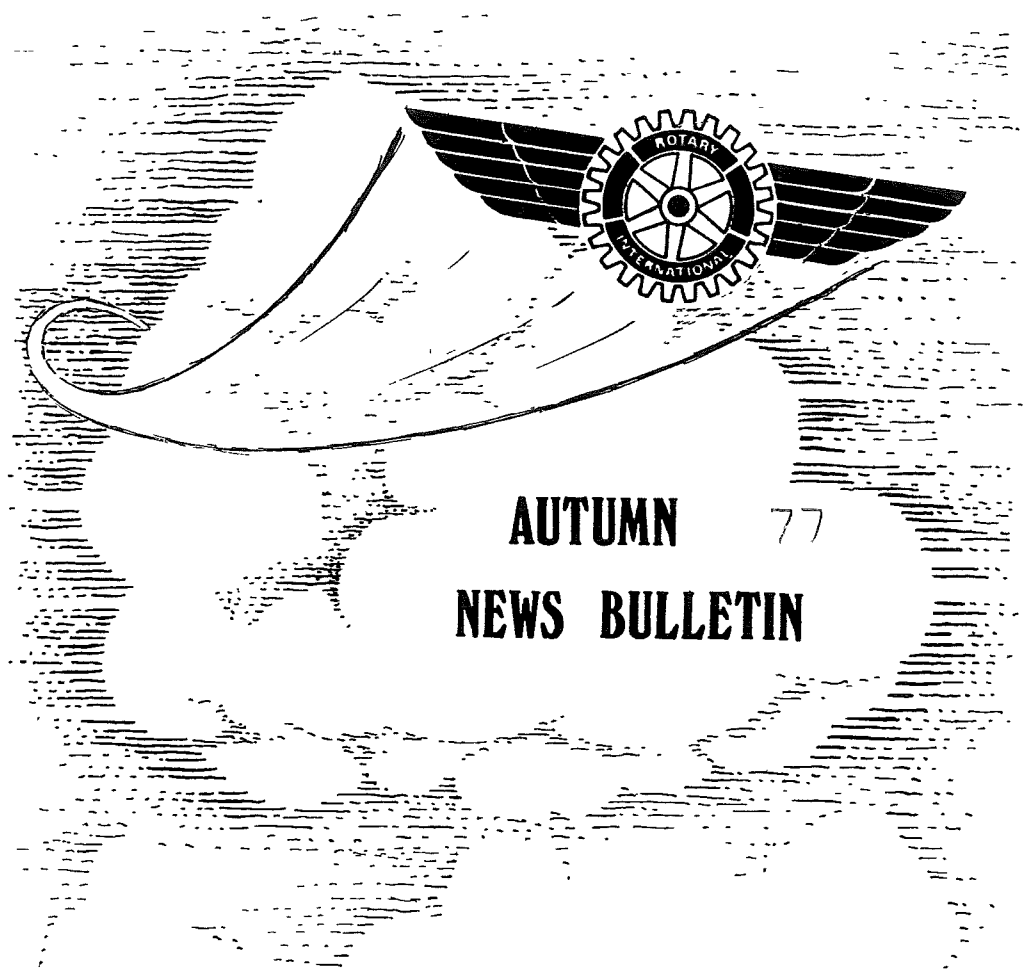


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to your new style I.F.F.R, News Bulletin which will be issued quarterly and give you current news and dates for your diary. An ad hoc meeting was held at Compton Abbas on September 12th., attended by Phil Pickford, Ron Homes, Bill Bailey, John Mills and Dennis Bothwick in an effort to organise a programme for 1978.

How about some ideas for 1978 from all of you - let us have them and we will organise it - or better still - you organise it.

It is essential that all interested Flying Rotarians should send their subscriptions to Phil Pickford (address herein) to enable our register and mailing list to be updated. Please complete the form sent by Phil - we need your support to make the U.K. Section of I.F.F.R. really successful.

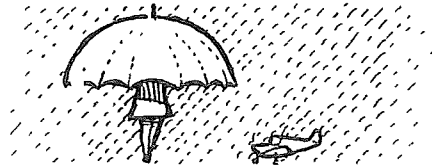
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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Phil Pickford has been waiting for Headquarters in Mexico to provide information but we understand there is a possible re-organisation going on over there. You will find cards enclosed with this letter, for those who have paid their subscription. Will all existing members put their I.F.F.R. numbers on the cards. New members will have to wait until Mexico or America get the books sorted out. Sorry about that.



LADIES DAY 1977

We could not have chosen a worse day! Ten Rotarians and their ladies had promised to attend - Six were grounded by bad weather in the London area. The local pilots attended and after some flying in the morning, we sat down to a very good lunch.

WIMBORNE AIR DAY AUGUST 21st



This must have been the largest, or at least one of the largest, Flying Displays ever put on by a Rotary Club! It was organised by Rotarian John Slow assisted by Flying Rotarian Robin Adeney, both of Wimborne Minster Club. The Tiger Club put on an aerobatic display. These were Army Helicopters and Eight hot air balloons. The Show was attended by 10,000 plus people!!! and a profit of £12,000 was talked about!!!! Two Flying Rotarians, Phil Pickford and David Oakley flew in. May we congratulate John Slow and Robin Adeney on such a marvellous performance. It was terrific!

FLYING VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS

Flying Rotarian David Oakley of East Brighton Rotary Club would like to invite any Flying Rotarian to visit his club on any Thursday. He will arrange transport from Shoreham Airport. Please phone (Business) Brighton 63322/3, (Home) Shoreham 4008.

Flying Rotarians Bill Bailey and Dennis Bothwick of Elstree and Borehamwood (Eddie Cotton's Club) will be delighted to pick up any pilot from Elstree Aerodrome to attend their meetings on Thursdays at 1 o'clock. Please Phone 01-953 1979 or 01-953 1503.

Phil Irish invites you to his strip (14/32 600yds) at Truro 50. 17N-05.09W. Telephone 0872 56488 P.P.O Local Club meets Wednesday, 12.45p.m.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome seven new members in this period. Their names are given below and we wish them happy flying and fellowship in the company of our existing members.

Name	Club
Anthony Turner	Alcester
Charles O. Neal	Dunlaoghaire (Ireland)
Peter Woodruff	Saxmundham & District
Kenneth V. Wood	Bridlington
John Giles	Banstead
Peter H. Gresham	Southborough
Ives J. Branson	Southborough

Will all members spread the "gospel" of "Flying Rotary" and to Rotarians generally and, in particular, to any pilots or past pilots in Rotary who may be interested in joining in our fellowship with Flying Rotarians the world over.

Please! Subs!

REPORT ON I.F.F.R. INTERNATIONAL RALLY ANNECY
BY THE FRENCH SECTION ON JUNE 15TH
(AFTER NICE AND BELLE ISLE)

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The British Contingent consisted of Chairman Francis Willinger and Ted Darlow; President Charles Purley, wife and visitor from U.S. of A., John and May Ritchie, Ted Mayhew and wife, and myself (Phil Pickford) with Denzyl Perry. A brief description of my trip may be of interest. Aircraft - PA 22 Colt - Range 200 miles-speed 90mph. We left U.K. via Hurn and cleared French Customs at Cherbourg. The next leg was to Chartres where we spent the night. Early next morning we set course for Annecy via Atun for a refuelling stop. As our aircraft has only a 360 V.H.F. Radio, the whole trip was done visual including the last mountaineering leg. When we touched down at Annecy we were greeted with a first class cold Buffet at the Aero Club. All of our party were then transported into the Town where we had Dinner at the Talloires Hotel, and were entertained right royally by the French.

PROGRESS REPORT on DAVID PURLEY

Members will undoubtedly be very pleased to hear that David, Our President's son, is making good progress. In fact his recovery is much better than expected although it will be some time yet before he is completely mobile. Nevertheless he expects to be home in the not too distant future and we look forward with pleasure to enjoying his company at our future meetings.

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Everyone was presented with bottles of scent and stockings etc., with prizes for those who came furthest, Italy and Sicily. The shortest trip was by a Twin Jet Falcon from Geneva - 20 miles! There was also a prize for the most unusual aircraft which was won by my Piper Colt!

Our hotel where we spent the night was unfortunately noisy and we woke next morning to a rainy day. As the mountain flying was cancelled, Denzyl and I decided to leave as soon as possible.

Our take-off was delayed until midday when we followed a railway line out of the mountains, giving met. reports to those still on the ground. We flew the rest of the way usually at low level across France, arriving back home in time for our evening meal. The whole trip was well worth while and we hope to do it again next year in the company of even more flying Rotarians.

Ted Mayhew is to be congratulated as it was his first trip abroad in his aircraft - even if it took him three days to get there!

Phil Pickford
Hon. Secretary.

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