

Hi everyone

The July edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is 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@jbplstdemon.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

Following the Air Fair, membership has now re-opened..

Thanks for all your support – do keep using those concessions at local restaurants and services – full details can be found on the club site at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

THE AIRPORT.....

Nothing really to report, except to congratulate the airport staff on their handling of the air show – it all looked and sounded most efficient. It was good to see many of the staff and their families at the show in between their working shifts.

THE 2009 AIR FAIR

The 2009 Air Fair was certainly very spectacular, and seems to have been enjoyed by all that I have spoken to. The Saturday appearance after all these years of the magnificent restored Avro Vulcan was an event to remember for many of us. Unfortunately, due to an unserviceability, the aircraft was unable to make its booked display slot on the Sunday but clearly from comments and items on the internet, its place was deservedly taken by the spectacular flypast of the Virgin Atlantic 747-400 in formation with the Red Arrows to celebrate the Virgin Atlantic 25 year anniversary.

For those who were unable to be there, there are some great videos on 'youtube' of this and many other display items. It may also be worth obtaining a copy of the official 2009 Air Fair DVD as a memento of these two very unique displays... For details:
<http://www.planestv.com/shop/products/ptv/dvd/biggin-hill-international-air-fair-2009-dvd>

Congratulations to Colin Hitchins at ADI, and his team (including wife Fran, and the other admin staff, and Bill Robinson, Barry Sargeant, and Gary Merchant) for putting on such a great show...

Obviously Colin must have been very good in this life as yet again the show was blessed with the most amazing weather, with rain post show on Saturday, and a slight shower post Sunday show!!

It was also good to see a few old faces on the day and afterwards at the Old Jail Pub in Jail Lane, although obviously the lack of a single focal point for a social gathering somewhat marred this side of the show. Good to see Jim Gibbs over here, and to hear from John Dodds who was watching the show from near Leaves Green.....

GORDON FRANKS MEMORIAL GARDEN PARTY

We are now very close to the very special day – the Gordon Franks Memorial Garden Party for friends and colleagues, and their families, on 11th July 2009, at Gordon's family home at Leighbridge Farm near Headcorn. Those that knew Gordon will, I'm sure, want to make a special effort to attend, and to keep you informed, there is a special website section on the Biggin Hill Reunion site at www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/gordonsparty

The site includes details of local guest houses and hotels, timings, maps, GPS co-ordinates, lats/longs etc. and any last minute information that may be useful, as well as some photo's of our late friend..

If you haven't already let me know you are coming, in order to get an idea of numbers, please email me at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk if you plan to attend, together with the number of people in your family group. I will keep a record here, so that the family can concentrate on other matters – as at 30th June there are around 100 people listed, but few of those are Biggin Hill'ite's...

Remember ALL Gordon's friends and their families are very welcome. (if anyone has any queries, please feel free to email me john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk or call me – numbers in the signature box at the foot of this email.

That's about it for this month...

John Willis
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally:

The following was contributed by an active Biggin Hill Airport Database member. I have not personally verified any of the facts contained therein, but it has appeared elsewhere as well AND in the light of current events, would certainly not be a surprise if it is all totally true...

QUOTE.....

Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 600 employees and has the following employee statistics:-

29 have been accused of spouse abuse
7 have been arrested for fraud
9 have been accused of writing bad cheque's
17 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
3 have done time for assault
71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
8 have been arrested for shoplifting
21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
84 have been arrested for drink driving in the last year
Which organisation is this ?

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It's the 635 members of the House of Commons, the same group that cranks out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us inline.

And just to top all that they probably have the best 'corporate' pension scheme in the country!!

.....END QUOTE

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" ...)