

Hi everyone

Welcome to the December Newsletter for the Biggin Hill Airport Users Database. Welcome also to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time. By Popular request, the Newsletter has now gone back to normal as is explained in the text below.....

You are reminded that, even if you don't get your Newsletter by email, you can always view it online, as well as any back copies of this Newsletter by visiting the club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk)

*(If you have not received your copy within 24 hours of the beginning of the month, please check the club website above where you can find and draw it down for yourself!)*

## **THE “AND FINALLY” SECTION**

The responses by regular registered members of the Biggin Hill Reunited database were exceptional following my removal of it last month after unsolicited criticism by two non-registered persons. The responses, by more than 75 individual registered members made it totally clear that I should ignore completely the comments and criticisms of these rather “woke” people who shouldn't be reading it anyway, and that I should bring back the “and finally” section as was always included in each month's Newsletters.

As a result, it is now back by popular demand!

If you are not a registered recipient for the monthly Newsletter – then you are not supposed to be reading it – so, in this event, I suggest you don't! If you do read it and don't like it, then refrain from reading it again!

If you are a registered recipient for the Newsletter and you don't like that section, then can I just suggest that you just avoid reading that part of the Newsletter – it is always in the same place – at the very end, so it is easy to avoid reading it accidentally.....

In the meantime, thank you all for the many jokes sent to me as a result of the temporary removal of the section last month – please do keep them coming....

## **NOVEMBER WEATHER**

The November weather has been significantly worse than I think we were all hoping for! At the beginning of the month, there was some reasonable flying weather for light aviation, but, as the month progressed, it became quite difficult as the surface winds were often strong and gusty, and very much across the now single runway, frequently taking it over the crosswind limits of many light aircraft, and certainly unsuitable for many of the student flights, even those simply departing to other airfields to carry out their circuit training....

Unfortunately, with the closure of 11/29 in relatively recent times, the previous additional options available to us to avoid exceeding the published crosswind limits have not of course been available.

The Winter months are always quite difficult and challenging for light aircraft operations, but this year the prevailing conditions have been much worse that we have become used to in previous years.

At this point I would normally say that we look forward to better conditions for this final month of 2021. But, in case this actually causes even more unsuitable conditions to prevail, I will resist making any such hopeful comments here!

## **NOISE SENSITIVE AREAS (NSA's)**

Following on from the section in last month's Newsletter, I'd just like to remind Biggin Hill Airport users to ensure they know the locations of all the surrounding NSA's and the need to remain clear of them.

Most NSA's have an upper limit of 2,000 feet, except for the Tatsfield one, which goes up to 2,500 ft – right to the base of the TMA. Obviously, flight safety always comes first, so in the event of a safety issue arising these NSA's can of course be entered, but you would still be called upon to justify the infringement. Similarly, if following ATC instructions (for example being told to extend downwind) causes entry of an NSA, this is also completely acceptable.

As we also said last month, most Biggin Hill based pilots are normally extremely good at following the correct Noise Abatement routings and keeping out of the NSA's. But please be aware that the Airport's track keeping system automatically reports an infringement of an NSA that will then be investigated by the SANARB. Frequent re-offenders may well find themselves receiving a financial penalty or worse!

## **AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS**

Regular visitors to the airport and users will have seen that the two main developments at Biggin are progressing well.

The new Bombardier complex in the centre of the airport is looking very close to being finished. The road around the back is now being regularly cleaned to remove the inevitable mud trails created by the large trucks, and the entrance roadway to the complex together with the security hut at the entry point is moving towards completion as well.

Just to the left of the South Camp entrance by the roundabout, the fenced off area on the left of the roadway allows us to see that the initial groundwork and foundations for the new airport hotel – The Landings – are now well underway.

I have been lead to believe that the Lookout Café is planned to reopen at some point, possibly before Christmas (but that has not actually been confirmed formally)....

## **DECEMBER BIGGIN HILL POSTED FUEL PRICES**

The "posted" Biggin Hill Airport fuel prices, excluding VAT, for the calendar month of December 2021 are:

£1:79.4 per litre for 100LL Avgas if supplied from the Fuel Bowser (if uplifted using fuel account card Only from the Self-Refuel pumps = minus 5p per litre)

£0:74.6 per litre for Jet A1 (or £1:13.5 per litre for "Sustainable Aviation Fuel"!) )

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Users are advised that credit and debit cards can no longer be used at the self-refuel pumps. If you use self-refuelling, you will need your airport H-TEC fuel account card with you when you go there. (if you haven't got one with you, you will have to go over to the Main Terminal apron to uplift fuel from the bowsers instead).

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS, BUSINESSES & OTHER AIRPORT USER**

If you would like me to include your business or personal comments in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and the requested contribution and I will try to include it in the next Newsletter. I will acknowledge anything sent to me for inclusion. (Please email: John Willis at [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

## **ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB**

Who turned the heating off?! I'm looking out at a beautiful winter morning, but when I nipped out to bring the milk in I nearly froze on the spot! Such is the curse of the northerly wind.

November saw as much flying as we could get away with really. Great British weather doesn't often lend itself to good flying days at this time of year!

However, why not prepare yourself for the poorer weather and get an IR(R)? We at Alouette are able to teach it and not only will it improve your flying skills, it also opens up the possibility of flying on days when perhaps the weather would have other ideas. It's also quite good fun!

Whether you want to come and do some flying with us or come along to our monthly social evening (first Wednesday of the month) and enjoy a beer in the warmth of our clubhouse, you know where to find us.

In the meantime, can I take this opportunity of wishing you all a great Christmas and a very Happy and hopefully prosperous New Year.

Stuart Taylor  
Club Chairman

## **MP FLYING CLUB**

MP Flying Club have taken a giant leap forward by going backwards !

We are now offering Tailwheel Difference training in our 1943 Piper Cub. You will cover general handling, circuits (3 point and wheelers), as well as hand swinging props.

We can also offer Air Experience Flights in our 1952 de Havilland Chipmunk.

Contact Jeff at [info@mpfc.org.uk](mailto:info@mpfc.org.uk)

## **MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE CEO'S OFFICE**

Whilst we would all love to see the back of COVID-19, it would appear that those of us who have been minded to accept we will be living with this virus for some time to come, are unfortunately being proven right. Several European countries are initiating lockdowns and civil unrest as a result of vaccine policies and restrictions is spreading. Notwithstanding this, Business Aviation continues to recover at a strong rate, although we expect this to slow down over December and January. The wider aviation sector will no doubt be holding their breath in the hope that the spread of cases in Europe does not result in the reinstatement of travel restrictions.

In terms of traffic movements, November saw the fourth consecutive month of traffic movements exceeding the same months in 2019. The US international market appears to be growing now after the lifting of restrictions on 8<sup>th</sup> November and the Airport is seeing an increase in transatlantic movements. Whilst the overall growth is clearly the release of latent demand, noticeable changes in travel behaviours appear to be here to stay, which allows for some cautious optimism.

The Airport remains on track to deliver the Bombardier Hangar development on time and on budget, and hopefully the community will have seen that the Hotel constructive is proceeding at pace. It is the intention to start the steel construction element of the Hotel before mid-December. The Airport has now finalised the plans to upgrade Churchill way, and we will soon be engaging with tenants and partners regarding this development. The Airport continues to progress a series of hangar development concepts within South Camp and we look to progress these further in the New Year. The Airport continues to work with the CAA regarding the 03 RNAV approach approval and the progression of the Air Space Change for the 21 RNAV overlay.



And Finally: As usual, a few amusing stories that, according to the many comments I receive about this section, is very popular amongst the membership. (As always, no offence to anyone is intended!). Thanks to everyone for sending their contributions to this section.... **To avoid me running out of them, please keep them coming by email to [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) .**

QUOTE.....

One day, a police officer pulls over a guy.

"Is there a problem officer?" the man asks him.

"No, there's no problem. I just noticed that you were driving so well that I wanted to give you this." the officer replies handing him over a \$100 bill "So, what are you going to get with that money?"

The driver takes a minute to think then says "Wow, uhh... I'll probably get myself a license."

The man in the passenger seat adds, "Don't pay attention to him, he's like that when he's drunk."

Another guy who was asleep in the backseat wakes up to see the cop and says, "See, I told you guys we wouldn't get far in a stolen car!"

Following that, there is a voice coming from the trunk, "Are we over the border yet?"

The cop fainted!

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QUOTE.....

A nymphomaniac went supermarket shopping to try to take her mind off her overly erotic thoughts.

When she arrived at the checkout there was a young man packing bags.

As he packed her bags his muscles gleamed under the fluorescent lights and she could make out the contours of his fit body under his tight T-shirt and trousers. She could hardly control herself.

After she paid, she asked the young man if he could help her to her car with her many heavy bags of groceries.

The young man willingly obliged.

As they walked through the car park the lady finally lost control.

She placed her hand on the young man's bum and said, "I have an itchy pussy".

To which the young man replied, "You'll have to show me where it is 'cause all these Japanese cars look the same to me."

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QUOTE.....

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her.

As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks.

And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night."

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QUOTE.....

A man has a piece of lettuce stuck up his posterior, so he goes to see his doctor.

'Yes you definitely have a piece of lettuce stuck up your posterior ' said the doctor.

The patient replies 'and that's just the tip of the iceberg'.

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QUOTE.....

Two wives go out for a girl's night out.

Both got drunk, started walking home, and had to have a pee.

They stopped at a cemetery but had nothing to wipe with!

One used her panties, and the other grabbed a wreath off of a grave.

The next morning, one husband called the other and said, "No more girl's nights out! My wife came back with no panties."

The other husband said, "You think that's bad? Mine came back with a card in her crack that read, 'From all of us at the fire station, we'll never forget you!'"

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QUOTE.....

On a golf tour in Ireland, Tiger Woods drives his BMW into a petrol station in a remote part of the Irish countryside.

The pump attendant, Pat, who obviously knows nothing about golf, greets him in a typical Irish manner completely unaware of who the golfing pro is...

"Top of the mornin' to yer, sir," says Pat.

Tiger nods a quick "hello" and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

"What are dose?" asks Pat.

"They're called tees," replies Tiger.

"Well, what on the God's earth are dey for?" inquires Pat.

"They're for resting my balls on when I'm driving", says Tiger.

"Fookin Jeysus," says Pat, "BMW thinks of everything."

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QUOTE.....

Just booked a table for Valentine's day for me and the wife. Bound to end in tears though – she's rubbish at snooker.

Apparently, the people in Dubai don't like The Flintstones. But the people in Abu Dhabi do.

One of my New Year resolutions for 2022 is to get inside a tyre and roll down a hill every day. Its going to be a Goodyear.

Some friends have suggested holding a joint party for the Chinese New Year and Burns Night, called "Chinese-Burns Night". I wasn't keen but they twisted my arm.

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QUOTE.....

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The FIRST is a Golden Retriever.

The SECOND is a Senior Citizen.

Next time take me to a vet!

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(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 funny, unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest or amuse our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally"...) )