

Hi everyone

Just a mid-month update to keep you all in the picture regarding the airport bar memberships - it is appreciated that not everyone is a member of the club, but was felt that it was in the interests of all users to see what was potentially available at the airport...

Currently the paid membership is up to 328 (as at 12th February), and most people will have already received their photo membership cards.

As of 1st February, the "blanket acceptance" arrangements for regular past members ceased, and from that date, anyone seeking membership needs to seek two existing members, one to propose them, and one to second them. All potential members must fall into one of the categories of people entitled to join (as contained in the Club Rules). Applications will then need to be approved by at least three members of the six-person club committee before the proposed person is accepted and the card issued. (The requirements are different for staff of paid "Corporate Member Organisations")

This may sound as if we are being slightly harsh, but this is to ensure that we are seen to genuinely be a "Private Members Club" and not a "pub", and is one of the ways that we hope to gain special benefits for members that would otherwise not be available.

To that end, I feel it is an appropriate time to announce the following member benefits that have been obtained by your committee.....

1a) The club has entered into a commercial arrangement with ADI, the organisers of the 2007 Air Fair (to be held on 2nd and 3rd June) - your Photo Membership card will be formally accepted as an Air Show Entry ticket for the holder. No additional ticket will be required. This applies **ONLY FOR THE PERSON WHOSE PHOTO APPEARS ON THE CARD**. Any accompanying person, not holding their own Photo Membership Card, will be required to purchase a ticket for entry.

1b) The club has also reached an arrangement with ADI that members will be allowed to purchase up to a maximum of two special rate "walk-in" tickets per card holding member.

2) The "Bengal Butler" Indian restaurant in Main Road Biggin Hill has agreed that anyone presenting their photo membership with payment for their meals will receive a discount from their total bill

3) The "Pheonix on the Hill" Chinese restaurant in Main Road Biggin Hill has agreed that anyone presenting their photo membership with payment for their (in house only) meals will receive a discount from their total bill

For full details of all arrangements - see notices in the club and on website at <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk>

Watch this space for future announcements.

It must be stressed that these arrangements and concessions have been hard earned and I hope will be gratefully received and supported by the membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time

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And on behalf of the Pilots Pals Club Committee