

Hi everyone

Welcome to the September 2008 Database Newsletter.....

The September 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, 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.

Contacting Database members

As a matter of policy, neither I or JB (in the Bugle) will publish email addresses as these may be readily seen on the internet and could result in increased "spam" at those addresses. If you wish to make contact with anyone on the database, please just send me an email for that person, and I will forward it on to them, and leave it to them to establish contact or not. (In some cases, database members have given me "blanket authority" in writing to release their details to anyone requesting contact, so in these situations the email address will be supplied as long as I believe the person seeking contact is likely to be known to the member)

South East Camp development

The South Camp development is continuing, with Cabair and EFG now fenced off from the roadway with just signposted entrance gaps for them and their members to gain access to the club/school buildings. The ambulance people who occupied the old Civilair building have long since left the area, so there is nothing to prevent the old club building's demolition, which I feel sure is imminent.

The original site of Scrambles Cafe is now completely cleared and landscaped awaiting the seeded area to flourish. It now looks so much smarter than the eyesore we have had at the entrance for several years now.

Whilst the new club buildings, which are visible from the Main Road, appear complete, they are not yet ready for occupation but I have been assured that the works are actually well underway to construct the access roads for the club, pending the construction of the new hangar complex between there and the Air Partner (ex-Goldair) hangar.

That's it for this month

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(And Finally:

Having just been highly entertained reading "How to Label a Goat" by Ross Clark, who describes the many reasons that the so called "nanny state" has removed the "great" from Great Britain by the imposition of stupid and largely unnecessary regulations - I felt it would finish off the newsletter to quote one of the thousands of examples of foolish rules that we are all faced these days.....

Ross Clark writes..

'There used to be a popular line of jokes in the 80's concerning the changing of lightbulbs - eg. How many Social Workers does it take to change a lightbulb? None, but it takes 17 to organise a seminar on "coping with darkness".

We all thought these were funny until the EU introduced their "Working at Heights Directive"! An example of the stupidity in that Directive concerns a priest in a catholic church in Eccles, Suffolk, who used to change his light bulbs by sending one man up a ladder, and the cost was, of course, minimal. Under the new directive, however, the practice was banned. Instead he was told he must hire scaffolding or a cherrypicker. To change a couple of lightbulbs took two days and cost the church £1,300....'

Do we really need to be warned such things as on a packet of nuts that the packet "may contain nuts"?

I think only Politicians, Health and Safety executives, Regulators, and members of the Civil Service and Government Quango's should be forced to wear "Hi Visibility" jackets, not everyone on an airport. At least we would know who these people are so we could avoid them!

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"...))