

Hi everyone

Welcome to the January 2010 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter... The January 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>

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, 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. Welcome 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..

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB LTD

A massive thanks from both JB and I for the response for Club Membership renewals. It seems that, after all, you do want us to continue with the club and newsletters etc...

For all those who sent their renewal fees, these have now been banked, and the new 2010 membership cards are in the process of being dispatched. (and for those that asked, membership is not closed – you are still free to renew, or indeed join if you meet the club membership requirements – all details on the website. Please remember the SAE with your fee for the return of your card)

I have also now written to the companies offering their concessions, requesting renewal for a further year. As yet, none have refused to do so.. Please make use of them and support those companies that have supported us in this way.

As a result of this show of support, both existing websites running at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> and <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> will continue...

THE AIRPORT

Nothing to report on this subject this month.....

THE OLD FLIGHT MAGAZINE ISSUE

Seems that many of you liked the old copy of Flight International magazine I made available to you last month alongside the story of my first air taxi business advert recollection. Amazing to see what prices aircraft were back then, wasn't it.

If anyone has a particular story or reference that can be seen in an old copy of that magazine, please let me know and I will try to research it for you and include that, and the relevant magazine issue (if available, of course) in a subsequent Newsletter....

BIGGIN HILL REUNITED ON FACEBOOK

More of you seem to be coming onto Facebook, so to easily search for more Biggin Hill contacts, try my page (a combined personal and BigginHillReunited page at www.facebook.com/bigginhillreunited

One day Facebook may make it easier to view only "aviation" friends, without seeing personal or non-aviation ones. At the moment though, all continue to be viewable - sorry.

That's about it for this month... Except to wish you all a very Prosperous, Successful, Healthy, and Happy New Year from both JB and I....

John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally:

The following was forwarded to me by Ralph Scott, an old and well known Biggin Hill'ite, and former owner of Express Aviation. I just found this amused me – thanks Ralph...

QUOTE.....

These Questions were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humour (not to mention a low tolerance threshold for cretins!)

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia ? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay ? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia ? (USA)

A: A-Fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe .
Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not
... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Australia ? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia ? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do...

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is
Oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia ? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q:Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q:Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can Dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from.

All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q:I have a question about a famous animal in Australia , but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them.

You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q:I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia ? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q:Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia ? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first

.....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"...