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PUBLIC DISBELIEF AT AIRFIELD DEMOLITION ATTITUDE



A CHANGE OF IMAGE

'Martyna' a ravishing beauty from Poland had Pilot Chappie's heart racing when she called into Pilots Pals bar recently, it slowed remarkably when the boyfriend arrived from his trial flight. Oops'



Even the Editor fumbled with his camera momentarily whilst adjusting his shutter speed. !!

ANOTHER BUILDING LOSS



If the ghosts of this building could talk the demolition organizers would be shaking in their boots. Not to worry though, once this area is leveled it will be ideal for the Romany Travelers that frequent this district, and what's more they will have an excellent view of the airfield and the aircraft developing their aviation skills with cheap charter flights. – Whoes idea was it to flatten everything – **Brilliant!!**

Local workforce devastated by the loss of this very welcome catering source which helped rejuvenate their muscles for the very essential work in the local community. This was also a very valuable meeting point with easy parking – perhaps the airfield could improve their catering facilities at the Terminal building thereby encouraging a return of this important workforce in the community. (*at the terminal building*) Many of the work force have vented their anger at the attitude shown toward the demolition of their favourite watering hole apart from destroying any hope of a 'Heritage Centre' at Biggin Hill. Historically we are dealing with a rather '*bad attitude*' to the memory of those who fought for this land and indeed our future.

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

He is a liquid sponge soaking up beer at an alarming rate as well as



burning hundreds of cigarettes ! Ben Holmes looks rueful whilst Jerry Nolan thinks '*Oh my God*' he is so young – he should take up flying, instead of messing about with those '*Tiger Moth*' thingy's.

'CHAPEAU DES PAILLE'



Tim Constance and a secret friend pose for our photographer. We never did find out her real name, but we think it must be colourful.

ANGELIC PAST OF EDITOR

Born in Evandale, Tasmania 1933



One of his early duties was that of a **'Bell Ringer'** at the Presbyterian Church (inset) (known as St Andrews) built in 1886. Then race across the road to the Church of England (also called St Andrews, built in 1841) to ring the bell there, and then return back across the road to the first church (which ran one hour ahead of the other) to pump the organ which had mechanical bellows and to be fed sweets by the lady organist to keep his energy up. The youth of today have a lot to learn about **'society, and living within it'**

NEW FURNITURE ARRIVES

Pilots Pals is sporting nice new chairs and bar stools with rails to place ones feet comfortably. The chairs are leather covered with a nice padded back rest – **Please do not tilt these chairs backwards !!**

LATE AFTERNOON DRINK

The best drink in the world is captured in the late afternoon



sunshine streaming through the windows at 'Pilots Pals Bar'

EXPRESS AVIATION

Ralph Scott and wife Madeline pay a visit to Pilots Pals from their home in Spain. Ralph was a former owner of Express Aviation Services



OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

A conversation referring to your actual *'prat'* who will know everything and nothing. A very cultured female voice was heard to remark **"there is always one"** that crosses Waterloo Bridge everyday. **'Pilot Chappie'** interrupts, and asks fellow pilot about his flying skills, *99.99% was the reply*. What about my radio procedure ? *100% plus, considering, you missed two questions in your written R/T exam*. There followed much liquid refreshment and merriment including many stories about flying previously untold. All good for a laugh at ones expense. These stories would continue with the late afternoon sun streaming through the windows of the bar until darkness.

MORE PEOPLE AT THE BAR

Matthias Kistler of Switzerland relaxing after a days flying at Pilots Pals Bar. **'Pilot Chappie'** says he owns a Swiss Bank ...!!



Where does he get his information from. Matt sent the picture below of a lovely sunset during our recent Indian Summer



Well done Matt – always carry a camera for that elusive, one off picture that only appears for a few seconds and then it is gone .. !



QUESTION FOR PILOTS

When you are in cloud, in trouble, describe in **two words** the *secondary indications* of these instruments within 5 seconds. All instruments are functioning correctly without blockages etc, and the power setting is constant. **3rd SEPTEMBER IN THE BAR** The word 'Fatuuous' was bandied about, which the Editor quickly added to his vocabulary. **'Fatuuous as a synonym'** Absurd, asinine, birdbrained, brainless, dense, dull, foolish, idiotic, imbecile, inane, insensate, jerky, lamebrained, ludicrous, lunatic, mad, mindless, moronic, puerile, sappy, silly, simple, varuous, witless. **'As an anontyom'** Bright, brilliant, intelligent, smart, wise. The Editor has chosen the latter as the best description as pertaining to his standing within the community – **Brilliant eh ... !**

PILOT CHAPPIE AND HF

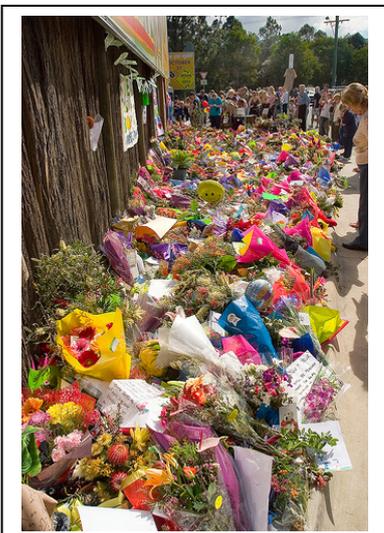
'Pilot Chappie' asks questions about the characteristics of HF radio and SSB to the most Senior resident RT examiner and proceeds to delve deeper and deeper into the ionosphere, *whereupon* the word 'fatuous' was mentioned. Here follows an explanation of the HF phenomenon which is as near as you will get to the how it works.

Meteorologists are often very good at telling you what has happened and why in a qualitative manner. It is probably the same with radio reception. The mechanisms are all understood by the experts but very difficult to quantify and to predict with any precision, also again like meteorology in general and weather predictions in particular to the layman who finds the whole business difficult to understand and tends to assume that there are simplistic solutions or answers to a complex problem. 'That is rarely the case'

When the satellites go down HF will still be working with all the background noises and distortion.

STEVE IRWIN TRAGIC LOSS

An Australian icon is killed by a Stingray barb to the heart whilst filming off the coast of Australia near Port Douglas. His death clogged websites as the news spread around the world. He was 'Yer Real Ozzie' Croc Hunter, Zoo Owner and Conservationist. The huge amount of flowers laid



at the gates of the zoo show the popularity of this unique person and his TV programs shown world wide. A state funeral in respect of his popularity, was declined.

MEET THE ADAMS FAMILY

7th September Frank Gosling meets up with his ex colleagues from Adams Aviation – Frank now lives in Tairua, North Island, NZ.



BIGGIN MILITARY MEDALS

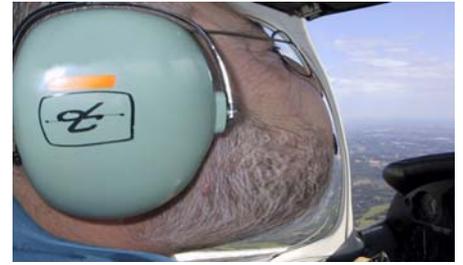
Sunday 1st September 1940 three WAAF's were awarded Military Medals for their bravery during heavy air raids at Biggin Hill by the Luftwaffe. They were manning the Operations Centre when it received a direct hit about 1800hrs on this day. Recipients pictured below.



Sgt Elizabeth Mortimer, Corporal Elspeth Henderson and Sgt Helen Turner. (Miss Turner died in 1947) Elspeth and Elizabeth returned to Biggin Hill in 1974 for a ceremony to name three roads after them in the married quarters. These roads have recently been destroyed during new building works, but we believe these will be renamed on completion. Elspeth (Henderson) Green died on 24th August 2006 aged 93. (recent Telegraph article)



PILOT CHAPPIE ALOFT



'Pilot Chappie' peers desperately ahead for landmarks during a recent cross country flight through his special 'Chinese' tilted lenses giving infinite resolution of the landscape ahead as well as receiving clarity radio transmissions via his very large noise cancelling earphones, his navigation skills are second to none, and cannot be faulted, *nor judged by those who do not fly ..!*

MINI REUNION AT BIGGIN

This was a well attended event with excellent food and the musical entertainment provided by 'Coolie' and some 'ad hoc' singers – *picture bottom column two* – Denis Andrews, Mike Townsend, Don Sheridan, John Bryan, Dave Milstead, Mick Ronayne. (Pictures below)



Dave Milstead, Denis Andrews, Mike Townsend, Joe Merchant, Mick Ronayne, John Bryan, Bob Needham, John Willis, David Brown all flyers from the 1960's



Barry Wheeler, Rex Nicholls, Vic Beattie, John Willis, B. Needham.

Reunion continued :- No one counted but we believe there was at least 150 people in attendance who were also treated to a well co-ordinated flying display consisting of a Spitfire from BBHF a Yak52 flown by Sam Whatmough and crowned by Will Curtiss in his Sukhoi 29 with his stunning Cobra manoeuvre which brought a gasp from the ardent onlookers. Will disembarks and is



captured by our photographer after his wonderful display for the Mini Reunion held at Pilots Pals on the 16th September 2006.

CLASSIC OVERHEARD

Well known Aviation Executive boards aircraft in New Zealand (Business Class) Seihk gentleman sits next to him. During the flight the foreign gentleman explains he is coming to the UK to collect his relatives who are immigrating to NZ because they claim there are too many foreigners in England for their liking – *can you believe this?* - try doing this in Australia. **Wake up New Zealand** before it is too late as they will multiply and out number all the sheep you have ...!

COUP D' ETAT THAILAND

Our correspondent on the Island of Ko Samui sends this on the spot report of the situation surrounding his private abode in the early morning I wake up by plenty big noise outside bedroom window. I find humble abode fully surround wiv tank and twoops all carry automatic weapons and many bandolier of

ammunition. I go outside and march up to most decorated senior army ossifer and I say "what the ?**// is going on" He point gun at me and inform me that Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra has been deposed and country now under martial law. He further inform me that there is crampdown on all media and since I am Asia collespondent for Biggin Hill Brugle I now under house allest. I tried to blibe him, but no luck. "He say "What the fl**k can I do for my troops with 100baht" Unglateful bastar !!!! I think deposed Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, he good man, he take care of all his family and friends, give them all top job in government, army, navy, airforce and police, and this is all thanks he get. He announce general erection in October. Now Democratic Reform Council say cannot have erection until next year. Bruddy good eh ? Prime Minister, he say "stuff you, I go live in England" no too espensive, get money from NHS, DHSS, TAX RELIEF, luvvery grub, shrewd man for sure, why your collespondent stay in Ko Samui when he can make good money in UK from all above !!! (*Pint of beer in Thailand now velly espensive at 70p, pack of cigarettes 60p, petrol 38p per litre.*) If I get Prime Minister job back I give Brugle collespondent good job as Commissioner of Ko Samui with Epauettes '*much gold*' he look good in uniform and also have *espense account*, and large office at Ko Samui Airport (*Surat Thani VTSM*) including salary for rank of Senior Pilot for Airbus 380 (non flying) because Surat runway only 6,759ft. too mush risk for Senior Pilot. Mush better let someone else run of end of runway into sea.

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

There is some Camenbert in the fridge, "*but it smells very cheesie to be any good*" now as a connoisseur of le fromage. Camenbert does have this distinctive smell when it is warm.

WE HAVE A NEW PILOT

Congratulations are in order for wife and mother Christina Willis on her first solo flight in an heavier than air aircraft at Biggin Hill Airport on the 26th September. There was no hesitation as she opened the throttle on this momentous circuit of her life.



Even better than giving birth !!!

SINGLE SIDE BAND

The definition of SSB is when you can only hear from one side and cannot extrapolite into another conversation, whilst all around are absorbing many rhythmic vibratory encounters responding to an unheard remark!

CLASSIC OVERHEARD

Question to barmaid, "What was the demise of the Roman Empire" slight pause for thought, *I know they built straight roads ! 'Was it the weather'* No Immigrants, the same as we have in this country.

BIGGIN HILL SMASH GRAB

Two smash and grab ram raids have occurred in Biggin Hill within this last week of September. The first raid was carried out on the 27th September. Our editor actually interviewed these criminals at 0310 hours whilst dumping cigarette trays from their recent raid, unaware of the crime committed. He advised them that the police were coming and could they wait because they would like to talk to them. *Absolute panic prevailed !!!*