



THORPE FARM HOST AERO CLUB

The Bignall's hosted a Flyin to their Bothwell property for over 30 members of The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania Sunday January 29th. Will Bignall, who flies with the Aero Club, invited Pilots and friends along to look over some aspects of the farm operation.

There was an opportunity to also see and crawl around in the workings of the 183 year old Thorpe Watermill and enjoy a "Millers Munch" luncheon. Will and his brother are the seventh generation of the family to farm at Bothwell.

It was great for the Aero Club of Southern Tasmania to get in some flying experience on grass runways and have a social get together. The surroundings of the Watermill could not have been more picturesque. A lovely warm day,



Graham Vertigan's immaculate Cessna

the shade from the Willow trees, the sound of the stream gently making its way into the Watermill and the cool breeze were ideal.

Some fine wines from Derwent Valley wine maker Steve Lubiana Wines topped off what had been a very informative and interesting morning as the large Aero Club group of all ages had

leisurely made their way around on foot to see goat and sheep cheese making, rounding up and milking the sheep, wasabi production, and the fallow deer.



John Bignall milking the sheep.



183 year old Thorpe Watermill. Ideal setting shaded under the trees next to the stream.

"Surroundings of the Thorpe Watermill could not have been more ideal."



"Millers Munch" Thorpe Farm produce

The five hour tour and lunch was put on by Will and his family especially for the Aero Club of Southern Tasmania. Will said "we have done bus loads but today was based around the Millers Munch tour popular in the 1970's".



The "Millers Munch" lunch ranged from bread made from flour ground with the original stones, to trout caught near the front of the Mill and lamb from their meat production.

Thorpe property is a mixed farm enterprise ranging from large scale sheep production, mainly for meat now, also diversified in strawberry plants, horseradish, sheep and goat cheese, providing the farm with different income streams.

