



Welcome to the  
**JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## **APRIL 2015 MEMBERS NEWSLETTER**

Late last February, Andrew Renouf contacted me regarding his keen interest in the re-opening of Plymouth Airport. Andrew is a member of "Viable" a group who, for the last 2 years have been campaigning for the re-opening of the airport. He then went on to say – "Today I received an email from "Viable" as Plymouth City Council have issued a draft planning framework document which actually mentions safeguarding Plymouth Airport" .

Andrew then offered to put £100 prize money - £50 to Helping Wings and £50 to be drawn as a raffle, if a minimum of 40 people sent an email to Plymouth City Council by March 4<sup>th</sup> expressing their wishes for the airport to be re-opened. Amazingly, by that date, over 40 members had contacted the authorities ! What a result for Andrew!

The raffle winner was John Crackett who then donated his winning to GASCo!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to contact Plymouth City Council. Let's hope that all that pressure will pay off!

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Two new members joined the club this month. So, it's welcome to Paul Hick and Matt Palmer. We look forward to meeting you both, probably over a drink at the bar!

### **NEWS FROM THE FLYING DESK**

The Flying department has had a very quiet month. This due to the combination of G-BOXA being away for refurbishment and some truly typical winter Jersey weather.....However, one student passed his skills test – so, many congratulations to Joe Waudby for his achievement on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Another name for the board!



G-BOXA is now back on line looking very smart indeed as per the pictures. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, should anyone need instruction on how to use a



GNS430 or want some refresher training, please leave a message for James at the desk or call on 743990

**NIGHT RATE** - New initiative for this summer - We are introducing a special offer "night rate" in order to encourage the use of club aircraft at the least busy times of the day. The special rate will apply from 5pm to 10am and the slots can be booked in advance. The rate will remain as per last year's standby rate at £85 per hour plus fuel costs.

**NO NEED TO STAY ON THE ROCK!** – A board is going up in the clubhouse to encourage pilots who may have seats available on away trips to share their experience. This would particularly suit newly qualified pilots who could gain a lot from such trips. Of course, social members can have fun too and join in!

### **CLUB ROOM EXTENSION**

The sub-committee team has been at work with the planning of the RAFA club extension. The latest plans have been sent to RAFA for their approval and once we are all in agreement, the plan will be put up in the clubhouse for all to see. This is a very exciting time for the club and although there is bound to be some disturbance when the work starts, it will be great to have the full use of the clubroom again. It will give the Flying department a bit more peace and quiet to work and of course we'll have a room reserved for RAFA and club members to relax in! So, watch this space!

### **SOCIAL**

Thanks to Richard Robson, as our Quiz Master for a very entertaining evening on the March club night. 51 people took part..making 9 very competitive teams! The winning team, Nick Rondel, Ian Weepers, Mike Illien & Victoria, Paul Berry and Dale Curtin, scored 47 points out of 100 and was called TEAM WATT.

Well done! BUT.....(there is always a but??) were you aware of the new rule? ....As a special prize, one of the members of the winning team has to organise the next quiz! Are you willing to accept the challenge?



*And not even a picture of the winners.....I was too busy racking my brain for answers!*

**YOUR STORY.....this month.. *I learnt about flying from this....by Chris Winch***



In 1963 as a 20 year old and proud possessor of a PPL, I wished to build my hours up by flying a different aircraft type than the Auster which I had trained on. A work colleague at Southend ATC had access to a Miles m14 Hawk Trainer and suggested I join the group which operated the aircraft. The aircraft was at Denham for maintenance and needed to be positioned to Elstree where it was based, so we arranged the flight and I could be checked out at the same time. On the appointed day we checked out the aircraft at Denham and I occupied the front seat (soloed from front) , and took note of the placard which stated NO AEROBATICS ( as this aircraft had a large battery in the luggage compartment which probably made the C of G a bit aft, also it was a wooden airframe with glued joints and the glue was suspect). We went thru the pre flight checks and took off. As we climbed out to the North the first part of the check out was going to be stalling. We climbed to 3500ft in what is now the Luton zone, did our HASELL check and proceeded to slow the aircraft down to do a normal power off stall and recovery. As the aircraft stalled it dropped the port wing, a normal recovery was made and we proceeded to commence another stall to see if we could minimise the wing drop. I thought I would be clever and anticipate the port wing drop, so as the aircraft stalled I pushed right rudder and applied full power! The aircraft flicked upside down and fell earthwards spinning, I assumed(wrongly) that we were spinning left and kept full right rudder on, and stick forward, meanwhile from behind me I could hear "get your feet off the rudder and I've control" now with full left rudder applied and stick further and further forward the aircraft continued to spin majestically down towards the Bedfordshire countryside, having lost around 1500 ft with no sign of the spin recovering, we began to explore other control inputs, one was to put power on which seemed to have an effect to make us flick into a left hand spin but the speed was increasing and eventually with a few oscillations we recovered to straight and level at around 700 ft. We decided that was enough stalling practice for the day and flew back towards Elstree to complete the flight with a few circuits. I'm ever grateful to the back seat occupant for I'm sure if he hadn't been there I would not be recounting this story to all. He went on to become an ALTP and retired a few years ago as a senior captain with Monarch, we still meet up occasionally for a few beers and remember the day I tried to kill him!!!

The aircraft also survived and is now on display at Middle Wallop as T9707 (G-AKKR)



*G-ADKC at Woburn last summer – Chris and Suzi having fun in their Hornet Moth!*

**Next month.....BEA German Internal Services by Willy Weber**

**SKYDIVE JERSEY...by Mally Richardson**

*It's been a quiet month for Skydive Jersey but here is a message from Mally*

Skydive Jersey dates to August are now shown on our online reservation system on our website at [www.skydivejersey.net/booking](http://www.skydivejersey.net/booking)

To make a reservation, complete the details required as well as the booking form, and return it to the office with your deposit amount!

Hope to see you soon!

**GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL AIR RALLY**

The Guernsey Air rally is open to all competitors and takes place from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015. You can download the application form on [www.guernseyaeroclub.com/air-rally/](http://www.guernseyaeroclub.com/air-rally/) Anyone not wanting to enter the rally but wishing to join in the Hangar party on the Saturday night is welcome to do so. The cost is £29.50.

To book for the Hangar Party - ring Guernsey Aero Club on 01481 265267.

**HELPING WINGS**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April will see some activities at the club with our Young People's Day. Thank you again to all our volunteer pilots and ground helpers...without you, there would not be so many happy faces around!

The day will consist of a flight around the island, some light refreshment and this year, for the first time, a chance to visit the control tower!

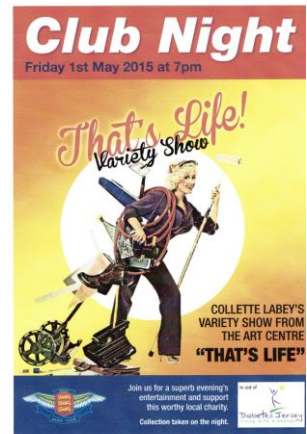
We are still open for applications for our Flying Scholarship . This year, we are asking islanders to nominate someone they think will benefit from this £2000 scholarship sponsored by Ports of Jersey. So, if you are aware of anyone who fits the bill, put them our way! Details on our website on [www.helpingwingsjersey.org](http://www.helpingwingsjersey.org)



Picture on the left is of Charlotte Harman, who raised £39.21 for the charity, presenting her cheque to me. Thank you Charlotte.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| May Club Night                   | - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May – Film night “that’s life” |
| French RT                        | - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May – 18:30                 |
| Guernsey International Air Rally | - Hangar Party Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June           |
| June Club Night                  | - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Suggestions Welcome!    |



## AND FINALLY....

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Still time to renew your 2015 subscription . Just contact the Ops Desk and they will do the necessary for you! To receive your 10% members' discount at the Aviator Café, you may be asked to show your membership card. Please don't be offended but we need to ensure that only current members get the discount!

**CAR PARK** – Am I nagging.....well actually YES! A reminder to all of you who leave their car in the club's car park for any length of time. It would be appreciated if the car were left in the lower car park leaving the upper car park for daily use....and with regards to “for sale” cars...they definitely should not be in the upper car park....in fact they should not be there at all! Thank you

*Looking forward to seeing you at the club!*

*Eveline*

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