



GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH - 2009 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Guernsey Friends of Air Search Newsletter for 2009

Firstly, you will notice our new logo at the head of this page. This was agreed upon after much deliberation as a modern representation of the service. We hope it will be very much in the public eye over the coming year. It is our 30th Anniversary in 2010, and we have been lucky enough to be appointed Channel Television's partner charity from now until the end of next year, which gives us a great opportunity to raise awareness by coverage of any events we hold or attend to publicise the service.

As with all charities, it has been difficult during the last 12 months to keep the money coming in. We do not receive any States funding, and rely entirely on charitable donations and sponsorship to keep this service running. We 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.

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 took part in the Christmas Tree Festival held in the Town Church for the second year running.

We had a stall at the Classic Car Show at Saumarez Park in June, with the added attraction of a Smart car filled with Air Search teddies for people to try and guess how many. We had one correct answer and the prize of £25 and an Air Search teddy went to a young lady aged 7. We also attended the Forest Church Summer Fete, and the Donkey Derby.

On 8 September, our Vice-President, Bob Twist, did a tandem skydive over L'Eree, raising funds for the service.

The "Meet the Pilots" static display on 9 September during Aviation Week was a great success, with a large number of people queuing up to see around the aircraft.

Our grateful thanks go to the organisers of the Festival of the Sea which was held in Sark on 12 September, as they do every year to raise funds for the service.

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.

A diary of events is posted on our website and updated during the year. If you are able to assist at any events in the future, please contact any Committee member.

We also now have a Facebook page for those of you who utilise social networking.

As ever, we should thank our crew members for their dedication and commitment to the service.

CHANNEL ISLANDS CO-OP

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

GOANDDONATE.COM

This website was launched in June this year, and has links to sites for travel, accommodation and items such as theatre or concert tickets. If you use this site, and choose 'Air Search (Guernsey Friends)' under 'Charities' then we will receive a donation based on a percentage of whatever you spend. It costs you nothing and benefits us.

STAMPS

You can also donate your used stamps – over the years, we have raised several hundred pounds from the sale of used postage stamps.

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 or Ian Larby on 238060.

ANNUAL DRAW

Our Annual Draw takes place on Tuesday 1 December at 7.30pm at St Pierre Park Hotel.

The first prize is two return tickets to anywhere on the Aurigny network (courtesy of Aurigny), the second prize is two inter-island return tickets (courtesy of Bontour), and there are numerous 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 30 November 2009.**

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. We still have our box at Guernsey Airport, just before Departures, and also have our collecting boxes on the counters of both the coffee shop upstairs and in the food village in Departures. All loose change gratefully received – you may want to get rid of those Guernsey coins (or notes!) before you leave the island.

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
Advocate Russell Clark		
Dave Hugo		
Jane Green		
Sheila Cornelius		
Ralph Burridge	Alderney	822297
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OPERATIONS

Since our last newsletter, the aircraft *Lions' Pride* has been called out 23 times. A full list of operations is available on our website.

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