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CAPT CREW EXCLUSIVE

Dave Crew arrives at the bar amid much pomp and ceremony and lots of grunts from those that had to lift and his wheelchair up the stairs into the bar followed by his nurse Yola and many cushions.



Following a personal interview, the Bugles literary department stands corrected yet again. It would appear that he only fell 160cm and fell at 300cm per second which nothing compared to earlier reports. Therefore it would appear that he struck the ground at a calculated speed of just 1.66kph – *how come he sustained so many injuries?* We at the Bugle think there is a cover up of a domestic dispute, whereupon he was thrown down the stairs. (*Not his stairs, because he lives in a bungalow*) If our calculations of impact speed are correct – **work it out for yourself.** In the picture above he is seen holding an apparent bottle of Luqazade which was smuggled into hospital by a colleague and filled with Rum and Coke as an aperitif to his release!

SUMMERS LAST GLIMPSE



The last beam of summer sunlight glistens through the editors Carlsberg as it is handed across the bar by the luscious Maxine at the end of a glorious summer for 2006. OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Lovely bar maiden arrives at the bar wearing a 'Pashmina' prior to a raunchy night out in a night club. **"Pilot Chappie"** leans across the bar and says **'You would look much better wrapped up in my quilt'** followed by mirth's of laughter. A Pashmina is a kind of scarf thingamy worn by women in India. **Question** – *What are a bunch of blokes?* – **A herd of louts that hang around Pilots Pals Bar.**

WHAT ABOUT A LOT OF PIGS Well, these are basically similar to the above, but it could be a, Herd, Drove, Litter, Farrow or Sounder and judging by some the **sounds** they make, it seems to be correct!!

£1,000,000 EURO LOTTERY

A sudden syndicate was formed at the bar in the hope of being able to spend the rest of our lives at the bar supping ale and telling tall stories. The numbers rose to 50 participants reducing our possible winnings to just £2,000,000 each. However this is not so bad, because we can still afford to make this a closed environment where we can spend a lot of time together drinking our winnings and boring each other to tears. The plus side, is that we could send out for meals from F*=\$% Gordon Ramsey's Restaurant. MISS BRIONY TRUMAN BScHons. In Podiatry and recent graduate from Southampton University was chosen to speak about her studies regarding *'Specialist Training in Podiatry'* at Delta Meadowvale Conference Centre in Toronto, Canada. Quite a challenge direct from University



A tall order in more ways than one. The CN Tower being the tallest building in the world @ 1,815ft



CN TOWER INFORMATION

The original cost in 1974 was estimated to be \$63 million and readjusted to \$260 million in 1999. It took 1,537 workers to complete with a continuous pour of concrete during construction. Calculated weight is 117,910 metric tonnes. Sway at restaurant level in high wind is 1ft 7ins. At the very top it becomes 3ft 4ins. However, having been up the tower a couple of times, I can assure you it doesn't move, nor vibrate. The view though is quite incredible, even down through the glass floor. The revolving restaurant seats 360 and staff levels within the tower rise to 550 during peak times – I don't know where they hide because I never thought there was enough space for all these people in a building which gets thinner towards the top. Incidentally, when you look down, the bottom doesn't look big enough to keep it upright. It looks alarmingly small !!

EURO LOTTERY RESULTS

We can only report that we netted £14 and £31 respectively – hardly enough to live on, to the standard we had previously envisaged.

BOB NEEDHAM WRITES

From Ozzie

following his visit to Biggin Hill once more. he was very impressed by the small air show laid on for him and wishes to



thank everyone that came along to this Mini Reunion. He also takes this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year he also sends special thanks to Joe, JohnW and JB who sent several pictures for his personal album.

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

How are you getting to Cornwall? I'm catching a train from Paddington at 1 o'clock. Oh, what time does the train leave then – **13 hundred hours. ???**



SUNSHINE AT SHIPPING AND AIRLINES DURING TEA BREAK

Mac Salter, Michael Dunkerly, MD of Shipping and Airlines, Lee Clemonson, Chris Bond and Tony Habgood. Sadly Mac passed on recently. (He was in his 80's) Mac was trained as pilot by the RAF but the end of hostilities ruined his career as a pilot – he became an engineer working on aircraft for many years – at Croydon, coming to Biggin Hill with Air Couriers Express Aviation and a short time at Shipping and Airlines. He went solo again under the guidance of the late Richard Elles in his 70's just to prove to himself that he could still fly. – He maintained his interest in aviation throughout his life and enjoyed the open air and sunshine. Like everyone in aviation. CAPT'S BRYAN & DOBSON Pictured below are doing their bit toward Global Warming, they have both turned up their heating another notch, but will save paper by not sending Xmas Cards thereby preserving the forests for the next generation 'Merry Xmas to you all'



P.S. Happy New year as well this alone will save a few more trees, if you must send us festive gifts, please don't wrap them – please note the 'halo' glow behind our heads. **Surely a sign 'from above'.**



CAPTAIN GARY MERCHANT

Who has recently gained his command with Easy Jet is seen here at the controls of his Airbus in Amsterdam recently. (*doesn't appear to have enough dials for us older pilots*) Congratulations Gary from us all at Biggin Hill CELEBRATION AT THE BAR In conclusion a great party was held to celebrate Gary's command at the Pilots Pals Bar on the 25th November. Some of the attendees are pictured below. enjoying the



celebrations which lasted till midnight and beyond – Gary quite obviously enjoyed himself and was in demand during the evening.