

Hi everyone

Welcome to the October 2008 Database Newsletter.....

The October 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)

Email address updates and additions

Please keep those email address updates and suggested new database members details coming. No one will have their email addresses passed to anyone else without first being given the opportunity of agreeing to be contacted by that person.

Another old friend leaves us.

I was advised just a few days ago that Alan (Bunny) Bramson sadly passed away suddenly on 29th August. Alan will be fondly remembered by virtually all old instructors from Biggin and the surrounding area, as he was, for many years, the main examiner for the issue and renewal of Instructors Ratings. He was also a regular contributor to many of the Aviation magazines of the day, writing flight test reports on many GA aircraft from trainers to executive jets. Throughout the 60's and 70's his series of books "Flight Briefing for Pilots" (Co-authored with Neville Birch) were THE training books for the preparation for the issue of a British PPL.

His son, Brian, has told me that he is considering arranging a memorial service at some point, and that he will contact us all via the database to keep us informed in case any of our members would like to attend.

I am sure that Bunny will be sadly missed by many of us, not least by me - Bunny did several of my own renewals in those early years.....

South East Camp development

As most regulars at the airport will know, our old Pilots Pals bar (Joe's) finally disappeared for ever, being finally demolished on Monday the 8th September almost exactly a year after its closure. The flying club building at EFG, followed shortly after, and EFG is now relocated in its smart new building. The last part of that old site, now Cabair (and originally A J Whitmore's for the oldies amongst us!) is due to be demolished shortly, when Cabair move into its new premises.

The preparation work for the huge new hangar for Rizonjet's London base is well underway. It hopefully will not be too long before the South Camp entrance looks like a real airport of the 21st Century, and hopefully something we will all be proud of. I know there are those who would like things to remain unchanged, but this was always unlikely as progress was inevitable eventually, albeit sad for us original airport people.

Thanks to all who responded to the 'And finally' entry last week - it seems many agreed with the comments, and one in particular, provided a lengthy submission on the subject. Unfortunately, whilst I personally agreed with virtually all it contained, it was a bit too outspoken and controversial to be included here. Please keep your submissions coming....

That's it for this month

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(And Finally: Isn't Health & Safety wonderful.....

War veterans in Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex were banned from firing gun salutes to mark the beginning and end of the two minutes silence on Remembrance Sunday. It was feared that debris might blow back inland - in spite of the fact that the practice has been going on for 60 years without record of a single injury..

Residents in a council block in Bow, East London, were ordered to remove their window boxes - on the grounds that they were a danger to the public. The councils insurers are reputed to have argued that the boxes could fall on people's heads. There is, of course, little evidence to support their fears - in fact RoSPA recorded just two injuries in 2004 involving window boxes - and both involved people standing on the boxes and falling off.....

ans we have all seen packets of nuts with the warning on the pack - "Warning - may contain nuts"

Why don't they all give up and get a real job instead of ruining people's lives with their unnecessary interference!

(Acknowledgements to Ross Clark's 'How to Label a Goat')

If anyone else has good examples of Governmental stupidity and removal of the population's right to live a normal life, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally"....)