



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

January 2025 members newsletter

Ortac update ... by Martyn Crespel



Relaxed and cheerful atmosphere at the recent "thank you" party hosted by Ortac/Skywalker Flight Training at the club.



Skywalker Flight Training ...by Martyn Crespel



Many congratulations to Tom Crawford who completed his PPL in December



Update from the Committee... *by Andrew Renouf*

Foundation pads for Balcony

On 19th December the foundation pads were poured for the new balcony extension. The Committee hired labour directly to dig the holes & pre-build the steel cages. In addition the Club purchased the reinforcement and concrete at trade prices to keep costs as low as possible. We will have a more detailed update on the balcony along with the planned dates for installation in the next newsletter.



Foundation pads being poured



Hangar Doors - again

Storm Darragh caused a few issues with the Hangar Doors. One of the original (unmodified) doors on CIASL jammed shut as the continual vibration caused by the wind unwound one of the top bolts. The jammed doors then trapped all of the aircraft inside until the winds had abated sufficiently to allow the door contractors to get access to the bolts. On the members Hangar we had the opposite problem. The modified doors now run so easily they blew open in the wind after which air pressure behind one door then caused it to dislodge. Although it looked rather dramatic, the door was easily clipped back on the rail. Since the storm we have now fitted the springs which will keep the bottom rollers in place no matter how adverse the winds are. We will also fit large external shoot bolts at the end of each run to stop them blowing open. These will be deployed to keep the doors shut every time the wind exceeds Force 9.



Hangar Door dislodged after the storm



New sprung bottom rollers installed last week

ATC update ... by Marc Hill

On December 12th We had the latest Channel Island LAIT (Local Airspace Infringement Team) meeting. We were joined by Rachel Dyche from the UK CAA and Stijn De Graaff from Eurocontrol.

We are always looking for General Aviation Pilots to contribute to the meeting. If you'd like to attend, please email me, marc.hill@ports.je and I'll add you to the invite list.



The UK CAA LAIT are keen to engage with the local General Aviation community and have offered to do a talk at the Aero Club if there's enough interest.

We will be issuing a Jersey Airport Customer users survey over the next few weeks. There will be a poster with a QR code, and I'll make sure there are some at the Aero Club. Please take the time to fill it in as your feedback is always welcome.

On behalf of Jersey ATC, we'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Looking for a share in a plane? ... from Tony Paintin

Following the demise of the Cub G-AWPW, we are looking to form a new group of 5 or 6 members, to operate a low cost fun aeroplane.

We are currently thinking about a Groppo Trail. It is fairly new, has low hours and burns 20 litres an hour, also a quick wing fold system which would reduce hangar costs. It operates on a permit to fly, so cheaper to maintain.

If you're interested please contact Tony Paintin or Brian Heath at the club

<https://afors.com/aircraftView/60787/2018-Groppo-Trail-MK2-with-folding-wing-system>

Dates for you diary ... by Mike Pownall

Mike would be interested to hear about ideas regarding presentations/events. He can be contacted via email at - events@jerseyaeroclub.com



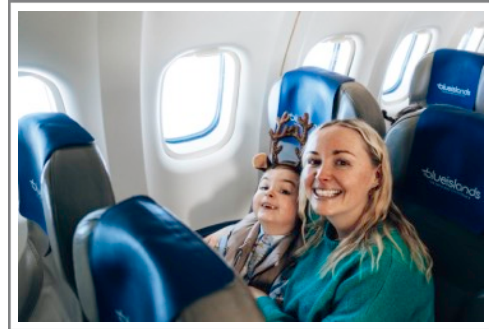
Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*



Santa flight ...



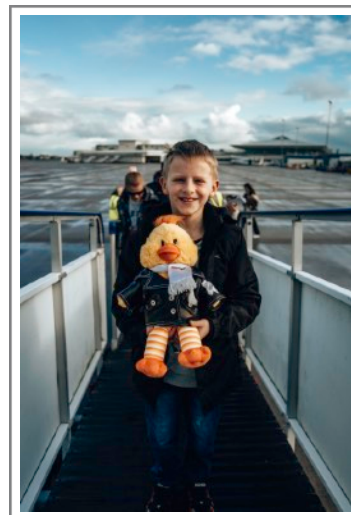
What a team ... !



What a smile!



Every child received a present from Santa



First flight ever!

The above pictures speak for themselves. Thanks to the generosity of Blue Islands, Helping Wings were able to offer a Santa flight to families very much in need of a break.

All our thanks to everyone who made it possible by their hard work, their kindness and generosity to make so many people happy - it simply was a magical day!

To quote one family - ... *Please pass on mine and my son's thanks to all your super team! We rarely are able to do anything exciting, so it really is appreciated. He coped so well I think I'm going to brave it and take him to London to see family finally. Without experiencing today I probably wouldn't have had the confidence!*

The Helping Wings Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support. We are looking very much to 2025 when we hope to bring more smiles to our many guests!

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



N1707Z Cessna 336 Skymaster.
1964 Jersey



OY-AOM Beagle A.109 Airdale
5 May 1967 Jersey



B-71 Noorduyn built N.A.AT-16 Harvard IIB
13 June 1973 at Deelen AFB Holland



OO-NDJ SNCAN built Stampe SV.4C
29 September 1973 Grimbergen



I-MABE Aer Macchi Lockheed Lasa 60
26 July 1986 Brienne Le Chateau



D-ECUZ Auster 5
3 July 1987 Cranfield_



N284AT Boeing 727-22 on 5 June 1988 Jersey.jpg



G-DIPI Cameron 80SS Tub
January 1989 Marsh Benham.jpg



N4995A N.A.AT-6C Harvard IIA
23 April 1990 White Waltham



N232J Hawker Sea Fury FB.11
13 October 1991 at North Weald



OK-NOI Zlin Z.142
20 June 1992 Letany



N1051S 511371 N.A.P-51D Mustang
Jersey

For sale and wanted items...

Do you have anything to sale or are you looking for a particular item ? If so, contact me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com and I will ensure your request is in the next newsletter, remembering to send the photos separately please.

... and finally ...

Another year gone ... looking forward to 2025 and wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Any New Year resolutions ? ... May be make time to pop to the club, whether just for a coffee or a light lunch, Fatima is there to welcome you all every day apart from Tuesday when she has her well earned day off!

So, see you at the club ...

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