

Hi everyone

Welcome to the November edition of the Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. Welcome particularly to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time. It is published a little earlier than usual this month for personal reasons....

JB's November 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.

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

### **OCTOBER WEATHER**

What a strange month! Whilst it has been quite pleasant on occasions, particularly in the latter part of the day, we have been plagued with periods of either poor visibility, low'ish cloud bases, or winds from unusual directions that exceeded crosswind limits (especially for students), and where the currently closed runway 11/29 being available could possibly have helped save some more days for flying.

On the subject of the crosswind runway, Will Curtis has confirmed that they are still receiving and including consultation responses, even though the formal period has closed. As I mentioned before, if you haven't yet responded, please do so – but do make your responses polite and offer practical suggestions that may help to make your point for the requirement for availability of a crosswind facility at the airport if that is indeed what you want. (Just raving about the runway's closure is unlikely to help your case). Email's can be sent directly to the airport MD c/o the Airport Management's PA (Melanie) on [pa@bigginhillairport.com](mailto:pa@bigginhillairport.com)

### **2017 FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

Just a reminder that the Festival of Flight for 2017 will be held over the two days of the weekend 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August – with aircraft for the Eastbourne show that is held the same weekend almost certainly based at Biggin, it promises be a great weekend, so don't forget to put it in your diaries....

### **BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT'S SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Many of you have asked me about the airport's Safety Management System and how and when should it be used.

The airport does have a very professional SMS that is available to all airport users to alert the airport management to issues or situations that may be considered a matter of safety concern, or relate to Quality of Service, or Noise issues which could affect the airport's relationship with our neighbours.

Of course, it is important that the system is used properly and entries are only made where it is believed that either airport and flight safety could be improved, quality of service received requires compliment or criticism, or actions reported that could impact on or cause noise complaints. Inputs are seen, not only by the Airport's Management and the Safety

Management Team, but specifically in the case of Safety matters, potentially by the Civil Aviation Authority, so it is important that it is not used frivolously or for inappropriate matters.

The clubs at the airport (EFG, Surrey and Kent, and Alouette) have all been set up so that the system can be used for their staff and members. Other operators and private owners can have themselves added to the system as a registered user. Just contact Centrik, who administer the SMS for the airport – by telephone on 01959 543204 or email [support@totalaoc.com](mailto:support@totalaoc.com)

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS & BUSINESSES**

If you would like me to include your business in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and I'll be in touch directly. (John Willis - [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

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

Greetings one and all from the Falcon Camp

As I type this I can't help but feel a sense of relief that the fog has cleared and we are buzzing with activity! November approaches and we are willing away the bad weather as we have pilots flying to Kemble for fun, the South East for training and trial lessons experience the first love of flight.

This month has seen some successes despite the lack of consistent weather.

Biggin Hill Airport and EFG, with Colin Hitchins and Jo Willis, managed to get 9 young aviation enthusiasts airborne. Apparently they thoroughly enjoyed it, but I was the pilot so I'm biased! Nonetheless Fly2Help is a fantastic charity encouraging people from all backgrounds to get involved in aviation. Just a quick vote of thanks to all in Air Traffic for their fantastic help fitting us all in during such a busy day at Biggin.

For those inclined we are exhibiting at the Pilot Career Live exhibition T5 LHR Sofitel Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November so it'd be great to see you there!

Don't forget to come and visit us for your flight training and aircraft maintenance needs. Flight Training 01959 540 400 Maintenance 01958 572 339

Till the next time. Fly safe and be blessed

Anoop Singh Bamrah

## **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

Biggin Hill Airport has collaborated with the charity "Fly2Help" to stage the first Aim High Scholarship during the half term break. You may know Fly2Help from the Air Smiles days that are organised by their local volunteer Mike Rivett. I know that quite a few on the airport have helped bring a smile to families that are currently going through hard times.

The Aim High project brings ten young people aged between 15 and 18 years to the airport to discover the career opportunities in aviation, starting with an application that showed their interest in aviation, the final sixteen were whittled down to ten after attending an interview.

Keeping ten scholars hungry for information occupied for five days was no mean feat and the lead volunteer from Fly2Help, Glen Stanley, organised a full on week both here at Biggin Hill and with visits to London City and Gatwick. Every company that we approached on the airport immediately engaged with the project and a big thank you goes out to Signature, Castle Air, Jets, RAS, The Heritage Hangar, Biggin ATC, Airport Fire Service, Biggin HR, RAF recruitment, the refuelling team, EFG and the Lookout Café, if I have missed anyone I apologise.

The week culminated in the scholar's parents and teachers attending and hearing from them and hearing a presentation from them about what they had achieved during the week and witnessing the obligatory certificate presentation from Will Curtis. We have already committed to Aim High 2017, so if you know a young person who is looking to make a career in aviation we will be advertising from late May.

Foal Farm, the charitable animal rescue centre at Biggin Hill, has benefited from a donation of £1257 this week raised by supportive staff at Biggin Hill Airport. Myself and my dog Bonnie was joined by Siobhan Curtis, wife of airport MD Will Curtis and her dog Gladstone to present the cheque to Debra Taylor, Manager of Foal Farm. In offering her thanks to the airport staff for their generosity, she said that it was wonderful that they had chosen Foal Farm as one of their charities. "The amount of regular income generated by Foal Farm supporters enables us to help all the animals that come through our gates. Your kind support has been a part of helping this to happen" said Debra. "With our menage of horses, donkeys, cows, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks and geese, we have a big cost commitment to cover. While all of these will now spend the rest of their natural lives at the farm, our rescued dogs, cats, rabbits and other small animals are returned to good health and then placed in secure and loving vetted homes"

Looking forward to November, there are a couple of significant dates:

13th November – Remembrance Day at the RAF Chapel and Biggin Hill War Memorial, the services will run concurrently this year not as in previous years where the Chapel has preceded the wreath laying at the War Memorial.

26th November will see the Biggin Hill Xmas lights being switched on, the airport has once again sponsored the lights

The transfer of the RAF Chapel from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to the London Borough of Bromley is expected very soon, the Biggin Hill Memorial Museum Trust has been working hard to ensure the transfer is a smooth one especially for the regular parishioners of both the Saturday and Sunday services. The trust has recently been able to confirm that a Heritage Lottery Fund application for just under £2m has been successful at stage one of the process (80% of all successful stage one application achieve funding) which is fantastic news for the project. If you would like to find out more please register at [www.bhmm.org.uk](http://www.bhmm.org.uk). The chapel will be staging a Christmas Concert on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, tickets are available from the Lookout and Spitfire Cafes priced at £5 and includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Best wishes  
Colin Hitchins  
Community Engagement Manager

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

October was a good month for business jet traffic with movements up on the same period last year. The weather has remained unseasonably warm with little rain, so light aviation did reasonably well too. The ILS glideslope was finally repaired and recommissioned in mid-October after 2 ½ months of unserviceability due to lack of suitable spare parts. It is our intention to upgrade the ILS next summer to a new system, but these are built to order so it was not a “quick fix” for the problem we recently encountered.

The Noise and Track Keeping System is now installed and gathering data. A few more tweaks are required and then we will be able to “go live”. There are some users of aircraft with variable pitch props who are going to find their current mode of operation becomes very expensive indeed as they regularly bust the noise limits on departure. Best practice for noise abatement dictates that propeller RPM should be reduced as soon as safe and practical. If in doubt as to how to minimise noise on the ground, please book a flight with an instructor. If you are not able to safely reduce RPM after departure and you consequently exceed the agreed noise limits, then you may perhaps no longer be able to operate from Biggin Hill once the NMTKS goes live. The good news is that there no aircraft types currently operating from Biggin Hill that cannot easily comply if the right operating technique and climb profile is adopted.

We will be discussing the runway 29/11 consultation results at the next Tenants and Users meeting, which takes place Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1230 in the Mortimer Room in the main terminal building. Please feel free to attend if you own, operate or fly an aircraft from Biggin Hill and have something constructive to add to the debate. We have received many responses, a summary of which will be available at the meeting.

The new runway 03 GPS approach continues through the formal ACP process. Feedback from the initial stakeholder consultation led to some amendments to the proposed approach. Due to some minor changes to the approach track south west around the M25/M23 junction area, we are going to have to run a second stakeholder consultation in mid-November for a period of 6 weeks. This will likely delay the implementation of the new approach until Q2 of 2017. We will keep you posted.

Last month I suggested that you got that final flight in before the winter months, but looking out of the window this morning, with wall to wall sunshine, I think that suggestion still stands.

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.

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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A young man moved from his parent's home into a new apartment of his own and went to the lobby to put his name on his mailbox.

While there, an attractive young lady came out of the apartment next to the mailboxes, wearing a robe.

The boy smiled at the young woman and she started a conversation with him.

As they talked, her robe slipped open, and it was obvious that she had nothing else on.

The poor kid broke into a sweat trying to maintain eye contact.

After a few minutes, she placed her hand on his arm and said, "Let's go to my apartment, I hear someone coming."

He followed her into her apartment; she closed the door and leaned against it, allowing her robe to fall off completely.

Now completely nude, she purred at him,

"What would you say is my best feature?" Flustered and embarrassed, he finally squeaked, "It's got to be your ears."

Astounded, and a little hurt she asked, "My ears? Look at these breasts; they are full and 100% natural. I work out every day and my butt is firm and solid. Look at my skin - no blemishes anywhere, so how can you think that the best part of my body is my ears?!"

Clearing his throat, he stammered, "Outside, when you said you heard someone coming - that was me...!"

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### **Success**

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.  
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

### **Marriage**

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.  
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

### **Dressing Up**

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

### **Natural**

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorates during the night.

### **Offspring**

A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

### **Thought of the day**

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

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As a butcher is shoing a dog from his shop, he sees £10 and a note in his mouth, reading: "10 lamb chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, then trot across the road to a bus-stop.

The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench.

When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus.

The butcher follows, dumbstruck.

As the bus travels out into the suburbs, the dog takes in the scenery. After a while he stands on his back paws to push the "stop" bell, and then the butcher follows him off.

The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the step.

He barks repeatedly. No answer.

He goes back down the path, takes a big run and throws himself (Whap!) against the door. He does this again and again.

No answer. So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, barks repeatedly at a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door.

Eventually a small guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog .

The butcher runs up screams at the guy: "What the hell are you doing? This dog's a genius!"

The owner responds, "Genius, my arse. It's the second time this week he's forgotten his key!"

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Great Quotes

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz SL500."

*Lynn Lavner*

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married."

*George Burns*

"Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake a whole relationship."

*Sharon Stone*

"Hockey is a sport for white men. Basketball is a sport for black men. Golf is a sport for white men dressed like black pimps."

*Tiger Woods*

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch."

*Jack Nicholson*

"Clinton lied. A man might forget where he parks or where he lives, but he never forgets oral sex, no matter how bad it is."

*Barbara Bush (Former US First Lady)*

"Ah, yes, divorce, from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet."

*Robin Williams*

"According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgmental, where, of course, men are just grateful."

*Robert De Niro*

"There's a new medical crisis. Doctors are reporting that many men are having allergic reactions to latex condoms. They say they cause severe swelling. So what's the problem?"

*Dustin Hoffman*

"There's very little advice in men's magazines, because men think, 'I know what I'm doing. Just show me somebody naked!'"

*Jerry Seinfeld*

"See, the problem is that God gives men a brain and a penis and only enough blood to run one at a time."

*Robin Williams*

"It's been so long since I've had sex, I've forgotten who ties up whom."

*Joan Rivers*

Sex is one of the most wholesome, beautiful and natural experiences money can buy.

*Steve Martin*

You don't appreciate a lot of stuff in school until you get older. Little things like being spanked every day by a middle-aged woman. Stuff you pay good money for later in life..  
*Elmo Phillips*

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy can be the same."  
*Oscar Wilde*

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On his 70th birthday, a man was given a gift certificate from his wife. The certificate was for consultation with an Indian medicine man living on a nearby reservation who was rumoured to have a simple cure for erectile dysfunction!

The husband went to the reservation and saw the medicine man. The old Indian gave him a potion and with a grip on his shoulder warned, 'This is a powerful medicine. You take only a teaspoonful, and then say '1-2-3.' 'When you do, you will become more manly than you have ever been in your life, and you can perform for as long as you want.'

The man thanked the old Indian and as he walked away, he turned and asked, "How do I stop the medicine from working?" "Your partner must say '1-2-3-4,' he responded, "but when she does, the medicine will not work again until the next full moon."

He was very eager to see if it worked so he went home, showered, shaved, took a spoonful of the medicine, and then invited his wife to join him in the bedroom. When she came in, he took off his clothes and said, "1-2-3!"

Immediately, he was the manliest of men.

His wife was excited and began throwing off her clothes, and then she asked, "But what was the 1-2-3 for?"

And that, boys and girls, is why we should never end our sentences with a preposition, because we could end up with a dangling participle.

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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"...) )