



# Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

## February 2026 members newsletter...

*Editor - Eveline Hawkin*

### FOR YOUR DIARY ...

25th February 2026 - GASCo safety evening at 19:00



*Update ... from Lee McConnell*

### Flying Programme

G-JJER has been fairly quiet over the last month, especially as we have seen a lot of poor weather over the low season !!

Haydyn has successfully completed his PPL early January which is a great achievement, and we look forward to seeing him solo in the skies.

Elise Gibaut has done her first solo which is another milestone for her.

We will be sending G-JJER for the annual maintenance input in the coming weeks, date to be secured with Fast CAMO.

### Handling/ FBO

Work is under way to convert the old boardroom on the lower floor into the simulator room, the AI Sim AL250 simulator is expected to arrive in February and work is under way to get it operational over next few months.

We are currently training Charlie, Claudine and Dan on the flying desk as more support for the team. Please say a friendly hello and welcome them to the gang, if you see the new faces.

### Other Activities/ Business

We had a great evening at the Ortac/Skywalker drinks event in the social bar just before Christmas, check out our photos. Thanks to all who attended, especially Fatima for coming to help us before her holidays, it was a very warm and friendly event.



### Club updates ... from the committee

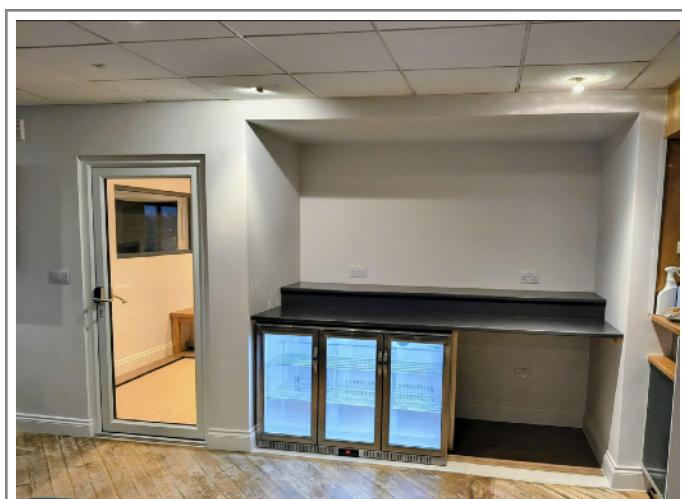
*... by Andrew Renouf*

#### Self service facility

The Club's self-service facility continues to make progress with the drinks fridge now in place. There will be a small sink and two base units for use as cup storage/bin. A large self-serve screen will be located on the right similar to the machines in MacDonalds where you will be able to pay for coffees, beer, wine etc both during & out of hours. Your Aero Club card will provide over 18 age verification for the purchase of alcohol and the coffee machine will be a high quality fresh milk, bean to cup, unit

As this will be operational when Fatima is serving, you will have the option to pay on the terminal which gives her more time behind the bar to cook food and serve.

The extended opening times mean that both local and visiting GA will be able to benefit from a coffee before an early morning departure or a beer/ glass of wine on the new balcony after 4 pm



... by Jonathan Vibert

## Welcome to our new tenant

The Jersey Aero Club welcome our latest tenant - Joe Sammons and his team - who have recently moved into the offices next to The Aviator Bar from January 2026.

## Plans resubmitted for an Airport Hotel

We wanted to share a quick update on the hotel and conference centre plans from our neighbours at Strive, just opposite us here at the Aero Club.

After the previous proposal was narrowly rejected back in November 2025, a revised planning application has now been submitted last month — with a noticeably smaller and more refined design.

The original plans, submitted last August by Strive Health Club Managing Director and former Jersey RFC head coach Ben Harvey, were for a 179-bed hotel standing just over 22 metres high. While there was plenty of support, the Planning Committee raised concerns about the overall size and scale of the building.

The new proposal responds directly to that feedback. The revised plans are for a 155-suite hotel — 24 fewer than before — with a reduced footprint and height. The building has been scaled back from six storeys to five, with the maximum height lowered by nearly four metres to 18.2 metres. Overall internal space has been reduced by almost 10%, and the upper floor has been set back to soften the building's appearance, particularly along the approach road to the Club House.

The planning submission describes the updated design as a “materially improved scheme,” with the biggest and most visible change being the reduction in scale and mass. Note is the image the area shaded in red shows the reduction in height, following the last application.

The revised application also addresses other points raised by the Planning Committee, including why visitor accommodation is appropriate in this location and how traffic will safely access and exit onto Airport Road. Mr Harvey emphasised that “the health centre had put Jersey on the global map following visits from the Springboks, Lions and England rugby teams.” He added that Liverpool FC wanted to visit, but only if there was better accommodation nearby, which the application provided.

The addition of a hotel in close proximity to the Club House will no doubt be an attraction for pilots and visitors and we will continue to keep members updated as the planning process moves forward.



Sketch / image courtesy of HD Planning and Axis Mason.

## 2026 Event Programme - Taking shape!

... from Jonathan Vibert, Club Manager and Mike Pownall Events Coordinator



Exciting plans are underway as the Jersey Aero Club's 2026 event programme is currently under review. The Committee is pulling together a varied and engaging calendar, building on popular favourites while exploring new ideas for the year ahead.

Some dates are already in the diary. Helping Wings will return with their Spring event in April and their much anticipated Summer event in September. We're also delighted to confirm that the [Spitfires.com](http://Spitfires.com) team will be visiting again towards the end of May – always a real highlight for members.

In addition, plans are forming for further social events and aviation-themed talks throughout the summer months, offering plenty of opportunities to connect, learn, and enjoy the Club's community.

We aim to share the full, updated 2026 event programme in the next newsletter, so watch this space!!

## GASCo Safety Evening ... from Mike Pownall

We are pleased to invite you to a **GASCo (General Aviation Safety Council) Safety Evening** at the Jersey Aero Club on **Wednesday 25th February at 19:00**. This session is open to all members, including our student pilots, and is an excellent opportunity to strengthen your knowledge, sharpen your decision-making, and engage with the wider aviation community.

GASCo safety evenings are well-known across the UK for delivering **practical, relevant, and engaging safety education**. Whether you have hundreds of hours or are just beginning your flying journey, you will find real value in the insights shared.

### What to Expect

These sessions focus on the most current General Aviation safety themes and typically include:

- **Up-to-date safety data and trends**

Topics such as Loss of Control in Flight (LOC-I), airspace infringements, engine failures, and other key risk areas are explored with real-world context.

- **Expert insights from GASCo Regional Safety Officers**

Expect clear, practical guidance on Threat and Error Management, weather-related decision-making, stall/spin awareness, and more.

- **Interactive learning**

Audience polls, scenario discussions, and opportunities to share experiences with fellow pilots make the evening both informative and engaging.

### Why Students Should Attend

For our student members, this is an ideal chance to build strong safety foundations early in your flying career. You'll gain exposure to the wider GA safety culture, hear from experienced pilots, and develop confidence in recognising and managing risks—skills that will serve you throughout your training and beyond.

### Join Us

We encourage all members—students, PPLs, instructors, and seasoned aviators—to come along. The more perspectives in the room, the richer the discussion and the stronger our collective safety culture becomes.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing an informative and enjoyable evening.

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



D-EASI Morans MS.894A-220  
on 3 November 1973 Borkenberg.



D-EDOD SOCATA TB-9 Tampico  
on 8 October 1981 Tarbes-Ossun



CS-AFT Klemm Kl.107  
on 30 March 1983 Cascais



CS-ALC Paulistanha 56C-1  
on 29 March 1983 Coimbra Portugal



CS-AMZ Auster D.5-160  
on 29 March 1983 Coimbra Portugal



HB-EPL Partenavia P.64B Oscar 150



D-EBTS Extra EA.300  
on 23 March 1990 White Waltham



C-FGIR N.A.64 Yale  
on 30 July 1998 Oshkosh WI

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C-FGUY N.A.AT-6J Harvard IV  
on 30 July 1998 Oshkosh WI.



CN-TZS Cessna T.210 Centurion  
on 6 June 1992 Toussus Le Noble



F-AZJR Boeing Stearman B.75N-1  
on 6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais



HB-MSA Hirth Hi 27 Akrostar II  
on 6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais



PH-NEH Auster J.5B Autocar  
on 4 July 1992 Wroughton



G-AXKS Westland Bell 47G-4  
on 5 May 2012 Middle Wallop



WZ721 Auster AOP 9 on 5 May 2012 Middle Wallop



Update ... By Eveline Hawkin

## Flying Bursary

Quiet time of the year for Helping Wings but with the support of Ports of Jersey, we are delighted to be able to offer yet another bursary. Should you be aware of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our website for the application form - [www.helpingwingsjersey.org](http://www.helpingwingsjersey.org)

## Events

Our 3 main events are listed below and again, we are appealing for new pilots. So, if you have 100 hours + solo and are keen to get involved, please contact us via our website or by email at [hello@helpingwingsjersey.org](mailto:hello@helpingwingsjersey.org)

Spring Flying Day

Sunday 12th April

Joint Event with Wetwheels

Sunday 5th July

Young Children's Day

Sunday 20th September

## For sale and wanted items ...



### iLevit 3SW

**Features** - ADS-B in/out to a tablet/iPad; AHRS giving full instrument backup; SD card; non skid mat & full user manual.



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If interested, contact - [desterson@gmail.com](mailto:desterson@gmail.com)

## A reminder ...

Do you have a story or tip to share?

We'd love to feature it in the newsletter. Email me at [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com)

Anything else regarding the club, please email the committee at - [committee@jerseyaeroclub.com](mailto:committee@jerseyaeroclub.com)