

Hi everyone

Welcome to the May 2008 Database Newsletter.....

The May edition of the new 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](mailto:johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk), or you can send items directly to me to pass on)

Database members

Thanks to all who have updated their email address for the database following changes. If you know of any other Biggin Hill'ites who have recently changed their email addresses, please let me know. Also, if you know anyone who is not on the database who you think should be, or would like to be, please pass me their details.

DEPARTED FRIENDS

Clearly, from the media, all will be aware of the tragic accident last month of the Citation Jet on the final approach at Biggin Hill's runway 21 after an unknown problem shortly after take off. I feel therefore that I should say nothing more about that, other than to mention the Biggin Hill based pilot Mike Roberts, who tragically lost his life along with one other pilot and three passengers. Mike Robert's funeral was held on 28th April, but there is a Memorial Service planned on the 8th May - the following letter has been sent to tenants and local residents affected by this accident by Andrew Walters:-

QUOTE.....

A Memorial Service for all those who lost their lives in the Citation crash on the 30<sup>th</sup> March has been arranged, this will be held at St George's RAF chapel in Biggin Hill at 1200hrs on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2008.

It is hoped that friends and families of all those who lost their lives will be able to attend the service with members of staff of the airport companies and residents of Farnborough. After the service there will be a reception in the Airport Passengers Terminal and a tribute fly past by a spitfire. All are welcome.

Details and the location of the RAF Chapel can be found on the website

With Kindest Regards

**Andrew Walters**

Chairman

Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

.....UNQUOTE

Additionally, I have to report the sad loss of another old Biggin Hill'ite - Derek Scofield, a member of Air Touring in the distant past, and more recently a part owner of a Robin aircraft, which was based at a private strip near Mayfield, sadly passed away this month after a brave battle with a serious illness. Derek, who was in his early sixties, was a former Policeman. Originally a Biggin Hill resident as well many years ago, he ran a successful CCTV business after leaving the Police force, and was a very keen aviator for many years, He leaves a partner and daughter.

## CONGRATULATIONS

All at the database, and the many friends from the Biggin Hill scene, would like to congratulate Gary Merchant for his recent marriage to Nicky (formerly an Air Traffic Controller at Biggin, now at Lydd). The couple tied the knot on Monday 21st April. About time - is all I can say - all the very best to both of you from us all....

## 2008 AIR FAIR

The 2008 Biggin Hill Air Fair is rapidly approaching (7th and 8th June), and it promises to be a great show as usual.

Biggin Hill Airport Social Club cardholding members are reminded that the yellow "Airport Member" cards will admit the holder into the Air Fair showground through any of the entrance gates. (Holders of the white card do not have entry rights to the show). All show entry gates will have a sample of the membership card on their acceptable passes board. Please do not try to gain entrance using last years card or the white 2008 card, as this will only spoil the concession for legitimate members. Members cars can use air show car parks provided all occupants either show a valid membership photo card or hold an official Air Fair entry ticket.

To protect the air show against a flood of last minute applications for membership, we will be suspending application processing from the weekend of 24/25th May. Applications for memberships received after that date will not be processed until after 9th June.

If it is your intention to apply for membership, please do so in good time, in order that your names will be on the list provided to the Air Show organisers in advance of the show.

That's it for this month

John Willis  
Biggin Hill Airport Users Database