

Hi everyone

Welcome to the June 2011 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. The June edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is also available for viewing/downloading on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

As always, please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is [johnbryan13@sky.com](mailto:johnbryan13@sky.com), or you can send items directly to me to pass on).

#### EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Thanks to those who have sent amended email addresses, and suggested new members, and of course, welcome also 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..

#### AIR SHOW SEASON IS AGAIN WITH US

But sadly we, at Biggin Hill, will no longer get to enjoy our own air show this June, following the airport's termination of Air Display International's licence to operate at Biggin after last year's show. A lot has been said and written about the Airport's decision to terminate this world famous event, but – it is over, and will probably never be again, and we must all move on..... As we go to press, Southend has just had it's annual show over the Whit Weekend Bank Holiday.

#### THE AIRPORT – SOME POSITIVE PUBLICITY AT LAST

After what seems like a period of appallingly poor publicity, which almost certainly did not help gain support for the request for more flexibility during the period of the 2012 Olympics (this should of course, in the opinion of most airport users and local residents in Biggin Hill, have been granted), there has been recently some good publicity that may help to mend some of the damage....

#### BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SIGNS UP FOR THE AOPA "STRASSER" SCHEME

After seemingly resisting for some time, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Biggin Hill became the 206<sup>th</sup> UK airport to sign up to the Strasser Scheme.

The scheme, drawn up and administered by Charles Strasser (an active AOPA Director), and both accepted and recommended by the CAA, it is designed to remove the financial considerations entering into the equation if a GA pilot is running into difficulties and should be thinking of a diversion rather than pushing on to the destination or to a potentially cheaper alternative landing point just to save money. Applicable only to aircraft under 3 metric tonnes, in the event of an emergency diversion no airport fees will be charged. This concession applies to genuine emergencies and diversions to airfields other than the destination and the filed alternate airport.

Surely this could be a small glimmer of hope that Biggin Hill Airport is not completely anti general aviation (that is to say "light") aircraft, as has been frequently said by some people...

For full details of the scheme and airports that have currently joined, see:

[www.aopa.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=75:strassers-scheme](http://www.aopa.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75:strassers-scheme)

## THE "GREAT ESCAPE 2"

The following story released recently by the new Airport Managing Director, Jenny Munro.....

At 8am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a group of seven Triumph motorcycles and riders will start an epic journey from Biggin Hill to Poland in honour of Sq Leader Roger Bushell, who masterminded the great escape from Stalag Luft III on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1944. Sq Ldr Bushell was based at Biggin Hill prior to his capture in 1940.

This charity motorcycle ride is in aid of Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion.

Biggin Hill Airport is proud to sponsor the team and to advise that the organisers of this event have chosen Biggin Hill Airport as the starting point and the Airport has agreed that the motorcycles will ride in formation with support vehicles and camera crew, and out of the airport via the Control Tower entrance.

For more details of the inspiration behind this adventure and their itinerary, please visit [www.greatescape2.net](http://www.greatescape2.net).

The Airport community wishes them a safe trip and every success.

See also a recent press interview of Jenny Munro by journalist Melodie Foreman: [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk/greatescape2.pdf](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk/greatescape2.pdf)

## NEW TERMINAL HANGAR NEARS COMPLETION

The large new hangar and office complex adjacent to the Terminal is apparently scheduled for completion at the end of June, with occupation in July. Certainly it is all looking most impressive, and will obviously provide even more much needed aircraft accommodation and parking.

## RIZON OPENS ITS BIGGIN HILL FBO COMPLEX

Rizon Jet has now opened its long-planned FBO at Biggin Hill Airport. The facility will provide full handling support and there are plans to extend their maintenance portfolios.

The Doha-based company has ambitions to become a major business aviation services group. In Qatar, where it has opened a similar sized facility, its aircraft management and charter division operates a pair of Bombardier Challenger 605s and a Hawker 900XP. Through a partnership with UK operator Oryx Jet, the fleet also includes another 900XP and a Premier 1, which is due to be supplemented by a Dassault Falcon 50.

The Rizon Biggin Hill complex is some 130,000 sq ft in size, and its 62,538 sq ft hangar can apparently take up to five Bombardier Global XRS aircraft or nine Challenger 605s. It features adjoining offices and workshops. Reports say the impressively decorated terminal has a modern Middle Eastern feel, with five separate seating areas split over two levels, plus a children's area, prayer room and business center. There is also a spacious flight planning area for crew and full kitchens and cold storage provision.

## AIR FRANCE AIRBUS 330 ACCIDENT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IN 2009

Most will remember the news items about the Air France A330 that went missing in the South Atlantic on a flight from Rio to Paris. After some time, some parts of the aircraft were recovered, but until relatively recent months the Flight Data Recorder was lost. Once recovered, the analysis enabled the investigators to look at the last moments of the flight, and they have now released a preliminary report. For us in aviation, it makes interesting, but quite disturbing, reading...

For those that are interested, you can download a PDF (English) version of this preliminary report from:

[www.bea.aero/fr/enquetes/vol.af.447/point.enquete.af447.27mai2011.en.pdf](http://www.bea.aero/fr/enquetes/vol.af.447/point.enquete.af447.27mai2011.en.pdf)

#### BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Members renewals are still trickling in, even as late as May, even though membership runs from January to December. Thanks for those. All membership cards have been sent out, so if you haven't received them, please let me know. Full details for new, and existing members, can be found on the club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk)

That's it again for this month...

John Willis - Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally:

Thanks to Dudley Clark for this month's "and finally" - purely lighthearted and non-political – it did make me chuckle....

QUOTE.....

BRAINS OF BRITAIN (TV and Radio competition questions to members of the great British public)

#### UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE (BBC2)

Jeremy Paxman: What is another name for 'cherrypickers' and 'cheesemongers'?

Contestant: Homosexuals.

Jeremy Paxman: No. They're regiments in the British Army who will be very upset with you

#### BEG, BORROW OR STEAL (BBC2)

Jamie Theakston: Where do you think Cambridge University is?

Contestant: Geography isn't my strong point.

Jamie Theakston: There's a clue in the title.

Contestant: Leicester

#### BBC NORFOLK

Stewart White: Who had a worldwide hit with What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: I don't know.

Stewart White: I'll give you some clues: what do you call the part between your hand and your elbow?

Contestant: Arm

Stewart White: Correct And if you're not weak, you're...?

Contestant: Strong.

Stewart White: Correct - and what was Lord Mountbatten's first name?

Contestant: Louis

Stewart White: Well, there we are then. So who had a worldwide hit with the song What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: Frank Sinatra?

#### LATE SHOW (BBC MIDLANDS )

Alex Trelinski: What is the capital of Italy ?

Contestant: France

Trelinski: France is another country. Try again.

Contestant: Oh, um, Benidorm.

Trelinski: Wrong, sorry, let's try another question. In which country is the Parthenon?

Contestant: Sorry, I don't know.

Trelinski: Just guess a country then.

Contestant: Paris

#### THE WEAKEST LINK (BBC2)

Anne Robinson: Oscar Wilde, Adolf Hitler and Jeffrey Archer have all written books about their experiences in what: - Prison, or the Conservative Party?

Contestant: The Conservative Party.

#### BEACON RADIO ( WOLVERHAMPTON )

DJ Mark: For 10, what is the nationality of the Pope?

Ruth from Rowley Regis: I think I know that one. Is it Jewish?

#### UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Bamber Gascoyne: What was Gandhi's first name?

Contestant: Goosey?

#### GWR FM ( Bristol )

Presenter: What happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963 ?

Contestant: I don't know, I wasn't watching it then.

#### PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC RADIO - MANCHESTER )

Phil: What's 11 squared?

Contestant: I don't know.

Phil: I'll give you a clue. It's two ones with a two in the middle.

Contestant: Is it five?

#### RICHARD AND JUDY

Richard: Which American actor is married to Nicole Kidman?

Contestant: Forrest Gump.

#### RICHARD AND JUDY

Richard: On which street did Sherlock Holmes live?

Contestant: Er. . . . .

Richard: He makes bread . . . .

Contestant: Er . . . . .

Richard: He makes cakes . . . .

Contestant: Kipling Street ?

#### LINCS FM PHONE-IN

Presenter: Which is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world?

Contestant: Barcelona

Presenter: I was really after the name of a country.

Contestant: I'm sorry, I don't know the names of any countries in Spain

#### NATIONAL LOTTERY (BBC1)

Question: What is the world's largest continent?

Contestant: The Pacific.

#### ROCK FM ( PRESTON )

Presenter: Name a film starring Bob Hoskins that is also the name of a famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

Contestant: Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

#### THE BIGGEST GAME IN TOWN (ITV)

Steve Le Fevre: What was signed, to bring World War I to an end in 1918?

Contestant: Magna Carta?

#### JAMES O'BRIEN SHOW (LBC)

James O'Brien: How many kings of England have been called Henry?

Contestant: Er, well, I know there was a Henry the Eighth ... ER. ER ... Three?

#### CHRIS SEARLE SHOW (BBC RADIO BRISTOL )

Chris Searle: In which European country is Mount Etna?

Caller: Japan

Chris Searle: I did say which European country, so in case you didn't hear that, I can let you try again.

Caller: Er ..... Mexico ?

#### PAUL WAPPAT (BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE )

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six-Day War between Egypt and Israel last?

Contestant (long pause): Fourteen days.

#### DARYL DENHAM'S DRIVETIME (VIRGIN RADIO)

Daryl Denham: In which country would you spend shekels?

Contestant: Holland ?

Daryl Denham: Try the next letter of the alphabet.

Contestant: Iceland ? Ireland ?

Daryl Denham: (helpfully) It's a bad line. Did you say Israel ?

Contestant: No.

#### PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC GMR)

Phil Wood: What 'K' could be described as the Islamic Bible?

Contestant: Er. ... ..

Phil Wood: It's got two syllables . . . . Kor . .

Contestant: Blimey?

Phil Wood: Ha ha ha ha, no. The past participle of run . . . . .

Contestant: (Silence)

Phil Wood: OK, try it another way. Today I run, yesterday I . . . .

Contestant: Walked?

#### THE VAULT

Melanie Sykes: What is the name given to the condition where the sufferer can fall asleep at any time?

Contestant: Nostalgia.

#### LUNCHTIME SHOW (BRMB)

Presenter: What religion was Guy Fawkes?

Contestant: Jewish.

Presenter: That's close enough.

#### STEVE WRIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON (BBC RADIO 2)

Wright: Johnny Weissmuller died on this day. Which jungle-swinging character clad only in a loin cloth did he play?

Contestant: Jesus.

.....UNQUOTE

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"...