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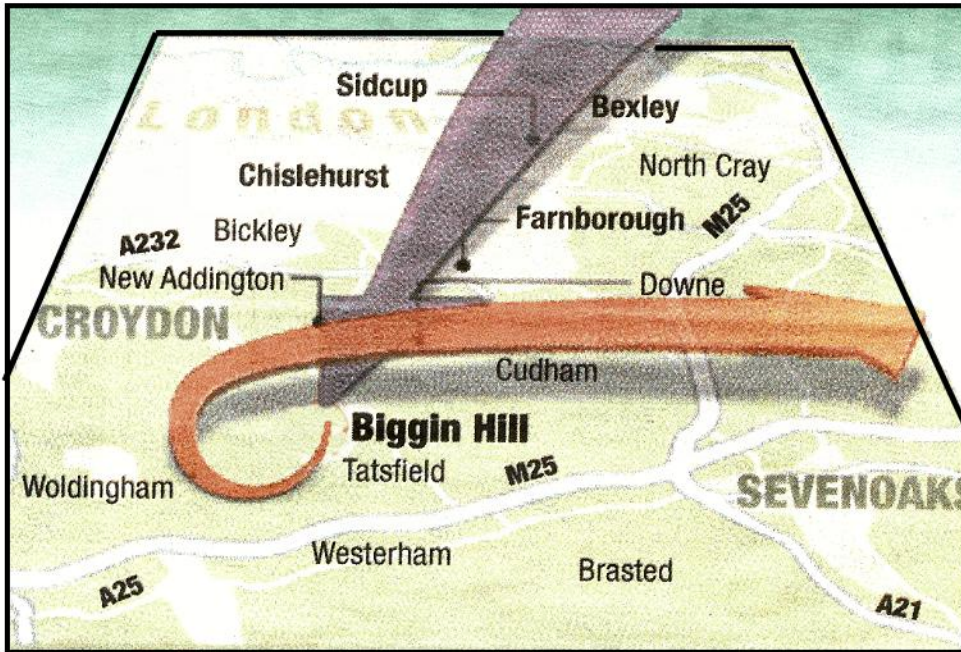


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MASTER PLAN FOR FUTURE OF AIRFIELD

Biggin Hill airfield, affectionately known as the 'Bump' is to be levelled over a large area encompassing the M25, Swanley Bypass, to make way for a huge expansion for Boeing 747 Charter flights to Le Touquet and Calais for lunch banquets and huge shopping trips. Pilots Pen Club will move to a new Terminal building which will be situated near Sevenoaks and a satellite bar will be opened in Warlingham near the proposed Airbus 380 Terminal. Roger 'The Dog' has been commissioned to build two sets of air-ladders for the Airbus. Mr Merchandise says these plans

are wonderful ! Much has been proposed in the past, even bar snacks to encourage customers during 'Happy Hour' but nothing has ever materialised in spite of my promises and dreams for the future. I've even had to put my prices up to pay for the extra staff that will be required to provide a 24 hour service to all the pilots that will be needing a drink after a hard days flying to and from France

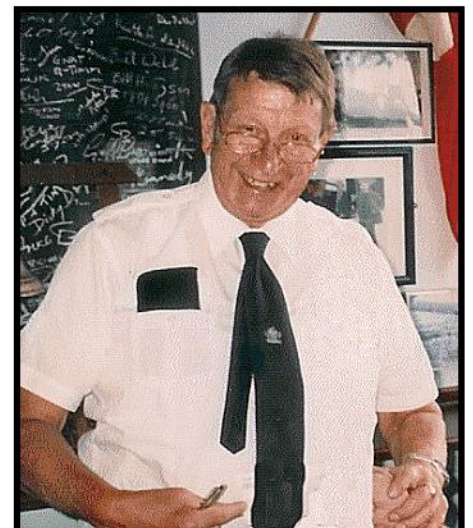
SIMULATOR EQUIPMENT STOLEN AT AIRFIELD

Capt Steve Goneaway pictured above a the controls of his newly

built Pro Flight Simulator which was vandalised in the early hours of Sunday morning. The thieves got away with valuable soft-ware required for training all the pilots needed for the expansion plans for the airport. This could jeopardise Le Touquet lunch trips and Calais shop'ins by air.



Steve says the thieves are in for a surprise when they try to use the soft-ware as the control locks are installed, and I have the key.



THE LATE TONY WEEDON

Tony Weedon - sadly passed away on the 8th February, a great loss to the airfield. Tony was a Flying Instructor and Examiner and had been on the airfield for some 30 years, how many pints of Guinness he consumed during this period is unknown, but he enjoyed every single pint to the end



ROY SINCLAIR - passed away on 26th December 2004. Roy was a very happy person and a regular visitor to the airfield during the past 35 years. He owned a Piper Senaca. He is pictured above during one of the famous Malta Air Rallies in 1978 at the presentation dinner at the Verdala Hotel.

LES SANGER - It is also with regret that we report the passing of this genial man who was an aircraft engineer for many years at Express Aviation. He was well known around many airfields in the South East of England, and indeed to many pilots and aircraft owners.

Australian Grand Prix 2005 ...

This is the 10th year of Formula 1 at the Albert Park Circuit at Melbourne, although motor racing has been going there since 1955 long before they thought of Formula 1.

The Grand Prix TV Supporters Club will be eagerly awaiting this first race of the season and there will be a genuine Aussie 'Tucker Box' food parcel for the regular followers of this TV event. (More like an Epidemic) as some say



FLASHBACK 26 YEARS - The Malta Air Rallye, pictured from the left. John Bryan, Caroline Evans, Lional Visor, Roy Sinclair, Derek McQuoid, Graham Balls, and Norman (Scotty) - We had a great time in 1978.



DAVE 'THE PAINT' He may be of Irish extraction, but he worked many hours spraying the Simulator with sixteen layers of Acrylic Paint with no less than five layers of base coating and six hours of rubbing down to get absolute perfection for the final layers of paint, plus the final Maroon stripes to complement the overall colour. When he finished the only place he could light a fag was within the safety of the bar, because the atmosphere within the spray booth's was so volatile. His rolled up fags weren't so volatile judging by the expression on his face. Wait until it gets to the lips.

WARNING FROM THAILAND

Recently I was enjoying a nice lunch, in a very nice restaurant on the beach, together with some ice cold beers with friends and ex-pats, Rod and Graham, on the south east part of Ko Samui island. With cloudless skies, crystal clear waters and the palm trees swaying in the gentle breeze, Graham suggested that it would be a perfect place to spend a few days and wondered if the restaurant had any accommodation. Having settled our bill, Rod said as he needed to go to the loo to relieve himself of some of the beer he had consumed, he would ask our very attractive waitress on the way. Bearing in mind, Rod who has been to Thailand many times, had an unsuccessful marriage to a Thai lady and has lived there constantly for the past 4 years, can only speak about 3 words in Thai. He came back about 5 minutes later, saying he had not been able to ascertain if there was any accommodation available, but he had pulled the waitress. Having asked this beauty if there was accommodation available, was greeted with total bemusement. In order to resolve this communication impasse, he put his hands together in a prayer-like manner and placing them to the side of his slightly inclined head, said "you have sleeping here". She smiled at him, obviously getting a gist of what he was trying to communicate and said, "Me finnit at 10 o'clock, you come back OK"

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