

Hi everyone

The February "Bugle" from JB is now available on the web site at <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk> (which includes the answers to the Xmas Crossword)

Just click on the Newsletter link on the home page as normal...

DATABASE ISSUES

The Biggin Hill Airport Users Database now holds around 400+ current and past Biggin Hill Airport users email addresses. Inevitably though, as people change ISP's they change email addresses, and we lose contact with them. I would like your help to update the following people's email addresses as the ones held for them are no longer valid. I am sure that someone out there will have new addresses for most of these people. Sometimes messages are "bounced" because mailboxes are full, so if your own name appears on this list and you are obviously getting the messages from us, please email me back to reconfirm your address is still correct.

Adrian Ralph
Bill Pickard
Charles Waring
Chris Fletcher
Colin Reynolds
Craig Sargeant
Damian Cross
David Cole
Dianne Burton
Fred Bennett
Gary Butcher
Gary Strong
Gordon Winterbourne
Jim Finlay
Joanna Brett
John Chester
Judy Senior
Kathy Nuttall
Keith Sissons
Keith Warton
Mike Gray
Paul Cowlard
Paul Kenward
Peter Adams
Ray Blewett
Steve Ellis
Steven Porteus

Steven Porteus
Sue Watts

If anyone there has email addresses for any of these people, please just drop me an email with the correct address. Thanks.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It has been suggested that I make use of this regular email Newsletter to help locate old flying and airport friends who you have lost touch with. This is how the database actually started, of course, and makes complete sense.

So - if anyone has lost touch with someone from the old days of the airfield and would like to see if any others out there still have any contact, please let me know and I will include the name of the lost contact in the Newsletter.

The first for this list are:

MIKE HUTTON – apparently around in the 1960's at Biggin – imported aircraft from the USA, and owned some sort of seaplane at one point...

ERNST VELD – Dutch guy who lived in Haywards Heath area in the late 70's and early 80's – worked for Centreline Air Services flying Chieftain and Bandierante's, having previously flown mainly in Africa before that. Was married to a B.Cal senior Stewardess (Maureen) but thought may have subsequently divorced.

EDDIE ASQUITH – formerly a pilot with Fairflight and others in the early 80's – thought might be with BMA now?

That's it for this month's list – if anyone can offer any info as to where or how these people may be contacted, or any information about them over the years, please email me back and I will pass it on to the person who is trying to make contact.

ANOTHER OLD FRIEND GONE

I have been told that another old Biggin Hill'ite, Ron Fenwick, passed away back in September last year after an illness. Ron, who had originally learned to fly at West Essex Flying Club, owned a Rockwell single which he kept at Biggin for some time before moving it to Rochester.

THE PILOTS PALS BAR

The conversion to fully "Members Only" has progressed well, with just under 300 members signed up and issued with Photo Membership cards to date. As of now, all persons seeking membership will need to get two separate existing members to "propose" and "second" their application, which will need to be approved by the membership committee before issue. Only persons meeting one of the

criteria for membership in the club rules (see <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk>) will be accepted for membership.

GENERAL

If anyone has anything that they believe may be of interest to our members reading this Newsletter, I would appreciate any contributions (by email please). It is sometimes quite difficult to produce something of interest each month, and it is good to be able to say something other than announcing the passing of another old friend (the title "Grim Reaper" and "Angel of Death" is beginning to stick.....)

That's it for this newsletter

Regards
John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database