



## **Newsletter - May 2021**

Welcome to our May newsletter. Although we've not been releasing regular newsletters, the Air-Britain Trust Board and Committees have been hard at work behind the scenes. We've published three books - five more are either at the printers or on their way to the warehouse and we expect to have them all available at the Fly-In on 19-20 June, of which more below!

Sue Bushell  
Newsletter Editor

**Air-Britain Fly-in - 19-20 June 2021**

As members know, last year's Fly-In was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Phil Kemp and his team have been working hard with interested bodies to ensure that we can hold an event this year within the government guidelines. The theme of this, our 41st Annual event, is "Classic Fly-In" and will be held at Turweston, just north of Brackley, Northamptonshire. Admission will be £5 per person (under-12s are free). If you are intending to arrive by air, please note that you must book a slot using the airfield's website [www.turwestonflight.com/flying-1/](http://www.turwestonflight.com/flying-1/) where you can find the PPR request form.

More details on arriving by road, planned exhibitors and latest news can be found on our dedicated website page: <https://air-britain.com/web/flyin/>

Phil is also looking for volunteers to help with a range of tasks on the day - if you can help him AND our Society please contact him at [phil.kemp@air-britain.com](mailto:phil.kemp@air-britain.com)

**Latest news:**

- The UK's only airworthy De Havilland Vampire T11 plans to join us for the weekend.
- Responses from the "scaled classic" types such as those on the poster has been positive and at least 9 have so far indicated their intention to come along
- On Sunday there will be gathering of Scottish Aviation Bulldogs to mark the 50th anniversary of the first flight of a Prestwick-built aircraft.

A promotional poster for the Air-Britain Classic Fly-In event. The top half features a yellow biplane with 'K 8303' and 'D' markings flying against a blue sky. The bottom half shows a white and black striped P-51 Mustang on a grassy field. The text is centered and includes the event dates, location, and contact information.

**Air-Britain**

# CLASSIC FLY-IN

**19-20 June 2021**  
**TURWESTON AERODROME**  
Air-Britain (Events) Ltd in partnership with Turweston Flight Centre  
(Landing fees apply)

Airborne arrivals strictly PPR [www.turwestonflight.com/flying-1/](http://www.turwestonflight.com/flying-1/)  
Gates open 09:00 £5.00 per person on gate and under 12's free  
Air-Britain and other sales and exhibition stands, all day catering  
For further information  
+ 44 (0)1376 344441 [www.air-britain.com/web/flyin](http://www.air-britain.com/web/flyin)  
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**IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT COVID GUIDELINES**

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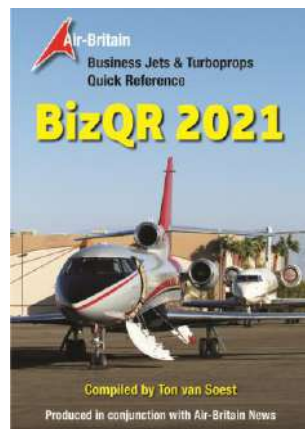
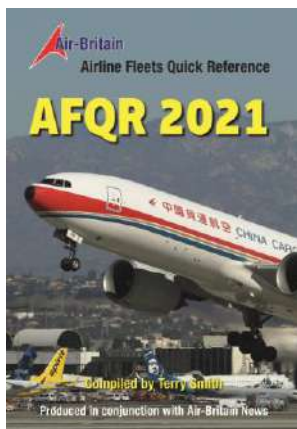
## NEW ANNUAL BOOKS

As I said above, the Publications Committee have been extremely busy over the winter and spring months, and since the last newsletter we have published our three Quick

Reference softback guides. Arriving from the printers this coming weekend are two of our Annual publications - the Civil Aircraft Registers of the British Isles and Airline Fleets - they will be available from Sunday on the website. Hot on their heels is our landmark Business Jets International, expected during the first 10 days of June.

I don't intend to turn this newsletter into a sales sheet as you will all receive one of those with the May issue of *Air-Britain News* and the Summer issue of *Aviation World*. If you click on the image below, this will take you to the relevant page on our website.

**Available now:**



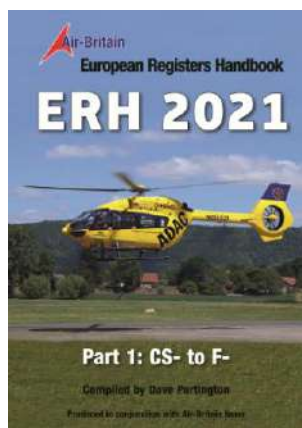
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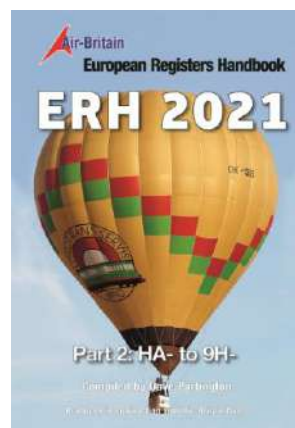
**Available soon:**



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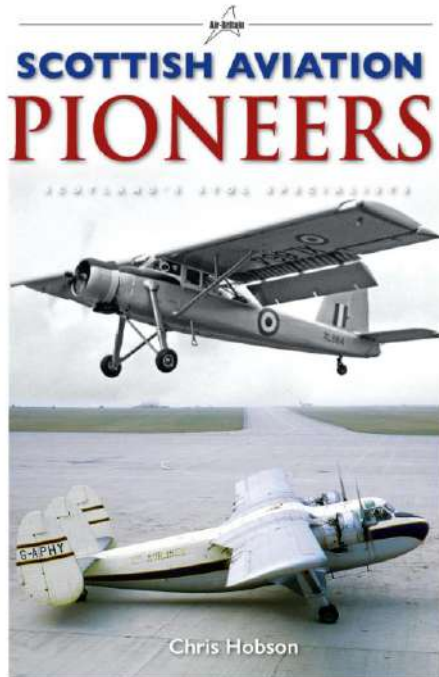
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In the meantime, we'd like to thank John Henderson and the sales team at Tonbridge plus Howard Nash who have navigated their way through the Covid situation and the UK's departure from the European Union with all the latter entailed regarding overseas sales. They have gone the extra mile to make sure that everyone got what they ordered, despite issues with the order system which came at the busiest time of the year for them. And they've done it with a smile even though there must have been times when they wanted to scream ...

Regarding the order system, the breakdown in February/March was caused by communication problems between the various IT elements running the site and it proved difficult to trace which caused the delay in fixing the problem. We have now made some changes to avoid this problem happening again and to minimise any future disruption.



## NEW - Scottish Aviation Pioneers



The latest book in our softback series is at the printers now and we intend to launch it at the Fly-In. The subject this time is Scottish Aviation Pioneers - both the single Pioneer and its larger brother, the Twin Pioneer. Author Chris Hobson takes us through the history and use of the two types, most of whose service in the RAF was undertaken abroad. The Twin Pioneer was also used in a variety of civilian roles worldwide, including passenger and freight transportation and in survey roles worldwide.

Within its 120 pages, we have 134 black and white and 64 colour photographs plus 10 colour side views and three-view drawings. The members' price is £17, for non-members it will be £22.

### 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.**

## HELP WANTED

### HP/BAe Jetstream

We are in the process of preparing a book on the Jetstream which will include the full production histories of the approximately 500 aircraft built.

While we have a mass of data available, we are looking for someone to assist in typing this all up into our normal readable format and helping in the editing process. If you are willing to assist, please contact Malcolm Fillmore at [malcolm.fillmore@air-britain.com](mailto:malcolm.fillmore@air-britain.com)

## Reticent Writers Required

Air-Britain's quarterly magazine, *Aviation World*, endeavours to include items to suit all aviation tastes, but struggles to find authors covering certain areas.

These are, mainly,

First World War

Second World War

Between the wars – civil and military aviation

Members are encouraged to contact the editor, [Paul.Jackson@Air-Britain.com](mailto:Paul.Jackson@Air-Britain.com) to discuss potential articles on these *and any other* aviation subjects likely to be of interest to fellow enthusiasts. You need to be certain of your facts, but can be assured that any shortfall in your writing skills will be edited-out well before publication.

**Air-Britain Message Board and AB-IX**





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**Welcome**

	Board	Threads	Posts	Last Post
	<a href="#" style="color: #000080;">Welcome</a> Welcome to the Air-Britain Message Board - this section includes a guide on how to register, hints and tips and our rules for the message board - please read them before registering or posting.	5	20	<a href="#" style="color: #000080;">Membership Cards 2020</a> by Admin Feb 28, 2020 at 2:43pm

Air-Britain operates an on-line Message Board to facilitate discussions on a wide range of subjects. These include airfield news - access arrangements, residents' lists, airport hotels or, even, hints on telescope repairs - and announcements of new Air-Britain publications and upcoming events. A recent addition is the section "News of Members", for obituaries and memories.

The Message Board can be viewed by anybody, but to obtain full advantage of all its facets, current Air-Britain members need to register at <https://login.proboards.com/register/6893725>

As well as being able to get involved in the discussions and download various attachments, such as the Tiger Moth histories, you can set up alerts for new discussions and posts.

To set up the alerts, go to PROFILE, on the top menu bar of the main Message Board screen. Then click on EDIT PROFILE and then NOTIFICATIONS. This will then give you a number of options, including new threads (discussions), posts and



several other categories. You can decide whether to receive these notifications and at what interval: Instant, Daily, or Weekly. Then you will receive e-mails to your in-box, from where you can click onto the link to take you directly to the relevant thread or message.

While the Air-Britain Message Board is open to all subjects related to aviation, our e-mail group, AB-IX is *reserved for research topics*, allowing information-seekers to access the vast pool of knowledge that resides within our membership. Again, entry is for current members only and once registered, you can determine the frequency of e-mail delivery: individual messages, a digest grouping up to 12 messages together, or a daily summary. More details of AB-IX can be found within the AB-IX Report elsewhere in this issue.

If you have any questions on either the Message Board or AB-IX, please contact [steve.mitchell@air-britain.com](mailto:steve.mitchell@air-britain.com)

## **NEW** Secondhand Books and Magazines sales lists are available

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. 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> or by contacting Malcolm Fillmore at [secondhandsales@air-britain.com](mailto:secondhandsales@air-britain.com)

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

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

If you wish to donate material for the AB archive or for re-sale for Association funds, please contact Malcolm as above.

## Air-Britain News and its electronic sister eABN



The May 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>

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. 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 - this is where we share details of Air-Britain happenings, as well as other selected items related to aviation.

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