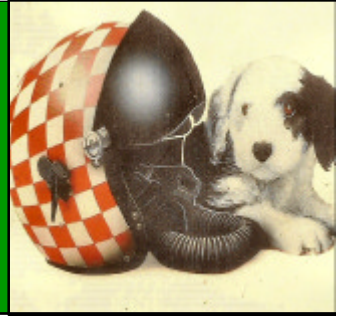




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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### COULD BE A GOOD YEAR

Judging by this very nice picture of Liz Smith who graces the front page of the Bugle for 2007.



### THE BUGLE IS THREE

Yes we are entering our third year of publication and the second year on the web – wherever you go tell your friends how to look it up so that they can stay in touch with Biggin Hill. As in life people move on, immigrate, some get married, but they all remember their time at Biggin Hill, flying or otherwise. We also need input from old pilots no matter how small, old photographs. These can be Emailed to the editor direct [johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk](mailto:johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk) or by post – all photo's will be returned a.s.a.p. after copying, by post or by hand.

### HOME PAGE PRESENTATION

We are changing the original picture with a variety of new images which will hopefully be a little more topical and in time with the rest of the world, showing that



we have varying venues as the seasons of the year come and go. 'OUR FROSTIE BARMAIDS' These lovely ladies are a complete contrast to the 'Pilot Chappies' that frequent the bar with their tall stories of flying. Their aircraft which *out perform* their rivals (*they all fly the same type and make*) but they can get more range, carry more, and their aircraft is faster than all the others – how come they always arrive last. *Sorry, seem to have got off track a bit with Pilot Chappies.* 'Forstie Barmaids' will cut you to the quick with their acid remarks about your sexual prowess as you try to impress some young lady with your expertise as a *Pilot Chappie*, reducing you in size akin to that of a young child about to have his 'huggies' changed in full view of the entire bar.

### THE NEW YEAR LOOKS OK

But doesn't feel too good for the moment, however I think it will feel a bit better after a cool beer served up by one of our 'Frostie Bar Maidens' They are sweeties, really beneath their façade of aloofness, and hear far more than 'Jodrel Bank' has ever heard !!

### AWKWARD MEMBERS

Are the epitome of everything that is correct, or should be in their special case, because they have been around forever, *and*, only appear when something is going for free and will claim all the necessary benefits associated with their apparent current (*actually, non consecutive*) membership and insist that they are life members despite the fact that they haven't been associated with any flying activities since their one and only trial flight 30 years hence. This one and only encounter with aviation and the social activities encountered within the package, has in their mind, entitled them to a binding free membership to which they have inexplicable rights of entry to any flying establishment bar or social facility on or around the airfield. - They are usually well dressed, well spoken, and beyond reproach. (*But they never learnt to fly*). Their knowledge of aviation is exquisite within their cultured friendly manner, with many flaws in actual experience.

## SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

As of today Pilots Pals Bar is a licensed members only club. Whilst we encourage new members, we operate under the auspicious of the airfield and therefore, subject to their operational by-laws and management. Although the airport may appear to be private (*the old days have unfortunately departed, as sadly have many of our aviation friends*) we have become somewhat unwittingly repressed by religious fanatics that have imposed restrictions on our freedom of travel, and indeed our social enjoyment, being subject to body searches whether travelling by airline or private aircraft. *Body searches at the bar will only be carried out on women entering the premises, as they have more to conceal. Handbags, Tattoo's, G-Strings, (Excessive Pronation).* Fallen Arches to the uninitiated, who lack University Education in Podiatry. This last item has nothing to do with the current membership qualification. But we must have a passport size **mug shot**. Up to date photo's please, no school pictures without wrinkles. Whilst we have received many applications they are still coming a little slow. We will even help you fill them in and take your picture for free, so there is no excuse for not complying with this small request.

## OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Barmaid's response to misunderstood question *'I only like it, if it is smothered in apple sauce'* What was the question again? as the laughter dies down.

## THE OLD GIT'S COLUMN

This is a new feature for the coming year, so beware of this space, watch your P's and Q's this will always include people over sixty and anyone else that acts in an old fashioned and unreasonable manner, not conforming to the ways of the modern youth and their drunker disorderly conduct. **Get real !!**

## SHORT TERM MEMORY

Is a fascinating subject which we all possess, but are not aware of the implications until we are given a list of verbal instructions by an *Air Traffic Controller* which includes a frequency change and a transponder code all within one breath. You are bound to get one of the other incorrect, unless of course you have a well prepared flight plan with everything written down, or be in possession of printed navigation charts and books – better still, have a co-pilot who is able to write, and doesn't suffer from dyslexia.

Always be well prepared for the shortest of flights, you will never know when the pressure over the airwaves will exceed the amount of short term memory you possess.

## THE BUGLES CROSSWORD

This has proved to be a real teaser with some interesting results and mistakes – being our first attempt at a crossword, we have now learned how to construct a crossword, and of course adjust the clues a little better. This was produced in haste and it took a lot of effort between John Willis and John Bryan to construct it to a reasonable format.

## READERS WORLD – WIDE

We appreciate your interest in this newsletter and are pleased that you take the time and effort to maintain your contact with Biggin Hill. We at this end will endeavour to humour and entertain you as best we can, and keep you informed of the activities at Biggin Hill. The editor would appreciate any diluted stories with an element of truth to add authenticity to any article published. Tall stories about aviation, and aviators, are always a favourite around the bar. Remember whatever you do in aviation around the world, *will be observed*, and reported, finally falling into the editors *'in tray'*. From whence, it will be sent to our typing pool, and finally, to the editing department. Where any misrepresentations will be edited out and the truth printed. Please confess now before it is too late – **Aviation is a small world !**

## BEWARE OF THIEVES

As a well known *'Pilot Chappie'* found out to his horror as he stopped to buy a bottle of wine. Came out to find his Rucksack had been taken from his unlocked vehicle. (Passport, Flying Licence, Driving Licence, Credit Card) **Be alert, 'trust no one'** be aware of people in your vicinity – up to 20 metres – is too close, taking just a few seconds to enter your vehicle and vanish beyond visual range.

## ANNUAL XMAS CAROL'S

Whilst this event is good for some serious voice training should be undertaken during the coming year. No way should this year's carol singers be entered for *'The X Factor'* they would be eliminated as soon as they uttered the first note. Great effort though.



The place was heaving and everyone seemed to be having good time despite the freezing fog conditions on the exterior. Coolie and his colleague provided the music. (*The only ones in tune*).

## FREEZING FOG & FLYING

Normally in the UK these conditions generally prevail in the month of November. This year it seems to have arrived a little later along with very high pressure 1044mb with the freezing level at ground level. Even the airliners with all the modern navigation and automatic landing aids operating in their favour find it difficult to operate within these conditions. Far better to cancel your short holiday and any attempt at a local flight. Settle down within the Pilots Pals Bar and listen to the tall flying stories of low time aviators – **Brilliant !!**