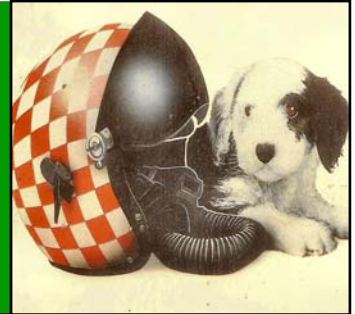




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OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Please read this carefully – one of the more boring people that frequent the Pilots pals Bar asked if anyone knew what a Ha Ha was. (In English sometimes pronounced Har Har) Another well know member replies “I know exactly what a Ha Ha is” He was absolutely correct!

The following definitions are true and concise.

Ha Ha is Japanese for Mitchituna’s mother, sometimes her son’s title .. ! **fact.**

In English – A walled ditch or sunken obstacle, such as a hedge serving especially as a barrier to livestock without impairing the view of scenic appeal.

This definition is a gem ! A well known member of Naval disposition explains there is a road in Woolwich called Ha Ha Road, so named because – back in the 1800’s the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich experimented firing their guns across the common toward Thames Mead (as it is known today) and as the shot passed across this road it went **Ha –Haaa !** If you dispute the authenticity of these facts the editor only reports ‘what has been spoken’ HOUD IGNOTA LIQUOR ...!

WHERE DO WE GO NOW

That is the question being asked by many Pilots who frequent the Pilots Pals Bar which has operated on this airfield for the past 11 years and is the only place left where pilots and their friends can socialize and keep in touch with the world of aviation and discuss their experiences or talk over old times. Most of us have been on this airfield for 40 years and to be offered an ultimatum – well, **not offered**, evicted for no valid reason other than greed by the airfield operators without any thought for the well being of people who may have just started to learn to fly. Imagine their disbelief at having committed time and money in the belief that this could be a new career. Indeed many a good pilot has inherited his or her career from learning to fly at Biggin Hill Airfield and spent many an evening socializing with their colleagues. Below: Mr Joe Merchant and Mrs Jill Minter take what could be a last look around the Pilots Pals Bar adorned with many momento’s gathered over the years. Mr Merchant says these will be ‘auctioned off’ if we have to leave this site which has been an ideal spot for the many Airshows held outside the confines of the building.

GLOOM AND DOOM

It is not only the gloomy weather viewed through the bar windows but the feeling of doom that goes with it. There is a feeling that “wer-r-r-r-e do-o-o-o-med” Hopefully it will not come to this as that would be a very bitter blow to long term attendees of the Flying Clubs and associated social activities which are important to maintain and keep a healthy environment for those who put so much effort into their flying. This attendant activity adds to flight safety by knowledge and awareness which could be lost without a social environment. Over the years the flying member has changed from one that used to help get the aircraft out of the hangar early in the morning – the aircraft were somewhat different. Whereas the modern aircraft is more friendly and the clubs operate a more planned program. The students of today seem to have more money, subsequently they have their lesson, pay their money and leave. It is important to retain these people socially as we can learn more about them and make them feel wanted because there is a lot to learn in aviation.



AIRPORT MASTER PLAN PUBLISHED

If someone can enlighten us as to the meaning of this Gobbdegook, Double Dutch article please send an Email as I lost my way amongst all the meaningless words which seemed to have omitted the actual master plan. It could be a kind of **death camp** !! **Adolf Hitler** had a master plan and he built a lot of aerodromes many of which are still operating today, but the rest of his plan fell apart around him. This master plan will also fall by the wayside.

OVERHEAD BIGGIN HILL

Unfortunately scenes such as this and the words Biggin Hill on the old Surrey & Kent buildings have faded with time – Pilot John Willis flies over the old club house and hangar which has seen many changes but it is still there as Jet Aviation.



MIND SET OR IDIOT?

We at the Bugle may get a laugh out of this mindless person, but it is quite alarming to have drivers like this careering through our village. It appears that it is important to prove to the person in front by overtaking to the detriment of road safety and others users who drive with respect for other road users.

Jail Lane 23rd January 2006
It is unfortunate that we don't have a speed camera in Biggin Hill because this driver would probably have collected 3 points whereas for this **apparently minor offence** he is free to go and brag to his mates about writing his car off over a pint. Whilst we have our Insurance Premium increased ... **why ??**



OVERHEARD AT HOME

Wife watching 'Big Brother' on TV a disinterested husband asks why do you watch this crap about someone being thrown out of a fictitious house – her reply **was cryptic** .. !
"More people have been thrown out of your Gentleman's Club, than the Big Brother House" **This is fact** !

MYSTERIOUS LIQUIDATION

of Civilair Flying Club leaves all Pilot Members and Instructors disenchanted and aircraft owners are left in a quandary as to the security of their aircraft which are being held as financial security in respect of Airport dues – the full facts are not clearly known and the future of our one and only watering hole could be in further jeopardy leaving us homeless 'so to speak'. Everything is up in the air, if you will excuse the 'pun'

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR BAR

A tenuous solution for the future of our beloved bar has been agreed for an ongoing situation which gives us a brief respite from our dilemma of a dry watering hole within the airfield boundary so that we can be near our immediate flying community.

BIGGIN HILL AIRFIELD 1966

This unique picture from Joe Merchants collection shows Mick Ronayne CFI of 'County Flying Club' pointing out the relevant features of the Tiger Moth with George Johnson (Instructor) above the letter 'G' Also above the letter 'K' appears to be Osama Bin Ladins father. Actually it is Bob Needham who now lives in Australia. The old Air Touring Club can be seen above the left wingtip of the Tiger Moth - 1966





THE FLYING INSTRUCTOR

His attire is that of a skin diver it is waterproof, windproof, cumbersome and you still feel the cold if you stay up for a long time
Mick Ronayne – 1966.



HONOR BLACKMAN.

Well known British actress also flew in G-ANKB with Mick Ronayne shortly afterwards – bet you didn't know that ! Those were the days at Biggin Hill, sadly it is all fading away and will soon be lost forever Many famous actors and the like have passed through Biggin Hill over the years and all were charming people and blended in so much they were hardly noticed. Very amiable people who never made a fuss or demanded any publicity, quite extraordinary.

UNREST AROUND CIVILAIR

There is considerable unrest following the desertion of the clubs Director / Manager leaving innocent parties saddled with a serious financial burden disrupting their family life to a degree beyond comprehension whilst he sits at home in a big warm house. Other's may be foreclosed for no reason other than trying to make an honest living and support their families. This desertion was a despicable manner in which to treat your creditors, without whom you couldn't, have operated. It also gives flying clubs a very bad name. It is also sad that some people had paid good money up front as an incentive to get a discount, **only to have it virtually stolen...!**

“SIGN OF THE TIMES”

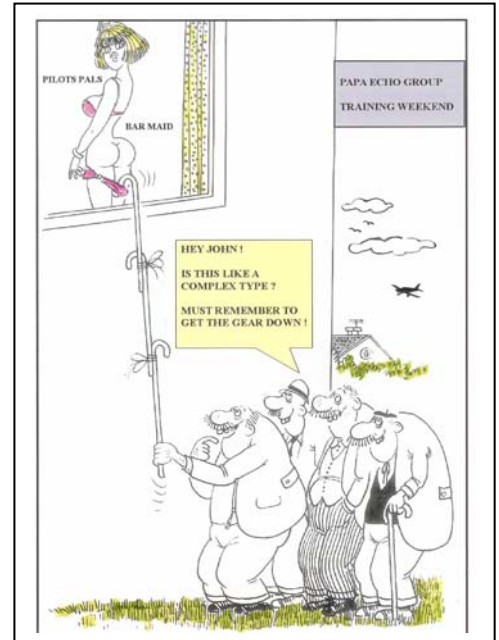
Quite an unnecessary remark by the Airport Director Mr Peter Lonagan as to the demise of a flying club stating that this points to a new stream for revenue – absolute rubbish – this only points to the fact that this situation was engineered by a clear lack of management skills, thereby creating an opportune moment for this engineered liquidation at the expense of the innocent. It also points to his desire to rid the airfield of flying training at any price. Perhaps this apparent liquidation goes deeper than we think. **Pilots don't grow on trees**, destroy the flying training organisations and you destroy the new stream of revenue that you believe is coming your way – it is like a Supermarket, which is fine, BUT it destroys the local community and all that is associated with it. People become alien and don't communicate anymore because the social atmosphere is destroyed as well...!

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

“The only Red Wine that I like, is the one that I am sober enough to get the cork out without leaving half of it in the bottle” sometimes I spill most of it ...!

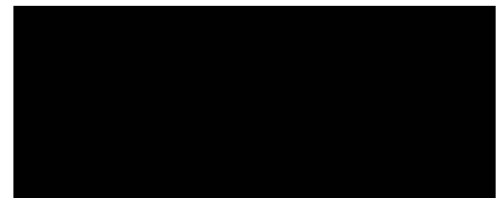
P.E. GROUP TRAINING

Whilst their members are declining their training methods remain as per the book – the cartoon depicts their humorous approach and dedication to detail



PHOTOGRAPHERS SCOOP

Our photographer was on the street during the recent electricity blackout in Biggin Hill and secured this picture. Brilliant eh ?



ROBIN'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Robin 'Grockle' Dadson celebrated his 63 birthday among friends at the Pilots Pals Bar on the 18th February with a French Sailor and an Old Soldier.



Robin spent half the evening trying to gain access to his favourite corner seat, then promptly filled the bar with smoke from his infernal pipe...!