



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

May 2024 members newsletter

Committee update

Annual General Meeting Summary ... *by Mark Hamilton*

Thank you to all who joined us for the Annual General Meeting held on the evening of Tuesday, 30th April 2024. It was encouraging to see a healthy level of attendance and in particular the active and constructive contributions made by so many of the membership during the course of the evening.

The meeting was both engaging and productive, with all of the tabled resolutions being passed unanimously. Here are the key outcomes:

Lower Tier Social Membership: The introduction of a new non-voting Social Membership category is to be introduced to encourage greater local interest in aviation and boost Club membership. The Executive Committee will manage the trial, determining the terms and rates, with a budget of £7,500 allocated for marketing in partnership with Ortac.

Consideration will also be given to the introduction of a suitable membership tier to support, amongst others, our regular guests from Helping Wings and Les Amis. It is expected that the Club will operate as a private members club with the re-introduction of the members signing-in book for guests. Permanent changes to the membership rules will be put to members for consideration at the AGM next year.

Balcony Extension: Subject to approval from the Ports of Jersey and planning, the Executive Committee will proceed to extend the Club's balcony with due engagement with members on the final design. This project will be funded by £30,000 from the Solar Voltaic project and up to an additional £10,000 from Club funds.

Club Cafe Upgrade: The membership has approved a proposal for the Executive Committee to develop a fully costed plan for upgrading the Club Cafe. The details will be brought to the members at a future EGM or AGM.

Jersey Aero Club Payment Card: The Executive Committee will introduce a Club Card system to improve the management of point-of-sale payments, parking, and membership management and benefits. Proposals will be put to members at a future EGM or AGM regarding the adoption of the Club Card for annual prepayments to encourage greater use of the Club Cafe.

Club Aircraft: The Executive Committee has been tasked with preparing a fully costed business plan to determine the financial viability for the potential purchase of a Club aircraft for touring purposes. The business plan and determination around viability will be put to members at a future EGM or AGM.

JAC Flight Simulator: Approval was given to explore the purchase of a Flight Simulator, with a business plan to be presented to members at a future EGM or AGM to agree a way forward.

The Executive Committee appreciate the active participation of everyone involved and look forward to implementing these exciting projects. As always, the Committee continue to actively encourage members to engage with them regarding any concerns, ideas or initiatives they have about the upcoming projects or development of the Club generally.

At the AGM the Committee thanked Maggie, Fatima and James for their hard work during the year. In spite of dealing with a young family and a high-pressure job at Grant Thornton, James put in a tremendous amount of work. We also welcomed out new Treasurer, Ashley Kabot who is a highly experienced Chartered Accountant who worked for BDO and is also taking the role on a voluntary basis.

Club House update ... by Andrew Renouf

Club members may have seen the smart glass curtain walling in the Flying Room which was installed and paid for by Ortac. As part of the Club's programme of improvements we obtained all necessary consents from POJL, Planning & Building Control for not only Ortac's upgrades but also for the Club to install a new independent entrance to CIASL as well as a significant upgrade to the Pilot Briefing Room which has been paid for by the Club



Diamond cutting the wall



Preparing the cill & cavity



Final door

Providing the independent door to Engineering has reclaimed the passageway which was used to access CIASL and has also shortened Fire Escape routes.

The Pilot' Briefing room has been constructed to a high standard. We have removed the lightweight office partitions and replaced these with a substantial soundproof return wall. The office will be completed with floor to ceiling acoustic laminate glass panels. This will make a quiet area which will function as an Exam Room/Pilot Briefing Room for flight training as well as being a potential meeting room.

The committee obtained a quote from a local Building Contractor but, to keep costs as low as possible, we decided to go down the route of directly employing sub-contractors and buying materials at cost price. All of these projects will be completed at less than 50% of the quote price received. Many thanks to the Engineers in CIASL who have suffered disruption whilst these works have taken place.



Work in progress

Update from Ortac ... by Lee McConnell



We have made great progress with the changes in the ground floor space to accommodate our Head Office team, who will be moving in later this month.

The works to relocate and reduce the flying desk have been completed, and we will soon be opening up a GA lounge space, along with the pilot briefing room in the coming weeks.

We have identified a PA 28 for the flying school, and undertaking a pre-buy inspection with a dedicated engineer. We have some items to get resolved, however a letter of intent has been sent to purchase the aircraft and we are working through the logistics of delivery to the island.

Ortac are as keen as everyone to get the flying training going, and we hope to have further positive news very soon”

Dates for your diary ... by Mike Pownall



Debunking Popular Aviation
Old Wives' Tales

Join Nigel Webb for an evening spent exploring the many partially understood and thoroughly unreliable "facts" the litter the world of aviation.



Does the "two out of three" rule for aircraft registry, licence and country really work?

How low does the cloud base have to be before you can't make an approach with an IMC rating?

How high can you fly before you must be using oxygen?

Can you use an IMC rating in an N-registered aircraft?

Thursday 16 May 2024 19:00

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All this and much more will be covered by Nigel in what promises to be a fun-packed evening wandering through some famous, and not so famous aviation old wives tales.



**Ports of Jersey
Update Evening**

Wednesday 22 May

Meet your Ports of Jersey Team along with some new members

Update the Aero Club Members on general and safety related topics, including any relevant updates to pilots on any safety issues.

The Head of Aerodrome Operations will brief members on the new refuelling facility that is shortly to be introduced at the club.

Hear from the Head of Security, Aviation Safety Manager/Office and the Aerodrome Rescue and Fire Fighting Service (ARFFS) who will update the club on what they are working on and any trends they are seeing.

A great chance to meet the team members and also raise any questions to them.

We look forward to seeing you at 7pm.



Saturday 15th June 2024 - 18:30

Rob Hart, SkyDemon, where tech joins the sky!
The much awaited and rescheduled event from last December.
Join Rob Hart, SkyDemons Marketing & Development Co-ordinator for an evening of your favourite software jargon. Find out all the top tips and tricks for using the aviators preferred choice of app, the SkyDemon, an essential demo not to be missed.

Wednesday 17th July 2024 - 19.00

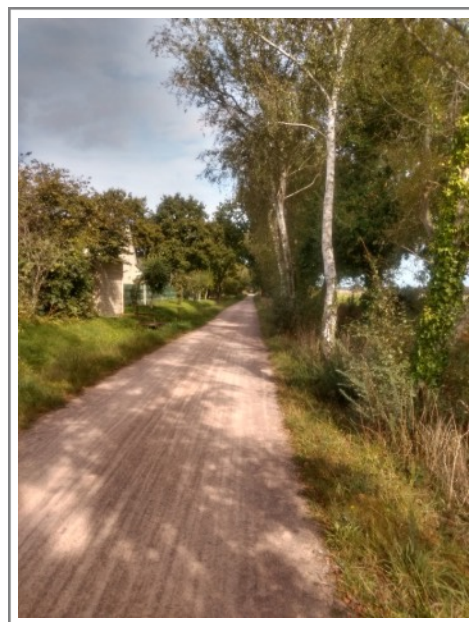
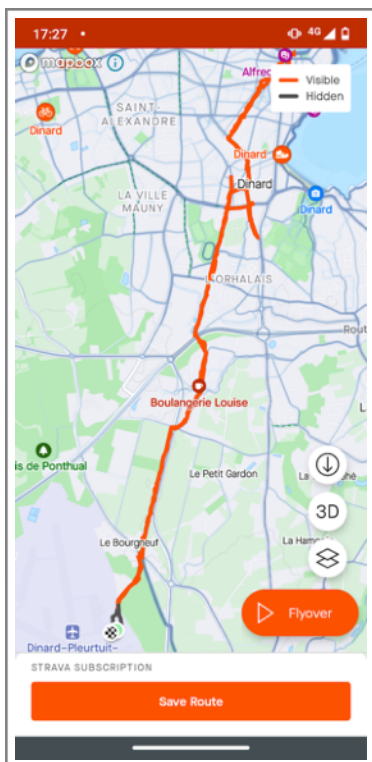
Talk by our AME James Mair

November Event - (date to be confirmed)

Talk by Andrew Sayer about the history of the Scottish Air Ambulance – sub titled Drugs, Violence, Alcohol and Sex (suitable for any age group). Andrew has given this talk to many different audiences including NATS at Swanwick, Christmas Lecture for the Royal Aeronautical Society at RAF Cranwell.

Destinations ...

2 destinations this months to whet your appetite ... visit to Dinard by Brian Heath in the Cub. Brian walked from the airport to the town centre on the old railway walk. Half way there is the new shopping centre where you can stop at the boulangerie for a welcome coffee and croissant.



Railway walk



La grande plage

REMINDER - During the summer months, mandatory handling if you park on a hard standing. Only the landing fee applies if you park on the grass.



Also in the Cub, Tony Paintin and Simon Wrighton flew to Cherbourg to clear customs then to Granville where they discovered that the airport restaurant - Les Valseuses sur Mer (+33 6 65 39 81 02) is open every day apart from Tuesday. They then flew onto Dinard to clear customs on the way back to Jersey.

Have a look at their website - Les Valseuses sur Mer Breville. Some rather yummy looking dishes on there!



So, Granville has become yet again a great destination ... especially as it's so easy to walk into town on the beach ... a great day out!

**So ... what destination next month? Where have you been ?
Please share your memories especially your pictures.**

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



**6V-AAR Lockheed L.749 Constellation on
2 October 1973 Toussus Le Noble**



**D-EFCA Cessna 172C Bad Oeynhausen
1973**



**F-BASX Breguet B.763 Provence on 2
October 1973 Toussus Le Noble.**



**D-IBYD Dornier 28A-1 in 1973 Bad
Oeynhausen**



**D-EFFW Sud Aviation built Gardan
GY.80-150 Horizon on 3 November 1973
Borkenberg**



**F-AZDO Auster J.1 Autocrat 26 July 1982
Brienne Le Chateau**



**CCCP-25625 Mil 8T on 16 June 1992
Budaors**



**CCCP-67669 LET.410UVP-E on 16 June
1992 Kunovice**



Update ... by Eveline Hawkin

Helping Wings springs back to life ...!

After a few years of very little activity for our bursary students, 7 of them regained their confidence when Mike Owen, UK charity Aerobility's instructor flew with them over a three day period in April.

This coincided with our spring flying day on Sunday 21st April when our volunteer pilots flew 14 families around the island.



During the day, our Patron, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor paid us a visit, finding time to speak to the families, pilots and volunteers. He was also able to see for himself Aerobility's specially adapted aircraft for the lower limb disabled. H.E. was shown how to operate the hand control unit and had a long chat with Jack Brown who had not flown with Helping Wings since 2018!

We are very grateful to Ports of Jersey for sponsoring Aerobility's visit and for their continued support.

Two more events dates to look forward to -

- **Sunday 7th July** – Joint day with Wetwheels
- **Sunday 22nd September** – HW day for young children (aged 5 to 12)

Website - www.helpingwingsjersey.org



For sale and wanted items...

Do you have anything to sale or are you looking for a particular item ? If so, contact me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com and I will ensure it appears in the next newsletter. Please send photos separately.

Helping Wings

Janet Smith donated many of John memorabilia to HW to raise funds. She even held a sale a few months ago but we have many items left ... pictures, books, model aeroplane and more !

Anyone interested to have a look, please drop me an email at eveline@helpingwingsjersey.org and we can arrange to meet at the club and show you what's available

and finally ...

It's been a very busy year for the committee and it's important to recognise all they do for us, the members, remembering it is all done in a voluntary basis - when we all have such busy lives!

So, thank you to all the committee members - whether retiring , new or staying in office.

See you at the club ... Eveline

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