

GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH

2008 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Guernsey Friends of Air Search Newsletter for 2008, 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 Royal C I Yacht Club, 6th Guernsey Cub Scouts, Lloyds TSB Offshore, and the Guernsey Occupational Health & Safety Association.

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. Since our last newsletter, we have attended the Christmas Charities Fair at Beau Sejour and taken part in the Christmas Tree Festival held in the Town Church.

We held a Quiz Night at La Villette Hotel in February, which was enjoyed by all those who took part, and we raised a total of £265.

The Karting Endurance took place on Sunday 27 April. Ten teams took part in the three hour endurance, with six drivers in each team. It was a closely fought race in the closing laps, but the team from Forest Road Garage took first place on the podium, followed by 'Shake & Bake' in second and Officeworks in third. All winners were presented with trophies, and we raised around £1400.

We held a Flag Day on Saturday 12 July, covering Town and the Bridge, and had stalls at events over the summer such as the Classic Car Show at Saumarez Park, St Saviours Revels, and the West Show.

We held an Open Garden on Sunday 17 August at Les Prevosts, St Saviours, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Chesney. We were lucky with the weather, and were kept busy providing afternoon tea. There was the opportunity to play petanque and croquet, and face-painting for children. Many thanks to those who helped on the day, as well as those who provided cakes for us to sell.

As in previous years, 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.

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 pens, cotton shoppers, post-it notes, etc. Please contact Shirley Morgan on 246360. There are also our latest Christmas Cards which sell for £3.00 for 10. Please contact Reg Noble on 238622.

ANNUAL DRAW

Our Annual Draw takes place on Tuesday 2 December at 7.30pm at St Pierre Park Hotel.

The first prize is travel vouchers to the value of £500, 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 1 December 2008.**

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.

COMMITTEE

Our current committee members are:

Julie Twist	President	711801
Bob Twist	Vice President	07781 106705
Shirley Morgan	Treasurer	246360
Jacky Ozanne	Secretary	
Ian Larby		238060
Reg Noble		238622
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Russell Clark		
Dave Hugo		
Wayne Le Prevost		
Jane Green		
Sheila Cornelius		
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OPERATIONS

Since our last newsletter, the aircraft *Lions' Pride* has been called out 12 times. A full list of operations is available on our website.

**Remember, we are entirely funded by donations and sponsorship
A local charity providing a service for local people**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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