

## **MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Hello to everyone, I hope that you are all keeping well and managing to cope with the current restrictions that we are all living with. Wasn't it great to see such fine weather over the Easter weekend, what a pity that we were not able to enjoy it with our cars. Although we have no events to report on I am hoping to carry on with some kind of newsletter with various bits of motoring news and information to keep in touch. I dare say that some of you have been catching up with jobs that needed doing on your vehicles, it would be great to hear from you so that we can share your experiences with other members.

I have been finishing off the Morris 10/4 which belonged to Pam's father and now working on a tractor for one of my sons. Also catching up with jobs around the garden trying to kill time. Last week on a nice sunny day I spent 5 hours mowing the lawn, but when I was finished I had to throw away the scissors as they were so blunt!!!

I hope that you have all enjoyed the little jokes and video clips that Robert and Sue have been sending out, keep smiling.

Cheers for now Tim



### **KEEPING YOUR CLASSIC HEALTHY**

I have read several articles recently as to whether we should be taking our classic vehicles out on the roads. I think that this is a choice that each individual has to make, but my feelings are that we should stay off the roads as much as possible until the current restrictions are lifted. Meanwhile here are a few tips to keep your vehicles in good working order.

- 1 Start the engine on a regular basis and get it up to working temperature.
- 2 Work the clutch several times and engage all gears.
- 3 If you have the room move the vehicle backwards and forwards.
- 4 Apply the brakes several times whilst moving both ways.
- 5 Apply and release the hand brake several times.
- 6 If possible add some fresh petrol to the tank from time to time, I take a small plastic can to the petrol station when filling my every day car.
- 7 Make a note of the position of the tyres on the floor and try to get them in a different place when parking the car, this should reduce the chances of getting flat spots. You could also increase the pressure slightly in the tyres as this will also help, but do remember to reset the pressures when returning to normal motoring.
- 8 Charge the battery from time to time or if you have a battery conditioner keep that connected.

I hope you find these suggestions helpful, keep polishing!

### **ETHANOL IN PETROL**

The use of ethanol in petrol is common now but it is not so good for our older vehicles causing all sorts of problems in the fuel system. In order to reduce emissions the proportion of ethanol could be increased to 10% which will cause even more problems. More information to come on this subject in the next newsletter.



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Nothing has changed since the last letter was sent in April. All our local events are cancelled until further notice and off island we are slowly receiving updates of the same kind.

**GUERNSEY CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW – June 21<sup>st</sup> CANCELLED**

**ST HELEN FESTIVAL, Les Esclaffades – June 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - UPDATE**

Martyn Michel contacted earlier this month to inform us that due to the Coronavirus restrictions St Helen Festival will not be going ahead in 2020. The Organisers welcome us back again in 2021.

**LE MANS CLASSIC weekend – July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> - UPDATE**

This very popular weekend has also suffered the consequences of the Coronavirus restrictions and has sadly been cancelled for 2020. This is normally a bi-annual event but due to these extreme circumstances the Organisers have postponed the event to 2021. It will therefore take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**PUY DU FOU July 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

I have had an update today from Bernadette as follows: There are no changes to date, Go Tours are in touch directly with Puy Du Fou and Bernadette will inform me straight away of any change to our booking.

**“THE VALLEYS” by LES MOUSQUETAIRES**

This month we are pleased to include an article from Les Mousquetaires which is a very interesting read of their adventures on their motor cycles riding around the island Valleys. Perhaps the “Car Run” planners can incorporate this motor cycle ride into one or two car runs for the future.

I am sure I don't need to remind you all to stay at home, keep safe and fighting fit for when we all meet again in the future.

**Pam Laurens (Events Chairman).**



**An excellent topical adaptation of a Gilbert and Sullivan favourite**

“ I am the very model of effective social distancing !  
I listen to the experts on the topic of resistance-Ing ;  
I know that brunch and yoga class aren't nearly as imperative  
As doing what I can to change the Nation's viral narrative.

I'm very well acquainted, too, with living solitarily  
And confident that everyone can do it temporarily:  
Go take a walk, or ride a bike, or dig into an unread book;  
Avoid the bars and restaurants and carry out, or learn to cook.

There's lots of stuff to watch online while keeping safe from sinus ills  
(In this case, it's far better to enjoy your Netflix MINUS chills)  
Adopt a pet, compose a ballad, write some earnest doggerel,  
And help demolish Trump before their next event inaugural.

Pandemics are alarming, but they aren't insurmountable  
If everybody pitches in to hold ourselves accountable.  
In short, please do your part to practise prudent co-existence-ing,  
And be the very model of effective social distancing.”



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## THE KARAKORAM HIGHWAY

The attributes of this unbelievable roadway, the Karakoram Highway, extending from Pakistan to China, It is fast becoming recognized as the 8<sup>th</sup> man-made wonder of the world.

Known informally as the KKH, it is the highest paved international road in the world.

I would not like to have to drive this road in the daytime, let alone at night. Yikes!!!

At its peak, near the China/Pakistan border, it is considered to be one of the world's hardest alpine climbs.

The Karakoram Highway connects China and Pakistan across the Karakoram mountain range via the Khunjerab Pass. It's maximum elevation is 4,693 meters (15,397 feet) above sea level.

810 Pakistani and 82 Chinese workers lost their lives in landslides and falls while building the highway.

The route of the KKH traces one of the many paths of the ancient Silk Road, and has a total length of approximately 1,300 Km. (800 miles). 887 Km. (551 miles) in Pakistan and 413 Km. (257 miles) in China.

It was started in 1959, and completed 27 years later in 1986.

From Jim Paton



Every picture tells a story.

So, since most of you have time on your hands, what about spending a bit of time to come up with a caption!

What did the policemen say to the young driver?

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Send me your entries and we will give prizes for the best 3 captions.

Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

1<sup>st</sup> prize: 3 bottles of wine

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 2 bottles of wine

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 1 bottle of wine

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