



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Date	Event
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

Skywalker Flight training ... *update by Jonathan Vibert*

June's first solo pilots

This month has seen another set of our trainee pilots going solo – Haydyn Sleight, who members will recognise having joined the Flying Desk in April, has taken his first Solo flight with Skywalker Flight Training on 25th June.



On 27th June saw Alvaro 'Al' Teixeira take to the skies solo. Al was one of the first to join Skywalker after we were able to offer flight training last year, and it has been great to see him reach this milestone.

Photos credited to Skywalker Flight Training.

Inspiring the Island's Young

Just prior to the Easter school holidays, we were approached by British Young Pilots Association who are partnering up with Jersey College for Girls in offering opportunities to their students.

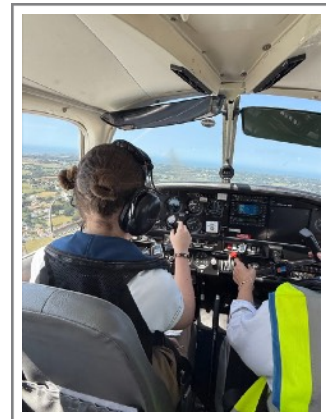
Following their successful launch, with our Instructor Kristine Whitson undertaking ground school work with their students, June saw a number of them take to the skies to truly experience the wonder of flight!

Priyanshi in Year 9 seen completing her first flying lesson last week. Her parents said it was a truly proud moment for them to see her flying a real aircraft, and it was for JCG's staff too!

Ella in Year 8 seen using the flying skills, courage and technical expertise she has learned through the programme!



Priyanshi



Ella

Photos credited to Jersey College for Girls

Group of visiting Van Fans!

With a little pre-planning, we saw a swarm of Van RVs here in Jersey on 23rd June.

These Italian pilots night-stopped and refuelled the following morning, with the support of Skywalker's team on the Flying Desk.



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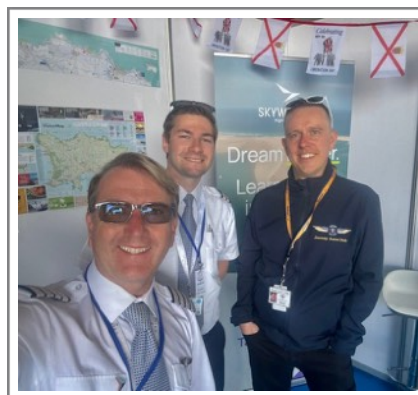
Update ... from Lee McConnell



The Skywalker flying programme has been very busy over the last month which is so encouraging to see.

We have had some great promotional activity of late for the Flying School with an active G-JJER and great work from our dedicated instructors. Kobi LeCornu, has also been getting into the swing of his Flight Instructor role and is doing a great job with our students.

We have also been increasing our footprint of promotion of Aero Club and Skywalker for off island visitors in order to encourage more flying visitors to the island, including a successful trip to the Private Flyer show at Wycombe Air Park.



Lee, Jonathan & Kobi

We had a lot of interest at this event, we had good social media coverage, and it was also most important to us to put ourselves on the map and blow our own trumpet as an attractive flying destination for GA visitors alike. Some familiar faces came to visit us, see photos from the event attached.

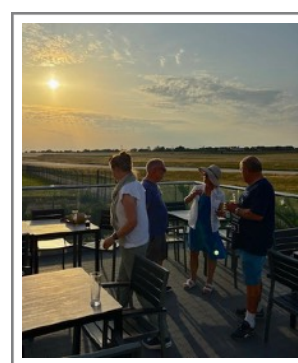
I have been busy scouting around for a second aircraft and I will have an update on this for the next newsletter. I have narrowed down some aircraft options, so we can encourage more pilots to hire our aircraft at a competitive price and get more personal hire access for students and members who would like to hire for personal trips etc. It also gives us a contingency support aircraft for training should G-JJER have any maintenance or downtime.

Hayden Sleight has been helping us more on the flying desk now and he has just completed his first solo recently, so big congratulations to him.

I am also encouraged to see the Aero club bar has better opening times on Friday and Saturday's. In order to encourage more social activity, we had a Skywalker barbeque last week when the weather was hot, I would like to do more of this and I would encourage more members to come along, weather permitting!!

The garden looks magnificent and our new balcony is outstanding, huge thanks to all those who made that happen, sometimes when I work late I sit and watch the sunset from the balcony, and it is just outstanding I have to say. I encourage all members to come and witness it for yourself.

We even had a visit from Leonie Smith, who came to Jersey from the UK 35 years ago to complete here PPL.



JAC update ... from Paul Holroyd

We have a hangar space becoming available from 1st July. If anyone is interested, please contact me and I can give you more details.

Also we now have a Hangar Lift. This is suitable for an aircraft in storage or one that does not fly regularly. Again, please contact me for more details.

My email is: memsec@jerseyagroclub.com

... from Andrew Renouf

Balcony

The new Club Balcony is now finished on budget so please come in and enjoy the facility.

Thank you to Lee McConnell for the photo.



Hard standing and Hangar spaces

The Club is looking at the possibility of providing Hard Standing to the south of the brick taxiway. There is room for 6 x concrete pads but any project would need to be self-funding from charges to use these pads. POJL have indicated that if we can make a business case they might be willing to informally demise this area to the Club. If you are a local owner and you require hard standing with tie downs and plug-in power please get in touch. In addition if you are looking for Hangar space there will soon be a vacancy in the Aero Club Member's Hangar.

Please email the committee@jerseyagroclub.com for details of Hard Standing.



Other maintenance

The Club premises have had a considerable amount of catch up maintenance over the past few years and we have now tackled a few less urgent tasks. For example, the men's loo used to block every few months due to a smaller than normal, sharp bend on the outlet. We have dealt with this by replumbing the waste pipe properly. In addition, the final 4 Hangar doors on CIASL have had our bespoke floating rollers fitted. This “behind the scenes” work will prevent emergency callouts and reduce costs going forward.



... from Jasmine Clarke

REMINDER ... Jersey Fly-In 2025

Sunday 6th July will host this years Jersey Fly-In with the Optimistic Voices performing!



There will be a BBQ and a quiz with prizes as part of the day! What a great way to enjoy the new balcony terrace, hopefully in the sunshine!

The event will not be ticketed, but pay-as-you-go for food and beverage.

... from Mary Frawley

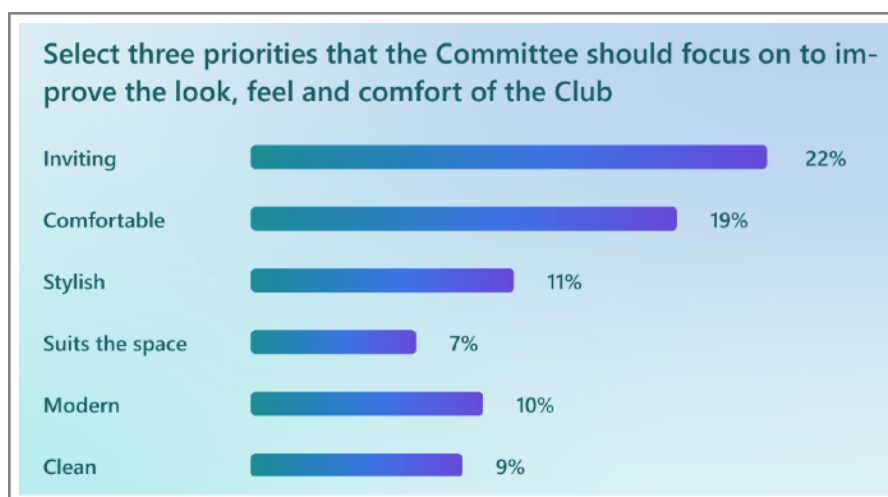
Aviation Bar Review - Background and mandate

The Committee has asked me to conduct a review of the Aviator Bar operation which also aligns to the survey feedback we had from members.

According to the survey results:

- 50% of people visit the club to socialise and for food and drinks,
- the three priority areas of focus should be, Bar, Food, Events
- the 'look' should be inviting, comfortable, stylish

As a reminder the member survey feedback relevant to the bar, was as follows:



The aim of the Committee in respect of the conduct of the bar review, is to gather factual information to better understand opportunities and challenges associated with running the Aviator bar, so future operational decisions can be made (*for example: when do people use the space? what are our best / worst sellers and why? what is the impact of events on bar profitability? what are similar businesses doing? are we addressing member needs through the operation?*)

We will shortly be leaving a 'suggestions' box on the bar so that we can continue to consider member and visitor feedback as we conduct the review.

In parallel to the bar review the Committee have also put some short-term operational measures in place to improve the look, feel and operation of the space, such as:

- Extended opening hours on Friday and Saturday – from 10 am until 8 pm*
- Lucy who has been training under Fatima, is operating the bar every Tuesday
- New look furniture – some plush chairs have been swapped in to replace the iron dining chairs (*many thanks to Jane Renouf for sourcing these*)



**The bar will not stay open until 8 pm if there are no customers there before 7 pm..*

We encourage all members to use our wonderful facilities and ...



... as a reminder the Aviator bar opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday	10 am to 4 pm.
Friday and Saturday	10 am to 8 pm.*
Sunday	10 am to 4 pm.

*The bar will not stay open until 8 pm if there are no customers there before 7 pm.

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

Taken at the Microlight Trade Fair 2025 Popham (part 1 of 2)



EI-GHS ICP MXP-740 Ventura



G-A2-002 TLAC Bobcat



G-BVAH Denney Kitfox 3



G-BZIW Cyclone Pegasus Quantum 15-912



G-CBGV Thruster T.600N 450 Sprint



G-CKWO AeroPro EuroFox 912S

Microlight Trade Fair 2025 Popham ... continued



G-CMBO Aeroprakt A-32 Vixen



G-CMMZ AeroPro EuroFox 3K



G-CMTZ Pipistrel Alpha BCAR-S 164A



G-DWCB Chilton DW.1A



G-EPEE Air Operations built JA.400 Skylander 400



G-ICAN Zenair CH.750



Latest news... by *Eveline Hawkin*

Helping Wings & Wetwheels joint event ... a reminder

Sunday 13th July is our joint event with Wetwheels. So, although the day will start with breakfast at the St. Helier Yacht Club in the presence of our Patron, H.E. The Lieutenant-Governor Sir Jeremy Kyd, the club will still be busy with our guests as our volunteer pilots fly them around the island and they enjoy the club's hospitality.

So, the club may be a little noisier than usual but be sure that we really appreciate everyone's welcome for our guests.

So, here's to sunshine on the day!



and finally ...

We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our patron His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Jeremy Kyd who received a knighthood in The King's Birthday Honours list .

We are very proud of his patronage both to the Jersey Aero Club and Helping Wings.

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