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Sail-seater.

Dear Sir,

The "Windrushers" Gliding Club of the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association will hold a gliding "open day" on the airfield at R.A.F. Station, Bicester, Oxfordshire, on Sunday next, October 29, from 11 a.m. until dusk (weather permitting).

It is many years since a gliding show of this size has been seen in Oxfordshire and surrounding Counties. The public are welcome to attend.

The programme will include, besides "joy glides" for the public, a formation gliding/aerobatics display contests in "bombing" from gliders with bags of flour and in endurance flying, solo aerobatics by some of the club's top-notch sailplane pilots, including Sergeant A.W. "Andy" Gough of Wallington, Surrey, the British international, "spot-landing" and aerobatics contests for new trophies. Height- and weight-guessing competitions will be open to the public. Among the contestants will be two members of the United States Air Force serving in this country at Upper Heyford and Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, who glide with the "Windrushers". Other flying and ground personnel will include R.A.F. airmen from many parts of Britain, all members of the club. In the duration contest Mr. R. Somerscales, ex-member of the Glider Battalion and now an instructor with the "Windrushers", from Tackley, Oxfordshire, will take part.

The occasion is expected to attract a large number of spectators. You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover. Mr. A. F. Tinsley of the Air Ministry Information Division will be glad to look after your representative.

If you wish to be represented, will you kindly inform me on TRAFALGAR 8811 Extns. 7446 and 6904 at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

C Gregory

(C. GREGORY)
for Chief Information Officer.

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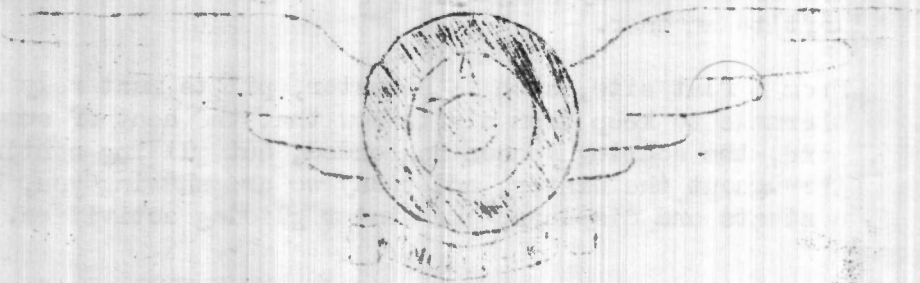
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AT

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Gliding and Soaring as a Service sport is becoming more popular each year. This is partly because it affords an opportunity for all ranks and trades to fly for pleasure very cheaply compared with powered flying, and partly because a tremendous amount of satisfaction can be derived from a successful soaring flight where the pilot has to depend upon his own flying skill and knowledge of the elements to enable his sailplane to stay aloft in the 'Lift' produced by nature.

'Lift' is mainly found in three different forms. In 'thermals' which are rising bubbles of warm air; in 'ridge lift', a wedge of rising air found on the side of hills facing into wind; and in 'wave lift', the rising air in a wave pattern formed on the leeward side of mountains in a strong wind.

The varying forms of 'lift' are used to achieve height gains and cross country flights, by gliding from one source of 'lift' to another.

From a flat site, such as Bicester, pilots must rely on thermals to keep them aloft. Now that the heat of summer has gone, the soaring season has ended, but gliding continues throughout the winter, and today we are showing you, by contests and displays, our winter gliding activities.

All the aircraft you see today in the static park come from the R.A.F. collection hangared here at Bicester. Refurbishing and preparing these aircraft for exhibition is one of the tasks of No. 71 Maintenance Unit which has recently become the Parent Unit at Royal Air Force Bicester.

Another major task of the Unit is Salvage and Recovery of crashed Service aircraft; some of the heavy machinery for this commitment will be seen on show today.