

Hi everyone

The February 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 the entry in this edition by myself - I really thought JB was due recognition after so long at Biggin....

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@jbpltd.demon.co.uk, or you can send items directly to me to pass on)

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Please keep those email address updates and suggested new database members details coming.

THANKS FOR THE RESPONSES TO FIND AN OLD BIGGIN HILL'ITE

Thank you for all the responses to last month's enquiry to help find someone. We do seem to be getting warmer in this regard, and it does seem that Roy Watling-Greenwood is still around, although contact has yet to be actually established with him. So any more info would be appreciated

ANOTHER OLD BIGGIN HILL'ITE DEPARTS.....

The airfield lost another old friend this month - Charles Ravenhill died, aged 83, after a long illness...

Charles did his initial flying training at the tail end of the war on Tiger Moths. After a break of 20 years he joined Alouette in 1965 and retained his membership from then on. He was a founder member of the Wasp Flying Group based at Redhill from 1977 until 1985. He was also a member of the Tiger Club from 1977 onward. He became one of the Club's Check Pilots when the Tiger Club relocated to Lashenden Headcorn.

The funeral will be on Friday 6 February at 2.15pm at
Surrey & Sussex Crematorium
Forge Wood
Balcombe Road
Worth
Sussex
RH10 3NQ

and afterwards at The Baptist Church Hall, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham

The family has confirmed that his old friends will be most welcome, but no flowers please. If anyone wishes to make a donation, the family ask that it is made payable to "Crossroads" - the carer's charity - and sent to the Funeral Home - A & D Pink, 344 Limpsfield Road, Hamsey Green, Surrey, CR2 9BX. Online donations can be made by visiting <http://www.crossroads.org.uk>, but the family will of course not be aware of these donations

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB LTD

Thanks to the many of you (pleasingly more than by the same time last year) that have renewed their club membership for 2009 already - from many of your kind comments, it is clear that (especially in view of the fact that the club has no premises, and is unlikely to have for some time), you are keeping up your membership as a means of thanking JB and I for keeping the database and Bugle running and keeping everyone in touch. We are very grateful for that, and it is pleasing to hear that so many people seem to value our efforts to keep the Biggin Hill scene alive...

If anyone who has sent in their membership fee has not received their card(s) within a week of posting, please call me on 01959 571533.

Keep those renewals coming - apart from keeping the tax man happy, and paying for the direct costs actually incurred, all of the funds are retained in the club's bank account, for future benefits for the membership (accounts are available to anyone who wishes to see them). Hopefully, one day, there will be a good use for these funds that will benefit us all in some way...

Details for renewing, or indeed for new applicants, are on the website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> - remember, lots of very valuable discounts, including free air fair entry, for valid cardholding members...

THE AIRPORT.....

Nothing really to mention about the airfield at present....

That's about it for this month...

John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally:

Please be aware of an apparent credit card scam, passed to me by Adams Aviation, who has taken the trouble to warn all their staff. (Whilst several of these type of messages turn out to be nothing more than email scams, designed to generate excessive email traffic across the net, one cannot of course be too careful) :-

QUOTE.....

This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want.

Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from "VISA", and I was called on Thursday from "MasterCard".

The scam works like this: Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank) did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for £497.99 from a Marketing company based in London?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from £297 to £497, just under the £500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card (0800-VISA) and ask for Security.

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works the caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say, "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of £497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of MasterCard" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.

.....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 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" ...)