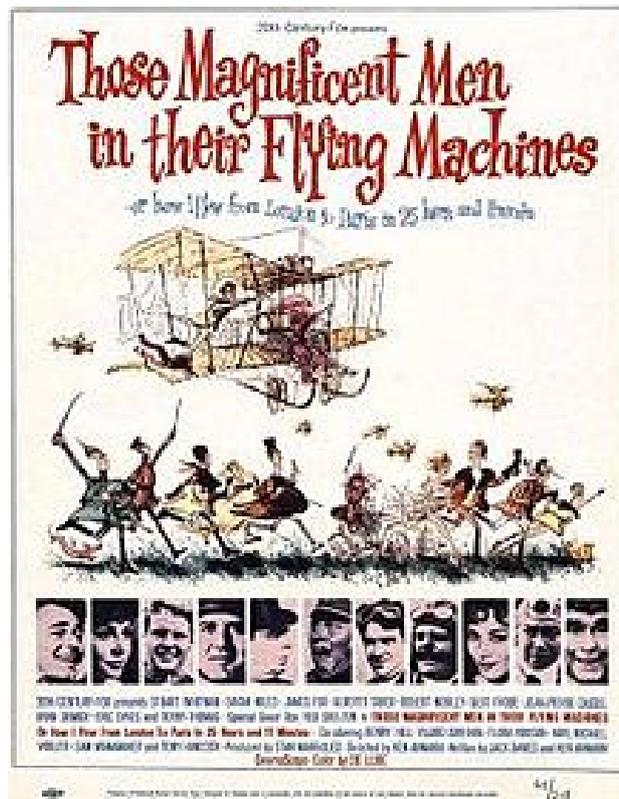


Memory Café Amusement Arcade 47.

Free as a Bird



Those magnificent men in their flying machines
They go up diddly up, they go down diddly down
They enchant all the ladies and steal all the scenes
With their up diddly up and their down diddly down
Up, down, flying around, looping the loop and defying the ground
They're all frightfully keen
Those magnificent men and their flying machines.



The comedy film was shot in England by 20th Century Fox and opened in 1965 making a profit of over \$10M by 1970. It starred Terry Thomas (him with the gap tooth). Benny Hill, Sarah Miles, Tony Hancock were part of the talented cast. The music was by Ron Goodwin. It is considered one of the best aviation films ever made. One original aircraft and two of the replicas are still flying (very carefully, as they are rather unstable) at the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Aerodrome. If you haven't been, the Shuttleworth Collection is well worth a visit, together with the gardens of the House.

Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy some warm weather to come. Paul Simons, who is The Times weather expert, has made some interesting comments about fridges and air conditioners. The CFC's that were used as coolants, caused the destruction of the ozone layer, which led to the Montreal Protocol banning their use from 1987. The replacement HFC's, although less destructive than the former to the ozone layer, are much more potent greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide. Because fridges run continuously every day, they are big consumers of electricity. Another big energy consumer is air conditioning. We all enjoy a/c in our cars these days and with rising climate temperatures there is increased use in homes and offices. In the UK, fridges and air conditioning account for 16 % of total electricity use and globally account for nearly 8 % of greenhouse gases, more than aviation and shipping combined.

So, let's be "Magnificent Men" and try to curb our use!

Just to finish!



The replica of the 1910 A V Roe IV Triplane being readied for take-off at the Shuttleworth Collection. Rather him than me!