

Hi everyone

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you all had a great Christmas....

Welcome to the first Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter for 2016.

Welcome particularly to the new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.....

JB's January edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" is also now available online on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> As always it is NOT included here - to view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link.

Please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is johnbryan13@sky.com, or you can send items directly to me to pass on: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk

DECEMBER WEATHER

Not much I can say except It has been diabolical – let's all hope we get a better first few months of the new year than the last couple of months of this one has been! From a flying point of view November and December this year must be the worst that most of us oldies can remember at Biggin.

ARTHUR CRISP

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of another old Biggin Hill'ite. Many of the real oldies will remember Arthur Crisp from the 60's when, as a member of 600 Sqd Flying Group, he flew from Biggin regularly. Arthur, who died aged 90 on 11th November, will be also remembered as a dapper dressed regular who assisted in the old civilian control tower when the airport was very dependent of volunteers to help staff it in in the early 60's, before it was staffed full time by such as Stan Lee and yours truly!

After leaving the RAF, he got a job in a company for which he subsequently became the Managing Director, following many years of hard work. A great flying enthusiast, he gained his PPL (number 54754 - even lower than my own original licence!) with 600 Sqd, having been sent on his first solo by Ken Rutter.

In later years, he became very interested in painting and photography, and was a regular golfer at Beckenham Place Park, as well as being very active in his local church in Kidbrook, close to his Blackheath home that he shared with his friend Champak.

For most of us, the last time we had the opportunity of meeting up with Arthur was when he attended both Biggin Hill Reunited "Bump Reunions" in 1998 and 2003.

Arthur's funeral was held on 27th November and he was buried at Eltham New Cemetery, in Eltham.

A lovely man, who maintained contact with many of us for all these years, I know he will be missed by many - R.I.P. Arthur *(if anyone would like to make contact with Arthur's friend please feel free to ask me for his contact details - Ed)*

SANTA COMES TO BIGGIN

6th December saw the Lookout Café at Biggin Hill Airport filled with excited local children and their families when Santa flew in for a brief visit with one of his Elves. All the way from Lapland, he flew in, not his sleigh, as that was just finishing its annual check ready for all the work it needed to do over Christmas, but in a helicopter provided by Biggin based Castle Air. You can view pictures of this event, by visiting the airport's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LBHACommunity/timeline>

LOOKOUT CAFE

For those of you that don't know, Biggin Hill's lookout café now serves some hot food, not just cakes and coffee. Quite a few airport users have started using this for breakfast, lunch, and snacks since this was introduced

See the recent press release:

www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/lookoutfood.pdf

And now – did you know that you will receive a 10% discount if you show your Biggin Hill Airport photo ID card when making your purchases? Even more reason for you to meet up with old Biggin Hill'ites in there whenever you are passing.

BIGGIN GOES PPR IN JANUARY

Biggin Hill is now Prior Permission Only with effect from today (1st January 2016). This applies to all aircraft and types of flights, Biggin Hill based and visitors, unless an ATC flight plan has been filed. Booking out is required to be made via the online Booking system that can be accessed using any web connected device at www.bigginbooking.com

Use of the system, which has been trialling for some time by clubs and private owners, is now mandatory except in exceptional circumstances when telephone booking out may be accepted. The use of the Online system, and how to register, was explained in detail in last month's issue of this Newsletter (see it online). Also please see <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/bhbookingguide.pdf>

Biggin Hill's SATCO, Bill Robinson, has provided us with an article (below) giving more information about this new system.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS & BUSINESSES

If you would like me to include your business in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and I'll be in touch directly. (John Willis - john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES

Happy New Year to one & all!

Well it has been an eventful year for GA. The flying schools have seen a steady stream of PPL flying but the weather is troublesome as ever, particularly towards the latter part of the year.

With all the excellent support of members, instructors, and the airport alike, we are pushing ever forward with providing excellent quality of training and services.

PPL Study Packs, Log Books, Checklists, Maps and Charts, and headsets etc., are now on sale at EFG flying school, all at great prices! Feel free to call in at any time.

The hangar is busy as ever but please don't forget to contact us for all your servicing requirements!

From all of Falcon, EFG, and Surrey & Kent, we wish you all the best for a successful and prosperous New Year!

So, for now, stay safe, be blessed, and let the good times roll!

Singh, Shonu, Anoop and all the team!

MESSAGE FROM BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT'S SATCO

Lately I have been hearing comments about the impending doom the PPR (prior permission required) system will bring, how pilots will have to change their RT procedures and how it signals the beginning of the end for general aviation at Biggin Hill Airport etc. etc. Incidentally I remember vividly the same type of conversations taking place about 20 years ago when the airport decided to stop non radio flights and we're all still here. With this in mind I thought that I would put a few words together to inform you of what is actually going on.

The fact is it's not the beginning of the end for general aviation, and pilots will not have to change their RT procedures at all. The only change will be pilots will have to let us know that they intend to fly in advance of their flight. This will bring Biggin Hill airport into line with the majority of other airports who have well-established booking in / out system in place.

The origins of PPR at Biggin Hill came into existence because the company (Biggin Hill Airport Ltd) wanted to know more about the people that were using its airport. This led to the concept of a booking out / in system being developed. Unlike most other airports Biggin Hill did not have a formal booking out procedure, pilots just booked out over the RT giving only minimal information. Typically, just aircraft type registration and destination / detail.

We did not know the name of the pilot in command, how many passengers were on board or fuel endurance etc. This information is vital in the event of an emergency situation, especially an off airfield incident. In the past such incidents have occurred and Biggin ATC has been contacted for details on a particular flight and were not able to provide any detailed information to the emergency services.

This task is easier if the flight is generated from a flying club because ATC can contact the club and get details from them. However, in the case of private or group owned aircraft (a significant percentage of our movements) there was no such mechanism to gain information regarding a particular flight and this had to change.

The company therefore decided that it was about time that a more robust procedure was put in place and hence the PPR scheme was born.

It was decided to develop a system where pilots could book in or out using their electronic portable devices as the preferred method which would allow automated responses to be sent back almost immediately after receiving their requests. A web site has been set up to take these requests, the address is bigginbooking.com or there is a link available on the airports web site at bigginhillairport.com. (Telephone booking would be available as a final method of communication, not the default, in an effort to keep workload manageable for the ATC assistants that will have to handle these calls).

The system has been developed at great cost and effort in an attempt to keep it as simple as possible. Many technical issues had to be overcome to integrate the new booking system into our established movement logging equipment currently in place. New procedures had to be put in place, safety cases produced and new equipment purchased and all of this had to be approved by the CAA.

Having successfully completed all of these lengthy tasks it was suggested that we take this opportunity to introduce a PPR policy rather than just a booking in / out system as so much effort and expense had already been spent. It was known that PPR would eventually be required at Biggin Hill so why not introduce it with the booking system and only have one major change to deal with instead of two.

The main aim of PPR is to allow ATC for the first time during normal operations the ability to plan well ahead and predict potential hot spots or problems well in advance. The only time this happens at present is on air show days when a known traffic environment is created for obvious reasons. ATC will then be able to make plans to minimise disruption to all of its customers by suggesting alternative flight times to pilots to avoid unnecessary conflicts and therefore delays.

As our traffic becomes more complex there is a greater need to know what is going to happen further down the line rather than trying to deal with it at the time which will provide a better service for all of our customers.

The new PPR system will require pilots to register their details and information on their planned flight. It is quick and easy and once you have registered your details will be remembered for future use. Therefore, the next time you have to make a request and log on to the system the only information you have to pass on are the details relating to your next flight (e.g. a different aircraft, time or destination etc.).

If pilots are not able to make requests using electronic devices a telephone booking can be taken by ATC on the following number 01959 578522. The ATC assistant will take the details from pilots and input them into system on their behalf. I would like to state again that the preferred method will be electronic requests.

Following a PPR booking pilots will receive an automated message stating that their request is being dealt with. This will be followed by a second message accepting the booking and providing pilots with a PPR number. Alternatively, the message could decline the booking stating the reason why (the most common reason anticipated is predicted congestion at the requested time) and an alternative time will be suggested.

If you do not receive a reply within a reasonable time, please check your junk e-mail folder within your e-mail browser and or instruct any firewall to allow access from this site. Requests can be made well in advance with the exception of circuit details. We ask for these to be requested no later than one hour prior to the estimated start time.

Pilots must be reminded that acceptance of a booking does not constitute a guarantee of flight. All requests are taken under the proviso of "subject to traffic".

Pilots that do not comply with the above and try to book out over the radio will be informed of the process they should have used but their details will be taken over the radio. I must stress that this period of lenience will only be short term (actual time to be advised by senior management) and following this period pilots that have not applied via the PPR system will not be permitted to fly.

Finally, I would like to ask for your patience and cooperation during this transition period. We, in ATC are well aware that these changes are possibly the biggest change to operations at Biggin Hill Airport for many years and it will take a little time to get use too, but with your help and patience the transition will be easier.

Best Wishes
Bill Robinson
SATCO – Biggin Hill Airport

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

December has been a quiet month for GA with more or less continuous rain and wind. Instructors, who have been flying 6 hours a day throughout summer and autumn months, can now be seen wandering aimlessly like lost souls with nothing to do except drink horrendous club coffee. So, if you have the chance to take advantage of a rare day of calm weather, think of your local flight instructor - be kind to him (or her) and for pity's sake, book a lesson - it means so much to them!

Out on the airfield, the lighting is still not ready to go. As with everything at Biggin Hill, as soon as one scratches the surface a lot more unexpected work arises. In this case, drilling holes in the runway surface has raised questions as to what lies beneath and further investigatory work will be required before we can install the flush lighting that we have planned for the runway 21 stop end. We will now combine installation of the lead off lights with the installation of the runway 03 approach lighting, much of which will actually be embedded in the runway surface to the south of the displaced threshold.

Taxiway Hotel and runway 29/11 will be equipped with blue lighting very soon after Christmas which should improve things greatly.

As most of you will know, on the 25th November the Council approved our application to extend our operating hours. However, the decision was immediately "called in" by a small group of disgruntled councillors representing the gated communities of Farnborough and Crofton. The occupants of these £2 million+ houses are used to getting their own way and they cannot believe or accept that the democratic majority have overridden their narrow self-interest. It has never happened before – but this time the cosy golf club chats haven't had the desired effect, so they have demanded that their local councillors move to protect their interests. These few people, by no means all the residents of these estates it must be pointed out, are the same group that not so long ago successfully pulled planning

permission from a local school which backed on to the wealthy gated communities of Farnborough leaving some 60 children with no school place for the year. Needless to say, the same Councillors were involved in this shameful episode. You can read all about it here:

http://my.telegraph.co.uk/bromley_excalibur/bromleyexcalibur/4900716/Trouble_in_paradise/

The Policy Development Scrutiny Committee, chaired by one of these troublesome Councillors, will meet on 5th January to decide whether the decision of 25th November should be returned to the Executive for reconsideration. If you wish to attend the meeting to show your displeasure it will take place at 1900 in Civic Centre, Bromley. Your support would, as ever, be very much appreciated. If we are lucky, the matter will be quashed and the Council will then action the decision allowing us to move to the legal paperwork, the politics being over with.

We hope that 2016 will be a year of progress for Biggin Hill Airport. We have invested so much in the business of local politics and in defining a plan for the airport that local residents support that it seems as if we will never break free of the red tape and prevarication that is so prevalent in Bromley. But with the support of each and every one of you, we really are closing in on our goal of creating a dedicated business and general aviation airport for London that offers good facilities and decent opening hours to the business aviation, that sustains it financially, without excluding light aviation as has been the case at so many other airports like ours. I look forward to seeing you all in 2016 and wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year!

Until next time, safe flying.

Best regards
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

If you wish to show your continuing support of the efforts to keep things alive for current and old airport users, please help to pay for the servers etc. for the two websites by renewing or applying for membership of the Biggin Hill Airport Social Club. Of course, membership is NOT required just to continue receiving the Newsletters!

Thanks for some who have already sent in their renewal fee, cards are being processed as you read this...

Full membership details can be found at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk - When sending anything to us by post, the address is on the website. Existing members renewing do not need a further form, so just send the appropriate fee. (If you need to replace the existing photo, please include a new head and shoulder shot with your name on the reverse – or you can email the photo to me). If you are a new member, please send both the fee, head and shoulder photo, and a completed application form.

(In all cases, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the membership card(s)).

Thanks again for your support, which is much appreciated

EMAIL ADDRESSES

A full and current list of member names can be seen at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> Please remember to tell us if you change your email address. If you know others who are not database members but are eligible to join (i.e. if they currently fly from the airport, or work there, or ever have done so) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

ALL THE BEST TO EVERYONE FROM JB AND ME!

That's it for this month.....

John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(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....)

QUOTE.....

Three sisters age 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.

One night the 96 year old draws a bath, puts her foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know, I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses, then she yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?"

The 92 year old was sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

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Confucius Say....
Kiss is merely shopping upstairs, For merchandise downstairs.

Confucius Say.
Better to lose a lover Than love a loser.

Confucius Say.
Man with broken condom Often called Daddy

Confucius Say.

Sex is same as bank account. You put it in, you take it out....you lose interest.

Confucius Say.

Viagra just like Disneyland ... One hour wait for 5 minute ride.

Confucius Say.

Much better to want the mate you do not have Than to have the mate you do not want.

Confucius Say.

Joke is like sex. Neither any good if you don't get it.

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In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot attorney questioned him thus. 'Didn't you say to the state trooper at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'

Olie responded: 'vell, I'lla tell you vat happened dere.I'd yust loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da... '

'I didn't ask for any details', the lawyer interrupted.

'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''?

Olie said, 'vell, I'd yust got Bessie into da trailer andI vas drivin' down da road.... '

The lawyer interrupted again and said, 'Your Honor,I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client.

I believe he is a fraud.

Please tell him to simply answer the question. '

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Olie's answer and said to the attorney: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie'.

Olie said: 'Tank you' and proceeded. 'vell as I vas saying, I had yust loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road vin dis huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side by golly. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder ditch.

By yimminy yahosaphat I vas hurt, purty durn bad, and didn't want to move. An even vurse dan dat, I could hear old Bessie a moanin' and a groanin'. I knew she vas in terrible pain yust by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie a moanin' and a groanin' too, so he vent over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her right between the eyes.

Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?'

'Now wot da heck vud you say?'

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Newspaper Headline:-

Assailant suffers injuries from fall

Orville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Ga., told police he observed a male customer, later identified as Tyrone Jackson of Augusta, on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted the man became irate, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe.

After Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene Cpl. Duggan was transported for treatment.

"The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose, and a broken jaw... injuries he sustained when he slipped and fell off the curb after stabbing the Marine," according to a police report.

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Quotes of a Sexual Nature:

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 560SL convertible."
- *Lynn Lavner*

"Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant." - *George Burns*

"Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake a whole relationship." - *Sharon Stone*

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch." - *Jack Nicholson*

"Clinton lied! A man might forget where he parks or where he lives, but he never forgets oral sex, no matter how bad it is." - *Barbara Bush (Former US First Lady)*

"Divorce, from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet."
- *Robin Williams*

"Women need a reason to have sex. Men just need a place." - *Billy Crystal*

"According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgmental, where, of course, men are just grateful." - *Robert De Niro*

"There's a new medical crisis. Doctors are reporting that many men are having allergic reactions to latex condoms. They say they cause severe swelling. So what's the problem?" - *Dustin Hoffman*

"There's very little advice in men's magazines, because men think, 'I know what I'm doing. Just show me somebody naked!'" - *Jerry Seinfeld*

"See, the problem is that God gave men a brain and a penis, and only enough blood to run one at a time." - *Robin Williams*

"It's been so long since I've had sex. I have forgotten who ties up who." - *Joan Rivers*

"Sex is one of the most wholesome, beautiful and natural experiences money can buy." - *Steve Martin*

"You don't appreciate a lot of stuff in school until you get older. Little things like being spanked every day by a middle-aged woman. Stuff you pay good money for in later life." - *Elmo Phillips*

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same." - *Oscar Wilde*

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married." - *George Burns*

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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"...)