

Hi everyone

Welcome to the December 2025 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.

As usual, you are reminded that for Database subscribing members, even if your Newsletter doesn't arrive by email at the beginning of the month, 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 so you can find and draw it down for yourself! Feel free to email me and notify me of your current email address and full name so I can recheck your entry in the database membership records and amend where applicable)*

### **NOVEMBER WEATHER**

The November weather has been fairly variable, as is quite standard at this time of the year of course. So, there have been quite a lot of days that were this month totally unflyable for light aircraft local training and general flying.

It has not been terrible all the time, but we have experienced quite a lot of days with strong and gusty winds that was also frequently a significant crosswind on the one runway we now have. But we know, these variable weather conditions are quite usual as we get to this time of the year.

Let's hope that we do actually have some reasonably flyable weather during the month of December, although obviously it is probable that it may well be variable and slightly less favourable of course....

### **BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT**

Obviously, I hope that you all have got totally used to the new three month's communication changes that began from the beginning of October:

A "Biggin Ground" frequency 121.630 for ATC taxiing clearance and departure route and clearance for IFR departures, and then when instructed after requesting take off clearance a frequency change to monitor "Biggin" frequency 134.805, who clears departure when appropriate. (and the original "Biggin Approach" frequency 129.405 has now been suspended currently!)

When returning to the airport, contacting "Biggin" on 134.805 will of course provide joining instructions and handle the approach and landing until vacating the runway after landing when you are then instructed to call "Biggin Ground" on 121.630 for taxiing instructions etc. until shutdown.

Obviously, this new system is a trial which may of course be subject to changes or simply becoming a standard technique if it has worked well....

The extensive runway resurfacing project has now been fully completed as planned by the airport. It is beautifully fully resurfaced and lighted runway 21/03. The runway's holding

points having red stop lighting, which must never be crossed until both cleared and the red stop lights turned off to allow the crossing.

The airport's new instrument approach for runway 03 has now been approved and introduced into service and is being used by certain specific operators/aircraft when appropriate.

The building of the very large new Bombardier respray hangar is still progressing quite quickly, and is expected to become available for use towards the middle of 2026.

Our Airport's CEO, David Winstanley, will include his regular monthly section, which is present towards the end of this newsletter, to keep us fully up to date with any airport plans that may affect us.....

### **THE NEWSLETTER JOKES ARE ALWAYS STILL NEEDED PLEASE!**

As usual - Thanks for the jokes that many of you are sending me regularly by email now....

But please do keep them coming for me so I can add them to the Newsletter's final section.

Thank you for all those who are helping me

(by the way, just ideally send emails, or texts, but not photo's or graphics please!)....

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

The "posted" Biggin Hill Airport fuel prices, excluding VAT and the Jet A1 price also excludes the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Levy, for the calendar month of December 2025 are:

£1:70.20 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 – and an additional 1p per litre off if also paid by Direct Debit)

£0:89.40 per litre for Jet A1

*(As we explained for a couple of months, the government has mandated that all JetA1 fuel be sold with a 2% blend of Sustainable Aviation Fuel. This mandate, which is applicable to all UK airports, is intended to secure and grow UK SAF demand, support the growth of the SAF industry, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of aviation fuels in the UK - Just to confirm the SAF levy will continue to be applied in accordance with the mandate at its current level. However please be aware that as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 the UK Government SAF Mandate requires 3.6% of aviation fuel supplied in the UK to be SAF.*

*Due to the additional cost of introducing more expensive SAF into JetA1 fuel, as dictated by this compulsory government initiative, the airport has introduced the SAF levy on JetA1 sales since the beginning of this year. To aid clarity and transparency, they have included this to be displayed as a separate line on the invoices.)*

**REMINDER:** The credit/debit card payment system is in operation, so please now feel free to pay for a fuel uplift at the Self Refuelling Pumps with your cards.

## **FALCON / EFG**

Hi folks, from all at Falcon/ EFG, it's been a great month here at the Falcon camp

With the nights closing in we've started our night flying, and we are proud and very happy to say that we have 6 fully capable night aircraft ready for you, to either renew your night validity, or even gain your first night rating. It's a completely different world up there under the stars!

We've had plenty of highlights here with lots of students passing skills tests, qualifiers, and solo flights, or taking advantage of any day that is flyable.

But the real highlight was the launch of our new charity, the Falcon Foundation, sponsored by Biggin hill Airport. This month we had our launch event, and had dignitaries from across the borough, many friends from across the airport, and lots of supporters and donors that welcomed the launch of this great initiative, to provide opportunities for educational grants, funding, scholarships, networking, and work experience internships for applicants in the fields of STEM, Aerospace and Aviation. We're incredibly proud of the whole team that put this together over many painstaking months and we finally did it!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who's made this happen!

Till the next time - Stay safe, have fun, be blessed...

Best Regards  
Singh, Shonu, Anoop and your Falcon Family

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

November matched October in that the month started strongly in terms of movements, but this has eased towards the end of the month, primarily due to weather. That said, trading remains very positive and this is as a direct result of the continued investment in infrastructure and services. The Airport continues attract new customers, inward investment and create jobs.

The Bombardier Paint facility is progressing very well with the Megadoors now fitted and the vast majority of the external cladding in place. Surrounding works to complete the car park and adjoining infrastructure is also nearing completion. The project remains on time, and the facility is due for completion in August 2026.

With the runway resurfacing complete in October, the Airport has now completed the upgrade on the AGL, including the introduction of lead on and lead off lights at the 03 threshold. This marks the final operational upgrade package that included a new IRVR, automated 24hr METAR and the re calibration of the PAPIs and ILS. As part of this programme, the Airport has commenced the ground/Tower operational trial to enhance operational awareness and reduce RT workload.

Acting as a catalyst for inward investment, the Airport continues to explore options for the development of additional hangar capacity. The demand remains high and the Airport intends to meet this demand through improvements to existing hangar assets and, subject to planning, the construction of further hangars

The Landing Hotel continues to perform well and, across all operational areas and continues to exceed expectations. Feedback remains very positive, which reflects the popularity of the hotel and its importance to the Airport. That said, the Hotel has experienced a few IT and building control challenges; however, these have been well handled by the Hotel team. The festive season bookings have proved to be very successful so don't delay to avoid any disappointment.

As previously mentioned, the Airport remains on track to achieve carbon neutral status by 2029 and we continue to build on the success of achieving our Carbon Reduction Level 2 Accreditation with the Airport Carbon Accreditation. Our newly formed Environmental Oversight Committee goes from strength to strength, and the Airport is now looking at a concept to generate hydrogen on demand for potential heating solutions.

Turning to the introduction of the 03 Radius to fix instrument approach, whilst the trial has been active since 13th November, the approach has not yet been flown. This is due to unforeseen issues with publishing the coding updates for the navigational equipment required to fly the approach. Once made aware of this issue, London Biggin Hill Airport acted to ensure the external organizations involved could resolve the situation swiftly. This has now been resolved. As a result, we expect the new instrument approach to Runway 03 to be coded and available to those aircraft taking part in the trial by Thursday 27th November.

The Airport remains pleased with the engagement with the Private Pilots Group (PPG). The Airport is delighted that membership is flourishing and that engagement remains positive. This further demonstrates the Airport's continued commitment to the GA community.

Kind regards,  
David Winstanley

## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

Thank you to members that continue to provide us with additional names of old Biggin Hill'ites who we had missed. The Roll of Honour can be seen on the website at [www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

(Anyone who flew from, or worked, or even socialised regularly at the airport since it became a civilian base in 1959/60 and who has passed away, should ideally be included on there. If you know of someone whose name belongs on the Roll, please email me with their names, and details to: [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

## **DATABASE EMAIL ADDRESSES**

A constantly updated full list of database members is always viewable online on the main website at: [www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

Please remember to let me know if your email address is changed. Also, if you know others who are not on the list but are eligible to join (i.e. if they currently fly from the airport, or work there, or ever have done so in the past) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free.

There are quite a lot of people who have been prior members of Biggin Hill Reunited and used to get the Newsletters each month, but who's email addresses now bounce back as no longer available or invalid. If any of you have friends who you can contact and ask them to send their new emails to me so I can amend the records and ensure they start to regain their monthly Newsletters from Biggin Hill Reunited.

That's it again for this month. Do continue to enjoy your flying as we start to regain some flyable weather at times.....

Please do all stay well and stay safe.....

**And of course – I would like to wish you, and your friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year....**

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And Finally: As usual, here follows 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 ever intended!).....

I would like to thank everyone who occasionally does send their help for this section. To avoid me running out of jokes (which keeps happening), please keep them coming regularly by email to: [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

QUOTE.....  
A man suffered a serious heart attack....

The paramedics rushed him to the nearest hospital where he had an emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital.

A nun was seated next to his bed, holding a clipboard with several forms and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?", she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have any money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank." -

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?", asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister and she's a nun."

The nun again became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters. Nuns are married to God!"

The patient then replied, "Perfect! Send the bill to my brother-in-law!"  
.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

A Cab picks up a Nun. She gets into the cab, and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her.

She asks him why he is staring.

He replies: "I have a question to ask, but I don't want to offend you"

She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2, you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!"

"OK" the nun says. "Pull into the next alley."

The nun fulfils his fantasy with a kiss that would make a ho\*oker blush.

But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," said the nun, "Why are you crying?"

"Forgive me but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess; I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."  
.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

A nurse was instructed to give a male patient a sponge bath. The patient was wearing an oxygen mask, as he had suffered an extremely bad asthma attack.

The young nurse was told that she only had to wash him from the waist up, but the man on his oxygen mask said, " Nurse, are my testicles black?"

She pretended not to hear him, but he repeated himself: " Nurse, are my testicles black?"

She knew she had to do something,

so, very gingerly, she looked under his sheet, then cupped his testicles in her hand. She looked at the patient and said, " They seem okay to me sir."

The patient stared at her for a minute, then with exasperation, he lowered his mask and said very slowly: "**Are...my....test results..back?**"

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QUOTE.....

A man recently took his new American girlfriend to his favourite rugby team, they had great seats right behind his team's bench.

After the game he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents.

"Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like, hello? It's only 25 cents!!

.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

A man is alone in an airport lounge.

A beautiful woman walks in and sit down at the table next to him.

He decides because she's wearing a uniform, she's probably an off-duty flight attendant.

So he decides to have a go at picking her up by identifying the airline she flies for, thereby impressing her greatly. He leans across to her and says the British Airways motto: 'To Fly. To Serve'?

The woman looks at him blankly

He sits back and thinks up another line.

He leans forward again and delivers the Air France motto: 'Winning the hearts of the world'?

Again she just stares at him with a slightly puzzled look on her face.

Undeterred, he tries again, this time saying the Malaysian Airlines motto: 'Going beyond expectations'?

The woman looks at him sternly and says, 'What the fuck do you want?'

'Aha!' he says, "Qantas!".  
.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do.

"Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage.

The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?"

The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch."

A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" he asked.

"Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.

"Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50.

"And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."  
.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

I was at my bank today waiting in a short line.

There was just one lady in front of me, an Asian lady, who was trying to exchange yen for dollars. It was obvious she was a little irritated.

She asked the teller, "Why it change? Yesterday, I get two hunat dolla of yen. Today I only get hunat eighty? Why it change?"

The teller shrugged his shoulders and said, "Fluctuations."

The Asian lady says, "Fluc you white people too!"  
.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

A lady comes home from her doctor's appointment grinning from ear to ear.

Her husband asks, "Why are you so happy?"

The wife says, "The doctor told me that for a forty-five year old woman, I have the breasts of a eighteen year old."

"Oh yeah?" quipped her husband, "What did he say about your forty-five year old ass?"

She said, "Your name never came up in the conversation."

.....UNQUOTE

QUOTE.....

Micky McMurphy goes into a country pub in England.

He looks, cross-eyed, at the Landlord, menacingly, and demands, " Give me a Fockin' Guinness! Quickly, ya fat, posh, BASTad!!".

The Landlord is very much taken aback by this, and replies, firmly, " I am NOT going to serve you if you DARE speak to me like that!"

"How the FOCK d'yer WANT me to speak then, ya CONT !! ?", says McMurphy.

"RIGHT!", says the Landlord. " YOU come behind this bar, and be ME, and I'll come out there and be YOU, and come in and SHOW you how to order a drink NORMALLY! O.K?!!

SO, the Landlord swaps places with McMurphy.

The Landlord walks up to the bar, and says, "Good afternoon. Could I please have a Guinness?"

McMurphy replies, ( with an incredulous stare) "'NO-YOU-FOCKING- CANT!!....YOU WOULDN'T SERVE MEEE, and I'm NOT servin' YOU!!! "

.....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 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"...)