

Hi everyone

Welcome to the June edition of your Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. Welcome also to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.

JB's June 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.

MAY WEATHER

Summer has arrived at last...!!

Although I missed the first half of the month myself, seemingly at last we have summer weather to let us fully enjoy our hobby. Certainly, since I got back from the US, it has, in the main, been beautifully clear, with lots of cloudless and very hot sunny days. Let's hope this will continue for the rest of the Summer. Enjoy....

RICHARD CHIPPENDALE

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of yet another old Biggin Hill'ite, Richard Chippendale. Unknown to anyone at the time, Richard sadly passed away due to illness on 28th February.

Richard was a well-known face on the airfield from the late 80's until the early 2000's. His fun-loving nature was infectious and many will remember his introduction to Biggin Hill in 1987 when he got his first job at King Air. Richard's father, who worked at Special Branch in the tower, put Richard in touch with Paul Scally who owned King Air at the time. He did a variety of jobs at the flying club including washing and refuelling aircraft, working behind the desk and chatting up the ladies with Gary Merchant, who also worked there with him at the time!

Richard then moved onto Shipping & Airlines, his first engineering job where he spent a number of years immersing himself in aviation.

Richard loved the company of his friends and spent many days and nights at Joe's Bar in those care free days in 90's.

R.I.P. Richard

MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR RICHARD

As some of you might be aware, the circumstances surrounding Richard's death (see above) together with his funeral were not known to almost all of us and consequently we were unable to give him the send-off we would have liked.

As a result, we have decided to arrange an evening at the [Kings Arms](#) pub, Leaves Green on Friday June 16th from 7pm to give Richard a proper Biggin Hill send off.

We kindly ask that those attending donate a minimum of £5 to cover a buffet that will be provided on the night. You can make your donation here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richardchippendale...>

All your messages will be collected and passed on to Richard's family. Those who cannot attend but who would still like to donate in Richard's memory can do so, we will keep the Just Giving page open until the end of July.

Any money left over will be donated to the Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship. This is a trust fund set up in memory of the late Nick Davidson, a flying instructor at Surrey & Kent who knew Richard well. Gary Merchant (who Nick taught to fly) manages this scholarship scheme, which has already successfully awarded flying scholarships to three candidates and is seeking to grow further.

If you have any questions then please e-mail Jon Windover at jon_windover@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on June 16th if you can make it!

Regards,
Jon Windover, Dan Humphries & Gary Merchant

CIRCUIT AND OTHER TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS

By now, I am sure that most will be aware of a number of issues affecting the GA community at Biggin Hill.

At weekends and Bank Holidays, during British Summer Time, no circuit flying is permitted after 5pm local time.

The clubs have also been made aware that circuit flying at Biggin Hill is becoming more difficult, and the airport is recommending the use of “satellite” airports for the bulk of circuit training. In addition to the increased use of the airport by relatively large corporate jets with their associated wake turbulence issues, and controller training and validations etc., the limit of 3 aircraft in the circuit has reluctantly been reduced to 2, until the staffing levels return to normal. The airport’s recommendation to the clubs is that they make formal arrangements with a local airport, like Rochester, Headcorn, or Redhill, to carry out the bulk of their circuit training there.

Additionally, again due to controller training and staffing levels, there is a temporary restriction on all piston engine aircraft preventing any flying into or out of Biggin Hill after 7pm local time on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays. The airport has been forced into this by the CAA until the complement of trained controllers reaches a more satisfactory level – it is hoped that this restriction will be removed sometime in July (see entry below from Will Curtis)

NOISE AND TRACK KEEPING SYSTEM NOW LIVE AT BIGGIN

It is now a month since the Noise and Track Keeping System has been operational.

I don’t know about others, but certainly I have found it helpful to identify the aircraft that blatantly turned left immediately after take-off from Runway 21 and flew very low over my house in Biggin Hill (one of the well publicised noise restricted “no-go” areas around the airport). I stress this was not a Biggin Hill based aircraft, as most resident aircraft are very careful to keep our neighbours happy. It also made it easy to make a noise “comment” to the airport about that infringer, so that he can be made aware of the error of his ways.

I know many will think this is a bit harsh, but please bear in mind that local residents, particularly those living in Biggin Hill village, are, in the main, very much friends of the airport. It is in all our interests to keep them onside, and stopping people, who probably don’t have the same interests as us in keeping the peace with our neighbours, and this can help to protect our future at Biggin Hill.

If you haven’t yet looked at the system, use your normal browser to go to:
<https://lbhacommunity.co.uk/noise-track/>

Where you can see instructions as to how to use the system, and go on to the system from there.

Or you can go directly to the system itself via the following link:

<http://webtrak5.bksv.com/bqh2>

The system can also be accessed from the link on the home page of the airport's main website at bigginhillairport.com

Bear in mind that the data is presented with a built in delay of around 45 minutes for obvious security reasons, but with that fact in mind, it is easy to view any aircraft movement that you feel may have done something silly (or indeed prove that they didn't!).

HURRICANE ENCLOSURE AT THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

There is just one month to go before the tickets for our private enclosure at the 2017 Festival of Flight increase in price. So please, don't moan about it at the last minute when it costs you more, or even worse, is fully booked with no further spaces for you – download the form from

<http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/hurricane.pdf>

Complete it, and send it to the address shown on the form, together with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Applications will be acknowledged by email...

Places in the Marquee and enclosure are currently available to any present or past airport users, all airport Tenants, and of course their friends and families. However, shortly, space will be made available to other interested groups.

Thanks of course to all who have sent in their ticket reservations already. Your cheques are being held here pending release of the passes. Once the passes are released, your requested passes will be sent to you in the stamped addressed envelope you supplied, and your cheques presented for payment.

The "Hurricane" Enclosure and Marquee will again have a pay bar offering very competitive prices, will be right on the display line, and has a furnished garden area from which to watch the show.

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)

FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES

Greetings from all at Falcon

Well it certainly seemed like Summer decided to give us a little taste of things to come! Whilst some of us experienced the rain and clouds away from Biggin, the end of this month has given clear skies, warm sun and smiling faces all around.

Many of our students who had been hampered by bad weather managed to get their various solo flights completed so are one step closer to those vital milestones.

A steady stream of IMC courses are still going ahead. Don't forget you still have time to ask about conducting this course prior to its cut-off currently April 2019.

Multi-Engine has seen good interest, with a number of high level examiners performing I.R. revalidations and skills tests.

The guys and gals at Falcon are busy as ever. With 8.33kHz radios becoming mandatory, a number of our loyal friends and customers have asked the hangar to address other bits whilst on the ground so please let them know. Give the hangar a call on 019595 575 923 and speak with Singh or Shonu to get the best advice on what to do with your pride and joy!

On Saturday July 8th we see Cirrus join us at the flying school for our annual BBQ! Make sure you send an email to ops@flyefg.co.uk to let us know you are coming to join us for some food and a beverage!

In the meantime, don't forget for all your flight training needs both EFG and S&K are here for you.

Stay safe, be blessed and keep on flying

Best Wishes
Anoop Singh Bamrah

ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB

Did you know that Alouette is the only non-profit Flying Club at Biggin! Run by volunteers to promote flying at affordable costs. With our own instructors and resident examiner you can learn to fly in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

Alouette also has an active social scene with a licenced bar and events throughout the year. Quiz nights, flyaways, food nights, guest speakers, BBQs and many more to keep you interested and entertained.

Don't just turn up at your school and leave after your lesson without meeting others. At Alouette these social events let you meet and chat with like minded people; friends and partners are most welcome.

Come and join the friendly club (and save on your fees too!).

Best Wishes
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MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

Well the new hours are finally here and are proving attractive to our business jet customers at least.

A few light aircraft operators have told me that they feel the £150 charge to use the extra hours is unjustified. However, we have to recoup the additional cost of being open longer - some £750,000 per annum - and we felt the fairest way to do this was by charging those that actually use the extra hours as opposed to those that rarely, if ever, use them. Certainly this was the feedback we received prior to this year. An extension was previously £250, so this charge seemed to us to be a happy medium, but we are very happy to hear any alternative suggestions and we intend to review charges in the autumn in any case.

To the annoyance of many light aircraft operators, we have been forced to introduce a temporary restriction on light aircraft movements after 19:00 local on weekends and bank holidays due to a

shortage of qualified Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs). I apologise unreservedly for any inconvenience this may have caused you but it is a matter that has been 'agreed' with our CAA ATC inspector. Many have suggested that if we could not man the new hours, we should not have gone ahead and opened longer. Well, whilst acknowledging that very logical position, it's just not that simple. The process of preparing for longer hours began over 18 months ago when we recruited 3 qualified ATCOs - one recently out of college and 2 highly experienced. Only the recently qualified ATCO made it through the 9 month process required to 'validate' at Biggin Hill. To add to this, one long serving ATCO recently resigned. So we've found ourselves short staffed in the tower. Yet in all other departments staff have been recruited and trained - for instance in the Fire Service where 9 new fire fighters were hired last year and completed their training in March. In handling and security, staff have joined, trained and are 'on the books'. Delaying the change of hours was simply not economically viable if it could possibly be avoided. The monthly 'on cost' is too great to bear without generating additional revenues.

Why has this situation arisen and why is it so difficult to find controllers? Well, there is a national shortage anyway and Biggin Hill has something of a reputation for complexity. On a typical summer weekend day an ATCO at Biggin Hill is far busier - and likely under more stress - than a tower controller at any major airport worldwide. Throw in an emergency or an incompetent visiting pilot and the task simply becomes more than most controllers can handle - it's the ultimate juggling act and arguably not a calm and peaceful situation even when it's going well. A great deal of mental focus is required to keep the plates spinning. Our ATCO boys and girls are actually quite exceptional at their job and few can handle that level of complexity.

Last year we recruited 3 more controllers, one of whom has just validated and one who we expect to validate soon, after which we expect to be able to remove the weekend restriction. We think this will be in July. In addition, we are recruiting and training 3 further ATCOs to ensure that we have sufficient to keep the show on the road at all times as well as giving more down time to our existing team of controllers.

On personal level I greatly appreciate the support that the GA community at Biggin Hill has given in the matter of airport hours and GPS approach. I believe that there will always be a place for GA at Biggin Hill, but the reality is that the airport could not remain open on the proceeds of GA even were we to double the landing fees and triple the movement numbers. It costs £7 million a year just to maintain and operate the aerodrome. GA makes up 85% of our aircraft movements, yet it generates just 5% of our revenues. Just as with any business, we have no option but to focus ourselves on the areas that keep the bills paid.

I realise this may sound a bit negative, but it isn't. By making our money in business aviation we can keep the airport open for business and thriving for future generations. Anyone who doubts the need for this might care to recall that before the Walters family brought the airport in 1994, the Council were minded to close it and build housing all over it West Malling style. Were the airport still in run down condition today, the pressure for housing would make the airport irresistible. The good news, upon which to remain focused, is that once the current staffing issues are sorted we will return to 'Ops normal'. Again, I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

So please be kind, bear with us and, until next month - safe flying!

Best regards
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

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.

Having said that, thank you very much to all of you who have generously made financial donations in support of the Newsletter and the database upkeep. Your support really is appreciated. If anyone else would like to show their support, please make any cheques payable to “John Willis” and send them to “Biggin Hill Airport Users Database, 26 Churchside Close, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3QF”. If you would prefer not to use a cheque, but would still like to contribute, please contact me and I will give you bank details to which you can make a transfer.

All contributions will be acknowledged by email – thank you..

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.....

Tom finally decided to tie the knot with his long-time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was welding some stuff in the garage just for fun. His new wife was standing there at the bench watching him.

After a long period of silence, she finally spoke, "Honey, I've just been thinking, now that we are married maybe it's time you quit spending all your time out here in the shop. You probably should just consider selling all your tools along with your gun collection and that stupid vintage Harley."

Tom got a horrified look on his face and began choking.

She said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

He replied, "There for a minute you were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!" she screamed, "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Tom replied: "I wasn't."
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Solicitor's Porsche

A Solicitor parked his brand-new Porsche in front of the office to show it off to his colleagues.

As he was getting out of the car, a truck came speeding along too close to the kerb and took off the door before zooming off.

More than a little distraught, the Solicitor grabbed his mobile and called the police.

Five minutes later, the police arrive. Before the policeman had a chance to ask any questions, the man started screaming hysterically:

"My Porsche, my beautiful silver Porsche is ruined. No matter how long it's at the panel beaters, it'll simply never be the same again!"

After the man finally finished his rant, the policeman shook his head in disgust.

"I can't believe how materialistic you bloody Solicitors are." he said. "You lot are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else in your life."

"How can you say such a thing at a time like this?" sobbed the Porsche owner.

The policeman replied: "Didn't you realise that your arm was torn off when the truck hit you?"

The Solicitor looked down in horror.

"F***ing hell !" he screamed. "Where's my Rolex ?????"

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A man in a Florida supermarket tries to buy half a head of lettuce.

The very young produce assistant tells him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.

The man persists and asks to see the manager.

The boy says he'll ask his manager about it.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, 'Some asshole wants to buy half a head of lettuce.'

As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, 'And this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half.'

The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the boy, 'I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier.'

'We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?'

'Canada, Sir,' the boy replied.

'Well, why did you leave Canada?' the manager asked.

The boy said, 'Sir, there's nothing but whores and hockey players up there.'

'Really?' said the manager. 'My wife is from Canada!'

'No shit?' replied the boy. 'Who'd she play for?'

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A first-grade teacher, Ms Brooks, was having trouble with one of her more precocious students.

The teacher asked, 'Harry, what exactly is your problem?'

Harry answered, 'I'm too smart for the 1st grade. My sister is in the 3rd grade and I'm smarter than she is! I think I should be in the 3rd grade too!'

Ms. Brooks finally had enough. She took Harry to the principal's office.

While Harry waited in the outer office, the teacher explained the situation to the principal. The principal told Ms. Brooks he would give the boy a test. If he failed to answer any of his questions he was to go back to the 1st grade and behave.

She agreed. Harry was brought in and the conditions were explained to him and he happily agreed to take the test.

Principal: 'What is 3 x 3?' Harry: '9.'

Principal: 'What is 6 x 6?' Harry: '36.'

And so it went with every question the principal thought a bright 3rd grader should know. The principal looks at Ms. Brooks and tells her, 'Y'know I reckon Harry can go to the 3rd grade'

But Ms. Brooks is still skeptical of the little bugger and says to the principal, 'Not so fast, let me ask him a few questions.'

The principal and Harry both agree.

Ms. Brooks asks, 'What does a cow have four of that I have only two of?' Harry, after a moment: 'Legs..'

Ms Brooks: 'What is in your pants that you have but I do not have?'

The principal wondered why would she ask such a question! Harry replied: 'Pockets'. to the Principal's great relief....

Ms. Brooks: 'What does a dog do that a man steps into?' Harry: 'Pants'.

By now, the principal is sitting forward with his mouth hanging open.

Ms. Brooks: 'What goes in hard and pink then comes out soft and sticky?'

Now the principal's eyes open really wide and before he could intervene, Harry replied, 'Bubble Gum'.

Ms. Brooks: 'What does a man do standing up, a woman does sitting down and a dog does on three legs?' Harry: 'Shake hands.'

The principal is now trembling with apprehension as Ms. Brooks asks the last question.....

Ms. Brooks: 'What word starts with an 'F' and ends in 'K' and indicates a great deal of heat and excitement?' Harry: 'Firetruck.'

The principal breaths a huge sigh of relief and tells the teacher, " Put the little bastard in 5th-Grade, I got the last seven questions wrong myself..."

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Bill came home from golfing well after dark.

His wife, Sally, asked him where had he been for such a long time.

He told her that after his 8:00 a.m. round of golf, he stopped to help a gorgeous blonde with a flat tire. After he had helped her out, the woman invited him back to her place for a cool drink and ended up in the bedroom with her all afternoon.

Sally replied incensed, "You lying S.O.B.! You played 36 holes, didn't you?!"

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There is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls.

We've heard colleagues referring to people with Guts, or with Balls. Do they, however, know the difference between them?

Here's the official distinction; straight from the British Medical Journal: Volume 323; page 295.

GUTS - Is arriving home late, after a night out with the lads, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere? "

BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the lads, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the Balls to say: "You're next, Chubby"

I trust this clears up any confusion.

Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome; both are fatal.

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And to end - a bit of education. If only a fraction of it is true, this is pretty scary! The FUTURE is approaching faster than one can handle!

In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they filed for Chapter 11 to prevent bankruptcy.

What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 years and, most people won't see it coming.

Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later you would never take pictures on film again? Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years.

It will now happen again with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs. Welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age.

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company

in the world.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the US, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's Watson, you can get legal advice (so far for more or less basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% less lawyers in the future, only specialists will remain.

Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, its 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

Autonomous cars:

In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while driving.

Our kids will never get a driver's licence and will never own a car.

It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking spaces into parks.

1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles (100,000 km), with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles (10 million km) That will save a million lives each year.

Most car companies will probably become bankrupt. Traditional car companies try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels. Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi; are completely terrified of Tesla.

Insurance companies will have massive trouble because without accidents, the insurance will become 100x cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

Real estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will move further away to live in a more beautiful neighbourhood.

Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean: Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact. Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy. With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water.

Desalination of salt water now only needs 2kWh per cubic meter (@ 0.25 cents)

We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year.

There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and your breath into it. It then analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any disease.

It will be cheap, so in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medical analysis, nearly for free Goodbye, medical establishment.

3D printing: The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster.

All major shoe companies have already started 3D printing shoes.

Some spare airplane parts are already 3D printed in remote airports. The space station now has a printer that eliminates the need for the large amount of spare parts they used to have in the past.

At the end of this year, new smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can then 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoe at home.

In China, they already 3D printed and built a complete 6-storey office building. By 2027, 10% of everything that's being produced will be 3D printed.

Business opportunities: If you think of a niche you want to go in, first ask yourself: "In the future, do I think we will have that?" and if the answer is yes, how can you make that happen sooner?

If it doesn't work with your phone, forget the idea. And any idea designed for success in the 20th century is doomed to failure in the 21st century.

Work: 70-80% of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough *new* jobs in such a short time. This will require a rethink on wealth distribution.

Agriculture:

There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in 3rd world countries can then become managers of their field instead of working all day on their fields.

Aeroponics: will need much less water. The first Petri dish produced veal, is now available and will be cheaper than cow produced veal in 2018.

Right now, 30% of all agricultural surfaces is used for cows. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore.

There are several startups who will bring insect protein to the market shortly. It contains more protein than meat.

It will be labelled as "alternative protein source" (because most people still reject the idea of eating insects)

There is an app called "moodies", which can already tell in which mood you're in.

By 2020 there will be apps that can tell by your facial expressions, if you are lying. Imagine a political debate where it's being displayed when they're telling the truth and when they're not.

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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"...))