FLYING FARMERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER MAY 1984

SPRING VISIT

Those members who did not indicate their intention of going to either or both of the Spring visit days 26 or 27 April (Marshall Tractors, or RAF Scampton), will not know that this visit had to be cancelled at short notice.

The reason for the cancellation was the unfortunate accident to one of the Red Arrows aircraft while training in Cyprus. This accident, which fortunately resulted only in injury to the pilot, meant training a new pilot. This had the knock-on effect of the team staying on in Cyprus, and cancelling a substantial part of their summer programme. They are still in Cyprus at the time of writing.

The effect on our visit was that there were no aircraft at Scampton, and the Station Commander very kindly agreed to postpone the visit. Unfortunately no suitable date could be found in 1984, and therefore the visit will take place in 1985. Mr Charles Nickerson, owner of Marshall Tractors, has very kindly agreed to fit in with these new dates.

REPLACEMENT VISIT - FILTON AND BADMINTON

With very kind thanks to Robin Dent for quick action, we are able to announce a visit to B. Ae Filton and to the Badminton Estate.

The visits will both take place on the same day, Wednesday, 23rd May. Arrival time at Filton is between 1000 and 1030 local. We will then be shown around by Mr Brian Trubshaw (whom we all remember as chief test pilot of Concorde), and then have a quick lunch as guests of British Aerospace. Please note that the Filton frequency is on the S. England ½ million map. We will then take off to fly to Badminton, where the Estate Manager, Mr John Davies, has kindly agreed to show us as much as possible in the time available.

We are extremely grateful, not only to Robin for organising this trip, but to both our hosts, British Aerospace and the Badminton Estate, for fitting us in at such short notice.

Please fill in and return the attached form if you wish to attend this open day. BEACAUSE OF THE VERY SHORT NOTICE, PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO BART WOODALL BY RETURN OF POST.

TRIP TO FRANCE

This short note is to let members know that the trip to France offered in the last newsletter, in now fully booked. If any member is seriously interested in being placed on the waiting list, please contact Bart Woodall.

P.T.O.

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From..... To B. J. C. Woodall, Esq
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1. I will attend the B. Ae Filton/Badminton open day on Wednesday 23rd May

2. My aircraft will be G-..... type..... and will carry radio on the Filton frequency.

3. I will have the following number of members with me as passengers .....

TIES

At long last, the Association's new tie is in stock in my office.

Cheques for £3 50 please to Honorary Secretary,
Flying Farmers Association,
The Ox House,
SHOBDON,
Leominster,
Hereford.

POSTSCRIPT

B. Ae Filton

There is obviously a limit to the number of guests that B. Ae can entertain to lunch. It may therefore be necessary to make alternative lunch arrangements if the numbers are too great. If this is the case, lunch guests will be done on first come first served - i.e. those who return their form quickest are most likely to be entertained!!