



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

2025 May members newsletter... *editor - Eveline Hawkin*

Annual General Meeting 2025 ... *by Jonathan Vibert*

The 2025 Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 30th April 2025 with welcome drinks on the new balcony extension – the current fine weather continued especially!

Meet your new Executive Committee

Nigel Hall - Chairman

Sonia Marinello - Executive Secretary

Ashely Kabot - Treasurer

Andrew Renouf - Property Management

Paul Holroyd - Hanger/Café/Membership

Matt Palmer - General Support

Darrall Pullen - IT/Membership

Jasmine Clarke - Social/Flying

Jonathan Vibert - Part-time Club Manager/Events

And Staff

Fatima Goncalves - Club Café Manager

OGA Ltd. - Club Finance ADMIN

Along with words of thanks from the Chairman (see below), the Club Treasurer (**Ashley Kabot**) ran through the finances for the 12 month period - *(Full details of the AGM will be available on the club's website under members info then members only content)*

Message from Nigel Hall - Chairman

I would also like to personally thank all **Members of the Executive Committee** for giving up their time and actively helping with the management and development of your Club.

I would like to personally thank **Andrew Renouf** for his particular skills in assisting with the property development of the Club.

Thank you to **Derek Fage** for your hard work over many years. Derek has now retired from the Executive Committee.

Thank you to **Jonathan Vibert** and **Mike Pownall** for our Member's event evenings (more information to follow)!

Thank you to **Mary Frawley**, our project consultant, who has helped with many JAC projects, and a welcome to Sonia Marinello who has taken on the role of Executive Committee Secretary from Mark Hamilton who recently retired from this role.

Thank you to **Colin Wright** at CIASL, and **Lee McConnell** at FBO Skywalker for working alongside the Jersey Aero Club to further improve and enhance General Aviation services in Jersey.

The Jersey Aero Club Executive Committee and I am sure all Members would like to express their sincere thanks to Fatima for her hard work, kindness and support to the Aero Club over many years.

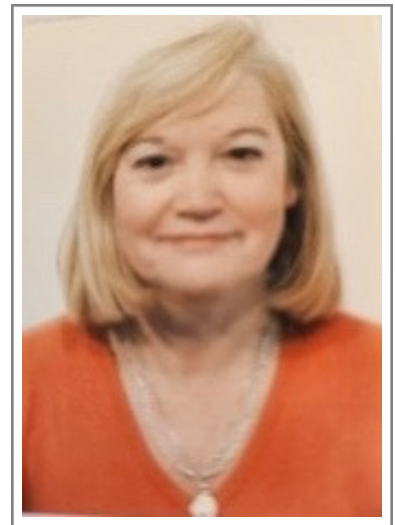
... and finally ...

Maggie Kennard - Jersey Aero Club Financial Administrator.

Maggie has worked for the Club for many years and it is with much regret that we have had to make Maggie redundant.

One of the most important functions of a private members Club is to make sure the finances are kept in good order and that an accurate financial position is reported to the Club Executive and to all Members.

Ashley Kabot has been our Treasurer since Grant Thornton retired and it has become clear that the workload is too great for a volunteer and unpaid Treasurer. The Club has also had a contract with FCM Limited, a local regulated fiduciary company, to assist with the production of annual and monthly accounts. And, of course, Maggie has been carrying out day-to-day book-keeping for the Club and then liaising with Ashley and FCM.



The Club has reached a critical point where Ashley has tendered her resignation due to her work pressures and FCM have indicated that they too would like to resign. The Club must have a qualified Treasurer both to record activity and oversee our many business activities and so your Executive have selected Offshore Group Accountants of 3rd Floor, Dialogue House, 2-6 Anley Street, St Helier to carry out the Treasurer and all accounting functions for the Club under one roof.

Very sadly this has made Maggie's position untenable and it is with deep regret that we have had to come to this decision. Please join me in wishing Maggie well in the future and we have a small presentation for Maggie.

And a personal note from ... *Matt Palmer*

"The financial recovery of the Club presented a significant practical challenge for the new committee, requiring new systems, processes, and controls in every area of operations but with no support staff to do it. Maggie joined us right at the beginning of that recovery and has played a key role in the club through her loyal service in recent years. I am personally very grateful for her loyal contribution to the club's sustained improvement, as I know the committee and our members are too."

Martyn Crespel, Director of FBO Skywalker, gave an overview of the past 12-months for the business, along with an update on the flight training, and their 16 active students.

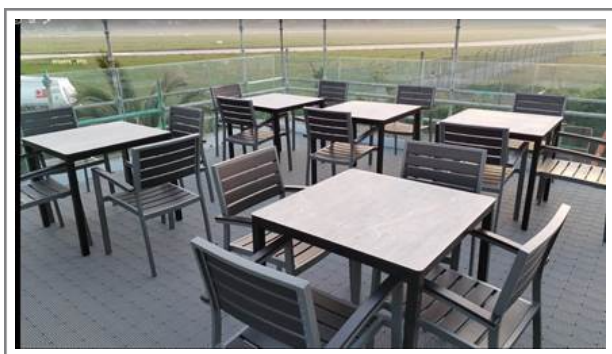
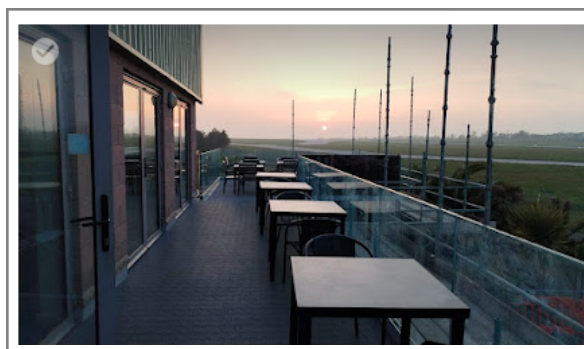
Andrew Renouf gave a summary of concluded projects from 2024 along with proposed projects for 2025-26 were presented to the membership; this included the return of the first-floor office space from Isle Fly, the ongoing discussions with Ports of Jersey regarding hard standing pads for visiting/local aircraft south of the taxi lane, the upgrade to the clubhouse café, and the new revenue from the proposed photovoltaics to be installed on the hanger roof.

Jonathan Vibert gave an overview of the results from the Membership survey, which will now be undertaken annually as a 'litmus test' of the membership's satisfaction, which help the committee in steering key projects for the next 12 months. One of the key topics feedback from members had been events at the club, and an extensive array of events was presented for summer 2025. Details of which can be found on the website, and your newsletter.



Balcony update ... from Andrew Renouf

After a few delays with the Glass arriving into Jersey, the balcony is almost finished pending a few cappings/ trims. There was some missing glass on the consignment but the baluster contractor has re-used some of the old glass so we can use the facility in the meantime.



On Friday 25th and Saturday 26th Contractors worked late to make sure balcony was ready for the Helping Wings event. The outdoor furniture was pre-built and ready to deploy. The Balcony was used prior to the start of the AGM with prosecco for Club Members and as it benefits from the sun throughout the day will be well used during the Summer.

The project has been completed exactly as the quote prices from our main contractor.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY ...

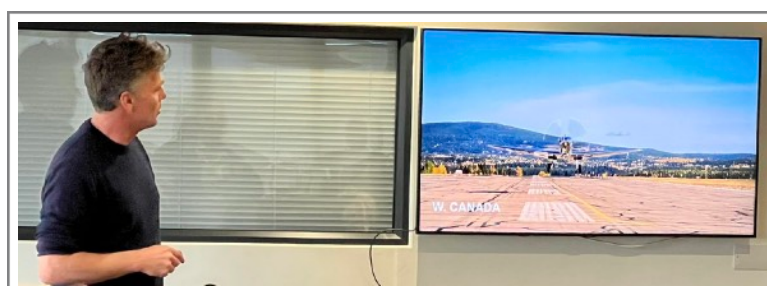
Date	Event
8th, 9th, 10th May	Spitfires.com Visit
10th May	Cherbourg Fly-out
11th May	Jersey Aero Club Open Day
3rd & 4th June	Visiting aircraft R4D
5th June	Ports of Jersey - Runway Run Event
19th June	Talk by the DCA
6th July	Jersey Aero Club Fly-in
10th July	Ports of Jersey - Runway Run Event
13th July	Helping Wings joint event with Wetwheels
17th, 18th 19th July	Spitfires.com Visit

Update from Skywalker Flight Training ... *by Jonathan Vibert*

We see April as the start of our Summer season, and we welcome Haydyn Slight (a PPL Student) joining us in covering the flying desk. Haydyn comes from a background in Finance, and will be supporting Jonathan with desk cover this year. We aim to extend our opening hours from 1st June to 0800 until 2000 for the rest of the summer season (end September 2025).

G-JJER has had a busy month as the weather conditions proved favourable for flying. We were pleased to be able to support Helping Wings with our CFI Mike Owen operating a number of round island flights for their Spring Event. Regrettably however, we were unable to postpone our Annual maintenance check any longer, and so our PA28 aircraft is currently having its annual check in Bournemouth and we aim to see it return to service mid-May.

Event Update - Silver Spitfire: The Longest Flight ... *by Jonathan Vibert*



We had a very successful talk from Matt Jones who piloted the Silver Spitfire majority of its record around the world flight in 2019. This epic adventure was well covered, and supported by their book and DVD on the experience. Copies available to purchase via their website – www.spitfires.com/shop - collection from Jonathan on the Flying Desk.



A very attentive audience! Busy night for Fatima!

ATC update ... by Marc Hill

We'd like to thank everyone who took part in Jersey Air Traffic Control Business Partner Customer Survey 2025. There has been some great feedback from the local General Aviation community. Rather than send out the feedback, we will be holding an ATC Safety Evening at the Jersey Aero Club (Date TBC).

Jersey Met

In a recent Flight Safety Meeting, the Jersey Met office gave us a briefing on the meteorological services available (see poster attached). They commented that they don't get many operational aviation calls for weather briefings, which they are happy to provide, on the telephone number listed.



Jersey Met

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Meteorological Watch Office and Meteorological
Aerodrome Office for the CICZ

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Duty forecaster 24/7 aviation phone line **+44(0)1534 448765**
Email (not 24/7): **jerseymetaviationconsult@gov.je**

Aviation Services provided include:

- TAFs for EGJJ, EGJB and EGJA
- Local area low-level flight forecast
- Sigmet for EGJT (the CICZ)
- Aerodrome thunderstorm warnings
- Ice and Snow alerts and warnings
- CI area wind warnings
- Fog guidance to Day+3 for EGJJ and EGJB
- Forecast significant temperature inversions
- Radiation and volcanic ash warnings
- Information for Search and Rescue
- Adhoc information as requested
- Dedicated aviation phone line (for outgoing route forecasts and incoming landing forecasts)

JAC open day update... by Mary Frawley



Showcasing General Aviation in Jersey

Sunday 11th May 2025

Further to our prior update, please see below for some progress update highlights.

CIAS have confirmed their participation in the JAC Open Day

It is with great pleasure we confirm that the Channel Islands Air Rescue will be participating in the Jersey Aero Club Open Day.

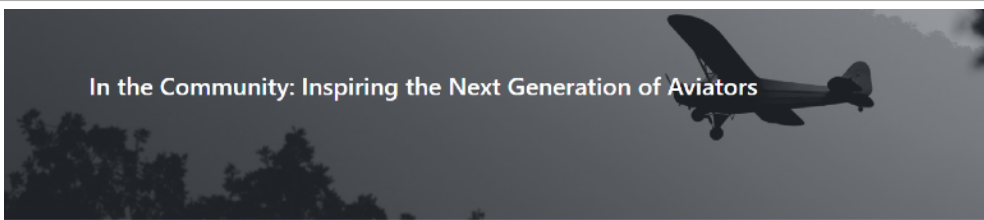
Children's aviation themed art competition

We have had a great and colourful response from St Peter's school in answer to our 'what do you image goes on at the Aero Club' art competition, with **16** high-quality entries received to date....watch this space as they will be displayed at the Club soon.


Addition of new area 'Community' area on the Club website

Very many thanks to Darrall who created a fab new space on the Club website to reflect the outreach initiative we are doing with local schools. We expect to expand on this engagement going forward and we are delighted to confirm that the reception we have received has been very positive to date. See link below:

<https://www.jerseyaeroclub.com/community/>




In the Community: Inspiring the Next Generation of Aviators



At the **Jersey Aero Club**, we believe that aviation is more than just flying—it's about discovery, innovation, and a lifelong passion for the skies. Through our community initiatives, we aim to spark curiosity and provide hands-on opportunities for aspiring pilots, engineers, and aviation enthusiasts to explore the world of General Aviation.

Our competitions and outreach programs are designed to **engage, educate, and inspire**. Whether it's a design challenge, experiencing the thrill of flight firsthand, or learning about the mechanics behind aircraft, we are committed to nurturing the next generation of aviation pioneers.



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



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Latest news... by *Eveline Hawkin*

Helping Wings Spring Flying Day 27th April 2025

The weather certainly played its part allowing our volunteer pilots to do all 21 flights booked for our event.

The view from the air, especially for those families who had never flown round our beautiful island before must have been stunning!

Again, this event would not be possible without the commitment and generosity of our pilots and helpers.

We also very much appreciate all the support we get from Ports of Jersey, The Jersey Aero Club, Skywalker Flight training and of course Fatima, Jersey Aero Cub bar manageress, who ensures everyone was well fed and watered!

Our other highlight this weekend was the visit from U.K charity Aerobility. Their instructor, Mike Owen, was returning to Jersey for the second time. He flew our lower limb disabled students in a specially adapted aircraft with a hand control allowing the student to have full control of the aeroplane.

Our next events dates

Sunday 13th July – Our joint yearly event with Wetwheels which is open to any age group.

Sunday 7th September – Our Young Children's Day for children aged 5 to 12.

The application forms for these events will be available online approximately 6 weeks prior to the event. Full details of our events will be available on our website & Facebook page.

As we entirely rely on the generosity of our volunteer pilots for our events, the number of flights on offer will vary depending on availability.



Spring Flying Day - Sunday 27th April

2025 Helping Wings Flying Award

We are delighted to announce that local resident, Stuart Thompson has been awarded the 2025 Flying Award.

Stuart, who has a prosthetic leg following an accident, is passionate about flying.

Sponsored by Ports of Jersey and Helping Wings, Stuart has been awarded 10 hours flying with Skywalker Flight Training based at the Jersey Aero Club as well as the 2025 Jersey Aero Club membership fee.

During Aerobility's visit this last weekend, Mike Owen their instructor took Stuart for a flight. Stuart not only had a wonderful experience but Mike was able to assess that Stuart does not need a specially adapted aircraft and so, can enjoy his flying with Skywalker Flight Training.

A quote from Stuart when he heard the news :

*"Wow.... I can't believe it, thank you so much. I can't wait to get started, I absolutely loved my flight on Sunday and was so happy I could use the aircraft without the added control.
It was so nice to fly a plane from the inside rather than from the ground ha ha"*

So, many congratulations to Stuart. We look forward to seeing him up in the air.



Also, congratulations to Tobias Hosking, our current student who is sponsored by the Butlin Charity Family Trust. Having received 10 hours flying last year, Tobias is enjoying his flying tremendously and we hope that by awarding him another 10 hours flying training, he will go solo and beyond!

We would like to thank Ports of Jersey and The Butlin Family Charity Trust for their continued support.

Our thanks also to Mike Owen from Aerobility for his dedication and support.

With all our very best wishes for a happy and long retirement - we'll miss you Mike!

... and finally ... This is hoping to see many of you at the club enjoying the new balcony!