



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

June 2021 members newsletter

Update... *from our chairman - Derek Fage*

It looks like things are all heading in the right direction with regards to the way Jersey is dealing with its restrictions and it's looking likely that we'll see nearly all removed later in June.

Clubhouse and Social Events

We had our first evening social event on 7 May (a curry evening) and it was great to see people up at the club eating and drinking. We did have some feedback about the portion sizes and learned quite a lot about logistics of how to start up doing evening events and dinners after a quiet period and feel that this has helped prepare us for future events going forward which Sandra is busy organising.

We've started putting Social events on <https://www.jerseyaeroclub.com/events/> and will be adding some of the BBQ events Sandra has planned shortly as well as finalising the evening with PoJ in July

I look forward to seeing more of you taking advantage of the facilities and seeing Fatima up at the clubhouse soon.

Parking

Just a gentle reminder as we see international travel starting up again, that the car park is for use when you're in the clubhouse or flying your aircraft and cannot be used if you're taking a commercial flight somewhere.

Flight Training, Aircraft Hire and GA Handling

Some fantastic news for flight training as Synergy received the necessary CAA flight training approvals to commence pilot training again and that has restarted and we'll soon be seeing some familiar faces behind the desk again (see update from Glen).

We're in the final stages of discussions with Ports of Jersey to start providing GA Handling again and are positive about this starting in June. This is fantastic news for the visiting GA community along with the changes in border controls for people who have been vaccinated and are visiting from Green or Amber areas.

We'll send out updates as and when we get more news, so stay tuned!

Fueling

Discussions are ongoing with Ports of Jersey and ATF about getting re-fueling back at the club again and whilst we can't provide an update now, hope to provide one soon.

As a reminder in the meantime, ATF have an online booking site for pre-booking AVGAS whilst they are operating from stand 20 – the link is:

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ATFFuels@atffuels.com/bookings/?fbclid=IwAR259P6xAR_j1fJLg8oSS0vo43qK3em7WS7cMcUBdSvulrpgQUSZKTeGnlq

Call for Events Co-Ordinator

We're still looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate an events program for social events, evening talks, and looking at fly-ins / fly-outs when restrictions allow (and this could be split into two roles).

Please think whether you could help with this as having worked on turning the club round into a more sustainable operation, we now need to look at engaging members with social events.

We are working with somebody who's helping us with marketing ideas and options for engaging members, but we need somebody to step up and help co-ordinate events as we move forward.

Feel free to contact me for a chat if you're interested in finding out more.

Finally

A huge thanks to all involved over the last month in terms of improving and supporting the club, but please do take the time to come along and make use of the clubroom for food and drinks – you'll even be able to see some more commercial movements than we have recently!

Please do not hesitate to contact info@jerseyaeroclub.com if you have any feedback / ideas / suggestions.

Update ... from Glen Heavens - Chairman, Synergy Aviation Ltd.

It was a pleasure to meet so many members at the club recently when I presented Synergy's plans and explained some of the 'issues' we have experienced with the regulators.

I am delighted to say that the following day we finally got the go-ahead from the CAA to re-commence flight training! There are some restrictions, for example student solo flights over French airspace is currently not allowed and regular navigation over the channel is restricted. We are working on resolving these restrictions but at least we can get training!!

Last week Duncan collected G-EHLX a PA28 Archer from Guernsey which Synergy has purchased for the Jersey fleet. A C152 is waiting to be fully repainted and should be in Jersey in July and another PA28 will replace G-ODDW shortly. We will look at adding to the fleet as demand dictates.

Lois who is known to many of you is joining us full time from 1st June and Abbigale will return from mid June.

We still have work to do with the flying room which with COVID restrictions easing will be completed ASAP.

I look forward to meeting many more of you soon and wish you happy and safe flying!

Premises update ... by Andrew Renouf

Getting the Flying Room ready for opening

Last week we updated members with the news that both Flying Training and GA Handling are about to resume imminently.

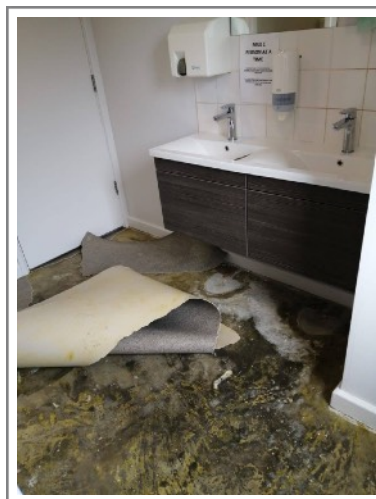
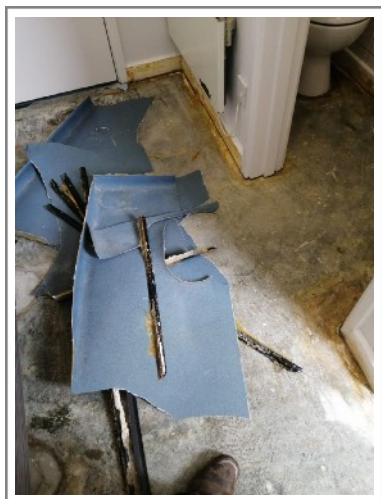
There has been a lot of hard work going on in the background by all Committee members especially as we only have two paid employees, Maggie (who works two days a week) and Fatima.

Matt and Derek have ensured that all of our accounting and other IT systems have migrated to the Cloud which allowed us to finally turn off the server. The server room had years of accumulated rubbish which had built up so another two lorry loads of material were dumped from the Club. The first load contained the old metal lockers, ancient filing cabinets with sticking drawers, rusty desk legs, broken metal chair bases and of course the old server rack. The second lorry load had the old wooden lockers, desk tops etc



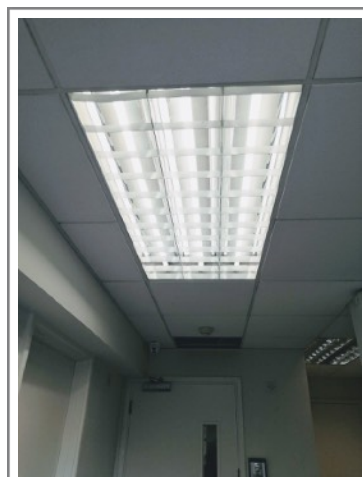
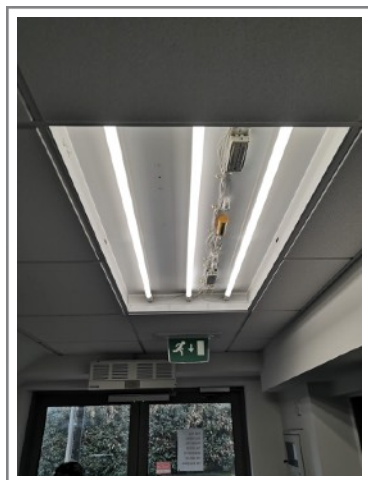
Floors in Loos

The new wall hung basins have had lots of positive feedback from members. Over the Bank Holiday weekend we are now ripping up the flooring, removing the Evostick and painting the skirtings. The new flooring is being installed on Bank Holiday Monday so by the time you read the newsletter, it should all be completed. Updated spotlights followed by new ceiling tiles are the next projects.



LED replacement light tubes

The original ceiling lights throughout the ground floor have 36 watt fluorescent tubes which have done sterling service for 20 years, however lots of the chokes are now humming away, getting warm and often failing. Instead of trying to work out if it is the tube, starter or choke we have re-lamped 7 of the most used fittings with 22 watt LED tubes. These have a 30,000 hour life, bypass the chokes/ starters and cut electricity usage by 40%. Best of all they give a brighter light.

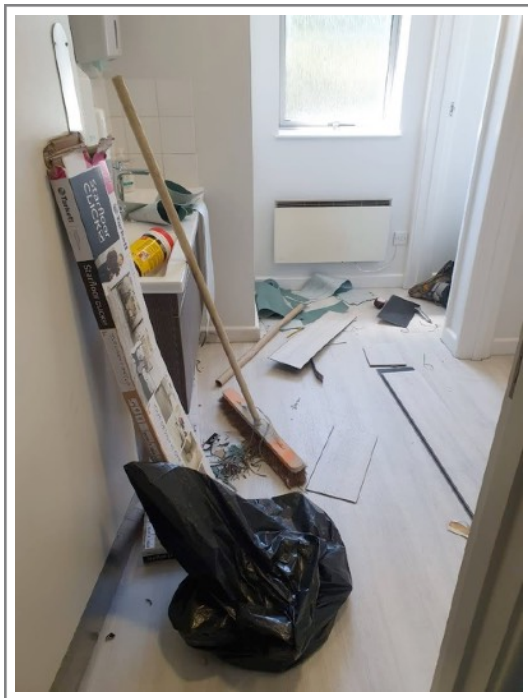


Redecoration of the Flying Room offices

Next Wednesday 2nd June, Steve Tompkins has volunteered to decorate the three Flying room offices so things are freshened up for GA opening. Again, many thanks to Steve – photos next time

Please support your Club and call in to buy a coffee or a snack and you can see the changes for yourself.

"Stop Press - Flooring going down on Bank Holiday Monday"



Bar and social update...by Sandra Carroll

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JAC summer evening BBQs - starting at 19:00

June - Friday 25th
July - Friday 23rd
August - Friday 20th

It's great to see members enjoying the club again. To celebrate moving into summer we will be holding a series of BBQ so reserve the above dates in your diary.

It is great news that the Jersey International Air Display will take place on 9th September. Join us for a BBQ and enjoy the return of this unique event from the club.

JAC Air Display afternoon BBQ - 12:00 to 16:00

September - Thursday 9th

Price from £12.50 (£6 children).

Pre-booking with Fatima is essential. You will receive an email with more detail soon.

We had an excellent turnout to welcome Glen when he introduced himself to flying members and give an update on flight training progress.

Let us know if you have any ideas for social events you would like to see at the club. Help is always appreciated so please let us know if you would like to get more actively involved.

Your story ... *A short story of a long flight by Mike Le Galle*

During 1969 a local dentist Bill Wilkinson flew his Percival Prentice G-AOMF from Jersey to New Zealand; this is a short story of that flight.

Bill Wilkinson had trained as a dentist at Otago University NZ during the 1950s, and had been active with the RNZAF Territorial Squadron based there during that time. After qualifying, he moved to London to practice dentistry but retained his interest in aviation by buying two Prentice aircraft, G-AOLU and G-AOKF, in July 1962 and a third, G-AOMF, which was registered to W B Wilkinson on 7 Aug 1963.



Surrey & Kent Flying Club 1963

The Percival Prentice was designed as a basic trainer for RAF use, replacing Tiger Moths. The Percival factory was unable to handle the production order, so most Prentices were built by Blackburn Aircraft at Brough.

Prentice T.Mk.1 c/n B3/1A/PAC-252 was built by Blackburn and delivered to the RAF in October 1948 serving as VS316. When the Prentice was withdrawn from RAF use in 1953, it was one of a batch of 252 bought by Freddie Laker's company Aviation Traders (Engineering) Ltd. based at Southend.

Most of these surplus Prentice aircraft saw no civilian use. However, VS316 became G-AOMF on 3 Apr 1956 with Aviation Traders but did not attain its UK C of A until 12 Apr 1960. Two days later, on the 14th, ownership was transferred to Lux-Lux Ltd. of London followed by a sale to the Surrey and Kent Flying Club based at Biggin Hill on 23 Sep 1960.



G-AOMF 1960 Southend

Bill Wilkinson moved to Jersey, in mid-1965 and used at least one of the Prentice aircraft to commute between the Island and the UK mainland. He sold all three aircraft in 1966, G-AOLU to another UK owner and G-AOKF to Liberia, with delivery to that country as a condition of sale. G-AOMF went to CAVU International Ltd., also of Jersey, on 13 Sep 1966.

Later, Bill decided to return to New Zealand, and flying there seemed a good option. He bought G-AOMF back in late 1968, found a non-aviation friend as a passenger, equipped the Prentice with an additional fuel tank in the rear seat, and departed from Jersey for New Zealand on 29 Feb 1969.

The trip was not without drama, and they did not reach Singapore until 12th March and continued on from there to Brisbane where the passenger left the adventure. Bill then flew by commercial airline to New Zealand to complete arrangements for the trans-Tasman leg. Returning to Brisbane, he then flew G-AOMF solo to Norfolk Island and Auckland, arriving on 20 Mar 1969.



G-AOMF shortly after arriving in NZ Note the Jersey flag and hand written happy landings on the tail

The Prentice was not a successful private aircraft. Even though it was powered by a 215hp Gipsy Queen it struggled with 4POB, had poor performance with any load at high temperatures, and was suspect of poor spin recovery. Thus, there was not a great rush to buy G-AOMF, and the UK registration was cancelled on 21 Jun 1972. Not until 29 Nov 1972 did it take the NZ registration to become ZK-DJC with Neville B Cooper of Kaiapoi.

There was a plan to convert it to an eight-seater and to replace the Gipsy Queen 50 engine with a 300hp IO-520, but instead it received a Gipsy Queen taken from a DH Heron. For the next 20 years the Prentice remained in New Zealand flying rarely and slowly deteriorating. It was not until February 1994 that Gerald F Rhodes of Christchurch bought the Prentice, in poor condition and it went to his Transport and Toy Museum at Wanaka NZ.

Grounded, the registration was revoked by the CAA on 9 May 1998. The aircraft was slowly restored over the years to display standard and repainted; it is currently at the museum.



ZK-DJC note fuel tank in the back shortly after NZ registration



Interested in any either of the aircraft listed below ?
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sales@derrickings.com

**TECNAM P2006T Light Twin Tourer/
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Garmin G950 EFIS IFR Package w/GDU
1040 PFD & GDU 1040 MFD, KR87 ADF,
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Wx500 Stormscope. 406Mhz ELT.
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TTAF&E 998Hrs, Prop 150 Hrs, Annual
valid to 22/May/2021, ARC valid to 08/May/
2021. Avidyne Entegra EFIS, Dual GTN650
touch screen, KR87 ADF, KN63 DME,
GTX330 Mode S, S-TEC 55X A/P,
SkyWatch 497 Traffic, Stormscope, GMA
340 Audio/Markers w/6-Place I/
com, Kannad AF 4-6Mhz ELT, EMAX engine
indication system, Solid State ADAHRS, S/
by mechanical flight instruments, S/
by mechanical VOR/LOC/GS ind, CMAX
Electronic Approach Charts w/USB update
interface. Based in France.



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Plane spotter's corner... from Bob Sauvary's collection

Part 1 of 2 - Some of Bob's French wandering...



F-BJMH Scintex ML.250 Rubis

28 July 1991 Moulins



F-AZBQ 115237 N.A.T-6G Harvard

6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais



F-AZGI E.3B-532 CASA 1-131E Jungmann

6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais



F-AZFN 125716 Douglas AD-4 Skyraider

6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais

F-BGQY Piper PA.12 Super Cruiser

24 July 1993 Moulins



F-BIFS Hiller UH.12C

26 July 1983 Annecy



F-BIPY SNCASO SO.1221S Djinn

25 July 1983 Belleville



F-BFSY SNCAN NC.858S

3 October 1973 Meaux



For sale and wanted items... If you would like to advertise items you have for sale... send me an email on evelinehawkin@gmail.com



Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

So delighted that we are able to run our first event in 18 months on Saturday 5th June.

It will be great to see the club really buzzing again.

Such a great feeling to be able to get everyone flying again!

and finally...

Don't forget, should you wish to contact the committee, the email address is committee@jerseyaeroclub.com

And, if you have anything you'd like published in the newsletter mine is evelinehawkin@gmail.com . Please send any photos separately. Thank you.

A BIG PLEASE...please...please...No more flying stories in store for publication. I am sure some of you out there have a great story to share! I'm looking forward to receive yours!

Looking forward to catch up at the club for a chat and a cup of Fatima's wonderful coffee...

Eveline