

Hi everyone

The April edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is available for viewing/downloading on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>. Apologies for part of the content of this month's edition – I guess this is JB's way of getting me back!!!

Please remember to send JB any stories of interest, and photos, for inclusion in future issues. It's your newsletter so please help JB to keep it coming... (his direct email address is [johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk](mailto:johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk), or you can send items directly to me to pass on)

#### EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Keep passing those new and amended email addresses to me. There have also been a number of new members registering on the database – Welcome. For current member names see <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> and go to the link to the database membership..

#### BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB LTD

Thanks to all that have renewed their club membership – they are still people renewing for this year even though we are now into April – As I said before, please do not delay until just before the air show. We hope to be able to offer members a special facility (in addition to free airshow entry using their photo membership cards) closer to the time – watch this space....

And do keep using those concessions – details can be found on the club site at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

#### THE AIRPORT.....

This month saw the most impressive design for the new proposed Airport Hotel presented to Airport Users and local residents. The design is fitting for its location at the entrance to the South Camp, and should complete the overall site improvements to present an airport to the passing public that we should all be proud of. Let us hope that this is now recognised by the Council and that planning permission is finally granted for the benefit of both the airport and the local community.

Newly reformed – The Biggin Hill Airport Private Owners Group has issued it's first Newsletter and Interim Bulletin. Sponsored by Biggin Hill Airport Ltd, and run very ably by Maurice Greenaway, this is to be applauded by all as a recognition by the airport of the importance of the aircraft owners to the future of Biggin Hill Airport. Maurice is ensuring that everyone is well represented at meetings with the Airport Authority, and any owners wanting to make their views known on any airport matters should make contact with Maurice on his email at [mauricegreenaway@btinternet.com](mailto:mauricegreenaway@btinternet.com)

At the Biggin Hill Airport Users Database we would like to ask Maurice to remember that there are many airport users that are not aircraft owners as well, and many of the 700 plus people depend on us here to communicate airport matters to them. We would seek to have regular dialogue with the new group in order that important airport news and information can also reach those airport users in a timely manner.

#### GORDON FRANKS MEMORIAL GARDEN PARTY

As published last month, the planning for the special Garden Party for friends and colleagues, and their families, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009, at his family home at Leighbridge Farm near Headcorn, is

well underway. A Marquee and toilet facilities etc., have been booked for the event, which promises to be a truly family day out for all Gordon's friends. More details will follow closer to the time and remember all friends are very welcome. (if anyone has any queries, please feel free to email me [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) or call me – numbers on the club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk) )

For those that wish to stay locally to avoid the drink/drive problems, please see the list of suitable local guesthouses at [www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/b&b\\_addresses.pdf](http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/b&b_addresses.pdf)

That's about it for this month...

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(And Finally:

Apparently I am told that the following Obituary actually appeared in print (I did not see it myself) – Very interesting and sadly, I feel, rather true.....

QUOTE.....

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend,

Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense, lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense, lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense, lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense, took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your

own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense, finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense, was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights

I Want It Now

Someone Else Is To Blame

I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

.....UNQUOTE

If anyone else has good examples of, for example: -  
Governmental stupidity and removal of the population's right to live a normal life, or Simply any unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally"...) )