



CHANNEL ISLANDS  
**AIRSEARCH**

The Lifeboats' eyes in the sky

## GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH - 2010 NEWSLETTER

This year has been our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To help promote this, we have had a commemorative flower bed on the east side of the roundabout in St Peter Port, which was kindly sponsored by CT Freight. We launched our new flag, which shows our new logo, and this was raised on the mast in August with coverage in the local press. We have been Channel Television's partner charity during the year and they have covered various events as well adding a great deal of information and coverage on their website. We also had a display at the Guilles-Alles library during the month of March, and an article in the GBG magazine in August.

It continues to be difficult to obtain any corporate sponsorship, and we increasingly rely on money raised at events and by companies supporting us by way of staff initiatives such as dress-down days. We were also lucky enough to receive £10,000 from the proceeds of the Guernsey Christmas lottery. It now costs around £80,000 per year to run the service and we thank everyone 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

Each year, we attend a variety of events to both promote Air Search as well as raise funds. As usual, since our last newsletter, we took part in the Christmas Tree Festival held in the Town Church in the run-up to Christmas.

In February we held a very successful quiz night at La Villette Hotel which raised £300.

We were depicted in the Guernsey Flower Arrangement Society displays in the Town Church in May which showed various local charities. This raised money by donation which was divided between all the charities.

As usual, we had a stall at the Classic Car Show at Saumarez Park in June, and this year the Smart car was filled with balloons for people to try and guess how many.

Also in June we held an Open Garden at Bon Air, Saumarez Road St Martins, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Mark Bunce. The weather was kind to us, and we raised £1284. We must thank Jane Carter and Sharon Williams who both provided the cakes and served the refreshments on the day.

We attended the open day at the Guernsey Aero Club on 10 July, and held a flag day covering town and the Bridge in August. Thanks again to members of the crew who gave up their time to help at both events.

A young man from Alderney, Edward Pinnegar, has written a book called the History of Aviation in Alderney which was launched on 5 August. The book is available from local bookshops, and Edward is kindly donating some of the proceeds to the service for which we are very grateful.

The aircraft took part in the "Meet the Pilots" static display on 8 September during Aviation Week. As usual, the crew gave up their time to show people around the aircraft and answer questions.

The Festival of the Sea is held in Sark in September to raise funds for the service, and we are very grateful for the £1500 which was raised.

### 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 have a Facebook page for those of you who utilise social networking – search for 'Channel Islands Air Search'.

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

We must also mention Bobbie Ferranti, who passed away earlier this year. For the benefit of those who did not know her, Bobbie was a founding committee member of the Friends and worked very hard for us in those early days. She was an ardent supporter to the end and, not surprisingly, donations in lieu of flowers went to the service for which we are very grateful.

## CHANNEL ISLANDS CO-OP

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

## GOANDDONATE.COM

If you are booking travel, please use this site, and choose 'Air Search (Guernsey Friends)' under 'Charities'. We will then receive a donation based on a percentage of whatever you spend, which 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 De Carteret on 246360. There are also Christmas Cards which sell for £3.00 for 10. Please contact Ian Larby on 238060. Fletchersports in Guernsey now offer an embroidery service to put our logo on items of clothing. Prices vary – please contact them direct.

## ANNUAL DRAW

Our Annual Draw takes place on Tuesday 7 December at 8.00pm at St Pierre Park Hotel. The first prize is an Apple iPad, courtesy of iQ Guernsey, the second prize is an electric BBQ, 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 29 November 2010.**

Shirley De Carteret, 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. We are also lucky enough to have been made Condor's charity of the year, and collecting boxes are going in all the ferries and terminals in the Channel Islands and UK.

## COMMITTEE

Our current committee members are:

Julie Twist	President	711801
Bob Twist	Vice President	07781 106705
Shirley De Carteret	Treasurer	246360
Jacky Ozanne	Secretary	
Ian Larby		238060
Advocate Russell Clark		
Dave Hugo		
Sheila Cornelius		
Ralph Burridge	Alderney	822297
Gail Le Lievre	Sark	833007

## OPERATIONS

This year, the aircraft *Lions' Pride* has been called out 7 times. A full list of operations is available on our website.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Finally, the annual subscription fee of £10 has not increased in some years. The annual running costs of the service then were £35,000 in comparison to the current costs of £80,000. We hope you will understand the need to now raise the subscription to £20 in our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. This will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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