

Hi everyone

Once again it is necessary to send out a mid-month Special newsletter..

ROBERT CROFT-BOLSTER

Unfortunately, as many of you will of course already know, the Head of Training at EFG, Robert Croft-Bolster sadly died in a much publicised helicopter accident on Friday 6th January.

Known to his many friends as Bob Bolster, over the years Bob gained many ratings, and trained many fellow pilots, however he will be known best by some of the older generation as the flying dentist – due to the fact he was a fully qualified dentist with his own practice. More recently Bob was working with EFG to create a Commercial school training pilots for CPL and Instructor ratings. The club will do everything to ensure that this legacy will not be forgotten. He leaves behind wife Helen, and 2 children Rosie and Charlotte.

There will be a funeral service at St. Luke's Church at Chiddingstone Causeway, Kent TN11 8JJ at 11am on Wednesday 25th January and the burial will take place in the neighbouring village of Chiddingstone in St. Mary's Cemetery afterwards. The wake will then take place at The Castle Inn Pub in Chiddingstone, which is within a very short walking distance from the cemetery. Rather than flowers, it has been suggested that it would be more fitting if a donation was made instead to a charity which Bob would have liked to help. This charity is "Aviation without Borders", and donations can be made either via the funeral directors at: H.J. Johnston & Son, Redleaf Sawmills, Chiddingstone Causeway, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 8LE, or they can be made online at their website:(<http://www.aviationwithoutborders.org>)

If you wish to send cards of condolence - can I suggest sending those to the family, care of EFG (Maitland View, Biggin Hill Airport, Kent, TN16 3BN).

The family ask that, in order to have a guide to numbers who may wish to attend, that you notify Anoop Bamrah at EFG on Email: anoop@falcon.aero or by phone on 01959 540054 / 540400 and tell him how many of you and to which parts you are planning to attend, purely to cater appropriately for numbers.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS

As many of you will be aware, I was away in the US for the latter part of December, and have been quite busy on other matters since my return. I must apologise to those that have sent in their membership renewal fees, for which I thank you. I am now just starting to produce these, and you should all receive your new cards in the next week.. Sorry for the delay..

That's it for this special mid month newsletter - more at the end of the month..

John Willis

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