

Hi everyone

The June 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@jbplstd.demon.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. There have also been a steady trickle of new members registering on the database – Welcome.

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

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>

but they are (in alphabetical order):

2009 Air Fair entry

Adams Aviation

Bengal Butler (Indian) Restaurant – Biggin Hill

Biggin Hill Squash Club – Biggin Hill

Crest Partnership Accountants – Biggin Hill

Dizzi's Diner (American Diner & Tex-Mex Restaurant, Beckenham

EFG Flying School

Falcon Flying Services

Flight Service Station Garage – Biggin Hill

Lee's Barbers – Biggin Hill

Montien (Thai) Restaurants – Westerham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, & Bridport

Napolie (Italian) Restaurant – Westerham

Shoulder of Mutton Country Inn & Restaurant – Middleton Tyas

Spitfire Café – Biggin Hill

Tulsi (Indian) Restaurant – Westerham

(Membership now closed until 1st July 2009)

THE AIRPORT.....

The planning application for the airport's new hangar has now been submitted to the local planning authority and, according to the press, the application has now entered a 16 week consultation period. To be located at the main entrance to the South Camp, let us hope that this application will finally be approved, and offer both airport users and the local community jobs and a much needed facility.

Rizonjet's hangar on that same south camp site is looking closer to completion almost by the day. Very impressive.

THE 2009 AIR FAIR

Not long now until the 2009 Air Fair (the weekend of the 27th and 28th June). Remember that, if you want to see the show in style, there are several excellent hospitality options available from

ADI – for these, and details of this year’s planned programme – go to <http://www.bigginhillairfair.co.uk>)

Have a great time, and we hope to see many old Biggin Hill’ites at the show and afterward at the Old Jail Pub in Jail Lane....

GORDON FRANKS MEMORIAL GARDEN PARTY

Plans are now advanced for the special 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 you are reminded to put the date in your diaries. I will, during this month, put up a special section on the reunion website at

www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/gordonsparty

(Nothing there yet, so keep checking) – this will include full directions, timings, maps, GPS co-ordinates, lats/longs etc. and any last minute information that may be useful.

In order to get an idea of numbers, please email me 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...

For those that wish to stay locally to avoid the drink/drive problems, please see the list of suitable local guesthouses at www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/b&b_addresses.pdf

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:

This lengthy tome on the subject of Government stupidity, was contributed by an active Biggin Hill Airport Database member (apologies for the slight amendments to remove specific personal political points). These views may not reflect my own, or those of other Database members, but in the light of current political expenses revelations, and the forthcoming European “MEP” elections, I just felt it might prompt thought and more discussion. It certainly frightened me and made me think!

In fairness, I also couldn’t think of anything else for the “and finally” slot this month!!!!:

QUOTE.....

Government and Politicians stupidity

We are told by the government that the cost of bank bail outs (or "whoops... how do I shore up my investment in Charlie's bank - oh yes I'll just use some of Joe Public's money and then I can sell my crap shares to the tax payer ...thank you very much - that'll do nicely").

Every working man and woman in the country knows that borrowing money to get out of financial straights doesn't work and only, in the long run, makes things worse. We can safely exclude Ministers for the description of "working men and women as none of them have actually done a days' work in a wealth generating company. They have set about selling the family silver to pay for the party we've just had. Our country is bankrupt - in other words we cannot meet our commitments as they fall due. We have no export industry and since the collapse of the

financial sector (which theoretically exported billions in financial services) our balance of trade deficit – the difference between the cost of imports and the value of exports – has deteriorated to an alarming extent. Government figures showed that British industry did actually produce a lawnmower last year, somewhere near Coventry, but it broke down as soon as its new owner got it home and by the time he could say "warranty" the manufacturer had collapsed.

So the government have come up with another "big idea". They will print more money! Genius! Except not really because then the pound devalues further and imports get more expensive. Because we don't make anything ourselves, we buy everything from abroad. So if the pound gets weaker everything gets more expensive. Prices in the high street go up because they have to – the supplier had to pay more for them at import. That is called price inflation and that leads to... oh shit - not such a great idea after all.

So - we don't earn enough to keep Britain PLC afloat and we have borrowed more money than you or I can even visualise or could spend in a lifetime spent in a Ferrari dealership. We are told we will need GBP 39 billion a year for ten years to pay this back. But with everyone out of work there is no tax take and a socking great social security bill so maybe we'll just have to print more money?

There is another way! How I hear you cry - what possible solution?

Well - we currently pay Europe GBP 300 billion a year to help some far flung former CIS country to build new roads and French farmers to make a hundred grand a year off half an acre of garlic. We pay an incredible GBP 104,000 a minute to Brussels and for what. We are told that this is a great deal - that the without European trade we would have to shed millions of UK jobs. But that isn't right - we have a GBP 60 billion trade deficit with Europe - in other words we buy from them GBP 60 billion more each year than they buy from us. For instance the UK is the biggest market after the US worldwide for German cars. And the truth is that we have to buy from them because, as we are part of the EU, there are trade tariffs preventing outsiders from competing fairly for our custom.

If you take away all that nonsense you end up with a spare GBP 300 billion a year. We can begin to rebuild the collapsed and derelict infrastructure of the UK - the potholes, the railways, the hospitals, and schools and prisons that we so badly need. That equals new jobs and new jobs equals good news, a bigger tax take for the treasury and a more buoyant economy.

And if we begin to import goods tariff free because we have free trade agreements with countries such as the US and our own commonwealth, our import prices drop and our high street prices follow. Inflation drops too - now that's more like it...

There is only one problem. How do we remove ourselves from Europe and the 97,000 new laws and regulations that they have quietly foisted on us over the past 20 years? Well it won't be easy but it can be done if the British public choose to make it happen. There are political parties that are firmly committed to removing us from the Lisbon Treaty (formerly called the European Constitution) and from the strictures of Europe, and Conservative MP William Haig appears to have "suggested" that if they are elected they would hold a referendum on the matter. However, as this came from a politician, we can guess that they are lying because their lips are moving. We need to see it in writing!

Gordon Brown already signed the Lisbon Treaty - they had to force him to go as he felt a bit uneasy because in so doing he pledged the sovereignty of the United Kingdom to a foreign power without the mandate of the public. That used to be called high treason for which you could, until very recently, still be executed. But not to worry because shortly before he went to sign the treaty he and Blair changed the law and removed treason from the list of offences for which one could be executed - just in case, you understand! (Wouldn't want to end up wearing a blindfold at dawn like some poor ex Romanian President).

In the end we have only been saved from the ratification of the treaty by the Irish who voted NO. We were not allowed to vote on the matter. Yes, the Labour Party manifesto promised us a referendum on the European Constitution. But now it is called the Lisbon Treaty - well - that's different and you can't have your say about that. You see, the deal is that Tony steps down, Gordon gets to be PM which he wanted so badly he would have done anything - even an act of treason - Tony takes a couple of years off, doesn't screw his historical legacy by being the clown that actually signed it, but instead gets to be the first president of the EU for organising the idiot to sign. Mind you , he tried to back out and send a junior official but we soon put a stop to that. And the motorcades in Brussels are really awesome (every ex-politician craves a motorcade with lots and lots of security chaps to make you look REALLY IMPORTANT) - and you get to boss the British PM around too, so you see it really is progress even though it doesn't look like it right now! Look - you'll see that I'm right...eh Cherie??

EU officials are currently blasting the Irish with pro treaty propoganda and will keep trying until they get a YES vote.

Once the treaty is ratified, the unelected officials of the EU Commission are in the driving seat completely. The UK parliament has only three powers remaining to it. It may set the taxes in the UK, it may set its members remuneration and it may veto the use of UK troops in any conflict. It won't any longer make decisions about the way Britain is run - that will be a European matter. The EU commission likes that idea - and they will soon deal with those pesky powers left to the UK Parliament because they cleverly inserted a catch all clause into the Lisbon Treaty that essentially says that if they find that they forgot to give themselves any powers or authority that they later decide they need, they can alter the treaty to reflect this without any further reference to the member states. Incredible! Scary, but true!

If you don't like it and you dare to say so, their EU secret police, currently based in Genoa, may visit your house to take you away - they don't need a warrant or permission to enter the UK or your house and they don't have to give a reason. They have immunity from prosecution for all their actions during the course of their duty and their offices cannot be searched. You are off to the Gulag my friend. Now where have we heard that before.....?

If you doubt any of the above think on this truly chilling opinion from the Advocate General of the EU Court of Justice: "Criticism of the EU is akin to blasphemy and could be restricted without violating freedom of speech" - European Court of Justice, Case C274/99P

Mrs Thatcher once said that historians would record it as the greatest of follies that, at a time when the countries of Eastern Europe were shaking free from the shackles of communism, Western Europe was voluntarily signing up for it! Make no mistake, the EU constitution (Lisbon Treaty, because it sound so much nicer - almost like a nice holiday in the sun) is modelled on the constitution of the former USSR. It is a communist manifesto.

If we want to change the future of Britain then we have to act - vote for a party that will put Britain's interests first, or at the very least contact your prospective MEP and your MP and ask them to push for a harder line on Europe.

The invasion is coming - but it is invisible. It is fuelled by all of our apathy.

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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 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"...)