

It is with great sadness that I have to, once again, advise you of the loss of another of our friends from the airfield.

I have just been called by Kay, wife of long term Biggin Hill'ite Peter Elliott, that Peter died suddenly this morning. Peter, responsible along with Rex Nichols for training so many people to fly at the original EFG club here at Biggin, having moved here from Croydon and formerly Redhill as well. Indeed, Peter was one of my own instructors to whom I owe so much....

Peter retired from a long airline career with British Airways (retiring from his final post as a Senior Training Captain), but continued flying privately at Biggin Hill right up to this weekend just past in his own Cherokee. My condolences to Kay, which I am sure will be echoed by many of you. I personally would count Peter and Kay as amongst my longest and best friends from Biggin Hill, having first met him when I was just 11 years old. When I have any more details of arrangements, I will, of course, let you all know.

On another, more personal, matter, although not directly involved in the airfield, but known to many of us who frequented the various restaurants and eating establishments in the immediate area over the last 30 years - eg. The Montmorency in Westerham, The Crown in Westerham, The Fantail, The Bakery in Tatsfield, The George in Farnborough, Parkwood Golf Club, The Chateau Napolian, Joe's in Biggin Hill, and more recently The Kings Arms in Leaves Green - I have sadly to report the passing of my own wife's father, Manuel Calzon (the original Spanish waiter with the appropriate "Fawltly Towers" name). Manuel was well known to many hundreds, possibly thousands, in the area, and I know this news will sadden many who had come to love this colourful local character. Manuel passed away peacefully on Tuesday 28th after fighting a major illness. He will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. For those that would wish to know - his funeral is to be held on 7th October - please contact me for details if you should wish to pay your respects.

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