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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, IT'S 2012

What a lovely spot we have found for all our fisherman members who rave on about how good fishing is whilst sipping a pint at the bar.

Somehow, we the pilots think they are missing the point and would find it difficult to concentrate on fishing, having cast their line at this beauty spot.

Surely there is more fun to be had here, than fishing..! Another beer from the cooler box do we hear...?

Are they really interested in fishing, or just posing to get noticed, pretending to be interested in boating and flying.

Far too late, it is now 2012. Xmas is behind us, and so too are some of the houses lavishly decorated for the festive occasion.



The Old Ship pub at Tatsfield.



St Marys Green, Biggin Hill.

This house in Ricketts Hill Road looks wonderful, far better than this picture portrays. It is worth a short drive to see this display before the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January when the lights should be traditionally extinguished.

**ST GEORGES RAF CHAPEL**  
At Biggin Hill Airport was packed



to capacity on the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to say farewell to 'George Dobson' as he always addressed himself over the phone.

Those in attendance spoke of George's sincerity and dedication to his flying students, whoever they be and from whence they came.

Tributes to George were read out by Anne Provoncha (on behalf of the family).

Also by Elizabeth Dobson, his niece, enlightening all, of George's unspoken history, completing this hidden past and allowing us to say farewell in completion.

### BIGGIN HILL ICON DIES



**GEORGE DOBSON:** A well respected icon of Biggin Hill Airport for the last 36 years passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 after a short illness.

George was an avid reader of Richard Littlejohn. A journalist and broadcaster who is noted for his conservative views, writing a twice weekly column in the Daily Mail.

Littlejohn earned a place in the inaugural newspaper Hall of Fame as one of the most influential journalists of the past 40 years.

George was not only influenced by his writings, but thoroughly agreed with the views of Littlejohn.

George possessed a laconic vocabulary of satirical comment, cutting to the quick often followed by a wry quizzicle giggle as he shuffled off.

George came to Biggin Hill in 1975 as a Simulator Instrument Instructor, Radio Telephony and HF examiner with Kingair Flying Club. This club would be taken over by BHSF and subsequently Cabair where George remained until their closure in November 2011.

His expertise was second to none, his briefings were precise, accurate, enabling many to improve their flying skills without realising their hidden talents, flying a machine that was firmly bolted to the ground, being so realistic, which could lead to spatial disorientation.



George's flying career began before the moon was fully formed, training on the modern aircraft of the day – the DH Tiger Moth.

There followed a successful commercial flying career with British Eagle, flying Viscounts and Britannia aircraft to places as far away as Australia, Canada, the sub continent of India and many other places of interest throughout Asia and beyond.

George was somewhat of a professional tourist as observed on

his many travels to Mumbai for RT training of Indian Students.

He had one small case which contained his is delicate RT equipment (little bit heavy) for hand luggage and one other small case as light as a feather and that was it...!

On return from Mumbai he was easily spotted amongst the hundreds of passengers off an Air India flight at Heathrow with his white hair, dapper appearance and two small bags.

Whilst all others around are disheveled, pushing, struggling and shoving overloaded trolley's.

George was a true gentleman always neatly attired, he is airborne on his final journey. JB

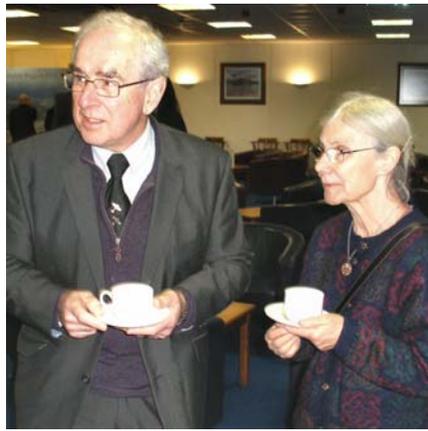


*May God give him room in his abode, so that he can fine tune all the Angels' radio frequencies.*

*Amirijt Singh.*

### AIRPORT VIP FAREWELL





George Dobson, a true icon, a well respected gentleman and tutor, his memory will live on.

*(We have purposely omitted names from pictures as this was a day for George.....)*

### SNOW PLOUGHS AT BIGGIN



Barry Sargent poses with the new snow clearing machinery at Biggin Hill Airport. As a back up to this new equipment it appears that they have a couple of light jet aircraft to warm the runway afterwards with their jet efflux melting away any residual snow and ice.

It snowed on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> December, but didn't last long enough to fully evaluate this new equipment. Keep the engines warm and the jets at idle just in case it snows again..!

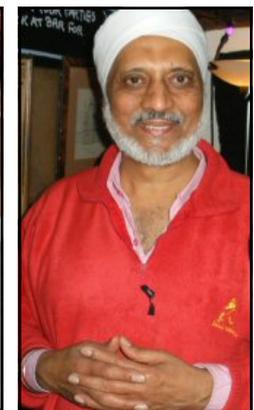
### FALCON FLYING SERVICES

Held their annual xmas party at the Kings Arms on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Another, wonderful get together with excellent food. Despite some confusion as to who ordered what the manager excelled himself and all were served their food with time to spare.

Some photo's of the event follow.



FALCON FLYING SERVICES ANNUAL XMAS PARTY 15TH DECEMBER 2011. KINGS ARMS



All photographs were taken by Singh (Guru of Biggin Hill)

