email climateemergency@gov.je

These proposals will have a significant effect on all vehicle clubs and organisations on the island, it is of great importance that we voice our concerns on the propositions otherwise we shall be owning a vehicle that will not be allowed to go anywhere.

VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

The October Vehicle of the Month Award was presented to Steven Hunt for his beautiful 1959 Singer Gazelle IIIA convertible. Congratulations Steven!



J111959 is a 1959 Singer Gazelle IIIA convertible. The model was manufactured only between 1959 and 1960. Just 12,491 such cars were built at Ryton-on-Dunsmore. It is a two door convertible with a four speed manual floor change with the addition of overdrive.



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It runs on a 1494 cc 4 cylinder ohv high compression engine and was first sold from Rootes London, Piccadilly on registration 974 WMY. The cost then was £848 including purchase tax. I found the car through the Singer Owner's Club, having been taken to school in my father's 1966 Singer Gazelle series VI, which he still owns and runs, he always hankered after the convertible version.



The car had been laid up for twelve years following the death of the previous owner and my brother Ian and I went across to look at it. Miraculously, Ian got it running and so began a lengthy journey of restoration over six years.

Once the body was stripped it was evident how much filler had been used. Fully committed, I then used two garages to restore it, the first going into liquidation early on. The second garage in Hertfordshire then undertook the full body, engine, chrome, interior and soft top restoration. The original colour scheme has been maintained of pearl grey with pippin red and red interior.



Having entered the Jersey Concours event in 2024, the engine became lumpy and the car was laid up for almost a year until engine wizard, Frank Laurens agreed to take a look. Frank entirely stripped the twin Solex carburettors (which were a special feature on this model only), and bathed them for weeks, cleaning them thoroughly. Reassembling them, he then by touch and ear brought them back to life and today the car starts on the button and ticks over as it would have in the showroom.

The car has taken part in Singer rallies in France and the UK and may make an appearance next year at the NEC, as did its sister car in 2014.

The three position hood gives it great elegance and it even has a full tonneau.

It is thanks to enthusiasts and the skills of people like Frank who ensure motoring history is kept going.

Steven Hunt

NEXT SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING AND AGM

The next Sunday meeting will be on November 30th from 10.30 **at St Clement's Parish Hall, St Clement.** There will be no raffle held at this meeting as we shall be conducting the AGM and afterwards the 2026 calendars will be distributed. They will be sorted in parishes, if a neighbour is not at the meeting please can you take their calendar, this will lighten the load for us.

PLEASE NOTE inside the calendar envelope there will be an invoice informing you of what you owe for your membership. This invoice will include your own individual Club Account Number. clearly printed on the top right hand side of the sheet. Please use this number whenever you are paying for a bill via Bank Transfer. The number is a combination of your membership number and part of your surname.

Membership fees will be remaining the same as in 2025, a Couple £30 and Single £20. However, the postal Newsletter fee will increase to £12 from £10. This is a decision that the committee made at a meeting a few months ago. The Membership Invoice will also have the Club's Bank details for any of you who wish to pay via bank transfer but please remember to use your account number as reference, otherwise the Treasurer will not know who has paid what. 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.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will begin at 11am, paperwork and details will follow.

At present we have one vacancy on the committee which has not been filled to date and this person will have to be voted in at the meeting. At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that the Editor, Alan Michel, would be taking on the Membership Secretary's job. It makes sense to do so as he is involved with contacting members through email, newsletter and by post. It is hoped that the additional committee member would help with the Events to take the pressure off my wife Pam. If you are interested to join the committee please let me know in order that your name can be put forward at the meeting.



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

The meeting held on 11th November was very well attended with 25 plus people. As it fell on Armistice Day we held a two minute's silence at 11am to take the opportunity to remember all those who have fought in all wars and not returned, their service and sacrifice have given us our freedom and way of life today.

Frank Laurens

POPPY RUN – November 2nd

The Poppy Run was held on a glorious sunny day and began in the car park of the Jersey War Tunnels (German Underground Hospital). Michael Billings was thrilled to have us and kept space in the carpark as we all lined up. Members were soon enjoying a welcome coffee in the War Tunnels Café. He thanked the Club for choosing this venue to start the run and added it had a very positive impact for the guests who were



visiting at the time. He would very much like us to use War Tunnels again and it is hoped to arrange something next year. Several members had decorated their cars for the occasion and the winner of the best decorated car was Richard and Angela Taylor and Family with their lovely 1958 Riley 1.5.

The lunch was held at the Prince of Wales and an excellent meal was provided. Frank thanked the Manager and Staff of the Prince of Wales for the excellent food and service. He also thanked Alan, Maria and Cara for sorting out the raffle table and raffle tickets. A bumper raffle had also been organised in aid of the Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch), a marvellous sum of £250 was raised. I must thank my wife Pam and all the committee members who contributed and secured prizes. The following generously donated prizes: The Jersey War Tunnels (3 prizes), The Prince of Wales, Rubis, St Brelade's Dry Cleaners, Ernie Le Feuvre Ltd, Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch), Jersey Dairy, Bonny's Country Gardens, Morrisons (Quennevais Branch), Boots the Chemist (Quennevais Branch), "Flour Patisserie", Co-Op Grande Marché, Angela Taylor and Family (6 Prizes), JCVC and a variety of other prizes. Thank you to one and all.



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ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st at the Hotel Ambassadeur, 7pm for 7.30pm.

As in past years a free raffle will also be included courtesy of the Club, all attendees will be given one free ticket.

The hotel is doing special overnight stays from £90.00 per room (double or twin) per night and a single room from £65 per night, including breakfast. Please book the overnight stay yourselves.

CHRISTMAS RUN and LUNCH – SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th at The Dolphin Hotel, Gorey, 12.30pm for 1pm.

The menu has now been forwarded and I attach for your reference. Pre-orders are not required for this meal. The restaurant can take up to 65 people, so please let me know as soon as you can if you intend going to the lunch. I will need to know numbers by **FRIDAY DECEMBER 5th**. The meal is priced at £37.50, the service charge will be paid by the Club as it does for all meals that are organised. The menu is attached for your information. The Christmas Run will start at The Farmhouse (L'Auberge du Nord), St. John at 11am, meeting at 10.30am. **Please decorate your vehicles for Christmas.**



ANNUAL PALLOT “GET TOGETHER” - TUESDAY 30th DECEMBER - 11.00am - 2.30pm

Liz Vivian, Sam Pallot and Family have invited the Club to the Steam Museum for their annual “Get Together”.

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

If your stuck for ideas for Christmas presents - assorted merchandise or a Membership subscription can make a very good one!

Sunbeam Rapier Normandy Spring Trip 2026

Earlier this month I forwarded information regarding this trip. 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 further details, please contact Martyn Michel, 07797 710508, martynmichel@hotmail.co.uk

The trip starts in Portsmouth on Thursday 21st for those of you who live in UK. 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. We 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.

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring

Pam Laurens



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Tractor Run – Sunday 14th September 2025...

Apologies for the delay in getting this article across, I wish for very few things in this life, more hours in any one day is one of them {lol}. Being the last official article of the year it's slightly different from the norm...

As I write this resumé of the September run I'm listening to the 'Roar' of the cars currently 'braigeing' around the roads of St. Lawrence – absolutely brilliant... In my humble opinion hearing any machinery whether it's agricultural, industrial or commercial, whether for work or play it's great to hear as means work is being done and /or people are having fun which is an absolute essential part of life...

I, as you know prefer the more tranquil speed of anything, built for comfort not speed so to speak, nevertheless get there {eventually if my little blue peril hasn't broken down!} – as I remind all that pass by in a hurry to get 'nowhere' we'll all get to Christmas on the same day!!!

Changing from tradition of starting at The Steam Museum for the 'September Run' due to the non-presence of our Guernsey Visitors {bizarre ferry arrangements we currently have which makes traversing to our sister island & back very expensive & difficult!!!} we were invited to meet for the 'Pre Run Rendezvous' at the home of Richard & Jill Lee's homestead, La Caroline Farm, St. Peter.

One of Mrs. Lee's amazing talents is baking so when asked if making 'des mervalles' {Jersey Wonders} was going to be 'ok and acceptable' instead of the normal savory offerings I very quickly and obviously said yes please!!! With a cheeky little extra request – a slice of her {in my opinion} top specialty – Guinness Cake... With the slight nod of her head and the standard frown of approval she smiled and agreed – {sigh of relief because I wasn't swiftly escorted out the kitchen!!!}...



The weather was most definitely on our side which made more than Mick & I had ever expected to attend with 30 of the finest machines turning up to join the last official run of the season. We had made the decision on Saturday to carry on regardless of the weather, if necessary, making the route as swift as possible to get to the final destination, ie planned route out the door and head for cover!!!

Huge thanks to 'Team Lee' for their hospitality as well as showing us a part of our lovely Island not experienced by many before – absolutely 'spot on'...

Having a larger and quite possibly slightly more difficult terrain for this trip a little 'pep talk' about driving on slopes, choosing the correct gear for descending etc was advised. Thankfully no issues occurred and the trip went without a hitch...

Leaving La Caroline we dived deep down into the meadow due east of the farm, a place I do believe only a 'single handful' number of people have ever seen let alone drive through... This then led us onto one of the smaller country roads of the Parish which then ambled into the fine parish of St. Mary. Passing the Parish Church and Pub we made our way down to Granite Products quarry via another track and block of land before hitting the quarry entrance a couple of hundred of feet before the entrance.



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Whow – having not been to GP for many years we descended down and along to the northern part of the quarry where we could witness the sheer amount of rock which has been excavated, turn around and head up to view the current hole being used. Looking down at a redundant concrete mixer body currently at the bottom of the hole it looked like a child's toy it was that far away!!! It's hard to imagine that most of the stone lifted out of this area has been transformed into concrete used across the Island... We finished the tour by way of a drive through of the 'Block Yard' before heading back onto the main road.



The remainder of the trip took us right across the center of the Island via a few more tracks, across several main roads and along 'smallish' lanes to the Steam Museum. We touched five parishes, traversed roads of all sizes, along tracks and over various fields so in all a varied country experience we hoped was enjoyed by all...

Parking up at the Museum many of us enjoyed the end of year annual BBQ before heading home with bellies full and dare say knowing a little more 'Jersey Intel' than when we started that morning...



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Thanks to Richard & Jill Lee, Joy Le Gresley and The Du Feu Families for allowing us to cross and drive over their lands – on reflection many who took part, this was the first time they would have seen many areas of our beautiful Island...

It's been another great 'Tractor Run Year', all made possible by all of you so huge thanks from Michael & myself. Particular thanks to all of you that 'hosted' a start, without your generosity the fun wouldn't be half as good. The hospitality given and venues allowed to use have been brilliant which culminates into a bunch of like minded folk having fun on a Sunday morning...

Thanks to our 'honorary charity tin shaker' John Lamy, he's calming enduring natured character has I'm sure encouraged more to part with a few pennies than otherwise would have happened. When we know the final yearly tally, we'll let you know. One run less this year due to the St. John Fellowship Lorry Trip being on the same day {August run being cancelled} we'll await to see if we match the 2024 scores of £1,800.00... Thank you all for contributing to such a fine cause, whatever total we get to it's hard to



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comprehend it's down to a few folks gathering with a few old tractors on a Sunday morning...

Land owners across the Island – without their consent to go along, through or over small or large areas they own, our trips wouldn't be half as interesting so thanks to 'You All' – it's most certainly appreciated... 'Swan Neck syndrome' or 'Nosey Bugger syndrome' is a common issue with many on these trips {myself definitely included} – seeing properties from another angle not normally seen does make the trips all the more interesting!!!

Finally, thanks to the 'Road Marshalls' who are asked, requested, bullied, bribed or however you care to explain for doing what they do thus allowing the whole convoy to flow seamlessly. It's possible they may encounter a few 'not so happy' fellow road users in undertaking their job, we're thankful for their integrity and in essence 'country way' of dealing with the odd impatient oddities about on a Sunday morning...

Lastly, I'm led to believe there is a Christmas Light Tractor Run being organised by a few folk, this isn't a club event, open to all with any tractor so pending the weather pure comfort and well being may see more driving modern units than normal – I'm still deliberating what to do... Entry monies for a charity, food and drink available {I think} as part of the price with the general plan of travelling through 11 of the parishes – if it goes ahead then it will be worth being part of... Keep you posted via Michael and his unique IT ability...

Keep at it – onwards & upwards...

Catch ya

Mick & Toots

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