

Hi everyone

Welcome to the August 2011 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. The August edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is also available for viewing/downloading on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

As always, please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is [johnbryan13@sky.com](mailto:johnbryan13@sky.com), or you can send items directly to me to pass on).

#### EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Thanks to those who have sent amended email addresses, and suggested new members, and of course, welcome also to those that have recently added their names to the database.... For current member names see <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> and go to the link to the database membership..

#### NEW CONCESSION AVAILABLE

This time a concession available to any member of the BigginHillReunited database, not just Social Club members....

An old Biggin Hill'ite, Mike Gray, runs White Rose Aviation, which provides assistance services to pilots, both professional and private, for those longer and more difficult or challenging trips. Mike has said that anyone who quotes my name and email address to him (and membership of the BigginHillReunited database) at the time of requesting any services, will qualify for a 15% discount on their normal rates.

In describing what his firm does, Mike confirms: "White Rose Aviation specialise in obtaining overflight & landing permits worldwide. We have a Worldwide client base ranging from private pilots to international airlines. We will be delighted to offer a 15% discount to members of the database, who identify themselves as members. Please contact Mike Gray Tel 01347-811679 Fax 01347-811944 or Email [ops@whiteroseaviation.co.uk](mailto:ops@whiteroseaviation.co.uk) "

See their website at <http://www.whiteroseaviation.co.uk/> for details and normal charges.

#### BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT OLYMPICS PROPOSAL

At the time of going to print, the consultation period allowed by Bromley Council has closed. The Council will apparently be making their decision and announcing it on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Biggin Hill Airport Ltd, have expressed their appreciation for the support given to them by the members of our database. Managing Director, Jenny Munro, says "The battle is definitely less one sided than before, and thanks to the Biggin Hill Reunited members for playing such a strong role in that."

In an email to the membership, Andrew Walters said "it is very encouraging for everyone working at the airport to see a well respected customer group supporting what the staff are trying to do all day for them and for the wider community". As he also pointed out "The old saying – ' If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything' seems appropriate for the case you are making. - Thanks and good luck to all"

Apparently, as of Monday 18th, the supportive share had gone from 5% during the last consultation, to 25% so far this time, a massive increase, and that was before many of the support letters and emails from our membership had reached them. (I handed over more than 60 support letters myself on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and I know of many others that were also sent in after

that date). The battle may not actually be won, but it should open the eyes of the Council to the fact that, when a reasoned argument is used, the community is not as Anti-Airport as they may have believed from past responses...

Interestingly, as at today, the online Poll that has been running on the Bromley Today and Biggin Hill Today websites are showing 50% for the proposals and 50% against – and it should be borne in mind that these results are actually skewed by the opinions expressed in the first consultation where virtually no one supported the proposals.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our attempts to put the anti-airport brigade firmly in their places. We will not sit back and let them dictate how “our” airport is run....

## NATS & CAA PUBLISH OLYMPIC SPECIAL AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS

The major airspace restrictions for the 2012 Olympic Games covering much of the south-east and originally proposed for a two month period have been reduced and will now run from 14 July 2012 to 15 August 2012. A smaller set of airspace restrictions will not involve Biggin Hill and will be put in place for the London 2012 Paralympic Games from 16 August 2012 to 12 September 2012.

However, during the major airspace restrictions aircraft flying VFR must follow the regulations below:

1. File a Flight Plan on AFPEX or AFTN between 24 hrs and 2 hours before take-off and follow it - no airborne or faxed flight plans will be permitted.
2. Receive an acceptance message and approval number to flight plan.
3. Establish and maintain 2 way RT with appropriate control agency quoting approval number.
4. Squawk and maintain discrete transponder code as allocated by the appropriate control authority.
5. Receive an air traffic service and comply with ATC instructions.
6. Circuit flying is permitted at airfields within the Restricted Zone without the need for a flight plan provided ac squawk a discrete transponder code. Airfield managers must contact the appropriate control agency daily at commencement and cessation of flying for allocation and return of a daily changing code, and aircraft may not leave the visual circuit except on landing or in accordance with the rules at 1-5 above

IFR flights will be subject to a slot allocation system with a maximum of 21 slots per hour at Biggin Hill.

Details of these revised airspace restrictions can be found at the following website:  
<http://olympics.airspacesafety.com/>

Thanks to Maurice Greenaway for the above report...

**SPECIAL NOTE:** these airspace restrictions are NOT restrictions sought by or imposed by Biggin Hill Airport – they are Nationally drawn up restrictions, and involve Biggin Hill Airport simply as a result of its location just south of the main Olympic venue.

## 2011 CHARTWELL CONCERT – A MUSICAL SALUTE TO THE R.A.F.

Don't forget to obtain your tickets for the unique Musical Salute to the RAF Chartwell Concert on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September. Unlike tradition Proms Concerts held throughout the summer, this unique production will take spectators on a flight through time – from the early days of the Royal Air Force to today's modern fighting force.

Tickets are now on sale online at [www.synergyeventsuk.com](http://www.synergyeventsuk.com) (where you can also view the latest information about the concert) or by calling the ticket line 01689 300005, they are priced at £33 per person plus a £2 booking fee per order.

## BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Bearing in mind that we have no premises, it is good that people are still supporting us by joining the club or renewing past memberships. Membership fees help to fund the costs of running the websites for both the BigginHillReunited and BigginHillClub sites, and to cover the costs of incidentals like the membership cards, etc. Membership runs from January to December.

Thanks for those recent renewals. (All membership cards have been sent out, so if you haven't received them, please let me know).

Full details for new, and existing members, can be found on the club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk) where you can find details of existing membership concessions available via your membership cards.

That's it again for this month...

John Willis - Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally: as I am away on holiday I haven't found anything profound to include in 'And Finally' this month, so just a couple of jokes this time - thanks to a couple of members who sent these to me for inclusion in the newsletters.....

QUOTE.....

FIRST ONE...

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife..

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it's 3 in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replies the drunk..

AND A SECOND ONE.....

### New Government Schemes

Due to the current financial situation caused by the slowdown in the economy Parliament has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 50 years of age and above on early retirement thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early.)

Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to their local Authority to be considered for the SHAFT program. (Special Help After Forced Termination.)

Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTEED will be reviewed under the SCREW program. (System Covering Retired Early Workers.)

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEED twice and SCREWED as many times as Parliament deems appropriate.

Persons who have been RAPED could get AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents and Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance.)

Obviously persons who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTEED or SCREWED any further by Parliament.

Persons who are not RAPED and are staying on will receive as much SHIT (Special High Intensity Training) as possible.

Parliament has always prided themselves on the amount of SHIT they give our citizens.

Should you feel you do not receive enough SHIT please bring this to the attention of your MP who has been trained to give you all the SHIT you can handle.

Sincerely,

EVIL

The Committee for Economic Value of Individual Lives,

PS: Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off.

.....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"...