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**TWO OLD SOLDIERS REMEMBER**  
Biggin Hill Biggin Hill November 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 It is with regret we report the passing of another old soldier Mr Arthur Thompson (left) he is pictured here with the late Victor Peckham at the annual memorial service held at the monument to the fallen at the green entering Biggin Hill village. These were the real heroes of our time – they will be remembered.

**OVERHEARD AT THE BAR**  
Young barmaid looks toward the end of 03 runway and remarks “why have they got a burger bar over there” pointing to the red and white Localiser hut for the ILS for runway 21 – it takes all sorts to make a pilot says ‘Pilot Chappie’ laughing his head off, as he downs another pint, ignoring all around him gagging for a drink as it’s his round....!



## THE CROOKED GALLERY

*There was a crooked man  
Who walked a crooked mile  
He found a crooked sixpence  
On a crooked stile  
He had a crooked cat  
That caught a crooked mouse  
They lived in a little crooked house  
And when they hung their pictures  
They were crooked too !*

If only they had a laser level, things would have been a lot easier. We’ll just have to live with it I suppose.

## NEW PHONE AT CLUB

Complaints from people of small stature. (Shorties to the uninitiated) Carol demonstrates how difficult it is to reach the phone which is mounted too far up the wall – she says ‘I can’t see the numbers from here’ and if I needed to call the police in an emergency I would have a lot of difficulty. We need some steps.



## SOLID STATE CIRCUITS

No these are not the same as the circuits that pilots practice – Editor about to depart for Pilots Pals Sunday drinking session. Wife complains of dirty shorts he is wearing which are removed and plunged into washing machine with newly purchased ‘Bluetooth’ in pocket – it is retrieved and put into drier with some towels so as not to cook it too much. Doom and gloom, *but, guess what*, after 24 hours it is working perfectly again. ‘Pilot Chappie’ tells me he had a solid state suitcase that burst open in Sydney. He had to top me up with that didn’t he ..! If you get a *Bluetooth*, choose Vodafone, it really does work.



## JO’ BRETT

Returns to Biggin Hill to visit old buddies and others, with a view to returning to this locality.

## HOW MANY FEET ???

Take a close look at this picture captured recently at Keston Ponds Safari Park just down the road.



They are probably the best 4 X 4 in the world sure footed and self washing, scratches on the bodywork disappear after a while.

## OUR REPRESENTATIVE

Stuart Bertram pictured below with Jill Minter is our main drinks man without whom our throats would be parched – he bought a round for us regulars – great chap you are most welcome anytime !!



## PILOT CHAPPIE AGAIN

Rushes into bar with flight log and Whiz Wheel in hand asking for assistance to check out his flight log. With beads of sweat dripping of his forehead he goes to do his pre-flight of the aircraft

in a great flurry dropping things as he goes. Finishing his walk around he casually climbs aboard plugging in his headset and glances to his left then realises he has just checked out the wrong aircraft – *is he real ??*

## PIG OUT AT PILOTS PALS

Kelly and her friend Jane have a finger licking pig out in preparation for their forthcoming holiday on a Greek Island hoping to become voluptuous Goddesses to attract well endowed Greek Gods !!



Whilst others jest at their attempt !

## THE TWINS DECIPHER TEXT

A recent text message from a Greek God sends the twin blondes into sublime 'organisamation' trying to decipher the content of the message



Well he certainly doesn't seem to have one of those dowry things !! What do think ? It's not even a good Fig Leaf it's all shrivelled up like his c//\*1\*rs ! Let us send a text back and tell him there are two plump Goddesses arriving shortly of voluptuous quality craving organisamation and attention !!

## OUR MAN FROM CAIRO

Our pilot representative from Cairo, Hakim Nasser popped in for a visit to Pilots Pals following :



his flight skills test at Biggin Hill he says he likes the relaxed atmosphere at the bar, although he finds England very expensive for tourists and wonders how we manage on our meagre editorial salaries. Egypt is much cheaper ! Come to Egypt where the sun shines everyday, and the day after, and the day after that one...!

## FLYING OFF TO PORTUGAL



Joe Merchant captures on film the Willis family (Christina, Francesco, Nicole and John) prior to their departure for Portimao Portugal to soak up even more sunshine – We at the Bugle don't get holidays as we have to be on hand to produce this editorial, plus all the events that happen around the bar. Have a nice flight.

## AVIATION PLUS EXPERTISE



**PILOT EXPERTISE *Continued:-*** Barry Wheeler, Consultant Editor of *Aeroplane News* and Captain Quirk snapped at Pilots Pals Bar discussing the next jovial flight story drawn from their experiences, *or someone else's aviation downfall, called divorce!* Albeit that Capt Quirk unfortunately never married or fortunately in his case, therefore he doesn't fall into the divorce category – but I am sure we at 'The Bugle' can devise another similar pitfall of dire consequence



**ANOTHER AIRFIELD LOSS**

Richard Doyle well known member of the aviation scene at Biggin Hill for many years sadly died on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Richard was a very amiable, easy going person, always full of life. It was a great shock to us all to hear of his untimely departure, creating yet another void around the bar. He was just 54 years old.

**THE SPRAY TWINS ARRIVE.**



The door opens wide and someone shouts 'it's the Spray Twins' who proceed to stand in the entrance to the bar, thereby reducing efficiency of bar staffs !

**PILOT CHAPPIE YET AGAIN**

Having spent a few minutes on a large yacht owned by another well known pilot, he was asked some questions as to how big it was and how many masts – 'I remember one' he replied, 'it was in front of the steering wheel'. "*You mean the helm, don't you*" 'I don't know what you call it, but it didn't look such a clever place to put the steering wheel right behind the mast'. "*I would have thought it would be much better up the front*" **where you could see much better.**



**THE SUN SHINES BRIGHTLY**

Into the bar in the late afternoon making it difficult for Joe to see who he is serving, but doesn't effect his ability to extract money from the unseen person sitting at the bar.

**PAGE THREE AT THE BUGLE**

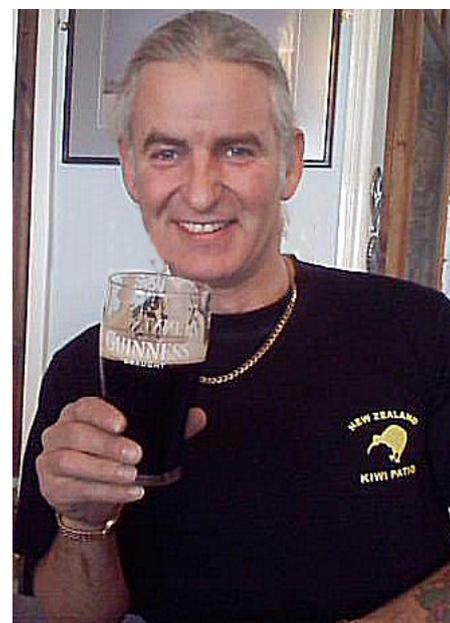


This amazing picture was taken by an unknown member who submitted it direct to the Editor, who after careful consideration and consultation with the layout team, agreed to publish on page three, without immoral redress – Tony and Jill, showing us a good time.

**MORE OVERHEARD AT BAR**

During a simple conversation over some drinks, someone said, 'what do you call a lot of rabbits' Well, we at the Bugle are able to reveal some amazing facts of what they are called. The main one being a Colony followed by a Bury, Denn, Drove, Husk, Leesh, Trace, Trip, Warren, Nest, Wrack. This is all very similar to a flock of birds and a flock of sheep. Don't tell me sheep can fly. (We know pigs can fly), because we have all seen the Zurich Insurance advert on TV to the Dambusters theme tune-brilliant !

**WHICH CAMP TO SUPPORT**



Dave King creates considerable confusion as to which camp he really supports – his Irish roots or the largest patio in the world full of flightless birds, who can rabbit for the rest of the world, which brings us back to the story above.

**DON'T FORGET REUNION**

This mini reunion is set for the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 1600 hours at Pilots Pals with a small Air Show – for those of us that have been involved with Biggin Hill airfield over the past 46 years we are gradually thinning out as time goes by and many of us are much older than others realise, and we all have some wonderful stories to tell, some true, some embellished and some of us are still developing our *flying skills* !

## MORE OF PILOT CHAPPIE

'Pilot Chappie' rushes into bar having re-taken his R/T written exam with 94% pass result. 'Old Pilot Fellow' says, "I would have expected you to get 100%". "Yes says Pilot Chappie, I only needed two more questions but in the excitement, *I forgot to turn over the last page*".

## DAVE'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Dave King generously placed a serious amount of money over the bar. Joe rang the start bell, and there was a scene similar to the start of 'The Grand National'



This was followed by everyone having a good time. Pam and Dave partied on well into the night. Thanks Dave, from us all.

**OVERHEARD ON THE R/T** Aircraft at Heathrow calls up for start clearance !

ATC, *Sorry, there are long delays, due to airport congestion.*

A/C, Check my 'flight plan' I have the Queen on board.

ATC *No delay Sir, clear to start*

NEXT A/C CALLS – Can I start

I have four Queens on board ?

## MOST POPULAR POSITION



**Gentlemen Please !** Note how empty the bar gets if you continue to block this very important exit. The bar staff will be unable to change the barrels to serve you and you will be the loser !

## BUTTON WINS IN HUNGARY



Button celebrates as Capt Faulkner owner of one of those Ferrari Testarossa thingamies bit the end of his red and white dummy as Michael Schumacher's drive shaft broke. Capt Branch says he can understand how Adolf Hitler lost the last war amid great cheers for this British winner driving a Honda F1 car, followed by the British National Anthem and champagne !



Note the glee on Capt Branch's face and the disgruntled face of Capt Faulkner – *after all it's only a race.*

## CAROL CLAUSON'S FIRST



Carol Clauson (69) a regular visitor to Pilots Pals enjoyed her first flight in a light aircraft recently and found it very exhilarating and comfortable

## GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Whilst we have punters like these



the bar *may run out of money*, but will never close, I'll raise you, and *I'll see your phantom hand.*

## PAM CELEBRATES 80<sup>th</sup>



Pam celebrates another decade in her wonderful life with a surprise Birthday Cake at Pilots Pals on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

## TERRORIST THREATS

Why do we have to tolerate the latest threats to airline travel ??

Unfortunately it has a knock on effect to light aircraft users, we

come under scrutiny for no other reason than radicals with their

fanatical beliefs and hatred

*It was a sad day when we gave up 'The Empire'*

## ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK

Was experienced during the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup> August at Pilots Pals during a wonderful

drinking session with some very dear friends – the bar ran out of

*white wine*, WHAT ! Don't worry, *Joe is bringing two more bottles.*

Yeah but Tony Thomassamato is drinking double

*sprizza's* and two bottles went go anywhere – **guess what ?**

It ran out five minutes later...!!