FLYING FARMERS ASSOCIATION LTD.

ADDENDUM TO NEWSLETTER - MAY 1980

STOP PRESS!!

Since the enclosed newsletter was typed, the following amendments and additions have become necessary.

1. County visit - May 14th

Because of the proposed national strike on 14th May ("Len Murray's folly"), it has been decided to delete this date from the programme; the visit to County will therefore take place on 15th May.

2. ADAS Demonstration - May 15th

I (David Corbett) can arrange for a limited number of members to be taken by car from Blackbushe to Bridgets EHF abd back in time to lunch with County. Departure from Blackbushe would be at 0900, returning to Fleet by 1300.

Therefore, if any member is genuinely and seriously interested in visiting the "Computers on the Farm" demonstration - which sounds to be extremely comprehensive - you should contact me by telephone (056881 351) before I go on holiday on 6 May, to reserve a place.

"BOOKING-IN" PAGE

The booking-in page attached to the main newsletter is in two sections:

(a) The main section (the top section) covers all events except the County visit. We particularly ask all members to return this section by 1st June to Bart Woodall, even if you do not intend to go on any of the visits.

(b) The bottom section concerns the County visit, and should be detached and returned to Bart Woodall by 8th May only if you wish to attend the County visit.

PLEASE LET US HAVE THE MAIN SECTION BY 1st JUNE WITHOUT FAIL.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Flying Farmers Association Limited will take place at 11.30 hours on Tuesday 10th June at The Peterborough Parachute Centre, Sibson Aerodrome, Wansford, Peterborough.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting.
3. Chairman's report.
4. Treasurer's Report, including Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 1979.
5. To reappoint Messrs. Keens Shay Keens & Co. as Auditors for 1979/80 in accordance with Section 14 of the Companies Act 1976.
6. Election of Committee and Officers.
7. Election of Members of the Company.
8. Any other business.

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather on 10th June should be sufficiently bad to prevent the necessary Committee members attending, the A.G.M. will be postponed until 11.30 hours on 11th June 1980, at the same location. Members in doubt about the weather on the 10th June should ring the Hon Secretary's office at either of the following numbers, after 0900, to find out whether the A.G.M. will go ahead on 10th June:

Kingsland (056881) 351/2 - Corbett Farms Ltd. - 2 lines.

" (") 723/4 - Shobdon Aviation Ltd. - 2 lines.

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NEWSLETTER - MAY 1980

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - for details, see individual paragraphs below.

14 May (alternative, 15 May)	- Visit to County Tractors
14/15 May	- Computers for the Farm - a major demonstration
10 June	- Annual General Meeting, Flying Farmers Association
10/11 June	- R.A.S.E. - Wheat 80
19 June	- Visit to Peter Lippiatt, Chipping Sodbury
25 June	- Visit to Hunday Herd of British Friesians, and National Farm Museum - Northumberland
26 June	- Visit open-cast coalmine in Newcastle-on-Tyne area
30 June - 3 July	- Royal Show
16 - 18 July	- Visit to Brittany
9 or 10 August	- Possible fly-in to Wellesbourne Mountford

"BOOKING-IN" FOR ABOVE EVENTS

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a "booking-in" page, which you are asked to complete and return to Bart Woodall as soon as possible - and in any event, NOT LATER THAN Thursday, 8th MAY if you expect to attend the County visit on 14 May.

VISIT TO COUNTY COMMERCIAL CARS LTD - 14 MAY

Please arrange to land at Blackbushe not later than 1145 local on 14 May. You will then be collected at 1200 by County, who have arranged a pub lunch, followed by an afternoon tour of their factory.

Departure from Blackbushe at 1630 approximately. I have tried, but without success, to negotiate reduced landing fees at Blackbushe.

If the weather on 14 May makes cancellation necessary, the visit will take place on 15 May.

If you are in doubt about the weather on 14 May, ring Bart Woodall before 1000 local on the following number:

03727 - 22702 or -

03727 - 41976, if you have trouble in contacting 22702.

As County are entertaining us to lunch, it is obviously necessary for us to let them know the numbers attending in good time. Please therefore return the booking slip to Bart Woodall as soon as possible.

A.D.A.S. - COMPUTERS ON THE FARM - 14/15 MAY

This is an ADAS organised "major demonstration" at Bridgets E.H.F., which is about 4 miles North East of Winchester. The information is included in this newsletter in case any member wishes to combine their visit to County with a visit to this demonstration, which is open from 1000 - 1600 on 14th and 15th May.

Nearest airfields are Southampton or Lasham (each about 15-16 miles), or Blackbushe itself, which is just under 30 miles, down M3 and A33. We do not appear to have a member with an airstrip in the immediate area.

Further details of the demonstration itself from your local ADAS Divisional Office.

WHEAT 80 - AND F.F.A. A.G.M. - 10 JUNE

The R.A.S.E. event "Wheat 80" will take place at Sacrewell Farm, near Peterborough, on 10 and 11 June.

Your Committee have decided to hold the Annual General Meeting during the event because for a number of reasons, we have not been able to organise it before this date. Formal notice of the Annual General Meeting is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Landing facilities for Wheat 80 will be at Sibson aerodrome, and transport to Sacrewell Farm will be provided, on both days, by R.A.S.E. The Annual General meeting will take place at 11.00 on Tuesday 10th June, in the lecture room of the Peterborough Parachute Centre at Sibson, by kind permission of the Chief Instructor, John Meacock.

Peterborough - Sibson 52 33 20 N
00 23 05 W
Runway - 07/25 - grass - 703 x 30 m
15/33 - grass - 551 x 18 m
P.P.R. - telephone 08324 - 289. Radio - Sibson Radio 122.3.
Inbound aircraft to call Wittering App., 130.2.
Further details from Pooley's guide or Air Pilot.

VISIT TO PETER LIPPIATT, CHIPPING SODBURY - 19 JUNE

Peter Lippiatt is a well known Cotswolds cereal grower, growing some 900 acres of wheat and barley. He was one of the farmers who were invited to lay down demonstration plots at "Barley 79" at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

Michael Cuttell, your Committee member organising this visit, has arranged that we can use the Badminton estate airstrip for this visit. Unfortunately, there is only room to park a limited number of aeroplanes at the strip, and it will therefore be necessary for members to reserve a "parking slot" in advance, and to share aircraft as much as possible.

The programme will be as follows:

1130 - 1200 - Land at Badminton
1230 - Coach to lunch at "Petty France" pub, entertaining Mr. Lippiatt to lunch
Afternoon - Tour of farm

Badminton Airstrip is at 51 33 N, 02 18 W. Grass strip 07/25, 1000 x 24 m. Contact, if necessary, farm manager, Mr. J. Davis, Badminton 379 (office) or 486 (airfield), or Mike Cuttell, Cheltenham (0242) 36770. Call Lyneham App. 123.4 or Filton Radar 130.85.

Peter Lippiatt's present cropping is 300 acres winter barley, 200 winter wheat, 300 spring barley. He operates an intensive system with high inputs, but achieves the necessary yields to make high inputs financially acceptable.

VISIT TO HUNDAY HERD AND FARM MUSEUM - 25 JUNE

This will be a combined visit to the Hunday Herd of British Friesians, owned by E. Moffitt and Sons, and to the National Tractor and Farm Museum. Peepy and West Side farms (the farms involved) are near Corbridge, Northumberland, about 14 miles west of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Our member Mr. Foster Ryle (High Flats Farm, Chester-le-Street, Co.Durham, telephone 0385 - 88371) has kindly organised this visit, and will be handling the visit and the landing arrangements, etc.

The programme will be as follows:

1130 - 1200 - Land in field at Peepy Farm (see below)
1200 - Move to West Side Farm, to visit the Museum. Lunch will be in the farm restaurant (how many members can boast a farm restaurant?!)
Afternoon - Tour of other farms in group

The landing strip will be laid out at Peepy Farm, along two 30 acre fields, between which the fence will have been specially removed. For those who are attending, landing details, with a map, will be mailed 1st class post on 18 June to those who have requested them on the "booking-in" page attached. It will also be possible to land at Newcastle Airport.

This promises to be a most interesting visit. John Moffitt's Hunday Herd will be well known to most members, but the museum is equally interesting, and the largest of its kind in the country. Members will find out how to entertain the public, and do an excellent P.R. job for our industry at the same time. It is hoped that you will also see an embryo transplant operation taking place.

POSSIBLE VISIT TO OPEN-CAST COALMINE - 26 JUNE

Through the good offices of Dick Walgate, Derek Crouch, chairman of Derek Crouch Ltd., of Peterborough, has agreed to show us round his open-cast coalmining operations near Newcastle-upon-Tyne. We are informed that the operation is a "Megalomaniac's Dream". Derek Crouch have kindly offered lunch or refreshments during this visit.

This visit will only take place if there are at least 15 acceptances. It will obviously be sensible to combine this trip with the Hunday Herd visit.

Full details, and a decision as to whether the trip will be "on" or "off", will be confirmed in our 18 June mailing. A decision whether to go ahead with this visit will be made after the booking-in pages have been returned on 1st June.

VISIT TO BRITTANY, 16 - 18 JULY.

The outline of this trip will be as follows:

16 July - arrive at St. NAZAIRE, South Brittany, under own arrangements.

17 July - tour of SAMBRON factory (SAMBRON make rough terrain forktrucks, etc.).

18 July - Farm visits organised by local Agricultural Chamber of Commerce.

18 July - p.m. - organised visit ends.

Full details of this trip will be available to members who indicate an interest on the "booking-in" slip with this newsletter. Please give us an early indication as to whether you are likely to attend, and if so, how many may be in your party.

WELLESBOURNE MOUNTFORD FLY-IN, 9 - 10 AUGUST.

This fixture has not yet been confirmed. It is a possible "competition" day which the Wellesbourne Flying Farmers Group have very kindly offered to organise at Wellesbourne. The programme is likely to be:

(i) Timed arrival
(ii) Spot landing
(iii) Cross country treasure hunt.
(iv) Other items.

ACTIVITIES FOR OUR NORTHERN MEMBERS.

We hope all our somewhat neglected Northern members will be able to come to the Hunday visit, and to the open-cast coalmine visit, and that the possibility of a two-day trip will make it economical for our more pampered southern members.

Bart Woodall would welcome ideas for a northern tour in 1981 - perhaps two or three nights visiting farm strips and other places of interest in North England and Scotland. Suggestions, please, direct to Bart.

MEMBERSHIP LIST AND AIRSTRIP MAP.

I am grateful for the prompt response from most members to our queries about outstanding subscriptions which were sent out to some members with our last newsletter.

I now enclose, to those members who are believed to have airstrips, a short questionnaire about their airstrip. Prompt return of these forms will enable us to complete our airstrips map with all speed, and, I hope, accuracy.

We are not intending to produce full airstrip details, as in Pooley's Guide, but rather a list which will enable members to locate other members' airstrips, find out their runway dimensions, and give a telephone number for members to obtain Prior Permission before use.

I have not sent a questionnaire to those of you whose strips I know, or whose strips appear in the 1980 Pooley's Guide, now available (and, incidentally, very much improved in layout and information).

Those of you who returned your airstrip details on the December 1978 questionnaire will not receive another questionnaire now - I shall assume that there have been no changes to your airstrip details during 1979/80 unless you let me know that there have been.

N.A.T.S. PRESENTATION IN LONDON - 10 APRIL.

The National Air Traffic Services gave us a most interesting and varied presentation on 10th April. The series of talks lasted from 1400 until well after 1700, and were conducted in a most professional, but very friendly, manner. Some 60 members indicated that they would attend, and we had 40 actually present - a drop-out rate of 33% was a little disappointing; but many thanks to those who did attend, especially those from Cumbria who came all the way down.

We are particularly grateful to NATS for their presentation, and the necessary letters of thanks have been written.

SUMMER VISITS 1980 - BOOKING SLIP

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PLEASE SEND THIS SECTION BACK BEFORE 1st JUNE.

Please tick where applicable.

		PLEASE TICK HERE
1.	WHEAT 80 and AGM - (i) I hope to attend on 10/11 June	.....
	(ii) I do not expect to attend	____
2.	PETER LIPPIATT, 19 JUNE - (i) I hope to attend with ..... guests	.....
	(ii) Please reserve ..... aircraft parking space	.....
	(iii) I do not expect to attend	____
3.	HUNDAY HERD, 25 JUNE - (i) I hope to attend with ..... guests	.....
	(ii) I do not expect to attend	____
4.	OPEN-CAST COALMINE, 26 JUNE - (i) I hope to attend	.....
	(ii) I do not expect to attend	____
5.	FRENCH TOUR, 16-18 JULY - (i) I hope to take part	.....
	(ii) If I do, my party will probably be ..... persons	.....
	(iii) I do not expect to attend	____
6.	WELLESBOURNE COMPETITION DAY, 9/10 AUGUST (i) I hope to attend	.....
	(ii) I prefer 9/10 August (delete)	.....
	(iii) I do not expect to attend	____

7. PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING:

   1. The Hunday Herd visit. I enclose 9" x 4" SAE.
   2. The French tour. I enclose 9" x 4" SAE.

   N.B. - Unless you send SAE for the above, you will not get the details you want!

TEAR OFF HERE

(IF COMING TO COUNTY'S)

IF YOU ARE COMING ON THE VISIT TO COUNTY TRACTORS, PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION BEFORE 8 MAY:

I will attend the visit to County Tractors on Thursday 15 May. There will be ..... persons in my party.

FROM: .....
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