

Hi again everyone

Just a quick update for March

Firstly - The latest edition of the "Biggin Hill Bugle" from John Bryan is now available on the Pilots Pals Club website at <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk>
Follow the "newsletter" link on the home page.

Next - a message from Joe Merchant.....

As you know virtually all the items in the club have been donated or loaned to the club, or simply collected by myself. With the coming of the new club within the new expanded airport plans, my concept would be based on the history of RAF Biggin Hill in line with the Heritage Centre (which would be located next door). It is therefore necessary for me to arrange for the return or disposal of all this memorabilia.

Would any member who has loaned items to the club please either contact me to arrange to collect any loaned item otherwise it will be assumed that they no longer require it and it will form a part of the forthcoming auction. The auction is planned for Saturday 17th June 2006 at 10.00 hours. Bids can be taken on the phone prior to the event, paid with a deposit.

That Book!!! - For many years, Joe has been planning to write a book about Biggin Hill Airport and the people involved in it over the years. Now, in conjunction with Barry Wheeler, this is really starting to take shape. As a start, if any of you have any old photos covering the start of the civil airport 1959/60 that could be useful for inclusion, it would be appreciated if copies of those could be made available to us. (any particularly interesting anecdotes/stories that could be incorporated would also be good...). Please feel free to send them by email to me here, and I will get them to Joe (or you can send them by mail to Joe at the bar, or care of me at the address below).

Finally - Some of the Biggin Hill "real oldies" - David Quirk, Paul Shires, John Bryan, etc, etc - are having an informal get together in the Bar on Sunday 2nd April at midday - Joe is arranging for a small buffet for the gathering. Anyone from that era is welcome - please let me know so I can tell Joe and the others you are going to be there. (Sorry I won't be able to make it myself - even though I accept I fit as one of the "real oldies" - I will be away to sunnier, I hope, places that day...)

Regards

John Willis

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