

It is with great sadness I have to advise of the death of one of our Biggin Hill database members, Adrian Coote, last week.

Adrian, who was just 40 years old, died after fighting a serious illness for the last 18 months. He leaves behind his partner, Nikki, with whom he had intended to buy a home and start a family, until his illness struck him down.

He learned to fly with another member, Terry Hayter, as his instructor at Biggin Hill's Surrey and Kent Flying Club in late 97, and subsequently gained his PPL with them. He continued to fly from Biggin until a couple of years ago when, following a relatively minor domestic accident, he was diagnosed with an advanced and rare form of bone cancer. A Tunbridge Wells resident throughout his disturbingly short life, Adrian held an Honours Degree and worked as a building surveyor, including serving as the Electrical and Mechanical surveyor for the Princess Royal University Hospital at Farnborough, Kent (thats the one about two miles on final approach to RWY 21 at Biggin).

The funeral service will be on 4th January at St. James Church, Ferndale Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3RL at 1100 hours, then afterwards at the Spa Hotel, London Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Adrian's father, Peter, would welcome any Biggin Hill friends and colleagues who would like to attend, to both the service and afterwards at the Hotel. I am sure your support at this difficult time would be a comfort to him.

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