



Jersey Friends of Air Search

Chairman's Report for AGM

Since taking the chair of the Jersey Friends of Air search, 2009 has been a very busy and rewarding year.

Spring and Autumn lunches

Both lunches were well attended and the Spring Lunch at the L'Horizon saw our Patron, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs Ridgway as our guests as were Karen Rankine of CTV and we are now their partner charity and Nick Sangan of the Lions Club who very kindly donated the majority of funds from the Swimathon for the purchase and fitting of the anti collision device for the aircraft. We were delighted that H.E. was able to present Don Filleul O.B.E. with a painting of Lion's Pride in appreciation of his many years service to the organisation. The return to the Potteries was also appreciated by nearly all that attended and the new model for the raffle resulted in £1000 being raised for the organisation.

New logo membership form and branding

My thanks to Brian Nibbs for managing the production of the new logo and branding of the organisation, the banners have already been used at the Rugby Club fund raising event and are planned to be used again at the fund raising events for the model boat exhibition and Robinson Crapaud premiere event.

Committee

My thanks to all the committee for their support throughout the year and for their willingness to take on responsibilities. They are all essential parts of the team. The Trustees too have also been very supportive. Our Treasurer Roger Leonard has been as efficient and accurate as ever and the secretarial team of Marion Buchanan supported by Ron McLean have been just as efficient.

Fund raising

Our thanks also to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey who have donated the sum of £8,000 to the organisation as well as to all the donations received in memory of Eddie Blanchet and the cheque for £5,000 received in Memory of Alex De Gruchy. The Gorey Fete committee very kindly donated £750 to our charity. The Jersey fish festival held by the Jersey Fisherman's association also raised funds for Air Search. We are also delighted to have been short listed for tomorrow's Barclays Wealth community awards and will be keen to see if they are able to support us in the cost of fitting new radar to the aircraft. We also want to thank all yacht clubs on the Island for their continued support



and to St Helier Yacht Club in particular for permitting the use of their premises for our meetings and membership address.

Conclusion

2009 has been a very busy and productive year for the charity and we hope that the momentum this year will continue into 2010 and that our profile continues to be in the thoughts of all islanders when deciding upon a charity to support. I have an excellent team in the Jersey Friends Committee and I am delighted that they will all be continuing in their roles for next year.

Peter Walsh

30th November 2009.