

Hi everyone

Welcome to the October Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter...

The October edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is also 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, or you can send items directly to me to pass on)

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Keep passing those new and amended email addresses to me. Welcome to those that have recently added their names to the database.... For current member names see <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> and go to the link to the database membership..

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB LTD

Not a lot to report – but thanks for your expressions of support, as always...

In view of the current economic climate, and rising costs etc., regrettably EFG and Falcon Flying Services have confirmed that they are unable to maintain the club discount rate previously given. In order to support the members they have, however, confirmed that they will still give card holding members a reduced discount of 5%. I am sure that we all understand this, and are grateful that a discount will still be available. (The concession page on the website has been updated)

Please keep using those concessions at local restaurants and services – full details can be found on the club site at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

THE BEAST!!

For those old Biggin Hill'ites from the 60's and 70's, you may remember John Dodds, a great character of those days, who fitted a Merlin engine into a Rolls Royce. The car, always known as The Beast exists to this day, albeit that it is different to the one that many will remember racing up and down Runway 21 making colossal amounts of noise and leaving a trail of blue smoke in it's wake.

John has resided in Spain for many years, although he does come over to visit us from time to time, and he sent me the following link to a recent German TV film featuring "The Beast".

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PznnAqq_o1g

Oldies may find this interesting....

THE AIRPORT

Now well and truly operational, the fixed point "Self-Refuelling" facility for Avgas is an obvious improvement and enables owners to avoid delays waiting for the bowsers to cross the runway from the Main Tower apron. I know many have now made use of this service, and hope that all find it as easy to use as I did personally earlier this month. And a discount from the normal airport posted price too..... Payment can be made using a Biggin Hill Airport account card, or any of the main credit cards.

Now that the exterior of the Rizon Jet hangar is virtually complete, with the internal finishing underway, one senses that it will not be too long before we see this impressive facility open for

use. From the Main Road, the entrance is certainly looking very impressive after all those years looking unkempt ..

That's about it for this month...

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Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally:

The following was forwarded to me by an active Biggin Hill Airport Database member. I receive lots of these, most of which are actually little more than unproven email "scams" designed simply to increase email traffic and clog up servers etc. The following though did sound feasible, and checks out on many internet sites and reputable newspaper and TV sites as being probably true.... Be on your guard.....

QUOTE.....

The new telephone 'scam' has arrived.

A call was apparently received from a 'representative' of BT, informing the recipient that he was disconnecting them because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00, or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date.

The guy wasn't even fazed when he was told that the phone supply was through Virgin Media, as allegedly Virgin Media have to pay BT a percentage for line rental!

The caller was asked their name – it was a very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - & phone number - 0800 0800 152.

Obviously the fella realized his story wasn't believed, so he offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. When asked how, he apparently told the recipient to hang up & try phoning someone - he would disconnect the recipient's phone line to prevent this.

AND HE DID !! The phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned back again.

Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. When asked how the payment was to be made, he said credit card, there & then.

Fortunately the recipient said that, even though it was not clear how he'd blocked the phone, there was absolutely no way a payment would be made to the caller, stating that the recipient didn't believe the name given or that he worked for BT.

The caller hung up..

The recipient dialled 1471 & phoned the fictitious 0800 number - not recognised.

The police were called to let them know. Lo and behold, this wasn't the the first time! The scam was apparently reasonably recent at that time but escalating.

Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please let as many friends & family aware of this.

This is good but not actually that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying.

(This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable.

Please pass this on to friends and family and be on your guard.

.....UNQUOTE

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 unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally" ...)