



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

September 2022 members newsletter

Jersey International Air Display ... *by Paul Holroyd*



The 2022 Air Display is with us again on **Thursday 8th September**. The club will be hosting the BBMF Spitfire and Hurricane and the Rolls Royce Spitfire and Mustang.

- The BBMF aircraft will be based at the club between displays in Jersey and Guernsey and departing afterwards.
- The RR aircraft will be arriving on Wednesday 7th and departing on Friday 9th, and will be hangared at the club for the two nights.
- On the Wednesday evening, the RR Spit and Mustang will be performing a flypast over West Park at 19:15, so will be departing the club at around 19:00 and returning around 19:30.
- Fatima will be keeping the bar open, with a basic food menu and will stay until the last person departs!
- We hope to see you at the club to see these wonderful vintage aircraft.

We are hoping to deploy the Car Park Barriers and, as last year, make this a Member's only event. Remember under the Club rules you can bring in friends and family so this has the potential to be a great day where you can watch the Air Display without the past issues of not being able to gain access to the Balcony or even get into the Car Park. This is a key date in the Club's calendar and there will be a great atmosphere so see you then!

Update from the committee ... by Andrew Renouf

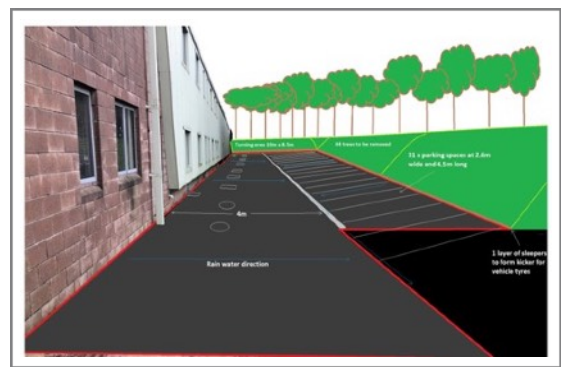
Car Park Tender Process

As mentioned in the last newsletter the tendering of a portion of the Lower Car park is being handled by our Chartered Surveyor, Nick Trower MRICS from Broadlands. There is quite a lot of interest in the site and we are still awaiting detailed proposals from some parties.

In the short term, members may have seen cars from the Rugby Club being marshalled into the Car Park. There are 14 games this season and the Rugby Club will pay us an agreed fee per car, all of which will be reinvested in the Club.

We are looking at all possible options including provision of parking at the rear of the Club, however, any final proposal will ensure that the Club retains 65 at least spaces. If the process results in a potential sub-tenant, they will have to be approved by members at the AGM or an EGM.

If you know of any potential Business who would like to rent either a small section or the whole lower car park please ask them to contact nick@broadlandsjersey.com



Car Park Barriers

Members will have seen the barriers are now in place and have been left open whilst we issue cards to those members who have realised they soon will not be able to gain access. By the time you read this system will be fully working and the barriers will be deployed in the next month.



Hangar Doors – centre stop

A centre stop was fabricated and fitted to stop the doors being pushed to the incorrect side which caused them to fall off the bottom track. From time to time the Hangar doors have still caused issues so your Committee have been directly involved to find the solution. It transpires that the bolts are slowly rotating anti-clockwise with the vibration so we have now wire locked the bolts. One final door will need modification with a floating bottom rail.

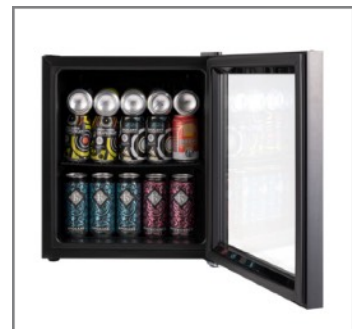


Aero Club café

The café has been very active during the summer months and we all thank both Fatima and Tony for their hard work. There have been instances where the bulk bags of ice that Fatima has been buying have been out of stock, so we have recently invested in a small ice making machine as well as a second toasted sandwich maker to handle peak demand.



Lois has fed back that Pilots leaving early in the morning through Synergy have sometimes asked for coffee or a bottle of water so we have just purchased a mini fridge so we can reactivate the “out of hours” facility for coffee/water.



Airside Access

Thanks to Paul Holroyd and Derek Fage who have been tirelessly dealing with the issues that have come up over the past few months.

Ports of Jersey have connected a new fibre network to the Club and have now started installation work on the doors. A mini server cabinet will be hung on the wall in the Flying room and whilst this will be unsightly, we will eventually hide this with floor to ceiling cupboards as part of future upgrades to the Flying room.

Help required to update the PPL display boards ... *by Sandra Carroll*

The boards list PPLs achieved since the club was founded and it's time to bring them up to date. The club has gone through significant change over the last few years and your help is required to compile a complete and accurate list for the engravers.

If you achieved your PPL since 2015 can you email or leave your details at the club marked for the attention of Sandra.

Information required:

- Your name to be printed on the board
- The date you achieved your PPL (year and month sufficient)

Please either email your details at evelinehawkin@gmail.com or leave them in an envelope addressed to Sandra with Fatima when you next visit the club.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

ATC update ... by Richard Price, Airspace Development Manager

ATC have been asked by the CAA to review the VRPs as detailed in the UK AIP. Jersey ATC have carried out an initial review and seek input from pilots.

For more information, see the link below :

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:24b12c95-9d3f-3b6d-8bd0-0985f26f07de>

ATC needs to receive feedback with any comments from pilot by **9th September** in order to respond to the CAA by their cut-off time.

Please send your comments to - Richard.Price@ports.je



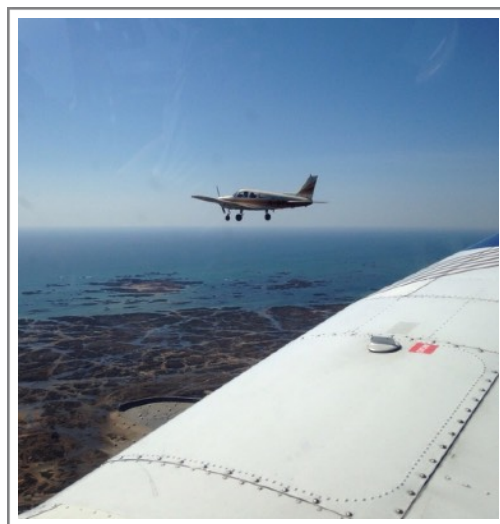
Jersey's flying charity ... by Eveline Hawkin

HW day for young children

Sunday 18th September will be our final event of 2022. We are so delighted to have been able to run our activities without having to worry too much about the dreaded Covid!

As usual, it will be a very busy day with lots of activities taking place. We have 30 flights booked and we look forward to welcoming again the Fire Service Team, the Police Dog Handler, Chicano the Magician and for the first time John Le Ruez with his Vintage Potato Lorry who will be offering rides to the families.

As we are offering lunch to everyone, Fatima will be rushed off her feet ... and so, if anyone would like to join our team and help, it will be very much appreciated!



Bob Wright - *Personal recollections by Michael Gould*



I first met Bob when he joined the Engineering team in the summer of 1981. The head engineer in those far off days was Mike Kemp.

That year marked the 20th year in which I had an aircraft in the hangar something which proceeded happily for me for almost exactly the next 30 years.

At that time my son Timothy was working towards his degree in mechanical engineering at Imperial College, this entailed practical experience at an appropriate facility, so he came to Engineering each summer whilst studying.

I remember very clearly, even in those days, that Bob presented as being a very fit & active young man, a surfing enthusiast, with a house in Acrachon bordering on the South-West coast of France and one of true homes for surfers. I do not remember whether he had a camper van, he certainly had his wife and family of whom he was very proud.

He became a permanent member of the staff and it was not difficult to see that he was a very capable and thoughtful engineer. I do not think that it then occurred to him that he might himself fly, indeed I do believe that I know when this idea first occurred.

The department was running well, Mike Kemp was efficient and painstaking to the extreme, Bob took over as Head Engineer shortly after Mike retired, but I think a little while went by before he suggested major changes in the relationship between the Club and the department to include a clear pricing structure for the maintenance of the Club aircraft.

When this occurred there was a pronounced change in the aims & objectives of the department, all for the better I am certain and including both passing trade and contracted annual work from outside of the Island.

I know that I was not alone in helping out with some work in Europe mostly, but not always, where this was from one of our members with a problem. An example was when my aircraft had an argument with an unseen pothole at Rennes Airport, caused by the fire service cutting the corner over the grass parking area.

It was an early flight in our new aircraft and I was very cross with the Airport.

Bob arrived, did some checks, cut two or three inches off the ends of the prop and we flew home.

A quick postscript is that I claimed on my insurance, told them that I was in contested communication with the Airport authorities. They encouraged me in this, paid the claim and said I could keep anything recovered. The Airport paid up in full!

All that apart I know that I flew Bob to many airfields. I did do the run to Italy on more than one occasion.

In the early 90s he asked me to take him to 3 airfields in the South/East of England to look for a possible 'hospital job', I know it was a bright blue sunny day, with haze and that I searched a little for the 2nd airfield which was a grass strip in the middle of green countryside which I did find.

I rather think that this was at least one of the experiences which persuaded Bob that he should get his own qualifications, while for my part the appearance of GPS was not long ahead and to my surprise & delight I found this opened the way to Greek Islands and other parts.

As for Bob, as we will all know very well, he did get his PPL but then went on to become a true all-weather determined pilot of great skill.

The engineering department was of course effectively privatised and in happier days became a business of some substance. Here Bob really did have quite a strong international element.

I shall always remember Bob with real admiration and gratitude. For about the last 20 years of my flying life I was lucky to have the possibility of a lot of flying to many points of Europe and UK and Ireland. Bob and his department, then business, kept us flying and was always interested to share what next adventure lay ahead. I did not have any other occasion to call him on a rescue mission although there were perhaps one or two near misses.

There was one other flight which I think may have encouraged him to flying activities.

This was when I was asked to collect a rescued Old English sheepdog from the North Western coast of Irish Republic and Bob accompanied me. It was all great fun.

I was so sorry to hear that he had died, it frankly came as a terrible shock because he always continued to be the upstanding friendly and forthright person that he was, quite obviously very fit, enjoying life to the full with his wife and family, dividing time between Jersey and Arcachon so many years should have remained.

I know very well that if my wife were still here, she would tell at once of the great confidence she had in Bob. She and I shared some very long flights which are bound to have exciting moments and we ventured forth in the knowledge that our aircraft was always in the best of order.

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

This month we remember the Air Displays of the 1990's



ZA321 (B-58) Panavia Tornado



G-BEDF 124485 Boeing B-17G Fortress



PA474 Avro Lancaster B.1



G-VROE WD413 Avro 652A Anson T.21



595.Sukhoi SU 27



G-BPIV L8841 Bristol 149 Blenheim IV



N167B 434602 Douglas B-26B Invader



N320SQ N.A.B-25N Mitchell



XX226 Bae Hawk T.1 Jersey.jpg



NX55JP NZ5648 Goodyear FG-1D Corsair
(flown by the late Ray Hannah)



G-MKVB BM597 Vickers Supermarine
Spitfire LF.5B



XZ391 SEPECAT Jaguar GR.3



ZE694 Bae Sea Harrier FA.2



N167F 473877 N.A.P-51D Mustang



G-SIAL J-4090 Hawker Hunter F.58



G-AMPZ KN442 Douglas C-47B Dakota



ZE936 DL Panavia Tornado F.3

Social ... by Eveline Hawkin

Date for your diary ... 3 course dinner for £20 on Friday 7th October

Menu

French Onion Soup - Hungarian Goulash - Dessert.

With the kitchen facilities being restricted, we will cater for a maximum of 30 guests and will start serving from 18:30.

Pre-payment and booking essential - please contact Fatima directly.

Christmas trip to Dinan...

I mentioned last month that it was time to organise another Christmas trip to Dinan. I have now spoken with the Tourist Office and they don't yet have the dates for the Christmas market which adds so much to the trip - They are hoping to have them sometime in October.

So, hopefully, more details next month.

If you are interested to join the group, ping me an email on evelinehawkin@gmail.com

For sale and wanted items...

This is the usual reminder regarding items you may have for sale or that you wish to buy. This can be done by contacting me and it will automatically appear in the following month's newsletter. If you have already advertised an item but wish to do it again, please let me know on my usual email which is at the bottom of the newsletter. *Please remember to send photos separately.*

And the usual reminder Should you wish to contact the committee, please do so on committee@jerseyaeroclub.com

Anything for the newsletter please send directly to me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the club and to receiving the next Flying Stories!

Eveline