Dear All,

We would like to confirm the Maitland family's arrangements for the memorial service for Sqd Ldr J. R. "Jock" Maitland on the 25th April at the RAF Chapel Biggin Hill. Many of you have already replied to our last email confirming your intention to attend, and your details have already been given to the family, however that should not put off any attending if you have been unable to advise us previously. The service will commence at 2.30pm and this will be followed by a reception in the former Air Touring hanger within East camp on the airport, and a tribute flying display by the Kent Spitfire.

Arriving by Car

The RAF Chapel is located on Main Road Biggin Hill, TN16 3BH, between the Main Biggin Hill Airport Terminal and the Airport entrance to the South Camp and Industrial Estate. (For those who do not know it, there is a Spitfire and Hurricane outside the Chapel, visible from the main road).

Parking is very limited at the chapel and, if that space is full, you are asked to park on the opposite side of the road from the chapel. Please park as tightly as you can as a large number of cars are expected. Following the service please proceed south along Main Road, towards Biggin Hill village to the main roundabout at the junction of Churchill Way. From there follow the arrow signs to the hanger in which the reception is to be held.

For those arriving by public transport

The nearest mainline railway station is Bromley South, approximately 19 minutes from London Victoria. On leaving the station turn right and take the 320 bus which stops adjacent to the station. The nearest stop to alight is at the RAF Guardroom Gate and this is the stop immediately after the one outside the Biggin Hill Airport Terminal.

Arriving by Air

It has been agreed by the airport that those wishing to fly in will not be charged a landing fee. Should you be arriving in a display related aircraft we will attempt to park you next the reception venue, however this is subject to the normal operations of the airport. You must inform Barry Sergeant prior to departure. GOM@bigginhillairport.com or 01959 571111.

It has been requested by the family instead of flowers, donations should be to either the "2427 (Biggin Hill) Squadron", Air Training Corps or the "RAF Chapel Biggin Hill". Should you wish to make a donation please make any cheques payable to your preferred organisation, and either passed to a member of the family, Colin Hitchins or John Willis or can be forwarded to:

Jim Maitland, IntotheBlue, Churchill Way, Biggin Hill Airport, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3BN

Should you have any questions please email john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk or call me on 07833 691897.

Regards

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