



Newsletter - September 2020

Welcome to Air-Britain's September newsletter, as we become accustomed to a 'new normal' thanks to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Airlines are beginning to offer more schedules but many parts of the world are off-limits to all but essential travel and European holidaymakers are being required to isolate when returning home.

Here at Air-Britain we are committed to keeping all our members informed. The next edition of *Aviation World* appeared on 1st September 2020, and the September issue of *Air-Britain News* is at the printers.

Sue Bushell
Newsletter Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The Air-Britain Annual General Meeting is being held in the new hangar at the de Havilland Aircraft Museum, Salisbury Hall, Shenley, London Colney AL2 1BU on Saturday 10th October 2020 commencing at 2.00pm. Full details of the AGM, including a voting form and copy of the Air-Britain accounts, were included in the August 2020 copy of *Air-Britain News* and the Autumn issue of *Aviation World*. **If you are planning to attend in person, please be aware that due to Coronavirus there are extra procedures to follow and you MUST book a place with**

steve.mitchell@air-britain.co.uk. The Museum (<https://www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk/>) will be open to the public, with social distancing measures in place. Please do not arrive before its opening time (10:30) as there will be nobody to receive you; admittance to the AGM meeting room will not be allowed before 12:30.

If the Coronavirus situation changes between now and the event, we will let you know by newsletter and on our Facebook page and Message Board.

If you have mislaid your AGM papers, you can download them from the Member's section of the Message Board: <https://air-britain.freeforums.net/thread/620/2020-london-colney-october-10th> - please note that you will have to log in to access this area.

The meeting will be accessible by Zoom for those who are unable to attend - please register your interest in using this method at steve.mitchell@air-britain.co.uk.

The last date on which you can register your interest for both the AGM and Zoom access is 6th October 2020. Requests after this date may not be able to be fulfilled.

COMING SOON!

The Sales Department is working at a reduced level of staffing due to the Coronavirus outbreak. More new books have been published and are already in stock. They can be ordered at <https://www.air-britain.co.uk/actbooks/index.html>

Watch out for announcements about new books on our website, Facebook page and the Air-Britain Message Board - <http://air-britain.freeforums.net/> BEFORE placing your order.

Please DO NOT ring the Sales Department with queries. Instead, where possible please contact them by email on sales@air-britain.co.uk and they will reply as soon as they are able to.

IMPORTANT!

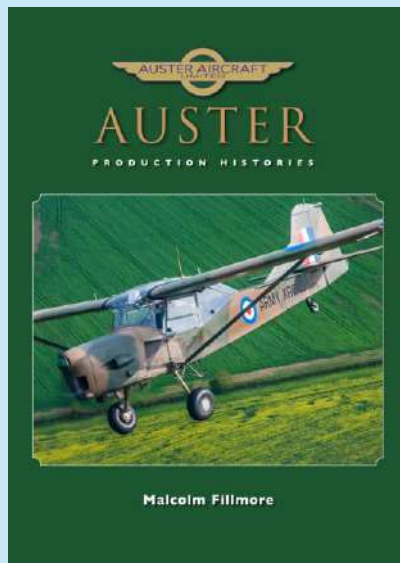
As a result of the current coronavirus restrictions and to protect our staff, at present no visitors are allowed onto the warehouse premises in Tonbridge.

These restrictions will apply for the foreseeable future.

We are also experiencing long delays in the processing of secondhand orders and are at present not able to satisfy overseas orders.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and hope this situation will soon improve.

OUR NEXT NEW TITLES:



Auster – The Production Histories' is now at the printers.
Bristol Fighter and *Bristol Beaufighter* are in production at the moment and our book on the VC10 and Super VC10 will be following on close behind.
Keep an eye on the Message Board and Facebook page for further updates.

Now in stock from other publishers:

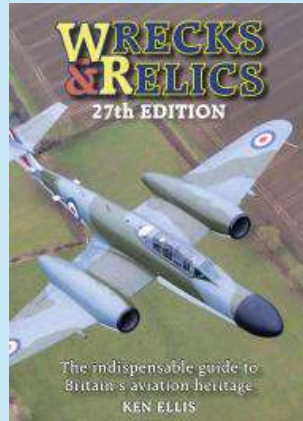
Royal Vikings – The Saga of Scandinavian Airlines and Predecessors
by Günter Endres



Profusely illustrated with many unique (black & white and colour) photographs and excellent colour side views, this is a book that any civil aviation enthusiast will want to own.

A4, hardback, 262 pages, 319 photographs, 37 colour profiles.
Members and Non-members £35.00

Wrecks & Relics 27th Edition edited by Ken Ellis



The 27th Edition of this much loved book provides in depth coverage of over 700 locations throughout the British Isles. It gives details of in excess of 700 different aircraft types with 5,000 individual aircraft listed.

210mm x 148mm, hardback, 200 photos, 368 pages.

Members and Non-members £19.95 <https://www.air-britain.co.uk/actbooks/index.html>

THE AIR-BRITAIN SECOND-HAND SALES LIST

Air-Britain holds extensive stocks of secondhand books and magazines which are made available at bargain-basement prices. Proceeds are in support of AB's archive initiative. There is guaranteed to be something for everyone amongst the ever-changing and growing stocks.

New lists are issued on a monthly basis, usually in the first week of the month.

To make life easier for you, we have split the listing into three sections:

Air-Britain back stock (books and magazines)

Second-hand books

Second-hand magazines

They are available on the website at:

<https://air-britain.com/web/books-2nd/>

and Message Board at

<https://air-britain.freeforums.net/board/67/second-hand-books-magazines>

to peruse at your leisure. We have added 1,200 additional titles since March!

We have also acquired a large number of Aeromodeller magazines from the 1940s and 1950s. Since these are not what we normally seek to sell via the second-hand sales department, please contact Malcolm Fillmore directly

at Chairman@air-britain.co.uk.

If you are a user of eBay and live within striking distance of Tonbridge, would you

like to help us sell our growing stock of second-hand books and magazines on eBay?
Recognising your time and effort, we would be happy for you to share in the proceeds raised. If you are interested please contact Malcolm Fillmore to discuss this further.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ABPic, Air-Britain's online digital image library, is looking for new volunteers to assist with screening and database management.

Screeners: Must should have an interest and knowledge of aviation in a number of areas. Military, airline and biz jet specialists welcome. All should be widely versed in digital photography and the use of digital databases. All is done online.

Database management: our online database needs constant work to improve it. Can you help using your expertise?

Once again, all is done online and you must be familiar with all aspects of aviation.

If you are able to help, please contact Simon Wills at abpic@air-britain.co.uk

Can you add your photos to ABPic - as well as current items, historical shots are also very welcome!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We are no longer issuing annual membership cards. Please keep a copy of the WHOLE insert that comes with your magazine (containing your address and membership number) as proof of your membership. Once the lockdown is fully rescinded, this will apply to sales by third-party vendors who sell to Air-Britain members at discounted prices. Those of you who plan to join us at the AGM (see above) will need this information to gain entry.

Air-Britain News and its electronic sister eABN



The September edition of *Air-Britain News* is at the printers. But did you know that we also publish an electronic version, which is released on the same day that the paper version is despatched to the printers? This means you can read it up to 2 weeks earlier than the posted copy, save postal costs and all the illustrations are in colour. A subscription costs **£35.99** per annum, and single copies are **£3.99**. Back issues (from January 2010 onward) are also available. For more details go to

<https://pocketmags.com/air-britain-magazine#>

If you have an eABN only subscription (i.e. not printed), then you can activate your Air-Britain membership by going to: <https://www.air-britain.co.uk/actmembers/acatalog/AddOn.html>

WANTED: The Answer to Everything Aeronautical

Suggested topics for coverage in *Aviation World* during 2021 are listed on the Forum at

<https://air-britain.freeforums.net/thread/737/aviation-world-2021-list>

Who has the answers?

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 600,000 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. We are adding production lists to our Message Board offerings: they can be found under Aviation History > Aircraft > Sub-Boards. Recently added are production histories for Tiger Moths (an ongoing listing due to the size and detail of the entries), Diamond Aircraft, Mooneys and the Tecnam P2006T.

A guide on how to register can be found [HERE](#)

In addition we have

- [AB-IX](#) - Open to members only, AB-IX is run as part of groups.io. 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 groups.io. For more details contact the [group owner](#)
- The [Air-Britain Facebook](#) page - where we share details of Air-Britain happenings, as well as other selected items related to aviation.

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