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AN OLD SOLDIER DEPARTS



Richard 'Paddy' Behan, an old soldier, of distinction. Sadly, very sadly, suffered a stroke whilst shaving, prior to his weekly visit to the British Legion Club at Westerham on the 3rd July 2008 aged 86. Paddy was a staunch supporter of the Pilots Pals Bar and was always smartly attired. He joined Bomber Command in 1947 which was rather lucky for Adolf Hitler who committed suicide in 1945 because with his tenacity he would have bombed his way to Adolf's bunker. He was a jovial character with a happy go lucky disposition, and never a harsh word

THE CROSS BY EYNSFORD

This large cross in memory of a pilot who gave his life so that we could remain free is seen from the vicinity of Shoreham Village, Kent



This tranquil scene was taken by our out and about photographer DC with some poignant poppies in the foreground field on a summer day. Many of you have probably seen this cross from the air, but probably never seen it from ground level, or, how to find it from the ground. Maybe someone can tell us exactly where it can be located. Surely there must be a pub nearby !!

That, would have been Paddy's thought for the day

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL JOB

"Blind can apply for air traffic control job" This classic article was reported in a National news paper following an advert for an Air Traffic Controller with perfect eyesight. The advertisement says that applicants must have excellent vision, to guide aircraft safely into

the hilltop airport which is often fogbound. At the bottom of this advertisement, it read, "if you require this document in an alternative language, in larger text, Braille, easy read or in an audio format please contact the community relations officer"

This position was for a fourth controller at St Marys, on the Isles of Scilly. Your first radio call to ATC could have the following response, "**Call when you have the field in sight**" no mention of the fog shrouded ground beneath you ! Maybe the new controller '**is overlooking the fog**' from his / her high vantage point from the Control Tower.

THE EMBARRASSED EDITOR

Was put to shame by one of the Bugle's top photographers by his thinking that the Farnborough Air Show was still being held in September – the top photographer has pointed out that the Farnborough Air Show has been held in July for the past eight years. The editor's response was, that he had been preoccupied with many journalistic commitments for the past eight years.



The Raptor Fighter, right side up as it displays prior to the air show.



The underside looks a bit like the top side. These brilliant pictures were supplied by Michael Rivett

AIRFIELD SECURITY PASS

As you are aware since 9/11 all airfields have had to increase their security due to the many terrorist activities (*not only on airfields*) but everywhere we travel, whether it, be privately or commercially. A letter from Airfield Security has been circulated to all clubs and businesses in respect of the issue of airside passes as of the 1st of August 2008 – however, many *'Pilot Chappies'* attached to Biggin Hill may not be aware of this latest security issue – therefore it is in your interest to apply for your pass as soon as possible. **Do not delay** Should you be challenged 'airside' and you do not have the appropriate pass, you could be escorted from the airside and perhaps the airfield. To help with your application, the following details are required, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Nationality, Passport Number, National Insurance number, Email addresses, Telephone numbers etc. Please have these details with you. Application Forms are available from Airfield Security. Photographs will be taken at the time of application Help us to make our airfield and place of enjoyment experienced by many for years, *safe and secure*!

LOCAL VEHICLE CLAMPING

Please take this advice seriously. The car park behind Barclays Bank in Biggin Hill village is a private parking area and the entrance road



has double yellow lines with several notices to the effect that vehicles will be clamped. The release fee is £200. Five vehicles netted £1,000 within a few minutes recently and people still park on the entrance road. Large 4 X 4 type vehicles are not immune from wheel clamping and they block access to the car park. You may object to paying 30p, **but £200 you will throw one big wobbly**! *I will only be a minute, won't be a tick.* Have you tried to enter and exit the bank within this period of time, or queue for the hole in the wall. *You can be clamped in a sec.*



There are many spaces in this car park which charges 30p for half an hour which could give you a saving of £199.70. Not bad eh?

AIRFIELD PERSONALITIES



Captain George Dobson a well known and respected *icon* at

Biggin Hill Airport.. George possesses a laconic vocabulary of satirical comment, cutting to the quick. George came to the airfield in 1975 joining Cabair as a Simulator IR Instructor for single engine and twin engine aircraft. He is also a Radio Telephony and HF examiner. His expertise, are second to none. The briefings are precise, accurate, enabling many to improve their flying skills, and RT procedures without realizing their hidden talents flying a machine that is firmly bolted to the ground, is so realistic, it can lead to spatial disorientation. This will see the Student exiting the simulator with his / her head in the clouds. (*read this last remark, as you want*). George's flying career began before the moon was fully formed, training on the most modern aircraft of the day – the DH Tiger Moth - he had a successful commercial flying career with British Eagle, flying Viscount and Britannia aircraft to places as far as Australia, Canada, the sub continent of India and many other places of interest throughout Asia and beyond. George has been at Biggin Hill for the past 33 years plus and now that the moon is fully formed we have lost track of his age, but his mind is acutely young, spirited, and like his briefings, *absolutely precise*!

END OF A PERFECT DAY



This is a wonderful moment as the sun sets after a perfect day, no matter where you are. The sunrise of the following day is even better, particularly from high altitude.