GLIDING DISPLAY

Any second now they'll cast off the towropes and know the thrill of birdlike flight. And that's experienced only when there's no engine, and you ride the air currents, like a seagull.

It was Open Day at the Bicester R.A.F. station. Jets were forgotten, and for woman and well as man, the order of the day was Gliding Only. The Windrushers (that's the name of the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association), put on the show. Not all the craft were towed up by planes; the wire and winch method is adequate when there's the right wind.

He casts off the tow rope and he's on his own. Then an aerobatic or two - like Looping the Loop.

There's a gliding club within reach of most people; and if this display doesn't whet the appetite, nothing will.