

JERSEY OLD MOTOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

President's Comments

Thank you to those who came to the anniversary lunch and special thanks to our guest speakers and the Genees for their wonderful display of memorabilia. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

I did mention last month that members are welcome at any time to offer to join the committee, in any position. Since then, sadly, Liz Pallot has said she will be stepping down as secretary due to family commitments. Obviously, this is a post which definitely needs to



be filled. Please consider joining and giving something back. Despite my mentioning it last month, unfortunately nobody came forward, so please do re-think if possible. Jersey Hospice Care asked for our help last month, and they are

asking again this month, although in a different context. Details further on in this newsletter.

I'm still happy to hear from anyone willing to offer a trip in their vehicle as a Hospice silent auction prize as

mentioned last month. Liz Pallot is still taking orders for club regalia but the order will be going off very soon so please contact her asap if you wish to order something.

Happy Motoring!

President's Picnic & Treasure Hunt: Sunday 9 August

It's been some years since we last had a treasure hunt, so come along and enjoy this one. It's been devised by Keith and Sue Ahlers and should

be great fun. There is a prize for the winner. Please meet from 10am at the Zoo, ready to depart at 11am. The treasure hunt will finish on

Gorey Common where we will have our picnic and where, hopefully, a commemorative 60th anniversary photo will be taken.

Wedding car needed

Oliver Haydn Taylor, a trustee and chair of the Jersey Hospice Fundraising Committee, has asked whether anybody could assist with providing Cheri Strudwick, their director of income

generation, a car for her wedding on Saturday 12 September. The car is to take her from Hotel Ambassadeur to St Helier Town Hall where the wedding is to be held. Any expenses would be met or a

donation made. Ideally, she would like a 1930s-era drophead car but Oliver would be grateful to hear from anybody who could assist. Please contact him directly on 07797 911212.

FIRST SUNDAY PUB MEETING
Les Fontaines Tavern, St John
Sunday 2 August 11.30am-1pm

THIRD SUNDAY PUB MEETING
L'Auberge du Nord, St John
Sunday 16 August, 11.30am-1pm

JOMC 60th anniversary lunch

By Alan Tidy

The JOMC 60th anniversary lunch was held at the splendid Hotel Cristina on Sunday 12 July. Although the parking was expected to be difficult, the sensible nature of the JOMC members shone through, and few seemed to encounter problems. However, some members did take to their bicycles. We initially congregated on the hotel terrace, where very welcome drinks were provided by the hotel staff.

The weather was kind, with the stunning view across St Aubin's Bay much remarked upon. Those members who arrived in jackets quickly discarded them. It should be noted that some daring male members even arrived in shorts. After drinks, we progressed to the hotel restaurant where tables were set to accommodate between eight and ten. Despite the lack of a PA system, Madam President gave an excellent welcome speech and outlined the format for the lunch: buffet-style food followed by three "guest" speakers.

The buffet food was of a very high standard, with variations of lobster featuring across the many dishes, including what appeared to be lobster in a barbecue bun.



Our president organised it such that the tables followed each other in numerical order, which prevented bottlenecks from occurring. Unfortunately, due to the heat, the mini fruit tarts at desert became alarmingly runny when one bit into them.

After lunch, during coffee, we had the pleasure of hearing from three speakers.

The first was Barry De La Mare, one of the club's three founding members, who spoke about the club's origins. He explained how the founders had placed flyers on the windscreens of 'old' – pre-Sec-

ond World War cars – to gauge interest in forming a club for like-minded enthusiasts. Their initiative clearly paid off, as, 60 years later, that small idea is still going strong. Barry's talk was particularly illuminating, especially as for the original founders, we were informed that driving an old car was a necessity rather than the luxury many of us enjoy today.

Judith Genee was our next speaker and told us that she was the first lady president of the club, which we understood created quite some discussion at the time. Judith gave us the perspective of the club from the viewpoint of her presidency and took us through a huge catalogue of events, with quite a few interesting and amusing stories being told.

Judith and her husband, Ralph, also provided an exceptional display of club and related memorabilia, including photograph albums of some very notable and important events.

It was particularly interesting to see the collection of postal stamps issued by Jersey Post, with quite a few of the cars still being





with their owners from when the stamps were issued, set 1 in 1989. And in pride of place in the display was the inter-island cup, won by the Jersey contingent during their June trip to France with the Guernsey club members.

Judith was followed by Graham Le Lay, who gave his member's perspective of the club. Graham's talk was very much his view of his personal experiences. However, as new members to the club, my wife,

Mary, and I echo Graham's comments about how welcoming and supportive the club is to both new and existing members.

Graham provided an excellent speech, which was then followed by Joan thanking our speakers and the hotel staff for their sterling efforts. Joan also explained how one of the raffle tickets at each place setting matched a ticket placed under the table number stand, with a bottle of bubbles be-

ing the prize on each table. There was much consternation on our table when the winning ticket was that held by Madam President.

Despite the calls of "fix", we were all pleased that Madam President took home the bottle from our table as she, Mary Du Feu and the rest of the committee had arranged a superb lunch. A glorious, happy and informative time together was enjoyed by all.

Jersey Concours celebrates 75 years in style

By Ian Barnes

The Jersey Concours d'Elegance reached a significant milestone this year, celebrating 75 years since the Island's very first concours was staged in 1951. Now in its sixth year since the event's revival, the 2026 edition proved to be the most successful yet.

Held in the picturesque surroundings of the People's Park, St Helier, 38 exceptional vehicles were assembled for a day that combined automotive excellence with glorious summer sunshine. The impressive entry showcased over a century of motoring history, from the magnificent Vauxhall 30/98 to the cutting-edge Aston Martin Valhalla, ensuring there was something to captivate every enthusiast.

Following detailed scrutiny by the judging panel during the static display, each vehicle took part in the traditional parade along the causeway to the rostrum, where final judging points were awarded before the results were finalised.

The celebrations concluded in style with the gala dinner and prize giving at the Royal Yacht Hotel, where the winners were honoured for their outstanding vehicles.



Best in Show was presented to Roy Peers-Smith for his remarkable Austin Healey JME Cape Works Special.

The lead sponsor's ROK Construction Trophy, awarded to the car Marc Godel, director of ROK, would most like to take home, went to Jonathan Leapingwell for his stunning AC Cobra. Meanwhile, the prestigious Prix d'Honneur was awarded to Tristan Lewis for his beautifully presented Austin Maestro, a car that attracted widespread admiration throughout the day.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, event promoter Joe Castellino of Le Riche Automobile Restorers thanked competitors,

sponsors, volunteers and spectators for helping make the anniversary event such a resounding success.

Reflecting on another memorable concours, Castellino summed up the mood perfectly, saying: "It's onwards and upwards for 2027." With record interest, exceptional cars and enthusiastic crowds, the 75th anniversary Jersey Concours d'Elegance has firmly established itself as one of the Channel Islands' premier classic and prestige motoring events, setting an exciting benchmark for the years ahead.

The video of the 2026 event can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsnkxS-Sbgs>



Concours d'Elegance results

ENTRY NO	CLASS	NAME	VEHICLE	TOTALS	POSITION	
1	A	PETER MORTON	VAUXHALL 30/98	433	1	
3		CHRIS REYNOLDS	LEA-FRANCIS 2.5 SPORTS	407	3	
2	B	JON MARTIN	LAND ROVER SERIES1	418	2	
4		DAVID UMMELS	AUSTIN 7 SWALLOW SPORTS	422	1	
8		BRUCE HERWALD	FIAT 1600 OSCA CABRIOLET	458	3	
10	C	ROSS WALKER	VW COMBI SPLIT SCREEN	463	2	
20		ROY PEERS-SMITH	AUSTIN HEALEY - JME CAPE WORKS SPECIAL	467	1	Car of the show
15		OLIVIA MOSELEY	LOTUS ESPRIT S1	451	3	
14	D	JON MARTIN	LAMBORGHINI COUNTACH (ROUND BODY)	453	2	
25		MARK BAILEY	BMW E30 SPORT EVO	458	1	
22	E	MARTIN SAYERS	FORD GT40	428	2	
21		SARAH MILLING	MORGAN ROADSTER	429	1	
31		PETER BROMLEY	PORSCHE GT3 RS	460	3	
24	F	MARK BAILEY	BUGATTI VEYRON SUPER SPORT	466	2	
23		MARK BAILEY	ASTON MARTIN VALHALLA	470	1	



A note from Simon Slaffer concerning the JOMC and the Concours

JOMC cars entered into the Concours:

- Six of 38 vehicles were JOMC eligible
- 1888-1929: 1 car entered the group in total

- 1930-1950: 3 cars entered the group in total
 - 1951-1970: 2 pre-1956 cars from a total of 8 in the group
- Thus there is an opportunity for club members to come away with

one of the three trophies for their car should they wish to enter next year. I would not wish to mislead as there were some spectacular post-1956 cars in the 1951-1970 group.

Goodwood Festival of Speed 2026

By Roger Colyer

This year's Festival of Speed took place in indescribably hot weather conditions. By late afternoon the temperature was generally in the high 30°Cs.

Notwithstanding, the whole event was very enjoyable and it was nice to see some of the motor-racing celebrities such as Damon Hill putting in an appearance. Damon Hill ran one of his former Williams FW18 racing cars up the Hill Climb within a demonstration of F1 cars from the recent past. At least the start line was in the shade (although sadly not the stand) so if you were prepared to stand up near the barriers you could keep relatively cool and watch the action at the same time.

The Festival of Speed is also a showcase for many manufacturers to showcase their new models. Apart from Audi, though, which brought a new sports concept, many of the new models were from Chinese car makers, especially Denza, which is an up-market version of cars from BYD (which I established stands for Build Your Dreams). Denza had a large display, as did MG.

Much was being made of a new venture with a Goodwood Road Racing Club in the USA, partly in celebration of the 250th anniversary of independence.



Consequently, there was a large contingent of CanAm vehicles, all very large (and loud) by European standards. There was also a demonstration from three Ford GT40 cars which have enjoyed success in Le Mans in recent years.

This year's featured marque was Singer, which (to quote from the marketing) 'combines classic Porsche 911 inspiration with meticulous modern engineering and craftsmanship'. I must admit that I thought Singer (a former member of the Rootes Group) had ceased making cars in the 1970s. The display outside Goodwood House comprised three Singer models suspended on curved arches.

Unfortunately, this year there was no Bonham's Auction at the FoS. I don't know if this was a reflection of the fall off in interest in older cars or a complete lack of available vehicle being offered for sale.

There was a mini auction each day, but this comprised only a few cars at a time (and it was held in the full glare of the midday sun). Also missing this year were the Red Arrows, as they are on a tour of the USA (again in celebration of independence). I understand they will be back next year.

Bang on schedule though at around 2pm, the fireworks were

set off with a spectacular display. I'm not sure how it is achieved but the fireworks were very visible despite the (almost) midday sun.

As usual, there was a pavilion dedicated to technology and innovation. In the aptly named 'Future Lab', this year the emphasis was on exploring deep space and the deep ocean. There was also a chance to see where quantum computing is headed with IBM showcasing their Quantum Chandelier, which I am told gives a window into the unseen world of modern science. All this is, of course, linked to artificial intelligence, but I cannot admit to understanding how it all works.

Also on view was a Formula E racing car although I must admit this leaves me a little underwhelmed, as there is no sensory feeling as there is with, say, a Formula 1 car. The Fan Zone was much mobbed with appearances being put in by, for example, Llando Norris, last year's F1 champion, as well as Damon Hill who seemed to be around for the whole event.

As usual, the Festival of Speed is an excellent weekend and although not as concentrated on pre-1956 vehicles as, say, Revival or the members' meeting, it is worth attending, as it still evoked a degree of nostalgia for motor racing in general.

Events calendar



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

Event	Date(s)
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2026

President's Picnic & Treasure Hunt	Sunday 9 th August. After the treasure hunt, picnic on Gorey Common with commemorative photo
<i>Goodwood Revival</i>	<i>18th – 20th September</i>
Late summer run	20 th September
Pumpkin breakfast & run	18 th October. Breakfast at La Brise, Golden Sands
Annual Dinner & Trophy presentation	Saturday 7 th November 6.45pm for 7.30pm at St. Brelade's Bay Hotel
A.G.M.	Tuesday 24 th November, St. Clement's Parish Hall 6.45pm for 7.15pm
Boxing Day Cavalcade	Saturday 26 th December
20	27
Easter Monday, Easter Bonnet	Monday 29 th March
<i>Jersey International Motoring Festival</i>	<i>Wednesday 2nd June – 6th June</i>
Boxing Day	Sunday 26 th December

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