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THE DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

A well known instructor was found sitting in his well adorned car outside the pilots pals bar in complete bewilderment because his automatic electronically controlled car appeared to be totally dead. The editor happened to pass by and asked if he could help, 'I've got nothing, its broken'. The editor leaned in wiggled the steering wheel thereby unlocking the controls. The driving instructor drove off with a screech of tyres and a cloud of dust totally bemused by this simple rectification to his car.

BIGGIN OLDIES REUNION

A very successful event and a lot of idle chat going back 40 years and more from Biggin to Kartoum, Cairo to Cape including Botswana, UAE and Oman and many other long forgotten events such as the Aero Commander from Biggin Hill that crashed in Greenland in 1967 and was brought to light by one of the survivors son who accidentally stumbled across it via the Internet and after much research has compiled a large file of the event and conclusions, but there is still some mystery. The editor produced a poem he had written about two well known instructors nine years previously (Q & S) Aviation - see attachment - page2



IS 13 A LUCKY NUMBER

The above scene was taken 22 years ago with some well known Biggin Hill people on an airfield that is no more. It was one of the biggest and best air shows and the weather was fantastic and very hot. From memory I think we used 9 aircraft to transport us to the event. The massed parachute drop was something else with parachutists landing amongst the crowd. Very impressive and spectacular.



Picture bottom left - left to right Gavin Dix - Chris Bevan - Mike Nash-Worthan and Gordon Jones have stories spanning way back and beyond and you thought John Bryan the editor had stories way back of the real beyond..! Old bush stories. But his stories were put in the shade by the actual tales from the old days at Biggin Hill and the unstable foundations of our only local bar

WELL KNOWN AT BIGGIN



David Quirk / Paul & Valerie Shires / Rex Nicholls / Mike Nash-Wortham / Mick Ronayne / Kevin Woolterton / John Bryan



APRIL REUNION PICTURES



Listen ! I know more than you.
That's not possible because I am
older than you - So there !!



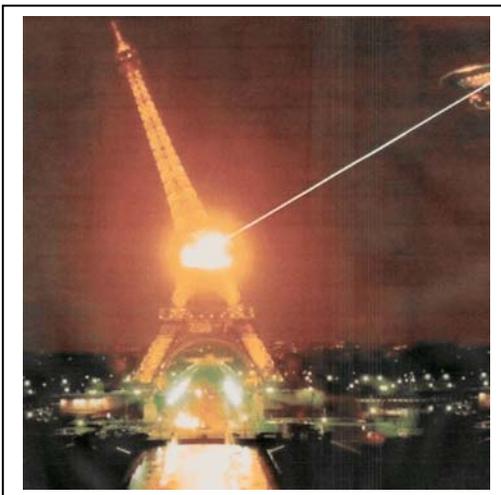
How come our famous names are
not on this blackboard scroll of
honour and John Bryan is right in
the middle. What has he ever
done to deserve this pride of place



Truly our oldest, oldest friend,
Pamela who has been around
since Wrens were introduced
into the Navy. David Porter and
Valerie Shires pay their
respects. This mini reunion was a
great success and passed all too
quickly. Kevin Woolterton was a
surprise visitor (who's father
Syd) was involved in the aircraft
accident in Greenland in 1967 and
would be grateful for any
information no matter how small.
His Email address is -
kevinwoolterton@btopenworld.com
He would be grateful for any
information no matter how small.
Much ale was consumed and
tongues wagged until they were
swollen, reminiscing old times

'GROCKLES REBELLION'

Rob Dadson the infamous rebel
against the French Revolution and
avid pyromaniac burning the
French Flag at any opportunity has
found the answer to his prayers
with this alien craft



This has to be the ultimate method
to upset 'Le Grenouilles' with a
single laser beam from an alien
space craft. (Designed by Britain)

NEW HOTEL NOT APPROVED

A reprieve for our beloved Pilots
Pals Bar. It looks as though all the
grandiose plans for new hangars
etc, was just a ploy to remove
anyone that happens to be interested
in a flying career, or indeed, just
wanting to fly for recreation. Who
are these planners without expertise
of the real life outside their door ??
Just fancy a foreign crew being
stranded at this hotel with very poor
transport connections to London
especially on a Sunday. I think
they would end up rather peeved
and disappointed at being stranded
in a plain block type hotel
complex miles from London
having believed they had landed at
London Airport Biggin Hill - it's a
bit like flying with a well known
cheap airline which claims to take
you direct to a European City, only
to find out that you are 50 miles
from your intended arrival point.
Whilst the flight time may be akin
to that of the schedule airline, the
actual time taken is double or even
longer than you were lead to
believe. *Is this fair trading ?* We
rest our case Alternatively, stick
your head further into the sand.

Q & S AVIATION - This poem by
John Bryan written in 1997 and
dedicated to Quirk and Shires

*In the good old days of yore
There were aeroplanes galor
Flying clubs were abundant
No pupils made redundant*

*They had pockets lined with gold
Well, that's what we were told
Get them up in the air
Show them your panache and flair*

*At Biggin Hill the sun did shine
The world was yours, or was it mine
There were many flying clubs
And lots and lots of pubs*

*The flying clubs were everywhere
Some were in the trees or over there
Most were good, some were bent
Many came and many went*

*(Wessex/ Wemair Oily Doyle is not
Included in this bloody foil)*

*Active, Anderson, that's Ron Brown
In those days he wore the crown
When you ask, is he around
One could say, he's gone to ground*

*'Quirk and Shires the name lives on
They still come to Biggin, off and on
Paul Shires, he married one day
David Quirk, is still a bachelor gay !*

Apologise from the editor to Mr
Quirk for spelling his name wrong in
the original, 'I thought it was a bit
Querky' perhaps even 'spooky' !

RAJ - FINAL CHICKEN TIKKA

The Raj formerly Anns Pantry seems
to have suffered a serious fire during
the last week of April. The fire
brigade managed to extinguish the
fire - police are investigating the
cause. The Raj was closed down a
few months ago and was awaiting
demolition to make way for more
flats in Biggin Hill. Next thing will
be a By-Pass from the bottom of
Westerham Hill to Swanley Junction
thereby avoiding Biggin Hill
altogether. Let's keep it a village !