

# Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

# September 2021 members newsletter

# Update... from our chairman - Nigel Hall

### Dear Jersey Aero Club Members

At our last JAC Committee Meeting Derek Fage announced his wish to take a small step backwards into the Vice Chair role and when asked I agreed to step up to the Chair albeit that Derek's shoes will be hard to fill. I have been on the Committee for over twelve testing months and we all owe a considerable debt of gratitude to all the JAC Committee members who have put in long hours resolving the club finances, processing memberships, negotiating with third parties, managing the property, developing general aviation and flight training, and organising social events for your Club.

I extend a personal thank you to Derek because he has promised me that he will remain very active on the Committee having accomplished so much already.

Just to remind members, the bar and restaurant are now open seven days a week so please, please, go up there with your family and friends and spend a little money.

For my part I will do whatever I can to help drive the Aero Club in a sustainably positive direction but to accomplish this will need more support from Members. Below are a few areas that currently do require your urgent attention.

•The JAC needs a small <u>Social Committee</u> to take complete responsibility for organising a small number of events each year. Please can I have some volunteers.

•On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 we have agreed with 'Treacle', that they provide a three course Sunday lunch at the Aero Club from the Aero Club main kitchen, which will include options for vegetarians. The cost will be £35 per head for the meal and the bar will be open to those wishing some alcoholic supplement! Numbers will be limited to no more than 50 and bookings and payment in advance are essential to make this event a real success. A separate message will be sent regarding how to book and pay. My family and I will be there supporting the Club and I will ensure that if a success, further Sunday lunches will be planned during the Autumn. What better way to both enjoy the view, have an excellent meal provided by excellent Chefs, and meet old acquaintances and new friends.

•I am planning to arrange a small number of Member open evenings where we can share ideas on how to improve the Club for Members. This definitely will need your support and input.

•The JAC needs a small <u>Membership Committee</u> to take responsibility for firstly understanding who our members are, their demographics, and then exploring ways to grow the JAC Membership and new PPL flyers. The JAC already has a few ideas that need to be developed and nurtured.

\*My son Charlie has been working upstairs in the Bar on Mondays and Tuesdays each week, and at other times with Fatima. Please take a little time to have a chat with both Fatima and Charlie. I am told that visitors to the Bar and Restaurant are extremely low during the week. This is your club and your facilities and we need to drive some income through the bar and restaurant for it to survive. Please go up there for a coffee and a chat with your families and friends. Ideas to attract more footfall would be very welcome.

Finally, as we begin to leave the COVID storm clouds and head out into quieter weather, it is important that the JAC does not try to do too much too quickly. I really want to see a small number of well executed projects involving as many members as possible completed over the next six months. Meetings minimised; actions maximised.

Kind regards

Nigel (Hall)

Chairman Jersey Aero

## Premises update ... by Andrew Renouf

### Large P.V. Solar Panel Array on the whole roof of the building

The Committee are in discussions with Sunworks and the JEC. We now have a draft design for a 200 Kw array on the roof of the Aero Club Building which is shown in the image below.

The Club's roof has the potential to install 4 x banks of 50Kw. We are considering a scheme where the JEC would lease 75% of the roof and install 3 banks of panels for the JEC Island grid. The Club would then retain the final 25% of the roof and could use the income from the JEC's rental to fund the array purely for the Aero Club.

I am a sceptical environmentalist firmly in the "Bjorn Lomborg" camp, so this is be viewed in cold financial terms only. Having said that, subject to survey, the Club's own array could provide 100% of our heat and power (potentially) free of charge moving forward which would save circa £200,000 + in the next 20 years.

The cost of connecting the JEC's array to the Island grid will have a large impact on the rent the JEC are willing to pay the Club. The surveys for JEC connection have yet to be completed so we must be cautious. According to the new Club Constitution, any demise of club property (the airspace above the roof) will be a significant transaction so we will provide full details to the members and there will be full consultation.



### New Cleaners – Angel Clean

As finances improve, the Club has now engaged a cleaning contractor for 1 hour per day 6 days a week performing "core cleaning".

Sandra works Monday to Friday & Maria works Saturdays. All cleaning is done before opening at 10 am. They sometimes start at 6.15 am so if you are flying out of the Club early you might see the girls.



Left - Sandra

Below - Maria



### Work on Hangar Doors

The members' hangar is looking much smarter as on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the rust was removed from the steel surrounds and two coats of high quality zinc rich primer was applied. We still have to apply 2-3 layers of top coat which will be a far superior job than the original specification and should last at least 20 years. The last 4 doors are scheduled for the same treatment in 2022.

We have a solution for a 4 metre section of corroded bottom track on the members hangar which has caused one door to jam which we plan to install as soon as we get the Hot Works permits from PoJ.







#### Fans



The fans in the loos have not been working for many years and were replaced this month. These have been hung on bungees so they run silently. As always, we have bought these direct from UK wholesalers to get the best prices.





### Evie Car update



You may not have seen the Evie Car parked at the Club as it has been constantly rented out. James Kelly from Evie writes "August has been our busiest car period since we launched in 2019 and the Club vehicle has had near back-to-back bookings. In terms of numbers, we've had 4 bookings on the car so far, with an average of 6 days per booking. All users are visitors".

### LED lights downstairs

Synergy has paid for the materials and the Club paid for the labour to fit the LED tubes on all lights. We are now 100% LED on the large ceiling fittings which will save running costs during the winter when these will be on long periods of time. This will yield a very high return due to both electricity and future maintenance savings.



### Flying Room

Synergy Aviation are paying for the changes to the Flying Room. Some of the lightweight office dividers have been removed to create a much more open plan feel. Glen will be updating members as changes are made.



# Social update

### Dates for your diary

### Thursday 9th September 12:00 to 16:00 - Air display BBQ

Booking essential - either with Fatima at the club or email info@jerseyaeroclub.com

Wednesday 22nd September at 19:00 – Meet the committee and general club discussion

- A chance to meet the committee and discuss what's been happening since we re-opened, what's in progress, and any thoughts you may have on how things may be improved.
- The committee really want some feedback on where you feel the club should be going and what can be done to get more member engagement so please come along.

The bar will be open!

First Treacle event ...

### Sunday 26th September - traditional 3 course Sunday roast lunch at the club.

Booking and pre-payment essential - More details available shortly.

£35 for adults / £25 for children under 16 Vegetarian option available

More information on Treacle, simple follow the link to their website - www.treaclejersey.com

### And as we are talking social events...

The Alderney Flying Club is holding a BBQ next Sunday 5th September from 1400 at Essex Farm.

Jersey crews are invited and as an incentive the AFC members are offering FREE food to compensate for all the form filling involved in visiting. (£10 normally) There will be a pay bar or you are welcome to BYO.

Lifts can be arranged to and from the airport. To help with planning anyone interested should email Dave at <u>David.Chiswell@gmail.com</u>



Update ... by Eveline Hawkin

We are all looking forward to our day for young children on Saturday 2nd October. As those of you who have been at the club during that event know, it is a very busy, happy, noisy day! We love to witness the pleasure it gives the children and their families!

Due to different circumstances, we are a little short on pilots and so, should you wish to be part of our team of pilots, please send us an email on <u>hello@helpingwingsjersey.org</u>. Our main requirement is that you have a minimum of 100 hours solo and that you have to have done 3 take-offs and landings within the last 90 days in order to carry passengers.



That's our reward... smiles all round!

### For sale and wanted items...

Don't forget that the newsletter is for your use. And so, if you have anything you want to sale or buy, just contact me and I will ensure it's done for you. Photos are always a good idea but please send those separate from the text.

Simply email me on - evelinehawkin@gmail.com

Aircraft for sale ...

Sonnerai based in Vannes - France. Cruises at 130 mph stalls at 60 mph full load

Interested? - Contact Harry Carter on either kite246@gmail.com or 07797 729 619.

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

Temps passés... Jersey International Air Display participants.





G-LOSM WM167 Gloster Meteor NF11 11 September 2003



11 September 2003

F-AZJU CASA C.352L



G-THUN 226671 Republic P.47 Thunderbolt 11 September 2004

F-AZDX 48846 Boeing B.17G Fortress 8 September 2004.JPG



Red 7 Red 8 Red 9 of the Reds Arrows 9 September 2004



WV908 188 Hawker Seahawk FGA.6 15 September 2005



ZD895 TI Panavia Tornado GR.4 15 September 2005



XZ112 SEPECAT Jaguar GR.3A 15 September 2005



61-0022 Boeing B.52H 11 September 2003



G-PBYA 433915 Consolidated PBY.5A Catalina 7 September 2006



SE-DXM Hawker Hunter F58 9 September 2013



G-RNHF VX281 Hawker Seafury T.20 12 September 2013





SE-DXN SAAB AJS37 Viggen 12 September 2013.

G-RADR 126922 Douglas AD-4 Skyraider 12 September 2013

# Air Traffic Control updates ... by Marc Hill

Which of the three flight rules are you adhering to? VFR, Special VFR or IFR?

Pilots are reminded of their "flight rule" compliance dependent on the in-flight conditions en-route and based on the METAR at the Aerodrome.

If you were VFR in the Channel Islands Control Zone but the weather at destination is BKN at 1300ft can you continue VFR? Can you come into land VFR?





### ... and from Richard Mayne

For those IFR rated pilots you will be pleased to hear there is a renaming of all Channel Island STARs on the 9th September. The new naming convention uses the first reporting point on the standard arrival then an amendment number followed by a letter defining the Airfield and runway. In addition some rationalisation has taken place removing 7 STARs. Pilots should find these much more user-friendly and easier to find/select. See table below and usual updates from UK AIS:

https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/AIP/

Airfield	Runway	Existing STARs	New STARs	UK AIP Ref.
EGJJ	26	JERSEY (JSY) 1A	ORTAC 1J	AD 2-EGJJ-7-3
		JERSEY (JSY) 2W	LELNA 1J	
		JERSEY (JSY) 1E	TUNIT 1J	AD 2-EGJJ-7-4
		JERSEY (JSY) 1F	SKERY 1L	
		JERSEY (JSY) 1N	SKERY 1J	
		JERSEY (JSY) 2P	BIGNO 1L	
		JERSEY (JSY) 2Q	BIGNO 1J	
		JERSEY (JSY) 1Y	BEVAV 1J	AD 2-EGJJ-7-5
		JERSEY (JSY) 1U	LERAK 1J	
		JERSEY (JSY) 1D	MINQI 1J	
	08	JERSEY (JW) 1G	ORTAC 1K	AD 2-EGJJ-7-1
		JERSEY (JW) 1L	TUNIT 1K	
		JERSEY (JW) 1M	SKERY 1K	
		JERSEY (JW) 2R	BIGNO 1K	
		JERSEY (JW) 2X	LELNA 1K	
		JERSEY (JW) 2V	LERAK 1K	AD 2-EGJJ-7-2
		JERSEY (JW) 1Z	BEVAV 1K	
EGJB	27	GUERNSEY 1A	ORTAC 1B	AD 2-EGJB-7-1
		GUERNSEY 2Y	LELNA 1B	
	09	GUERNSEY 1G	ORTAC 1V	
		GUERNSEY 2Z	LELNA 1V	
	27/09	GUERNSEY 1E	ALD 1G	
		GUERNSEY 1F	SKERY 1G	
		GUERNSEY 2H	BIGNO 1G	
		GUERNSEY 1D	DIN 1G	AD 2-EGJB-7-2
		GUERNSEY 1X	BEVAV 1G	

### and finally ...

Any questions, queries and/or suggestions for events, please email the committee at : <u>committee@jerseyaeroclub.com</u>

What a shame... this is the first time in over 6 years with no flying story... I am sure there are still quite a few interesting ones which you could share with the membership. Please let me have yours at <u>evelinehawkin@gmail.com</u> (please send photos separately)

See you at the club!

Eveline