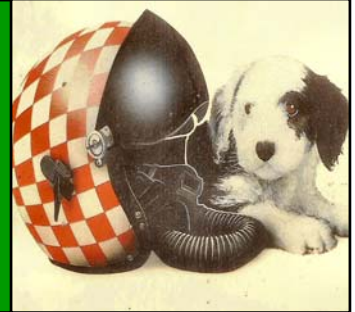




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## WOMEN IN BLACK SERIES



Her name is Laura an elegant young lady from the locality of Biggin Hill spotted in the Pilots Pals Bar some time during 2007.

## BUGLE PHOTOGRAPHER'S !

Our team of unpaid photographers that keep us supplied with pictures, were a little slow in providing up to date pictures for Joe and Jill's, farewell party on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007. One, was waiting to get his digital card developed, so he said !. The Editor didn't have the heart to tell him that pictures are instantaneous these days.



Jill Minter displays her

presentation from the members. Actually, we at the Bugle, appreciate your pictures, even if they are a little behind the event. We have to arrange our journal ahead of the publishing date, so as to be online for the beginning of each consecutive month.



Joe Merchant tries on his surprise Gold Bangle which was a perfect fit considering a last minute trauma *that it was too small. Phew !!* **The last week** at the Pilots Pals saw the stalwarts supporting the bar as if nothing had happened. They found it hard to come to terms with the fact that this was the end of the road, and the view across the

airfield from the Pilots Pals Bar towards London – *gone forever.*

## LIKE THE DYING EMBERS

of a huge log fire that has kept you warm for a period in time, and now, after much prodding with the poker creating sparks and some small blue flames with little warming effect, *we move on.*

## BIGGIN HILL SQUASH CLUB

A very successful evening was held at the Squash Club for the benefit of deposed members of the Pilots Pals Bar. A very presentable 'Finger Buffet' satisfied the cravings of hunger. We had about 50 members turn up, which made the evening quite memorable.



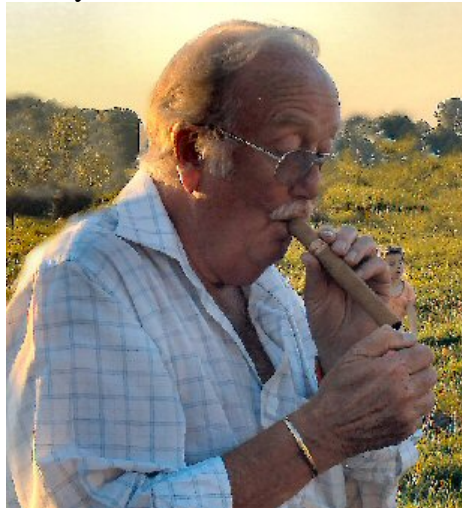
The picture above shows the space available in the large bar and some of the members enjoying a casual drink and a chat about a new



venture away from the airfield. Whilst we have spoken of the 'last puff' previously in the Bugle, surely these pictures show some confusion as to which way to face when lighting one of these tightly rolled tobacco leaf *thingammies*.



It may better, a little bit downwind.



Either way, it don't half catch your breath when it ignites fully and you suck in all that smoky stuff, *ughh!* The non smokers amongst us, reel at the thought of all this smoke about to be sucked into our lungs through normal breathing.

### JOE AND VAL ARE IN SPAIN

This news is confirmed from a reliable source within Spain. We have our spies everywhere, although we are waiting for photographic evidence from our Spanish photographers.

### FOLLOWERS OF FORMULA 1

We are assured, that the Squash Club, have their own supporters within their four walls, with avid viewers. Also food is available

from the well equipped kitchen. We can expect, good viewing at the Squash Club (for the remaining GP's for 2007) with other interested F1 followers. within the Squash Club.

### MEXICAN AT SQUASH CLUB

(8<sup>th</sup> Sept) The Mexican evening consisted of, Starter, Main Course ranging from mild to 'Scary' Chili. The editor went for the 'Scary' *wow!* it was hot *and delightful*.

### MEXICANA CHILI EVENING



A wonderful well presented meal



Also a Table Magician entertained the guests with his close up magical brilliance. Faultless .....!



Even the bar staff entered into the spirit of the occasion, and so did some of the guests who dressed up in Mexican apparel. A good turn

out

### ITALIAN GP AT MILANO

Saw some regulars from the Pilots Pals F1 followers enjoying the



race (Italian GP 9<sup>th</sup> Sept) on the large TV screen. Steve Danahar and John Bryan resplendent in their F1 supporters gear. It was a good race, resulting in a one two for the Mac Claren Team Several pints of beer consumed during the race.

### FUTURE EVENTS ON WEB

Coming events etc., at the Squash Club will be published on the web and in the Bugle as before. The Pilots Pals database will remain in place to keep members informed at regular intervals. The Bugle will continue to be published on the web as always. (1<sup>st</sup> of each month)

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**Hard copies of the Bugle are available in the Squash Club for Pilots Pals Members and can be accessed via the above address by Squash Club Members as well.**

### PILOTS MEETING VENUE

This message is for those poor *Pilot Chappies* who are still searching for somewhere to settle. The Squash Club is well worth trying. It has a lot to offer and many members have returned to the fold. All previous hang ups you may have had, have moved away. There is even a private snug for special occasions with food available in the evening for those who are feeling peckish after a hard day flying, as well as the usual beverages. There is also plenty of seating, with tables. The staff are friendly and helpful. Don't be shy,

come and meet old friends and buy the editor a drink.

## BIGGIN HILL REMEMBERS



After the funeral of a person born and bred at Biggin Hill, a long time ago, at which, many people turned up from far and wide to pay their respects. Following this sad occasion it was decided to meet up again the next year. This event has continued ever since. Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept saw people reminiscing over many old photo's at the Squash Club, going back over the past 60 years around Biggin Hill.

## THE EDITOR WITH FRIENDS



John Bryan met up with two airfield people, Keith Pannet ex Surrey and Kent (Engineer) and Peter Richardson ex Air Touring Services (Stores Manager) the editor was the CFI at Air Touring in those far off days. We hadn't seen each other for almost 20 years.

## PILOTS PALS MEMBERS



A message from some of the regular Pilots Pals Members who gather around the bar at the Squash Club, come and join us. You may be pleasantly surprised. The photo above was provided by the effervescent Derek Clauson.

## BIGGIN HILL SOCIAL CLUB

There is a slight change to our status for reasons of compatibility with future plans – we are now

known as *Biggin Hill Airport Social Club*, - incorporating Pilots Pals. We are still maintaining our individual membership, with current membership renewable on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. Please bear with us during this transition period and do not listen to rumours that are being spread by our propaganda department. Whatever you hear, isn't, what should, be believed.



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## SQUASH CLUB ACTIVITIES

The following activities are planned for the future A TUG OF WAR EVENT - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007. Any members wishing to make up a team should put their names forward as soon as possible. It is also *FIREWORK* night. Those who bring along some fireworks will receive a voucher for food. Sounds like a good deal. How many fireworks rate for a full roast dinner?? Ahh...about this many.



## MICHAEL JOYCE S.A.C.



Michael Joyce, now in his 80's flew in a Twin Comanche to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, to attend a reception for the yacht club of which he is a past President. Unable now to travel long distances easily because of his illness, this was really was the only way for Michael to get there now. He flew with his wife Nicky, and a carer. Having learnt to fly at Surrey and Kent in the 60's. Michael was the former co-owner, with club member John Willis, of Biggin Hill based Southern Air Charter – one the first ever Air taxi companies in the UK. A PR man by trade, Michael famously won a Beechcraft single engine aircraft in a celebrity raffle some years later, with which he ran a group from Biggin Hill until he retired from flying and took up yachting. Michael has been an attendee at both Biggin Hill Reunions in 1998 and 2003. Good to see you back at Biggin Hill Airport once again.

