It is with deep regret that I must advise you that our friend, Peter Webb, son of Sdr Ldr Bill Webb, passed away last night following a lengthy and difficult illness.

Peter was best known to most as a mechanic working with his Dad on the many aircraft that Bill looked after. But Peter's passion was not really in aviation. Always seeking to achieve something in his own right, Peter designed several substantial water craft to attempt to beat Donald Campbell's world water speed record - even at one stage acquiring military surplus jet engines to power his dream, and going on TV and radio to seek sponsors. Sadly, it was never to be, and his lifelong ambition has now died with him.

His interest in science fiction lead him to write many books, some of which were published, even at one stage having the possibility of a film being based on one of his books. Travelling the world for many years, he undertook many varied jobs and projects, before returning home to Biggin Hill to work again with his father.

Peter moved to the Isle of Sheppey when his father died, and has been a less frequent visitor to the airfield since then. Many of you, I know, have kept in close touch with Peter in recent times, and his passing will be sadly missed. He leaves a surviving brother, Graham, who also lives in Sheppey.

If I hear of any details for funeral arrangements, I will, of course, let you all know.

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