

Hi everyone

This is just a "Stop Press" mid-month email to announce details of the very special Mini-Reunion on 24th March (as previously mentioned in the last Newsletter)

On 22nd March one of Biggin Hill's favourite "oldies" - Rex Nicholls - is 80...

As most will know, Rex taught many hundreds of people to fly over the years - me included! He has been a central figure in training ever since the first arrivals from Croydon Airport in 1959 when he was the CFI of Experimental Flying Group.

We are planning a surprise birthday celebration (rather more on the lines of a Mini-Reunion) at the Pilots Pals Club on Saturday 24th March, commencing at 2pm. His wife Janet would love to get as many of Rex's family and friends together at the airport for this occasion, so please - if you have ever flown with Rex, or (like me) owe him a debt for all his dedication to private flying and in particular to instructional flying - PLEASE try to attend this reunion. I really don't think Rex is quite aware how many people feel indebted to him for steering them on a safe path in our chosen sport (or profession in many dozens of cases). Now is our opportunity to show him how much we have all appreciated his efforts..

If you are able to make it - please email me back so that I can liaise with Janet on likely numbers and arrange for food etc...

On another note: Also a "Stop Press"

Two more concessionary discounts have been negotiated at local restaurants for members of the Pilots Pals Club:

The "Napolie" Italian restaurant and Pizzeria in Market Square, Westerham has agreed that anyone presenting their photo membership with payment for their meals will receive a discount from their total bill as follows:

For meals consumed on the premises - 15% discount. There is no restriction regarding calendar days that this concession will apply. This has been agreed in writing with the Restaurant Manager. (The manager strongly recommends booking to avoid disappointment during busy periods, but it is not necessary to mention the concession when booking - telephone number is 01959 561688)

The "Grasshopper Inn" restaurant and carvery in Moorhouse, Nr Westerham has agreed that anyone presenting their photo membership with payment for their meals in either the main restaurant or the carvery will receive a discount from their total bill as follows: - 10% discount. The only restriction is that this concession will NOT be available on Bank Holidays or on Sundays. This has been agreed in writing with the Restaurant Manager. (The manager strongly

recommends booking to avoid disappointment during busy periods, but it is not necessary to mention the concession when booking - telephone number is 01959 563136)

So - current concessions for card-holding members are:

Air Fair entry to this year's June show (2nd and 3rd)- plus ability to buy further tickets at special prices through the club.

Discounts at four Montien Thai Restaurants at various locations,

The Grasshopper Inn restaurant and carvery in Westerham

The Napolie Italian Restaurant in Westerham,

The Bengal Butler Indian Restaurant in Biggin Hill

The Pheonix on the Hill Chinese Restaurant in Biggin Hill,

The Shoulder of Mutton Inn and Restaurant in the North of England

(see full details of all offers on the concession page of the website at <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk>)

More concessions expected over the next few weeks - please expect further announcements

That's it again from me - please let me know if you are going to be able to come to Rex's Mini-Reunion and celebration..

Thanks

John Willis

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