

Jersey Camping & Caravanning Club.



NEWSLETTER.

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DIARY DATES.

Wednesday 26th October. Photo Competition. Cheese and Wine. St John's Parish Hall. 8pm.
Saturday October 29th. Invitation to join the Guernsey CCC at their Annual Dinner Dance. La Villette Hotel.
Dave Ellis has details.

Wednesday 16th November. Theme Evening.
"Tramps". St John's Parish Hall. 8pm.

Sunday 4th December. Christmas Lunch. Red Rose Restaurant.



A group of our members on the September 23rd visit to the Jersey Dairy.
Aren't the blue hairnets fetching!

This excellent report of the Dairy visit, was written, and sent in, by Anne Perchard.
The Club need look no further for a replacement Newsletter Editor when the time comes for me to hand
in my pen!

Our September Meeting this year was a visit to the new Jersey Dairy, next to R.J.A. & H.S. showground in Trinity. We were shown around in two groups, each one given an hour's interesting tour in the viewing areas of the Dairy. Christopher Journeaux, Head of Marketing, was our guide and began his informative talk on the development of the dairy from very early days when collection of milk was transported by horse and cart through to the present time. After the Occupation there were up to 1500 farmers with cows, many of them with just a few animals and 5 dairies across the island. In 1963 the J.M.M.B. Dairy was built at Five Oaks and served the Island well for several decades but in recent years it had become too small for efficient milk processing and the decision was taken to build the new dairy which was officially opened in September 2010. The site at Trinity is ideal as it is "a building built to grow."

There are presently 26 milk producers who supply the dairy. These farmers, who have formed a Co-operative, own the dairy and are very supportive of the business. Dairy farming in Jersey is acknowledged to be of a very high standard. The biggest challenge is that the dairy has to take all the milk from these farmers, not just what is needed at a particular time. 12.5 million litres of milk are processed each year and after cream, butter, yoghurt and ice cream have been made from the raw milk the residue is primarily used to make concentrated skimmed milk for export to the U.K. Another by-product is soft mix dairy ice cream of which 200,000 litres a year are exported. A cheaper soft ice cream is also produced when the milk fat is removed and replaced with vegetable oils. We were let into the secret of hard ice cream production and told that if you pick up similar size containers of different brands you can tell the quality by the weight of the package. The best quality is heavier with only 50% air added whilst the lower qualities have up to 200%.

The dairy also processes milk from two organic producers. Their milk is collected and kept separate from the rest of the milk and is the first to be processed in the morning. Various packaging for the milk has been looked at, however the carton that is used today is considered to be the best for the present market, being made from sustainable timber.

After the tour some of us in the earlier group adjourned to Archirondel for coffee, a beautiful setting on a sunny autumnal day, and 35 of us then met at Beuvelande Campsite for a delicious lunch and enjoyed, as we always do, meeting up with each other after the summer break. The sun shone and it was almost like being on holiday!



Some of the "State of the Art" stainless steel equipment at the Jersey Dairy.
This photo, and the one on the previous page were taken by Robin Perchard.



A remarkable coincidence!

This Guernsey car pulled up next to us in the Cora Hypermarket car park at St Jouan des Guerets in August, with the same registration number as ours.

(minus the “J” of course.)

The owner and his wife were as surprised and amused, as we were.



Still on the subject of cars.

Rosemary Dodkins has kindly sent me this picture of a venerable old Mercedes that she and Robin came across in the Cotswolds this summer.

Proving the point that you do not have to have an enormous 4x4 to tow a caravan!

It rather appears that the owner is having to physically lift his caravan onto the ball hitch of the car.

Obviously no mover fitted!

One day a man came home and was greeted by his wife wearing a very sexy negligee.

“Tie me up”, she purred, “and you can do anything you want”.

So he tied her up, and went golfing.

A Polish man went to Jersey's Driver and Vehicle Standards Department for a Driving Licence.

First, of course, he had to have an eyesight test.

The Optician showed him a card with the letters
C Z W I X N O S T A C Z

"Can you read this?" The Optician asked.

Read it?" the Polish man replied. "I know him".



I am reminded that John Williams is still seeking photos taken at any of the Club's Rallies in the last year. ie. at Les Capucines and Melun, for his film and slide evening in the New Year. He is looking for unusual, funny or beautiful pictures, and if you have a suitable caption to go with any of them, so much the better.

John's email address is: johnwilliams923@gmail.com

There seems to be no end to the talents of our members!

Our very own technical "wizard," Robin Dodkins has kindly offered to set up a Web Site for the Club. Having just about reached the limit of my computing skills with the sending of this Newsletter, I am not sure what exactly is involved, but I am sure that those of us with computers will find it of value and interest to keep up with the many and varied activities of the Club. and its Members.

It will mean that any of us, at any time, will be able to input information, news or comments. (Hopefully not all of them derogatory!)

As previously reported, our friends in the Guernsey Camping and Caravanning Club have kindly sent us an invitation to attend their Annual Dinner & Dance at La Villette Hotel, on Saturday 29th of October. In recent years we have had the pleasure of welcoming several members of the GCCC to our Annual Dinner, as well as to our Rallies, it would be great if we could build on these good relations by making up a party.

It would be fun!

The cost of the dinner and dance is £19.50 per person. La Villette are offering B & B terms of £95.00 per double room per night, with a fourth night free if you stay for three nights.

The Saints Bay Hotel are offering a four night break for £160.00. Other offers are available through local tour companies at the Harbour.

A Menu is included with this Newsletter and names should be forwarded to Guernsey ASAP.

Further details may be obtained from our President, Dave Ellis.



A recent email from a "friend".

It is time!

How do you know when it is time to hang up your car keys?

Answer: When your dog has this look on his face!

I suppose this is very amusing to the younger generation, but as one who is himself rapidly reaching this stage in life, it becomes less funny.

How will I know? I don't own a dog!

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, the husband burst into the kitchen.

“Careful”, he said CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You’re cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW. We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to GET MORE BUTTER? They’re going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You never listen to me when you are cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don’t forget to salt them! You know you always forget to salt them! Use the salt! USE THE SALT! THE SALT!

The wife stared at him.

“What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don’t know how to fry a couple of eggs?”

The husband calmly replied: “I just wanted you to know what it feels like when I’m driving”.

My daughter and son in law have recently been camping in our orchard with their children, in a camper van. We have joined them in the evenings for barbecues. I must admit that I for one, was very glad to be able to retire to our nice cosy sitting room and bed, indoors, as dusk fell. The evenings, and the mornings for that matter, having taken on a decidedly chilly autumnal feel. Not that the campers seemed to notice!

This has been a strange summer, starting at the end of March, when the apple trees bloomed a full month earlier than usual. April and May gave us mainly good weather with some lovely warm, even hot, days, and in June we were able to enjoy one of the best three weeks camping in France for many years. Since then the weather has been very changeable, and generally rather disappointing. It was apparently the coolest August since records were started. Autumn seems to be here before it should be, and although I enjoy every season in its turn, I cannot say that I am ready for winter just yet. Maybe we will be blessed with an “Indian Summer” in October, tempting us out for just one more week of camping before the ‘van is retired to its barn to sleep away the winter months with a nice little heater keeping everything cosy and dry.

We do have our Autumn Club meetings to look forward to. The next, on Wednesday October 26th, is of course the Photo Competition, starting at 8pm in St John’s Parish Hall.

I hope that everyone will make an extra effort this year to enter lots of photos to make this one of the best competitions of recent years. Cheese and wine or soft drinks will be on offer as usual.

Remember that only prints 10 x 15 cms will be considered for entry. No enlargements please.

On Wednesday the 16th of November we will enjoy one of the “Highlights” of our winter season the Theme Evening, which this year will be “Tramps”. Lots of good food and wine, and always great fun. More so if you dress up, or perhaps more correctly in this case, dress DOWN!

As has become the custom in recent years, we will be making a small charge for this evening, not to raise money for the club, other than to defray some of the catering costs, but in order to raise a reasonably significant sum of money to donate to a charity supporting those who do not have our good fortune. A moment’s thought should make us appreciate just how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the fellowship of each others company and the pleasure that we gain from our hobby.

This year we have decided to support Autism Jersey, a really worthwhile local group who do so much to help people suffering from this condition.

If you have a favourite charity which you would like considered for future years, please let a Committee member know.

Our pre-Christmas meetings culminate in the “Christmas Lunch” at the Red Rose Restaurant, Trinity on Sunday 4th of December. A Reply Slip for this will be included in the next Newsletter.

The after Christmas meetings have yet to be finalised. We shall have more details shortly.

Watch this space!

Contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome, although inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send to: Andrew Averty. Beechvale Farm. La Grande Route de St Jean. St John. JE3 4FL.
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If you have recently come on-line, and have not yet sent me your email address, please do so.

La Villette Hotel GCCC Menu

Saturday 29th October 7-00 for 7.30 pm

MINISTRONE SOUP with PARMESAN CHEESE

DEEP FRIED MUSHROOMS TARTARE SAUCE

TRADITIONAL PRAWN COCKTAIL

ROAST TURKEY WITH SEASONING

BRAISED RUMP STEAK in LOCAL ALE

GRILLED SALMON with LEMON and PARSLEY SAUCE

VEGETARIAN PLATTER (deep fried mushrooms Courgette & Brie)

A SELECTION and FRESH VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

RED CHERRY CHEESECAKE

FRESH FRUIT SALAD

APPLE & BLACKBERRY PIE

Or CHEESE AND BISCUITS

£19.50

Please place initials/name adjacent to choice above and return with cheque payable to GCCC by 24th October to the Secretary Alan Le Cheminant Tahoe Les Villets Forest GY8 0HP

Name of person attending ----

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There will be a raffle with proceeds going towards the Club's donation to local charities. Please tick if you will donate a prize on the evening. The Club will top up as required.