

Hi everyone

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

You are reminded that, even if you don't get your Newsletter by email, you can always view it online, as well as any back copies of this Newsletter by visiting the club website at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk)

*(If you have not received your copy within 24 hours of the beginning of the month, please check the club website above where you can find and draw it down for yourself!)*

## **SEPTEMBER WEATHER**

The September weather has been fairly variable, but with some excellent flying weather at times, so we have all been able to keep our currency up to date. As we now move into October, we can almost certainly expect to have, not only continually reducing daylight hours (exaggerating of course at the month end when the clocks change), but probably more Autumnal weather at times.

Still, there is no reason why we won't be able to keep flying in anticipation of the onset of shorter days and more deteriorating weather. Make the most of it whilst you can...

## **LIZ CORBIN**

On 22nd September we were advised by Graham Corbin (who is known by many Biggin Hill'ites) that his lovely wife, Elizabeth Anne, sadly lost her 13 year battle with Cancer. She passed away at home and is now away from the terrible condition that she has struggled with for so long. Liz was well known and respected by so many Biggin Hill airport workers.

R.I.P. Liz you will be missed by your many friends....

## **THE AIRPORT HOTEL**

As anyone who has been to the airport in recent months will realise, the initial ground work for the construction of the new 56 room four star Boutique hotel at the Airport, to be named "The Landing", has now commenced.

The hotel, which will be owned and run by the airport, is due to be completed by November 2022, and will be managed by the recently appointed General Manager, Steven Thorne-Farrar who joins the hotel with many years' experience working in the hospitality industry, most recently holding the position of general manager of East Sussex National in Uckfield, an award-winning golf and spa hotel resort.

The Landing is primarily intended for flight crews who frequently fly in and out of the airport, as well as engineers and other employees of the numerous resident aerospace businesses based at the airport.

Another significant airport development, which will undoubtedly help to secure Biggin Hill's position as one of the main and most significant executive airports for London.

## **BOMBARDIER'S NEW HANGAR COMPLEX**

Still on the subject of airport development, users will be able to see that the huge new Bombardier hangar complex in the centre of the airport is moving ever closer to completion, significantly ahead of the original planned completion date.

Another good sign for the long term future of London Biggin Hill Airport.

## **LOTS OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS**

As commented by the CEO in last month's Newsletter, there are lots of general improvements being carried out around the airport, for example taxiway resurfacing and markings, and the airport is moving forward with an enhancement programme for Churchill Way.

Additionally of course, negotiations are continuing with the Regulator regarding gaining the approval for the already designed and submitted RNAV approach for runway 03, as well as working to affect an airspace change to allow an RNAV approach overlay for runway 21 to be added.

Finally, as required by the airport's lease, the 5 year review of the Noise Action Plan has been finalised and submitted. As stated last month, the final version of this plan is available for viewing on the Airport's website, for those that are interested

All these general improvements and actions will continue to enhance the airport's standing as "THE" Executive Airport for London. It has certainly come a very long way since the 60's when I was a controller here.

## **OCTOBER BIGGIN HILL POSTED FUEL PRICES**

The "posted" Biggin Hill Airport fuel prices, excluding VAT, for the calendar month of October 2021 are:

£1:69.8 per litre for 100LL Avgas if supplied from the Fuel Bowser (if uplifted using fuel account card Only from the Self-Refuel pumps = minus 5p per litre)  
NOTE the increased discount that will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> September

£0:68.8 per litre for Jet A1 (or £1:13.5 per litre for "Sustainable Aviation Fuel"!) )

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Users are advised that credit and debit cards can no longer be used at the self-refuel pumps. If you use self-refuelling, you will need your airport H-TEC fuel account card with you when you go there. (if you haven't got one with you, you will have to go over to the Main Terminal apron to uplift fuel from the bowsers instead).

## **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](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) )

## **ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB**

The late summer weather has been very kind to us and meant that we at Alouette have had plenty of time in the air.

All our students are progressing well and, with our instructors using both Headcorn and Redhill for circuit practice, the students find themselves well suited to flying at different airfields. Of course, having a mile of wide, smooth tarmac to come back to is always a welcome sight after flinging mud over the underside of the wings!

Learning to fly at Biggin Hill has so many advantages alongside the unmissable runway, but the one thing all our pilots agree on is the benefit to RT they gain from flying from such a busy airport. Squeezing in your initial call becomes an art-form and hearing your callsign amongst all the others really sharpens the ears, not to mention the thrill of following in a jet or being overtaken by a Spitfire!

So, if your eyes are forever turned skyward, come along to Alouette and see it all for yourself. We even have a bar!

Stuart Taylor  
Club Chairman

## **MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE CEO'S OFFICE**

In the 'blink of an eye' we appear to have lurched from one crisis, the COVID pandemic, straight into another crisis, the creation of a fuel crisis that would appear to be of 'our' own making. I suspect many of you have been affected by the queues at petrol stations, whether you needed fuel or not and, whilst this has not affected the supply of Jet A1 or Avgas, the timing could not have been worse. I had hoped my opening remarks would have been full of recovery, growth and optimism, so I will endeavour to paint a more positive picture.

The reality, in terms of the industry, is that there is a case for being cautiously optimistic as we have seen a very buoyant August followed by a very buoyant September. Traffic levels have been higher than 2019, albeit still predominately in the lighter classification of aircraft types. Nonetheless, the mood music from the Air Charter Expo suggests that the changes in travel behaviour are here to stay and that bodes well for the Business Aviation sector.

Investment in infrastructure and facilities continues at pace and we remain on track to bring the Bombardier Hangar development in on time and on budget. As promised, you can all see that construction has started on the Hotel and I am aware that our newly appointed General Manager of the Landing Hotel has already started to engage with key partners regarding their requirements. Discussions continue regarding the construction of additional hangers and the Airport has now approved the works to enhance Churchill way. Finally, the Airport continues to work with the CAA regarding the 03 RNAV approach approval and the progression of the Air Space Change for the 21 RNAV overlay.

In the last newsletter update, I advised the airport community that the Airport had recently completed its 5-year review of the Noise Action Plan as part of its commitment within the Deed of Variation to increase operating hours in 2016. I am pleased to advise that the Airport is now working on implementing the recommendations within the review and I will looking to the Airport Community for your continued support.

Finally, the Airport continues to engage with the London Borough of Bromley and I would like to reiterate, as one of the largest employers in Bromley, we remain committed to working with the Council to ensure that local people can continue to benefit from new jobs and investment around the Airport.

I hope you all stay safe and well.

Cheers  
David Winstanley

## **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](http://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](mailto: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.

Enjoy your flying during October - Stay well and please stay safe.....

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 to this section.... **To avoid me running out of them, please keep them coming by email to [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk).**

QUOTE.....

Oxford University researchers have discovered the densest element yet known to science.

The new element, Governmentium (symbol=Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called pillocks.

Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second, to take from 4 days to 4 years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2 to 6 years.

It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as a critical morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium (symbol=Ad), an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium, since it has half as many pillocks but twice as many morons.

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QUOTE.....

An airline captain was teaching a very pretty new blonde stewardess the do's and don'ts of her trade.

The route they were flying had a stay-over in another city, so upon their arrival, the captain showed the stewardess the best place for airline personnel to eat, shop and stay overnight.

The next morning as the pilot was preparing the crew for the day's route, he noticed the new stewardess was missing. He knew which room she was in at the hotel and called her up wondering what happened to her. She answered the phone, sobbing, and said she couldn't get out of her room.

" You can't get out of your room?" the captain asked, "Why not?"

The stewardess replied, "There are only three doors in here, "she cried," one is the bathroom, one is the closet, and one has a sign on it that says, 'Do Not Disturb!'"

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QUOTE.....

A farmer stopped by the local mechanics shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home.

On the way home he stopped at the hardware Store and bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem - how to carry his entire purchases home. While he was scratching his head, he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost.

She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane ?' The farmer said, 'Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house. I would walk you there, but I can't carry this lot.'

The old lady suggested, 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket. Carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?'

'Why thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home.

On the way he says 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time.'

'The little old lady looked him over cautiously then said, 'I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?'

The farmer said, 'Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?'

The little old lady replied, 'Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens.'

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QUOTE.....

A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young student nurse appears and gives him a partial sponge bath.

"Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?"

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet."

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?"

Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers. She raises his gown, holds his manhood in the other hand and his testicles gently in the other.

She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine."

The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly, "Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very, very carefully:

Are – my – test – results – back?"  
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QUOTE.....

A man enters his favourite ritzy restaurant, and while sitting at his regular table he notices a gorgeous woman sitting alone at a table nearby.

He calls the waiter over and asks for their most expensive bottle of Merlot to be sent over to her, knowing that if she accepts it, she is his for the night.

The waiter gets the bottle and quickly sends it over to the girl, saying it is from the gentleman at a nearby table.

She looks at the man, then the wine, and decides to send a note over to the man.

The note read:

"For me to accept this bottle, you need to have a Mercedes in your garage, a million dollars in the bank, and seven inches in your pants."

The man, after reading this note, sends another note to her.

It read:

"Just so you know, I happen to have a Ferrari, a BMW i8, and a Mercedes AMG GTS in my garage, plus I have over 20 million dollars in the bank....!

...But, not even for a woman as beautiful as you, would I cut three inches off my member. Just send the wine back."

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Three blondes are talking about their husbands over coffee.

"It's funny," says Samantha, "Peter's balls are always cold as ice when I'm giving him a blowjob!"

"You know what?" replies Jenny, "It's exactly the same with my Richard!"

They turn to the third blonde and ask: "When you go down on Chris, are his balls cold, also?"

"Ugh! That's disgusting! I would never put his thing in my mouth!"

"You're crazy," one of the blondes pipes up. "A good blowjob is the best way to keep a guy from straying! You should try it!"

She says she'll think about it.

The next morning, they meet at the café. The third blonde is looking quite glum.

“What’s wrong?” the other two women ask.

“Well, me and Chris are getting a divorce.”

“Oh no!” the first blonde asks. What happened?”

“I don’t know,” she replies. “I did like you told me and went down on him. A few moments later, all I did was tell him how strange it was that his balls were so warm, when Peter’s and Richard’s are always so cold!”

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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”...)