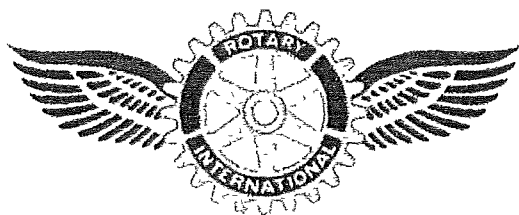


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THE ROTATING BEACON United Kingdom Section

NEW YEAR BULLETIN 2003

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

European IFFR Events Diary 2003

April 9	United Kingdom	<u>Wednesday</u> meeting at Brooklands Air Museum
May 2-4	Southern Ireland	UK Section AGM & Fly-in to Waterford, Eire
May 17-18	France	French Spring Meeting at the Vendee Air Park
June 19-22	Austria	German/Austrian Section meeting in Vienna
June 27-29	Italy	Italian Section meeting at Verona Boscomantica
August 21-24	Sweden	Scandinavian Section meeting at Kalmar
Sept 5-7	Germany	German/Austrian Section meeting in Nuremberg Or Black Forest district

Sept 12-14 France French Section meeting - Marseilles district
Note these dates in your new Diary now. Full details will be supplied on request when available and can usually be found on the IFFR Website: www.iffir.org.

JOIN IN THE FUN IN 2003.

With this Bulletin comes a subscription reminder for 2003 which as requested by members provides for your contribution to the Memorial for Graeme Le Quesne To keep down costs please check & return the form to the Treasurer within the month

Southern Ireland fly-in : Waterford : 2-4 May 2003

Provisional Programme

Friday May 2:

- 14.00 - 16.00 Arrive South East Regional Airport Waterford
Transfer to Tower Hotel in city centre
www.towerhotelgroup.com
19.00 Assemble in Hotel lounge prior to dinner
20.00 Welcome dinner at Restaurant 'La Palma' nearby

Saturday May 3:

- 08.00 - 09.00 Breakfast in Hotel
09.30 Depart by coach for tour taking in Waterford Crystal
and then on to Kilkenny for visit this medieval city and
Castle. Lunch may be taken at Langtons a renowned local pub
16.00 Return to Waterford
19.30 Principal dinner in Tower Hotel 'Dunmore Room'
followed by entertainment 'A taste of Ireland'

Sunday May 4:

- 08.00 onwards Breakfast in Hotel
09.00 UK Section AGM - Agenda to be published in Spring Bulletin
10.30 Walking tour of old Waterford in the company of local
Historian. Afterwards lunch may be taken at T & H Doolan's
18th century pub
14.00 Transfer to airport for those leaving on Sunday

As Monday is a UK Bank Holiday, Optional extension on Sunday night
with individual programme available at welcome desk in Hotel.

Programme fee EUR 180 per person to include the following:

- Welcome dinner with wines at Restaurant 'La Palma'
- Coach tour and entrance fees at Waterford Crystal
and Kilkenny Castle on Saturday
- Principal dinner with wines at Tower Hotel
- after dinner entertainment
- Guided tour of old Waterford on Sunday morning

Lunches have not been included in the fee. Transfers to and from the
airport will be provided by members of the Rotary Club of Waterford.

An all inclusive landing and parking charge of EUR 20 per aircraft
has been negotiated with Waterford Airport and members may arrive on
1st and/or depart on Monday 5th if desired. The Airport will provide
Customs facilities where necessary and fuel duty-free will be
available when departing out of Ireland. All airport information
including airfield charts available on the Waterford Airport web site
www.flywaterford.com Alternatively the airport phone number is + 353
51 875589 fax 872288 Airport email address: watapt@eircom.net

Hotel accommodation should be booked direct with the Tower Hotel, The
Mall, Waterford Tel. no. +353 51 875801 fax 870129, e-mail
reservations@thw.ie quoting IFFR. The bed & breakfast rate negotiated
with the hotel for our group is EUR 55.00 per night per person
sharing on Friday and Saturday nights with a reduced rate of EUR 45
on Sunday night. The single room supplement is EUR 20 per person per
night.

This event is sure to be well supported. If you need a seat or have
seats to spare in your aircraft please contact John Ritchie 01462-
684941 or email john@ritchieiffre.freeerve.co.uk

BROOKLANDS AIR & CAR MUSEUM

Wednesday 9th April 2003

The proposed visit to Brooklands last year had to be cancelled due to the pressure of events which greatly restricted the number of members wishing to attend. Brian McGraw is willing to reinstate the meeting if sufficient members confirm that they will be taking part. A Wednesday has been chosen in view of the success of the mid-week meeting at Coventry last Spring.

Brooklands Aerodrome dates from the early days of motor racing and the very birth of British Aviation. Much remains from the past including the original 1907 buildings and a section of the banked racing circuit (Wear rubber soles to climb it!). There is a mouth-watering selection of old vehicles and aircraft, both original and replica, including the Wellington bomber recovered after 40 years under Loch Ness and now restored and left partly uncovered to show Sir Barnes Wallis's geodetic construction.

For a group of 15 or more an official guide will provide a two hour tour beginning at 2.0 pm. sharp. We shall have the use of the Members Bar for pre-lunch drinks from noon to 12.30 pm followed by lunch there or in the adjacent Bluebird Room at 12.30 pm. Total cost including entry fee, buffet lunch and tour will be about £25 per head.

Road access is from M25 exit 10 via Brooklands Road B374. Look for the brown Museum signs. There is adequate car parking in front of the Clubhouse. The Museum phone number is 01932-857381.

Brooklands Aerodrome is only open for special events, and in spite of earlier hopes the Aviation Curator has ruled against allowing us to fly in. However Fair Oaks is only about five miles away for those coming by air. First time visitors to Fair Oaks should phone for a briefing as the airfield is under the London CTA. Phone ATC 01276-857000. Two taxi firms operate. Chobham Cars 01276-855151 and Boomerang Taxis 01483-714062. The Ship Hotel Weybridge -01932-848364- is recommended for those wishing to make an overnight stay.

As the caterers need a deposit from IFFR please complete the form below and post or email **ASAP** to Brian McGraw, 58 Glenfield Drive, Gt. Doddington, Wellingborough, Northants NN29 7TE. Email brian@mcgraw.fsbusiness.co.uk

An early response is essential to avoid any risk of another cancellation due to lack of support.

NAME

NUMBER COMING

ADDRESS

EMAIL

PHONE

MOBILE

Coming by ROAD

Please tick one alternative

By AIR into FAIROAKS

ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING TO BRISBANE ?

We have received the following URGENT message from Alan Grady who is arranging the accommodation for the RI Convention and Queensland Outback Flyround in Australia next June.

"I have just been advised that there are cancellation charges on the Bulk Booked IFFR Hotels in Brisbane namely "The Windor International" (Hotel No:42) and "Kedron Palmes" (Hotel No:54)

"All bookings must be made and paid for in full (ie for four nights) before 15th February. The Australian Section has paid a deposit of one nights accommodation on these rooms and unless 80% are booked before 15th February we stand to have a cancellation cost of up to \$2000AUS. Please let your members know of this RI requirement. If they are coming please encourage them to book now, and pay the full amount by 15th February."

"We have 40 rooms booked in the Windsor, 18 have a deposit paid by those who booked them, and 20 rooms in Kedron Palmes of which only 4 have been booked so far. The Australian Section has paid the deposit on the rest."

The booking forms and full programme for the Flyround can be found on the internet website www.iffir.org/au. It sounds really fascinating, and those who recall the Flyround that followed the Melbourne Convention in 1993 will tell you that you should not miss this one. The Convention dates are June 1st to 4th followed by the Flyround on 5th to 14th. You can share a ride with an Australian IFFR member or may be able to hire an Australian aircraft. Just register with Alan on his website. The cost is quoted at AU\$1600 per head twin-shared, about £600 at current exchange rates, with a AU\$370 Single Supplement, plus the cost of flying. Even getting to Brisbane is getting cheaper than in past years. If you want to share a plane with another couple from the UK and let us know here and we will try to put you in contact before you go.

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A man in a hot air balloon realised he was lost He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am " The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude "

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist "I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip "

The woman below responded, "You must be in Management " "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault

(Contributed by Charles Strasser)

(Contributions from members to the Rotating Beacon are always welcome - Editor)

AROUND THE WORLD FOR £25!

How would you like to fly in a single engined aircraft around the world for £25? Well you can't - but your name can! Polly Vacher, who in 2001 completed a 29,000 miles round the world trip including a 16-hour leg from Hawaii to California, is planning a new solo adventure. Starting in May 2003, as part of the celebrations for the Centenary of Powered Flight, Polly again will be piloting her Piper Dakota around the world – but this time over both poles. Apart from the challenge the flight has a serious purpose. It is to raise awareness of, and funds for the Royal International Air Tattoo Flying Scholarships for the Disabled. The flight will also have scientific value – two students from the Mirce Akademy of Systems Operational Science in the West Country are researching the effects of extreme climate on a light aircraft for their thesis. This research has already provided valuable information on climate, fuel and oil and the reaction of various parts of the aircraft to harsh conditions.

The Flying Scholarships for the Disabled is a scheme which through the mental and physical challenges of learning to fly a light aircraft gives disabled people the opportunity to rebuild their lives. Working for a flying scholarship offers students a chance to explore their full potential. This is reflected in their everyday lives and often leads to their acquiring a job, maybe for the first time. Each scholarship student completes a six-week residential course with up to 40 hours of dual and solo flying.

Polly has already secured blue chip sponsors, among them – Shell, Piper Aircraft, Lycoming, Jeppesen and Virgin Atlantic. The British Antarctic Survey has also assisted by granting exceptional permission for a landing at its Rothera Research Base. Wider support is being sought for this worthwhile cause – for a donation to the charity of £25, Polly will affix your name to a wing of her Piper Dakota. In return you will receive a commemorative certificate and periodic newsletter updates.

Why do I commend this to you? Well clearly this is a worthwhile cause with a strong aeronautical element that should appeal to us as able-bodied flyers. My further reason is that on the occasions that I have had the privilege of meeting Polly she has always spoken warmly of the hospitality she received around the world on her previous adventure from Rotarians. At her various stops local Rotarians provided accommodation and general assistance. As an ambassador for Rotary alone she merits our individual support. Further details and sponsorship forms are available at www.worldwings.org or from myself by email to angus@foldhead.plus.com

Angus Clark

European Vice President

Passengers

We all know the responsibilities of our passengers - to shut up when told and to pay up when asked ! But do we all remember our LEGAL responsibilities to our passengers? As you may know the CAA publishes an excellent Safety Leaflet entitled "2A CARE OF PASSENGERS" but when did you last look at a copy?

It summarises the principal matters. How to use seat belts or harnesses - door and emergency exits - front seat-back release - fire extinguisher - lifejackets and raft, and . What to do in a forced landing or ditching, and other items of importance.

Do you remember everything each time? Although the pilot is assisted by the use of a printed checklist applicable to his particular aircraft, I have never seen a published Passenger Briefing Sheet. Several years ago, being lawyers flying with lawyers, we took the trouble to prepare a printed and laminated sheet covering most of the relevant matters which we hand to passengers to read once they are seated and while the pilot is occupied with his start-up checks. Questions asked at that time are much easier to answer than half way down the approach to a forced landing.

While the sheet we use is particular to our single-engine, six seat, two door plane we would be happy to send you a print by email or post for you to adapt to your own requirements. No copyright or acknowledgement applies. Just call John on 01462-684941 or email john@ritrchieiffreeserve.co.uk

While on the subject of Flight Safety may we thank all those members who have agreed to take up with the Management Authority of their airport the issue of waiving landing fees for light aircraft making an unscheduled landing for safety reasons. May we hope that this will persuade those few airfields at present opting out to join in with the majority who do so.

Membership

2002 has been a great year for IFFR-UK membership. Although we sadly lost Graeme Le Quesne in a flying accident, and there were a few who decided not to renew their membership at the beginning of the year, we have welcomed no less than 12 new members during the year, some being spouses of existing members who have enjoyed IFFR so much that they have joined Rotary itself. The latest additions to our numbers are John Grant-Silver of Troon Rotary Club in Scotland, a former British Airways Head Office Manager with 20 years prior experience of General Aviation developing Cessna Flight Training systems outside the United States, and Tom Lackey a former IFFR member who having left Rotary due to outside commitments has now been elected an honorary member of the Solihull St Alphege Rotary Club and is accordingly now eligible to rejoin us. His speciality is wing-walking! We welcome them both and look forward to meeting them at our events later this year.

WANTED

**A WEBMASTER TO TAKE
OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE IFFR EUROPEAN
WEBSITE -**

**PLEASE CONTACT ANGUS
CLARK**

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