

Hi everyone

A quick note to pass on details missed in the last Newsletter....

But first – a sad note:

I was recently advised of the passing of an old friend to many at Biggin Hill Airport, Roy Taylor, who sadly passed away in the last few hours of June.

An engineer by profession and a former Royal Navy man, Roy was Sqd Ldr (Jock) Maitland's Airport Manager for many years from the start of Biggin Hill's days as a civil airport in the 60's. Also involved in Jock's airline, Maitland Drewery Air Charter, and the primary organiser along with Jock of the first International Air Travel Fair (forerunner of the Air Fair) in 1963.

My own boss in my days in Biggin Hill Air Traffic in the 60's and 70's, direct talking Roy Taylor was respected by the many who came into contact with him in those very unique early days at Biggin Hill. On leaving the airport, Roy returned to aviation engineering with Fields at East Midlands.

You will be missed Roy – R.I.P.

Now – apologies for the missed item in the July Newsletter.

Bob Needham, former Biggin Hill flying instructor with Mick Ronayne's County Flying Club and now resident "down under", is revisiting his old haunt at Biggin en-route to AirVenture in Oshkosh USA.

Bob's fleeting visit will be a stop off in the Kings Arms pub in Leaves Green on Monday 15th July for a few ales at around 12:30, where he hopes some of his old friends may be able to join him for a bit of reminiscing. (he realises it's a bit short notice, but really hopes some of those who were around in the wonderful days in the 60's may be able to make it)

Bob was last here in around 2010, and his last flight from Biggin was (with me) in the Twin Com in 2006.....

If you think you can make it feel free to let me know and I'll pass it on to Bob but also feel free to just turn up and surprise him

That's all for now

Regards

John Willis

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