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MIKE EDMONDS DIES

It is with regret that we report the passing of another Biggin Hill regular from way back. Despite his recent health problems he continued to visit the airfield.



AVIATION CROSSWORD
Well this has proved to be a bit of a stumbling block for our '*Pilot Chappies*' we have only received one completed entry, and that took the combined effort of no less than three qualified pilots. Perhaps now that the Xmas festivities are over we could receive some more entries.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

So far the response to join has been good and we have received written appreciation of the efforts to make this a responsible and well run establishment. If there are any issues or misunderstandings please say something. *We will listen* to any of your constructive comments.

CROSSWORD MADE EASY

Our Senior Instructor *Pilot Chappie* at the Bugle has concluded that perhaps words are too difficult for the average private pilot – so a picture puzzle is being developed – this will have pictures of pilots doing various things around / within and without the aircraft. The object now, is for these pilots to *write the clues*, and the aviation experts at the Bugle will answer the questions correctly, thereby completing the picture puzzle. Does this sound easier ??

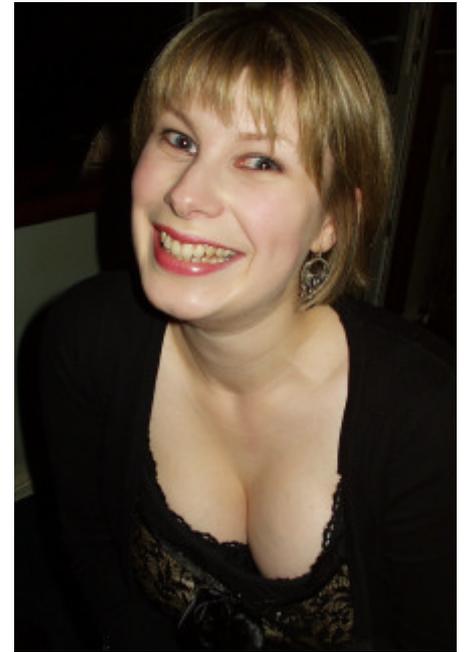
IT REALLY IS A DOGS LIFE



Grockles dog Alfie got fed up with walking to the bar every Sunday so an alternative method to get the dog to participate was devised.

PILOTS PALS IN BLACK

The front cover for 2007 will be graced by women in black. Her name is Merelin a real beauty.



AWKWARD MEMBERS

Please refer to last months issue of awkward members and their apparent rights. With the introduction of the recent licensing laws relating to bars and social clubs and our current membership applications we have a current membership rating of 99.99% - within this range we have the support of several overseas members who only have the opportunity to visit the bar, once in a blue moon. **BUT**, they support the club for what it is, a place to meet friends and pilots alike. If you do not wish to support this unique society and rely on other fully paid up members – you must be signed in and cannot buy a drink at the bar.

Your once a week visit to drink a half pint will cost your sponsor an extra pound. Over a year this will cost £52, so don't become a *parasite*, embarrassing your sponsor in the long term. Perhaps you are misinformed, *don't become misunderstood*. Over the past 45 years when this airfield was a free for all there were bars galore, licensing laws were more relaxed, the airfield had no security a great band of enthusiasts and pilots alike would gather at the end of the days flying to socialise and tell flying stories over a drink. Sadly these days have long gone and so too have a lot of our friends, our lives have become threatened by religious fanatics, causing much grief to our way of life. The Pilots Pals Bar is the only social venue left on the airfield, support it before it is too late, please conform to the issues at stake !

ADVANCED FLYING SKILLS



GREAT, REALLY GREAT!!

Dave Mathews has finally learnt to use his mobile phone following some instruction from one of our 'Frostie Barmaids' who put a wallpaper picture of Mark Norton on his phone, saying '*he wont be able to get rid of that*' he had to get someone else to remove it for him. Ian Fairhurst couldn't stop laughing at Daves antics with this modern simple technology.

BROWN FIELD POLICIES

This is a government policy to basically plough up our airfield: used for private aviation. Recent Email petitions are available for your presentation to the government. Bearing in mind that most MP's (*probably all, MP's*) have no idea what flying is about and don't give a damn, because they are inadequate when it comes to a demanding career.



We are not sure if the aircraft crashed, or whether the tree grew through the aeroplane whilst the pilot was obviously asleep, however it is a good incentive to learn to understand how much trouble you can get into if you leave the ground in one of these new fangled flying machines. The accident report probably concluded that the pilot '*became confused on the final approach*'

HITLER, CASTRO, BNP

We have all sorts of people that visit the bar as the picture at the very bottom of this page depicts. We have a non racial supporter of the Nazi Party. Fidel Castro look alike and an unknown member of the BNP (*Bloody Nauseating People*) these people should be greeted with a broad smile, pretending you understand their beliefs, accept a drink from them and make your excuses to leave suddenly, saying you have a luncheon appointment or date with an attractive lady friend.



PAT AND PAULINE & I.O.W.
 Pat and Pauline two of our regular members are having a farewell drink on the 17th February before emigrating to the Isle of Wight.



CROSSWORD WINNERS

The only entry received was a joint effort by Steve Speed, Sydney Nicholls & Bob Goldrich achieving a 97% result, Jolly good effort, each receiving 1/3 of the 1st prize

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

This is a classic story – BA flight about to leave Johannesburg for the UK. White South African woman boards the aircraft and takes her seat in Economy Class and immediately calls the stewardess and says that she cannot sit next to her neighbour. She is quite obviously racist. The stewardess says she will attend to the problem and disappears toward the front of the aircraft. She returns a few moments later and asks the now distressed black man (the woman's neighbour) to follow her, whereupon she leads him to the front of the aircraft and offers him a first class seat, saying you'll be more comfortable here

KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS

ATC - Cessna G-ABCD what are your intentions ??

Pilot *To get my Commercial Licence and Instrument Rating !!*

ATC I meant in the next five minutes !!!

Low time student prior to flight.

ATC Are you departing VFR or IFR ??

Pilot *Confused response – I'm not going very far !*

KINGAIR FORMATION DAYS

The picture below was taken sometime in 1977 – note the lack of traffic at what is now the terminal building. The pilots left to right Gordon King, Headley Tardew, David Brown and Cyril Knigh bringing up the rear. Any more old



photo's out there relating to Biggin WHAT IS A YARD OF ALE

Well it is glass that is 3 feet long as Jim Wheeler found out following a casual remark over a drink '*You never see yard of ale glasses anymore*' he said. The next week John High presented him with one.



Jim posed with his new possession, but failed to prove he could drink a yard of ale – there are also some doubts as to his ability to fly, even though he hangs around with other pilots !! He has paid his subscription to associate with flyers at the Pilots Pals Bar, therefore we are forced to accept his claims as to his flying skills, drinking ability and story telling. Does money grow on trees? *We hope it does, because we will wait for ever for Jim's next round Cheers Jim !!*

MATT KIESTLER UK SOLO

a great Swiss character achieved his UK solo on the 28th January 2007. Matt owns a very large Swiss Bank. *Pilot Chappie and myself* the editor of the Bugle have been cultivating Matt toward the issue of our own personal '*Carte Blanche*' credit card. This of course has been down graded subject to the intervention of our dear friend Capt David Quirk who happened in at the bar insisting on opening a Swiss Bank account with our accredited agent whilst we were in deep negotiations over a casual drink.

Matt is pictured below with our congratulations on his UK solo.



Whilst our '*Carte Blanche Credit Card*' is in the balance Matt has our friendship at the bar.

ALMOST POLES APART

Well, tables apart, long term members have their very own table which alleviates the problem in getting involved with very expensive rounds with a common



table arrangement. Disadvantages are that you have to shout across the room when the bar is busy if you want a sensible conversation. Cheers anyway !!