

## OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope that this letter finds you well and still enjoying the long hot Summer!

#### BEREAVEMENTS

Since our last newsletter we have lost one of our members - Harry Le Marquand. Harry was a great friend of the late Denis Jean who was a past Chairman of the Club. If you happened to be with that dynamic duo you were certainly in for a laugh. I am sure they are now having such a catch up, heaven will be a laugh a minute and if you add Dan Michel to the group they will be in their element. I wish to send our deepest sympathies to Harry's partner Annette and the Family.

Harry's funeral is Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the RJA & HS Crematorium Chapel, Trinity. It is requested not to wear Black.

I also wish to send our deepest condolences to John and Joan Robinson and their Family as they have recently lost their son. John is also not too well at the moment. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

#### MEMO FROM JON WOOD.

Hi everyone, it's John from Southampton here.

First I wish to thank Frank for all his help with the Triumph, for his unselfish assistance and coming to my Hotel with an electric petrol pump, which he gave to me and wouldn't take payment. This is called kindness, thank you Frank.

The sad news of my very good friend Harry Le Marquand who passed away, peacefully I hope. I had the pleasure of knowing Harry for over 30 years, we had a lot of laughs with Denis (RIP) and clearing out Denies grounds and going to the café in the parking lot on Rue Du Nord. Rest well my dear friend.

Lastly, my hearty congratulations to more dear friends, Marcel & Natalie on such a wonderful occasion. Again having known this lovely couple for about 30 years. All my best wishes to them.

Finally it was lovely seeing all our friends at the monthly meeting and at the Samares Event.

Bye for now to all, and take care.

John and Linda.

#### NEW MEMBERS

I welcome John Le Seilleur who has joined the Club since the last newsletter. It is a pleasure to see so many people taking such an interest and I look forward to seeing you at the up and coming events.

#### SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS (Last Sunday of the Month, St Clement's Parish Hall)

The monthly meeting in August proved popular with many gathering again in the car park and Parish Hall. The next meeting is Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am. This last month has flown by and Autumn is knocking on our door. We certainly have had an extremely hot spell but now it is much cooler and more bearable, let us hope we are now in for a very pleasant Autumn to enjoy a few more Classic Drives around the lanes of Jersey.



*I know it is early but keep a note of when the clocks go back one hour, it is at 2am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October (the last Sunday of the month). Don't forget to turn your clock back on the Saturday evening before you go to bed on October 24<sup>th</sup>!*



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

The Jersey Pearl gathering proved as popular as ever and 22 came along for a good chat. The next get together will be on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Pam and I will be in France so we hope you have a great gathering.

**JCVC BANK ACCOUNT**

The new Bank Account is not yet open so we ask you all bear with us for the moment. Please DO NOT use the Bank Account for Bank Transfers and payments until the new Account is up and running. I will let you know when we have confirmation from the Bank.

The new Account will include monthly Bank charges which will need to be absorbed within the Club's income each month.

That is all from me, best wishes and "Safe Driving"

Frank

**JCVC BBQ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**



We met at Jersey Pearl car park, Five Mile Road, St Ouen at 10.30. The weather was grey and very misty quite a contrast to the beautiful Summer weather we have been having. About 15 to 20 cars were on the Drive which took us in some very interesting and quirky lanes. I always marvel at Frank when we set off to work out a Run for the Club. I sit with my pen in hand and notebook. We arrive at the Start Off point and the Sat Nav in his brain goes into action. He seems to know straight away where he is going and ends up exactly at the correct destination. I just scribble down the lefts and rights and names of the roads and then type it up when we get home. A second drive to check it out and he never has to be corrected. He does deserve a huge "Thank you".

We arrived at our destination of Pallot's Museum and as previously mentioned the misty weather left the grass very wet and mucky so the Pallot Family kindly allowed us to eat inside. A big "Thank you" to Liz, Derek and Sam.



The Tractor Boys and Girls also did a Run and finished in the Museum field and what a glorious sight to see all those tractors. I believe it was 34 all lined up in the beautiful countryside of Trinity. Frank and I really appreciate the time and effort you put into the Tractor Drives, you are all a real credit to the Club and special "Thanks" to Toots and Mick who keep you all in order!



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Matthew and his friend were there to greet us with the wonderful aroma of food sizzling on the barbecue. There was also an excellent array of assorted salads to choose from. The food was delicious and Frank and I wish to thank him for doing us proud with the assorted meats, sauces and salad.

A lot of running around, organising, ordering and collecting deserts from La Collette Cold Store go into an event like this, and I was very appreciative of the thanks received from Frank and all those present. I would also like to thank Angela Taylor for making and donating the Bakewell Tart, it was mouth watering delicious and her daughter Kirsty for donating the lemon cake from Flour Patisserie. Thank you to one and all!

The attendance at the BBQ was 67 which is quite a number to cater for. Once again we missed our Guernsey friends who would have swelled the numbers and we hope that next year things will have improved with the sea links to our sister island of Guernsey

#### **LATEST ISSUE OF PRACTICAL CLASSICS MAGAZINE(November)**

Those of you who subscribe to the magazine will have received your copy and this issue includes articles from some of the Club members i.e. Peter Kirwan and Nigel Shepherd with his 1966 Renault 16 and Colin Griffiths of the JOCM with his 1950 MG TD. In fact, Peter has been named as "Collector of the Month". Congratulations to all of you. You will find articles on pages 55, 58, 60 and 61.

#### **DATES and REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY**

Here are some reminders of events we have coming up in November and December.

#### **Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Poppy Run and Lunch - a Raffle will take place in aid of the Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch). Lunch will be at the Prince of Wales 12.30pm for 1pm and the Menu is attached or enclosed for your reference. I do need pre-orders for this lunch, please return the slip and payment of £33 each to Pam Laurens, Cyrano, Elizabeth Close, St Brelade, Jersey JE3 8GY. Please pay by cheque or cash **no** bank transfers please. The Poppy Run will start at Ransoms Garden Centre, 10.30am for an 11am start.



#### **Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

The ANNUAL DINNER at the HOTEL AMBASSADEUR - 7pm for 7.30pm - A Raffle will also take place. A Special price has also been agreed for an overnight stay with breakfast. A double or twin-bedded



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room at £90 with breakfast and Single room at £65. Please book the overnight stay directly with the hotel, stating you are part of the JCVC Dinner Group. The Menu is attached or enclosed for your reference.



### **Sunday November 29th**

The JCVC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SUNDAY MEETING, St Clement Parish Hall.

The 2027 Club Calendar will be circulated at this meeting and **the 2027 Membership renewal form will be enclosed in the envelope with the calendar.**

### **Sunday December 13th**

The CHRISTMAS RUN and LUNCH - The Dolphin Hotel, Gorey - 12.30pm for 1pm.

The menu is attached or enclosed for your reference.



### **JCVC MERCHANDISE**

Mick de Sousa has assorted merchandise for sale to Club members. The following are available for sale and he usually has them with him at the monthly meetings: 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](mailto:mdesousa1962@hotmail.com) They are available at all events.

That is all from me - Safe Motoring to all!

*Pam Laurens*

***P.S. RJA & HS AUTUMN FAIR POSTER ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION***



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## Tractor Run – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026...

The seventh and final run of the Club calendar year took place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September with thirty four of the finest drivers and machines you could ever imagine turning out... Meeting at the Beez Kneez carpark at Les Platons it gave us all the option to participate in a little beverage and or sustenance if desired before the off...

For twenty minutes or so whilst parked up, we experienced heavy drizzle and fog – thankfully this died off as we headed out thus making the whole trip a ‘dry one’... Being as though the majority of the forage maize and cereal crops having been harvested across the Island, we had the opportunity to drive across, through and over vast sways of land that quite possibly may not have been accessible in a normal growing / weather year.

Make hay whilst the sun shines being the motto so with the kind permission of Tom Perchard, Jersey Dairy, Trinity Manor, Matt Carre, Chris Le Marquand, Charlie Le Boutillier and numerous land owners we traversed large areas of land starting in Trinity, gliding into St. John, meandering into St. Lawrence slipping into our Capital, St. Helier before returning back into Trinity. I guess we travelled over a hundred or so vergées and through two farms – not bad for a Sunday stroll {lol}!!!

For a few folk this meant exploring new areas never ever seen, while others knowing of but never experienced so to speak. For a small Island we are still able to come up with new areas which does keep the interest of our fellow drivers...

As we end another year of trips, huge thanks to many who have made it so enjoyable. Thanks to John ‘Shake The Tin’ Lamy for his ability to extract cash from all including those few who have difficulty in parting with it thus adding a ‘few coffers’ to the Hospice Charity. We are hoping to have beaten last years ‘best ever year’ with the final count being revealed at the AGM in November... A sincere thanks to you all for being so generous – it’s a testament to you all...

‘Chauffeur’ Mike Howeson for getting John ‘Shake The Tin’ Lamy to and from the Runs – team work at its best – brilliant stuff...

Thanks also for the photos sent through which do make these ‘write ups’ so more enjoyable to look at – notably Richard ‘Photo’ Billot, Didi Dave Anderson ‘The Photographer’ and Mick ‘I Photo Red Tractors Only’ Jehan...

Road Marshalls – you know who you are, thanks... Without your due diligence and courage to stop the Jersey traffic, the runs would be somewhat fragmented knowing all the time you are liable for ‘banter’ from general road uses. Thanks for understanding the ‘waving arms’ which direct you to the correct places – it works and may long it continue...

Thanks to all the land and property owners who allow us to have a drive through / over – without them our knowledge of our Island would remain on the public highway, not so interesting and less of a talking point without any doubt...

Huge thanks again to all who have hosted and nourished us – absolutely ‘spot on’...

Over the 7 runs we have undertaken this year there has been an average of 30 tractors on each run – 215 machines in total over the entire year – not bad for a few tractor ‘nuts’ having a ‘crack’ on a Sunday morning...

‘The banter’ between us all; red versus blue, slight mishaps, the odd breakdown, the odd wrong turn all great ammunition for jesting – all done in the best possible manner...



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From Mick & I 'thanks' for supporting us at the helm – your assistance is greatly appreciated I assure you...

Finally, a couple of our younger members have taken it upon themselves to organise a 'Field Day' where they are hoping many will be prepared to turn out with an implement and 'work a plot'. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October being the preferred days selected thus far – for obvious reason the weather will dictate the final date.

Please contact Will Barker on 07797 867173 and/or [wilnbarker@outlook.com](mailto:wilnbarker@outlook.com) to book in and show interest please – the more info he has the easier to sort so to speak...

This event will also be an opportunity to encourage current and hopeful future members of The Jersey Young Farmers Club – a club very dear to many. Getting it back into action, can only be a huge plus for our younger community...

I'm led to believe there's a fairly central St. Mary / St. Lawrence location with easy access...

Please do support this event with a machine, folk will be on hand to assist, guide and work if you're not 'au fait' with the tools of the trade. Others like myself will get the old stuff out the shed, brush the cobwebs off and see if we still have the knack to work under pressure {lol}!!!

Keep at it, onwards & upwards...

Thanks

Mick & Toots



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