



# JERSEY CAMPING & CARAVANNING CLUB



## CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER 2020

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DIARY DATES		
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Film evening	To be confirmed in the new year
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> January 09.30</b>	Club Breakfast	The Seascale, Gorey
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Bowling evening	Jersey Bowl
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Spring Lunch (Date to be confirmed)	Prince of Wales, Greve de Lecq
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 26th</b>	Shakedown Rally	Domaine du Logis
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Main Rally	La Corniche, Plozevet



### 2020 'Spring'? Lunch

At last! Spring lunch in late September! Covid 19 has a lot to answer for! Lockdown was on its way in March when we realised that the Spring lunch would have to be postponed. However, in September we were given the go ahead, but with restricted numbers. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September we gathered at the lovely Prince of Wales Hotel in Greve de Lecq, six months later than planned. We had not been expecting such a long wait for our lunch!

The view over the other islands was stunning and we were all glad to be out and about on such a lovely day, catching up with our friends.

The restaurant is bright and spacious and so it was easy to spread out as we were all too aware of keeping our distance as much as we could. The food

was plentiful and delicious and the conversations never ceased.

The staff are very pleasant and friendly and were pleased to welcome us once again.

A good time was had by all. *Thanks to Monique for the words and John Le Gallais for the photo.*

## Another very sad loss of club members



What a terrible year this has been with the very sad loss of 2 more of our members who coincidentally were our honorary Auditors. Dennis Ferbrache who had been a member of the club for 21 years passed away in August after a relatively short illness. Dennis was such a gentleman, always smiling and easy going.

Then one month later Dave Collins passed away also after a short illness. Whilst Dave had only been a member for 5 years he clearly enjoyed his time socialising with club

members and was good fun to be with.

Our deepest sympathy and thoughts go out to both Janet and Jeannie and their respective families.



## 2020 Postponed AGM



After a delay of 6 months due to the COVID-19 virus we eventually held our AGM at St Martins Methodist Church Hall on the 21st October with numbers limited to 40.

Following the formal business Trevor Green accompanied by David Marett gave a very interesting talk about life in the Channel Islands during the occupation. Memories of that terrible time came flooding back to those who had experienced it and it was surprising just how many 'occupation babies and children' were present for the talk which was well illustrated

with many slides. Following the presentation tea or coffee and biscuits were served.

As all the Parish Halls in the island were closed for public meetings because of the virus Anne Perchard arranged for us to hire the St Martins Methodist Church Hall which worked so well that we may use it again in the future.



### Club Breakfast at the Seascale

COVID-19 permitting the annual club breakfast will once again be at the Seascale, Gorey at 09.30. As it is likely numbers will be limited it will be on a first come, first served basis of who notifies Glenda of their intention to be there.

Please email Glenda: [glendave@gmail.com](mailto:glendave@gmail.com) or phone 07797 830712 or 864200



A doctor on his morning walk, noticed the old lady pictured above;  
She was sitting on her front step smoking a cigar, so he walked up to her and said,  
"I couldn't help but notice how happy you look! What is your secret?"  
"I smoke ten cigars a day," she said. "Before I go to bed, I smoke a nice big joint.  
Apart from that, I drink a whole bottle of Jack Daniels every week, and eat only junk food.  
On weekends, I pop pills, have sex, and I don't exercise at all.  
"That is absolutely amazing! How old are you?"  
"Forty," she replied

### Caravan and Motorhome Insurance

With many of us unable to use our caravans or motorhomes it may be worthwhile notifying your Insurer to request the policy to be changed from Fully Comprehensive to Fire & Theft until you know when you will be able to use it again. I have read of others doing this and getting refunds. In the UK some have successfully claimed a substantial refund in excess of £100 on the basis of SORN (Statutory Off Road Notification) from the Government. Another potentially serious problem for all of those who keep their caravans and motorhomes in France is obtaining insurance unless you have a residence in France. We will let you know more about this when we receive more information.

### Main Rally

Jeannine has very kindly agreed to reorganise the main rally again starting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the camp site booked for 2020, La Corniche, Plozevet. Please let Jeannine know if you intend on being there. Those who have paid a deposit to book a chalet will be able to use their credit. More details about the rally to follow.

### Coronavirus Self Test

Step 1 Pour yourself a glass of wine and try to smell it

Step 2 If you can smell the wine then drink some and see if you can taste it.

Step 3 If you can smell and taste it you can confirm that you don't have Coronavirus.

Last night I did the test 9 times and all were negative, thank goodness.

Tonight, I'm going to take the test again because I woke up this morning with a headache and feel like I'm coming down with something.

I'm so nervous!

### **Christmas Message from the President**

We are all aware that it has been a strange year and the one thing that links us together is our love of getting off the island in our various Camping and Caravanning rigs, visiting family and friends off island, and having a variety of travel adventures. Of course this opportunity has been denied to most of us and continues to do so. We have a lot to be grateful for, living on our small, beautiful island, but unfortunately, we are not immune from this horrible virus and we have to make sacrifices continually, taking care to keep ourselves safe and obeying the many rules which have become part of our everyday lives.

Christmas is certainly going to be different this year with fewer, formal social gatherings, and many of us unable to see our extended families and visit, and host as many of our friends as usual. None of us could possibly have foreseen at the beginning of the year the changes and upsets that the Covid would make to our lives in 2020 and that it would still be affecting us now as Christmas approaches and the year draws to a close.

As you can see from this newsletter we have continued planning and if and when this virus decides to disappear, we will be ready to resume meetings and perhaps even fit in a few more gatherings. Denis and I will be thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you an extra measure of safety, comfort, and joy this Christmas and hoping that the New Year will be healthy, loving and kind to us all.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

### **Longer visits to France or the EU post Brexit**

Unless things change you will have to obtain a visa to stay in the EU for a period of more than 90 days BUT as it stands you can only obtain the visa by going IN PERSON to the UK to obtain the visa! Hopefully this ridiculous issue will be resolved.

### **A message from the News Letter Editor**

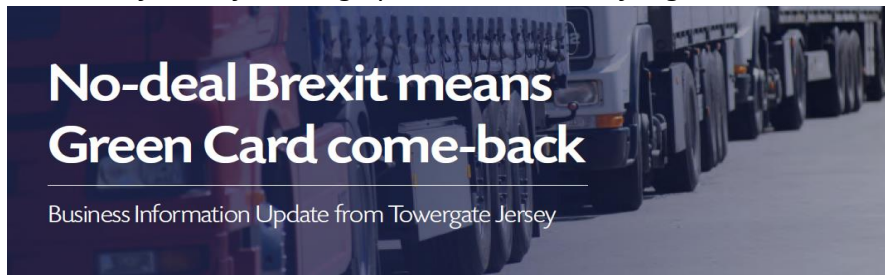
Well, since Monique wrote her Christmas message above, all pubs and restaurants will now be closed until the new year so it looks even more bleak for celebrating Christmas and the New Year with family and friends. What an awful time for many, especially those who live alone.

Let's hope the vaccine that is coming will enable life to return to normal and what we all love doing. Furthermore, let's hope that we can find willing members to keep this club running in the future.

Glenda and I wish all of you the very best possible Christmas and good times to come.

*David*

Many thanks to Jeannine for the following update on the need for green cards:



**At the time of writing the UK is still part of the European 'free circulation zone' meaning UK motorists can legally drive their vehicles in any European Economic Area (EEA) country (EU plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) as well as Andorra, Serbia and Switzerland. This means they do not have to carry any evidence of insurance other than their standard EU 'First Directive on Motor Insurance'-compliant motor insurance certificate.**

In the event of a no-deal Brexit, and without any agreement to the contrary, the UK's participation in the free circulation zone will come to a swift end the moment the transition agreement expires at 23.00hrs on the 31st December 2020.

That would mean every driver taking their vehicle abroad after that date will have to carry what is termed a Green Card - a document that guarantees they have the minimum motor insurance cover legally required for driving in the countries that they are visiting.

#### **The need to carry a Green Card means:**

- Having to contact your motor insurer or insurance broker in good time before you travel outside the UK (including to the Republic of Ireland as well as mainland Europe) so that a Green Card can be issued prior to departure. The more notice you give, the better.
- Providing your insurer or broker with your name, policy number, vehicle registration number, the dates when you'll be abroad, who will be driving the vehicle and the countries you'll be visiting.
- Making sure that as well as specifying the number plate of your vehicle, you provide the trailer registration mark (if you have, for example, an articulated vehicle or a draw-bar trailer) so that the trailer can be issued with its own Green Card - to find out about registering your trailer to take it abroad, [click here](#).
- Making sure that if you receive your Green Card as an e-mailed PDF rather than in hard copy format, you print it out and bring it with you (despite the name, a Green Card can now be printed on white paper)
- If your motor insurance policy is due to expire during the Green Card period, you will need to be issued with two Green Cards, one up to renewal date and the other covering the period post-renewal date.

Green Cards apply to the registration number of the vehicle rather than the driver. Green Cards are issued for a minimum period of 15 days. If you make frequent and / or lengthy trips abroad, it may be appropriate to talk to your insurer, or your insurance broker, about arranging an annual Green Card for the vehicle(s) in question.

As stated above, a Green Card only confirms you have the minimum level of cover legally required in the countries within which your vehicle is travelling. That means as well as requesting a Green Card, you must also instruct your motor insurer to provide you with the same level of cover whilst abroad as you enjoy in the UK.

It is the driver of the vehicle that is responsible for carrying a Green Card, even if the driver is an employee. No employee should drive a vehicle abroad without first having received a Green Card via their employer. If you drive abroad without physically holding a printed Green Card, you may be prosecuted for driving without insurance, fined and have your vehicle impounded.