

Hi everyone

Welcome to the relatively brief January 2026 Newsletter for the Biggin Hill Airport Users Database. Welcome also to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.

As usual, you are reminded that for Database subscribing members, even if your Newsletter doesn't arrive by email at the beginning of the month, you can always view it online, as well as any back copies of this Newsletter by visiting the club website at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk

(If you have not received your copy within 24 hours of the beginning of the month, please check the club website above so you can find and draw it down for yourself! Feel free to email me and notify me of your current email address and full name so I can recheck your entry in the database membership records and amend where applicable)

DECEMBER WEATHER

The December weather has been quite variable, which is obviously usual at this time of the year of course. But, not unexpected, as I'm sure most of us will have been aware anyway of the relatively poor conditions we usually experience at this time of the year.

Having said that, it has not actually been bad all of the time, and we have of course had some acceptable flyable conditions as well occasionally. But, as it is not too rare at this time of the year, we have experienced quite a lot of days with strong and gusty winds that were often across our single operational runway.

But these variable weather conditions are quite usual at this time of the year, so no real surprise. Let's hope that we do have some reasonable flyable conditions during the month of January.....

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT

I trust you all have got totally used to the new communication changes regarding two frequencies now in use.

As we explained last month:-

A "Biggin Ground" frequency 121.630 for ATC taxiing clearance and departure route and clearance for IFR departures, and then when instructed after requesting take off clearance a frequency change to monitor "Biggin" frequency 134.805, who clears departure when appropriate. (and the original "Biggin Approach" frequency 129.405 has now been suspended currently!)

When returning to the airport, contacting "Biggin" on 134.805 will of course provide joining instructions and handle the approach and landing until vacating the runway after landing when you are then instructed to call "Biggin Ground" on 121.630 for taxiing instructions etc. until shutdown.

The extensive runway resurfacing project has now been fully completed as planned by the airport. It is beautifully fully resurfaced and lighted runway 21/03.

The airport's new instrument approach for runway 03 has now introduced into service and is being used by certain specific operators/aircraft when appropriate.

Our Airport's CEO, David Winstanley, will include his regular monthly section, which is present towards the end of this newsletter, to keep us fully up to date with any airport plans that may affect us.....

PLEASE KEEP YOUR THE NEWSLETTER JOKES BEING EMAILED TO ME.

Thanks for the jokes that many of you are sending me regularly by email now, but please do keep them coming for me so I can add them to the Newsletter's final section. Thank you for all those who are helping me

(By the way, a reminder, only send emails or texts, but no photo's or graphics please!)....

JANUARY BIGGIN HILL POSTED FUEL PRICES

The "posted" Biggin Hill Airport fuel prices, excluding VAT and the Jet A1 price also excludes the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Levy, for the calendar month of January 2026 are:

£1:62.30 per litre for 100LL Avgas if supplied from the Fuel Bowser
(if uplifted using fuel account card Only from the Self-Refuel pumps = minus 5p per litre – and an additional 1p per litre off if also paid by Direct Debit)

£0:85.00 per litre for Jet A1

(As we explained recently, the government has mandated that all JetA1 fuel must be sold with an increased 3.6% blend of Sustainable Aviation Fuel as of 1st January 2026 (up from last year's blend of 2.0%). This mandate, which is applicable to all UK airports, is intended to secure and grow UK SAF demand, support the growth of the SAF industry, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of aviation fuels in the UK - To aid clarity and transparency, the airport have included this to be displayed as a separate line on the invoices.)

Just a reminder, the credit/debit card payment system remains in operation for Self-Refuelling, so please feel free to pay for a fuel uplift at the Self Refuelling Pumps using your cards.

FALCON / EFG

Hi folks,

Our friend, Anoop, is unfortunately unable to get a newsletter section to us as he is committed to some personal family health issues.

But he has asked me to send everyone a message to wish you all a Happy New Year from him and all Falcon and EFG staff.

As he said, have a great night tonight and let's hope the threat of snow may not actually happen, although the Met Office does seem to be suggesting it is probable at the end of January 1st for London and the Southeast for a day or so....

Till the next time - Stay safe, have fun, be blessed...

Best Regards
Anoop, Singh, Shonu, and your Falcon Family

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE CEO'S OFFICE

December proved to be a busy month regarding movements and the Airport was particularly busy in the run up to the festive period. Movements exceeded both 2023 and 2024 figures. Trading remains very positive and this is as a direct result of the continued investment in infrastructure and services. The Airport continues attract new customers, inward investment and create jobs.

This year has seen an unrivalled investment in Airport facilities, which has significantly elevated the Airport within the business aviation sector. The completion of the runway resurfacing in October, the introduction of centre line lighting, upgrading of approach lights and runway edge lighting, the introduction of the 03-approach trial and the addition of lead on and lead off lights at the 03 threshold, have all transformed the Airport. This marks the completion of an impressive operational upgrade package that included a new IRVR, automated 24hr METAR, the re calibration of the PAPIs and ILS and the Ground/Tower operational trial.

The Airport continues to explore options for the development of additional hangar capacity. The demand remains high and the Airport intends to meet this demand through improvements to existing hangar assets and, subject to planning, the construction of further hangars.

The Landing Hotel continues to perform well and, across all operational areas and continues to exceed expectations. Feedback from crews and visitors' remains very positive, which reflects the popularity of the hotel and its importance to the Airport. For the first time the Hotel remained open over the festive period, which proved to be very successful, and we would like to thank those resident companies who chose to hold their festive celebrations at The Landing.

As previously mentioned, the Airport remains on track to achieve carbon neutral status by 2029, and we continue to build on the success of achieving our Carbon Reduction Level 2 Accreditation with the Airport Carbon Accreditation. Our newly formed Environmental Oversight Committee goes from strength to strength, and we will be engaging with resident's companies in the New Year to seek their support in our sustainability programme.

Turning to the introduction of the 03 Radius to fix instrument approach, I am delighted to announce that the approach was used for the first time during December. Whilst the trial has been in place since late November, the weather has favoured Rwy 21 until the later part of this month. With the approval of the CAA, the Airport has increased the number of aircraft and crews approved to use the approach and it remains the intention to permit all operators to use the approach in the New Year.

Engagement with the PPG continues to be extremely productive and the overall sentiment was to acknowledge the improved communications between the Airport and the non-

commercial GA community. This improved engagement and face to face meetings with pilots has seen a marked increase in compliance with NAP noise control measures.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone all the happiness for the New Year.

Kind regards,
David Winstanley

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

(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 to: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

DATABASE EMAIL ADDRESSES

A constantly updated full list of database members is always viewable online on the main website at: www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk

Please remember to let me know if your email address is changed. Also, 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 in the past) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free.

There are quite a lot of people who have been prior members of Biggin Hill Reunited and used to get the Newsletters each month, but who's email addresses now bounce back as no longer available or invalid. If any of you have friends who you can contact and ask them to send their name and new emails and contact numbers to me so I can amend the records and ensure they start to regain their monthly Newsletters from Biggin Hill Reunited.

That's it again for this month. Do continue to enjoy your flying as we hope to start to regain some flyable weather at times..... Please do all stay well and stay safe.....

And of course – I would like to wish you, and your friends and families, a very Happy New Year....

John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

And Finally: As usual, here follows 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 ever intended!).....

I would like to thank everyone who occasionally does send their help for this section. To avoid me running out of jokes (which keeps happening), please keep them coming regularly by email to: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk

QUOTE.....

Back in the woods, a redneck's wife went into labour in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery.

Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I'm doing."

Soon a baby boy was brought into the world.

"Whoa there," said the doctor. "Don't be in a rush to put the lantern down..... I think there's yet another one to come."

Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl.

"No, no, don't be in a great hurry to be putting down that lantern.... It seems there's yet another one in there!" cried the doctor.

The redneck scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "Do you think it's the light that's attractin' 'em?"

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QUOTE.....

The teacher gave her class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day, the kids came back and began to tell their stories. There were all the regular types of stuff. Spilled milk and pennies saved. But then the teacher realized that only Janie was left. "Janie, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes ma'am. My daddy told me a story about my mommy. She was a Marine pilot in Desert Storm, and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, her service 9mm automatic, and a survival knife."

"She drank the whiskey on the way down in case the bottle broke on landing and then landed right in the middle of 20 Iraqi troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, killed four more with the knife and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens," said the horrified teacher. "What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this incredible story?"

"Don't f**k with Mommy when she's been drinking."

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QUOTE.....

Sex at 73

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 73.

I'm so happy, because I live at number 71. So, it's not too far to walk home afterwards, and it's the same side of the street, so I don't even have to cross the road!

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QUOTE.....

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership in Westerham.

Taking off down the A25 Westerham Road towards Oxted, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left.

Amazing, he thought as he pushed the pedal even more.

Looking in his rearview mirror, he saw a Police car behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring.

He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120.

Suddenly he thought, What am I doing?

I'm too old for this and pulled over into the Grasshopper pub car park to await the policeman's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the policeman walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a traffic policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the cop.

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BLOND MEN JOKES.....

A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts, "Did you find the shampoo?"

He answers, "Yes but I'm not sure what to do.... It's for dry hair and I just wet mine."

A blond man spots a letter on his doormat. It says on the envelope., "DO NOT BEND."

He spends the next two hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.....

A blond man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the doctor.

"No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

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QUOTE.....

One day, Einstein had to speak at an important science conference ...

On the way there, he tells his driver, who looks a bit like him, "I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over and over."

The driver agrees. "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them. And even though I don't know anything about science, I could give the conference for you."

"That's a great idea," says Einstein. "Let's switch places then."

So they switch clothes. And as soon as they arrive, Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech.

While the real Einstein, dressed up as the car driver, sits back. and enjoys the deception.

But in the crowd, there's one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond. So, he stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question.

The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response.

The driver looks at the guy dead in the eye and says, "Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me."

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QUOTE.....

In Ireland, the 99-year-old Mother Superior lay quietly. She was dying.

The Nuns had gathered around her bed, laying garlands around her and trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They wanted to give her warm milk to drink but she declined. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen.

Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they lifted her head gently and held the glass to her lips. The very frail Nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us".

She raised herself up very slowly in the bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

"WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T SELL THAT COW."

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QUOTE.....

All the organs of the body were having a meeting, trying to decide who was the one in charge...

"I should be in charge," said the brain, "because I run all the body's systems, so without me nothing would happen."

"I should be in charge," said the blood, "because I circulate oxygen all over so without me you'd waste away."

"I should be in charge," said the stomach, "because I process food and give all of you energy."

"I should be in charge," said the legs, "because I carry the body wherever it needs to go."

"I should be in charge," said the eyes, "because I allow the body to see where it goes."

"I should be in charge," said the rectum, "because I'm responsible for waste removal."

All the other body parts laughed at the rectum and insulted him, so in a huff, he shut down tight.

Within a few days, the brain had a terrible headache, the stomach was bloated, the legs got wobbly, the eyes got watery, and the blood was toxic. They all decided that the rectum should be the boss

The Moral of the story?

Even though others do all the work.... it's usually an ass hole that's in charge.

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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"...))