



CHANNEL ISLANDS
AIRSEARCH

The Lifeboats' eyes in the sky

GUERNSEY FRIENDS OF AIR SEARCH - 2011 NEWSLETTER

We have had a quieter year in the public eye over the last 12 months, after a very high profile year to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2010.

Since our last AGM, we have been present at a variety of events to both promote the service and raise funds. We took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in the Town Church for the fourth year running. We attended the open day at the Guernsey Aero Club in September with the Lions' Pride on display. The aircraft also took part in the "Meet the Pilots" static display at the airport a few days earlier during Aviation week.

We were grateful to receive £700 from the Channel Islands Co-Operative as part of their membership drive, and we were one of the chosen charities to benefit from the Channel Islands Group of Professional Engineers annual dinner.

Members of the North Social Club held a 24 hour snooker marathon on August bank holiday weekend, as well as a raffle, head-shaving and waxing (just the men!) and a disco night, all of which raised the incredible sum of £6000. A huge thank-you to all the members who organised, took part in, and sold tickets for all the events which have taken place over the last couple of months. We had excellent media coverage in the Guernsey Press.

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. It costs around £80,000 per year to run the service and we thank everyone for your support during the past year.

HANGAR EVENINGS

We have held hangar evenings for various corporate and community organisations during the year, which is a way of promoting the service and giving people a chance to see around the aircraft and provide a background to the service. We are very grateful to members of the crew who give up their time to do this, and it obviously raises awareness of the service which hopefully leads to increased funding.

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.

SUPPORTERS

Our new Lt Governor visited the hangar for the first time in June for the Air Rally Vin d'honneur. Air Marshal Peter Walker CB CBE, showed a strong interest in the service.

I must again thank our Friends in both Alderney and Sark for their continued support. We were presented with £1300 at the Sark Sea Service in August. The White House Hotel in Herm again held its black tie entertainment evenings which raises funds for three charities, of which we are one. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters who have helped to raise funds 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, or hold an event for our benefit, please contact any Committee member.

We also have a Facebook page for those who use social networking – search for 'Channel Islands Air Search'.

As ever, we thank the 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

If you are booking travel, please use this site if possible, 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, as well as ties with our new logo. Please contact Shirley De Carteret on 246360. 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 6 December at 8.00pm at St Pierre Park Hotel. The first prize is return tickets between the Channel Islands and the UK or France for 2 people and a car, courtesy of Condor Ferries, the second prize is a studio sitting, courtesy of Fitzgeralds Photography, 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 28 November 2011.**

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 have been lucky enough to have been Condor's charity of the year, and collecting boxes are on all the ferries and in the terminals in the Channel Islands and UK.

COMMITTEE

Our current committee members are:

Julie Twist	President	711801
Shirley De Carteret	Treasurer	246360
Jacky Ozanne	Secretary	
Ian Larby		238060
Dave Hugo		
Advocate Russell Clark		
Emily Huntington	Alderney	
Gail Le Lievre	Sark	833007

OPERATIONS

This year, the aircraft *Lions' Pride* has been called out 10 times. A full list of operations is available on our website.

CONSTITUTION

The following changes are proposed to our Constitution:

- 1 Clause 12 (d) to read "Election of either an Honorary Auditor or an Independent Examiner to review the accounting records kept by the Association for the following year and to report thereon."

Clause 19 to read: "The Accounts of the Association will be audited or reviewed annually prior to the Annual General Meeting by the Auditor or Independent Examiner elected annually at the Annual General Meeting."

This means that we can use a suitably qualified person, rather than a firm of Auditors, to audit our accounts.

We are proposing this change in the wording to bring it into line with common UK practice which is accepted by the Charities Commission.

- 2 References to '14 days' in clauses 12, 13, 15 and 17 to be amended to '14 calendar days notice'. This simply makes it clear that 14 days means 14 calendar days.

These minimal changes will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting on 6 December 2011.