

# JERSEY OLD MOTOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2026



**Patron: His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, Vice Admiral Sir Jerry Kyd KBE CBE**

## President's Comments

Our 60th anniversary lunch is coming up very soon and I sincerely hope that we will have a strong response with lots of you coming along to celebrate. Bring your

family, bring your friends – let's party! Now is the time to send Mary your booking form, copy attached, as we must give Hotel Cristina numbers for the delicious buffet lunch organised.

Believe it or not, our year

is over half-way through, and the AGM is on 24 November. Why not think now about what you can give back to the club and consider joining the committee? Indeed, why not think about being president/chairman? If you want more informa-

tion on what it entails, you only have to contact me.

Please note that a date has now been added to the calendar for our September run.

**Happy Motoring!**

## Hospice needs you

I have received an email from Lady Sylvia Gould, who works on big events for Jersey Hospice Care.

A fundraising ball is being organised for September at the RJA&HS and they are in urgent need of prizes for their silent auction.

It would be greatly appreciated if any (or all) of our members would step forward and volunteer a drive in their wonderful car as a prize. Hopefully, this could be tied in with a hotel offering afternoon tea after the drive. As we all know, this is the time of

year for more changeable weather.

Therefore, the offer should be valid for some time, so that the winner could take the drive in the spring or summer or even, despite the weather risk, at the 12 Church Cavalcade on Boxing Day.

The precise details are to be discussed with the winner and the generous donor. If you wish to shine your halo and support a very worthwhile charity, and one which benefits all Islanders, please contact me on [joanagardner@hotmail.com](mailto:joanagardner@hotmail.com).

## 60th Anniversary Lunch: 12 July

Starting with a glass of fizz (other drinks are available) on the terrace overlooking the glorious stretch of St Aubin's Bay, we are hoping to make it a very special lunch to celebrate 60 years on the road – with many more years of happy motoring to come!

An absolutely scrumptious cold buffet will be served, guest speakers will enlighten us about earlier days of the club and there will be a marvellous display of memorabil-



ia. We need your support to help make it special, so please complete and return the attached booking form.

Friends and relatives are, of

course, welcome. We would love as many of you as possible to come to really make it a party. This is a lunch only, there is no run involved, therefore your mode of transport is entirely up to you.

**FIRST SUNDAY PUB MEETING**  
Les Fontaines Tavern, St John  
Sunday 5 July 11.30am-1pm

**THIRD SUNDAY PUB MEETING**  
L'Auberge du Nord, St John  
Sunday 19 July, 11.30am-1pm

# French rendezvous with Guernsey

*By Janine Buckley*

The morning of 1 June dawned fair with a calm sea for our short cruise to St Malo. Joan Gardner and Janine Buckley in Joan's MGTD were joined by Alan and Mary Tidy in their beautiful Jaguar XK140 DHC.

Arrival in St Malo went smoothly without any delays and the Gendarme commented on "la belle voiture mes dames". Arriving at one of the many roundabouts in Dinan, we were joined by Colin Griffiths in his MGTD and David and Jacque Vautier in their Alvis, fresh from the Fougères Rally.

The hotel Mercure, situated on the banks of the Rance with a large secure car park, comfortable rooms and hearty breakfasts was perfect for our stay. Some of the Jersey party took to the water in the afternoon for a short river cruise, enjoying the lush vegetation in the warm sunshine. Dinner was in a local restaurant, where we were joined by a few early arrivals from Guernsey.

We met our Guernsey cousins (who outnumbered us three to one) over breakfast the next morning, when everyone decided what they were going to visit throughout the day. The choices were Le Manoir de l'Automobile,



a château or a garden. The Jersey group decided they would visit the gardens at Château de la Ballue. We were not to be disappointed; the gardens are situated in a woodland setting and mostly laid out to topiary with outstanding views across the countryside. The delightful café served a good selection of teas and coffee with delicious pastries all in a very calm ambience. Unfortunately, Alan had a slight problem leaving, as he caught the underside of his car, not a problem that a French garage could not sort out with a lump hammer.

Our trusted navigator, Colin, set course back towards Dinan,

making a lunch stop at Combourg, where most of the restaurants were closed but, after advice from the locals, we were directed to a very nice creperie, Les 3 Mousque'Breizh. It was full but, in good French style, madame soon made space for us, and we enjoyed excellent food and a bolée de cidre bouché.

Next morning we had to rendezvous in the bar at 10.30 for our briefing. A treasure hunt had been devised by Guernsey members Jamie and Suzie Doggart. There was no set course, but a list of villages was given, so you had to plot the route yourself. The goal was to match the photos with the Mairies and the churches and identify the photos of French logos. It was great fun. Colin joined the Vautier team, so we entered two cars. We arrived back in Dinan in time for lunch where we found a wonderful restaurant, Les Terrasses de l'Atelier, alongside the river. The food was excellent. My fish was served with wild asparagus and David had his favourite pudding of rum baba, which was made better still when madame arrive to pour extra rum on it.



After an early breakfast, Joan and I



visited the local market for a spot of retail therapy, before meeting in the bar at 11.15 prompt for the drive to Plancoet to visit the Laurent Jouffe distillery. On arrival, we were given a briefing on its history up to the present day. An excellent lunch was served and a tasting of their products was offered.

We all met in the bar for pre-dinner drinks and the awarding of the prizes for the winners of the treasure hunt. Four teams had got all the answers correct, so there was a tie breaker to determine

the winners. The Jersey teams did not disgrace themselves with Joan and Janine winning first prize and Jacquie, David and Colin being the runners-up. Colin also won a separate limerick competition, making it a clean sweep for Jersey. The GOCC-JOMC inter-island silver milk can trophy was awarded jointly to all the Jersey participants by Michael Fattorini, the president of the GOCC, on the basis that they had all come to the French Rendezvous.

It was an excellent few days meet-

ing our Guernsey cousins and making new friends. It would be wrong of me not to mention Hirzel Dorey who is an inspiration to us all. He is 92 and drove his car and still maintains it himself. He is a knowledgeable and interesting man.

The Guernsey group had a very early departure on the Friday, while Colin left for another adventure in Spain and the rest of the Jersey group had a spot of retail therapy and an excellent seafood lunch at L'Abri des Flots in Dinard before returning home.

# JOMC 60th Anniversary Manor Run

*By Jonathan Scott Warren*

After several days of dismal weather during the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club (RREC) 20 HP visit to Jersey, the clouds finally cleared to display Jersey at its best.

No fewer than 38 cars gathered at Samarès Manor, including 17 Rolls Royce and Bentleys from the visiting RREC 20 HP Club, which “joined forces” with JOMC members. The displayed cars looked absolutely stunning against the backdrop of the manor, prior to departing on a superb route drawn up by Mary du Feu and Mike Labey.

Organising the route was clearly no mean feat, particularly as they had to obtain permission to drive through the magnificent manors and other grounds. The run instructions took the cavalcade through a number of extremely narrow lanes, the hedgerows having yet to be trimmed for the branchage and, at times, it seemed



to be a test of driving skills for the large cars from the RREC 20 HP Club.

The route included a pit stop at Ebenezer Chapel, where participants had a comfort break and enjoyed a well deserved coffee or tea served by the Labey family. Participants then continued the run, which visited and passed through a total of nine magnificent Jersey manors and properties. The

run concluded at St Brelade’s Bay Hotel, where a sumptuous and definitely non-calorie-controlled afternoon cream tea was served – just what the doctor ordered.

In summary, it was a superb day, and huge thanks for the organisation and route go to Mary du Feu and Mike Labey, and thanks also go to Simon and Angie Slaffer, the ‘master of ceremonies’ for the RREC 20 HP.



# Events calendar



Calendar Plans for 2026 (note – events with no direct JOMC involvement shown in italics)	
Event	Date(s)

## 2026

Le Mans	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Anniversary Lunch	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, Hotel Cristina (no run)
<i>Goodwood Festival of Speed</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>
President's Picnic & Treasure Hunt	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August. After the treasure hunt, picnic on Gorey Common with commemorative photo
<i>Goodwood Revival</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September</i>
Late summer run	20 <sup>th</sup> September
Pumpkin breakfast & run	18 <sup>th</sup> October. Breakfast at La Brise, Golden Sands
Annual Dinner & Trophy presentation	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 6.45pm for 7.30pm at St. Brelade's Bay Hotel
A.G.M.	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November, St. Clement's Parish Hall 6.45pm for 7.15pm
Boxing Day Cavalcade	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December

## Club regalia

We have received a couple of requests from members for some of the usual things such as baseball caps, jackets etc.

If there is anything you would like to order, now would be a good time, so that the post and packing costs can be split between every-

body. Please contact [liz.pallot@gmail.com](mailto:liz.pallot@gmail.com) as soon as possible, giving details and sizes of the items you would like.

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