



Newsletter - May 2019

As we enter the northern hemisphere summer we have news of two events of interest - the Air-Britain Fly-In and the Bulldog anniversary - as well as details of our 2019 enthusiast publications.

We also include brief details of the latest meetings of our Trust Board, the Executive Committee and the Archive Committee. We welcome feedback on the matters being discussed, so feel free to contact me [HERE](#) or post to the [Newsletter](#) thread on the Message Board. Details of future meetings will be posted to the Message Board, to allow the results of the discussions to be shared in a more timely manner.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss matters with the Trustees at our Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the RAF Museum Hendon on Saturday October 12 2019. Save the date now; further details will be given nearer to the meeting.

An important aspect of our organisation is the work carried out by volunteers. As always we are looking for new recruits and include details of possible roles below.

Malcolm Fillmore

Chairman

Air-Britain Fly-In 2019



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40th ANNIVERSARY

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22-23 June 2019
TURWESTON AERODROME

Air-Britain (Events) Ltd in partnership with Turweston Flight Centre
(Landing fees apply)

Airborne arrivals strictly PPR www.turwestonflight.com/flying-1/
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The 2019 Air-Britain Fly-In will be taking place at **TURWESTON AERODROME** over the weekend of **22-23 June**.

Arrangements are progressing well, in partnership with our hosts for our 40th Fly-In, the [Turweston Flight Centre, Ltd.](http://www.turwestonflight.com) Turweston's central location offers excellent facilities for visitors,

easy access from the A43 trunk road and unrestricted airspace for pilots. If you are planning to fly in, note that the event is strictly PPR and a good number of pilots / aircraft have already booked their slots.

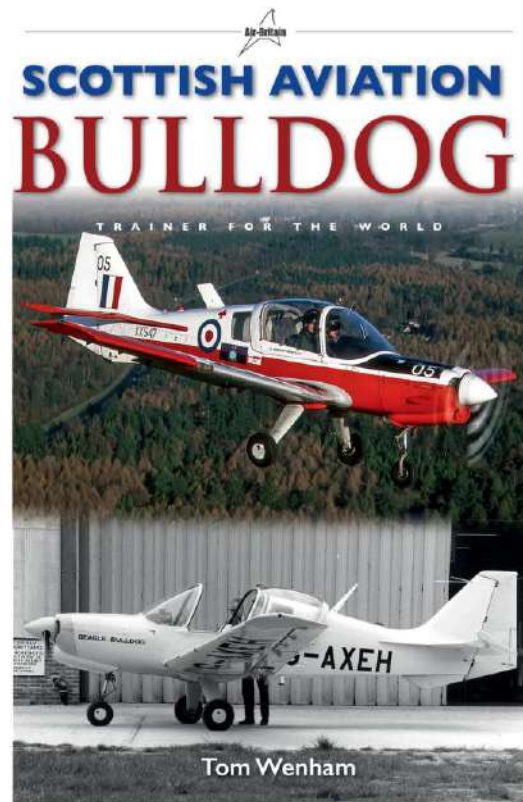
We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event, so if you are willing to give some time to help or would like more details, please contact [Phil Kemp](#).

Entrance to the Fly-In will be just £5 per person per day (Children U-12s are free).

We look forward to welcoming you to Turweston in June.

Phil Kemp

Fly-In Director



Scottish Aviation Bulldog: Trainer for the World tells the story of the Bulldog from its inception at Beagle as a military trainer derivative of the Pup for Sweden, its troubled gestation with the demise of Beagle and eventual production by Scottish Aviation, its 28-year service with the Royal Air Force and many other air forces around the world and subsequent use by private owners. Author Tom Wenham gives readers everything they need to know about the design, development, production and usage with histories of each Bulldog built.

Published by Air-Britain, our new book is profusely illustrated with colour and black and white photos, newly commissioned 3-view line drawings by Paul Jackson and colour side views by Juanita Franzl.

104 pages, soft-back, 127 photos – Price £14.95 for Air-Britain members, £19.95 for non-members.

The book will be launched on the 50th anniversary of the Bulldog's 1st flight, 19 May, 2019, at Turweston Aerodrome, the home of the Light Aircraft Association. It will also be available to order via our [website](#) soon after the launch.



Our three annual Quick Reference (QR) books are all available, respectively covering Airline Fleets, Biz Jets and Biz Props, and British Isles Civil Registers. Price for each is £9.95 for members or £12.50 for non-members. All are already in stock and can be ordered [here](#).



The first of our full-detail annuals is also now available

- Civil Aircraft Registers of the British Isles 2019 - £22.50 for members, £28.95 for non-members

This will be followed by the 2019 editions of our Airline Fleets, European Registers Handbook and Business Jets International - all of these will be found on our [website](#) and available for order as soon as they are in stock.

We also have a number of books covering aircraft histories and other historic subjects in preparation, fuller details of which will be shared nearer publication. Titles include

- Piper Aircraft – Freedom of Flight by Roger Peperell,
- 'British Aircraft Specifications' covering 1950 – 1976.
- Vickers VC10 by John McCrickard.
- Bristol Beaufighter
- Jet Airliners of the World - volume 2

Air-Britain Travel

The first trip of 2019 has already taken place, with a successful visit to Aero Friedrichshafen and Frankfurt. Places on the remaining trips are going fast, but if you want to join either of these trips please look [HERE](#) for more details or e-mail our Travel organiser, [Dennis Clement](#).

Amsterdam – June 6th – 9th

A long weekend visit to Amsterdam, staying at the nearby IBIS hotel

Johannesburg and surrounding area – September 27th – October 6th

Departing Heathrow late evening we spend the following eight days at airfields in and around Johannesburg and Pretoria. Our hotel at the International Airport will have rooms overlooking the ramp with the airports two viewing areas just a shuttle bus ride away. We will visit Rand, Springs, Brakpan, Bapsfontein, Microland, Petit, Woderboom, Grand Central, Vereeniging, Parys, Swartkop, Krugersdorf, Orient, Crosswinds plus a full day at Lanseria.

In the last newsletter we gave a detailed description of [AB-PIC](#), Air-Britain's digital online archive of aircraft images.

This time we share just four images from the site - a miniscule selection from over 500,000 images hosted on the site.



(Left) G-APFP a Boeing 707-436 of BOAC at Heathrow on September 13, 1964 by R.A. Scholfield. This was an ABPIC Editor's choice ahead of the painting of a British Airways 747 in BOAC colours as part of their centenary celebrations.

(Right) French Air Force Dassault Mirage 2000D 635 at Leeuwarden on April 4 2019 by John Bennett, taking part in the 2019 Frisian Flag exercise which also included participants from Germany, Poland, Switzerland, the USA and the hosts, the Netherlands.



(Left) Airbus A319-113 EI-DEZ, previously with Meridiana at Kemble on June 20 2014 by Robert Hodgson. The fuselage was transported to the National Tactical Response Group's training facility in Oxford.

(Right) BRM Bristell HB-SXD at Aero Friedrichshafen on April 12 2019 by Stuart Miller, one of the many exhibits which were visited by our first Air-Britain Travel trip of 2019.

Air-Britain Trust Board

The latest meeting of the Trust Board was held at White Waltham on March 9th 2019.

As well as reviewing the report from the Executive Committee, the Board agreed three business objectives for the coming financial year

- Complete the strategic design of the Air-Britain Archive & library, and commence implementation.
- Develop and implement a marketing strategy for promotion of all Air-Britain's activities.
- Agree and implement a digital strategy and our digital interface with the public & membership.

Discussions also covered the work on the Digital Strategy and progress by the Archive Committee, as well as updates on finance, membership, the Fly-In and Travel.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meeting on **February 19 2019** included the Draft report for the Trustees meeting scheduled in March, the plans for 2019 Fly-In and updates from finance, sales, publishing (books), publishing (digital), membership and travel.

There was a discussion on how Air-Britain should refine its on-line presence, which has previously developed in a piecemeal fashion. A major requirement is to get access to all aspects from one gateway, rather than having separate log-ins for the various sites. Practical considerations for this will be investigated for discussion at a future meeting.

Items for consideration for the 2019/20 Business Plan were agreed, to be approved by the Trust Board, as well as looking at the Risk Register, in particular volunteer resources within Air-Britain.

Archive Committee

The latest meeting of the Archive Committee was held on February 2nd, building on the work from the first meeting. The committee had made good progress by

- Developing the priorities for the group and drafting six objectives for the project during

2019/20.

- Drafting the terms of reference for the committee.
- Modelling the process for handling new artefacts for the archive, including a collections policy.
- Making positive progress in determining how a master index system can be developed.
- Progressing the audit of materials held for the archive (both physical and digital).

Key to determining how best to structure and design the archive is knowing what potential users will want from it and what demand there might be. From just tracing a registration or aircraft marking to in-depth research into a subject for publications or personal needs, the Committee needs to have input from you. Please e-mail [Phil Kemp](#) with how you might want to use the archive and how often.

In addition to the meetings, we have also been looking at how other organisations organise their archives and are now involved with a Royal Aeronautical Society working group on archives, which will help us with best practice. More details of the RAeS Aviation and Aerospace Archives Initiative, to give it its full title, can be found [here](#). It is our hope that one of the spin-offs from our involvement in the AAI will assist us in our long-term plans to make our archives more readily available and also that we can fully represent the interests of researchers for the common good of fully recording aviation history in all its necessary detail.

AIR-BRITAIN NEEDS YOU!

Air-Britain relies on a large number of volunteers to keep our organisation running and to provide the services that members have become used to. Apart from those mentioned above, we are also still looking for

- [an archivist to manage our digital images collections.](#)
- [a person to take overall co-ordination of our photo collections and explore new ways of making Air-Britain's images available to the membership.](#)
- [part-time staff and volunteers to help in our Distribution centre in Tonbridge, Kent.](#)
- [an E-Bay co-ordinator to increase sales of our second-hand stock](#)

Looking at the last item on the list, this is a fuller job description

EBAY TRADER/SELLER

Air-Britain has an extensive and growing collection of second-hand books and magazines available for sale, as well as multiple copies of its own back issues – all of which should be readily saleable on eBay.

We are looking for one or more members familiar with eBay to regularly sell these items on our behalf and would offer such volunteers 25% of whatever they are able to realise (net of postage).

The stock is held at Tonbridge in Kent and the volunteer(s) would be expected to visit by arrangement with Roger Birchall, who runs the second-hand department, to agree with him a selection of books and magazines to sell, preferably on a monthly basis.

The precise management of the sales operation will be for discussion – whether sales will be through a dedicated Air-Britain site on eBay or through the member's existing site. The volunteer(s) would need to dispatch successful sales but will be supplied with any essential packing materials.

This list of volunteer positions is not exhaustive and if you would like to help, we would be pleased to hear from you - please contact [Malcolm Fillmore](#).

The Air-Britain Second-Hand Sales List

We regularly seek out and recover collections of aviation books and magazines from members. After keeping any that are needed for our archive, all others are available for sale via our extensive second-hand list.

Not only does this list include for sale virtually all the magazines AB have published over 70 years but the vast majority of our books as well. It is probably the most comprehensive list of aviation books available anywhere on the web.

Researchers should also note that the second-hand list includes a considerable number of official registers and books containing detailed production lists etc.

The magazine listing is also extremely comprehensive - and all available at relatively cheap prices and with discounts available for multiple purchases.

This is updated on a monthly basis and is published on our website [HERE](#).

Stock may be viewed at our Tonbridge distribution centre on most Monday mornings and at other times by prior arrangement. Contact [Roger Birchall](#) to arrange a visit.

This newsletter is just one element of Air-Britain's presence on the web.

Most can be accessed from our [Main Website](#) which includes links to

- our secure [Sales site](#), where Air-Britain publications can be ordered
- [ABPIC](#) - Air-Britain's online photo gallery with well over 500,000 images. Open to members and non-members, all images are screened prior to acceptance. A great way of showing and sharing your images. You, the photographer, retain all ownership rights. Members are frequently asked to share their images with others.
- The [Air-Britain Message Board](#) where members can share on a range of subjects and where we will announce new publications and other news of the organisation, often in advance of the printed magazines. A guide on how to register can be found [HERE](#)
- Members Area - containing various files, including registers and listings previously published in Archive and Aeromilitaria only available to members. You can register to access these files [HERE](#).

In addition we have

- [AB-IX](#) - Open to members only, AB-IX is run as part of Yahoogroups. An online discussion forum for aviation research topics only. Members can set their own message preferences (single messages, daily digest or read on the web) within Yahoogroups. For more details contact the [group owner](#)
- eABN - an electronic version of Air-Britain News, available days before the printed version. Available in single issue or on subscription via [Pocketmags](#).
- The [Air-Britain Facebook](#) page - where we share details of Air-Britain happenings, as well as other selected items related to aviation.