



Welcome to the  
**JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## February 2020 members newsletter

### Dates for your diary...

**JAC special dinner - Saturday 15th February at 19:00  
With guests Edith and Luc from Cherbourg**

**General Meeting - Thursday 20th February at 19:00**

### **A few words from the Chairman ... Jim Buckley**

Dear Club members,

It was my original intention to write a report about our endeavour's to save our Club and to bring you up to date with the results of that work.

However, after consultation with my colleagues on the executive committee, we have decided that at this most crucial time in the Clubs history that a verbal briefing would be far more preferable as we would be in a position to answer questions.

To this end, it is the committee's intention to hold a General Meeting on the 20th of February 2020 at 19:00hrs for Club members only at the Aero Club.

The committee hopes that you are able to attend.

*Regards,  
Jim Buckley.*

## C.F.I's Blog ... by Mike Owen

Congratulations to Instructor Duncan Laisney who is now an examiner . This effectively increases the locally based examiner pool by a third and will give us much more flexibility when arranging skill tests and SEP rating renewals . If your rating has expired it cannot be signed off by an instructor or class rating instructor only an examiner so be aware of your expiry date and revalidate within the last 3 months of the 2 year validity period .

Frank Snepvangers who I mentioned in last months blog will be coming to Jersey on Thursday 5th March to a presentation on becoming an airline pilot . His company Flying Start Flying Smart focuses on providing advice and mentoring young pilots towards that first airline job and highlighting the options for obtaining a license and avoiding the pitfalls on the way . Last months newsletter was forwarded to Suzanne Job who is Head of Careers at Victoria College . She is also the daughter of Phil Ringsdore who taught Frank to fly at the Club and was our CFI from 1990 - 1999 . She has invited Frank to present to students at VC on Fri 6th March . Phil's spirit I am sure will be present .

The amended and updated Flying Order Book is now available for club aircraft pilots annual reading and signing . New PPL'S in particular should be aware that this is effectively the operations manual for the operation of club aircraft now that they have got their license .

Anyone flying the P2010 with the rear seats unoccupied remember that there is a rear door and don't forget to check it is locked before departure .

Safe Flying

## News ...from the Ops Desk

### New staff member

Abby has left to pursue her dream of becoming a commercial pilot. We send her all our very best wishes with her new career and welcome Jane Dolby who has recently joined the operations team. We also wish her all the best and hope that she settles in and enjoys her new working environment.

### Membership renewal

It's renewal time again...Don't forget to renew your membership and receive your 10% off at the bar!

## Social ... by Sandra Carroll

### JAC Special Dinner Saturday 15th February at 19:00

This special event is arranged to say farewell to Luke and Edith Dufour who have retired from the Cherbourg airport restaurant. They have provided years of service to JAC members and many of you have enjoyed their hospitality at their popular BBQs. The committee has invited them to join us for dinner at the club to show our appreciation. We know that many of you would like to wish them well for the future so please join us and help make this a special evening.

**Not surprisingly, this is proving a very popular event and to avoid disappointment, contact the OPS Desk to book and pay for your ticket.**

**Vegetarian option can be provided on request.**

**Cost £20 per person**



Above - a very well known table mat - Le Coucou de Fourchette.

Right - Edith and Luc receiving their AOPA awards last summer in recognition of their services to the GA community.



## Your story... My Mosquito experience by Vin Cadigan

### Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby

Would you like to see and hear the only working Mosquito in the UK taxiing around a wartime airfield and climb into the cockpit for a photo, or would you prefer a taxi ride in this or a Lancaster which is well on the way to being restored to airworthiness? Then look no further than East Kirkby airfield in Lincolnshire.

Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, based at East Kirkby, has been restoring Lancaster NX611 "Just Jane" since 1988 after its purchase in 1983 and has been offering taxi rides, either in the Cockpit or Turrets etc since 1995 with the ultimate aim of restoring her to flying condition in a few years' time.

Mosquito HJ711, a Night Fighter, rebuilt to taxi-able condition, is now housed in the same hanger and cockpit visits and viewing of taxiing runs are now being offered on designated "Mosquito days" and taxi rides in the navigator's seat are being offered from this year on.



The museum is based on the site of the old wartime airfield at East Kirkby which is situated in the North Eastern stub of RAF Coningsby MATZ. It was home to 57 and 630 Heavy Bomber Squadrons, equipped with Lancaster Bombers between 1943 and 1945 and retains quite a few of its original features including a restored Control Tower complete with realistic tableaux and recordings made using the original wartime radio equipment and scripts written by WW2 aircrew.

## Flying in

The icing on the cake is that you can also fly in to the grass strip which has two unlicensed runways 08/26 of 600m and 06/24 of 590m (but with a concrete extension of 390m which is opened on certain days). 08/26 is the preferred runway on most days.

If flying from Jersey a stop for customs will be required, convenient airfields being Northampton Sywell (for a practice short field landing on grass) or Peterborough Connington. The East Kirkby website has all the information required with runway diagrams and instructions but a telephone brief and good study of the airfield on Google Earth are recommended as there are no runway markings and fairly high trees at the western end of the field.



The photo above shows a convenient gap in the trees aligned with 08/26, the flat base of which is a large haystack! The grass is reasonably smooth as is the transition from grass to concrete at the eastern end, although I didn't test that on my visit in September.

If Coningsby are active they will probably ask that you report at and remain at, not above 500' height on entering the Matz, which makes the arrival quite a bit more exciting. I did a pass over the runway to get my bearings and check the wind sock before landing. On take-off they also request you remain not above 500' while within the MATZ.

There is no ATC at East Kirkby so blind calls on Safety Com are used, (now 135.480 not 135.475 due to 8.33mhz requirements). TAF and METAR are available from RAF Coningsby.

## The Site

The site contains a number of well-preserved buildings including the Hangar, Briefing Room, Billet Hut, Control Tower, NAAFI etc and is littered with old RAF Vehicles, including the original bus used to transport aircrew to the pub and back.



## Lancaster and Mosquito Days

To ride in the Lancaster or Mosquito you will need to apply for a ticket and choose a day. A friendly welcome and very professional tour are laid on and the food and drink provided in the price of the ticket excellent and plentiful, all served in the large NAAFI which also houses loads of RAF memorabilia and a well-stocked souvenir shop.

The control tower has a number of realistic tableaux and the windsock, originally sited at RAF Spilsby (a satellite station with its HQ at East Kirkby) has a bullet hole about 2/3rds up courtesy of a German night fighter. The museum contains a large display of WW2 RAF Artefacts, including search lights, artillery, small arms, a mock-up of a Lancaster Cockpit, a tallboy bomb and a Barnes Wallace bouncing bomb, all beautifully displayed and described.





## Rivet Club

The Rivet club is a means of raising money for the Lancaster restoration. By making a monthly donation starting at just £2.00 per month you will be making a much needed contribution to the estimated remaining £3m cost of getting NX611 flying again.

In exchange for your contribution you get a monthly newsletter updating you on progress with the restoration. There is also a monthly password to access the Hangar Cam and watch the work progressing. Details can be found on their website at <https://lincsaviation.co.uk>

## Summary

There are Lancaster days most Saturdays and Public Holidays in the summer, designated Mosquito days throughout the summer and an Airshow in August which in 2019 included a Spitfire MkX1, Buchon ME109, Lysander, Catalina, Harvard, Miles Magister, Beech 18, Auster and Siai Marchetti SF260 as well as taxi runs from the Lancaster & Mosquito.

In summary, a great day out and a great place to fly in to, offering the only opportunity in Europe to ride in a Lancaster or Mosquito.



## Plane Spotter's Corner ... from Bob Sauvary



HB-DVY Mooney 22 Mustang

on 7 May 2005 Jersey



D-EPEW Mooney M20K

on 1 June 1996 Jersey





N35HP Stoddard Hamilton Glasair III RG  
Jersey 28 May 2005 Jersey



N111XE Stoddard-Hamilton Glasair IRG  
on 31 May 1995 Jersey



N1937Z Cessna 172RG Cutlass  
on 16 August 2003 Jersey



PH-EDD Piper PA28-161 Warrior II  
on 20 August 2003 Jersey

F-PJDL Grinvald G801 Orion  
on 26 August 1995 Jersey



F-PKER Gasnier GG-01  
on 15 May 2004 Jersey



G-AAVJ DH60MW Moth  
on 4 May 1987 Jersey



HB-CKP Reims Aviation S.A.  
built Cessna F152  
on 17 September 2005 Jersey





## Channel Islands Region news ... by Richard Hawkin

### JERSEY AIRPORT FEES

For the first time since 2016, Jersey Airport is increasing its charges.

Ports of Jersey is preparing an increase for its Jersey Airport tariffs on the 1 April 2020 in line with the outcome of the CICRA ( CI Competition Regulatory Authority ) 'Ports of Jersey Price Framework'. As background, when Ports of Jersey was incorporated in 2015 it became subject to economic price regulation by CICRA and whilst an increase was agreed for 2016 there have been no increases in regulated prices since then. It has taken considerably longer than expected to reach an outcome with CICRA of how price regulation works in practice for the Ports of Jersey, however this was finally agreed in 2019.

Therefore Jersey Airport will increase its regulated prices by RPI + 1% (Sept 2019) in accordance with the price framework which will be 3.7% from 1 April 2020. The new charges are attached.

### CHERBOURG CUSTOMS

*L'aéroport de Cherbourg Maupertus (LFRC) est ouvert aux vols extra Schengen uniquement sur **préavis** adressé au service des douanes au plus tard **24 heures** avant l'heure de décollage ou d'atterrissage sur les vols **du lundi au vendredi** et au plus tard **48 heures** avant l'heure de décollage ou d'atterrissage sur l'aérodrome pour les vols effectués le **week end et les jours fériés**.*

In other words - 48 hours notice is now required for flights to and from Cherbourg at the weekends and public holidays, 24 hours at other times...

This new ruling has been confirmed by the customs services at Cherbourg but has not yet been officially published.

### JERSEY ATC INFORMATION CARD

Following last November's ATC presentation at the Jersey Aero Club, Jersey ATC has produced this very useful information card regarding its "Ring of Red" procedures, the new emergency telephone number ( see below ) together with a reminder of the noise abatement procedures.

The November presentation highlighted an inadequacy in alerting ATC/ARFFS in case of emergency assistance being required, i.e fire on start up, medical emergency(defib), etc. ( i.e. usually before any r/t contact with ATC ) As a result of this, the telephone number **446250** (Ops priority) is to be disseminated to pilots on the basis that it is only to be used for emergency use only and no other purpose.



**Jersey (EGD)  
information card A5.p**

## JERSEY MET PRESENTATION

Jersey's Principal Meteorological Officer, John Searson, made a presentation, last month, to members of AOPA and the Jersey Aero Club to highlight some forthcoming changes to the CI area forecast. In particular, winds at altitude will be given based on two positions covered by this forecast, Dinard to the south and ORTAC to the north.

The Jersey Met has recently been given EASA accreditation and, following this, will be having regular consultations with its users. The first is planned for March this year. This will give the opportunity to make suggestions and comment on the service provided. Long gone are the days when every flight started with a visit to the Met Office giving that face to face contact. Technology provides huge amounts of information to pilots but, of course, there's no personal contact except, and importantly, CI pilots can call the forecaster for advice directly.

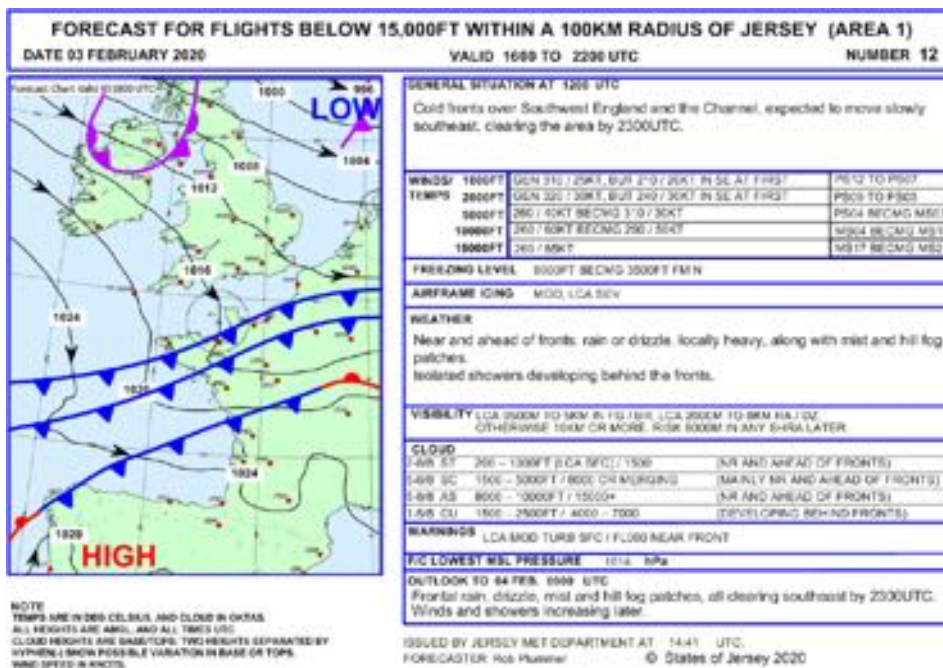
A very interesting Q and A session followed John's talk covering a wide range of met related subjects. Here are some useful contact details -

Jersey Met - CONTACT US

+44(0)1534 448765 – Aviation (CI) only

[JerseyMetAdmin@gov.je](mailto:JerseyMetAdmin@gov.je) General email (not for forecast enquiries or feedback)

[MetAviationConsult@gov.je](mailto:MetAviationConsult@gov.je) feedback and suggestions



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Interested in either of the aircraft below?

Contact Derrick Ings as per email address below:

[sales@derrickings.com](mailto:sales@derrickings.com)

#### **TECNAM P2010 (2016)**

Superb glass cockpit single

TT491 Hours. A one owner, Iceland based aircraft with modern avionics and made with Italian flair. G500 EFIS, GTN650, GNC255A, GTX33 w/Mode S, 406Mhz ELT. Heated pitot.

**EUR€195,000 Plus Import VAT where applicable in Europe**



#### **TIPSY NIPPER T.66 Series 2 (1960)**

TTAF 1014 Hrs. Engine 602:55 Hrs.  
This is Cobelavia T.66 Series 2 Topsy Nipper aerobatic single seater with a Barry Smith ARCO Volkswagen Aerosports 1834cc fuel injected engine with fully inverted fuel and oil systems

UK LAA Permit to Fly.

**GBP£11,500 No VAT**

## Happy to fly/want to go...

Going somewhere with spare seats? Looking for a lift? Send me an email and I will put your request on the club's board.

BUT, do keep in mind that it has to be on a cost sharing basis as per the CAA updated cost sharing rules!

## News from...



We have 3 planned events for 2020

**Saturday 4th April** is our day for young adults between the ages of 13 and 25 with a visit to the control tower.

**Saturday 3rd October** is our traditional day for young children aged 5 to 12.

We are also planning a joint day with Wetwheels with flights around the island and some sailing along the coast of Jersey. Date has yet to be confirmed.

For all 3 events, we totally rely on our amazing pilots and ground crew who offer their time and aircraft free of charge. Without them, we simply could not offer these wonderful opportunities to those less fortunate than we are.

If you are interesting to join our team of pilots and want to offer a flight for any of the above events, please contact me on [hello@helpingwingsjersey.org](mailto:hello@helpingwingsjersey.org)

## *and finally...*

Just learnt in the last couple of days that Dinard customs now also required 48 hours notice at the weekend and bank holidays, although only 24 for the rest of the week.

As usual, if you have a story or two you think might interest members, please email me on [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com) with pictures sent separately. I would also appreciate any idea which would make the newsletter more interesting for all - flyers and social members alike.

However, should you wish to email the committee, their address is: [committee@jerseyaeroclub.com](mailto:committee@jerseyaeroclub.com)

Hope to see many of you at the club on the evening of the 15th for Edith and Luc's party

**Eveline**