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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

FUTURE OF THE BAR

This year has been quite a good year, the Bugle has been very successful on the web and is reaching places far and wide. The future of the bar is looking good and with that in mind we have to regulate the membership to fall in line with the future of the airfield policies, and to protect our future as supporters of the airfield. We need to be seen to conform and behave in a correct and responsible manner, both from a licencing and an airport rules point of view. Thereby protecting our very own space for the future. We therefore ask all members to cooperate fully to retain this very special place that has survived the years at Biggin Hill Airport – It is the only social place left that pilots, members of the armed services and those with a genuine interest in aviation can socialise and meet old friends. Pilots from abroad are welcome as guests on a daily basis as somewhere to meet people and relax. Whilst the future of the airfield is not apparent things are happening behind the scenes and we cannot afford not stay associated with the airfield.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As you have now heard the Bar is going full 'membership only' from the 1st January. Rules and membership forms can be found at the club and have been emailed to everyone whose email address is held. Your new committee will



Consist of the Management, Joe Merchant, Jill Minter, John Willis and three elected members for 2007 John Bryan, Bill Robinson and David Mathews.

STAFF SHORTAGES AT BAR



Quite literally, the staff are getting shorter and shorter, so much so, that they cannot see the customers over the pints lined up on the bar. Where do they find such small people. Don't ask for a drink from the top shelf, they can't reach. However plans are afoot to raise the floor of the bar by 12 inches so that they appear to be of the same stature as the customers. Unfortunately this will make the sink much lower – who cares ?

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

H Lilley and Company's huge display of Xmas lights which will have decayed by Xmas Eve as people buy the lights – in the meantime this is the best display in Main Road Biggin Hill.



Another well lit scene is that of a Spitfire outside the RAF Chapel at Biggin Hil., One of the main Battle of Britain airfields during the conflicts of World War II which helped to change the tide of events in our favour. The Chapel was rebuilt in 1951 to honour the memory of these gallant airmen who gave their lives. It is open everyday from 11am until 4pm.



MORE EXOTIC LIGHTS

Terry Harris (The Dripping Tap) owner pilot provides a spectacular display at his private residence. This display provided a **'CLASSIC OVERHEARD'** by an innocent young child. *"Does someone live there?"*

OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Pilot Chappie talking to another Pilot asks, what do you fly? Tiger Moth was the response! Oh! I suppose someone has to fly them. *Older Pilot Chappie* questions young barmaid about the final downfall of the Japanese during World War II – *'I suppose they gave up'* was her response. Steady on *Pilot Chappie*, that event was three generations ago, what chance has she got of giving the right answer. Our Editor would have got it one, because he was a child soldier prisoner of war at the hands of the Japanese and has outlived most of his enemies.

LAST MEMORIES OF 2006

Some unpublished recent shots from the Pilots Pals Bar.

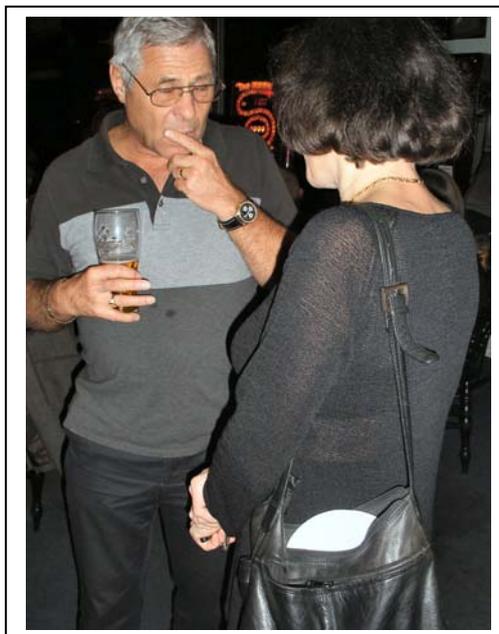


A pipe and a Guinness in a corner



IT MAKES YOU BREATHLESS

Just a sample of the beautiful women that frequent the Pilots Pals



Are you bringing that plate in for the buffet Madam, or trying to conceal it about your person. Surveillance cameras are operating within the club 24 hours 7 days a week. Even your change is under surveillance in case we make a mistake. Your money is safe with us

BUGLE SECRET ARCHIVES

This is an amazing aviation event that almost mirrored a recent fatal accident but for totally different reasons, but nevertheless unforgiveable. The aircraft with an instructor and student on board departs the airfield for a short flight. A short while into the flight the engine fails and starts again. A mayday is declared and return to the field initiated, with a little rocking of the aircraft the pilot in command manages to get enough bursts of life from the engine to survive a landing on the airfield. Let us study the facts. High wing aircraft, fuel capacity 167.98 litres (Long range tanks fitted) fuel to the engine is supplied from both tanks via a single valve. (Fuel On / Off cock) The left tank is vented which tends to fill the right tank. Fuel gauges are fitted to both tanks and considered to be an indication of fuel contents, but during flight one tank will always appear to have more fuel. This system is not at all safe for accurate fuel consumption – *whereas two separate tanks (with a single engine) are a better option in that it is possible to exhaust one tank and have a known quantity of time remaining less 30 minutes for example.* Relying on Tech Logs for fuel remaining is subject to abuse from the last entrants trying to achieve minimum payment and maximum flying time. However, prior to this flight, fuel was neither dipped nor inspected visually, obviously faith in the fuel gauge readings was paramount knowing that fuel gauges in light aircraft are not to be relied upon – this aircraft could have been written off or the occupants injured. The aircraft was refuelled (167.98 litres) the instructor was dismissed, the management shrugged their shoulders – Flying Training is a serious business, basic awareness of operating an aircraft is more essential than technical logs.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT OUR BAR IS BRILLIANT – IT IS QUIET – NO KIDS – EMPTY

WE DON'T MIND KIDS

Provided they have their little hands tied behind their backs and are hobbled like a Camel, so that they will fall flat on their little face and smash their little nose. Please ensure they are wearing a hospital mask to stop the blood staining the carpet. This in turn will curtail their efforts to run around at high speed and smashing into the new furniture which could be easily damaged. Afterwards they will be given the opportunity to kiss the holly around the Xmas tree.

A' WORD OF WARNING'

The bar is often frequented by 'Grumpy Old Men' and they will probably bundle young children who misbehave directly to the nearest large refuse bin for safe keeping until they, 'Grumpy Old Men' leave to go home.



Actually only one is Grumpy, the other two are intolerable and very sensitive to being annoyed. If on the other hand you should buy them a drink they become like a rash and will keep you enthralled by their stories of flying until your money is exhausted. Cheers, Merry Christmas and they will vanish as if they have flown into a nearby cloud.



DESPERATE FOR A DRINK

In stark contrast to the above empty bar picture, sees members clambering to get served. This could be because the short bar people can't see over the bar or reach into the till to get the change out !!! However this Xmas edition will be produced on time as always. We have produced an aviation orientated crossword for your amusement – anyone can try their luck at this (*you may do better than the pilots*) The first completed correct entry handed in to the bar will receive a small prize. **Please get the staff to sign with date and time – Internet entries will of course have a date and time...** If anyone would like to try their hand at making up a crossword we will supply you with a blank format. Just write in the words and we will even help you with the clues and numbering – have a go, it is quite good fun, a challenge to your infinite knowledge.

DEREK 'THE TRAIN'

Has flown off to Australia for five weeks (Northern Queensland), we wish him a safe journey and look forward to his hopeful return.

MORE XMAS LIGHTS

This house is at Groombridge



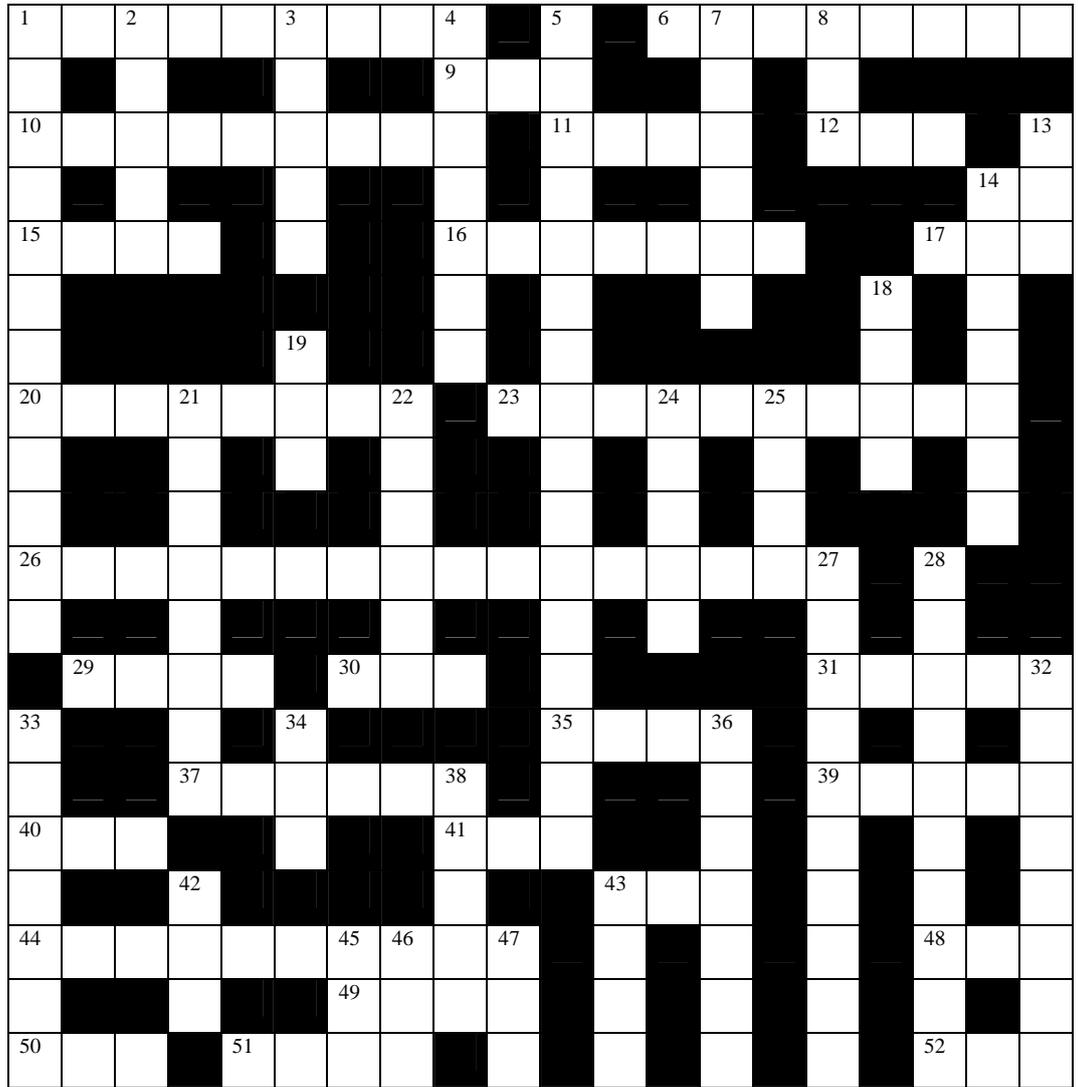
A SCENE AT TATSFIELD



BUGLE XMAS AVIATION CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. Probably Wilbur Wright (5,7)
2. For the best reception (5)
3. Found on ships (5)
4. Creates unstable air (7)
5. Essential for your future (6,10)
7. Vulcan bombers had them (6)
8. Outdated Nav Aid (3)
13. 33 down needs one (3)
14. Lateral control (7)
18. Contact (4)
19. Bad for spats (3)
21. To impart knowledge (8)
22. Downwind term (6)
24. There is only twelve (5)
25. Dissatisfaction (4)
27. Spacial stability (10)
28. Propogation (5,5)
32. Position report (8)
33. Quality listening (7)
34. Flight in cloud (3)
36. Calculating distance (7)
38. For cash strapped students (5)
42. Controlling body (3)
43. Packed isobars (4)
45. Omni Range (3)
46. Finished (3)
47. The highest point (3)



ACROSS

1. Protects your airspeed (5,4)
6. The flight has left (8)
9. Connects to spark plug (3 initials.)
10. Essential for GMT (9)
11. Found at breakfast (4)
12. Fish have them (3)
14. - - the controls (2)
15. To do with the mind (4)
16. To observe (7)
17. To fly comfortably (3)
20. A state of mind (8)
23. Calculate the wind speed (10)

26. Airways requirement (10,6)
29. Dodgy weather (4)
30. To calculate total distance (3)
31. Before TV (5)
35. Takes effort out of flying (4)
37. Essential for navigation (6)
39. Found at run up point (5)
40. Restricted area (3)

41. Calculated visibility (3)
43. Modern Nav aid (3)
44. Insects like them (6,4)
48. Fast (3)
49. ATC instruction –Turn (4)
50. Extremity (3)
51. The only true aviator (4)
52. Route to leave. (3)

CHRISTMAS TEASERS

- 1) Whose ship, the *Santa Maria*, was shipwrecked on Xmas Day 1492?.....
- 2) Which famous scientist was born on Xmas Day 1642?.....
- 3) The Druids used Mistletoe to celebrate to coming of which season?.....
- 4) The Three Wise Men are believed to be buried in which European Cathedral?.....
- 5) Who played Scrooge in the 1951 film directed by Brian Hurst?.....
- 6) Who played Jesus in the 1965 film *The Greatest Story Ever Told*?.....
- 7) Which famous Xmas Hymn did Austrian Priest Joseph Mohr write in 1818?.....
- 8) In the Xmas song, what do the three French hens symbolise?.....
- 9) According to Syrian tradition, what animal is said to deliver Xmas Gifts?.....
- 10) *Gledileg Jol* means Merry Xmas in which language?.....
- 11) *Ded Moroz* is the Russian Orthodox equivalent of Santa Claus. What's it mean in English?.....
- 12) Which saint is celebrated on December 31st?.....

Name **Date** / / **Time** **UTC / Signed by**
To claim a prize for either competition (first correct one received only!) – please hand in at the bar
or Email to johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk

DEBBIE DANA HAR.....



Following recent Chemotherapy Treatment and subsequent hair loss, Debbie decided to shave her head and now wears a wig for the time being.

During a session at the Pilots Pals Bar someone produced a camera and we hereby publish the results.

Also a small ditty was written and is published in the next column

KEEP YOUR HAIR ON

Did you think you looked cool
While others thought, 'Oh what a fool'
Some of us looked quite the thing
While others looked a real mug
But before you take offence to this ditty
There were others who looked quite pretty
But when all was over, said and done
Oh what a laugh, and so much fun
Your shots on camera, they were caught
Our thanks to Debbie, 'she's such a sport'

CHRISTMAS MONTAGE - 2006

