



Welcome to the  
**JERSEY AERO CLUB**

# October 2016 Newsletter

## Annual General Meeting...

Well, it's this time of the year again! Just in case some of you are not aware of it, the AGM has now been re-scheduled to **Wednesday 2nd November**.

The nomination list will go up on October 12th - so, this is your chance to join the committee if you so wish. The nomination list will be up until October 26th when the accounts will be available to distribute to members.

Any proposition from members have to be received by the present committee three weeks prior to the AGM

## Plymouth Airport...by Andrew Renouf

Last year, Plymouth City Council ensured that the closed Plymouth Airport could not be redeveloped into housing by zoning it's Planning status as "Airport Usage"

A very credible group based in Plymouth are trying to re-open the Airport, initially, as a facility for General Aviation. Many of us miss that facility so please visit [www.flyplymouth.com](http://www.flyplymouth.com) to see their business plan. The group are trying to raise £25,000 as an initial tranche and are making very good progress. If you have ever visited Plymouth Airport in the past (either as a passenger on a commercial flight or in G.A.) then consider putting £ 5 or £ 10 into the fund.

More links to the south coast of England results in more choice, more competition and lower landing fees at other South Coast Airports.

## News from the Flying Desk ... By James Evans

It was great fun and a great privilege to fly in the air display under the banner of Helping Wings with our latest HW scholarship winner, Melissa Alves. Thank you to fellow Instructor Neil Dyke who led the flight with Chakotay Wood, last years winner.

It has been a great Autumn for flying so far with Septembers flying hours up on last year and October is looking the same so far!

As the summer draws to a close, now would be a good time to check your licence and ensure everything is in date, and perhaps make a note of when your ratings expire. The old UK/JAA licence had individual pages with ratings and expiry dates clearly displayed, but unfortunately the new EASA licence that most of us now hold is not as clear. It requires you to pull the licence out of its wallet and closely inspect the tiny ratings boxes to check all is in order. I mention this as since the introduction of the EASA licence I have noticed an increase in pilots (inadvertently) allowing their Single Engine Piston (Land) ratings to expire. This is potentially serious as in the event of any kind of incident or accident your and your aircraft insurance will be invalid if the rating allowing you to fly the aircraft is expired. If you have any doubt at all about your licence/ratings, please feel free to pop in and see me and I'll check it all through with you, no charge!



Helping Wings formation. Photo taken by Seb Bisson, age 11



G-BOXA with Melissa and James from G-BPDT with Chakotay and Neil

## Social...

Jo Thornley and partner Ray Cooper having just collected the sextants they bought from the Helping Wings sale in memory of their late father Ken Thornley of 550 Squadron



Jo's father was on the Lancaster in World War II as bomb aimer/navigator and was a very active member of Jersey RAF Association as Treasurer for many years and very much in the same era of the still very active Ken Trent. Jo told me "Dad bailed out of a burning aircraft and earned the DFC and member of the Caterpillar Club, such brave gents yet so modest"

## Club matters...

You will, by now, have received Mally's email updating you with all the latest club news. So, there is little I can add to this apart from encouraging you to come up to the club and see what's happening but more importantly to attend the AGM as it will be your chance not only to get a complete update on club matters but a chance to have your say.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday 14th October	ATC evening
<b>Wednesday 2nd November</b>	<b>AGM</b>
Friday 4th November	Club night
Friday 2nd December	Club night
Saturday 10th December	Dinan Christmas club trip

**Reminder...** Although the Dinan club trip is now a day trip, quite a few people have decided to stay over on the Saturday night and even on the Friday night.

For a change from the IBIS, try the Mercure Dinan Port, Le Jerzual.

[www.mercure.com](http://www.mercure.com) Their rates are very competitive and it might make a change from the Ibis.

I will be looking to book a restaurant for the Saturday night. so, to have an idea of number, email me if you want to be included.

## PLANE SPOTTER'S CORNER ... By Bob Sauvary

Aerobility - G-UCAN Tecnam P2002-JF  
sierra 08/09/16



Aerobility - G-CHFK Piper PA32-260  
Cherokee six 08/09/16



Aerobility - G-BSYY  
Piper 28-161

Warrior II - 08/09/16



OE-EAS Chance-Vought F 4U - 4 Corsair  
08/09/16



N25Y Lockheed P38 lightning 08/09/16



## News from...



Helping wings has had an extremely busy time recently.

First of all, Melissa Alves and Chakotay Wood took part in this year's Jersey International Air Display.

To say that we had two youngsters totally over the moon sums it rather well I think!!

Melissa & Chakotay having a chat with Aerobility pilot Brian Catchpoole looking very relaxed before their flight!



On Air Display day, we also had the visit from three aircraft from Aerobility who flew from Blackbushe to Caen to Jersey with 6 disabled pilots. Mike Owen, Aerobility CFI was rather delighted that they made it in time for the display and thanks to Holidays for Heroes, Richard Woodhouse who organised transport, they were able to get to the Esplanade in time to enjoy the display.



Aerobility team picture in Caen just before departing for Jersey.

We also had the interviews for Helping Wings latest scholarship for the lower limb disabled. Our scholarship winners will use the hand control recently purchased from Aerobility to enable them to obtain a full PPI.

We had two applicants. Wheelchair bound Melissa Alves and amputee Greg Murray. As you can imagine, it was a tough decision to make and our hearts took over our heads and both applicants will shortly start their flying training. Melissa was awarded £5000 of flying training with the club, sponsored by the Sir James Knott Trust and Greg £2500 sponsored with our own funds.



We hope that they both enjoy their flying as much as previous HW scholarship winners and we look forward to reading their blogs and seeing their photos.

Of course, Saturday 1st October was our traditional day for young children. Our pilots flew 38 families and for the time ever, we sadly had to turn away another 23 families!

The day went brilliantly as per pictures below and although things were tighter than usual with the extension work going on, it certainly didn't crush the spirit!

### Saturday 1st October - our day for young children

**A huge thank you from the Helping Wings team to everyone involved in making the day such a success**





I don't think a lot needs to be said about the children's faces....although I rather like the picture with Chicano the Magician - fortunately, Charles tells me he didn't get up to any tricks whilst flying!

Amongst all that, I nearly forgot the Helping Wings sale which was held at the club just after the Air Display. So far, we've raised an amazing total of £690 with a promise of extra funds for a couple of items. So, thank you all who supported us. We need all the cash we can raise if we want to be able to give back even more to the local community.

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**and finally...**

*I am looking forward to receiving some of your stories and of course anything you would like published in the newsletter, please address them to [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com) sending the pictures separately.*

*See you all at the club!*

*Eveline*