

JERSEY OLD MOTOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2026



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

President's Comments

Coming up soon is the Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation on 7 November.

This is an earlier date than usual but we wanted to make it as near to the date the club was formed as possible.

I really hope we have a good attendance. Sixty years is a very respectable number of years to have been in existence and it would be great to celebrate it properly. It will seem strange not to have

Christmas decorations on show at the hotel.

As you are aware, the L'Auberge has now closed and it has been decided to go to The Priory, Devil's Hole pub, instead on the third Sunday of each month. A couple of people have expressed their reservations, as there is a rumour circulating that this pub too is expected to close.

I have checked with Randalls Brewery who informed me this is

incorrect. Today I went to the pub itself and was told that the lease is not up for renewal until June next year and will therefore be available at least until then. Furthermore, at the moment it is expected that the lease will be renewed.

Should the weather be inclement, we would be requested to use the room upstairs so that downstairs is available for diners. I hope this clarifies the situation.

Happy Motoring!

Pumpkin breakfast and run: 18th October

Our next event will be the popular breakfast and run to be held at La Brise restaurant in the Golden Sands Hotel, St Brelade's Bay.

A booking form is attached to this newsletter. Please meet in the restaurant at 9.30am, ready

for a very tasty breakfast. For those who do not want breakfast (you don't know what you're missing), the run will start from the car park opposite the Golden Sands Hotel at 10.45am PROMPTLY and end at The Priory, Devil's Hole, as it is the third Sunday in the month.



Annual Dinner & Trophy Presentation: 7th November

Please meet at St Brelade's Bay Hotel from 6.45pm for 7.30pm for a welcome drink.

The menu and booking form have been sent out to everybody but are also available on our website.

Please note that a vegetarian option is available on request.

Also on the website, www.jerseyoldmotorclub.com, are the room rates for the hotel, should anybody wish to stay overnight.

Rooms should be booked directly with the hotel, telephone 746141. Come and support the worthy recipients of trophies, as they deserve a round of applause. Bring family, bring friends – let's celebrate the 60 years.

FIRST SUNDAY PUB MEETING
Les Fontaines Tavern, St John
Sunday 4 October 11.30am-1pm

THIRD SUNDAY PUB MEETING
The Priory, The Devil's Hole
Sunday 18 October, 11.30am-1pm

Goodwood Revival 2026

By Roger Colyer

Every year, there is a different theme at Revival. This year it was all things Italian. At the entrance were horses, as if transporting oranges from the farms in Sicily, and there were piles of oranges to complete the effect.



Once inside, you were assailed by what may have been a scene around the notorious traffic in Milan in the 1950s, complete with a traffic cop directing the crowds, surrounded, at odd times, by a little street orchestra and an original Fiat 500 of that era.

Moving on to the circuit, there were parades from the massed Vespa and Lambretta motor scooters, again redolent of the 50s and 60s, but there was also a parade of Maserati racing cars from the 1930s onwards, which were all in fine fettle. At least, they sounded well with lots of engine noise.

Generally, the cars that were racing have got bigger engines over recent years. There were a lot of E Types, including CUT 8 (number plate), often piloted by Jenson Button who was much

in evidence throughout the weekend. Another E Type in the same livery was CUT 7 whose race came a bit unstuck, however, having obviously come together with another car in the RAC TT Celebration race, as it acquired a large dent in the nose area and was seen after returning to the paddocks.

Jenson Button competed in three races, one of which was the St Mary's Trophy, where he qualified third on the grid although a dramatic moment sent him off into the grass briefly. He also took part in the RAC TT Celebration, driving CUT 8, and the Freddy March Memorial Trophy, driving alongside Alex Bunscombe. Committee member Keith Alhers was also competing again this year, driving his Cooper Ford Monaco in the Whitsun Trophy. Although the weekend was largely rain-free, there had been overnight rain on Thursday and Friday, which led to some tricky situations. One touch of the grass on the track edge sent many competitors 'cross-country', with safety cars often subsequently deployed.

It is possible to get



access to the paddocks throughout the event, although it is quite busy and there is always the risk of being nudged out of the way by the marshals to avoid getting run over.

Always an interesting area is the assembly area where cars are lined up pre-race. Even though cars have been fully prepped in the paddocks, it's surprising what minor faults seem to show themselves in the few hundred yards from the paddocks to the assembly area, where they require much adjustment with a set of spanners and screwdrivers by the mechanics, most of whom are dressed as for 1950s motor racing. As with other similar events, such as Le Mans Classic, there's quite a carnival atmosphere throughout the weekend, with a funfair in the 'Over the Road' area, as well as various (not all) motor-related stalls. There is even an outside cinema which this year

was showing such classics as Roman Holiday, Monte Carlo or Bust and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. There is also a fashion show at regular intervals which, although 50s oriented, also had an Italian twist this year. There is thus plenty to see and do if you're not so keen on motor racing as it was in the 50s and 60s.

As usual at Revival, Bonham's auction took place on the Saturday. I found the cars being sold a little uninspiring although, having said that, the highlights included a 1936 Aston Martin 2-litre speed, which sold for £345,000, a 1973 Ferrari Dino at £310,500 (very pretty in bright yellow), a 2000 Mercedes Benz competition Saloon for £253,000, a 1958 Porsche 356A speedster for £155,250 and a 1989 AC Cobra for £116,949. Quite a few cars did not make their reserves. In particular, an Aston Martin DB4 expected to reach £700K/£900K was not sold and many were at the lower end of the estimated sale value, which probably reflects the weakness of the market as a whole. All in all though, a fantastic event once again this year.



'The Tree Route' Late-Summer Run

By Liz Pallot

On Sunday 20th September, ten cars took part in our Late-Summer run, which was aptly named "The Tree Route" by Simon Slaffer, and arranged by John and Liz Pallot.

We started from a new venue for us, St Michael's School. Despite a little drizzle at the start, conditions soon improved. Many thanks to the school for allowing us to use their spacious and easy-access car park.

One extra car joined us at the start of the route but, without a navigator to read the route, Michael Richardson clocked up



some miles doing his own thing and met up with us at the finish.

The route led us through beautiful country lanes, and many parishes along the way, before finishing at

Devil's Hole, with its atmospheric misty coastline. Although numbers were low, everyone enjoyed the route, finishing with some welcome refreshments at Devil's Hole pub, The Priory.



Cars for sale

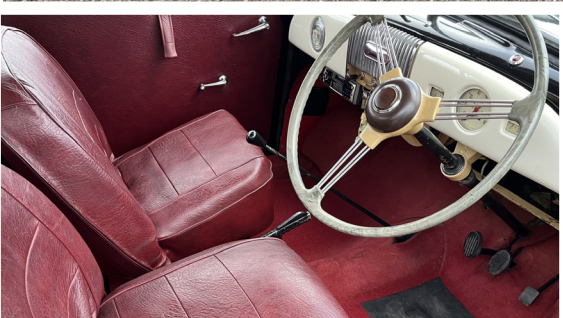
1935 Austin 10 Lanchester

I have owned this car for the last nine years.

During Covid I replaced the pistons, coil, petrol pump, plugs and points, HT leads and it has only covered about 150 miles since.

I purchased the registration number J21935 as it was first registered in September 1935.

To a genuine enthusiast, I would be happy to sell it for £5,000. Please contact Peter Robinson, phone 743670 or email peter@jennyrobinson.co.uk.



1953 Morris Minor Series II Convertible

In good running order. The body is sound with a few blemishes. To be sold as seen and tried. £5,000. Grille badges and

registration number not included. Please contact Neil Wakeling on n.e.wakeling@gmail.com. Phone 862528 or 07797 797010.

Deryk Haithwaite's Austin 7 Chummy

First registered in the UK in 1931, this Austin 7 Chummy retains its original body and engine.

The car was brought to Jersey in 2010 by my late father, Deryk Haithwaite, and has been a much-loved member of our family ever since.

The Austin was purchased to enjoy events organised by the Jersey Old Motor Club and to introduce a younger generation of the family to the enjoyment of classic cars – both driving and taking part in events.

Over the years it has been a regular participant at local events and has provided countless enjoyable outings for children and grandchildren alike.

The car comes with a comprehensive history file. She is in good running order, with everything working as it should, and is ready to be enjoyed by its next owner.

The registration number is not included in the sale price but may be available by separate negotiation.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, please contact James Haithwaite on 07797 712356. £14,000 ono.



Club away trip 2027

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the Coupe Florio, which will be held from Friday 10 to Sunday 13 September inclusive. Many of you will have been on this before and will know how fantastic it is and how well we are looked after.

Obviously, they will be pulling out all the stops for their 100th anniversary. What I would like at the moment is sincere expressions of interest. The ferry timetables are

certainly not out yet but it would help enormously if we have some idea of the number of rooms needed and car parking spaces.

Nathalie LeFevre, who many of you know, has offered to assist us and the more information we can give her the better. The event is always well attended and, I think, will be even more so next



year, so please let me know if you are interested by emailing joana-gardner@hotmail.com.

Events calendar



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

Event	Date(s)
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2026

<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>
Coupe Florio (JOMC Away Trip)	Friday 10 th September – Sunday 13 th (incl.) T.B.C.
Boxing Day	Sunday 26 th December

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