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A bit beyond the records of the Bugle files, therefore we are unable to add any more details.

The sketch (column 2) certainly hasn't changed much either...! Take away the tower and you are left with the Green as it is today at Westerham with statues of two of the countries prominent statesman General James Wolfe and Winston Churchill.

The photograph taken outside the 'Little Grasshopper' pub can still be seen in the left side of the sketch. Probably a coaching house in those far off days, before the advent of pollution making road machines.

The Domesday Book records that the Manor of Oistreham was granted by William I to Eustace, second Count of Baulogne, husband to the sister of Edward the Confessor. The Manor was assessed at an annual value of forty pounds. At that time there were forty-two tenant farmers, seven cottagers and ten slaves. Everyone, depending on status, did some unpaid labour for the Manor. Thirty-two teams of oxen ploughed the great fields to the north of the town. By the Darenth stood a mill valued at five shillings and the woodlands supported one hundred swine. A church is not mentioned and may have been destroyed during the Conquest. The demands of agriculture regulated everyone's life. The mosaic depicts life in early mediaeval times, the round of ploughing, sowing, reaping and grinding the grain.

Perhaps there is some historic reason for this chosen site.



SPOTTED DOWN IN DEVON



It is written that Westerham had been settled for 1,000 years dating back to Celtic times (2,000BC) with Roman ruins nearby.

Literally down in Devon. The 'pilot chappie' seems to have ignored his walk around before flight.

40,000 FLIGHT INCREASES

These increases in Gatwick traffic have been reported in the local press recently causing concern for people living in the Hever area. Whilst this figure gives an impression of huge increases aircraft movements, it is probably about 109 flights extra per day, and



DOOMSDAY OISTREHAM

This unique plaque is hidden away in Westerham and not seen by many that visit this historic village. It can be found opposite the Rendezvous restaurant, down a small alley way leading to the Doctors surgery and the Town Council Offices, which does seem to be a bit of a strange place for it to have been erected.



is believed to be spread between Manchester and Gatwick which reduces the figure to 54.79 aircraft per day – seems there will be lots of (0.79) bits of aircraft left lying about. Probably only half of the above figure will actually depart and return 27.39. per day

Considering this last figure we can now add the .79 & .39 together we have a complete aircraft ready to now fly – Brilliant, absolutely brilliant. If you consider the fact that these odd bits of aircraft actually made no noise for days until they could be reassembled.

Furthermore the increase in traffic is now just over 1.14 per 24 hours. Now the populace of Hever (being the main antagonists) would most likely be unaware of the extra flights when calculated to an actual daily increase.

How long, before someone from Biggin Hill area becomes aware of this extra flight, some 12 miles to the south. Watch this space...!

QUANTAS HIT BY STRIKERS

Great stuff, by Aussie strike officials, this is a positive way to reduce excessive traffic around airports. Bring back sea travel where the latest sea going vessel can carry up to 8,000 and about 4,000 crew to look after them, far better ratio than the biggest airliner aloft today.

PRECISION FLYING BY RAF

The following sequence was sent in by an avid aviation chappie and reader of the Bugle.

Photographic series from the rear of a Hercules.



Radio request to pilot, can you get a bit closer.



Note the floor of aircraft..!



How is this looking...?



Beginning to look quite good



Pilot remarks, I think this is close enough.

We hope the cabin crew had tied everything down and swept the floor thoroughly and zipped all their pockets as this aircraft is the ultimate in vacuum cleaners.

A Dyson is no match for this one.

FLOOD PROBLEMS SOLVED

The recent flooding in Bangkok and surrounding areas has resulted some ingenious ideas for transport.



A simple test to see if this will keep water out of the car – but surely it will just float away.



Great fun for kids, being towed by a small motorcycle.



Surely this man gets 1st prize. Those below a fair 2nd prize

