

Jersey Friends of Air Search

Chairman's Report - AGM

November 2010

2010 has been another successful year for the Jersey friends of Air Search especially with it being our 30th Anniversary year. Our thanks to our Patron, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Andrew Ridgway who permitted us to hold a garden party at Government House this August that was attended by many of our supporters, unfortunately I was off the Island at the time but my thanks to Brian Nibbs and Derek Short for holding the fort on the evening.

With fund raising once again hitting highs despite the recession, due on the whole to the quality of the organising committee and being the nominated charity of Channel Television which has also proved a great opportunity and CTV have organised their own events to boost our funds and the presence of our organisation on their web site has been great in raising our awareness

Whether it has been organising lunches, bucket collections, Boat show attendance or just collecting tins being collected the team has been highly successful. I must also give a big thank you to the 3 members of our committee who work for Barclays Wealth, Carol Bisson, Kathy Butler and Alain Egre as they have given the organisation great support especially at the boat show where Air Search was the beneficiary of funds at the Barclays stand.

Brian Nibbs has also once again done sterling work as our Public Relations officer as has our Treasurer, Roger Leonard, whose attention to detail has kept such meticulous accounts. Marion Buchanan, our secretary, has also been so helpful whether its been taking the minutes or sourcing raffle prizes her hard work has been greatly appreciated as has Ron McLean who has always been ready to step in and help when Marion has not been available for meetings and who has given great support. Andrew Courtness and his team of collectors have also been a huge boost to funds and the logistics of keeping all the collecting tins current and emptied is a huge task. Graham Talbot has also maintained the membership details for us and has organised our mail shots and I must also thank the Chairman of Trustees, Derek Short for his guidance over the last two years.

It is my intention to stand down as Chairman at next year's AGM as I will have held the role for 3 years and I believe new blood is always needed to ensure the organisation stays fresh and successful, I will of course be willing to stay on the committee to give support should the new Chairman want me to do so. We are also looking for a new accounts reviewer and we hope to identify a suitable candidate soon. PWC who have provided this service *pro bono* in the past are not able to do so in the future so we are actively seeking someone who can step into this role.

I apologise if my thanks have missed someone but the organisation is successful because the committee members and of course our supporters all rally around when needed to keep Lions' Pride in the air.

Peter Walsh

4th November 2010.