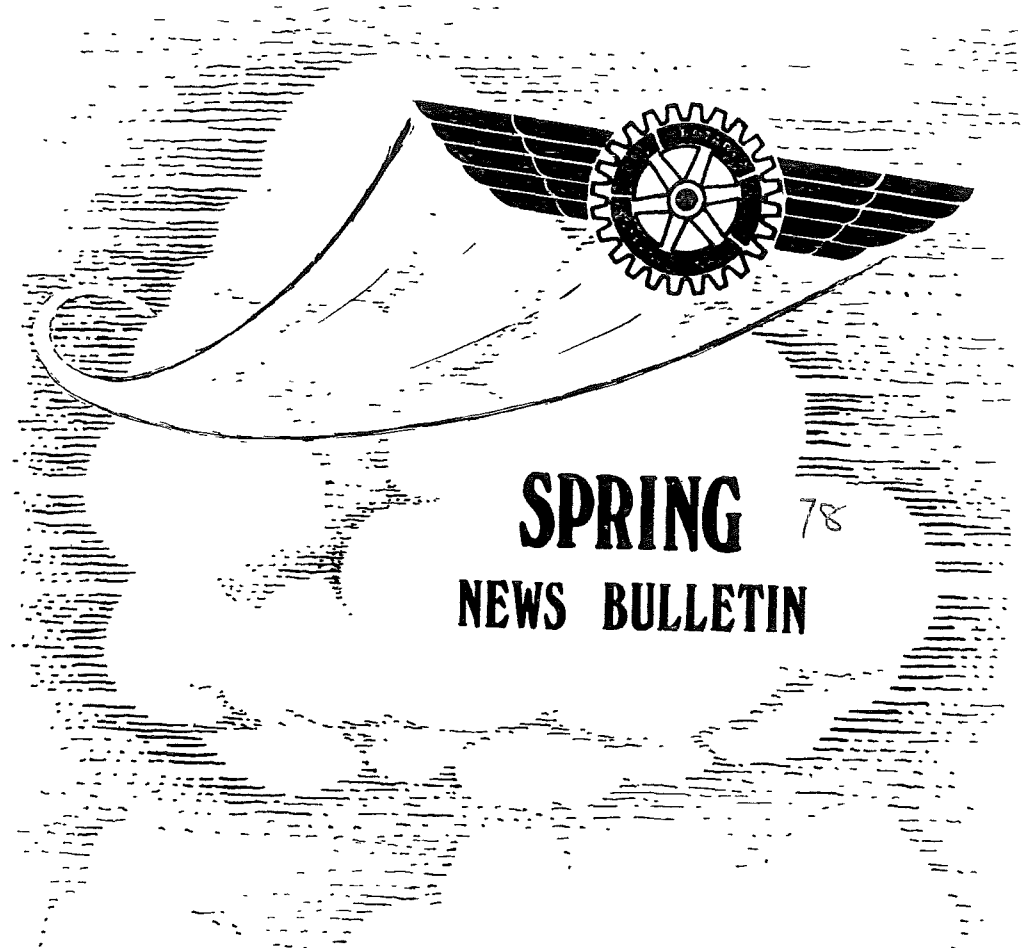


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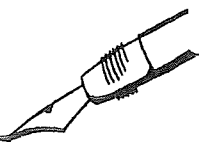
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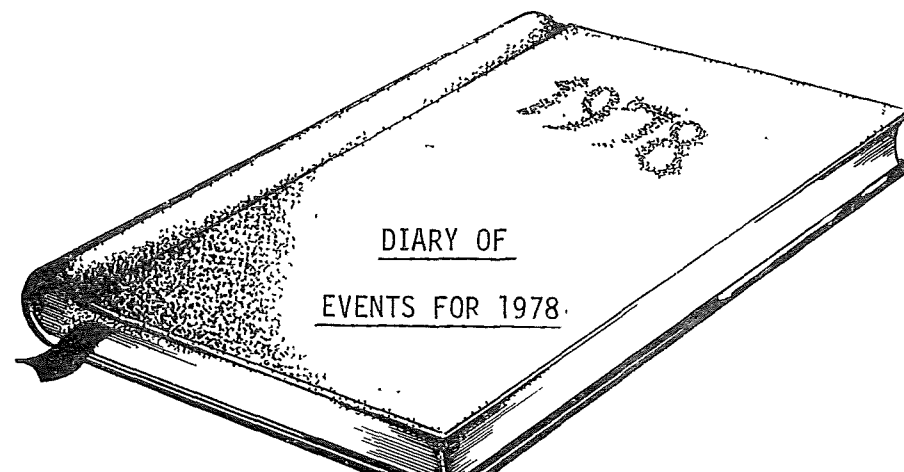


Thank you for the response to our call for items of interest and the response from members which shows that IFFR in the UK is alive and kicking. We now have a membership of 58 Rotarians despite 14 previous members having lost interest. It is up to us all to show that our interest in flying brings an even greater fellowship to Rotary.

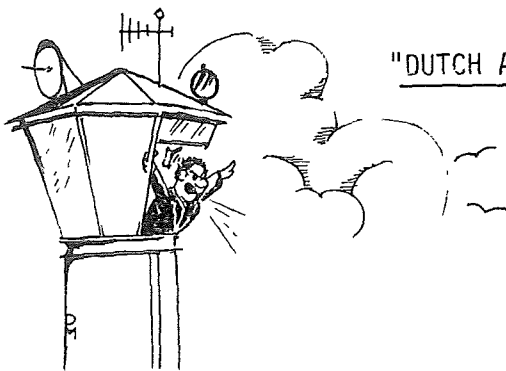
It has been suggested that we, in IFFR should have a theme for the year, and for this year it will be "Give a deprived child a ride in your Aircraft". Let it go lads and give them some enjoyment with an ice cream to follow!

We hope to have badges available soon together with ties for those who want them. We'll keep you informed.

Last, but not least, a subscription form is enclosed for your use. Don't forget new members will be very welcome.



- April 16th HENSTRIDGE OPEN DAY invites IFFR. 100 plus aircraft expected. Open 10 O'Clock onwards. Non Radio use marked runway from signal square. 07/25. 9000'. Light refreshment.
- May 20th/21st COMPTON ABBAS. IFFR UK rally. Vists to please of local interest and horse riding. Overnight accommodation available at local pubs. A navigation competition plus giving joy rides to deprived children.
- June 18th Framlingham Airfield. Saxmundham Rotary Club Family Day and Barbeque. A fly-in has been arranged with a reasonably priced lunch. Runway 06/24 and a grass strip N-S both 2000' Radio Framlingham 122.6 no landing Fees. A navigation exercise will be held. Tel. Saxmundham 3456 for full details and lunch booking.
- August 6th Swansea. IFFR invited by Dr. Gwyn Howells.
- August ? An IFFR Rally to be organised by Reg Spears. Please contact him during July by phone if interested.



"DUTCH AND GO"

or

"THE DUTCH CONNECTION"

Having contacted a flying Rotarian in Holland a "Flying mini twin" between Saxmundham and the Rotary Club of Heerlen Nord was arranged. Four of our members climbed aboard a Cherokee at Framlingham on a cold Tuesday in November at 0700 and departed for Southend where we cleared customs, filed our flight plan, purchased duty free's and filled up with fuel. We took off for Holland at 08.35 routing via North Foreland - Kokside - Ghent - Bruno VOR to Maastricht arriving at 11.15 having been instructed to "p--s off" by Brussels control, escorted through a firing range by two angry looking Phantoms, and a great deal of laughs.

We were met by two Rotarians and had a splendid lunch in the Flying Club before going on to Eurocontrol (UFIR control) where we were shown the latest radar control facilities. During this visit we were joined by two more Heerlen Club members, a B.M.W. dealer and Burgo-meister. At 1700 we were taken by each of our hosts to their homes to meet their families. At 1900 we met up again for dinner at AFCENT (NATO HQ EUROPE) first doing justice to the duty free bar. After dinner we were invited to meet the other members of the Club at a party in one of the members houses where there was a large bar. The party continued well into the Wednesday morning and three of the four of us departed at 0130 with our hosts. The next morning we met up at Maastricht Airport at 10.00.

The fourth member of our group arrived wearing a bright red pom pom hat, clashing with his pink eyes, complaining that he could not find a suitable shaver point and of B.M.W. dealers drinking to the early hours. We sat in the Met. Office while it snowed softly outside and our hosts were busy cooking up another party, but suddenly the sun shone and we said our farewells departing for Southend at 11.50. I think we were all a little sad to leave as our hosts had overwhelmed us with their hospitality. Over North Foreland we entered cloud at 2500 ft and Southend provided a Splendid G.C.A., finally breaking through at 350 ft with the very welcome approach lights right below. We had an uneventful return from Southend to Framlingham with improving weather all the way. Final costings on our "mini twin" with Heerlen Nord for aircraft hire, landing fees, parking etc, were £19.50 per head. They are coming to visit us during our Fly-in on 18th June when you are invited for barbeque lunch again, so please make a note in your diary now and book the date.

P.W.

P.S. They may bring a pilot from Maastricht Rotary Club in June looking for a UK Club to exchange visits with. Any takers?

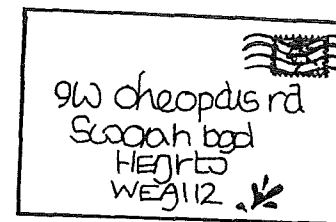
ST. JOHN AIRWING



It may be of interest to members to know that some Flying Rotarians are involved in the St. John Airwing which is used for the rapid conveyance of kidneys at times when public transport is not available, usually at night. Bill Bailey is a local co-ordinator at Elstree and has available the services of several pilots and aeroplanes usually at a moments notice. A typical episode is as follows:-

I had just gone to bed after holding a party over Christmas - it was 12.40 and fortunately I had not drunk more than half a pint of shandy - (being off drink that night). At 1.15 a.m. I was awakened by the telephone shrieking and soon I was listening to Bill saying that he had a kidney for Newcastle and no plane or pilot - would I go? You don't say no to Bill and quickly I found myself doing a pre-flight on a very cold and dark field. The runway lights were switched on by courtesy of another pilot and we were away via Bovingdon and Gamston (where there is a new VOR). Newcastle switched on specially for us and we swept in to hand the kidney over to a waiting Police car. As there were no refuelling facilities open at 03.30 we were entertained by a very co-operative Air Controller with unlimited supplies of tea until 6 O'Clock when the field started to become active. The kindness and co-operation by everybody in this sort of exercise is really something! by 06.30 we had taken off and after an eventful journey caused by a slipping generator belt we landed at Elstree at 08.00. For me an adventure being my first long flight at night - for Bill just another mission among many.

LETTERS FROM FLYING ROTARIANS



Dear Phil,

I was very pleased to receive the Autumn News Bulletin and congratulations of your trip to Annecy, which must have been reminiscent of the pioneering days.

Unlike you, who are, I believe, an airline pilot, it looks as if the rest of us amateurs will have little chance during these winter months to meet with each other. Wouldn't it be possible to arrange a luncheon somewhere in London, say mid-January, so that many of us who are not too far from London could have a chance of getting acquainted and possibly being ideas for activities next year which could be discussed there?

Yours sincerely,

Ives Branson

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Dear Phil,

I.F.F.R.

While my plane is on the ground for its C of A I have been thinking about next summers flying. I see that the last news letter from the United States promises a weeks tour of the Mediterranean which on the route mentioned would give us some 3,000 N.M. flying in a week. I think your constitutions must be stronger than mine, but await details with interest.

Dear Phil,

While I.F.F.R. is strong on the international aspect of Rotary I have been wondering how we can contribute to some of the other aims and objects. I see from the Rotary Magazine that there is a strong caravan club inside the Rotary movement, a number of whom seem to tour the continent frequently and stop in most out of the way places. One of the problems of caravanning is the lack of facilities for immediate return to the U.K. in the event of accident. In many parts of France in particular a tourist may be a considerable distance from a major airfield served by public transport services, whereas with club fields proliferate suitable for our light aircraft. Could we consider arranging with the Rotary caravaners to provide a service where in case of emergency we could fly over a family member to help them or bring back an able bodied passenger in need of urgent return to the U.K. I am not thinking of an ambulance service so much as facilitating the immediate return to this country in the case of death or serious illness of a dependant left behind over here.

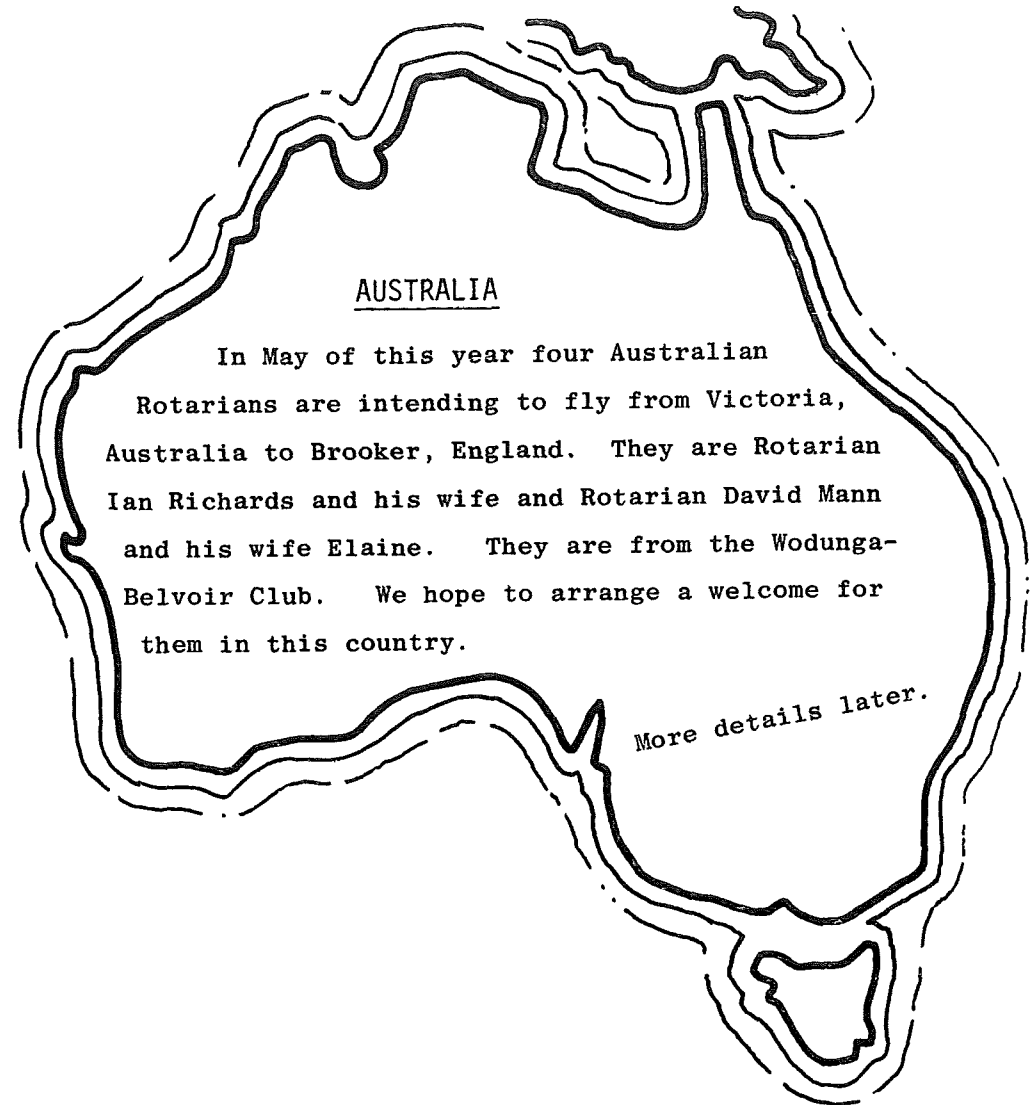
No charge is envisaged but to avoid insurance and legal technicalities, but in return for a free flight I am sure a week or two's free use of a caravan in the sunshine would be acceptable to a number of our pilots.

If you think there is anything in the idea we could explore it in more detail. Will any I.F.F.R. Members be attending the National Conference at Blackpool this year to your knowledge?

Congratulations on the Autumn New Bulletin and best wishes for 1978.

Yours sincerely,

John Ritchie



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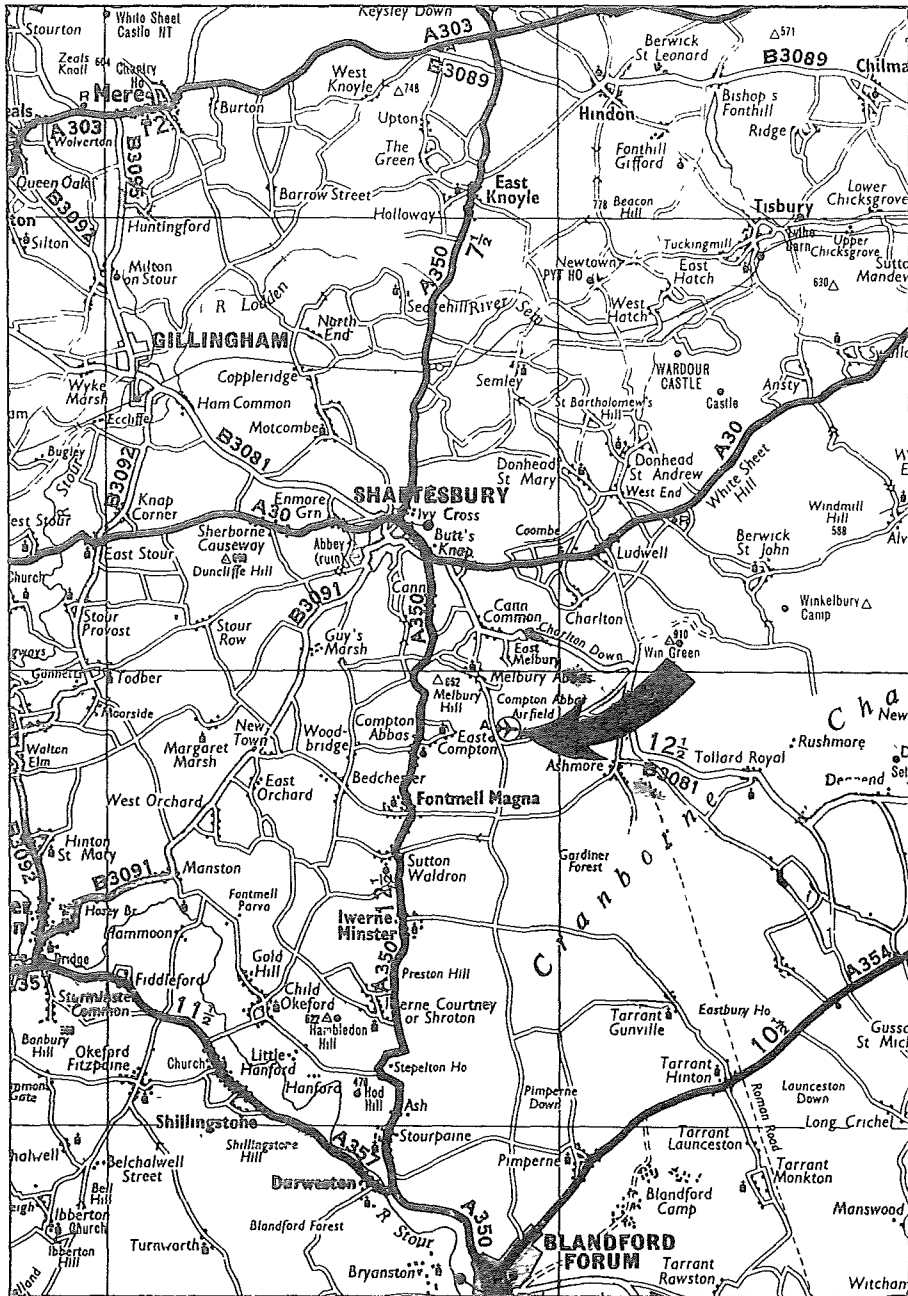
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We will endeavour each issue to give details of landing fields and we have chosen Compton Abbas because of its pertinence to our Rally in May.

Grass Strip 08/26 760 x 31 metres.  
3 n.m. S of Shaftesbury.

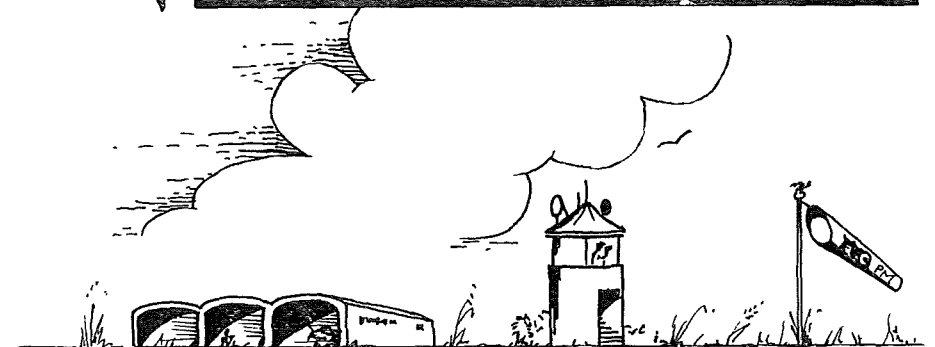
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Radio Compton Abbas 122.7

Very good Restaurant facilities  
Maintenance available.

Rotary Club of Shaftesbury meet on Mondays at 1 O'Clock. Phil Pickford will welcome you and arrange transport.

A radial of 295° from the IBSLEY VOR will pass through the field at a distance of 16 n.m.



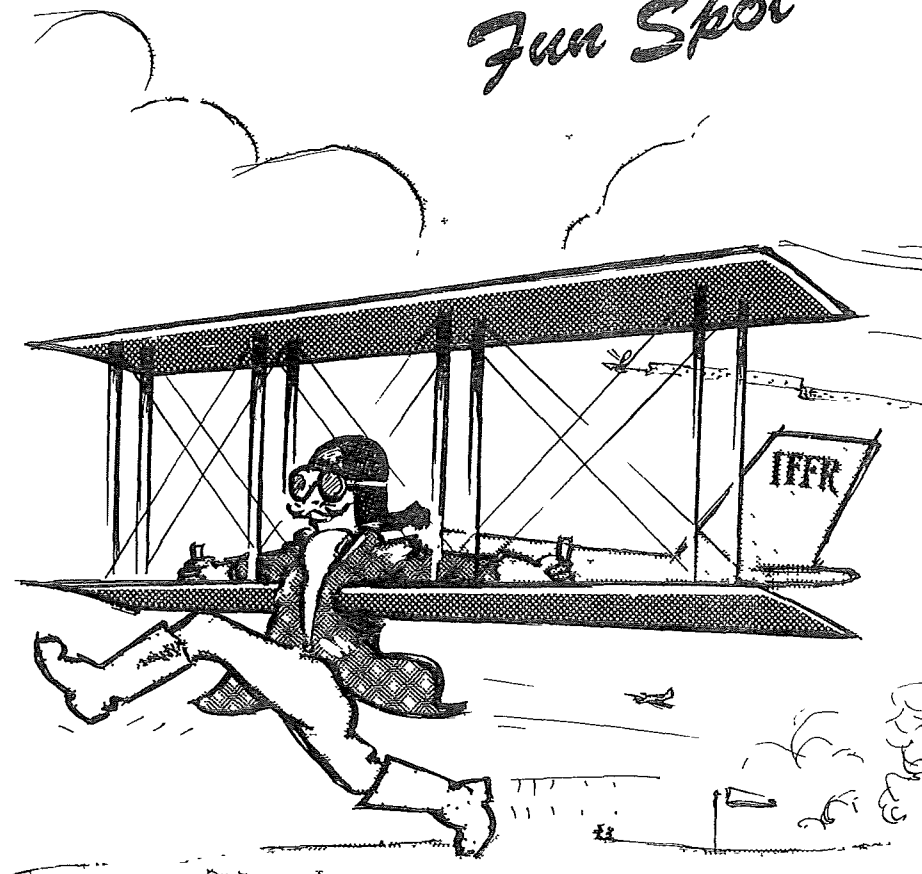
The International Rally of the IFFR starts at Cannes on June 24th and the itinerary is as follows:-

	Cannes	-	24th June
	Calvi	-	25th June
	Olbia	-	26th June
Tunis	Catania	-	27th June
	via Trappini to		
	Venice	-	28th June
	via Dubrounik to		
	Venice	-	29th June
	Voghera	-	30th June
	Freus	-	1st July

Further details from our Chairman Francis Willinger -  
Tel: 01 584 4818.



# Fun Spot



"What's the name of that new member, WILBUR ....."??"