



# Plymouth Model Flying Club



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### Dear members,

Peter's widow, Jean phoned me recently to express her thanks to our club's members for their phone calls and visits during Peter's illness and to all those who attended his funeral whom she was unable to thank at the time.

The committee members have made a donation from their own pockets to St. Luke's Hospice and we expect that other members might wish to do likewise.

Anyone who would like to make a donation please contact the treasurer Alan Bailey.

Frank is holding Peter's models and gear for disposal for Jean, proceeds expected to go to St. Luke's, details listed below:

46" Tiger Moth with OS 40 4 stroke	£60.00
56" Cirrus Moth with Super Tiger 51	£70.00
6ft Balsa craft electric glider	£30.00
Building jig	£5.00
Pair large wheels	£2.00
2x small planes	£20.00
Electric starter	£5.00
Set chan. (crystals?)	£5.00

***For more details contact Frank 01752 839491***

### Woodsprings Charabanc:

Woodsprings, as always was excellent with some phenomenal flying from the likes of Peter Holland and all the other display teams that usually attend, but new to the show were two large (20ft or so) T tailed gliders with gas turbine units mounted above the wing. With a very quick take off they were flown together in synchronised aerobatics and made to do things that gliders were never meant to do! With the motors shut down they drifted around finding thermals before restarting and doing more un-glider like stunts.

Although rain threatened, it held off despite a storm nearby but it was oppressively hot and the beer tent was the best place to be. Word of warning – two cows were killed by lightning that day at Yealmpton just a few miles from our field as were a herd of sheep at Exeter and they weren't waving aerials around either; so think twice before going out on the flight line if there is thunder and lightning about.

Off late, there has been a lot of wind, which must have put a lot of people off going to the field, but the conditions have been a lot better than expected. I have sat at the field on several occasions lately and not seen a soul all day while the wind was a steady breeze that was quite flyable. So don't be put off unless the treetops are really bending! Try ringing other members & seeing if there up for it.

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Congratulations to all those who have passed their "A" & "B" tests this year. We still have a couple of months left before winter sets in for you to practice and apply for your test.

The mower is in fine fettle thanks to the various members who haven't minded getting their hands dirty servicing it and we have recently re-insured mower and container on an agricultural policy for £120 for all the usual risks, replacement value £2,000 mower & £1,000 container. This will save the club somewhere in the region of £300 p.a.

I have been asked to supply a list of frequencies used, which I enclose with this letter. I think it's fairly up to date.

A reminder that our first scheduled meeting will be on October 13th when we will be expecting nominations from members willing to stand for committee positions at the AGM on November 10th.

Anyone wishing to make a proposal at the AGM must do so either at the October meeting or in writing before the AGM.

**Tip:**

Ever arrived at the field got set up then find your wing bolts have dropped out and got lost or left at home? Stop this happening by taking 2cm / 1inch squares of plastic (empty fuel container is ideal). Drill a 2 or 3 mm hole in centre of squares and cut a diagonal X across holes. Put bolts in wing and slip plastic retainer down their threads. Your bolts should remain in the wing never to be lost again. Time taken, 5 minutes. Cost - nil. Preventing a spoilt day – priceless.

That's it for this month, *Chris*.

Chris Dennis  
Secretary  
Plymouth Model Flying Club