

Hi everyone

Unfortunately it is again necessary to put out a mid-month newsletter - please don't hold it against me - I really don't enjoy being called the "Grim Reaper of Biggin Hill"...

Chris Kershaw

Chris, who many from the old days of Civilair will remember, died last week, aged about 80... He worked alongside Mick Ronayne and Val in the club in the early days, and subsequently, after retiring, with Brian Bennewith. After leaving Civilair, Chris helped out at Shipping and Airlines, with cutting the grass and other such jobs. There is a funeral at Beckenham Crematorium on Tuesday 18th November at 1:30pm and afterwards at the Fox and Hounds Pub, in Main Road, Biggin Hill (opposite the Saddlery and Gunrooms). The family would be pleased to see any of his friends and colleagues from Biggin Hill at the service and afterwards..

Rusi Daver

Following a very short illness, Rusi Daver, a former instructor at Biggin Hill Flying Club in the 70's, passed away last week. Rusi, who taught many Biggin Hill'ites to fly in those early days of the airfield, was still flying himself just a couple of weeks ago. After leaving Biggin, he went on to fly for BAF and then Ryanair, before retiring. After a few years of retirement, he got his PPL again and flew Cessna's from Bournemouth, which is close to where he lived, in Lymington. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth, two daughters and a son. There is to be a memorial service on Saturday 15th November at New Park Manor Hotel, Lyndhurst Rd, New Forest, Hants, SO42 7QH, (Tel:-01590 623 467) at 2pm, to which friends and colleagues are welcome.

John Willis