

GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH

2007 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Guernsey Friends of Air Search Newsletter for 2007, and thank you for your support during the past year.

HANGAR EVENINGS

The Guernsey Friends of Air Search arrange hangar evenings throughout the year, where groups of up to 20 people from corporate entities, organisations and clubs come to get a general overview of how Channel Islands Air Search operates. These evenings usually commence at 6.30pm and last around two hours. Groups are shown around the hangar and given an informed tour of the aircraft by members of the Air Search crew. This is followed by light refreshments and a talk from an Air Search crew member, when any questions can be asked.

During the last year, we have held evenings for groups such as Past Rotarians, Guernsey Boat Owners Association, Round Table, and different Women's Institutes.

Please contact any Committee Member if you would be interested in arranging a group visit to the hangar. We are happy to accept groups of children, with appropriate supervision, as well as adults.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

During the year, we attend a variety of events to both promote Air Search as well as raise funds. We had a stall at the Christmas Charities Fair at Beau Sejour on 26 November, taking the final opportunity to sell our Annual Draw tickets before the Draw took place on 6 December.

We had stalls at events over the summer such as the Classic Car Show at Saumarez Park, St Saviours Revels, the West Show, and the Donkey Derby.

We were lucky enough to be the nominated charity for the Cellar Door Ball which was held on 7 July in the marquee at Icart. Our patron, H.E. Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Malbon attended, together with the Bailiff, Geoffrey Rowland and his wife Diana. Over 170 guests enjoyed a spectacular evening, with good food and

entertainment, as well as an auction, which included the Tim Thompson painting. The event raised over £10,000.

We held an Open Garden on Sunday 15 July at Castle Carey by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Clegg. We were lucky with the weather, and were kept busy providing afternoon tea for a large number of people, to the accompaniment of music provided by St Peter Port School band. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day, as well as those who provided cakes for us to sell.

Two of our committee members took part in the man powered flight competition at the Harbour Carnival on 1 August. For those of you who do not know about it, this entails people making any type of 'flying machine' and jumping off a platform into the Victoria Marina - the idea is to 'fly' as far as you can!



Sadly, they did not win, but the wonderful aircraft "Air Search 2" attracted a great deal of attention, and there was good coverage in the television reports of the event. They also raised £170 in sponsorship.

We held a Flag Day on Saturday 1 September, covering Town and the Bridge. This was very successful, given the shortage of helpers, and we hope to have one again in 2008.

As happened last year, the Aero Club held a Vin d'Honneur in the Air Search hangar for all the competitors in the Air Rally. This generated considerable interest in Air Search and its operations. We also raised our profile at the Air Static Display event a few days later.

Sark's 'Celebration of the Sea' on 15 September was a good day out – entertainment, food, drink and a flypast by the "Lions' Pride"! We were again lucky enough to receive the proceeds from the event, which amounted to £3,500, and our thanks go to the Simply Sark Team.

SUPPORTERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters who have helped us at various events during the year. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

If you are able to assist at any events in the future, please contact any Committee member.

CHANNEL ISLANDS CO-OP

Please remember that we have our own Co-Op number: **83322**

MERCHANDISE

We have the usual range of merchandise available, including items of clothing and our latest Christmas Cards which sell for £1.50 for 5. Please contact Reg Noble on 238622.

ANNUAL DRAW

Our Annual Draw takes place on Tuesday 4 December at 7.30pm at St Pierre Park Hotel.

The first prize is a weekend stay at Stocks Hotel in Sark (bed & breakfast), inclusive of travel from Guernsey, and there is a wide range of other prizes.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are ten Annual Draw tickets, and we would be very grateful if you could sell these tickets on our behalf. **Please return counterfoils and any unsold tickets to our Treasurer before Monday 3 December 2007.**

Shirley Morgan, Treasurer
Pear Tree Cottage, Rue des Monts, St Sampsons, Guernsey GY2 4HU

COLLECTING BOXES

Remember our yellow collecting boxes are at a large number of locations throughout the Bailiwick, not forgetting our box at Guernsey Airport. Please be generous – all loose change gratefully received!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A diary of events for the forthcoming year will be posted on our website in the near future. This will include events such as a quiz night and an Open Garden, and one confirmed date for your diary is our 60s Night which will be on Saturday 20 September 2008.

COMMITTEE

Our current committee members are:

Julie Twist	Acting President	07781 106347
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OPERATIONS

Since our last newsletter, the aircraft *Lions' Pride* has been called out 20 times. A full list of operations is available on our website.

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