

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I wish to welcome all new members who have joined the Club this month.

I am sad to inform you that one of our past members, but a great supporter of the Club, has recently passed away. Aubrey Duval was a very active member, helping with the raffle each month and stewarding at the shows we attended. He owned a lovely Ford Prefect which was his pride and joy, however, some years ago he made the decision to give up driving. May he Rest in Peace and on behalf of the Club I wish to send our deepest condolences to all his Family.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING

The September meeting had to change venue at very short notice due to damage to the St Clement's Parish Hall roof. I managed to arrange with the new Manager, for the Club to meet at L'Auberge du Nord from 10.30am to 12 noon. The weather was a bit cloudy but it all went well and a good number met in the carpark and also secured a warm coffee inside.

The raffle wasn't held due to the circumstances being too difficult. However, Vehicle of the Month was chosen and this month it went to a beautiful Massey Ferguson 35, owned by Edward Pipon. I am not sure if a tractor has ever won the award before but it was great to see it in all its splendour in the car park at L'Auberge. Congratulations Edward!



The next Sunday meeting will be on Sunday October 26th from 10.30 **at St Clement's Parish Hall, St Clement.**

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 14th from 10am.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and COMMITTEE POSITIONS

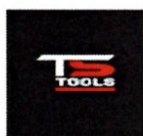
The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on ***Sunday November 30th*** at St Clement's Parish Hall at 11am.

There will be one vacant position as the four Officers and remaining committee members will be standing again for another year.

If anyone is interested in filling the committee member position, please let me know or come and have a chat for further details.

ST JOHN FELLOWSHIP - CLASSIC LORRY DRIVE

Recently the Club arranged a Classic Lorry Drive for the St John Fellowship members. The St John Fellowship has just celebrated 25 years and Pam and I were invited to the celebration lunch. During lunch John Brisset gave an extremely informative talk on the history of the Fellowship and included how the JCVC had become part of their yearly activities. It all began at a Bouley Bay Hill climb, where of course, St John Ambulance were in attendance. John was talking to the marshals who said how thankful they were to St John Ambulance for their attendance at each of their events. One of the marshals wondered how they could repay their kindness in some way and the Annual Classic Car Ride was born and they have been



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enjoying them for the last 20 years. John continued his talk to say how this year the Ride had turned into a Classic Lorry Ride and he and thirty members had had the time of their lives, singing, holding on to the streamers and flags all blowing in the wind. He added that he hoped it would happen again next year. Pam and I said we would be delighted to arrange it and we hoped that the Ukulele Band which had played at the function would also be invited to come along in another lorry. It was agreed it could be arranged.

A vote of thanks was made to the two very worthy lorry drivers Ian Le Brun and Trevor Barette.

JCVC BBQ and RUN – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th



This turned out to be an excellent event. I wish to thank Richard Taylor for kindly writing the route and leading the Run. I also wish to thank his wife, Angela for baking the most delicious Bakewell Tart and donating it, to add to the desserts which we all enjoyed, also to Angela's daughter Kirsty for helping Pam serve the puddings at the BBQ.

The Route began at Lakeside Care Home and then made a detour to Lakeside Pavilion where the residents were brought outside to admire the Classic cars. Richard took us on a very interesting drive through lanes we never go on and its is amazing how living on such a small island, there are some lanes one doesn't drive on. Thank you again.

We all congregated at Pallot's Museum watching some 30 tractors arriving after their Run around the countryside. Sixty three of us enjoyed delicious BBQ food cooked by Matthew Wainwright and his daughter Laura who has taken over from her dad with the Grazing Company. I can already say that Laura has pencilled us in her 2026 diary for the BBQ next year. I am already looking forward to it!

Frank Laurens



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SEPTEMBER VEHICLE OF THE MONTH



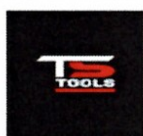
MASSEY FERGUSON MF35 TRACTOR MK2

Thank you for choosing my tractor as Vehicle of the Month.

This tractor was sold by St. Helier Garages, First Tower who at the time had the Massey Ferguson Agency. Powered by the Perkins P3 diesel engine and built in November 1959 it was registered new on the 7th January 1960 and sold to Mr Fred Helleur of Albion House, St. Lawrence. Fred used it on his small holdings and my father would occasionally borrow it if he needed something a little more powerful than his Ferguson TE 20 that he owned at the time. Eventually the tractor came up for sale and my father bought it in 1977 and it was at this point, aged 8 years old that I started to drive it, after all I had been driving the grey Fergy since I was 6, so it was time to drive the larger tractor now! Dad continued to use this tractor whilst he was farming and then continued to use it to cultivate a small vegetable garden, until he stopped driving at the age of 92, at which point it lay dormant.

I started the restoration of the tractor in 2023 by removing all the tinwork, cleaning the entire tractor by hand, removing ground and dirt which had accumulated over the past 63 years. I then attended to the mechanical repairs and other than needing a good service, attending to the wiring and some oil seals which needed to be replaced, the tractor was in very good condition.

The tractor was painted a different colour and I needed to research this further, so I went to Tractor Services and spoke to Robert Romeril and we worked out that it was originally painted Ferguson Slate Grey, which is more of a silver colour than grey. Apparently there was a cross over period where the tractor transitioned from Ferguson grey and gold FE35 MK1 to the MF35 MK2. Indeed this tractor was badged as a Massey Ferguson from new but the build plate is FE and from 1960, the more familiar Stoneleigh grey started to appear, with this colour combination remaining the same today.



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Once the main body was painted it was time to sort out the tinwork which was all sandblasted, the rear wings were re-skinned, the headlamps were refurbished, then everything went to the paint shop to be painted Massey Ferguson Super Red. Once back from the paint shop everything was re-assembled along with a new set of tyres. It took around 100 hours of work to complete the restoration.

Edward Pipon.

POPPY RUN – November 2nd

The Poppy Run will be taking place on the above date ending with a lunch at the Prince of Wales, 12.30pm for 1pm. A raffle will be arranged and all proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch).

I do hope you will be able to attend and I enclose the menu, as pre-orders are necessary for this lunch. Please send payment and choices to me by Saturday October 25th. I thank you in advance for your help in this.

The Run will start in the car park of the War Tunnels (German Underground Hospital), St Peter's Valley. Please meet at 10.30am for an 11am start. The Jersey War Tunnels Café will be open from 10am for anyone wishing to have a coffee etc. before departing on the Run.



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 and I am sure that Emma and Family will be sorting another bumper one for us. All attendees will be given one free ticket.

The Menu is attached for your information at £38.00. 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 and price to be forwarded but it will be around £37.00

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 - £3 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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

I know it is early but keep a note of when the clocks go back one hour, it is at 2am on Sunday the 26th October. Don't forget to turn your clock back on Saturday evening before you go to bed on October 25th. **Our monthly meeting is on Sunday the 26th October.**

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



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