

Hi Everyone

A slightly belated mid-month stop press for you....

The 2007 Air Fair is approaching fast and you should by now have heard, either as an airport tenant directly from Air Displays International (ADI), or via your club or hangar etc., if you are a member or owner at the airport regarding arrangements during the show. Remember that all tenants can access their premises without the need to go through one of the showground entry gates so, as such, entry tickets to get to your place of work or club etc., should not really be needed. As always, private owners are not entitled to showground entry tickets, although they can still access their hangars etc. without tickets too.

For those wishing to actually enter the showground itself, tickets will be needed (see also Pilots Pals details below), and the Air Fair Ticket Office for advance ticket purchases is open during normal office hours Monday to Friday until 25th May at the ADI "Steel House".

The show itself promises to be (weather permitting, of course) one of the biggest for some years with very heavy British Military participation this year - something that many have felt has been lacking for a few years now. The Red Arrows are scheduled to appear on both days for a change, and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) will be celebrating their 50th anniversary year at the show. For full details, view the website at <http://www.airdisplaysint.co.uk>

Remember that, if you want to watch the show in grand style, you can get a 15% discount on the cost of Spitfire Club tickets if you are a member of this database and resident at Biggin Hill Airport - please mention my name (John Willis) to Colin or Fran Hitchins at ADI (01959 571533) - full details of the Spitfire Club itself is also on their website.

Pilots Pals Club and the development plans

Things are still uncertain regarding the building work planned in the South Camp area. We are still working on the theory that the work will commence before the show, and that we MAY have absolutely no patio or grass area from which the show may be viewed in June. As a result, we must obviously protect our paying members as space will be limited, and security will be in place to ensure that people not holding a current Club Photo Membership card will NOT be allowed access - even if you have been coming to the club at air shows for many years!

Pilots Pals Club current members (ie. those holding Club Photo Membership cards), will have free access to the actual Air Fair showground without the need for other tickets, but this is restricted only to the person whose photo appears on the card, and not accompanying people who WILL need show entry tickets.

Club membership is now closed to everyone who is not a current Biggin Hill Airport user - ie. airport worker, Flying Club member, Biggin Hill based aircraft

owner. In other words, if you still fly here or still work here, the membership closure does not apply to you! For people who fall into one of the acceptable categories, please note that the last date for submission of membership applications (including all required photo's, payment, proof of qualification AND duly proposed and seconded) is Friday 18th May - applications received after that time will NOT receive their membership cards in time for the air show.

If you are currently a member, membership may be upgraded to cover your partner or dependent children under 18 who live with you by completing a further membership application form (annoted as an "Upgrade" please) showing the names of the additional members and attaching or supplying their photographs, and paying the difference between the current fee paid and the membership fee for the new category required (ie. from Single to Couple, or from Couple to Family, is extra £5, and for Single to Family is extra £10. The club has additional arrangements for limited numbers of walk-in tickets for members to purchase for accompanying friends or other non-members at special rates, maximum 2 tickets per current member subject to continuing availability - contact John Willis via the club.

More news at the beginning of May

regards
John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database