



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

April 2025 members newsletter

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ...

Date	Event
10th April	Film night - Screening of Memphis Belle
17th April	Matt Jones - G-IRTY around the world
24th April	Ports of Jersey - Runway Run Event
25th, 26th, 27th April	Aerobility visit, in partnership with Helping Wings
27th April	Helping Wings - Spring Flying day
30th April	JAC Annual General Meeting
08th, 9th, 10th May	Spitfires.com Visit
10th May	Cherbourg Fly-out
11th May	Jersey Aero Club Open Day
19th June	Talk by the DCA

Committee update... *by Jonathan Vibert*

Your Annual General Meeting

Notices have been posted of the 2025 Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") of the Jersey Aero Club (the "Club") to be held at **19:00 Local (1800 UTC) on Wednesday, 30th April 2025** in the Club Room at Jersey Aero Club.

The AGM will be governed by the new Constitution and Rules of the Club which came into effect on 20 July 2023 following approval by the Royal Court; note also that only Full Members and Life Members shall be entitled to vote at the AGM.

We will be discussing the future plans of the club for the next year, and having an update on the last 12 months of operation from FBO Skywalker, trading as Skywalker Flight Training.

Please show your support for the Club by attending.

Membership survey



At the Jersey Aero Club, your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and tailor our services to better meet the needs of our members.

We are conducting this membership survey in advance of this year's Annual General Meeting, to understand your experiences, preferences and suggestions.

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts with us [here](#)

Silver Spitfire – The Longest Flight

We are really excited to be able to offer an exclusive talk here at the club this month:

Matt Jones, one of the pilots who flew the Silver Spitfire (G-IRTY) around the world in 2019, will be talking us through his adventures.

Whilst doing so, he set a Guinness World Record for the fastest circumnavigation by a single seat, single engine piston aircraft.



"In 2019, we embarked on a global 'Boys Own' adventure with the Silver Spitfire to inspire and commemorate. What we experienced was terrifying and awe-inspiring in equal measure. Facing challenges at every turn, this iconic aircraft brought together people from all walks of life, uniting nations and showcasing the enduring legacy of R.J. Mitchell's visionary design."

Due to interest outside the club, we have extended this event to non-members who may be interested in this beautiful Spitfire, and may wish to join as a social member.

We have asked anyone wishing to attend to register using the Facebook event link [here](https://fb.me/e/5nlu0vCRX) (<https://fb.me/e/5nlu0vCRX>) or to email Jonathan.vibert@jerseyaeroclub.com

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 17 April 2025 at 19:00 for a thrilling talk, and opportunity to purchase a selection of Silver Spitfire Merchandise.

... and by Andrew Renouf

Balcony Extension

The new balcony arrived at the harbour on Thursday 20th March, it was immediately collected by our contractor and construction started the same day.

It took 3 days to get the basic structure completed. The toughened glass balusters are being delivered to the island next Thursday 3rd and the glass contractor will fit these as soon as they arrive. The flooring will be finished with the same floating mesh tiles as the existing balcony and the outdoor furniture has been ordered. The project is ahead of schedule and the cost is exactly as the fixed budgeted amount.



Automatic Number Plate recognition

On Thursday 3rd April ANPR cameras will be added to upgrade to our existing Barrier system. This is a low cost upgrade as it is an unused feature in our existing system. This means that the system will recognise the number plates of Club members and lift the barrier automatically which will save having to use your card or the keyboard.



Maintenance

Over the past month or so numerous items of maintenance have been completed, the hedge was cut, the damaged entrance hall carpet was replaced and the Club's Airside demise was properly swept to remove small stones which can be sucked up by propellers and cause damage.



Signage and flags

New signage and feather flags will be in place in the next few days. The updated logo, colours and fonts were approved by members at a previous Annual General meeting. The feather flags in particular will raise the profile of the Club to the large volumes of passing cars that drive past our entrance.



... *and by Jasmine Clarke*

Cherbourg Fly-Out - Saturday 10th May

Club fly out to Cherbourg to try out their new restaurant which comes very well recommended! All are welcome, including non-flying members as attending aircraft so far are happy to take people along.

And if the new restaurant isn't enticing enough, landing fees in Cherbourg will be paid by the Jersey Aero Club.

Please email me, JJ.Clarke@live.co.uk, if you are a non-flying member and would like to come along so I can let you know which aircraft have space.

The more the merrier! Hopefully the weather will play ball and we can have a fun day out.

A reminder from Mike Pownall



Film Night - Screening of Memphis Belle

Thursday 10 April
2025 at 18:30



Come and join us for the screening of the 1990 film, *Memphis Belle*. A chance to see this classic film and support your club. Enjoy delicious sandwiches and light snacks while mingling with fellow members.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jersey Aero Club – L'Avenue De La Reine Elizabeth II, St Peter, Jersey

JAC open day update... by Mary Frawley



Showcasing

General

Aviation in Jersey

Sunday 11th May 2025

Further to the announcement of the open day last month, please see below for some progress update highlights.

RAFA have confirmed their participation in the JAC Open Day

It is with great pleasure we confirm that RAFA will be participating in the Jersey Aeroclub Open Day.

Bus Shelter Design Competition

The **bus stop design competition** has received 47 entries from 63 students. The entries are a mix of quality with some computer-generated work submitted while other entries are hand-drawn.

To display the design work, the school has kindly allowed the Club to borrow mobile display boards. The Club will photograph and catalogue the entries, and these will be hung on the display boards at the Club. Photos of all entries will also appear on the Club website very soon [watch this space...](#)

The competition will be judged in advance of the Open Day, and the winning entries will have rosettes attached to them for the Open Day.

Media Press Releases about the Open Day

Media press releases about the Open Day will be cascaded to local journalists during the month of April.

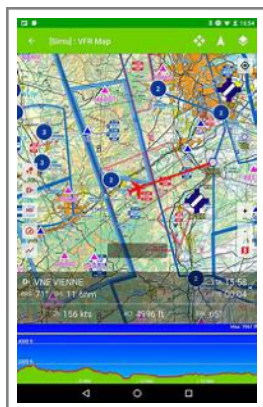
Our first release will be a general note about the Open Day, when it is and why we are doing it. To follow the first press release, we will have profiles on all those taking part in our Open Day, i.e. the Club, the charities, aviation businesses who rent space at the Club and our community engagement via competitions with local schools.

We hope to make the Open Day an annual event so here's hoping it all goes well, and we attract lots of positive awareness of the club.

News from AOPA ... by Richard Hawkin



PPL SYLLABUS PROPOSALS



The UK CAA is working to simplify the licensing process for the general aviation community as part of its General Aviation Pilot Licensing and Training Simplification project.

The proposals set out in a consultation published last month will see changes to a wide range of issues.

These include consolidating the number of licences on offer, reducing the number of examinations for the gaining of licences and changes to the class rating structure including requirements for maintenance of competence.

Proposals cover licensing for [aeroplanes and microlights](#), [sailplanes](#), [helicopters](#), [gyroplanes](#) and [balloons and airships](#).

In particular, proposals would see the introduction of moving map displays into the PPL syllabus –

The applicant should initially conduct the navigation exercises using a chart, manually completed flight log and maintain the flight log during the exercises. Once the applicant has reached a sufficient level of competence determined by the FI, flight planning applications and moving map devices should be integrated into the navigation exercises and supervised solo cross-country flights.

Use of GNSS (including the use of moving map if available): (a) selection of waypoints; (b) to or from indications and orientation; (c) error messages.

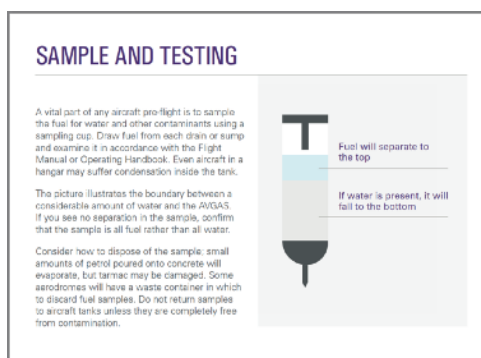
The consultation runs until the 6th April –

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/ga/ga-pilot-licensing-amc-and-gm-aircrew/>

Useful information for all pilots...from Kevin Perryman -

With Avgas now available at the club, Kevin thought it was a good time to send you the CAA Safety Sense leaflet about Fuel Handling and Storage.

- [Safety Sense Leaflet 28 \(221.3kB PDF\)](#)



Plane spotter's corner ... *A selection from Bob Sauvary's collection*



F-OBIP Short S.25 Sandringham 7
27 July 1979 Le Bourget



SE-EWD Malmo MFI-9B Trainer
5 June 1982 Stauning



SE-BXX Andreasson BA-6
5 June 1982 Stauning



F-AZBN (D-ANBZ) Noorduy C-64 Norseman 4
27 August 1982 La Ferte Alais



XJ917 Bristol 171 Sycamore HR.14
29 June 1984 Helston



VZ962 Westland WS.51 Dragonfly HR.1
29 June 1984 Helston



XG831 Fairey Gannet ECM.6
29 June 1984 Helston



N2105N Fuji LM-2 Nikko
30 July 1986 Oshkosh



N49462 FH991 Fairchild PT-26 Cornell
30 July 1986 Oshkosh



NR718L Granville Bee Gee Y Senior Sportster Replica
30 July 1986 Oshkosh



C-FMGI (7525) Noorduyn AT-16 Harvard IIB
30 July 1986 Oshkosh



NC14919 Pasped Skylark W-1.
29 July 1986 Oshkosh



N9678Z 154818 Bell UH-1E Iroquois
30 July 1986 Oshkosh



N) 153016 McD F-4N Phantom II
30 October 1992 Mesa-Falcon Field



Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

Please help ...

With our first event of the year on Sunday 27th April, this is a plea to pilots who would be willing to offer one or two flights around the island. The minimum requirement is to have 100 hours solo and be current i.e. 3 take-off & landing in the last 90 days.

Between some of our pilots being away, awaiting either medical or aircraft back from maintenance, it looks like we will have to turn quite a few families away ... and that would be sad!

AND so, if you would like to be part of our team, please contact us on hello@helpingwingsjersey.org

... and finally ...

.Quite a lot going on at the club in the coming month. It would be nice to see many of you at the club showing your support !

See you at the club ...

Eveline

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