

The Society's Library

— Chris Ashworth Collection

In December 2005 the Society's Library was presented with a large quantity of material from the collection which belonged to the aviation historian Chris Ashworth. A particular feature of the collection is a large number of typescripts recording the development of a number of British civil and military aircraft types (particularly detailed in their records of individual aircraft histories and squadron allocations), air force units/squadrons and airfield histories. Cataloguing of the collection is ongoing but some of the highlights recorded so far summarised below:

Collection of Aircraft Type Numbers and Data Lists for Miles Aircraft Ltd (incorporating Phillips and Powis Ltd), de Havilland Aircraft Company Limited, Hawker Aircraft Ltd. and Short Brothers & Harland Ltd, P.H.T. Green *et al*, 1949-1952. Includes Miles Aircraft 'U' numbers and the type numbers for de Havilland Aircraft Proprietary Limited Australia (DHA), de Havilland Aircraft Canada (DHC), de Havilland Aircraft Company of New Zealand (DHNZ) and de Havilland Technical School (TK1-TS1).

Armstrong Whitworth AW660 Argosy. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1982. 14pp.

Auster T7. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1985. 20pp.

Auster AOP6. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1980. 52pp.

Auster AOP9. R.C.B. Ashworth. 20pp.

Collection of typescript histories of various Avro aircraft types. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1997-1998.

Includes histories of the Avro 504R, 523 Pike, 534 Baby, 536, 538 'Racer', 543 Baby, 546, 547 Triplane, 549 Aldershot, 554 Antarctic Baby, 555 Bison, 557 Ava, 560, 561/563 Andover, 566/567 Avenger, 562 Avis, 571/572 Buffalo, 574/587 (Cierva C.6), 575/611/617 (C.8L), 576 (Cierva C.9), 581 Avian, 582, 586/587, 594 Avian III and IIIA, 616 Avian IVM and V, 618 Ten, 619 Five, 621, 627 Mailplane, 631, 637, 638 Club Cadet, 642, 643 MkII Cadet, 646 Sea Tutor and 671 (Cierva C.30).

Avro Anson — Summary of Production December 1951. A.V. Roe and Company, Manchester. 1951. 5pp.

Avro Athena Mk1 and Mk2 (two company brochures). A.V. Roe and Company, Manchester. c.1948.

Avro Athena. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1980. 4pp.

Avro Tudor I and II (two company brochures). A.V. Roe and Company, Manchester. c.1946.

Avro Tudor. D.N. Tattersall. 5pp.

Sea Balliol T21. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1976. 7pp.

Bristol F2b in Squadron Service 1918-1932. C. Bowyer. 17pp.

Bristol Brigand Met.3. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1986. 2pp.

The Bristol Buckingham. R.C.B. Ashworth. 10pp.

Cierva C19 (Avro-built). R.C.B. Ashworth. 1998. 14pp.

The de Havilland DH9A in Service. R.C.B. Ashworth. 7pp.

Early Naval Vampires. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1987. 10pp.

A History of the Douglas Skyraider AEW1. British Aviation Research Group — Naval Aviation Research Section, Yateley. 1974. 56pp. Illustrated.

A Short History of the English Electric Company Limited (Aviation Branch). R.C.B. Ashworth and H. Bonney. c.1953. 17pp

Canberra B(1)8. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1979. 13pp.

Canberra U/D10. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1981. 4pp.

Lightning F1. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1976. 12pp.

Lightning F3. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1985. 22pp.

Fairey Barracuda III. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1984-1985. 9pp.

Fairey Firefly T7/AS7. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1981. 23pp.



The Armstrong Siddeley Mamba-powered Avro Athena T1, VM125.
RAeS Library photo.

Hastings Met1. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1984. 6pp.

Hawker Sea Hawk. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1983. 99pp.

Jet Provost: Reprinted from *Flight*, 6 May 1955. Hunting Percival Aircraft, Luton. 1955. 12pp. Illustrated.

Includes detailed cutaway diagram and comparative performance summaries of the P84 Jet Provost TMk1 (Measured) and the Jet Provost Development (Estimated).

Lockheed A-11/SR-71 — the 'Baffling Blackbird'. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1977. 7pp.

The Martin 2-0-2 — Model Plans and Specifications. Martin Aircraft Company. c.1948.

Miles Martinet. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1980. 28pp.

Pobjoy Airmotors. R.C.B. Ashworth. 3pp.

Reminiscences of Douglas Pobjoy and Pobjoy Airmotors Ltd. of Mr George Luff and Mr R. Marshall. 5pp.

Saab-17/-18A/-18B/-21A/-21R/Safir — Some Technical Data (six items). Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget (SAAB Aircraft Co.), Linköping. 1948.



Fairey Gannet. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1986. 74pp.

Gloster E1/44. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1984. 2pp.

Javelin FAW9. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1980. 4pp.

Gloster Meteor PR10. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1978. 7pp.

The Long-Nose Meteors. R. Lindsay. 1976. 12pp.

Grumman Martlet — Scottish Aviation World War II Assemblies. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1979. 7pp
Records individual aircraft histories of the numerous Grumman Martlet I and II which were assembled, test flown and delivered to the Royal Air Force and Fleet Arm by Scottish Aviation Ltd at Prestwick.

A&AEE Hastings. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1985. 6pp.

Skeeter. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1979. 13pp.

Saro W14 Skeeter. J. Cullens. 4pp.

Supermarine Attacker. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1978. 22pp.

Supermarine Swift. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1987. 25pp.

Westland Whirlwind Helicopter. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1980. 87pp.

Westland Whirlwind and the RAF. R.C.B. Ashworth. 41pp.

Whirlwind HAR21. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1987. 5pp.

Whirlwind HAS22. R.C.B. Ashworth. c.1987. 7pp.

Berlin Airlift. R.C.B. Ashworth. 8pp. *Includes detailed chronology of the airlift, tonnages carried, civilian contractors and accident summary.*

History of Croydon Airport. W. Nicol. c.1980. 12pp.

Culdrose Crash Log 9.9.1947 to 15.1.1971. G. Wakeham. 11pp.

Hucknall Flying Testbeds. R.C.B. Ashworth. 7pp. *Records individual aircraft histories.*

Martlesham Heath Aircraft: Early 1930s — Featuring the Hawker Hart. G. Kinsey and R. Harrison. Martlesham Heath Aviation Historic Society, Martlesham Heath. c.1982. 21pp. Illustrated.

Records details of over 50 aircraft which underwent flight testing trials at the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment



Avro Tudor 4, G-AHNN, Star Leopard, of BSAA. RAeS Library photo.

(A&AEE) at Martlesham Heath between 1928 and 1934.

The History of the Rotol Flight Test Department 1939-1947. R.C.B. Ashworth. 8pp. *Includes details of Spitfires and other aircraft types used by Rotol.*

Ireland Takes Wing — the Aer Lingus Story. R.C.B. Ashworth. 1975. 3pp.

The Story of RAF Bolt Head. L. Hunt. 1966. 3pp.

History of Royal Air Force Gravesend. Air Historical Branch. 1961. 5pp.

The Story of RAF Harrowbeer. L. Hunt. 1966. 4pp.

History of RAF Hawkinge. R. Humphreys. c.1980. 34pp.

History of RAF Base Malta. R.C.B. Ashworth. 15pp.

History of No2 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force 1916-1952. Royal Australian Air Force — Historical Section. The Speciality Press Limited, Melbourne. c.1953. 24pp.

27 Squadron — The Flying Elephants. C. Bowyer. Caldicott Ltd, Gainsborough. c.1966. 12pp. Illustrated.

Martin 2-0-2, YV-C-AMB, of Linea Aeropostal Venezolana (LAV), leaving the Glenn L. Martin plant at Baltimore. RAeS Library photo.

No33 Squadron. R. Lindsay. 1977. 4pp.

The History of 42 Squadron. Anonymous. c.1962. 29pp.

Notes on Servicing Echelon Operating with No.42 Squadron. M.AeOp Barratt. 24pp.

No201 Squadron Royal Air Force: the History of a Famous Naval and Coastal Command Unit. Anonymous. 1960. 16pp.

History of No210 Squadron. Anonymous. c.1960. 46pp. *Includes appendices recording squadron locations, aircraft types operated, submarines sunk by the squadron and casualties of both WW1 and WW2.*

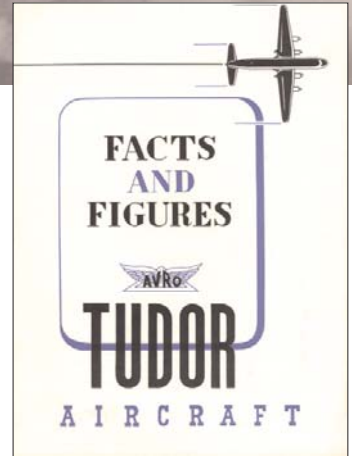
The History of No220 Squadron Royal Air Force. Anonymous. 1957. 17pp.

A Short History of No234 Squadron Royal Air Force 1917-1955. R.A. Brown. 1956. 31pp.

No242 Squadron Royal Air Force: Squadron History and Notes. A.E.M. Barton. 1962. 24pp.

No208 AFS (Advanced Flying School)/9 FTS. R.C.B. Ashworth. 9pp.

No209 AFS (Advanced Flying School)/12 FTS. R.C.B. Ashworth. 9pp.



A History of 226 OCU (Operational Conversion Unit). R. Lindsay. 1977. 8pp.

A History of No236 OCU (Operational Conversion Unit). R.C.B. Ashworth. 2pp.

The North East's Auxiliaries. R. Lindsay. 1976. 8pp. *Concise history of 606, 607 and 608 Squadrons of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.*

Grahame-White — Pioneer Airman and Supreme Showman. R.C.B. Ashworth. 28pp.

The Harvard-Boston Aviation Meeting at Atlantic, Massachusetts, 3-13 September 1910. R.C.B. Ashworth. 4pp.

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