

Hi everyone

Welcome to the October Newsletter for the Biggin Hill Users Database – on time this month! Welcome also to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.

As members will be aware, following an incident, I have been out of flying for the whole of September, and am hoping that I will be able to renew my aviation medical in early October, so you may not have seen the last of me!!!

You are reminded that, even if you ever fail to receive your Newsletter by email, you can always view it online, as well as back copies of this Newsletter and also all the original Biggin Hill “Bugles” written by our own John Bryan (JB), by visiting the club website at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk

(last month it became apparent that many newsletters did not reach the intended recipients, as some email servers seem to treat any email that is sent to more than a single address as spam and fails to deliver it. As you will appreciate, with more than 800 database members, it is simply not a realistic option to send them out individually. So, if you have not received your copy within 24 hours of the beginning of the month, please check the club website (www.bigginhillclub.co.uk) where you can draw down the current newsletter - and back copies!)

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

After such a fantastic August, September weather has been a lot more changeable so there were many days where light aircraft flying was simply not possible. Obviously then quite disappointing after such great August weather, but I guess it is to be expected as we approach the Autumn and oncoming Winter.

Let's hope for better flying weather in October!

FLY2HELP WINTER BALL

The 12th December 2019 will again see the annual Winter Ball, organised by Fly2Help. To be held at the Warren in Hayes from 6:30pm, this Black Tie event promises to be a great evening with a pre-dinner drink, a three course meal, entertainment and a Raffle. Tickets can be bought individually or full tables of 10 persons are available.

See: <http://www.johnwillis.co.uk/bhreunited/winterball.pdf>

For more information email mike@fly2help.org

VICTOR WILLIAM PAGE

(As many of our Facebook members will already know) It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of old Biggin Hill'ite, Vic Page, on 9th September, aged 92. Vic's daughters, Sue and Linda, advised that he passed away peacefully at Stanholm Residential Care Home.

His funeral was held on Friday 27th September at St Johns Church in Marsh Green, Edenbridge, TN8 5QR. This service was followed by the burial at the Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground, after which the family and friends met for light refreshments at The Old Eden, 121 High Street, Edenbridge.

Vic was known to many of us oldies at Biggin Hill, and was very well liked and respected. His name has been added to the BigginHillReunited.co.uk "Roll of Honour" - R.I.P. Victor

KEVIN JONES

It is with sadness that I report the death of old Biggin Hill'ite, Kevin Jones.

Kevin was a regular at Biggin Hill in the 1960's and was known to many of us in those early days.

In addition to his ownership of a light aircraft, and he instructing for the Cornish Flying Club, he had an extensive airline career with a number of operators, including Brymon, BA Connect, and Flybe and completed more than 30,000 hours, retiring from Flybe at age 65.

There is a great article in the August edition of the Cornish Flying Club Newsletter - see pages 3 and 4 on the following link:

<http://bodminairfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/August-CFC-newsletter.pdf>

Unfortunately there are not really any references to his Biggin Hill days, but I'm sure it will be good to see what our old friend has been up to for all these years

I have added Kevin's name to the BigginHillReunited.co.uk "Roll of Honour" - R.I.P. Kevin

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)

ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB

Say hello to our new Alouette Flying Club.....

The recent stormy weather hasn't stopped us from pushing on with our training.

Now, with an additional instructor, we are quite busy. Albeit one of our aircraft is away having an annual and a new engine fitted.

Socially as well, our bar has been well attended, and is still giving free food ! The club's next members social night is this Wednesday (2nd), 7.30 for 8pm.

All are welcome – members and pilots from elsewhere.

And very soon the clocks will be changing, so night flights will become available soon. Maybe time to come and get qualified or current.

We hope to see you there.

Regards
Bruno Bruniges
Club Chairman

ROLL OF HONOUR

Thank you to members that continue to provide us with additional names of old Biggin Hill'ites who we had missed. The Roll of Honour can be seen on the website at www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk

(Anyone who flew from, or worked, or even socialised regularly at the airport since it became a civilian base in 1959/60 and who has passed away, should ideally be included on there. If you know of

someone whose name belongs on the Roll, please email me with their names, and details at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

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....)

QUOTE.....

She was standing in the kitchen, preparing their usual soft-boiled eggs and toast for breakfast, wearing only the T-shirt that she normally slept in.

As he walked in, almost awake, she turned to him and said softly, "You've got to make love to me this very moment!"

His eyes lit up and he thought, "I am either still dreaming or this is going to be my lucky day!" Not wanting to lose the moment, he embraced her and then gave it his all; right there on the kitchen table.

Afterwards, she said, 'Thanks', and returned to the stove, her T-shirt still around her neck.

Happy, but a little puzzled, he asked, "What was that all about?"

She explained, "The egg timer's broken."

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Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me asking why I didn't do something useful with my time, like sitting around the pool, drinking wine isn't a good thing.

Talking about my "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favourite topic of conversation.

She is "only thinking of me," she said, and suggested I go down to the Senior Centre and hang out with the fellas.

So, I did and when I got home, decided to play a prank on her.?? I sent her an e-mail saying that I had joined the Senior Parachute Club.

She replied, "Are you nuts? You're 73 years-old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even had a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

Immediately, she telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Dad, where are your glasses??? This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club.

"Oh man, am I in trouble," I said, "I signed up for five jumps a week!"??

The line went dead.

Life as a Senior Citizen isn't getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun.

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Senior Thoughts for the day.....

I thought getting older would take longer

A wise man once said - - Nothing

Respect your elders; They graduated school without the internet

I've decided I'm not old; I'm 25 plus shipping and handling

Why do I have to press "1" for English? Did America move?

We have enough gun control; what we need is idiot control

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong

Let's stop sending money to other countries and let them hate us for free

Vegetarian: Ancient tribal name for the village idiot who can't hunt, fish, or light fires!

I look at people and sometimes think.... "Really? That's the sperm that won?"

In my defence I was left unsupervised

If guns kill people, then pencils misspell words, cars make people drive drunk, and spoons make people fat

My decision making skills closely resemble those of a squirrel when crossing the road

Some things are just better left unsaid. And I usually realise it right after I say them

We owe illegals nothing; we owe our veterans everything

Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person

If my body is ever found on a jogging trail just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped there

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QUOTE.....

A man goes in for an interview for a job as a TV news broadcaster. The interview went quite well with one problem - he kept winking at the camera.

The interviewer said, "Although you have a lot of the qualities we're looking for, the fact that you keep winking is a real problem. I'm afraid we won't be able to hire you unless you get it under control."

"Oh, that's no problem," said the man. "If I take a couple of aspirin I stop winking for a couple of hours. More than enough time to get the broadcast done."

"Alright, show me," said the interviewer.

So the man reached into his pocket. First he put his hand in his right pocket, and as he took it out he pulled out loads of condoms of every variety and size, but no pills.

Next he dug into his left pocket, and again pulled out an embarrassing amount of condoms in all shapes and colours before finally finding the packet of aspirin. He took the aspirin and the second take went without a single hitch.

The interviewer said, "That's amazing, I'd hire you on the spot, except that we're not in the habit of hiring such womanizers. We've had too many sexual harassment suits."

"Excuse me!" exclaimed the man, "I'm a happily married man, not a womanizer!"

"Well how do you explain all the condoms, then?" asked the interviewer.

The man sighed. "Have you ever tried going into a pharmacy, asking for aspirin and winking all the while?"

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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"...)