

GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH



Welcome to the Guernsey Friends of Air Search Newsletter for 2006.

NEWS UPDATE

Since our last newsletter the Channel Islands Air Search aircraft - Lions Pride has been called upon to assist over 30 times. (The full list of operations appears at the end of this newsletter)

HANGAR EVENINGS

During 2006 we have been able to invite various groups to our hangar evenings. These evenings are arranged by the Guernsey Friends Committee in conjunction with members of the Air Search crew, who are present to show groups (normally between 10-20 people) over the aircraft and are on hand to answer any questions.

This year we have held evenings for groups such as the Past Rotarians, St Martin's Church Men's Group, Guernsey Divers, Beechwood School, Army Benevolent Fund and HSS Securities.

These evenings normally start about 6.30 pm and last for about 1.5 - 2 hours. Should you know of any group of Adults or Children, who would like to visit the Air Search hangar, view the aircraft and listen to members of the crew explain the operational side of Channel Island Air Search, please contact a member of the Friends Committee.



A Group from HSS Securities in Channel Islands Air Search hangar

FUND RAISING EVENTS

In November 2005 we obtained permission from Safeways and Checkers to sell our Annual Draw tickets, Calendars and Christmas cards. Thanks to all those who gave their time to help with these events

December 2005 saw the opportunity for us to attend the Guernsey Round Table Charities Christmas Fayre held at Beau Sejour . This event was just before our draw date and gave us an excellent chance to boost the sale of our Annual Draw Tickets. We also sold books, games and Air Search goods.

During the 2006 we have attended as many events as possible, selling children's toys / games, Air Search clothing, Annual Draw tickets and playing our popular find a Teddy Bear game.

Some events you may have seen the Friends of Channel Islands Air Search at include Wave Telecoms Summer Wave concert, West Show, Donkey Derby and St Saviours Revels.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our Open Garden event as despite great efforts we were not able to find a suitable garden. **We are still on the lookout for a suitable garden for 2007.** If anyone has any ideas, please contact a committee member.

This year were involved in Aviation week by opening the Air Search hangar to the public to view the Air Search aircraft Lions Pride. We were joined by a Naval helicopter the 'Black Cats' in a static display. The naval crew were on hand to talk to anyone interested in joining the navy.

A Vin d'Honneur was held by the Aero Club in the Air Search hangar for all competitors of the Air Rally. This aroused considerable interest in Air Search and its operations.

In September we took part in the Sark Sea Festival, this was held in a field in the north the island. There was entertainment on all day and the Sark Hotels provided different types of seafood delights to purchase. The Friends of Air Search were given a pitch in the Main tent and had a great response from the Sark people and visitors who had travelled over to Sark for the day's events.



Sark Sea Festival - September 2006

In November we took part in the Crimestoppers Charity Runway Walk. Guernsey Airport runway was closed between 12.00 - 1300 to all aircraft. Over 100 walkers from various charities took part, all who were sponsored by friends and colleagues. The event was a great success.



Julie & Dave Watson
Louise & Victoria Hardy

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Dave Watson

SUPPORTERS

Without our supporters the Guernsey Friends of Air Search Committee could not attend the amount of events or raise the funds needed to keep the Aircraft operational. On behalf of the whole organisation we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for your efforts in 2006 and hope we will have your continued support in 2007.

CHANNEL ISLANDS CO-OPERATIVE

Channel Islands Air Search has obtained their own CO-OP dividend share number. When you shop we would be grateful if you would consider using it.

The Share number is 83322

WEBSITE

If you have not already visited our website it's well worth a visit. Our website address is

www.ci-airsearch.com

ITEMS FOR SALE

We have in stock the items listed below

Sweat Shirts	£16.00
Polo Shirts	£12.00
Fleece Jackets	£22.00
Ties	£8.00

Notelets, Postcards and Christmas Cards also available

Items can be obtained by calling Reg Noble on Telephone Number 238622

TIM THOMPSON PAINTING

To help celebrate the 25th anniversary of Channel Islands Air Search, the world renowned marine artist, Tim Thompson, kindly presented us with his oil painting of the Channel Islands Air Search aircraft Lions' Pride. Tim is particularly famous for his paintings of the Americas Cup racing yachts since the 1800's up to recent times, and "Tall Ships". His work attracts very high prices. For further details of the artist and his work, visit WWW.timtompsonmarketing.com.

This fine oil painting, which measures 16" x 12", is now offered for sale. An opportunity to purchase the work of a prestigious artist and support Channel Islands Air Search.

Viewing and more details can be obtained by calling Reg Noble on Tel. 238622

2006 ANNUAL DRAW

This year's draw will take place on Wednesday 6th December at 8pm at the Yacht Club

1st Prize is a Return Trip for two people and a car to or from the UK - kindly donated by CONDOR FERRIES

Prizes range from Meal Vouchers, Wine, DVD player, Gardening Vouchers, Tins of Chocolates, Travel Vouchers and much more.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are 10 Annual Draw tickets, which we would be grateful if you are able to sell to aid our funds.

Counterfoils and payments should be returned to the address below to arrive no later than Monday 4th December 2006

**Mr Mike Quarrington, Treasurer Guernsey Friends of Air Search
Champ du Pretre, Les Traudes, St Martins, Guernsey, GY4 6LR**

The Annual General Meeting of the Guernsey Friends of Air Search was held on the Wednesday 5th December 2005. Full details of the 2005/6 Committee appears below.

COMMITTEE - 5th Dec 2005 - 6th Dec 2006

The Friends of Air Search have a small committee, but together with our helpers, we try to cover as many events as possible during the year. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact one of the committee members.

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Shirley Morgan	Secretary	
Ian Larby		238060
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Search Summary 2005/6

24/05 A call to search for a man reported missing from a fishing boat in Alderney harbour; the aircraft was recalled before reaching the area when the man was found ashore.

25/05 A 1 hour search for a Jersey fishing boat reported missing. The boat and occupant were located by a Jersey lifeboat in an area outside that allocated for Air Search to cover.

26/05 A 3 hour search to the north-west of Alderney for a man reported overboard from a commercial vessel in mid-channel. Nothing located.

27 & 28/05 A 2¾ hour night search using the heat-seeking camera for a person missing on the south-west coast of Jersey, followed by a further one hour search at daybreak. During the second search the person was reported to have been found safe.

29/05 A 1 hour search in the area of L'Eree beach in very rough conditions, following a report of a windsurfing sail washed up on the slipway. During the search it was learned that the windsurfer had been seen walking ashore.

01/06 Following the reported sinking of a fishing boat northwest of Alderney a 3½ hr search was carried out in conjunction with the Alderney Lifeboat, a French helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. A considerable amount of debris was spotted. It was subsequently established that only one of the crew from the vessel had been successfully rescued.

02/06 A 3 hour search for a crew member missing from a vessel to the northwest of Guernsey. A considerable time had elapsed since his reported disappearance and no sign of him was found.

03/06 Following reports of a liferaft adrift north of Alderney a search was started, but by the time the aircraft reached the area the liferaft had been located by A French helicopter and its identity established. There were no casualties. The aircraft landed after 50 mins.

04/06 A 3½ hr search at the request of the French coastguard CrossCo following a Mayday call appearing to emanate from north of the Brittany coast. Only one call, which was very clear, was received but no sign was found of any casualty in weather conditions which although very rough, provided very good visibility.

05/06 A 1½ hr search following reported sighting of flares off Cap Flamanville, nothing found.

06/06 A 2 hr search for a kite surfer missing in the Mont St Michel area, nothing found.

07/06 A 2½ hr search for a person overboard from a ferry between Cherbourg and Ireland, nothing found.

08/06 A brief search for a person missing while walking in Jersey, but the person was reported to have been found shortly after take off.

09/06 A 1 hr search for a yacht missing from Ploumanack the vessel was located by other services.

10/06 A 1¾ hr search following capsizing of kayaks off Sark. The kayaks and their occupants were all recovered by surface vessels.

11&12/06 A 2¼ hr searching with St Catherine's lifeboat and a French helicopter following report of a yacht found in the area of Les Minquiers with no-one on board. A body was recovered off the east coast of Jersey.

13/06 A 1 hr search for a diver reported missing off Sark, the diver was located before the aircraft arrived on scene.

14/06 A 2½ hr search for a man reported missing off the south coast of Jersey. Subsequently established that he was not in the area.

15/06 A 4 hr search for survivors from a yacht which had capsized on Deauville beach. None were found.

16/06 A ½ hour search for a speedboat which had broken down east of Sark. The vessel was located within 10 minutes and the St Catherine's lifeboat was on the scene within 4 minutes.

17/06 A 2¼ hour search for a yacht reported in difficulty. Radio contact was established and the vessel was located using the on-board direction finding equipment. It was able to make its own way to St Peter Port.

18/06 A 1 hour search, at the request of Jersey Fire Service, to investigate the extent of a cliff fire at Bouley Bay.

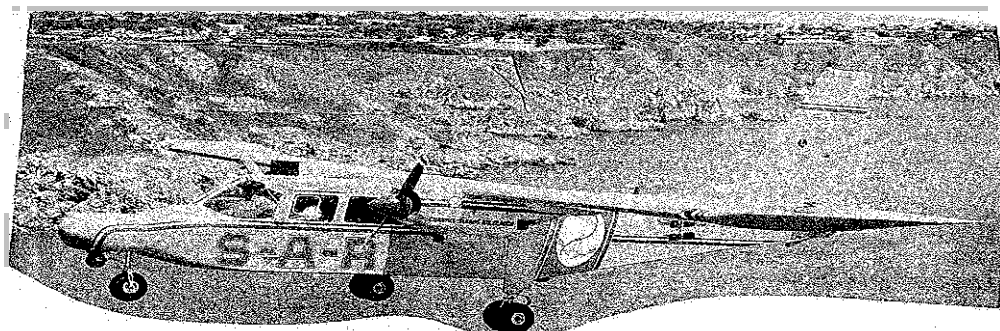
19/06 A 2 hour search for a boat reported stolen from Jersey. The vessel was located close to Bouley Bay where it had suffered engine failure and was anchored.

20-22/06 A total of 10¾ hours searching for a man reported overboard from a French fishing vessel. A French helicopter, St Peter Port lifeboat, a French warship and several fishing boats were also searching but nothing was found.

23/06 A 3 hour search in conjunction with the Brecqhou helicopter, St Peter Port lifeboat and other vessels for a diver reported missing off Fermain. It was subsequently established that the person had not been in the water. Due to fog, the aircraft had to divert to Jersey, where the crew had to remain overnight.

24/06 A ¾ hour search for a diver reported to have been swept off rocks on the north coast of Jersey. It was subsequently established that the person had not entered the water. Once again fog necessitated a diversion and overnight stop for the crew in Jersey.

25/06 A 3 hour search, in conjunction with a French helicopter, following the discovery of a dinghy in the vicinity of Les Minquiers. Nothing was found.



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