

Hi everyone

Welcome to the June 2018 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.

You can always view back copies of this Newsletter and the past copies of JB's Biggin Hill "Bugle" by visiting the club website at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk

BIGGIN WEATHER IN MAY

May really has been a month of extremes but, in general, was not a bad month for light aviation flying. Conditions varied between beautifully clear sunny days with some record temperatures, through days of slow-to-clear fog and mist, and some of the most violent thunderstorms ever seen in the UK, with record rainfalls and flash flooding. We even, for the first time in years, had record breaking sunny conditions during the May Bank Holiday – almost unheard of! As was to be expected the aviation community was quick to take full advantage of the excellent conditions to partake of our hobby when the opportunity arose. All we need now is a longer period of stability with the weather and we can all get out there and fly more.

JOHN BRYAN

John Bryan (JB) is recovering slowly from his recent fall, and hospital stay, and will soon, we hope, be fully mobile again.

During this period of enforced rest, JB he has come to the decision that, after 158 editions of the Biggin Hill Bugle, produced monthly over a period of more than 13 years, he will stop writing the Bugle and will effectively hang up his pen and retire from the hectic world of writing and publishing. With the first issue published in January 2005, JB has constantly informed and entertained us all, and his monthly missives will most definitely be missed.

I'm sure you would all like to join me in thanking John for all his efforts – I'm really not sure how he managed to think of things to write about each month, but he always managed to produce it in time – thanks so much for informing and entertaining us. Your writings will always be remembered and I'm sure will continue to be discussed and reviewed well into the future...

All past issues will remain online at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk for you to scroll back through at your leisure.

Thanks so much JB – the month ends will definitely have something missing for me in particular...

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You may of course ask us to remove your contact details from the Database by emailing john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk. (please allow 7 days for this removal). You may also ask us to stop sending the monthly Newsletters, but to have your details retained on the database for other airport related communications. Please ensure you advise us whether to retain your details if all you want is to have the Newsletters stopped.

RAY McELWAIN

It with great sadness that I have to report the loss of another old Biggin Hill'ites, Ray (Mac) McElwain on 11th May. His wife, Daphne, wrote: "Ray suffered much illness in the past, but for the last few months he had been so much better and very active. It was a great shock for me as, after taking him a morning coffee because he wanted to get up and mow the lawn, when I popped my head in to tell him I was off shopping, I found he had slipped away."

Ray lived near York but had previously been an active Biggin Hill'ite, flying with Rex Nicholls and Peter Elliott at the Experimental Flying Group, where he regained his pilots licence in the late 60's and early 70's. He was also active in the Scout movement, along with Scott-Chard, regularly flying scouts at weekends mainly in his case from Blackbushe, which was closer to his then home.

His hobby in recent years had been working as a volunteer at Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington, York , where he was involved in the building, rebuilding and restoring aircraft historic aircraft. These included involvement on such aircraft as a Dragonfly Helicopter (see www.helicopterpreservation.co.uk), Fairchild Argus, SE5, C47 Dakota, and a WW1 light Naval Fighter, the Eastchurch Kitten. He has also been the President of the Yorkshire Helicopter Preservation Group based at the old Doncaster Airport, Aeroventure.

If any of you wish to make contact with his widow, she asked that you feel free to email daphnemcelwain@hotmail.com

R.I.P. Ray (Mac)

BRONZE HOSPITALITY ENCLOSURE

The "Bronze" Hospitality Marquee and Enclosure at the 2018 Festival of Flight, located on the flight line on the Sunday 19th August is now, as expected, completely sold out. If you have purchased tickets, and find you are unable to attend for any reason, please let me know. Likewise, if you failed to obtain tickets before they were sold out and would like to be able to come to the marquee, please let me know. In either case, I will try to put people in touch with one and other as buyers and sellers...

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT 18th & 19th AUGUST 2018

You are, of course, reminded that the Festival of Flight, celebrating 100 years of the Royal Air Force, will be over the weekend of 18th and 19th August 2018. (Again timed to co-incide with the Eastbourne Air Show, we should have an excellent show.)

Tickets for the event, which will not be available at all on the day, are now available online - see: <https://lbhacommunity.ticketsrv.co.uk/>

and are available at an "early bird" discounted rate of £23.50 per adult (Up to two children under 16 admitted free with every Adult ticket holder) - normal ticket price will be £29.00 (children aged 3 or less are free).

(For bona fide Biggin Hill residents, who are not seeking space in a Hospitality Enclosure, special residents "walk in" tickets can be obtained at the same price as last year, from the Lookout Café on the airport, and the Spitfire Café in Biggin Hill village. Remember though they are "walk-in" only – cars will not be permitted entry with these special tickets!)

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)

ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB

Greetings from Alouette,

So May has given us some bizarre weather, a royal wedding, and an inbox full of GDPR emails.

Alouette may only have a small fleet however both aircraft are fastidiously maintained and ready for the June sunshine. For those who cannot fly anymore, Alouette also offers a social membership which allows you access to the thriving social side of the club and most importantly a subsidised bar.

Alouette is always happy to welcome new social and flying members, please visit our website or give us a call. Why not take advantage of the lowest private hire rates at Biggin Hill.

Some congratulations are in order;

A member of Alouette has been offered a career flying 737's for Ryanair, as well as another being offered a fantastic opportunity in Australia. Sadly this means we are saying goodbye to Committee member, Simon Hartman. Alouette would like take this opportunity to thank Simon for his hard work and dedication over the past months, we wish him the best of luck at his new career in Australia.

Until next time, safe flying

Josh Reeves
Alouette Chairman

FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES

Greetings from all at Falcon.

Well it's been a month of some turbulent weather! Where did all that rain come from!

We've all been busy making the most of the fair days we had. Our PPL holders took full advantage and visited places as far as Antwerp and those looking to take a quick bimble to the Isle of Wight enjoyed every minute of it.

Congrats go to our recently qualified students on passing their PPL licences and for those recently admitted on to the Easy Jet Pilot training programs.

RAS completed work on our new PA28 Archer G-BRUD and she looks stunning. In addition to the new paint scheme, a brand new leather interior, carpets and touch screen Nav unit, our dedication to providing safe, quality aircraft to be part of the ever growing landscape at Biggin is high as ever.

Maintenance continues to work on many of the GA Communities aircraft. With another round of EU funding towards 8.33 radios give Singh or Shonu a call and let's see when to fit you in.

So here's hoping for a drier and sunnier June for all of us.

Fly safe, stay blessed.

Anoop Singh Bamrah
Falcon, EFG, and S&K

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

My apologies – I am currently away at the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE) in Geneva. I ran out of time to write my section for the monthly Newsletter before leaving.

My apologies - Until next month, safe flying!

Best regards
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

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 at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

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.

Thanks to those who have contributed to our costs this year - your help is much appreciated.

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.....

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, But they only know to say one thing'

'What do they say?' the priest asked

They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

'That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, Then he thought for a moment.....

'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible... Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying... That phrase... In no time.'

'Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'

The next day, She brought her female parrots to the priest's house.... As he ushered her in, She saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying..

Impressed, She walked over and placed her parrots in with them...

After a few minutes, The female parrots cried out in unison: 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

There was stunned silence...

One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says, 'Put the beads away, Frank, Our prayers have been answered'

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QUOTE.....

A bloke goes to the Council to apply for a job in the office.

The interviewer asks him," Are you allergic to anything"?

He replies, "Yes caffeine."

"Have you ever worked for the public service before."

"Yes I was in the army" he says, "And I was in Iraq for two tours."

The interviewer says, "That will give you 5 extra points towards employment. Then he asks, "Are you disabled in any way?"

The guy says "Yes, a mine exploded next to me when I was in Iraq and I lost both my testicles."

The interviewer grimaces and then says "OK. You've got enough points for me to take you on right away. Our normal hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm.....but you can start tomorrow at 10.00am-and carry on starting at 10.00am every day."

The bloke is puzzled and asks. "If the work hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm, why don't you want me here until 10.00am? I'm not looking for any special treatment y'know."

"What you have to understand is that this is a council job", the interviewer says.

"For the first two hours, we just stand around drinking coffee and scratching our balls.

There's no point you coming in for that."

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QUOTE.....

God said, "Adam, I want you to do something for Me."

Adam said, "Gladly, Lord, what do You want me to do?"

God said, "Go down into that valley."

Adam said, "What's a valley?"

God explained it to him. Then God said, "Cross the River."

Adam said, "What's a river?"

God explained that to him, and then said, "Go over to the hill"

Adam said, "What is a hill?"

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was. He told Adam, "On the other side of the hill you will find a cave."

Adam said, 'What's a cave?'

After God explained, He said, "In the cave you will find a woman."

Adam said, "What's a woman?"

So God explained that to him, too. Then, God said, 'I want you to reproduce.'

Adam said, "How do I do that?"

God first said (under His breath), "Geez...." And then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well.

So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill, into the cave, and finds the woman.

In about five minutes, he was back.

God, His patience wearing thin, said angrily, "What is it now?"

And Adam said....

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"What's a Headache?"

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QUOTE.....

I know it's a hoax story – but it's funny nevertheless....

Marine Corp's General Reinwald was interviewed on the radio the other day and you have to read his reply to the lady who interviewed him concerning guns and children. Regardless of how you feel about US gun laws you gotta love this!!!! This is one of the best comeback lines of all time. It is claimed to be a portion of National Public Radio (NPR) interview between a female broadcaster and US Marine Corps General Reinwald who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop visiting his military installation.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: So, General Reinwald, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?

GENERAL REINWALD: We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery, and shooting.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: Shooting! That's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?

GENERAL REINWALD: I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the rifle range.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?

GENERAL REINWALD: I don't see how. We will be teaching them proper rifle discipline before they even touch a firearm.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: But you're equipping them to become violent killers.

GENERAL REINWALD: Well, Ma'am, you're equipped to be a prostitute, but you're not one, are you?

The radio went silent and the interview ended.

You gotta love the Marines!

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QUOTE.....

A young man finally got a date with the blonde female that lived in his apartment complex.

To prepare for his big date, the young man went up on to the roof of his apartment building in order to tan himself. Not wanting any tan lines to show, he sunbathed in the nude.

Unfortunately, the young man fell asleep while on the roof and managed to get sunburn on his "tool of the trade".

But, he was determined not to miss his date, so he put some lotion on his manhood and wrapped it in gauze.

The blonde showed up for the date at his apartment, and the young man treated her to a home cooked dinner, after which they went into the living room to watch a movie. During the movie, however, the young man's sunburn started acting up again.

He asked to be excused, went into the kitchen and poured a tall, cool glass of milk. He then placed his sunburned member in the milk and experienced immediate relief of his pain.

The blonde, however, wondering what he was doing, wandered into the kitchen to see him with his member immersed in a glass of milk.

Upon seeing this, the blonde exclaimed, "So that's how you guys load those things!"

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QUOTE.....

An Angel visited a woman and told her she must give up smoking, drinking and unmarried sex if she wants to get into Heaven.

The woman said she would try her best.

The Angel visited the woman a week later to see how she was getting on.

"Not bad" said the woman, "I've given up smoking and drinking but then I bent over to look in the freezer, my boyfriend caught sight of my long slender legs in high heels, he pulled up my skirt and made love to me right then and there."

"They don't like that in Heaven", said the Angel.

The woman replied: "They're not crazy about it in Costco either!"

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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"...)