



NEWSLETTER November 2025

Good Morning All ,

I am sorry, but due to being ill there won't be any introduction from me this month. I hope to bounce back soon. Thank you all for the messages of support I have received. Carry on men! *Jonathan.*

PEEMS wishes Jonathan a speedy recovery. Jonathan has gone 'over and beyond' in his role as Chairman, and during this period, we hope that members will help us run the Club while Jonathan recovers.

The AGM went well and was efficiently run by our Chairman, such that all proceedings were expedited quickly. This gave us time for a good chat sustained by Pie and Peas, Cake and Cheese provided by Mike, and Apple Pie and Cream provided by Peter. Thanks Mike and Peter!

We also thank all the members who help set up the Hungate Centre for the meeting, those who helped in the kitchen, and those who helped to clear up afterwards.

The AGM has been written up in this Newsletter, and there were quite a few discussions about the future of the Club, and how the Club's financial capital could be allocated to benefit all members. The discussions went on for some time, and a precis is included in this Newsletter. However, a recording was made so that all the suggestions made at the meeting can be revisited in the future.

At the December Club meeting on Wednesday 3rd December, at the usual time of 7pm at The Hungate Centre, we will be having a pre-Christmas social which will give an opportunity for members to socialise with a fun Christmas raffle. So, if you have any useful tools or equipment that could be donated to the raffle, or if you want to buy something for inclusion, please bring them along on the 3rd December. *Nevile.*

□ Forthcoming Events.

- **Wednesday December 3rd Pre- Christmas Social.**
- **Tuesday December 16th Workshop Morning.**
- **There is No Club Meeting in January.**
- **Tuesday January 20th Workshop Morning.**
- **Wednesday February 4th Passenger and Goods Workings at the Normanton Motive Power Depot (MPD) in the 50s/60s. A Talk by Allan Dawson.**
- **Tuesday February 17th Workshop Morning.**
- **Wednesday March 4th Aircraft Development. A Talk by Ivan Shaw.**
- **Tuesday March 17th Workshop Morning.**

Club Meeting On Friday 7th November At 11.30am ~ Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Chairman Jonathan Milner welcomed everyone to the PEEMS 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM). There was a good turnout with twenty two attendees. Jonathan thanked everyone for coming.

- **The PEEMS 2025 Annual General Meeting.**

Apologies For Absence: Paul Hayward and Doug Pickering.

- **The AGM 2024 Minutes.**

The minutes of the 2024 AGM had been e-mailed to members, and there were copies at the meeting. Jonathan said that the minutes for 2024 were a “big read” at 6 pages, and in the future, these should be “streamlined” to just a few pages.

There were comments from a couple of members such as: “*were written AGM minutes required?*”, “*does anyone actually read them?*” and “*does it matter?*”.

Jonathan said that it was traditional to have written minutes for the AGM. [Ed. Just so that there is a record of the proceedings that can be referred to in future, especially if members’ money is being spent. It was important to have transparency in Club affairs]. PEEMS currently doesn’t have a Secretary, and in the future, the AGM minutes will be a lot more “streamlined”. This year’s minutes will be a template for the future.

Proposal that the 2024 AGM minutes are correct: Andy Wilson.

Seconded: Paul Gammon.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Matters Arising From The 2024 AGM Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

- **Chairman’s Report. (Jonathan Milner).**

- **George Gibbs.**

We unfortunately lost George this year. George was a very enthusiastic Committee member, who wouldn’t miss a meeting unless it was beyond his control. George was an amazing man, and I found him an inspiration.

- **Treasurer.**

Many thanks to Andy Wilson for stepping in to be Treasurer. I know it was a bit daunting, but Andy stood up to the challenge and gave it a go! Which is what it’s all about. I think he’s “about fathomed it” now. The job was “alien” to him, but he’s taken it on board, and it’s helped us out brilliantly. Thanks Andy!

- **Secretary.**

PEEMS doesn’t have a Secretary yet, but thanks to Colin Bainbridge, who has volunteered to take notes at the Committee meetings, and Richard Llewellyn, who has taken on the role of “Membership Secretary”, we are just about coping [Ed. but we do really need a full time Secretary]. Richard will be a bit busy in the coming months. Richard also produces the list of members’ contact telephone numbers and e-mails, which are available to the membership. Bear in mind that it is difficult to keep this list up to date. It’s a big job and Richard has given PEEMS a lot of help. I am doing the rest of the Secretary’s job as well, so Richard has taken a lot of weight off my shoulders. Thanks Richard!

- **Peter Bramley.**

Peter’s been a staunch supporter of the Club since it started. He has provided PEEMS with a lot of good ideas. Thanks Peter!

- **Membership.**

There’s a core of members who turn up every month and help to keep the meetings going. Hopefully, people can find help at the meetings (both at the Club meetings and at the Workshop), with problems solved, or at least solutions suggested.

- **‘Streamlined’ AGM.**

The ‘streamlined’ AGM has evolved over the last year. Thanks to Neville, the monthly Newsletter allows you to look up what we have been doing over the year, so I don’t need to elaborate any further.

- **The Bradford Challenge.**

PEEMS didn’t participate in *The Bradford Challenge* this year, one reason being that it is a bit far to go, but the main reason is that the proposed monorail project stalled, because David Proctor who was the main driving force, has moved to the South. If anyone would like to resurrect the project, some basic work has been done.

- **PEEMS Cutter Grinder.**

This year, Paul Gammon and Doug Pickering had the idea that a cutter grinder would be a great asset for the Club. They asked around a bit, but the main thing is that they organised the project themselves. They recruited some volunteers for painting, Mike did a bit of machining, but basically, they had the idea, initiated it, and got the job done. As with most projects, it's taken a little longer than expected, but the end is in sight.

The cutter grinder is housed in the PEEMS workshop and will be available for use by all members, after tuition.

- **In Conclusion.**

PEEMS has had another interesting year which can be read about in our monthly Newsletter. This can be accessed on our web site at www.peems.co.uk

- **Treasurer's Report. (Andy Wilson).**

Andy displayed the accounts in an Excel spreadsheet projected onto a screen, so all the members could examine them. There were two columns showing the balances for the years 2024 and 2025. This allowed them to be compared.

Andy said the accounts were self-explanatory, and financially, PEEMS is "doing alright".

There is a very marginal difference in the final balances for 2024 and 2025, and this shows there hasn't been a big expenditure in 2025.

Any profit that PEEMS has made from interest in the Club bank account, has been almost negated by the bank charges, but nonetheless there is a very slight net profit in the account this year.

In conclusion, everything balances.

Proposal that the 2025 Accounts are correct: Peter Bramley.

Seconded: Tony Leeming.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

Questions and Answers:

Tony Leeming: This is a question I have asked many times in the Committee. We have this deposit account, and there should also be the small amount allocated for the mono-rail project, which are "just sitting there". We should either have a specific purpose for the money, not just in case we need it in the future for another project etc., or it should be used for the advantage of PEEMS members in some way. Reading last year's minutes, there was a concern about the number of members dropping off, and the Club having to close for that reason. The Constitution (Articles of Association) states that any money left over after the Club has closed, has to be given to another organisation of similar interests.

One suggestion is that when PEEMS goes on trips, we hire a coach so we don't need to car-share, and we can make it free to members and their partners. In that way we could invite people who might want to become a member. That would be much better than the money "just sitting there". If there is a good reason for the money remaining in the account unused, it should be labelled as such.

Neville: Has there been any money spent on projects or expenses, that drew on the capital in 2025?

Jonathan: I can't think of anything this year that would have drawn on the capital.

Mike: The only problem with subsidising a coach, is that you're only benefitting the members that go on that coach, and you're not benefitting the rest of the membership. My concern is that every member should benefit from that money.

Tony: I thought that something social would be a good use for the money.

Mel: Maybe the PEEMS annual dinner could be paid for out of our capital, so no one would have to pay. What's the point of having the money if we don't do anything with it?

Mike: Currently PEEMS are using the facilities at Croft House, for meetings and the Workshop. I don't know how long that facility can be maintained for the Club, for a variety of personal reasons. If that facility disappeared, would the members want to re-establish that facility somewhere else? If that is the case, you will need money to do that.

Jonathan: That is something we are going to have to discuss in the coming year. If Croft House is no longer available for us, where would we have our monthly Club meetings, and social events, and would we want to establish a dedicated PEEMS Workshop somewhere else?

William: Listening to the various suggestions for how the PEEMS capital should be spent, the future for PEEMS meetings, and if and where a dedicated PEEMS workshop should be established, I think the discussions so far have been laudable. However, I think that people should now go away, have a think about it, and as many people as possible should put their suggestions on an e-mail to the Club, so the Committee has something to work with.

- **Subscriptions.**

As has been seen, the Club is well funded. PEEMS proposes to keep the subscriptions at the same amount for the rest of this year and the next (2025/26).

Proposed: Jonathan Milner.

Seconded: John Nesom.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Club Officers For The PEEMS Committee.**

The current officers of the Committee resigned their posts in order for other members to be nominated or to nominate themselves for Committee positions. Jonathan said that this was a chance for any member to say "I want to be Chairman, or Secretary or a member of the Committee for next year".

- **Election Of Club Chairman.**

Jonathan Milner resigned his post, but no other member was nominated or nominated themselves as Chairman of the Club. Jonathan said that for the longevity of PEEMS, he was willing to stand again as Club Chairman for the coming year 2026.

Proposed: Andy Wilson.

Seconded: Chris Bramley.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Vice Chairman.**

Colin Bainbridge stood down from his position as Vice-Chairman. No other member was nominated or nominated themselves as Vice Chairman of the Club. Colin was willing to stand for re-election as Vice Chairman for 2026.

Proposed: John Nesom.

Seconded: Tony Leeming.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Treasurer.**

Andy Wilson has taken on the task of Treasurer for 2025, and he was standing down. No other member was nominated or nominated themselves as Treasurer of the Club. Andy was willing to be Treasurer again over 2026.

Proposed: William Burrell.

Seconded: Andrew Sheldon.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Club Secretary.**

Currently the Club is in need of a Club Secretary, because that role, as mentioned, is being shared out amongst Committee members. It is a role best suited for one person.

Unfortunately for a second year, no other member was nominated or nominated themselves as Club Secretary. Jonathan has had to fulfil the role of Chairman and temporary Club Secretary during 2025, which isn't ideal because it puts more pressure on him. Hopefully this situation will resolve itself in the near future.

The Club is very grateful for the work Jonathan has done as temporary Secretary in 2025. Jonathan said that he was temporary Secretary by default. He said that he had learnt a lot over the last year and still has a lot to learn. He said that as he had support from within the Club, he is willing to continue in the temporary role he has taken on, into 2026.

Proposed: Brian Stephenson.

Seconded: Richard Llewellyn.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Newsletter Editor and Publicity.**

Neville Foster stood down from his position as Newsletter Editor (and Publicity). Neville was willing to stand for re-election for this position. No other member was nominated or nominated themselves as Newsletter Editor.

Proposed: Tony Leeming.

Seconded: Mel Doran.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- **Election Of Other Members Of The Committee.**

- Peter Bramley has been attending Committee meetings as a Committee member. He stood down with the rest of the Committee, but was willing to rejoin as a Committee member.

Proposed: Chris Bramley.

Seconded: Andy Wilson.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- Richard Llewellyn stood down as "Membership Secretary, but was willing to stand again on the condition he was not officially a Committee member, but was an assistant to the temporary Club Secretary. The reason for this was because he was unable to attend the Committee meetings on a regular basis. Jonathan asked for a proposer to allow Richard to be an official Committee member with the understanding he couldn't attend all the Committee meetings.

Richard was willing to continue as official "Membership Secretary" under the above condition. (No other member was nominated or nominated themselves for this role).

Proposed: Rob Davey.

Seconded: Andy Wilson.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

Two other members have agreed to join the Committee.

- Rob Davey.

Proposed: Andy Wilson.

Seconded: Richard Llewellyn.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

- Paul Hayward.

Paul has been PEEMS Chairman and Secretary in the past, but had to give up his role because of grandchild care duties. He is now willing to rejoin the Committee for which we are very grateful.

Proposed: Rob Davey.

Seconded: Andy Wilson.

A unanimous show of hands of approval from the members present.

Please Note: With the loss of George Gibbs, the role of Workshop Manager has now ceased.

- **Incoming Chairman's Remarks.**

Don't forget your Subs!

- **Chairman's Award.**

Various people have been presented with *The Chairman's Award* over the years.

As mentioned earlier, a couple of members have stood up to the challenge of refurbishing a cutter grinder for the Club, and they didn't ask for much in return.

So, it's time to present the Award to **Paul Gammon** and **Doug Pickering**.

Paul accepted the award on behalf of himself and Doug, who unfortunately was unable to attend the AGM.

- **Pie and Peas.**

Members then retired for Pie and Peas, Cake and Cheese,(supplied by Mike) and Apple Pie and Cream (supplied by Peter). And a good chat!

Jonathan thanked everyone who had worked in the kitchen for the AGM.



Paul Gammon receiving *The Chairman's Award* on behalf of himself and Doug Pickering.

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