

# Lyneham Flying Club

## NEWSLETTER

Hi, sorry it's been a while since the last one (work getting in the way)

### Health & Safety

We are in need of a H&S rep for the club, preferably a military person who could take it on as a secondary duty, however, if we have any civilians that have experience in this role and would like to help out YOUR club please make yourself known.

### SPINNING

Just a quick reminder that the Firefly should only go (intentionally) spinning with an instructor on board. It's in the Flying Order Book as "only dual" which admittedly, is not that clear (The FOB will be updated in the near future.....have you read and signed it recently?)

### BOWSER

We are the proud owners of a 5200 Litre bowser (at considerable cost!) we were kindly given a grant of £7000 by the Nuffield Trust, but it still cost the club £5000. To the donators, many thanks for your donation, the club really relies on people such as you and I think it's great that we can operate like this. As I said in my original E-mail/Newsletter about 8 months ago at the start of the project, depending on our grant I would hope to refund a percentage part of your donation, and true to my word, the percentage that the Committee has decided on is 100%, so you will get your whole donation back (as a credit to your account). We will be doing our best to fill the new bowser so hopefully we will not

get low/run out of fuel from now on (in theory!)

### HEADSETS

We are still having issues with Headsets. The maintenance organisation that fixed the first and second batch have said that it's STILL due to the being pulled out by their leads. No more to be said....I hope!

### MUGS/CUPS

The automatic cup washer has gone U/S.

"I didn't know we had an automatic cup washer" I hear you say! (As, apparently, sarcasm is the lowest form of wit, I'll put it another way....Please wash up your cups!)

### WINTER FLYING

OK, probably the only thing you are going to remember from this newsletter:

As winter is upon us, we have decided (in conjunction with Freedom Aviation – who we lease the Warriors from) to offer a winter incentive to keep the aircraft in the air. We rely on airborne time to keep the rates as reasonable as possible (not many complaints at £80 per hour for a Warrior!) at the end of the day, if the aircraft don't fly, then Freedom and in turn, Lyneham Flying Club will have to put the prices up. So to prevent this happening:

Warrior Aircraft: Fly 9 hours get 10<sup>th</sup> free!  
(This is equal to 10% off which is in turn equivalent to £72 per hour for a Warrior II.)

(Warrior Self fly hire at Kemble is £140)

This offer is valid from 15 Nov 09 until 15 Apr 09 = 5 Months!

Many Thanks to Freedom Aviation for working the figures on this.

In order to keep the workload down for Tony (treasurer) it will be a "self-managing" system. So when you have flown your 9 hours, give Tony a call, who will then have a look through the logs and credit you with an hour.

### YOUR CLUB

As I'm sure you all know we held a very successful Fly-in in September (thanks Whippy!) I estimate I TURNED AWAY 120 aircraft applications, on top of the 30 we could have. It has struck me how lucky we are here at RAF Lyneham. On top of this we have some very active members behind the scenes who keep the club going, the Committee are generally very busy and come away from the monthly meetings with a mountain of work. I think Keith does more now he's retired than he did when he was in the RAF (Sorry Pauline). Also, more recently Vince Goddard has volunteered to fix the headsets, Dave Wild has been DIYing and John Moore has helped out with financial matters – Thankyou!

I guess what I'm getting at is "can you help us?" anything you think you can offer to the club no matter how small you may think it is, will, in turn improve the club, and set us aside from the profit driven, impersonal civilian flying clubs.

**Cheers!**

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