Welcome to the

JERSEY **AERO CLUB**

November 2026 members newsletter *Editor - Eveline Hawkin*

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 19th November - 19:00 - SULLY - The Miracle on the Hudson

Skywalker Jersey …… October 2026 update … by *Lee Mcconnell*

Flying Programme

A huge congratulations to **John Rae**, who completed his **first solo** on Wednesday, October 28th. There's no feeling quite like that first circuit on your own, and every one of us remembers it. Well done, John — a fantastic achievement, and the first of many.



G-JJER has been hard at work this month, completing **65 flights**. It's great to see the aircraft being used so well, and thank you to everyone who has been flying her.

Night Rating — Expressions of Interest

We're putting our feelers out for anyone interested in completing a **Night Rating** this winter. We're in the early stages of planning instructor availability, so it would be a great help if you could **email the Flying Desk** to register your interest. There's no commitment at this stage — it simply helps us gauge numbers so we can plan any courses for the winter months.

Handling & FBO

The Club has handled **402 movements** this month, and we've sold **7,868 litres of fuel**. These numbers reflect just how much activity is coming through the Club, and my thanks go to the whole team for keeping things running smoothly and safely.

Some unusual passengers…



Our handling team had a rather special visit this month: a Swiss-registered Piper Malibu arrived carrying a group of **lemurs bound for Jersey Zoo**. Sadly we've no photos of our furry visitors — they were kept safely in their travel cages and went straight from the aircraft to a waiting van — but here's the aircraft that brought them in. Not your everyday handling job, and a lovely reminder of the variety that comes through the Club.

Proudly Jersey: welcome, G-JJSY



I'm delighted to unveil the new look of Skywalker's PA-28 Archer. Many of you will know her as G-EHLX — she has now been re-registered as **G-JJSY**.
The repaint is a nod to our Jersey home. Her tail now carries the Jersey flag and crest, and the new registration completes the Island theme. Every time she flies, she's an ambassador for Jersey aviation.

A few thank-yous are in order:

- **Fast Aviation, Bournemouth** — a special thank you to Terry, Samira and their team for their support and a brilliant paint job. The finish speaks for itself.
- **ATF Fuels** — ATF contributed to the repaint and join us as branding partner on G-JJSY; you'll see their logos on her nose. It's a natural fit: our training aircraft are all fuelled from the ATF avgas bowser outside the Club, which is also available to all visiting GA aircraft. We're very grateful to ATF for investing in the future of Jersey aviation.
- **Helping Wings Jersey** — a charity close to our hearts, whose logo now sits alongside ours. It's a nod to Eveline and her passion for the charity, and to the support we're proud to give it.
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G-JJSY is ready to keep training the next generation of Island pilots and to support and promote all things aviation — it's our way of giving back. Do come and have a look at her next time you're at the Club, and follow Skywalker Flight Training on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram for more.

Train local. Fly global. Inspire the future.





Other Activities

Storm Austen — thank you

A big thank you to everyone for their help and support during Storm Austen, which hit Jersey recently.

Ahead of the storm, we reached out to as many owners as possible with aircraft parked on the grass outside, and I attended a Ports of Jersey emergency meeting before it arrived. I was really pleased to hear that **Corin and Tim from Gama Aviation** were able to offer hangar cover to aircraft parked on the grass for the duration of the storm. The result: for the first time, we had **virtually no aircraft left out on the grass**.

It shows just how much good communication and an early heads-up can achieve — and it spares the fire service from having to come out and rescue aircraft that have moved or been damaged in high winds.

It's a good reminder for all owners to stay alert and keep in touch with the **Flying Desk** when severe weather is forecast, as we often have advance notice of contingencies and the plans being put in place. And please feel free to contact me directly, any time, if ever you need to.
As always, thank you for your continued support of the Club. If you have any news, achievements or photos you'd like included in next month's edition, please do get in touch.

Blue skies,

Lee.

Committee updates … *from Andrew Renouf*

Unfortunately the Club continues to experience some unexpectedly high maintenance costs as areas over the café, especially in the rear kitchen, have experienced persistent water leaks, especially after several days of rain combined with certain wind directions.

Over the entire roof, where the Plastisol sheets overlap, there is significant corrosion which in some places have led to small holes or paths for water to enter through the joints. The Club is has dealt with the worst areas over the past week but we will have to put in a rolling programme over the next few years to treat the non-leaking areas before the corrosion eats through the affected areas .



… and from Club Manager … *Jonathan Vibert*

✈️ Squawk & Talk - Your Club. Your Voice. We're Listening!

We believe that great clubs are built on good communication, fresh ideas and, most importantly, their members.

That's why I'm introducing 'Squawk & Talk' – a new, informal drop-in opportunity for members to meet with the Club Manager. Whether you've got a question, an idea to share, a suggestion for improving the Club, or something you'd like to raise, 'Squawk & Talk' is your chance to have an open and friendly conversation.

There's no formal agenda, no need to book an appointment and certainly no need to prepare a flight plan! Just drop in, grab a coffee, and have a chat. I will be at the Clubhouse the 1st Sunday of the month, from 10am until 12pm and Fatima will have the coffee machine ready for action (other drink options available too!)

The membership's annual survey is concluding, but we want to continue hearing what is working well, what could be better and what you'd like to see from your Club in the future. From flying activities and facilities to social events and the wider Club experience, all topics are welcome.

After all, Jersey Aero Club is your Club, and your views matter.

So, if there's something on your radar, don't keep it on standby – come along and Squawk & Talk!

Storm Austen and Support from our Neighbours at Gama

As severe weather affected Jersey this month, our business partners at Gama opened their hangar to a number of our members, helping to shelter from the storm.

Corin Barker, Gama Jersey's FBO Manager, explains: "Challenging weather brings our aviation community together. Following an emergency planning meeting with Ports of Jersey and other key stakeholders, we were pleased to offer shelter in our hangar to our colleagues at the other end of the runway. It's about looking out for one another and providing practical support until the storm passes."

Jersey Post celebrates our aviation heritage with a commemorative stamp collection

2026 marks a very special milestone for Jersey Aero Club as we celebrate **75 years of flying, friendship, and aviation in Jersey**. To mark the occasion, Jersey Post has produced a dedicated collection of commemorative stamps celebrating our Club's history and its contribution to island aviation.

Since its formation in 1951, Jersey Aero Club has been at the heart of Jersey's general aviation community. Over the decades, countless pilots have taken their first steps into aviation through the Club, while generations of instructors, members and supporters have helped make it the organisation we know and enjoy today.

The new stamp collection captures some of the people, aircraft and memorable moments that have shaped our story, from flying training and air rallies to the friendships and shared enthusiasm that make the Club so much more than simply a place to fly.

A tribute to everyone who has been part of our journey

Speaking about what fuels the Aero Club's passion for aviation, Chairman Nigel Hall often returns to a quote that perfectly captures the spirit of flight: "Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward."

Our Club Manager Jonathan Vibert welcomed the commemorative issue, describing it as a fitting tribute to the many pilots, instructors, members and supporters who have contributed to the Club since 1951.

Our thanks go to Jersey Post for recognising this important anniversary and creating a lasting reminder of the Club's place in Jersey's aviation heritage.

While we are immensely proud of our history, our 75th anniversary is also an opportunity to look ahead. The enthusiasm, camaraderie and love of aviation that brought members together in 1951 remain just as important today as we continue to inspire future generations of aviators.

Get your hands on a piece of Club history!

With the support of the Skywalker team on the flying desk, we will have available to purchase a select number of the collection to purchase directly from the Flying Desk.

The full range of the commemorative collection can be viewed on line or through Jersey Post at:

- Jersey Post Headquarters at Rue des Pres
- The philatelic section of Broad Street Post Office
- Online at **www.jerseystamps.com**
- By telephone on **01534 616 717**

Whether you're a stamp collector, an aviation enthusiast or simply a proud member of Jersey Aero Club, this special issue is a wonderful keepsake celebrating 75 years of our shared history.

Here's to 75 years of Jersey Aero Club – and many more years of blue skies ahead!

Self Service Kiosk

I am pleased to confirm that our new self-service kiosk is now fully operational and ready for members to use.

To help everyone become familiar with the new system, we are now displaying some helpful reminders and step-by-step instructions on the advertising screen located behind the kiosk. These are designed to make the process as straightforward as possible.

As a further incentive to give the new equipment a try, **all members will receive a complimentary credit on their Jersey Aero Club membership cards in the coming week**. Further details of this initiative will be communicated in a separate email, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

The fridges are now well stocked with most of the popular drinks and refreshments normally available from behind the bar, providing members with a convenient way to make purchases.

We are also keen to hear your feedback. If there are any particular drinks or other items you would like to see stocked in the fridges, please do let us know by emailing jv@jerseyaeroclub.com. We will do our best to accommodate members' preferences wherever possible.

We hope the new kiosk will prove to be a welcome addition to the Club's facilities, and I would encourage everyone to give it a try. Thank you for your continued support as we introduce this new service.

Keeping Our Pilots Informed

The Jersey Aero Club clubhouse continues to be an important meeting place for our aviation community, bringing members together for informative and engaging evenings focused on flying, safety and developments affecting General Aviation.

Recently, we have welcomed representatives from Jersey Air Traffic Control to discuss the changes to Jersey Airport's Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) and Standard Terminal Arrival Routes (STARs). These revised procedures, introduced on 29 October 2026, establish new RNAV routes for aircraft arriving at and departing from Jersey. The session provided a valuable opportunity to consider the changes and their implications for local flying operations. Pilots are reminded to familiarise themselves with the latest published procedures and charts before flight. Our thanks again to Richard Price, Marc Hill and the team at Jersey Air Traffic for this informative talk.

We also welcomed last month representatives from the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for a discussion on airspace infringements, an important subject for all pilots. The evening focused on the risks associated with inadvertently entering controlled or restricted airspace and the importance of thorough pre-flight planning, situational awareness and effective communication with Air Traffic Control. The CAA's approach emphasises learning from incidents and helping pilots avoid similar occurrences in the future.

Both subjects highlight the importance of maintaining our knowledge and flying standards in an increasingly complex aviation environment. Once shared with us, we will be adding some of the slides and information on to the Club’s website.

We extend our sincere thanks to those members for supporting our Club's aviation safety activities and to Mike Pownall for organising these talks. These evenings are an excellent reminder that the Aero Club is about much more than flying. It is also about bringing people together, exchanging experiences and continuing to learn from one another.

We look forward to hosting further talks and social events in the clubhouse over the coming months.

Have Your Say with the Jersey Aero Club's 2026 Members’ Survey … *final call !!!*

Your views matter to us here at the Jersey Aero Club, and we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your feedback, if you haven't already done so.

As we continue to develop and improve the Club, it is important that we understand what our members value most, what we are doing well, and where you feel improvements could be made.

The annual survey is your opportunity to have a say in the future direction of the Jersey Aero Club, including our facilities, services, activities and overall membership experience.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so using the link below:⬇️⬇️⬇️

📋 **Jersey Aero Club Members Survey – 2026 – Fill in form** 📋

Closing date: Sunday 1st November 2026 (23:59!) ⏰

Whether you are a regular visitor to the Club, an active pilot, a student pilot or a member who visits less frequently, we would welcome your thoughts.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you for taking the time to contribute - there is no need to complete it again.

Your feedback will help the Committee and I identify priorities and make informed decisions for the benefit of our membership.

Thank you for your continued support.

Club events … *from Mike Pownall*

Thursday 19 November at 19:00

MOVIE NIGHT - SULLY

The Miracle on the Hudson

Join fellow pilots and members for a special screening of the film celebrating Captain Sullenberger's extraordinary airmanship. Pizza and Pop Corn for all.



Air Traffic Control update … *from Marc Hill, Air Traffic Control Officer*

National Information Sheets

National Airspace Infringement Information Sheets | SKYbrary Aviation Safety

The UK version is full of good information and covers a lot of information discussed at the Understanding Airspace Infringements presentation held on October 29th (Including the Take 2 poster)

Emergency situations

If a Pilot experiences a potential emergency situation, they should give ATC as much information as possible.

There was a recent event when a light aircraft was given a priority approach, but ATC were only made aware of the rough running engine after landing.

We need as much information as you can provide without compromising the safety of the flight to notify the Airport Fire service so we can have the correct response available.

AVIATE NAVIGATE COMMUNICATE

We are planning on holding some further Safety briefings for the PPL Students from Skywalker Flight training.

Thank you to everyone who's attended the 2 presentations at the Aero Club, it was great to see such a good turnout.



For sale and wanted items …

Aircraft share for sale



G-OSCC Piper PA32-300 (Cherokee Six)

- Locally based and hangared since 1997
- IFR equipped
- One quarter share or, alternatively two fifth shares for sale

Please contact Jonathan Gready via e-mail for further details:

jongready@gmail.com

Bose A30 for sale





Bose A30

. Batteries included
. 3 years and 2 months' warranty remaining

Asking £850
Interested - contact Hayden on

info@skywalkerflighttraining.com

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



C-FQHJ Luscombe 8E Silvaire De Luxe
1 August 1980 Oshkosh



EI-BAY Cameron O-84
5 January 1980 Marsh Benham



F-BKOZ Morane Saulnier MS.733 Alcyon
Brienne Le Chateau 31 July 1982



G-AEXT Dart Kitten
28 October 1985 Old Warden



HB-2143 Brditschka HB-23 2400 Hobbyliner
20 August 1988 Grenchen



F-PFRA SAN 01 (Piper J.3 Cub rebuild)
27 June 1990 Moulins



F-PGAD Sipa S.903
28 July 1991 Moulins



F-PIYB Gardan GY.201 Minicab
28 July 1991 Moulins

Plane spotter's corner … *from Bob Sauvary' collection (continued)*



F-AZDB Polikarpov PO.2
6 June 1992 La Ferte Alais



F-BGOA DH.104 Dove (Riley 400 conversion)
6 June 1992 Toussus Le Noble



D-KORE Sportavia SFS.31 Milan
1 September 2012 Sywell



G-ARGZ Rollason built Druine D.31 Turbulent
03 September 2017 Sywell



G-WHTE Aero Shark 600
10 September 2026 Jersey

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Jersey's Flying Charity

Update … *by Eveline Hawkin*

Quiet time of the year for Helping Wings . However, our AGM on November 22nd will give us a chance to review and update our members on yet another great year.

We are very excited to see the Helping Wings logo on Skywalker's now re-registered aircraft - G-JJSY. Work in ongoing to get the hand control unit fitted in the aircraft and we are hoping to resume training for the lower limb disabled in the very near future. We are indebted to Lee Mcconnell for his continued support.

We've welcomed 4 new pilots this year and we are so grateful for the continued support we get from everyone - our pilots, our ground helpers, our sponsors and partners without whom, Helping Wings would simply not be able to carry on it's work for the local community - so thank you all!

If you'd like to fly for any of our events, help on the ground or simply become a member please contact us on hello@helpingwingsjersey.org

Farewell to two club members … *by Eveline Hawkin*

… to Douglas (Doug) Dron who passed away on September 28th.

Doug had been a valued and respected Jersey Aero Club flying instructor and examiner for many years sharing his love of flying to those who flew with him.

… and to Michael Gould who passed away recently at the age of 95.

Michael obtained his PPL at the Jersey Aero Club in 1966. He was a committee member for many years giving many hours of his time to ensure the club ran smoothly.

Michael was a true gentleman and had the respect of all who had the pleasure to know him.

Michael's funeral will be held at Grouville Parish Church at 11:30am on Thursday, November 5th followed by a wake close by.

Our deepest sympathy to Doug and Michael's families for their loss.

Car park use … *A reminder from the committee*



and finally …

Do you have a story or tip to share?

We'd love to feature it in the newsletter. Email me at evelinehawkin@gmail.com

Anything else regarding the club, please email the committee at - committee@jerseyaeroclub.com