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## THE DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

A well known instructor was found sitting in his well adorned car outside the pilots pals bar in complete bewilderment because his automatic electronically controlled car appeared to be totally dead. The editor happened to pass by and asked if he could help, 'I've got nothing, its broken'. The editor leaned in wiggled the steering wheel thereby unlocking the controls. The driving instructor drove off with a screech of tyres and a cloud of dust totally bemused by this simple rectification to his car.

## BIGGIN OLDIES REUNION

A very successful event and a lot of idle chat going back 40 years and more from Biggin to Kartoum, Cairo to Cape including Botswana, UAE and Oman and many other long forgotten events such as the Aero Commander from Biggin Hill that crashed in Greenland in 1967 and was brought to light by one of the survivors son who accidentally stumbled across it via the Internet and after much research has compiled a large file of the event and conclusions, but there is still some mystery. The editor produced a poem he had written about two well known instructors nine years previously (Q & S) Aviation - see attachment - page2



## IS 13 A LUCKY NUMBER

The above scene was taken 22 years ago with some well known Biggin Hill people on an airfield that is no more. It was one of the biggest and best air shows and the weather was fantastic and very hot. From memory I think we used 9 aircraft to transport us to the event. The massed parachute drop was something else with parachutists landing amongst the crowd. Very impressive and spectacular.



Picture bottom left - left to right Gavin Dix - Chris Bevan - Mike Nash-Worthan and Gordon Jones have stories spanning way back and beyond and you thought John Bryan the editor had stories way back of the real beyond..! Old bush stories. But his stories were put in the shade by the actual tales from the old days at Biggin Hill and the unstable foundations of our only local bar

## WELL KNOWN AT BIGGIN



David Quirk / Paul & Valerie Shires / Rex Nicholls / Mike Nash-Wortham / Mick Ronayne / Kevin Woolterton / John Bryan



## APRIL REUNION PICTURES



Listen ! I know more than you.  
That's not possible because I am  
older than you - So there !!



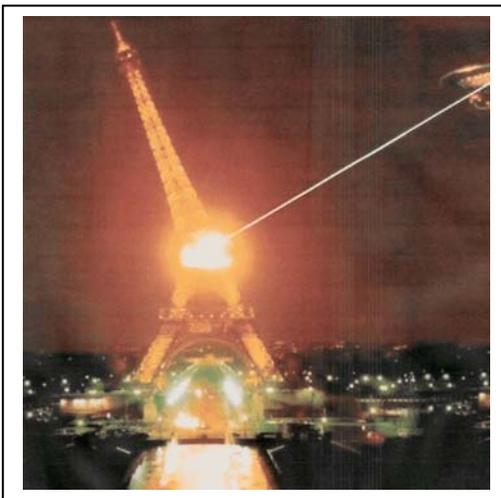
How come our famous names are  
not on this blackboard scroll of  
honour and John Bryan is right in  
the middle. What has he ever  
done to deserve this pride of place



Truly our oldest, oldest friend,  
Pamela who has been around  
since Wrens were introduced  
into the Navy. David Porter and  
Valerie Shires pay their  
respects. This mini reunion was a  
great success and passed all too  
quickly. Kevin Woolterton was a  
surprise visitor (who's father  
Syd) was involved in the aircraft  
accident in Greenland in 1967 and  
would be grateful for any  
information no matter how small.  
His Email address is –  
[kevinwoolterton@bopenworld.com](mailto:kevinwoolterton@bopenworld.com)  
He would be grateful for any  
information no matter how small.  
Much ale was consumed and  
tongues wagged until they were  
swollen, reminiscing old times

## 'GROCKLES REBELLION'

Rob Dadson the infamous rebel  
against the French Revolution and  
avid pyromaniac burning the  
French Flag at any opportunity has  
found the answer to his prayers  
with this alien craft .....



This has to be the ultimate method  
to upset 'Le Grenouilles' with a  
single laser beam from an alien  
space craft. (Designed by Britain )

## NEW HOTEL NOT APPROVED

A reprieve for our beloved Pilots  
Pals Bar. It looks as though all the  
grandiose plans for new hangars  
etc, was just a ploy to remove  
anyone that happens to be interested  
in a flying career, or indeed, just  
wanting to fly for recreation. Who  
are these planners without expertise  
of the real life outside their door ??  
Just fancy a foreign crew being  
stranded at this hotel with very poor  
transport connections to London  
especially on a Sunday. I think  
they would end up rather peeved  
and disappointed at being stranded  
in a plain block type hotel  
complex miles from London  
having believed they had landed at  
London Airport Biggin Hill – it's a  
bit like flying with a well known  
cheap airline which claims to take  
you direct to a European City, only  
to find out that you are 50 miles  
from your intended arrival point.  
Whilst the flight time may be akin  
to that of the schedule airline, the  
actual time taken is double or even  
longer than you were lead to  
believe. *Is this fair trading ?* We  
rest our case Alternatively, stick  
your head further into the sand.

**Q & S AVIATION** – This poem by  
John Bryan written in 1997 and  
dedicated to Quirk and Shires

*In the good old days of yore  
There were aeroplanes galor  
Flying clubs were abundant  
No pupils made redundant*

*They had pockets lined with gold  
Well, that's what we were told  
Get them up in the air  
Show them your panache and flair*

*At Biggin Hill the sun did shine  
The world was yours, or was it mine  
There were many flying clubs  
And lots and lots of pubs*

*The flying clubs were everywhere  
Some were in the trees or over there  
Most were good, some were bent  
Many came and many went*

*(Wessex/ Wemair Oily Doyle is not  
Included in this bloody foil)*

*Active, Anderson, that's Ron Brown  
In those days he wore the crown  
When you ask, is he around  
One could say, he's gone to ground*

*'Quirk and Shires the name lives on  
They still come to Biggin, off and on  
Paul Shires, he married one day  
David Quirk, is still a bachelor gay !*

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Apologise from the editor to Mr  
Quirk for spelling his name wrong in  
the original, 'I thought it was a bit  
*Querky*' perhaps even 'spooky' !

## RAJ – FINAL CHICKEN TIKKA

The Raj formerly Anns Pantry seems  
to have suffered a serious fire during  
the last week of April. The fire  
brigade managed to extinguish the  
fire – police are investigating the  
cause. The Raj was closed down a  
few months ago and was awaiting  
demolition to make way for more  
flats in Biggin Hill. Next thing will  
be a By-Pass from the bottom of  
Westerham Hill to Swanley Junction  
thereby avoiding Biggin Hill  
altogether. Let's keep it a village !