



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

May 2023 members newsletter

Committee update ... *by Andrew Renouf*

Annual General Meeting



The AGM was led by our chair Nigel Hall who rapidly went through the business plan looking at some of our successes such as building the Club from a zero cash balance to £ 145,000 in the y/e accounts. Over the year there had been further investment in the car park barrier barriers, door entry systems, upgrades to IT, tarmac areas between the Airside pads/outside the Airside door, new equipment for the kitchen in the café, as well as normal day to day building repairs/upgrades.

We also accept failures such as not organising enough social events which is largely due to the committee not having enough bandwidth and we are always looking for help in this area.

The Club's Treasurer is Grant Thornton where James Pirie led the meeting through the Consolidated Accounts and some of the work that he had performed tying up past agreements and dealing with legacy issues such as settling all of the Club's Schedule A tax liabilities on rental income. Even after these income tax payments, the latest cash balance in the monthly management accounts is circa £180,000

Over the year there has been an emphasis on ensuring all contractual documentation is in place and building new revenue streams. We have engaged a Commercial Chartered Surveyor and a change consultant to ensure that the Club gets the best deal on the proposed lower car park plan

An open discussion with members took place on future social events, boosting membership, events to mentor new Pilots, Fly-ins, as well as the status of the new constitution. Thanks were given to our members of staff, Fatima and Maggie, as well as Committee member David Nicholas who stood down at the AGM

Committee members are presently

- Nigel Hall -Chair
- Grant Thornton – Treasurer represented by James Pirie
- Derek Fage – Vice Chair
- Mark Hamilton – Secretary
- Paul Holroyd – Hangar, Café, Membership issues
- Andrew Renouf – Property /various other issues
- Matt Palmer – Committee member
- Vacant Position – looking to fill somebody to organise Club Social Events

Events

We have recently made efforts to boost our Social programme and seek to put on a monthly event. As stated before, we are happy to pay for return commercial travel and overnight accommodation for good UK speakers

14th June - 7.30 Phil Holt from High Flying Talks - That's Air Show Business!



Phil has been involved in this business from the “ops” side for 35 years and there is much more to it than you’d realise. The “punters” will not know that planning had started well over a year before and involve some 20+ organisations. Phil has served as a Flying Display Director, been a member of Flying Control Committees, choreographed display programmes and served on Air Traffic Control teams. He worked for CAA/ NATS as an ATCA, ATCO, instructor and Examiner for almost 40 years. Planning, pilot qualifications, public safety and airspace requirements are just some of the topics covered.

Saturday 2nd December – 7.30 – Rob Hart from Sky Demon



We have provisionally booked Rob of Sky Demon to make a presentation at the Aero Club on Saturday 2nd December. It's a really interesting 2 hour talk and, as it's Christmas, the Club will supply a few nibbles. This should be a really popular event.

Other proposed events ...

We are also talking to Ian Seager of Flyer Magazine who has indicated he might run one of their Thursday "livestreams" from the Club – no dates firmed up as yet, but this should be interesting if it comes off.

David Nicholas is organising a talk with a presentation by Gavin Dixon, who was a senior ATC manager from Prestwick on the topic of oceanic and domestic ATC since the advent of ADS-B and some of the challenges and solutions that have evolved. It may also touch on the impact of 911 and how large sections of Airspace were suddenly shut down and the issues that caused. He was a member of a number of ICAO working groups in the final decade of his career and therefore has an unusually detailed understanding of other ATC regions - for example, Gander, New York, Reykjavik and Santa Maria (Azores) who in conjunction with the UK and Ireland manage the entirety of the North Atlantic Region.

He has a rich fund of anecdotes and long experience, which together with his personal involvement in the development of navigational procedures and surveillance systems gives him a bang up-to-date perspective on aviation in a region which is still procedural in its separation management (but soon won't be). Gavin has an engaging style of delivery and won't be wrong-footed in Q and A's. - Hopefully September or October - Thank you David for organising this.

We have one other prospective event we are lining up as well as an informal drinks night to share memories about our flying adventures with Frank Curry. We have identified that all of the really interesting stories involve bad weather!

If anybody would like to suggest an event and even better organise it, please email the Committee. We need to get our social calendar booked with at least one event a month and we are happy to pay for commercial flights and overnight accommodation to help revitalise this aspect of the Club.

... and by Derek Fage

Part time staff availability

There are part time positions available working on the desk with Synergy and behind the bar to cover for Fatima. For more information, contact recruitment@synergyaviation.com, and for the bar contact info@jerseyaeroclub.com

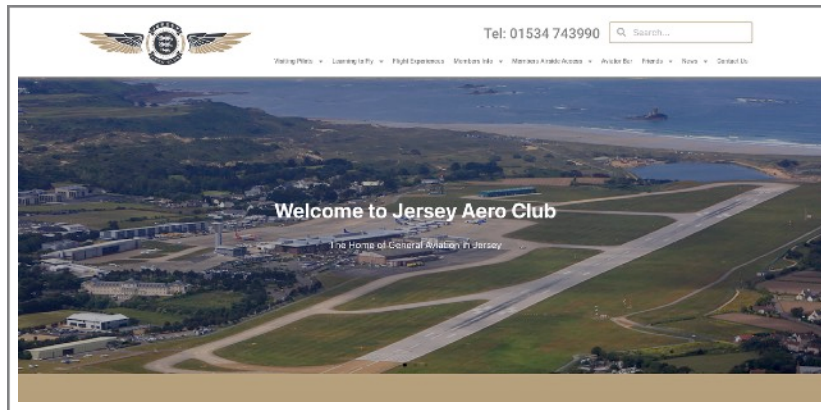
Grass Maintenance

From 26-28 April Ports of Jersey are undertaking grass maintenance and matting replacement along the edge of the concrete pads leading to the grass parking maintaining access to the grass parking through the Southern area. They are also doing some work sorting out mole damage in the northern part of the grass parking

We have also been advised that when we get better weather and the ground firms up enough, that Ports of Jersey will be bringing a crane and a low loader to finally get rid of the AeroStar and the Beechcraft in the North East section of parking which we've been waiting on for some time.

Talking to Ports of Jersey, they are looking to do more work to the grass parking area with heavier more durable matting and potentially re-arrange the orientation. This is early days but good to see that it's being planned for and we'll provide more information as and when we get it.





New Website

The website has been updated and refreshed with new branding which we think looks nice and fresh.

This is the first stage in some other planned enhancements which will include a new diary / events section allowing ticketed events and pre-registration, and a new system to allow individual member logons to get access to member only information and renewals.

We're also looking at our Social Media presence and have created a new "Jersey Aero Club" Facebook business page which you can access from <https://www.facebook.com/TheJerseyAeroClub>. We'll be using this to publish more information and events so please like and follow this page to keep updated.

When searching for this page in Facebook, please ensure you use the Pages filter as there is a "Jersey Aero Club" group and an unofficial "Jersey Aero Club" page that is used for check-ins and has the old logo. We're in the process of trying to take ownership of that page and merge it into the new page.

With regards to the "Jersey Aero Club" group, we're currently reviewing this. We previously used this page to share club information, but it is also a general discussion group where anybody can post and is not really a club members group any more.

One of the problems with this group is that we get a lot of non-club related posts and puppy/cat pickup requests and there are more than 1,700 members of it (oh how I wish they were all club members!). And that's ignoring the pure advertising posts that we mostly manage to filter out.

Regarding real local flying discussions and posting of information there is also a lot of cross/posting and duplication between the club group and the "Jersey Flyers" group and it seems most active club members who want to talk about local flying and club information are in both groups.

The "Jersey Flyers" group is much more pro-actively moderated and there needs to be a real interest in local aviation to join, so we're considering whether a combination of the new Jersey Aero Club page and the Jersey Flyers group would be a better option, and we slowly close out the club group getting anybody interested in club news and information to like and follow the new page.

I will start a discussion on the group after this newsletter is published to gather more member feedback.

Memories of Frank Curry ... *by Sean Morvan*



I first flew with Frank on a Club trip to Dinard in G-JACB in February 2004 and a few days later in G-JACA for revision prior to my skills test. That was the start of a long friendship and many hours flying with him over many years. We discovered both our daughters were in the same year at school and later on found that Frank's daughter Juliette was going to university in Plymouth where my younger son was working to attain his chartership in mechanical engineering.

I went on to do my night and IMC training with Frank and conversion to the Cherokee Six when the Club bought G-BAGG. A couple of years later I bought a share in G-AVUZ. One day, when we needed to get back from France, I persuaded my wife Joy it would be easier to get picked up from Dinard than travel as a foot passenger on Condor. Frank duly turned up to collect us and as we were climbing out from RW35 the sky ahead was dark and looked somewhat menacing and thundery. Frank and I were discussing this when suddenly there was an almighty flash. It must indeed be thundery and we were closer than we thought. We fell about laughing a couple of moments later when we found that Joy, enjoying the departure from Dinard, had started taking photos with the flash on.

On another occasion when we decided to visit our son in Plymouth for a weekend we chose to go in G-AVUZ with Frank & Philippa, as we did on many occasions. The weather was fine here but somewhat murky in Plymouth. We ended up in the hold out of cloud and then had to do an NDB approach to RW13 down to minima. We entered cloud as we were turning inbound which was very turbulent. My first thought under the heavy work load was that Joy would never fly with me again. Frank, as always, was great, calmly giving me course and height corrections to maintain a stable approach. After an uneventful landing I immediately apologised to Joy for the turbulent approach. She was totally nonplussed by it, just looking forward to seeing our son.

When I flew with Frank, he would regularly put an opened map in front of the windscreen as we approached our destination and make me fly an instrument approach. At other times he would reach into his flight bag for some Post-it notes to cover instruments to simulate instrument failure. A great way of keeping my IMC current.

Frank very much enjoyed his Tiger Moth and I was fortunate to fly in G-ALIW with him on two occasions. One of those was in September 2009 when five of us set off to Rochester in G-AVUZ for a day's flying in the Tiger Moth. As ever it was a great day out.

After I stopped flying in early 2020 our friendship continued and I regularly met him at JAC for a coffee or a bacon sandwich. His presence at JAC will be missed and I look back with fond memories of a great friend.



Frank supervising (& looking very relaxed) whilst Sean was gardening on 20th April 2022. He was cycling past our house and stopped for a cup of tea.

Frank ... by Jane and Andrew Renouf

Having known and flown with Frank for well over 10 years, our adventures together are so numerous that it is difficult to highlight any one as they were all so memorable in their own right.

After getting our PPL's Frank was the one who really taught us to fly, passing on his skills of instrument flying, night flying and short field operations. Without Frank, I doubt very much that we would be enjoying and optimising our flying as much as we do today. He gave us the confidence to venture where many others may hesitate and to tackle some challenging mission profiles.

Frank was a demanding instructor particularly during instrument training and had many tricks up his sleeve to remind you who was boss! He was never without his post-it notes to cover up as many instruments as he could at critical moments. To Frank's horror but my delight when we upgraded to Garmin G5's the post it notes wouldn't stick. Undaunted, Frank appeared on the next flight with an effective alternative solution. Ever watchful that his students didn't become over confident, Frank wouldn't hold back on throwing in an NDB DME approach, pull the autopilot circuit breaker then sit back and enjoy!

Frank was also a great friend and more recently loved plotting our clandestine meetings when we were supposed to be locked up during Covid. He loved debating the latest conspiracy theories and offering some of his own. As a metallurgist Frank always enjoyed technical chats on airframe rusting and metal fatigue and was full of helpful advice.

Quite simply, Frank was the best flying mentor that one could have, his absence leaves a gaping hole in our flying lives.

So, thank you for everything Frank, we miss you.

Team Renouf

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

Part two of two from PFA/LAA 2005 Kemble.



G-AREX Aeronca 15AC Sedan.
Kemble 3 July 2005_



G-BCBR AJEP built Wittman W.8 Tailwind
Kemble 3 July 2005



N7238X Piper L.18C Super Cub
Kemble 3 July 2005



G-ATBW Cobelavia built Topsy T.66 Nipper 2
Kemble 3 July 2005



G-BCPD C.A.B.built Gardan GY.201 Minicab
Kemble 3 July 2005



G-BULO Luscombe 8F Silvaire
Kemble 3 July 2005



G-BXFI WV372 Hawker Hunter T.7
Kemble 2 July 2005



G-BXKF XL577 Hawker Hunter T.7
Kemble 2 July 2005



G-BZAJ PZL 110 Koliber 160A
Kemble 3 July 2005

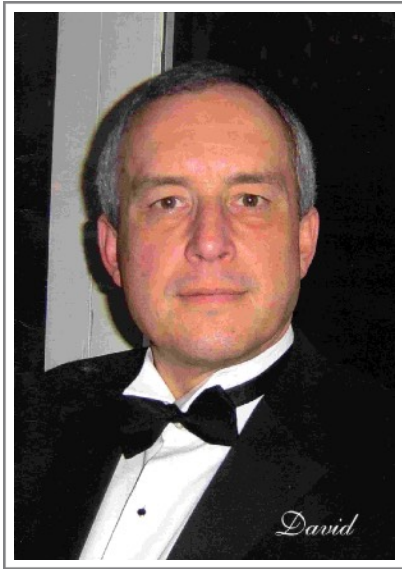


G-HIPE Sorrell SNS-7 Hyperbipe
Kemble 3 July 2005



G-WOCO Waco Classic built Waco YMF-F.5C
Kemble 3 July 2005

Table top sale ... *in memory of Dave Jandron*



Pictured is David in whose memory Alan Gay is holding a sale at the club as per the link below.

<https://www.jerseyaeroclub.com/charity-sale-from-3-may-in-aid-of-jersey-brain-tumour/>



Update ... *by Richard Hawkin*

100 AND STILL FLYING !

Jersey resident Bernard Gardiner was airborne again just short of his 101st birthday last month. Bernard was guest of honour at an event hosted by the Typhoon Restoration Preservation Group at Duxford where he was able fly in the world's only surviving two seat Hawker Hurricane. Bernard flew both the Hurricane and the Typhoon in WWII and is now a key player in the Typhoon restoration project.

Bernard learnt to fly with the RAF in Canada in 1940. Serving as a fighter pilot in WWII then as a commercial pilot until his retirement, Bernard amassed over 18,000 in his log books.



The Hawker Typhoon Restoration Group is a charitable organisation, run entirely by volunteers, which exists to raise the funds required to re-build Hawker Typhoon 1b, RB396, as a lasting legacy of all those who played a part in the Typhoon's history deserve.

For sale and wanted items ...

Anything you wish to sale or to buy? Simply send me an email at evelinehawkin@gmail.com and it will appear in the following months newsletter. *Please remember to send photos separately.*

For sale

¼ Share G-OSCC PA32-300 £25K

Contact Martin Hayter on 07700770084

or martin_hayter@yahoo.com



Also for sale



DA42 Diamond Twinstar

1/3rd share for sale - £80K

Contact Mike Liston on 07797 713284

or Mmikeliston@aol.com

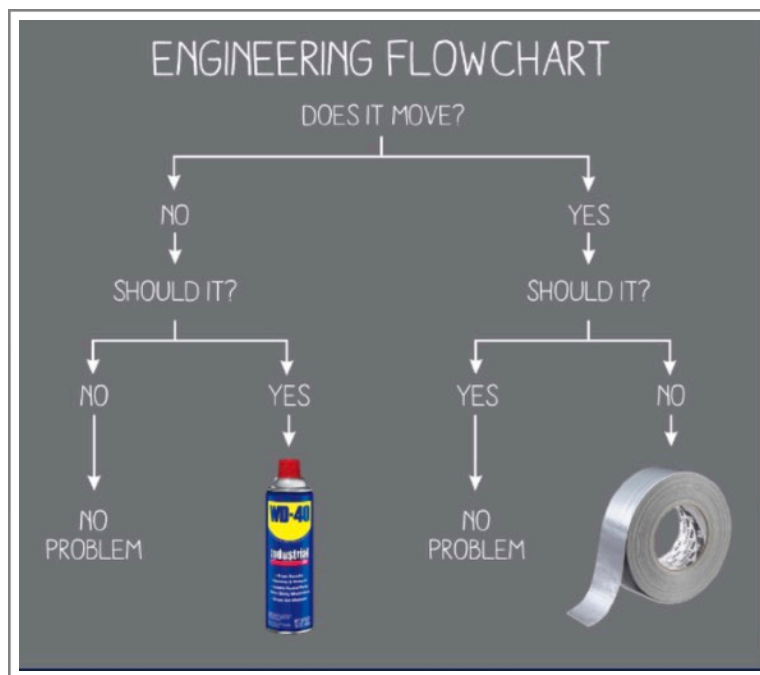


Update ...by *Eveline Hawkin*

Having made the difficult decision to cancel our Spring Flying day on Sunday 30th April due to a number of unforeseen problems and in view of the poor weather forecast, we are planning to re-schedule it and will possibly hold it on Sunday, July 9th when we have our joint event with Wetwheels.

So, if you are a pilot with a minimum of 100 hours solo and feel you would enjoy joining our team of volunteers, please contact me on hello@helpingwingsjersey.org

A little light humour ...from *David Esterson*



And finally...

Should you wish to contact the committee, please do so on committee@jerseyacroclub.com

If you like something published in the newsletter, please send it directly to me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com

See you at the club!

Eveline