



# Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## August 2024 members newsletter

### July fly-in ... *by Jasmine Clarke*



We held our first, of hopefully many, annual fly-in event on Sunday 21st July and despite the mornings inclement forecast of PROB40 BKN006, welcomed 22 aircraft, pilots and passengers to the Jersey Aero Club. Unfortunately 5 aircraft cancelled due to the weather, however it was a terrific turn out for our first event in some years. The furthest distance flown to reach Jersey was by Gerhard Sontheimer in his DA40 from ETHN - Niederstetten - approximately 120 miles south east of Frankfurt. It was fantastic to welcome familiar faces back to the club as well who enjoyed visiting Jersey in the past for the Air Rally and have shown overseas support for many years. There was significant attendance from members of Guernsey Aero Club too, and it was very humbling to see so much enthusiasm and support from our neighbouring island's pilots. There were a couple of training PA28s from the UK with instructors and students on board which was great to see as it meant a wide dynamic of pilots came to enjoy the day. Surprisingly, a lot of our UK guests had not flown to Jersey before.





They all left with such positive feedback for our club and many said they'd be returning before the end of the summer. This was the entire aim of the event, so on that basis we consider it a successful day.



**Photos courtesy of Jonathan Vibert**



I would like to extend a huge thank you to everybody who helped make the event happen, and supported on the day. Many thanks to Jonathan, Nigel and David for managing the parking and welcoming our guests to Jersey from the moment they landed. Martin and James on the flying desk managing the admin and handling of aircraft. Richard and Eveline in the club house ensuring everybody felt welcome. Fatima behind the bar working tirelessly all day and in the run up to the event to make sure everything ran as smoothly as possible. The committee for all of their help in the run up and finally to Ashley - club treasurer - for being my wing woman throughout the day and taking care of organisation in the club room. I'd also like to thank JAC members who came to the club to enjoy the day too - it was great to see so many of you there and I truly hope you had a nice time. Dates for next year are TBC but July works well to fit around other flying events on the Channel Islands GA calendar. Here's to the beginning of our annual Jersey Fly-In!



## Update from Ortac ... *by Martyn Crespel*

### News from the flying desk ...



We now have an agreement with a UK based ATO and we are going through the paperwork process to complete the onboarding.

The CAA have given their consent so whilst its very good news, there just need to be a small note of caution as we are finalising the arrangements and their requirements which we hope will not take more than another week.

This will enable us to provide training for which we have a willing team of instructors. We are already undertaking flight experience flying which has got off to a good start.



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*... and from Jonathan Vibert*

### Spitfire returns !



We are pleased that the experience Spitfires had in early June has given them cause to return!

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August will see the return of the team, offering up to 7 flights a day, across the three days.

Those wanting to experience this opportunity of a life time can book an experience [here](https://www.spitfires.com/spitfire-flights#jersey-spitfire-flight-options) (link: <https://www.spitfires.com/spitfire-flights#jersey-spitfire-flight-options>)

Picture - courtesy of John Geugan,  
Jersey Evening Post

## Loopy for Aerobatics?

Northwest Aerobatics were unable to make the planned Fly-in this month, however they have planned to come down to Jersey still next month.

The team will experience manoeuvres tailored to your wants and desires with their experienced instructors who will look after you in a safe and regulated environment. There will be opportunity to fly loops and rolls yourself under the guidance of the instructor.

Those interested should contact their team on 0161 710 2290 or email [info@northwestaerobatics.co.uk](mailto:info@northwestaerobatics.co.uk)

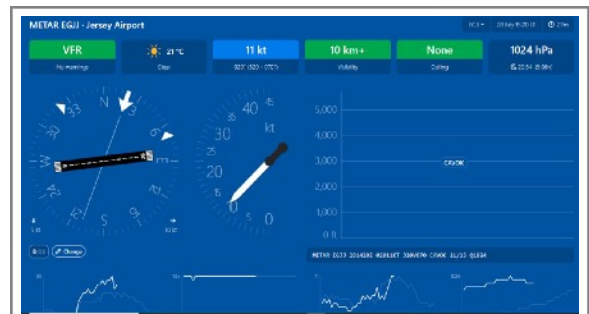


Picture - Jonathan Vibert

## Committee update ... *by Andrew Renouf*

### Weather screen in Ortac

The Aero Club has funded the screens, the micro PC and the bespoke software to run the rolling weather screen in the Flight training area. This facility was largely developed with volunteer input from the Committee



### CCTV coving the grass parking

As promised in the last newsletter the final camera was installed by volunteers to cover the grass parking. For those of us who park on the grass this is really handy to check planes and covers are secure during winter high winds





## Royal Visit

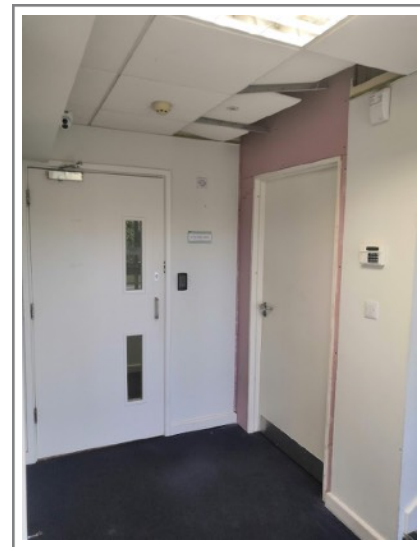
The Aero Club was busy during the recent Royal Visit and outside proved to be a great vantage point to see the King and Queen pass by.



## Office Layout downstairs

Further changes to the layout downstairs are being made so that we can make a new office for Maggie and for Club administration. This is being constructed in the space where the old bin store was located. As usual we are employing sub-contractors directly and doing these works at an incredibly low cost with all building materials being purchased at Trade prices

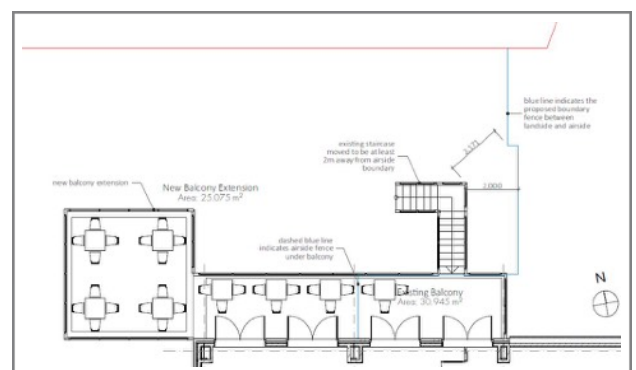
This office will allow us to free up the larger meeting room to be rented out once again to Blue Islands for training and other ad-hoc bookings. In the last 12 months the Club earned £ 8,000 from bookings so this work protects this income source and has a very short payback.



**Work in progress (re-using existing door and frame to keep costs low) and using the wasted space in the passage to construct a new office for Maggie. (administration)**

## Spiral stairs

As members will know from a previous newsletter, Ports of Jersey determined that that the existing spiral and straight stairs were too close to the Airside Fence for security reasons. The DCA has given approval to the scheme below and the Club will remove the spiral stairs and modify the existing disused straight stairs which will give far better garden access



## New balcony extension

After consultation with Club members and approval for the scheme at the AGM the balcony extension will be as below. The DCA has approved the scheme and we are now waiting for Ports of Jersey to sign the permission forms so we can submit the planning application



## AVGAS Fuelling Update ... *by Darrell Pullen*

Whilst the bowser has been on island for some time, unfortunately it failed several tests when *fin*es were found in the samples. Despite it not being brought into service, two training sessions have already been run for members and Flying Desk staff, with a further training session scheduled at the club for 19:00 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

All refuelling process and procedures have been finalised and will shortly be uploaded to the Jersey Aero Club website and an email sent to all members once completed.

For those who wish to have a fuel account for use with the bowser, as this is separate to any account you might hold with ATF Fuels, details will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

It is expected the bowser will be fully operational early August and the price will be identical to ATF's published P.A.P (Published Airfield Price) with 5% discount for AOPA members.

## Proptech Aero Limited ... *by Mike Pownall*

Great presentation with the Proptech Aero Team at the Club on Thursday 25th July.

I thought I would pass on some information from the talk that may help members who were unable to attend.

The Proptech team discussed various things of interest to the pilot, mechanic or aircraft owner including

- 1 - The importance of propeller dynamic balancing and the benefits of reduced vibration, improved comfort, efficiency and component longevity
- 2 - The value of considering a new propeller through an Supplemental Type Certificates rather than overhauling an older propeller
- 3 - Tips, tricks and preventative maintenance advice

Proptech has technical staff on island regularly and would be delighted to have a chat about any propeller related matters. Should you wish to raise any questions with them, they can be contacted at [sales@proptech.aero](mailto:sales@proptech.aero).



... update from Richard Hawkin

## WRONG QNH

On 23 May 2022, an Airbus A320 came within six feet of the ground without crew awareness during a go around from a RNP Baro VNAV approach after failing to obtain visual reference. The descent below minimum altitude followed use of an incorrect QNH passed by ATC but not identified as such.



Flying an RNP approach in an Airbus may seem far removed from most G.A. flying but the error can happen to anyone at any time. It will be more obvious on departure as the altitude shown won't match the airfield altitude but not so obvious if you're inbound and particularly if you've been flying with the altimeter(s) set to standard setting. There are usually ways of picking up a mistake – listening a second time to the ATIS, having picked up the latest destination METAR just before departure, querying ATC, etc. If something doesn't seem quite right, check it.

### From the official report –

*In the case of a RNP approach with LNAV/VNAV minima reliant on BaroVNAV, QNH setting, errors cannot be detected by altitude-distance cross-checks against values provided on the approach chart. However, there was a procedural requirement for a cross-check of the QNH received direct from a controller with another source of information such as the ATIS, METAR or via a specifically requested confirmation from ATC. This was not followed*

## 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](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com) and I will ensure your request is in the next newsletter.

Please send photos separately.



**Plane spotter's corner ... a selection from Bob Sauvary's collection taken at Glider Heritage Centre Lasham and Fleet Air Arm Museum Yeovilton.**



**BGA .655 CK-8592 Zlin Z.24  
Krajanek  
5 May 2024 Lasham**



**BGA416 G-ALRD Scott Viking 1  
5 May 2024 Lasham**



**BGA1365 BZM Slingsby T.45 Swallow  
5 May 2024 Lasham**



**G-ALJR BGA.283 Abbott-Baynes Scud III  
5 May 2024 Lasham**



**BGA3661 FZT John Lee built Hutter H.17**  
**5 May 2024 Lasham**



**WJ231 Hawker Sea Fury FB.11**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**



**XP980 Hawker P.1127**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**



**ZD433 Bae Harrier GR.9A**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton.**

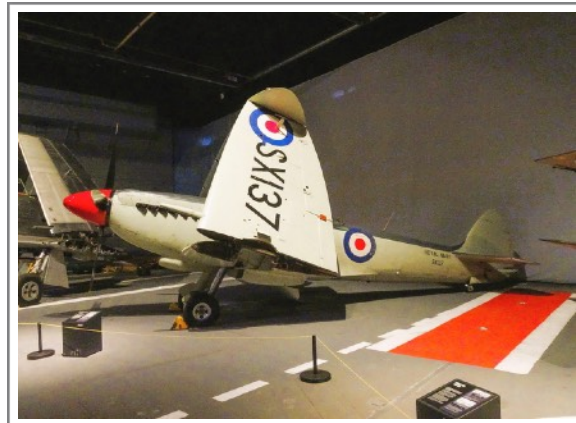




**AL246 Grumman F-4F Martlet I**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**



**EX976 N.A.AT-6D Harvard III**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**



**SX137 Vickers Supermarine Seafire F.17**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**

**WA473 Vickers Supermarine Attacker F.1**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**



**KD431 Goodyear built Chance Vought**  
**FG-1D Corsair IV**  
**6 May 2024 Yeovilton**







Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

## Sunday 7th July - joint event with Wetwheels

Our annual joint event started with bad news when Wetwheels Operations rang us on Saturday having decided that the forecast was for rough seas on Sunday and so, we decided to cancel that part of the event – safety first!

However, the weather proved flyable for Helping Wings pilots on Sunday and so, everyone met at the Jersey Aero Club for breakfast.

There was a lot of excitement in the room as our guests were told who was flying what ... We had 12 flights in light aircraft, 3 in a helicopter and as a first, 2 in a private jet.

The helicopter was the first flight to take off and from then on, all the other flights ran smoothly and on time!

Altogether, we flew 40 guests who all went home with wonderful memories of their day.

As usual, our events would not take place without the constant support we receive. Our thanks to all our pilots, helpers, Ports of Jersey, Jersey Aero Club, Ortac and Gama Aviation for organising the flights in the jet.

So despite everyone disappointment at not having sailed, we were delighted that the rest of the day proved a success.



*and finally ...*

## **Cherbourg Airport**

Sadly, the airport restaurant which only opened earlier this year has now closed . However, there is plenty to do in Cherbourg. A visit to the Cité de la Mer is well worth the taxi ride especially as there is a really good restaurant across from the museum.



**Cité de la Mer**



**Le Redoutable**

**Now a museum and the largest submarine open to the public in the world**

*Enjoy the summer and see you at the club - nice and cool on the balcony to enjoy Fatima's hospitality!*

***Eveline***

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