

Hi everyone

Welcome to the January 2012 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter.

The January edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is available online 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 [www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk) and go to the link to the database membership..

## JUST A BRIEF NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH

Having only returned to the UK today (31<sup>st</sup>) I have had little time to write this Newsletter, so really it is just to wish everyone a very Happy New Year for 2012, and I hope it brings you all good health and happiness...

## GEORGE DOBSON

Unfortunately, although assisting Corina in the background, I was out of the UK when George's Funeral took place, but I had various reports whilst away, and it seems you all did George proud by packing out the Chapel and the reception afterwards. JB covers this fully in his January Bugle, so I will not repeat anything here, other than to say Rest in Peace George, you were an absolute gentleman and will be sorely missed by us all at Biggin Hill – the world was certainly a better place as a result of your time here with us all..

## THE AIRPORT

I would just like to express my thanks to Jenny Munro and the staff and management team for their making available the use of the Terminal for George's post funeral reception on what was a particularly busy day for them. It seems that all was extremely well received, and that it went very well for George's family..

Happy New Year from all at Biggin Hill Reunited to all the airport staff for their excellent service during 2011, and I hope that 2012 will be a successful year for you all..

## BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support of the club, the fees for which help to fund the costs of both the Club website and the Reunion site.

Thanks to those who have already sent in their renewal fees (in particular Ian Branch who, as always, was again the first to pay his fees way back in November). My apologies to anyone who has paid and is now awaiting their new membership card. Most of you will be aware that I have

been away until today, and therefore unable to concentrate on producing the new cards and dispatching them. I will do these in the next couple of days and get these to you..

The 2011 membership has now expired, so JB and I look forward to receiving your renewal fees for 2012. Cheques should of course be made payable to the "Biggin Hill Airport Social Club Ltd" and sent to us at PO Box 33, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3FS. Existing members do not need a new form, and photographs are only required if you want a different shot on the card, otherwise we will use the existing photo. Please remember to include a stamp addressed envelope for the return of your card.

Applications for new memberships should follow the instructions on the Club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk) , where the application form and fee scales can be found.

Details of existing membership concessions available via your membership cards can also be found on the club website. That's it for this month except to again wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year from both myself and JB

John Willis - Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally: I can't actually remember if I have used this before (apologies if I have), but it came in today, and seemed an appropriate thing to include for the first Newsletter of 2012 – perhaps 2012 might see some common sense being returned – or is that really too much for us to expect??

QUOTE.....

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- > - Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- > - Why the early bird gets the worm;
- > - Life isn't always fair; and
- > - maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason. He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

- I know my rights.
- I want it now.
- Someone else is to blame.
- I'm a victim.

Not very many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

.....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"...) )