



## **CHANNEL ISLANDS REGION**

### **NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017**

#### **JANUARY FUEL FIGURES**

##### **ALDERNEY**

The price of avgas in Alderney is unchanged from December at 114.00 ppl.

##### **GUERNSEY**

Following the general trend in oil prices, both Avgas and Jet A1 have risen this month. Avgas has gone up by around 10% to 111.00 ppl ( 105.45 ppl with AOPA discount ) and Jet A1 by a smaller margin to 57.00 ppl ( 54.15 for AOPA members ).

##### **JERSEY**

Similarly, Jersey's January prices are also up compared to last month. Avgas is now 110.00 ppl ( 104.50 ppl with AOPA discount ) and Jet A1 is 56.75 ppl.

#### **GOOD NEWS FOR WELLESBOURNE**

Action has been taken by Stratford-on-Avon District Council to prevent the demolition of buildings at Wellesbourne Airfield. The council's ruling cabinet agreed to remove permitted development rights from the site owners, the Littler family. The decision took immediate effect and is now in force. The council's cabinet also decided to seek powers to compulsorily purchase the airfield if negotiations with the owners fail and to obtain an injunction if any attempt is made to start the demolition process. The Littler family has since agreed to keep the airfield open until further notice.



#### **MORE FRENCH AIRFIELDS STRUCK OFF CUSTOMS LIST**

In 2012, the French government removed many airfields from its list of designated points of entry from non-EU countries. This was particularly felt in the C.I. as Granville Aerodrome was affected, losing its customs status.

Recently another batch of 13 French airfields has lost its customs status. They are -

Abbeville, Agen la Garenne, Amiens-Glisy, Annemasse, Besançon la Vèze, La Môle Saint-Tropez, Lannion, Le Castellet, La Roche sur Yon, Lognes Emerainville, Montbéliard Courcelles, Nevers Fouchambault, Vichy Charmeil.

Attempts continue locally to find a solution for Granville but whilst France's state of emergency continues, our efforts are not likely to come to much, despite support from several quarters.

A petition regarding the latest cuts has been started in France by the Fédération Française Aéronautique and can be accessed at <https://lc.cx/J4Ye>

## FIRST VISION JET DELIVERED

Following FAA certification of the Cirrus Vision Jet in October, the first delivery was made on the 19th December. Cirrus is the first to secure validation for a Part 23 single-engine jet. Other programmes – such as the Diamond D-Jet, Eclipse 400 and Piper Altaire – have been cancelled or are dormant.



Cirrus has secured around 600 orders for the \$1.96 million Williams International FJ33-5A-powered Vision. The majority of position holders are present and former owners of the SR-piston single series, the bulk of whom are based in the USA, says the company.

The Vision Jet is equipped with a Garmin G3000-based Cirrus Perspective Touch flightdeck and an emergency parachute system. It has a maximum take-off weight of 2,730kg (6,000lb), a range of around 1,000nm (1,850km), and a stall speed of 67kt .

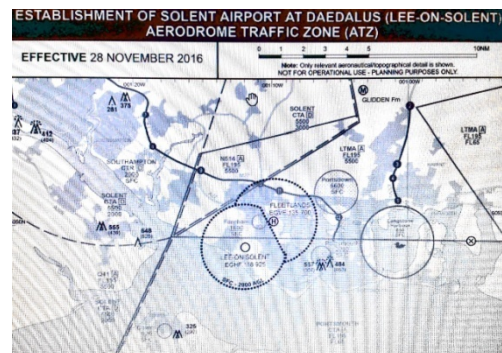
## SOLENT AIRPORT ATZ

An ATZ has been established at Solent Airport at Daedalus (Lee-On-Solent) with effect from 28 November. The lateral dimensions of the ATZ are defined as follows:

Anti-clockwise arc of circle radius 2 nm centred on 504857N 0011224W from 504810N 0010929W to 504828N 0010920W, then a straight line from 504828N 0010920W to 505047N 0011110W, then an anti-clockwise arc of a circle radius 2 nm centre on 504857N 0011224W from 505047N 0011110W to 504810N 0010929W.

The ATZ extends vertically from the surface to 2,000 ft aal. ATZ activation will be supported throughout by an Air/ Ground operation, callsign LEE RADIO on 118.925 MHz.

Full details are available in AIC Y 082/2016.



## NIGHT AND IFR FOR PERMIT AIRCRAFT

Whilst there aren't many permit aircraft in the Channel Islands, this news is nevertheless significant -

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced that aircraft operating under a Permit to Fly airworthiness approval, and overseen by the Light Aircraft Association (LAA), can now be authorised to fly at night or under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). Previously these aircraft have been restricted to daytime flights under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

## UK AIRSPACE REDESIGN ?

The Royal Aeronautical Society's Air Traffic Management Panel has recently published a paper advocating a redesign of the UK's airspace. The basic structure of UK airspace has been largely untouched for more than 40 years despite very significant

