

Hi everyone

Welcome to the May 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 May 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.

## **APRIL WEATHER**

Wow – at last!!

April has finally given us all a month to push out the aircraft and dust off our licences and get into the air after a relatively atrocious and quite long Winter period. Let's hope we can all look forward to a long Summer of great flying.

For the Instructors out there who will soon be flying virtually every day, it won't be long before the odd bad weather day will again be welcomed to let them all get their breath back and attend to the more mundane aspects of life, like the garden and family days out....

## **NORMAN BERRY**

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of yet another old Biggin Hill'ite, Norman Berry. Norman, who many will remember from the old days of Biggin Hill, had been quite ill for some time, and passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Norman learned to fly at Air Touring Club in the early days in Rallye Clubs. His wife, Doreen, ran the successful kitchen at the club for some years, his mother in law, Evie also ran the club bar later. His daughter Nikki, who many know at the airport now, has had a life-long interest in the airport and has worked for Air Touring, Civilair, Martin Ltd and Surrey and Kent. In the days of Air Touring, Norman often assisted with maintenance of the club buildings as well.

In the 1990s many of us older users will remember Norman as the man who ran the airport duty-free shop located in the control tower building whilst working for the owner, Ian Beattie Edwards.

Although no longer flying, Norman maintained a keen interest in the airfield and will be much missed by many.

R.I.P. Norman, and condolences to his family and friends

## **NOISE AND TRACK KEEPING SYSTEM NOW LIVE AT BIGGIN**

The long-promised Noise and Track Keeping System has gone live just a few days ago. It enables any interested party, who may be concerned about aircraft noise disturbance to actually look and see what it was that upset them, so that they can make their complaints to the right organisations.

Hopefully now the local opposition groups will be able to actually see, what the airport has been trying to tell them for years, that many of the aircraft and helicopters about which they vent their anger, are actually nothing at all to do with Biggin Hill! A major proportion of the complainants are adamant that the aircraft that woke them up at night had taken off from Biggin Hill against

the terms of the airport's lease. This will for once and for all show them that they didn't have anything at all to do with us, and would have woken them up, even if the airport didn't exist at all.

What is also means is that we, as airport users, have to ensure that we do always operate in accordance with the airport rules and follow published routes, as there will be no hiding if we deviate without specific instructions from Air Traffic to do so. However, if we all operate sensibly, and follow noise abatement routes, and minimise engine noise where possible, we have absolutely nothing to fear. In fact, it can help to show that we are operating correctly if accused of not doing so.

Anyone can have access to the system via a web browser. Just 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](http://bigginhillairport.com)

## **LIBERTY XL2: FRIENDLY BIGGIN GROUP LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBER**

A non-equity owning Associate Membership in the Liberty Belle Group is now available, with the possibility later of investing in a 20% share in this very comfortable 2 seat aeroplane.

N518XL is hangared, and is equipped with complete IFR fit (Garmin 530, 2nd nav/comm, Mode S transponder, DME & 2nd Altimeter). The Liberty XL2 offers FADEC engine control and a 115 kias cruise at 6.0 US galls/hr.

Current costs: £160/month and £80/ hr wet. Further details and demo flight available on request. FAA licence required for flights outside UK. (With a JAA/EASA licence, acquiring an FAA licence is possible without a skill test or exams.) Trial period possible. Ideal candidate will have 200+ hrs.

Contact Bill Roberts: 0207 564 5461 - [williameroberts2@aol.co.uk](mailto:williameroberts2@aol.co.uk) .

## **HURRICANE ENCLOSURE AT THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

Our private enclosure at the 2017 Festival of Flight is now booking well, with around half the maximum available spaces being paid for and reserved.

Thanks 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.

If you have yet to reserve your places, please don't delay! Once they have all been reserved there will not be any further opportunity to get tickets. (and the price of tickets will increase from the first of July as well).

Currently available to any present or past airport users, all airport Tenants, and of course their friends and families, tickets for the "Hurricane" enclosure and marquee will be exclusively available via myself, and can be obtained by sending your completed application form (obtainable online at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk/hurricane.pdf> ) back to me as soon as possible, together with your payment and a self-addressed and stamped envelope to enable passes to be dispatched once available. Your order and payment will be acknowledged by email.

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](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

### **FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES**

Greetings from the Falcon Camp

Dare I say it... where in the world has Spring gone! In all fairness, the Seneca is currently in the air conducting some IR flight training, but alas our PPLs have been put on hold yet again. However, I hear this is only a temporary blip, as the start of the month allowed us to, not only get many solo cross country flights done, but also pass some extremely patient students skills tests!

I was a guest at the House of Commons recently with Aviation Skills Partnership. We are working together to promote all aspects of Aviation from Flight Training to Engineering from a young age. Combining this with the ability to gain a degree counting as an ATPL we are gearing our future guys and gals with the tools to succeed.

EFG has officially partnered with CATS Aviation to provide online PPL training. Whilst still early days this is set to take ground school to the next level which is extremely exciting.

The Airshow approaches and we shall have a stand, so please come and say hello! The Elite Event is only weeks away and yours truly will be giving a short tidbit on learning to fly. Please come and visit us but if you heckle, I shall be obliged to bring you up on stage with me!

The Pilot Careers Live event at LHR T5 was a great success so thank you for all who attended.

Falcon has been busy as ever. All smiles with Singh, Shonu, and the team. For all your maintenance give them a call on 01959 572 339

Till then, stay safe, be blessed and keep on flying.

Best Wishes  
Anoop Singh Bamrah

### **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS**

Another busy month at the airport saw business aviation up 9% on the same period 2016. Light aviation did reasonably well too.

There is little to report this month. We launched the new Noise Monitoring & Track Keeping System to the public this month with good results. Some 900 people have already viewed the system and a few complaints have been handled using the new set up.

Having complied with all the required preconditions for the new airport hours, we are now ready to adopt our new operating hours and have applied to the Council for sign off. As yet we have received no response. We will keep you posted.

The runway 03 GPS approach second stakeholder consultation ended last week. We have collated all the responses and are considering them carefully before finalising the pack to be sent to the CAA for inspection and approval. We remain on track for autumn 2017 implementation of the new procedure. Again we will keep you posted.

Yesterday (24<sup>th</sup> April), a hangar at Norwich Airport was broken into by an intruder who evidently did not have the best interests of the travelling public at heart. I would urge everyone to exercise extra caution in this regard. Security is paramount, so please immediately report anything that appears unusual to our security officers on 07776 197697.

That's all for this month. 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.... )

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## Frozen Crabs and The Blonde Flight Attendant

A lawyer boarded an airplane in New Orleans with a box of frozen crabs and Asked a blonde stewardess to take care of them for him. She took the box and Promised to put it in the crew's refrigerator. He advised her that he was Holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in an Arrogant manner that he was a lawyer and threatened what would happen to her If she let them thaw out.

Shortly before landing in New York, she used the intercom to announce to the Entire cabin, "Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in New Orleans, please raise your hand?"

Not one hand went up... So she took them home and ate them.

There are two lessons here:

1. Lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are
2. Blondes aren't as dumb as most folks think  
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QUOTE.....

Paddy and Mick go to London to donate sperm.

It was a disaster!

Paddy missed the tube and Mick came on the bus!

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A Muslim was sitting next to Paddy on a plane.

Paddy ordered a whisky.

The stewardess asked the Muslim if he'd like a drink.

He replied in disgust "I'd rather be raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips!"

Paddy handed his drink back and said

"Me too, I didn't know we had a choice!"

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Paddy calls Easyjet to book a flight.

The operator asks "How many people are flying with you?"

Paddy replies "I don't know! It's your f\*\*\*ing plane!"

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Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site.  
Paddy says to Murphy "I'm gonna have the day off,  
I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!"  
He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts

"I'M A LIGHTBULB! I'M A LIGHTBULB!"

Murphy watches in amazement!

The Foreman shouts "Paddy you're mad, go home"

So he leaves the site.

Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well.

"Where the hell are you going?" asks the Foreman.

"I can't work in the friggin' dark!" says Murphy.

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Paddy takes his new wife to bed on their wedding night.  
She undresses, lies on the bed spread-eagled and says  
"You know what I want, don't you?"

"Yeah," says Paddy. "The whole feckin' bed by the looks of it!"

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Q. What's a Catholic priest and a pint of Guinness got in common?

A. A black coat, white collar and you've got to watch your arse if you get a dodgy one!

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Paddy, the electrician, got sacked from the U.S. Prison service for not servicing the electric chair.

He said in his professional opinion it was a death trap!

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Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbours' dog is barking like mad in the garden.

Paddy says "To hell with this!" and storms off.

He comes back upstairs 5 minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?"

Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Let's see how they like it!"

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Paddy is said to be shocked at finding out all his cows have Bluetongue.

"Be Jaysus!" he said, "I didn't even know they had mobile phones!"

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Mick and Paddy are reading head stones at a nearby cemetery.

Mick say "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!"

Paddy says "What's his name?"

Mick replies "Miles, from London !"

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An Israeli doctor said, "In Israel, medicine is so advanced that we cut off a man's balls, put them on another man, and in 6 weeks, he is looking for work."

The German doctor said, "That's nothing, in Germany we take part of a brain, put it in another man and in 4 weeks he is looking for work."

The Russian doctor said, "Gentlemen, we take half a heart from a man, put it in another man's chest and in 2 weeks he is looking for work."

The Scottish doctor just laughed and commented, "You are all way behind us. Thirteen months ago, we took a woman with no brains, no heart, and no balls and made her first minister of Scotland. Now, the whole of Scotland is looking for work

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A friend went to Beijing recently and was given this brochure by the hotel. It is precious. She is keeping it and reading it whenever she feels depressed. Obviously, it has been translated directly, word for word from Mandarin to English.

Getting There :

Our representative will make you wait at the airport. The bus to the hotel runs along the lake shore. Soon you will feel pleasure in passing water. You will know that you are getting near the hotel, because you will go round the bend. The manager will await you in the entrance hall. He always tries to have intercourse with all new guests.

The Hotel:

This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self.

The Restaurant:

Our menus have been carefully chosen to be ordinary and unexciting. At dinner, our quartet will circulate from table to table, and fiddle with you.

Your Room:

Every room has excellent facilities for your private parts. In winter, every room is on heat. Each room has a balcony offering views of outstanding obscenity! .. You will not be disturbed by traffic noise, since the road between the hotel and the lake is used only by pederasts.

Bed:

Your bed has been made in accordance with local tradition. If you have any other ideas please ring for the chambermaid. Please take advantage of her. She will be very pleased to squash your shirts, blouses and underwear. If asked, she will also squeeze your trousers.

Above All: When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it.

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Three ladies are chipping up to the fourth hole at River Hill Golf Club when a naked man wearing a paper bag over his head jumps from the trees and runs across the green.

The three ladies stand in awe at the size of his manhood.  
The first lady says, 'He is definitely not my husband.'

The second lady, gazes at his manhood and says, 'He is not mine either.'

After a very considered inspection, the third lady finally says,

'He's not even a member of this golf club!'

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Morris returns from the doctor and tells his wife that the doctor has told him that he has only 24 hours to live. Given the prognosis, Morris asks his wife for sex.

Naturally, she agrees, so they make love.

About 6 hours later, the husband goes to his wife and says, 'Honey, you know I now have only 18 hours to live. Could we please do it one more time?'

Of course, the wife agrees, and they do it again.

Later, as the man gets into bed, he looks at his watch and realizes that he now has only 8 hours left. He touches his wife's shoulder and asks, 'Honey, please... just one more time before I die.'

She says, 'Of course, Dear,' and they make love for the third time.

After this session, the wife rolls over and falls asleep.

Morris, however, worried about his impending death, tosses and turns, until he's down to 4 more hours.

He taps his wife, who rouses. 'Honey, I have only 4 more hours. Do you think we could...'

At this point the wife sits up and says, 'Listen Morris, enough is enough I have to get up in the morning... you don't.'

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Old Cemeteries - Some fascinating things on old tombstones!

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:  
Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

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In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:

Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

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On a grave in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only the good die young.

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In a London, England cemetery:

Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

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In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

Anna Wallace  
The children of Israel wanted bread,  
And the Lord sent them manna  
Clark Wallace wanted a wife,  
And the Devil sent him Anna.

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In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:

Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon him for not rising.

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In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake,  
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

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In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:

Here lays The Kid,  
We planted him raw.  
He was quick on the trigger,  
But slow on the draw.

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A lawyer's epitaph in England:

Sir John Strange.  
Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

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John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:

Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,  
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

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In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:

On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

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Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont:

Here lies the body of our Anna,  
Done to death by a banana.  
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,  
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

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On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket, Massachusetts:

Under the sod and under the trees,  
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.  
He is not here, there's only the pod,  
Pease shelled out and went to God.

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THIS ONE IS EXTREMELY WELL WRITTEN:-  
In a cemetery in England:

Remember man, as you walk by,  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so shall you be,  
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:

To follow you I'll not consent,  
Until I know which way you went.

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And the final one...

On a tombstone in Boot Hill Cemetery, Tombstone, Arizona:

Here lies Lester Moore  
Four slugs from a 44  
No Les, No more  
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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"...) )