



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

April 2026 members newsletter

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FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Helping Wings Spring Flying Day - Sunday 12th April
JAC AGM - Wednesday 29th April
Cherbourg Fly-in - 1st & 2nd May



Skywalker Jersey April 2026 update
... from Lee McConnell



Flying Programme

G-JJER packed in around 45 hours over the last month !!

The April 2026 Avgas price is **£1.12 ppl**, but we are expecting a price rise, regrettably, due to the issues in the Gulf.

We are also delighted to have secured a deposit on a second PA28 for the flying school and hope to have it online sometime in April in time for summer, watch this space.....

Handling/ FBO

We have started to see an increase in GA visitor traffic and an interesting mix of visitor aircraft. The desk is getting ready to welcome our visitors for the summer season.



Recent Malibu visitor

Other Activities/ Business

The AI Sim AL250 simulator is expected to arrive on island this week (first week of April) after a number of delivery delays, work will commence on the set up and operations over the next month or so, check out the photo attached.

The old conference room on the ground floor is now prepared and ready for its new occupier.



Simulator all wrapped up in Portsmouth awaiting ferry.

Committee updates ... from Andrew Renouf

Self-Serve Facility

The self-serve facility continues to make progress. To keep capital costs as low as possible volunteers have dealing with both the software and building the control boxes to unlock the fridges.

The fresh milk bean-to-cup coffee machine has just been ordered so over the next 4-6 weeks the kitchen base units, boiling water machine to make tea and the coffee machine will all start to appear.

Office Hire

Our Small Admin office (2-4 people) can be hired on an ad-hoc basis, with some of our members already making use of this space. Booking can be made by emailing our Club Manager, Jonathan Vibert at jv@jerseyaeroclub.com

Hangar List

We will shortly have a DA62 moving into the member's Hangar and have had another request for a DA62 to join. In addition, Skywalker continues to pass on enquiries for the member's Hangar which is promising. If you would like to join the hangar wait list please email Paul Holroyd on paulmary2@gmx.com

Annual General Meeting ... from Jonathan Vibert

Your Pre-Flight Briefing for the
Most Important Flight of the Year...

Destination: JERSEY AERO CLUB CLUBHOUSE
Callsign: AGM 2026
ETD: WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026 | OFF-BLOCKS: 19:00 LOCAL

Why Should You File This One?

Set the Heading → Plot the Course → Fuel Up Ideas → Take the Controls

No Excuses Accepted!

It's Indoors! | Drinks Available from the **BAR** | Only Debates Get **Turbulent!**

Squawk and Be Heard!

- Ask Questions
- Offer Ideas
- Volunteer Bravely!
- Support Your Committee

The Simple Flight Plan

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026 | 19:00 LOCAL TIME
AERO CLUB CLUBHOUSE

FINAL APPROACH
Don't Miss the Departure!
SEE YOU AT 19:00!

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Update from ATC ... by Marc Hill



Western Radar Pilot Briefing Pack

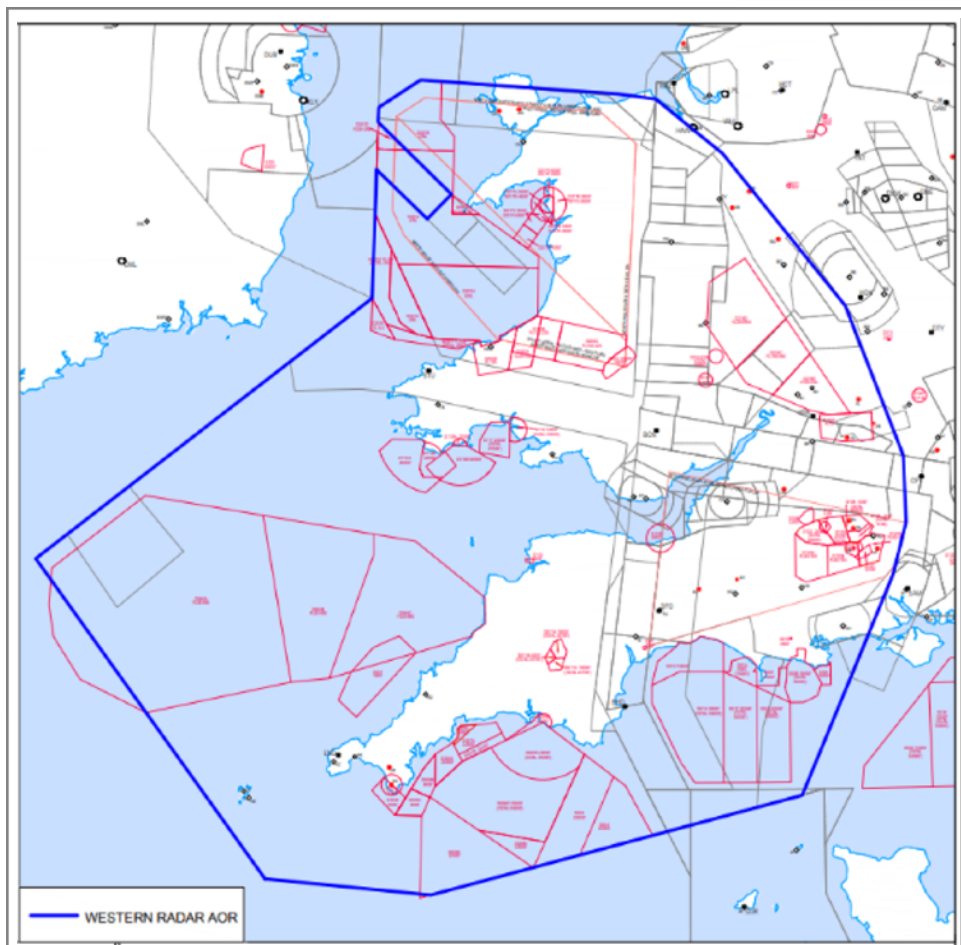
Western Radar (WR) Provide services to aircraft in Class G airspace over the West of England, Wales and the Irish Sea.

WR can negotiate crossing and joining clearances into controlled airspace with the relevant agencies on your behalf.

Personnel at WR are all ATCOs and are a sub-unit to London Control, so are very familiar with the UK Route and Airspace Structure.

WR work closely with their military colleagues who operate a variety of aircraft (including fast jets) in their area of responsibility.

WR speak to a mixture of commercial, private, military and GA traffic in addition to survey and test flights.



What services do Western Radar Provide?

WR can provide 3 different types of service within Class G Airspace (i.e. outside controlled airspace) – in all cases you will be provided with a WR Squawk (3770-3777 or 4201-4210).

Basic Service (known as “Flight Information Service” in other countries)

- Available to any flight at any level, we provide advice and information useful for the safe and efficient conduct of flights.
- You may be provided with generic traffic information if felt necessary for safety reasons – if you require explicit traffic information then please request a Traffic Service.
- **Avoidance of controlled airspace, terrain, Danger/Restricted Areas and other aircraft is solely the pilot’s responsibility.**

Traffic Service (similar to “Flight Following” in the USA)

- Available to any flight at FL70 and above, WR will provide radar-based traffic information regarding relevant traffic - generally this is any traffic that will get within 3nm and 3,000ft.
- You are free to climb/descend and turn in the same general direction as you wish, just let the controller know so they can provide you with updated traffic information if necessary.
- **Avoidance of controlled airspace, terrain, Danger/Restricted Areas and other aircraft is solely the pilot’s responsibility.**

Deconfliction Service

- Available to IFR flights at FL70 and above, WR will provide radar based traffic information and avoidance advice – this is aimed at achieving either a 5nm or 3,000ft minima against other aircraft.
- Due to the unknown nature of other aircraft operating in Class G airspace this is an aim and not a requirement and as such the **avoidance of other aircraft is still ultimately the pilot’s responsibility.**
- If WR know which ATC Unit is speaking to the conflicting aircraft, WR can attempt to coordinate some form of separation and in that case WR can reduce the vertical minima to 1,000ft.
- If there is a situation where either of these deconfliction minima have been, or are about to be broken, WR will use the words “Avoiding Action” when issuing a turn instruction. Again, the avoidance of other aircraft is down to the pilot.
- You are not obliged to follow any deconfliction advice, but if you do elect to continue on your own navigation, please let the controller know.
- **The avoidance of Danger/Restricted Areas and Controlled Airspace is still the pilot’s responsibility**, but on a Deconfliction Service we will aim to keep you clear unless a clearance has been agreed. If you have any uncertainty about whether a clearance has been agreed for any of these areas please check with the controller.

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Service Allocation - Please note the type service provided is a mandatory readback

Joining/leaving/crossing/remaining outside CAS

- If you require a joining or crossing clearance of controlled airspace WR are able to negotiate this with the relevant controlling agency for you.
- WR are also authorised to provide a Radar Control Service when inside Controlled Airspace, so you can stay on our frequency for the transit period if you are crossing.
- Regardless of any instruction given by a Western Radar controller, unless you've been explicitly told "Cleared to join/cross Controlled Airspace...", then please remain outside until such a time that you are cleared in.
- Joining/Crossing CAS clearances are a mandatory readback.

Other notes:

- No need to report ATIS on first contact with Western Radar, this is to be reported to the appropriate Approach Unit upon transfer.
- If you are descending below the transition level WR can provide a regional pressure setting or the QNH of a local airfield.
- If you are departing from an airfield which cannot activate your flight plan, WR can do this for you. Note - if you're joining controlled airspace your flight plan will be automatically activated when your joining clearance is received.



Update ... from Richard Hawkin

Grey Charters

A new campaign regarding Illegal or grey charters has been launched by the Director of Civil Aviation for Guernsey. Primarily intended to warn the public about the dangers of such charters, the recent media release does acknowledge that cost sharing flights are allowed.



The full text of the media release is here - [Director of Civil Aviation warns against 'Grey Charter' flights - States of Guernsey](#)

AOPA CI is again asking that C.I. legislation on cost sharing is brought into line with UK and EASA rules.

Cost Sharing

Whilst local Channel Island rules on cost sharing have remained unchanged for some time, important changes have been made by the UK CAA. These rules are applicable in UK airspace so it's worth looking at the declaration form introduced late last year. See the following link –

[CAP 1590B Cost Sharing Flight - Essential Passenger and Pilot Information and Declaration Form](#)



Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

We have now 24 flights booked for our Spring Day event on Sunday 12th April. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone keeping our fingers crossed for the weather!!

We had hoped to welcome U.K. charity Aerobility in March to fly our lower limb disabled students. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this has been delayed and we are looking at a possible visit in May.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, drop me a line on eveline@helpingwingsjersey.org You are welcome to pop in at any of our events to see what our days are all about.

2026 HW Award ... sponsored by *Ports of Jersey*

We are delighted to announce that Bray Langlois has been chosen for the 2026 HW flying award. Bray will shortly be flying with Skywalker Flight training and we look forward to sharing some of his experiences with you!

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



G-AIZE Fairchild F.24W-41 Argus
on 8 September 1964 Elstree

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



HB-ORR Piper PA.22-108 Colt
on 1 August 1981 Brienne Le Chateau.jpg



OY-AMV Jurca MJ.2 Tempete
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



OY-AVR S.A.I. KZ 7
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



OY-EFA Piper PA.18-95 Super Cub
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



OY-EFL Cessna 140
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



OY-AAV S.A.I.KZ 7 Lark
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



OY-AAU S.A.I.KZ 7 Lark
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg



LN-BDM DH.82A Tiger Moth
on 5 June 1982 Stauning.jpg

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OY-TRD Cessna 150
on 6 June 1982 Aarhus.jpg



N1009N Curtiss P-40N West Malling.jpg



OO-45 Jodel D.92 Bebe
on 30 July 1983 Brienne Le Chateau.jpg



XCE.16-01 Eurofighter Typhoon
on 16 June 1997 Le Bourget.jpg

Dinard & Rennes landing fees ... by Eveline Hawkin

Both airport are introducing a new scheme "Touch'n Go" allowing you to pay your landing fees online. By using this new scheme, you will benefit from a 20% discount.

Go either to ...

[l'Aéroport de Rennes](#) or [Dinard](#), nos guides tarifaires for details.

and finally ...

Do you have a story or tip to share?

We'd love to feature it in the newsletter. Email our Editor, Eveline Hawkins (evelinehawkin@gmail.com)

Anything else regarding the club, please email the Club Manager (jv@jerseyaeroclub.com) or the Committee (committee@jerseyaeroclub.com)