Hi everyone

Welcome to the March 2013 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter.

JB's March edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" is now available online on the Social Club's website at http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk It is NOT included here - to view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link – this will open it in a new browser window so you can read it or print it.

As always, please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is johnbryan13@sky.com, or you can send items directly to me to pass on).

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Welcome to the new members of the Database who are receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.

Current member names can be seen at www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk using the link to the database members list. If you ever change your email address, please remember to let us know (and also, please feel free to introduce new Biggin Hill'ites to the database).

FEBRUARY WEATHER

I know it is always the same at this time of the year, but once again, February has clearly been a difficult month for GA flying weather-wise. Hopefully we are coming out of the seasonally awful weather and we can all look forward to a good flying year from now on..

I'm sure we would all like to get back in the air and enjoy our flying again..

JETS (BIGGIN HILL) LTD

As mentioned by Jenny Munro in last month's newsletter, I'm sure everyone at Biggin Hill would like to welcome Jets (Biggin Hill) Ltd, to the airport.

Jets have taken over the facilities previously operated by Jet Aviation (in what many of us would remember as Surrey & Kent's and Bill Webb's hangar in the early days. Their parent company, Quest, also owns Jets at Bournemouth as well as an operation in Germany.

It is good that the operation has been able to absorb most former Jet Aviation staff who would otherwise have been looking for new jobs in this difficult labour market. I'm sure everyone would like to join me in welcoming them to our airport and we wish them a very successful and prosperous future here.

DEREK HARDIMAN

Biggin Hill'ite's will probably recall that our old friend, Derek Hardiman, who is 85, suffered a stroke last year, but was sent home after initial treatment. Several people had asked me if I had heard how he was.

Apparently Derek remains at home in a relatively stable condition, but is being assisted day to day by his carers. His condition is not, unfortunately, improving.

I'm sure that all who know him would like me to send him our very best wishes, and that we are thinking of him.

RALPH SCOTT

Ralph Scott, the former owner of Express Aviation and long term Biggin Hill'ite, tells me he has been in and out of hospital for several weeks, but is apparently on the mend, as he put it. In fact, by the time you read this he will hopefully be back at home in South Croydon. I know he is looking forward to returning to his second home in the sunshine in Spain.

We all wish him well and hope to see him soon back in the Old Jail for a beer or three..

ROGER (The Dog) TAYLOR

Roger's funeral was held on Friday 8th March in Warrington, and was attended by a good contingent of Roger's Biggin Hill'ite friends, who I'm sure sent him on his way in the true Biggin Hill fashion.

As mentioned last month, for those that couldn't make it up to Warrington, but who would like to celebrate Roger's life, Jenny Smith has arranged a gathering at the Crown pub in Leaves Green on 3rd March at 2pm. I hope many of you will make it there to say our farewells to Roger over a beer.

JB and I look forward to seeing many of the Biggin Hill friends that Roger has, over the years, helped in many different ways.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF JENNY MUNRO

Jenny Munro sends her apologies but pressure of work and last minute meetings prevented her from getting her normal monthly paragraph to us in time for publication this month. More next month..

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks so much for those who have sent in their renewal fees for 2013 for the club, your continued financial support is very much appreciated. It helps to pay for the running costs of the server space etc for the two websites at BigginHillReunited and BigginHillClub..

If you have yet to renew, please send your renewal fees (£10 for single, £15 for a couple, and £20 for a family) together with a Stamped Self Addressed envelope for the return of the membership card(s) – Please also send a new photograph if you wish to have this changed on your new card (with your name on the reverse) otherwise I will continue to use the one I hold on file for you. Renewal fees should be sent to Biggin Hill Airport Social Club Ltd (to whom the cheques should also be payable), at PO Box 33, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3FS.

That's it for this month

John Willis Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally: a few funnies to finish with – thanks to those who contributed them.....

The Box Under Hillary's Bed

QUOTE.....

When Bill and Hillary first got married Bill said, "I am putting a box under the bed. You must promise never to look in it."

In all their 30 years of marriage, Hillary never looked. On the afternoon of their 30th anniversary, curiosity got the best of her and she lifted the lid and peeked inside. In the box were 3 empty beer cans and \$81,874.25 in cash.

She closed the box and put it back under the bed. Now that she knew what was in the box, she was doubly curious as to why there even was such a box with such contents. That evening, they were out for a special anniversary dinner.

After dinner, Hillary could no longer contain her curiosity and she confessed, saying, "I am so sorry, Bill. For all these years, I kept my promise and never looked into the box under our bed. However, today the temptation was too much and I gave in. But now I need to know, why do you keep the 3 beer cans in the box?"

Bill thought for a while and said, "I guess after all these years you deserve to know the truth. Whenever I was unfaithful to you, I put an empty beer can in the box under the bed to remind myself not to do it again."

Hillary was shocked, but said, "Hmmm, Jennifer, Paula and Monica. I am very disappointed and saddened by your behavior. However, since you are addicted to sex I guess it does happen and I guess 3 times is not that bad considering your problem."

Bill thanked her for being so understanding. They hugged and made their peace. A little while later Hillary asked Bill, "So why do you have all that money in the box?"

Bill answered: "Well, whenever the box filled up with empty cans, I took them to the recycling center and redeemed them for cash."

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Not PC jokes – insults just about everyone evenly!

QUOTE.....

Son: "Dad, we're learning about prisms at school. They're fascinating."

Dad: "That's good son, because as a dyslexic black boy, you're bound to end up in one."

Paddy decides to take up boxing and goes for the required medical. A few days later the doctor 'phones and says "Paddy, you realise you've got sugar diabetes."

Paddy says, "Nice one, when do I fight him?"

It was hard getting over my addiction to the Hokey Cokey. But I've turned myself around and that's what it's all about.

A Muslim bloke I work with was bragging he had the entire Koran on DVD. Being interested, I asked him to burn me a copy. Well, that's when it all kicked off!

Paddy caught his Wife having an affair and decided to kill her and himself. He puts the gun to his head, looks at his Wife and says "Don't laugh, you're next!!"

An Irishmen wanting to become a Priest went to see the Bishop who said "You must answer 3 questions on the Bible".

"1st - Who was born in a stable?"

"Red Rum" he replied

"2nd - What do you think of Damascus?"

"It kills 99% of all germs" he replied.

"3rd - What happened when the disciples went to Mount Olive ?"

"That's easy" he said "Popeye kicked the shit out of them!!"

Little boy gets home from school and says "Dad, I've got a part in the school play as a man who's been married for 25 years."

His Dad replies "Never mind Son. Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part!!"

Two Irishmen looking through a mail order catalogue.

Paddy says "Look at these gorgeous women! The prices are reasonable too."

Mick agrees "I'm ordering one right now"

3 weeks later Paddy says to Mick "Has your woman turned up yet?"

"No" said Mick "but it shouldn't be long now though. Her clothes arrived yesterday!!

Man walks into WH Smith and says "Do you have the new self-help book for men with really small dicks?"

Girl says "I don't think it's in yet"

He replies "Yeah, that's the one!"

A dwarf goes to a very good but very busy doctor and asks "I know you are busy but do you treat dwarves?"

The doctor replies "Yes, but you will have to be a little patient".

In hindsight I should have posted my Facebook status as: "I've blown the head gasket on my 1997 XR3i" rather than "I've just buggered a 14 year old escort".

The police still haven't seen the funny side, my lap top's been confiscated, and the wife has gone off to her mother.

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The marriage

QUOTE.....

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and decided he wanted to marry her right away.

She said, 'But we don't know anything about each other.'

He said, 'That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along.'

So she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the 10 metre

board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife.

After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel.

She said, 'That was incredible!'

He said, 'I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along.'

So she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing lengths.

After seventy-five lengths she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel and was hardly out of breath.

He said, 'That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?'

'No,' she said, 'I was a prostitute in Liverpool but I worked both sides of the Mersey.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"...)