

Hi all

The ticket sales for the reunion on 6th September 2003 are now selling well - with more than 120 tickets already bought and paid for (in the first 2 weeks since release).

A large number of people have written and/or phoned and asked for tickets to be reserved for them, but have yet to confirm their order or pay for them. Because of the restrictions on numbers (dictated by space available and health and safety), I really cannot just hold tickets in reserve - I have to issue them once positively ordered and paid for (most of the services and facilities also have to be paid for well in advance by us, and your ticket monies are required to meet this commitment - to avoid it having to come out of my own pocket!)

If you are intending to come - PLEASE send in your forms and payment as soon as possible, so that I can make sure that all those wanting to come actually get tickets before we reach the limits. The actual tickets have now been printed, and all those who have ordered and paid for them should by now have already received their ticket(s) and name badges.

For a list of all those confirmed as coming, please visit the website at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk>

This is currently updated every day as new orders are received.

One special note - I will be away on holiday from 17th July until 14th August - during this time, whilst I have made arrangements for the order forms to continue to be processed and tickets issued, the web site will NOT be updated. As soon as I return, I will update the site to reflect the updated lists. (during my absence, if you have any queries, please contact Bill Robinson on 01959 540426 or mobile 07956 526763 and he will, I'm sure, be able to help you).

(If you are not able to make it - can I remind you that it would be nice if we had a short (say 1 to 2 minute) video message for your friends - aka "This is Your Life" TV programme tributes - we would play these on the large screen TV's during the event, so your friends who are present know you are thinking of them but couldn't be present. These can be on either VHS tape or on DVD, and will be incorporated into the main programme DVD's for use during the day. - just one thing - please remember there will be ladies present, so keep it clean!)

News from the airport.....

The memorial service for John Burgess went well on 17th June, and was attended by around 100 people - at the RAF St George's Chapel and afterwards at Joe's Pilots Pals Bar. I'm sure John's family were pleased to see so many of John's friends there to celebrate the life of this unique character.

I'm sure you would all wish to join me in passing on our condolences to Roy Shepherd, a regular at Biggin Hill for many years, whose wife died last week. Her funeral was held on Tuesday last.

Finally, just a reminder.....

Mitch Parsons (Matt Monro's son) - who died at the end of April
Mitch's sister, Michelle, is organising a memorial service in North London for Mitch on 28th July 2003, to be held at 12:00pm at The Northwick Park Hotel, 2-12 Northwick Park Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2NT. She has asked me to advise anyone that knew Mitch and who would like to attend, to contact her directly at email address michele@mmonro.freeserve.co.uk giving their name(s) and postal address and she will send a formal invitation in the post. Please show her the support that Mitch deserved. (Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it personally as I will not be in the country on that date, but would obviously otherwise have been there to celebrate Mitch's life).

Michelle tells me that she has heard from a few friends of Mitch's, but is obviously hoping that more will be able to attend the service.

That's it for now - please keep those Reunion ticket orders coming in as soon as you can - it promises to be a very special day. I would obviously like to process as much as I can BEFORE I go on holiday, so that I leave Bill with less to do (He is going to have his hands very full creating the video presentations for the large screen TV's for the event!

John Willis
Bump Reunion 2003