

Hi everyone

A few items of interest to Biggin Hill Airport users:-

1) Please note that the planned memorial service on 21st January at the Chapel for Dan Neville has been postponed - if this is re-arranged, I will let everyone know the details. The date was never actually fully confirmed (hence I didn't send out an email to the database members) - but I am aware that a number of people had provisionally pencilled it in their diaries...

2) Today, 13th January, Biggin Hill Airport Ltd published its final plan for the modernisation of Biggin Hill. You can read about it on the village support site at <http://www.savebigginhill.co.uk> which also has links directly to the airport's own site.

There is a very active guestbook on the SaveBigginHill site, so please feel free to air your views on there. (We are aware that the airport authority does check this guestbook regularly, so your views WILL reach them!)

3) As a result of the airport plans, it is likely that the whole area adjacent to the main South camp entrance will be demolished shortly to make way for the planned hotel, heritage centre, clubs and hangars. This includes the airport bar that we all know as Joe's!

Joe is doing the best he can to ensure we still have a bar to go to after it is all demolished, but things are very much in the air - we will do our best to keep you informed. (I think now is the time, if you like having an informal and relaxed meeting place in the form of the bar, to make your support of Joe's Pilots Pals Bar known to the airport. Unfortunately there are the odd persons on the airfield that believe we should have a "posh" booted and suited establishment to attend that has none of the airport's real workers in it! In my personal opinion, that is what the hotel bar will offer.

I have no desire to spend my time in a hotel environment paying hotel bar prices, when all I want is a relaxed beer or two with my aviation friends!)

4) and Finally!

The bar has published, as many of you will know, a monthly News-sheet (known as the Biggin Hill Bugle), which is produced for them by John Bryan. It is a lighthearted look at happenings in and around the bar and the airport. After many requests, we have now put this on the web, and will add each month's edition as it comes out, starting with the January one.

This can be found at <http://www.pilotspals.co.uk>

use the "newsletter" link two thirds of the way down the page - then click on the issue and page that you would like to view.

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Apologies if this does not display properly in your browser - it has been tested out OK in the latest Internet Explorer and Firefox browsers, but some earlier browsers may have a problem viewing Microsoft's html conversion.

That's all for now except to wish everyone a very Happy New Year

John Willis

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