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WOMEN IN BLACK SERIES



Windswept Kelly poses for the camera. If you come to the *'Pilots Pals Bar'* during the Air Show, you may be lucky enough to be served a really cold beer by her cool hands

TONY BLAIR IS LEAVING

No, he is not a member of Pilots Pals. He is leaving No 10 before he is thrown out. His so called successor, Gordon whose name is an anagram *'Drongo'* which is Australian slang. It is a synonym for a total loser, or idiot, like most Aussie slang the meaning of the word changes with the way it's said. This seems to sum up the political status of this country. They are all Ding-bats and Drongo's

SOME GOOD AUSSIE SLANG

Test your knowledge with some of these words, *Arvo, Bikkie, Bingle, Bloody-Oath, Blow, Bottler, Bush Oyster, Chook, Chunder, Cozy, Daks, Dinki-Di, Docket, Drum, Dunny Budgie, Fossiker, Freckle, Galah, Garbo, Hooroo, Kero, Lurt,*

Mappa-Tassie, Moolah, Pozzy, Rollie, Sanger, Sav,
DRESS CODE AT THE BAR

The fact is, these two youngsters are not professional painters. It would appear the paint brush slipped a little, or the ceiling was



too low for these lanky youths. Adie and Jason created quite a laugh when they walked into the Pilots Pals Bar. Fortunately it was



only emulsion paint, that is usable by anybody, even these two. *Pilot Chappie* in the background, says, haven't they heard of non drip paint, *that's what I use on all my floors, it's so easy.* Editors comment, *it is also guaranteed not to run on level floors.* Nor uphill.

STOP PRESS APOLOGY

Do to a huge technical blunder, this issue is late in circulation, among other things it was Air Fair Weekend, and the editor wasn't sure where his allegiance stood. The Air Show got his full support as it was a beautiful weekend, blue sky, hot sun, lots of burnt shoulders and plenty of cold beer. For those of you too far away to attend, *sorry*, you missed a great weekend.

JOE BRETT HAS RETURNED



Looking lovelier, than ever. Bringing, a huge smile to the bar. Suddenly, I found myself all alone at the other side of the bar...*why?*

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Pilot Chappie, remarks it is way out in the Bundu. A sweet little *female voice, chirps up*, "Is that in India"? *What is your name?* asks another. *Emma, Innit.* It took a further two weeks, to work out that, 'Innit,' was not her surname. *Goodinnit!* The editor is totally confused, as well as bemused.

SPANISH G.P. LUNCH DATE

13th May 2007 This, was a

successful venue with full attendance from the pre-paid menu guests, 22 in all, devouring all the food in seconds, even the hands of the servers were in danger of being cannibalised for a brief period. We thank all the guests for their support. We hope to continue these *Grand Prix Luncheons* for the remaining F1 races. Pre-paid only. For guaranteed food.

WEMBLEY CUP FINAL FEVER

A good seat in front of the TV, and before you know it, *'Football fever'* strikes down the viewer, causing him to miss the one and only goal scored during the Cup Final between Manchester United and Chelsea.



Though incapacitated, Michael Rennie maintains his grasp on the TV remote, thereby preventing *uninterested 'Pilot Chappies'* from changing channels, during this important, *must see match.*

A SERIES OF BIRTHDAYS

Were held within the club during the merry month of May 2007. The biggest and most surprising, was for Graham Playford. This

was discretely arranged behind his back. He was guided to the bar with the pretence of a couple of drinks, after a days flying. He was greeted by a chorus of 'Happy Birthday and a Birthday Cake. Unfortunately the cake wasn't big enough for the required 60 candles

GRAHAM PLAYFORD



Although these were enough to extinguish in one big puff. **ANOTHER BIRTHDAY BOY** Joe Merchant tries to tell two colleagues that he is 65, but it appears to have fallen on deaf ears.



DEREK HARDMAN IS 80



He sits quietly in the corner with a half empty drink and no cake and only one person who seems to care.

ANOTHER POOR BIRTHDAY



Half a picture no drink at 60. This was John High who celebrated his birthday without telling anybody, but we at the Bugle know all. **LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD** John Bryan and Keith Faulkner have been associated with Biggin Hill for the past 40 years. They share their stories over a pint at the Pilots Pals Bar .The last remaining watering hole on the airfield.



Note: their glasses are half empty waiting for the next drink sponsor, which will encourage them to tell you, yet another enthralling story about their many travels. Oh dear !

WE ARE GRUMPY, LEFT OUT



John and Jim refused to give their full names, saying that they never seem to have any celebrations that are held in their honour. Perhaps a little bribery may resolve the issue. The Bugle knows their individual surnames, but we are sworn to secrecy under European Law. Under club rules we can reveal them names as Wright and Wheeler (*Nothing to do with Orville and Wilbur*) long term scroungers, their combined ages go as far back as the first World War where they started their flying careers according to their many stories.

CANADIAN GP LUNCHEON

If you haven't experienced one of these super meals, then book today.

The cost is only £4 per person and the next race day is 10th June at



1800 hrs The menu booking list is on the notice board in the club, order now to avoid disappointment. This event is back to back with the USA Grand Prix on the 17th June.

ARE OLDIES A SPECIALITY



Or should they be, simply banned from attending Air Shows. Not one of them appear to share any interest in the events before their eyes, and furthermore they take up valuable viewing space

BIGGIN HILL AIR SHOW 2007

This was a very smooth show. The stars of the show on the Saturday were four BBMF Spitfires. Fying one of the best sequences we have witnessed for a long time covering the length of the crowd line, with their very polished barrel rolls. (3 Spits and a Hurricane seen below)



ANDREW LYONS 1st SOLO
 Congratulations are in order for

Andrew on his first solo flight, and of course his membership to the Pilots Pals bar at Biggin Hill.



MORE AIR SHOW SPECIALS

The Typhoon and the lone Spitfire were the stars of Sundays performance, flying in formation inspite of major differences in stall speeds. Their formation showed us just how far we have advanced in aviation technology since the last world war.



Photography by Michael Rivett.

THE PILOTS PALS VIEWING

Probably one of the best years for access to the club with positive security at the entrance to the club. In the past we were invaded by free loaders who appeared once a year with coolly boxes filled with food, and drink and a multitude of uncontrollable children running wild. The bar was usually unapproachable because of their demands for immediate service. The Bar-B-Q was excellent, with good food and expedient service. (Even the Editors wife said the Burgers were the best ever). Wow!



Hungry members clammering for food during the Air Show despitemissing the current flying display



CLOSURE OF THE AIRSHOW

The setting sun is a fitting end to a wonderful days flying and a lot of noise. Everyone gathers around the bar for a well earned drink and talk about the days flying.

THE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Many members commented on the splendid security, the Bar-B-Q and access to the bar and viewing area. The awning was another exceptional idea. It provided shelter from the hot sun and good seating, which would have been commandeered by free loaders in previous years. We also take this opportunity to thank the many people / members who contributed to tidying the club each morning, especially Roger Taylor, who hoovered the floor of the bar and generally kept things running smoothly. Also we thank the younger members who rallied around collecting glasses and rubbish during the two days of the Air Show - Well done!

FINALLY THE EDITOR



Prior to his nappy change, of which he is totally resentful. *Especially when it is done in public.....*
NOT A PRETTY SIGHT.....