

Hi everyone

## **IT'S 2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Welcome to the January 2018 edition of your Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. (a slightly briefer one than normal, due to the Christmas and New Year festivities).

Welcome also to any 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> To view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link.

## **2018 WEATHER**

Well after one of the most changeable year's weather, from a GA flying point of view, we now move into a brand new year – let us really hope that 2018 provides us with a much better year for us to participate in our chosen hobby!

We could also do with less strong gusty winds from the west please! We can but hope.....

## **JOHN (JB) BRYAN**

In spite of still waiting for his knee operation, as you can see, nothing could stop him from producing his monthly Bugle! Thanks John.

Apparently he is now scheduled, yet again, for his op, in January. So good luck JB. I'm sure you will be up and about again very soon and in preparation for the next Olympics!!

## **CROYDON AIRPORT COLLECTORS FAIR 2108**

A reminder for you....

The Croydon Airport Military, Aviation, and Model Fair 2018, is on Sunday 7th January starting from 10:30am at the former Aerodrome Hotel, (next door to Airport House), now called the Hallmark Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon Surrey CR9 4LT (J.7 M.25).

Lots of Aviation & Military Collectables, Book and Model Collections, Plastic kits, Diecast Models and Toys, and the chance to visit the historic Croydon Airport Control Tower.

Entry is £4 but children under 10 are free, and there is also free car parking. For any more information, Contact Dave Sutton, email: [davidsutton16@aol.com](mailto:davidsutton16@aol.com) or call: 07973 885754

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS, BUSINESSES & OTHER AIRPORT USERS**

If you would like me to include your business or personal comments in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and the requested contribution and I will try to include it in the next Newsletter. I will acknowledge anything sent to me for inclusion. (Please email: John Willis at [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

## **ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB**

Ding-Ding-Dong ... another year gone! Did you achieve the flying you wanted in 2017 ? That special trip or a surprise passenger. Well, let Alouette get you in the air for 2018.

There's snow on the ground where I am yet crystal clear blue sky. Not a cloud in site. Excellent for checking out that cliff or castle by air.

If it's been a while since your last flight or perhaps you feel a bit "rusty" ... give one of our instructors a call and get airborne.

Socially we all meet on the 1st at our clubhouse for mulled wine.  
Wednesday 3rd is our club social from about 7.30pm.  
Then our club seasonal dinner is on the 6th.

Check out Alouette ... busy flying ... busy socialising. Make new friends and put the fun (and shared costs) into your flying.

Alouette wishes all our members and fellow Airport users a happy new year and enjoyable flights during 2018.

Best Wishes  
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## **FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES**

A very Happy New Year from Falcon, EFG and S&K

We truly hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are looking towards a safe year of flying in 2018.

It's all been go go go over here with students taking advantage of any clear flying days and the hangar working earnestly at keeping your aircraft in fantastic working order.

As 2018 approaches we look back at Falcon's 40<sup>th</sup> year at Biggin Hill Airport. When Singh arrived here it was clear to see something special, not only the airport but those of you who make it what it is.

Many years on we give thanks to all of you have continue to support us. Though our "bump" has changed much, the love for aviation carries on strong and we take pleasure in all our friends here.

Thanks go to our loyal customers, staff, the guys and girls in the tower, airfields operations and indeed the airfield management.

Wishing you all a prosperous 2018

Stay blessed  
Singh, Shonu, Anoop  
Falcon, EFG and S&K

## **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS**

I hope you have all had a really good Christmas.

Unfortunately, as I am away at the moment, I send my apologies for this very brief note from me this month to simply wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Until next month, safe flying!

Best regards  
Will Curtis  
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

## **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 at [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

## **DATABASE EMAIL ADDRESSES**

A constantly updated list of database members can be seen at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk>  
Please remember to let me know if your email address is changed. 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) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free, although, as it is just becoming a brand new year again, any contributions towards the cost of maintaining the various web servers and domain names etc., would always be gratefully received. (Cheques should be payable to "John Willis" and posted to me at 26, Churchside Close, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3QF)

Happy and prosperous New Year to you and your families from myself and JB

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..... BITCOIN EXPLAINED**

A lot of monkeys lived near a village. One day a merchant came to the village to buy these monkeys!

He announced that he will buy the monkeys @ \$100 each.

The villagers thought that this man is mad.

They thought how can somebody buy stray monkeys at \$100 each?

Still, some people caught some monkeys and gave it to this merchant and he gave \$100 for each monkey.

This news spread like wildfire and people caught monkeys and sold it to the merchant.

After a few days, the merchant announced that he will buy monkeys @ \$200 each.

The lazy villagers also ran around to catch the remaining monkeys!

They sold the remaining monkeys @ \$200 each.

Then the merchant announced that he will buy monkeys @ \$500 each!

The villagers start to lose sleep! ... They caught six or seven monkeys, which was all that was left and got \$500 each.

The villagers were waiting anxiously for the next announcement.

Then the merchant announced that he is going home for a week. And when he returns, he will buy monkeys @ \$1000 each!

He asked his employee to take care of the monkeys he bought. He was alone taking care of all the monkeys in a cage.

The merchant went home.

The villagers were very sad as there were no more monkeys left for them to sell it at \$1000 each. 😞

Then the employee told them that he will sell some monkeys @ \$700 each secretly.

This news spread like fire. Since the merchant buys monkey @ \$1000 each, there is a \$300 profit for each monkey.

The next day, villagers made a queue near the monkey cage.

The employee sold all the monkeys at \$700 each. The rich bought monkeys in big lots. The poor borrowed money from money lenders and also bought monkeys!

The villagers took care of their monkeys & waited for the merchant to return.

But nobody came! ... Then they ran to the employee...

But he has already left too !

The villagers then realised that they have bought the useless stray monkeys @ \$700 each and unable to sell them!

The Bitcoin will be the next monkey business

It will make a lot of people bankrupt and a few people filthy rich in this monkey business.

That's how it will work  
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At this time of the year it's difficult to know what to say without offending someone. So I've checked with my legal adviser and on his advice I wish to say the following to all friends and colleagues.

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the winter holiday, practiced with the most enjoyable traditions of religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2018, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make our country great (not to imply that the UK is necessarily greater than any other country) and without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wishee.

Oh bugger it, Happy New Year!!!!

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The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time....

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it.. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." Sod that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

Man calls 999 and says "I think my wife is dead" The operator says how do you know? He says "The sex is the same but the ironing is building up!"

I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had £1.20 in her purse.

I woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed. At first I was afraid.....then I was petrified.

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair!

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said I would like to come back as a cow. I said you're obviously not listening.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

The wife was counting all the 1p's and 2p's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of plonkas saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexist pigs. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the blooming thing.

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the village in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their picks nicked

Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service

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These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.\*

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.\*

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, "isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?"

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid!

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honour, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about 20, medium height, and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And, Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And the best for last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No .

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.\*

And that my friends is a good example why, most politicians in our governments and courts are lawyers and all our nations are so screwed up.

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Whilst the following is provably little more than a scam in reality – The sentiments it purports to describe are indeed something that many of us would really have liked to have been true!

They are supposedly copies of four telegrams between President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the WWII Surrender Agreement in September 1945.

(1) Tokyo, Japan 0800-September 1,1945

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General D A MacArthur

Tomorrow we meet with those yellow-bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions?

(2) Washington, D C 1300-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!

(3) Tokyo, Japan 1630-September 1, 1945

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C W Nimitz

Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?

(4) Washington, D C 2120-September 1 1945

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and

promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end!

Oh how I wish these really had been sent!!!  
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Has Political Correctness finally come to the flying world?

“Due to the increased focus on sexual misconduct issues, the reference to "Touch & Go" landings has been deleted from the ATC Approved Phraseology Handbook.”

Sent Tongue in Cheek by Biggin Hill'ite Bob Needham from Down Under.....

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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”...)