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<p><u>Abbreviations for rank:</u></p> <p>G/Cpt Group Captain  W/Cdr Wing Commander  Sq/Ldr Squadron Leader  F/Lt Flight Lieutenant  F/O Flying Officer  P/O Pilot Officer  NCOs Non Commissioned Officers  W/O Warrant Officer  F/Sgt Flight Sergeant  Sgt Sergeant  Cpl Corporal</p>	<p><u>Other Ranks</u></p> <p>LAC Leading Aircraftsman  AC1 Aircraftsman 1st Class  AC2 Aircraftsman 2nd Class</p> <p><u>Other abbreviations</u></p> <p>CO Commanding Officer  Wop/AG Wireless operator/Air gunner  Obs Observer (navigator)  OTU Operation Training Unit  Kia Killed in Action  <i>Other less frequently used abbreviations are listed at end</i></p>	<p><u>Notes &amp; Search Words:</u></p> <p>Main categories in this column are:  People Places  Squadrons Dates  Bristol Blenheim (BB) Serial numbers</p> <p>For ease of search &amp; consistency:  <u>Dates</u> are written as: dd/mm/yyyy  <u>Squadrons</u> listed as: 18Sq, 21Sq, etc  <u>Ref to journals:</u> Issue 56, page 4 = 56/4</p>
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### Issue 59: July 2007 – Celebrating 20 years of the Blenheim Society 1987 to 2007

Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Poem	Epitaph for the Blenheim Boys	Denis Ager	Poem written in 1942 "Someone said that it couldn't be done ..."
Blenheim Society	2	Data	President and Committee		Names and contact details of 7 society 'officials' and 4 committee members
	2	Report	President's Message	Graham Warner	Society membership growing, merchandise selling well, repair fund increasing, free copy of 'Aeroplane' (Oct '05) included + database of surviving BBs. Thanks to all!
	3	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	1 in 5 of Society is a 'founder' member (flew in BBs) & 'treated' to events this year.
Editorial	3	Report	Editorial	Ian Carter	Bumper 24-page anniversary issue. Thanks to all for support & copy, and to West 4 Printers Ltd for 'behind scenes' help.
	3/4	Report	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: F/Lt A J Smith, W/Cdr Joe C Stevenson (40Sq), A Clucas (600Sq), Mrs B Hoyle, F/Lt Victor Day (21Sq, 45Sq), Sq/Ldr R D M Evers, G/Cpt G M Wyatt (57Sq), J A White, Ken Gilbert, Sid Endlish (100Sq), Terrence O'Brien (53Sq). Full obits in Spring '08 issue.
Blenheim Mk 1	4	Report	From the Engineering side, 17	Smudge	Main work on Mk 1 nose with two new skins 'wheeled' into shape, but how to shape the Perspex windows? Cockpit control system started & work on fuselage flaps fuel tanks and wing root fairing. Pic.
	4	Data	Prize Draw Winners		Lists the 2007 draw winners
R&R in 'Blenheim County'	5	Letter	Hands up all those who remember the Samson and Hercules	'Dinty' Moore (ex 18Sq)	After Battle for France Blenheim Sqs based at 8 airfield in Norfolk (7 in Group 2 and 1 in Coastal Command @ Bircham Newton). Many outings to Norwich, esp 'Lido' on Aylsham Rd & 'Samson & Hercules' in Tombland. Lido demolished long ago, S&H about to be converted. Describes memories. Pics of S&H, ballroom, map Norfolk airfields.
Ceylon April 1942	6	Article	Trincomalee (China Bay)	MG Coneau via Lawrence Wheatley (11Sq,	Describes some of the events between 05/04/1942 and 09/04/1942 at Colombo and Trincomalee, Ceylon when attacked by Japanese fleet's Zeros. Coneau was based with XI Sq at Colombo racecourse. F/Lt Fulford, 261Sq. Also attack by 11Sq on Jap

				XISq)	fleet on 09/04 with no escort, with 5 BBs & crew lost. Sq/Ldr K Ault, F/Lt E Adcock, Sgt JCA Ball, P/O GS Burgan (DFC), F/O AE Donald, Sgt GK Eckersley, P/O Evans, Sgt MC Gray, P/O R Knight, Sgt MacAuley, Sgt McLennan, Sgt FJG Nell, Sgt NL Stevenson, Sgt AR Travers, Sgt SD Whiles & 2 naval observers. V6010. Carrier 'Akagi'. (See AIR 20/4698 @ PRO for secret report to Churchill of failed search on 07/04/1942 by 11Sq).
Malta 1941	7	Article	The role of luck in air warfare	Sir Ivor Broom (written 1994)	'Hijacked' for 4 mths on Malta by AVM Hugh Pughe Lloyd in Sept '41 en route to Egypt, Sgt Broom found himself in 105Sq, then 107Sq, on bombing missions. He describes lucky incidents on 11/10/1941 convoy attack, his promotion to P/O, and fate.
82 Squadron	7	Wanted	Help wanted	Stan Pascoe (548419)	Stan, in Australia, enquires about pilot Sq/Ldr Dennis Gibbs in V6445 and V6147, 82Sq. Navigator was Ron Betty, died after shipping op 20/08/1941. Pic with Stan after Cologne raids 12/08/1941. Contact via editor with info.
Cologne raid	8-11	Article	Blenheim Z7451, Cologne August 1941	Jim Langston (Jingles)	Originally written for Theo Boiten's <i>Blenheim Strike</i> , Jim describes his arrival at Watton with 21Sq, meeting Dave Roberts (Obs) & Ken Attew (Wop/AG) & brand new Z7451. Operating with 82Sq on 12/08/1941 raid on Quadrath power station, Jim describes both facts and emotion, mentioning Whirlwind fighters, Spitfires, diversionary raids, Sq/Ldr Bill Edrich (leader of his V of six), P/O J Gorfield – 54 BB in total flying low (climb to clear a house!). Vividly describes their crash and 'relief' of capture & being taken to Dulag Luft, Frankfurt. W/Cdr Douglas Bader, P/O Eric Lock. Meeting Edgar Bircher in 1981 & Bill Corfield & Douglas Attenborough at reunion 28/05/1993.
North African Campaign	11	Poem	The Battle of the Kasserine Pass	Albert Butterworth	Letter with poem relating events on 20/02/1943 in Tunisia, North Africa with 18Sq. US 34 <sup>th</sup> Division.
	11	Letter	614 Squadron Operations: follow up	Dermot Stapleton	Follow-up to 58/5 on 614Sq. Received copy from Betty Ager of Denis Ager's log book for 01/12/1942 'secret consignment' confirmed. Blida to C Rosa to Souk Al Arba.
	11	Letter	Spitfire Flight Prize Winner	Terry Cann	Thanks to Anna McDowell (ARC), John 'Smudge' Smith, Dave 'Rats' Ratcliffe & Jim Dale for day to remember.
	11	Notice	Blenheim Kit Release	Mark Peacock	Classic Airframe 1/48 scale Mk1 BB released with VT-B (30Sq) markings
Sydney Lewis Bennett (RAFVR pilot 742975)	12-14	Article	The search for an uncle	Chris Bennett	An account of Chris Bennett's search for his uncle (kia 31/12/1940, Albania) after reading TH Wisdom's <i>Wings over Olympus</i> & finding letters about life in RAF ('39-'40). Help from Graham Warner's <i>The Bristol Blenheim</i> , Ian Carter, James Dunnet (also in 211Sq raid to Valona from Menidi/Tatoi), IRCC, Don Clark. Raid led by Sq/Ldr Gordon Finlayson. Sgt SL Bennett flew with Sgt LR France (Wop/AG) & Sgt WH Tunstall (Obs) and all buried at Mavrove village. Via British embassy in Tirana contacted Graham Sanson in Albania and went to find site of crash and meet locals (esp Zoti Muhameti). Pics: King's inspection of 13 OTE Bicester, July '40; area of L1540 crash 31/12/1940.

	14	Pics	VIP visitors		Pics by Denis Ager (18Sq), Grombalia, May 1940: Churchill & Eden; King George VI
Flushing harbour raid	15-16	Article	Flushing	Sq/Ldr Dickie Rook	After sort preamble (502Sq, 17 OTU Upwood, 114Sq Horsham St Faith's) crash on 27/11/1940 at Old Catton described, with pilot Sgt Peter Weigh injured. Transferred briefly to 105Sq at Swanton Morley where Sgt Paddy Murray (Wop/AG) and Sgt Dickie Rook (Obs) teamed up with F/Lt Alan Judson as pilot. Squadron W/Cdr Christian kia and replaced by W/Cdr Hugh Edwards. Crew now posted back to 114Sq and rest of article describes the raid on Flushing harbour on 14/05/1941 led by F/Lt Claver Booth. Flying in T1887 in bad weather BB was hit but made its way back to base to crash land. Options, decisions & concerns interestingly detailed. Out on raid again 2 days later in V6039
114 Squadron	17	Pics	114 Squadron	Bill Burberry	Pic: 27 photos of 77 named crew of 114Sq taken West Raynham, mid 1942
114 Squadron	18-21	Article	The Blenheims of 114 Squadron	Graham Warner	70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of BBs entering service with RAF with 114Sq, 2 Goup Bomber Command in March 1937. No OTU & BBs very different from Hawker Hinds, so lots of accidents. BBs served in all Commands & in three theatres of war until April 1943 with 235 serving with 114Sq, with 280 crew and 112 BBs lost. Article names many of these: P/O Perry, K7036, Conde-Vreux, 139Sq, Advanced Strike Force, 11/05/1939, 18Sq. 114Sq evacuated & reformed July 1940, Oulton, Wattisham. Bomber & Coastal Commands, Operation Sea Lion, Battle of Britain, 'Circus' ops (Jan '41), Thornaby, Leuchars, Norway, April '41, W/Cdr Elmsie, Sq/Ldr Robins, F/Lt Myers, Sgt Beardsley, P/O Long, Sgt McWilliam, Sgt Dowsey, West Raynham, 12/08/1941, Cologne, W/Cdr Nicol (kia 19/08/1941), Sgt Wheatley, North Wooton, Den Helder, Texel, 15/10/1941, W/Cdr Fraser Jenkins (kia 27/03/1942), Vaasgo, 27/12/1941, Herdla, Operation Fuller, F/O P Brancker, F/Sgt C Grey, Zeist, W/Cdr G Hull, Aalsmeer, '1,000 Bomber Raid', Bremen, Schipol, Night Intruder Ops, Vechta, Leeuwarden, 25/07/1942, Army Co-operation, Exercise Dryshod, Harwarden, Overseas Aircraft Delivery Unit, Portreath, Gibraltar, 13Sq, 614Sq, 326 Wing, Operation Torch, North Africa, Blida, Setif, Conrobert, W/Cdr Hugh Malcom (kia 04/12/1942), W/Cdr Hughie Edwards (105Sq), S/Ldr Arthur Scarfe (30Sq), B799, Sidi Ahmed, P/O Mathias, BA690, F/Lt Fuller, BA804, Bizerta, F/Lt Coates, BA791, Rebeval, BA742, Canrobert, P/O Steele, 27/12/1942 BA817, P/O Berriman, Sgt K Smith (obs kia), 23/02/1943, BA999, 28/02/1943, G/Cpt Laurie Sinclair. 114Sq got Douglas Boston III April 1943.
Sgt Geoffrey Chapman (904536) Wop/AG	21-23	Article	Memories of the Greek Campaign	Simon Lord	In June 2007, G Chapman told Simon Lord of his time in Greece with 30Sq. He, with F/Lt Horgan (pilot) & Sgt Joe Strong (Obs) flew in L8398 to Eleusis from Fuka on 06/01/194. He describes life at Paramythia & actions over Albania (Boultzar) on 25/01/1941 in which Sgt Stammers (pilot) and Sgt Akeroyd (Wop/AG) injured. K7105.

					Daily raids on Tepelene and Buzi areas with Sq/Ldr Milward (L1239) and F/O Smith (L4825) & 112Sq. Details raid on Berat, on 20/02/1941 escorted by Gloster Gladiators and Hurricanes fighting G.50s & CR42s, and attack on Leece airfield in Italy led by F/Lt Horgan in L1339 on 28/03/1941. Sgt Owen's emergency landing. Also 10/04/1941 raid on German MT on Monastir Gap & evacuation to Maleme, Crete on 17/04/1941.
BB potted histories	24	Data	L-Series Blenheim Mk.Is	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: L1109, L1110, L1111, L1112, L1113, L1114, L1115, L1116, L1117, L1118, L1119, L1120. <i>(450 Mk Is built by Bristols at Filton, delivered Feb '38 to March '39)</i>
	24		At the going down of the sun ...		Sq/Ldr John Robert Nassau Molesworth DFC (Bill Burberry); Sgt Kenneth Victor Turner, RAFVR, KIA 13/08/1940, Aalborg (Alan Turner); 'Greyhounds' (Ian Carter)

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blenheims and 20 <sup>th</sup> of Blenheim Society. 2007 Draw tickets
Editorial	1	Report	Editorial	Ian Carter	Thanks to Tony Lowe for web-site & anniversary polo shirts
	1	Report	Calling all Blenheim Boys:	Ian Carter	Anniversary memorial section in next issue. Contact Ian with names. Blenheim Day 22/09/2007.
	2	Report	Birthday Boy		Pic: Albert Gregory DFC (ex 219Sq Wop/Ag) on 90 <sup>th</sup> b/d, 09/05/2007, with Dennis Cooke, Ron Bramley & Phil Harvey of AGA.
	3	Report	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: Cyril Hoyer, Alistair Raby, Roy Neale, Pauline Stapleton, W/Cdr J Young, S/Ldr J Anderson (604Sq), S/Ldr Gerry Page, Tom Payne (110Sq), W/Cdr Patrick Newton Kingwill (60Sq)
	3		Stop Press		Classic Airframes 1/48 Blenheim IV kits out Summer '07
Jack Bennett 947983	3	Obit	Jack Bennett – 11/02/1921–25/02/2007		Daughter writes: Trained at RAF technical school, St Athans. In 15Sq, 68Sq, 214Sq & overseas service Rhodesia. Founder member Blenheim Soc. Pic: Jack ~ 1940
Ray Lisgo	4	Obit	Ray Lisgo, died 04/04/07, aged 86	Ron Bramley	Funeral Bromfield, Cumbria. Boy entrant Cranwell, Wop/Ag on Blenheims, Air Sea Rescue, D-Day & landed Omaha Beach with Signals Unit. 110Sq. Pic: BB L1155 crash 15/02/1939, North Coates; F/Lt Withey & AC2 Richardson died, Ray survived. Pic:Ray
John Gerard Sharratt	4	Obit	Farewell to a Greyhound	Ron Bramley	Sgt Wop/Ag with 211Sq in ME July '39 to Dec '41. 30 ops in 4 mths with Hooper and Geary. Then 72 OTU at Nanyuki. 35 yrs RAF retired as S/Ldr 1972. Moved NZ '87.
	5	Letter	614 Squadron Operations	Dermot Stapleton	Patrick Stapleton (Wop/Ag) with P/O Iain Maclaren & Sgt Denis Ager (54/5). Secret op collecting French (?) civilian from emergency LG to Canrobert (?), attack by 2 109s; one crashed into pylon cables. Any info? 614Sq, Blida, Algiers, ? Dec '42. Pic: P Stapleton's log book.
	5	Data	From AP 1530G Pilots Notes Blenheim V, Mercury XV or 25 engines	Bill Burberry	Warning to pilots about centre gravity & instability in flight!

Blenheim Mk 1	6	Report	From the Engineering side, 16	Smudge	Working on nose & front of bomb bay. New ribs made and opening window frames being rescued. Work started on hydraulic activating levers and rocker gears.
Blenheim Mk 1	6	Wanted	What is it and what did it do?	Smudge	Two pics of a mystery part found with BB's short nose.
110 squadron	7/8	Poem	The Toast to 110	Tom Payne	110Sq history (1917–1971) in verse. Stanley Vincent, Major Harry Nicoll, Maisonnelle, Waddington, S/Ldr Cameron, Wattisham, S/Ldr Doran, Khumbirgram
	8	Data	Where to find us	Editor	List of dates & airshow venues
	8	Letter	'light hearted piece'	Jack Bartley	Humour about two ladies
110 squadron	9	Pic	110Sq, Quetta, India, 1942		Pic: from Tom Payne of 110Sq hand-written names. Same at Wattisham Mar 1942
	10	Wanted	Sydney Mould		Sydney Mould was Wop/Ag on Blenheims. Peter Cooke wants info for his 90 <sup>th</sup> b/d. Info to Tony Lowe.
	10	Wanted	11 Squadron		Mark Taylor's dad, David Herbert Taylor was Wop/Ag with XISq (11Sq) Jan '42 to Feb '45. Meiktila 15/04/1943 in N6183. Contact: <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site</a>
	10	Wanted	11 Squadron		Peter Rackliff wants info about Battle of Ceylon, 11Sq & BBs. Believes an Australian researching this. Contact Peter at <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site</a>
	10	Wanted	211 Squadron		Any info on 211Sq contact Don Clark <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site</a> . Useful website: <a href="http://www.211squadron.org">www.211squadron.org</a>
	10	Letters	RE; F/Lt Harry Sparkes (57/9)		Steve Williams writes: Harry flew with F/Sgt TE Cantwell & Walter James Doe (Wop/Ag) on 24/05/1944. Awarded DFM.
	10	Letters	'Smudge' Bob Coles writes:		Regensburg April 1945, attempted POW escape. Blenheim crew: Bill Middleton (pilot), Bob Coles (Nav), Bob Hale (Wop/Ag), also pilot 'Tex' Bob Ratcliff & A/G Jack Smith. Third escape lucky!
	10	Letter	Nigel Eldred writes:		Lincolnshire Aircraft Recovery Group (LARG) found BB L1160 in Wash 2mls from RAF Holbeach. 07/11/1938. 61Sq, Pilot P/O Steele-Perkins. Describes recovery. BB remains in East Kirby Heritage Centre. Any info to Nigel @ 11 Grange Drive, LN4 4GJ. Ed adds: P/O Steele injured, Cpl Bentley killed, AC1 Laurens drowned.
Wattisham	11	Report	Bench dedication ceremony	Peter Lewis	Pic: of bench dedication to those who served at Wattisham 1939-1945.
	12		How things have changed	George Checketts	Describes BB delivery flight, Thorney Island to Malta on 03/12/1940 in BB T2179 & hazardous landing. After with 211Sq, Greece
	12		39 squadron disbandment dinner.		Pic: RAF Marham, 27/07/2006, 39Sq (1 PRU)

## Issue 57: March 2007

Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	£14,000 presented for Blenheim repairs at Christmas lunch. 2007 is 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Blenheim entering RAF service. Pic: Blenheim Day 2006
Editorial	2	Report	From Your Editor	Ian Carter	Feb '07 <i>Flypast</i> has 25 pages on Blenheims, incl 114Sq. Blen Soc 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Nov '07 – call for articles, esp FE & Greece. Also a Memorial page

	3	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: Raymond Sydney Stone, F/Lt TP Edwards, David Kay.
	3	Report	Thank you and Welcome	Andrew Pierce	Andrew thanks Derek Baden for committee work, esp as Draw promoter, and welcomes Neil Clennell (to be confirmed at AGM). Chart of 2007 events
RAF Bircham Newton	4	Report	RAF Bircham Newton Memorial Project	Neil Grant, David Jacklin, Brian Hall	Up-date from 52/8. Pic: memorial stone by Teucer Wilson unveiled 02/09/2006 by Sir Michael Beetham, dedicated by Rev Canon George Hall. Next: stone for Docking satellite airfield & improve Heritage Room
Convoy escorts	5	Article	13 Squadron Navigator, Part II	Reverend Leonard Rivett	13Sq. Coastal ops from 15/05/1943 based Borizzo (Sicily). Describes patrols, square search technique, RDF ops, strike crews, standby, accidents. Based Sebala No 2, then Monastir on 02/07/1943. George VI visit to N Africa. Other bases: Blida, Bone, Protville. Diary quote on Bizerta port air-raid, 06/09/1943. F/O L Trevallion (Trev) Wop/Ag Sgt F J Chapman (Fred). <u>PS by Ed</u> : Laurie Frampton (ex 72Sq) also on RDF trips. Difficult flying Bisleys.
	7	Article	Perchance to Dream?	Jim Dale	Jim's evokative description of flight from Duxford in a Tr9 Spitfire with RR Merlin engine. Pilot was Alan Walker. The flight was a prize from the Blenheim Society 2006 annual draw. Pic: Jim with Spitfire
	8	Letter		Victor Dobbs	Update of 54/7, by brother of Sgt Kenneth H Dobbs, 114Sq. Victor reports on 04/05/2006 Dutch Remembrance day at site of R3892 crash on 19/08/1940 & where Ken Dobbs (745629) & Wop/Ag Alex Pillans (751549) are buried. Pics: of cross and service
	9	Letter	Maastricht Memories	Mr P Greenwood	Ref 56/12. Writer's father, AC Greenwood (Wop/Ag) flew with Robert Miller (pilot) on 11/05/1940 & awarded DFM. Logbook states 'very lucky'!
	9	Letter	New Year: Newsletter	Norman Wright	Norman was AC1 with 21Sq on 26/12/1941 when flew from Watton to Malta. More later!
	9	Wanted		Harry Sparkes	13Sq, 114Sq. Wants name of Wop/Ag who flew night 24/05/1944 in Boston BZ327 on Recco of Avezzano area in electric storm. Pilot was John Berlandina. Contact: Harry @ 8 <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site</a>
	9	Wanted	18 Squadron, Sgt Arthur Ernest Craig	Mr Craig	18Sq. Sgt AE Craig 358376, missing on Recco from Watton 21/05/1940. Sister Laurence Mary (55/5) has provided details.
Researching BB and crew	10	Article	T2254 A Blenheim Research Story	Walter Lindekens	Fascinating account of how WL researched T2254, tracing its history in 13Sq & 18Sq, various repairs, details of final flight on 25/06/1942 and the crew that died at Aartselaar: Sgt Gordon Cox (Wop/Ag, RAFVR), F/Sgt William O'Neill (Obs, RNZAF), & FO Peter Huxley Looker (pilot). An example of varied sources, personal contacts/letters, and luck.. Pics: T2254 @ Odiham 1941; the 3 crew; 42 OTU Aug '41 @ Andover (with names); and the graves at Antwerp Schoonselhof cemetery. Who is EH Turner? See also 52/12. Alec McCurdy, Doug Beagley, Eric Aldred, Heather Tunmore, 09/03/1942 accident,
	14	Wanted		Walter Lindekens	Want to trace Ron MacKay, author ' <i>Squadron Signal in Action</i> '. <a href="#">Contact Ed for email address</a>

Blenheim Mk1	14	Report	From the Engineering side, 15	Smudge	ARC progress report – wings on, u/c completed, and working on nose from photos (as no detailed plans). Next is cockpit bottom and engine bay.
	15	Review	The Blenheim in Miniature (part 3)	Mark Peacock	An overview of plastic model kits available of the Blenheim. Classic Airframes 1/48 scale kits of BB Mk I, Mk IV & Mk V. Also review of available aftermarket decals.
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: L1097, L1098, L1099, L1100, L1101, L1102, L1103, L1104, L1105, L1106, L1107, L1108 (Pic: 54/14). <i>First of batch 450 Mk I's built at Filton, delivered Feb '38 to March '39</i>

## Issue 56: November 2006

Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	President's Message	Graham Warner	Cpt Eric Brown (Winkle)
	1	Report	Chairman's Report	Andrew Pierce	
Editorial	2	Report		Ian Carter	Sgt John West, Sage CWGC Cemetery, Tom Payne, 110Sq, Flying Camels, 45Sq, <i>'Battleaxe Blenheim'</i> by Stuart Scott
	3	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: J W Griffiths, E Pert, Rev'd GW Chapman, HE Jones, JA Sturmer, LHE Ridge, DS Knights, Jim Langston.
Lord R A Deramore	4	Obit	Richard Arthur de Yarborough-Bateson	Graham Warner	14Sq, Western desert, 20/08/2006
J R N (Bob) Molesworth	4	Obit	Sq/Ldr John Robert Nassau Molesworth DFC (RAAF)	Bill Burberry (Wop/Ag)	Sq/Ldr Tim Denny, 114Sq, 13Sq, Algeria, Tunisia, 01/07/2006, 27/04/1942, Eindhoven, Pulham, Lowestoft,
Mick Angell	4	Obit	W/Cdr EE 'Mick' Angell AFC	Editor	18/09/1914, 01/08/2006, 139Sq, K7065, 31/03/1938, 31/03/1938, 172Sq, 179Sq, 518Sq, RAF Tiree, W/Cdr N F Morris, Bismuth,
'Cookie' Leon	4	Obit	W/Cdr Leon DSO, DFC and Bar	Graham Warner	14Sq, Western Desert, OTU Egypt, 223Sq, 55Sq, Italy
Don McFarlane	5	Obit	F/Lt Don McFarlane DFM	Graham Warner	82Sq, 17/05/1940, Watton, Gembloux, 13/08/1940, Aarlborg, 13 OTU. Pic: R3821 with Sgt Peter Eames (kia 26/04/1941), P/O Donald Wellings (kia 1944). Haamstede, 07/08/1940
Jim 'Jingles' Langston	5	Obit	Sgt Jim Langston 21 Squadron	Editor	21Sq, 18/10/2006, Cologne Power Station 'Quadrath', 12/08/1941, Z7451, Dave Roberts, Wop/Ag Ken Attew, <i>'Blenheim Strike'</i> by Theo Boiten, Barbed Wire University
	5	Data	Get the Blenheim Flying Draw		Lists the 2006 draw winners
Flight from UK to Algeria May 1943	6	Article	13 Squadron Navigator (part I)	Reverend Leonard Rivett	13Sq, F/O L Trevallion, Wop/Ag Sgt F J Chapman, 42 OTU Ashbourne, 14/11/1942, 'Duchess of Athol', South Africa, Lyneham, Bisley EH395
Blenheim Mk1	7	Report	From the Engineering side, 14	Smudge	ARC progress report – a Mk 1 with wings!
Sponsors	7	Report	British Sponsor for The Blenheim	Ian Carter	American and Dutch sponsors, but no British yet. Contacts or ideas to Smudge (ja1071smith@lineone.net).
Takoradi Route	8	Article	A Living Soul's Reminiscences of the Takoradi Route (part 2)	Sq/Ldr George Parr	216Sq Bombay, Lagos, Apapa airfield, Ikeja airfield, Kano, Nigeria, Maiduguri, Fort Lamy (now N'djamina), Chad, General de Gaulle, Jim Mollinson, El Geneina, Sudan, Corporal Fisher, El Fasher, El Obeid, Khartoum, Valencia aircraft, Omdurman, Nubian desert,

					Abu Hamad, Wadi Halfa, Gizeh, Gezirah Island, Juba, Empire flying boat, Junkers 52, Wadi Seidna, Sq/Ldr Royski. Pic: George Parr in BB IV, June 1941.
Cologne Power Station raid	11	Letter		Elizabeth Watts	Sgt John Edward Pearson (Jack), 18Sq (RAFVR), RAF Manston, F/Sgt Jack Nickleson (RCAF), Sgt Walter Meadows, R3843, Wynn Roberts, Ken Palmer, Zandvoort 20/09/1941, 'Churchill's Light Brigade' by Dinty Moore, 'The Bristol Blenheim' by G Warner, page 366.
Maastricht Bridge raid, 11 <sup>th</sup> May 1940	12	Article	Richard Miller: Maastricht Memories	Richard Miller	2 Group, Advanced Expeditionary Striking Force, 110Sq, 107Sq, Wattisham, Sgt Duffy (observer), AC Greenwood (Wop/Ag), F/Lt Gratton, P4860, 31/05/1940 St Mol, Nieuport, 14/06/1940 Mantes, W/Cdr Basil Embry, W/Cdr R N Foster, Sq/Ldr Doran, Stavanger, W/Cdr L R Stokes, 01/06/1940 promotions. 'Wingless Victory' by Anthony Richardson (Embry's escape from POW). PS from 55/12: Stavanger, Lossiemouth, Sgt Pilot Peter Chivers, 104Sq, '2 Group, A Complete History 1936-1945' by Michael J F Bowyer
	14	Report	Blenheim Day 2006	Ian Carter	
Squadron 30	14	Wanted	30 Squadron Greece 1940-1941	Simon Lord	Asks any ex-30 squadron personnel in Greece to contact 29 Herstone Close, Poole BH17 8AS. 30Sq.
	15	Review	The Blenheim in Miniature (part 2)	Mark Peacock	An overview of plastic model kits available of the Blenheim
Bremen 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1942	16	Data	114/614 Combined Battle Order: 1,000 Bomber Raid, Bremen 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1942	Supplied by Bill Burberry	List the a/c and crew of 114Sq, and crew of 614Sq. V 6262, Z7356, Z7761, Z7354, V6510, Z7414, V5635, Z7319, V6431, V6264, T2224, V5456, R3678, Z6161. W/Cdr M E Pollard. 83 others named.

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	Cpt Eric Brown (Winkle)
Editorial	2	Report	Editorial (and Events List)	Ian Carter	This issue dedicated to the memory of Sgt Dennis Wilson, kia 12/08/1941 (see p 6).
	3	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: RD Morrell (03/05/2003), W/Cdr TR Williams
Tom Baker (Doughy)	3	Obit	Wing Commander Tom Baker DFM DFC	Graham Pitchfork (Daily Telegraph)	Knapsack, Quadrath, 90Sq, 107Sq, 114Sq, 12/08/1941, Halton, 17/04/1942 Schipol, 09/03/2006. Pic: Tom Baker
P4844	4	Wanted		Victor Spencer Wilson	Info about BB IVF P4844, 235 Coastal Command, crashed 08/05/1940. Sgt Victor Allison (pilot), Sgt Eric Schmid (obs), Victor Neiryneck (Wop/Ag). Contact: 36 Inverness Ave, SS0 9DY
John Hird	4	Wanted		Joy Hughes-D'aeth	Info about her brother John Hird, kia 1942. Sq/Ldr with (?) 114Sq over Norway. Contact Editor
Frederick William Doodey	5	Letter	Kiss in the Night	Robert D Lang	F/Sgt FW Doodey (pic). N6150, N6145, Kia 11/11/1939 off Heligoland. F/Lt Mills, AC1 GJ Johnson. Poem found in tin. Any info contact: <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Massingham	5	Report	Sister Laurence RAF Massingham Museum		History of Great Massingham LG, 18Sq, 107Sq. G/Cpt Earl Bandon ('Paddy'). Museum set up. Contact: <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>



Cologne Raid (Knapsack)	6	Article	An Introduction to the Cologne Power Station Raid	Graham Warner	W/Cdr Hugh Edwards, W/Cdr Kercher, Knapsack Power Station, Quadrath, W/Cdr Nicols, Ops 'Circus' & 'Roadstead'. 08/08/1941 practice crashes. F/Lt Charles Patterson, Sq/Ldr Saunders' log for Z7311. Sgt O'Connell. The losses are listed: 18Sq: V6437, V6423, V6497. 21Sq: V5874, Z7451. 82Sq: T2437. 114Sq: Z7281. 139Sq: V5725, V6261, Z7448. 226Sq: V5859, X7352. Pic: Sgt Dennis Wilson with Z7448 after kia.
Cologne Raid (Knapsack)	7	Article	A Most Memorable Occasion – 12 <sup>th</sup> August 1941	Sq/Ldr 'Dickie' Rook	114 Squadron – first hand account of Cologne raid. As above plus G/Cpt Earl of Bandon, West Rayham, Sq/Ldr Bill Edrich, Sq/Ldr Alan Judson, Sgt John West, Sir Ivor Broom, Michael Turner's painting of raid, Sgt David Wheatley, 114Sq
Cologne Raid (Knapsack)	10	Article	The Operation to Cologne – 12 <sup>th</sup> August 1941	Editor	As recounted by Sq/Ldr Charles Patterson DSO DFC. As above plus Tom Baker, P/O Morton. Pic: V5888 in flight
Stavanger Raid, Norway	12	Article	Wartime Memories of 110 Squadron	Richard Miller	Personal account of Stavanger raid, 30/04/1940, Sq/Ldr Doran, Sgt Duffy, LAC Edwards (Wop/Ag), C/O Basil Embry, W/Cdr RR Foster, Sq/Ldr Laselles, F/O Lings, Richard Miller, Tom Prescott, Sgt Harold Robson, W/Cdr Sinclair, Wilton-Jones, Lossiemouth. 104Sq, 107Sq, 110Sq, Wattisham. Postscript see 56/14
Delivery flights, Takoradi	13	Article	A Living Soul's Reminiscences of the Takoradi Route (part 1)	Sq/Ldr George Parr	Second part next issue. F/Lt AJ Douch, RJ Bassett (Wop/Ag), Len Harvey (boxer), Bruce Critchley, Gold Coast (now Ghana), HMS Ramillies, Sq/Ldr George Parr, Sgt 'Daisy' Plummer, Sierra Leone, Freetown, SS Empress of Australia, Wilberforce Barracks
	14	Report	Gellik 2006	Tony Lowe	Report of visit on 12-14 <sup>th</sup> May 2006. Pic: Michael Pitt, ex 12Sq.
	15	Review	The Blenheim in Miniature (part 1)	Mark Peacock	An overview of plastic model kits available of the Blenheim
Blenheim Mk1	16	Report	From the Engineering side, 13	Smudge	ARC progress report – re-skinning fuselage and money shortages.
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7171, K7172, K7173, K7174, K7175, K7176, K7177, K7178, K7179, K7180, K7181, K7182. Last of batch of 150 BB Mk1s built @ Filton Jan-Dec 1937

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	Cheque presented to Blenheim Co; copy of letter from Blenheim (Duxford) Ltd. 2007 is 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of BB.
	2	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: May Dobson (23/09/2005), Peter Evans (14/01/2006)
George Checketts	2	Obit	George Checketts	Editor	Wop/Ag in Blenheims in 82Sq, 211Sq, 55Sq, 72 OTU & 8Sq. Died 17/10/2005. Sgt Frank Baker, Sgt Bob Hay. Abu-Sueir, Delivery Flights, T2179, Greece, Durazzo Harbour 14/04/1940. Giarabub, Aden. Pic: Harry, Smudge, Jock, 113Sq, Sept '41
Wynne Somers Goodrich Maydwell	3	Obit	Group Captain 'Dick' Maydwell DSO DFC	Graham Warner	Army Co-operation Squadron, 53Sq. France 1939. 1943 took over from W/Cdr 'Buck' Buchanan as CO 14Sq in Western Desert & Tunisia. Pics: Dick Maydwell; L4843

Terry <b>Staples</b>	4	Obit	Wing Commander Terry Staples DFM OBE	Dickie Rook	In RAFVR pre-war. CO 70Sq in Egypt. Describes incident on 18/04/1941, 114Sq, 21Sq & 107Sq attack convoy off Norwegian coast. Pic: Terry Staples, Dickie Rook, Sir Ivor Broom (all ex 114Sq)
Denis Christopher <b>Ager</b>	5	Obit	Flt/Lt Denis Christopher Ager	Editor	42 OTU, 614Sq (Army Co-operation), 18Sq (Bostons), 271Sq (DC3). 114Sq. 1942 poem by Denis – “Maybe”. Pic: Denis Ager, F/O Maclaren, Patrick Stapleton, May 1942
Bill <b>Greenwood</b>	5	Obit	Bill Greenwood, 82 Squadron	Editor	Wop/Ag with 82Sq. Shot down 13/98/1940, Aalborg.
	6	Data	President and Committee	Editor	Addresses and emails etc listed. Pic: Society members with Betty George on Malta Trip
Kenneth H Dobbs	7	Wanted	Sgt Kenneth H Dobbs, 745629 114 Squadron	Editor	R3892, shot down 19/08/40 Beemster (Amsterdam) with Wop/Ag Alex Pillans (kia) & Sgt Andrew Stevenson (POW). 114Sq. Contact brother Vic Dobbs (Amsterdam branch RAFA) via editor. Pic. K Dobb+ 2 u/k
Walker, JHG Leavers, RE	7	Wanted	Researching two pilots.	Mike Abbott (1408)	P/O John Harold Gilbert Walker, 25Sq ('39-'41), 118Sq (Spitfires); kia 09/05/1942. F/Sgt Reginald Evered Leavers, 21Sq UK & Malta; kia 16/06/1941. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Harding, Geoff Fawconer	7	Wanted	Pilot Officer Geoffrey Fawconer Harding (33438), 18 Squadron	Richard Stevens	Info about uncle (P/O Harding), kia 11/05/1940 raid from Meharicourt. Buried Reichswald cemetery. 18Sq. Has pic with Padberg family. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
14 Squadron	8	Wanted	14 Squadron	Mike Napier	14Sq celebrates centenary in 2015 & info wanted. Contact 14 Squadron Assn: Lowesmoor, Great Rollright OX7 5RR
Mk IV cannon	8	Wanted	Mk IVs of 15 Squadron SAAF	Stefaan Bouwer	20mm cannon mounting, MkIVs of 15Sq SAAF., Also 15Sq codes in 1942. Any photos? <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Sudan	8	Article	Blenheims Over the Sudan	F Culliford ('Cully')	Experiences of Wop, Sept 1941 - April 1943. Wadi Seidna, Khartoum, HQ 115 wing, 'Refors', Takoradi, 54 RSU, 103 MU, 10Sq Aden, Kismu, Lake Victoria, F/Lt Wells, El Fasher, Fort Lamy, El Geniena, F/Sgt Hawking, V5594. Beaufort DW382
Blenheim Mk1	10	Report	From the Engineering side, 12	Smudge	Centre section complete and moved to hangar; Mkl 'nose'/fuselage now in Blenheim Palace for repairs. Pic: of work's progress.
Bristol electricians	11	Letter	From editor of the 'Turret'	Johnny Cumber	Photo of wartime Electrical Supervisors at Bristol. George Wooton
139 Squadron	11	Letter		Jim King	Successful response from Norman Chapman to request about Wop/Ag Sgt Vince Arrowsmith (kia 24/09/1940 with Sq/Ldr Hendry). N6215. F/O McPherson 30/04/1940. Sq/Ldr Tideman.
Greece	11	Letter	Escape from Greece and Crete	Cecil Hansford (airframe fitter)	Personal account of escape. April 1941. 211Sq. Authors number 549069. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
	12	Letter	Flak Ship 'Dust Up'	Ron Fox (Wop/Ag)	114Sq, 14Sq, 139Sq. Describes two incidents. P/O E Sydney-Smith, 31/03/1941, Holland, 'Routing' messages. W/Cdr 'Digger Kyle'. Storm over North Africa. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Editorial	13	Report	Editor's Comments	Ian Carter	Mainly about articles. List of 2006 events.
Book	13		<i>Circuses Beats and Blenheims</i>	Gordon Shackleton	New book by war-time bomber pilot. 114Sq

62 Squadron	14	Article	62 Squadron	S Fielding	Describes 62Sq incident about 09/12/1941 at Alor Star, N Malaya. Butterworth. Cyril Rich (Wop/Ag), Sgt Gordon Calder ('Paddy', obs), Sq/Ldr ASK Scarf ('Pongo') kia. Singora. Tengah (Singapore island) . Heenan, the spy! Pic: L1108, crashed
Sandakan	15	Report	Sandakan Memorial Windows Project	Editor	Including summary of Sandakan story of POWs in North Borneo. Steve Mockridge, List 211Sq North Borneo POWs who died. Pic: plaque @ POW chapel, St Michael's church, Sandakan, N Borneo.
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7154, K7155, K7156, K7157, K7158, K7159, K7160, K7161, K7162, K7163, K7164, K7165, K7166, K7167, K7168, K7169, K7170 (Pic of 61Sq's K7170 on 08/05/1938)

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	President's Message	Graham Warner	Review of events of Blenheim Society in 2005.
	1	Report	Chairman's Report	Andrew Pierce	Thanks to Kevin Rowley; welcome to Tony Lowe. Book launch (see below)
	1	Data	Get the Blenheim Flying Draw		Lists the 2005 draw winners
	2	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: George Checketts (18/10/2005), George Miles Harvey (13/09/2005), W M Lingham (30/09/2005), H D Stevens, Douglas Baker, Gordon Wallace (30/07/2004), G/Cpt KP Smales DSO DFC (27/09/2005)
Peter Cundy	3	Obit	W/Ddr Peter Cundy DSO, DFC, AFC, TD	Graham Warner	53Sq Coastal Command. 27/12/1940 V5399 Berck-sur-Mer. Wop/Ag Sgt J Hill, Twin Mike Cundy with 13Sq kia May 1942. Pic: P/O Peter Cundy & crew: Sgt R Fabel, Sgt Graham (Jock).
A Hill (Joe)	3	Obit	Sq/Ldr A 'Joe' Hill	Graham Warner	254Sq coastal command @ Sumburgh. In Norwegian Campaign, shot down Stavanger, R3622 25/06/1940 (as N3604) POW Stalag Luft III. Died 02/08/2005
Charlie Bladen	3	Obit	Charlie Bladen	Bram & Eric Birchall	No 5 COTU. F/Sgt Oughton, Sgt Birchall. 17/07/1941. F/Sgt Manning, Norman Spark (nav), 42Sq @ Leuchars. 47Sq in Western Desert, <i>Prosperina</i> , Ceylon, 22Sq, Burma. 'Painting 'Rommel's Last Tanker' @ RAF Lyneham.
C J Braithwaite (Pin)	3	Obit	C J Braithwaite	Bram	No 1 AFTU in India, Ray Shepherd (Chief Engineer)
Aifon Evans	4	Wanted	Info on Sgt Aifon Evans, 82Sq, kia 13/07/1940.	Editor	Brother wants info on Sgt Evan, kia age 18, on raid of Amsterdam in R3701. Other crew POWs: Pilot Sgt D Adams, Obs Sgt A Avery. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Sydney Lewis Bennet	4	Wanted	Sgt Pilot Sydney Lewis Bennett, 211Sq, kia 31/12/1940.	Editor	Shot down returning Valona (Albania) raid in L1540. Crew killed. Nephew wants info re operation. CL Bennett, Ivy House, Paddock Lane, CW3 ODP. Crew also with 114 AASF. Pic: Sgt Pilot Bennett.
Bristol Turret	4	Wanted	Elvington Air Gunners	Editor	Bristol turret or parts for Air Gunners' Memorial Rm. Contact 'Bram' via Ed. Pic: Air ministry diagram Centre Gun Turret, Bristol type B1, MkV

Blenheim Society	5	Data	President and Committee		Names and contact details of 7 society 'officials' and 4 committee members
Blenheim Mk1	5	Report	From the Engineering Side	Smudge	ARC progress report – Bottom front & rear spars filled/skinned. Front 'D' section, undercarriage, fuel tanks fitted. 2 unused wheels found in Canada.
'The Bristol Blenheim: a Complete History' by Graham Warner (2 <sup>nd</sup> edition)	6	Report	Blenheim Palace Book Launch (Aug 2005)	Editor	Graham Warner, George Checketts, Ken Spells, 'Dickie' Rook, Hal Randall, Charles Patterson, Ian Blair, George Williams, Phillip Fenton, Jack Bennett, Don Knight, Arthur Rogers, Sir Michael Beetham. Jim Richmond found brother Jack Richmond DFM (Obs) on p489, kia Libyan Desert , 11Sq
Re-equipping with Blenheims: riggers view.	7	Letter	Letters to the Editor	Ron Wright	64Sq(F), Church Fenton. 1938 re-equipped with 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand Blenheim L1168 (with pic). CO Sq/Ldr Heber-Percy. Bristol rep, Mr Cheesewright, George Shepherd (rigger & Ag, kia Battle of Britain). Lost L1476 Jan 1939, Sykes Moss, Glossop. F/O Robinson (pilot), P/O Thomas (pas), Ag W McAdam (Wally). Empire Air Day. 72Sq. F/Sgt Hey, Martlesham Heath. If at Takoradi 1941-43, please contact Ron via Ed.
Locating crash site in Ardennes	8	Letter	Letter from Jack Bartley of 21 Squadron (France 1940)	Jack Bartley (Wop/Ag)	L8738, 21Sq, crashed 14/05/1940. Pilot Sgt John Outhwaite did belly land (kia few weeks later). Jack wounded & to hospital. David Summers contacted JB ref James Waters (nav). Appeal via French news-paper, Pierre Rogers knew crash site.
Recycled 'siege du pilote'	9	Letter	Letter from Jack Bartley, Blenheim L8738, on his visit to Vraux 2005	Jack Bartley	Lottery grant, 21Sq, M & Mme Camponar, Aubigy-les-Pothees. M Gilbert Taton (ex-mayor L'Echelle). L8738 pilot seat in French farm shed. Sgt John Outhwaite.
	9	Report	Vraux visit, July 2005	Tony Tranter	Day by day account and visit on 14/07/2005 to La Maison Rouge, RAF control building at Vraux, 1939-40. Celebrations with Gerard Faux, Mayor M Michel Hannetal. 15Sq.
Vincent Arrowsmith	10	Letter/Wanted	Letter from J D King, membership No. 19.	J D King	Read about Sgt Vincent Arrowsmith 521409, 139Sq(B) in Journal 52/19, who was his Wop/Ag., after F/O McPherson DFC kia 12/05/1940. Heard Arrowsmith died when bomb exploded; is this true? <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
18(B) Squadron 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	11	Letter	Letter from 'Dinger' Bell No 18(B) Squadron, RAF Odiham, Hants RG29 1QT	18(B) Sqd Assn Sec.	Report of 18Sq(B)'s 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary do. Many ex-Blenheim attended. Oldest member Alec McCurdy, also W/Cdr Holloway, AVM David Niven. To join write to Assn Secretary, 18(B) Sqn, RG29 1QT
Lucky charm	11	Wanted	George Checketts' LuckyCharm	Editor	Pic: Joker card with signature of 13 OTU Bicester 20/07/1940 – 09/10/1940. Any info on 13 named Wop/Ags?
Thank you	12	Letter	More Letters to the Editor		From 2004 prize winners; George Morris & Adam Warwick Hall.
Douglas Beagley,	12	Letter	Letter from Douglas K Beagley, ex 1382293		18Sq, 13/03/1942 – 03/10/1945. Wattisham. W/Cdr Malcolm.
Kirkby Cemetry	12	Letter	Letter from Mick Ford re F/Sgt A Guesford	Mick Ford	Pic: Kirkby Cem, Isle of Romo, Mrs P Vaughan, Theo Boilen's 'Blenheim Strike' (p224-5). Wattisham, Manston.
110 Squadron, Arthur Edgar Gibbs.	13	Article	Arthur Edgar 'Eddie' Gibbs, 110 Squadron	Brian Gibbs	Pic: 110Sq @ Wattisham May 1941 with 63 aircrew + Nelson (dog). Sidney Newborough (Obs) & Noel Cathles kia Malta, Catania War Cem. 17/05/1941 incident Trapani Harbour. Quotes from 110Sq bk , transcript of events (from Iris Bonner) & Log Book entries (AEG & SN). BB 3772. Contact details given.

2005 Society review	14	Report	Review of the Year	Andrew Pierce	Review of the Blenheim Society activities in 2005.
	15		From the Editor	Ian Carter	Pics: 'Fly with the RAF' newspaper recruitment ad 1940/1 with 22Sq Beaufort & crew. Ron Bramley, Albert Gregory (ex 219Sq) @ Elvington Air Gunner's Day
Ramsgate Memorial Plaque	15	Letter	Proposed memorial to 600 Squadron Blenheim Crew	John Rowe	600Sq, 08/08/1940, L8665, F/O Dennis Neve Grice, Sgt Francis J Keast (Ag), John B W Warren (AC1). All kia after avoiding crash on Ramsgate. Progress and contacts.
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7139, K7140, K7141, K7142, K7143, K7144, K7145, K7146, K7147, K7148, K7149, K7150, K7151, K7152, K7153 (Pic of K7147)

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments – Summer 2005	Andrew Pierce	Welcomes Jim Dale to Committee & Ian Carter to replace Ron Bramley as editor (joint eds this journal). Pic: 60Sq, convert from Wapitis to BBs 03/01/1939, Ambala
	2	Report	AGM April 2005	Editors	Thanks Lady Broom for raffle prizes, Ron Scott for sale stalls, Charlie Brown's talk. 640 members, incl 250 worked with BBs
F/Lt Gwilym Lewis (Taffy)	2	Wanted	Peter Lewis		Info wanted about his father, a pilot with 226Sq, 12/08/1941. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
203 Squadron	2	Wanted	Stephen Darlow		Writing bk on East Africa/Iraq 1940/41. Role of 203Sq, esp W/Cdr James Maitland Nicholson Pike. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
W/O Vernon Richardson Marsh (Rick), 105 Squadron	2	Wanted			Son wants info about father VR Marsh, 105Sq, mentioned in <i>Battle Axe Blenheim</i> by SR Scott. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
60 Squadron, Zentsuji POW	2	Wanted	F/Lt William Bowden		W Bowden (Canadian), 60Sq, downed in L4913, 08/12/1941, Gulf Siam. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jap POW airman. Rescued 12D camp Mitsushima Sept '45. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Catterick incident	2	Wanted	219 Squadron ?		?in 1940 2 BBs slid on ice onto A1. Info to Neil Clennell, <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Blenheim Society	3	Data	President and Committee		Names and contact details of 7 society 'officials' and 4 committee members
	3	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: Bill Dauncey (114Sq, Mar '05), Peter Russell (09/05/2005), DH Cooper (Oct '04), Mrs D Hardy, Phillip Maclagan, J Adams.
John <b>Cumber</b>	4	Obit	Obituary – John Cumber DFC	Ron Bramley (Ed)	59Sq, Wop/Ag then pilot. Air Gunners Assn (Torbay & S Devon) & RAFA. Died 13/03/2005. Pic: with aircrew & BB IV.
W/Cdr F <b>Burton</b>	4	Obit	Obituary – Wing Commander "Bertie" Burton (20/11/1921 – 28/04/2005)	Ron Bramley (Ed)	Joined RAF West Drayton 21/02/1944, trained Wop/AG. RAF Watton, 21Sq then Lossiemouth & Norwegian campaign. Jan '41 on Takoradi route for 2 yrs & delivered BBs to Palembang. Later in N Africa & Italy. To UK in 1944 as flying instructor at Crosby-on-Eden. Married LAC Christina Clayton.
S/Ldr Peter <b>Saunders</b>	5	Obit	Obituary S/Ldr Peter Saunders	Editor	Obs with 226Sq, Wattisham, flying Blenheims. Son has log book, etc
	5		From the Editor	Ron Bramley	Will continue as Air Guners News editor, but 'over and out' from Bram as Blenheim Society editor.

	5		From your new (sprog) Editor	Ian Carter	Ian introduces himself, his interests in Blenheims, esp Greece, Western Desert & Far East (1942) and 211Sq. Thanks to Bram and rest of committee.
Book Launch	6		Forthcoming Events and Airshows 2005		14/08/2005 at Blenheim Palace 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition Graham Warner's <i>Bristol Blenheim – a Complete History</i> (pub Crecy) launched. Forward by MRAF Sir Michael Beetham. GW will sign copies. Complete list of 2005 events. Pic: BB L4854, 'C' Flt 53Sq.
Blenheim Mk1	7	Report	From the Engineering side	Smudge	Repair of centre section and front spars continues & skin on starboard tank ready for fitting. One u/c oleos complete; wheels sent for crack testing. Engine parts still being rescued.
BB K7161	7	Letter	From the Editor	Editor	Roy Harris remembers Meir aerodrome (Staffs) and flight in BB K7161 @ age 14. Pic: 18Sq BB IV low over Holland to attack Rotterdam, 16/07/1941
RAF stations Bircham Newton, Docking & Langham	8	Letter	RAF Bircham Newton Memorial Project	Neil Grant, Brian Hall, David Jacklin	Buildings of RAF station still very recognisable. Memorial trust set up and heritage room on site offered by owners (CITB). Need £1,000 for charity status to apply for Gift Aid. Contact details given.
	9	Letter	Three times in the drink	Ron Scholdfield	A story remembered from 13 OTU, Bicester about 21Sq Obs 'Geordie' Brown's 3 soakings in 1941
	9	Letter	Hanging about over Salisbury Plain	Peter Rackcliff	Raised £615 for Royal Star and Garter Home with sponsored tandem parachute jump with Robin Durie. Inspired by Charlie Hankin BEM (ex Black Watch) and W/Cdr Lionel Cohen who awarded DFC aged 69. Pic: of jump & landed
HAG Ferre	10	Letter	Memories of Blenheims	Ringo Steele	01/01/1940. Henry Arthur George Ferre (Wop/AG) survived a crash in France when BB ran out of fuel. Pilot and navigator killed. Ringo was sleeping in nearby barn with Blany & Robby.
TJ Denny	10	Letter		T James Denny	Ref 49/13. 42Sq Feb '43 Yelhanka. Joined BB sqd with John Moss (Nav) & Dennis Hall (Wop/AG). On op to Pinlebu 04/04/1943, 07/04/1943 & Indaw raid (02/05/1943), Makalagan (14/07/43), Mawlaik (04/08/1943). Converted to Hurrigans then to Palel in Imphaal valley. Later Ranchi with 177Sq - 50% aircrew losses in 12 months. Sent copy of Mayfly sheet for 26/03/1943. Contact details.
Paul Briggs by son.	11	Letter	Letter to Editor from new member	Simon Briggs	Paul Briigs, obs, flew with Derek Kennedy (pilot) & Charles Edgar, Wop/AG, 66 missions in 59Sq from Aug '40. Lannion on 08/11/1940; 23/02/1941 shipping at Brest ; 11/05/1941 tanker sank. 16/06/1941 Circus No 13 on Boulogne. Oberst Pips Priller. POW in Oflag IX A/H, Oflag VI B, Oflag XXI B, Stalag Luft III & cold march west from Poland '45. Research help from Ian Robinson.
	11	Data	Note: other Blenheim Boys at Stalag Luft III	Editor	S/Ldr Len Trent, VC, DFC XV/Sq (15Sq) S/Ldr Roger Bushell CO 92Sq
BB T2254	12	Letter	Letter to Editor from new member	Walter Lindekens (from Adriaan)	BB T2254 of 13Sq crashed in Adriaan, Belgium where crew buried. Crew F/O PH Looker 45339 RAF, F/Sgt WG O'Neill 404496 RNZAF, Sgt GW Cox 1381469 RAFVR. Left RAF Wattisham 2350 on 25/06/1942 to Venlo, Holland. Shot down by Obit Reinhold Knacke. More facts on T2254 wanted + photo. Contact via Ed.

F/Lt Peter Simmons (pilot)	12	Letter	<i>We Shall Be There (Nous y serons)</i> . A History of 107 Squadron, RAF, 1918-1963	A Butterworth	Ref 51/14. A Butterworth quotes extracts from his book (not published, but typescript available Bentley Priory, HA7 3HH; RAF Museum Hendon; & 107Sq Assn). 10/02/1941 raid on Hanover. 40 BB from 18Sq, 21Sq, 105Sq, 107Sq, 110Sq. F/Lt Simmons in BB R3871. Also other ref in book to Peter Simmons
	12		27 Squadron Reunion	Editor	Reunion at Odiham om 24/08/2005. Contact F/Lt R Paton via Smudge
	13	Letter	Remembering the Old Days	Bob Slight	Celebrating end war in Japan on Empress Line returning to UK, and stories of posting to 7 FIS at Upavon & service humour.
	13	Poem	Gremlins	William Telford Fallon (Bill)	Bill, who wrote this evocative poem, was a Blenheim pilot ,113Sq. He died in 2004
Circus Ops 1941	14	Letter	Reminiscences of Blenheim 'Ops' (part two): Amphitheatre of the Skies – A Blenheim Saga	Eric Atkins	Describes Circus Ops – with Blenheims 'as bait'. 2 Group Blenheim loss rate 30% in Aug '41. 13/10/1941, 139Sq, Horsham. Crew (all Sgt) Obs Jock Sullivan (kia over Budapest), Wop/Ag Bill Harrison, pilot Eric Atkins (Tommy). 2nd op to Marzingarbe, France. Vivid description of the flight.
Battle of Britain	15	Letter	Fighter Blenheims during the Battle of Britain	G/Cpt RC Haine	In praise of the part played by Blenheims in the Battle of Britain 10/07/1940-31/10/1940. 23Sq, 25Sq, 29Sq, 219Sq, 600Sq, 604Sq. Coastal 235Sq, 236Sq, 240Sq. 2,000 sorties in 15 wks, 28 kia. Hazards of night flying in 1940
	16	Letter	Thanks for gift	Jim Nicolson	Thanks for a painting of Hurrigan flown by Jim's uncle James Nicolson
	16	Article	How to upset your Wop/Ag	Graham Warner	Describes an amusing flying incident concerning Ron Gillman (pilot), Sgt Ron Weeks (Wop/Ag) and Sgt Ben Howlett (Obs) involving a lost hatch and aborted jump. 114Sq, 107Sq.
Wattisham	17	Report	Wattisham at War 1939-1945	Ron Bramley	History: land purchased 01/04/1937. W/Cdr OR Gayford took charge 06/04/1939 with 107Sq & 110Sq of 83 wing, No 2 Group BC. First war-time bombing raid 04/09/1939 of Keil. F/Lt Doran. 11 deaths on raid of 01/11/1940. In 1941/2 also base for BB of 13Sq, 18Sq, 86Sq, 226Sq & 236Sq. 12/006/1942 Champs d'Elysees flight. 30/05/1942 part of 1,000 bomber raid on Cologne. US 12 <sup>th</sup> Air Force there in late 1942, Operation Torch. Supply depot '43 – '45; celebrities Glenn Miller, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby. May'44 479 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Lt Col Kyle L Riddle (Riddle Raiders). Then Col Hubert Zemka. 29/06/1944 Cpt Jeffrey. 25/04/1945 Lt H Thompson. Returned to RAF 06/01/1946.
Wattisham	19	Report	Wattisham Airfield Memorial		After 3 years work the Memorial was unveiled 15/05/2005 to commemorate 200 airman who died. Attended by 300+ people. Wattisham Airfield Museum thanks many project supporters, esp Maggie Aggiss & Sgt Beasley. Wattisham today provides support to 16 Air Assault Brigade. Pics: of Memorial Stone, and of Wreath laying. 110Sq F/Sgt Arthus Guesford kia Op Channel Stop in 1941. His wife, Mrs Vaughan, laid Blenheim Soc wreath.

		Report	Out of the Blue	Editor	Reports visit by Michael Selby with letter from Cpl Vincent Arrowsmith 521409, 139Sq (B), RAF Wyton, dated 14/09/1939 about 1 <sup>st</sup> flight across German border. KIA 24/09/1940. Pic: Cpt Vincent & Claire.
BB potted histories	20	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7125, K7126, K7127, K7128, K7129, K7130, K7131, K7132, K7133, K7134, K7135, K7136, K7137, K7138. Pic of K7133, Sq44, Waddington 17/10/1937.

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	Chairman's Comments	Andrew Pierce	Guest speaker at AGM Charlie Brown on 'Spitfire v the Me 109'. New society stall at Abingdon & Woodchurch airshows
	1	Pic			15Sq L8852, missing 28/05/1940
Guy Penrose <b>Gibson</b>	2-3	Article	Guy Gibson	Graham Warner	Three Blenheim pilots awarded VC: Hughie Edwards (105Sq), Arthur Scarfe (62Sq), Hugh Malcolm (18Sq). Edwards, Leonard Cheshire (35Sq, 76Sq, 617Sq) & Gibson all got VC, DSO & DFC. Gibson (83Sq, 29Sq, 106Sq, 14 OTU, 16 OTU, 51 OTU) also flew BBs. Formed Dam Buster 617Sq 1943, but KIA 19/09/1944 in 627Sq Mosquito. Gibson wrote ' <i>Enemy Coast Ahead</i> '. Other famous ex-Blenheim boys: Ivor Broom, John Cunningham, Sam Elworthy, 'Digger' Kyle, Max Aitken, Basil Embry. Pic: Gibson's 'certificates of qualification' and flying log from 15-21/11/1940
	3	Report	Blenheim Scouts	Andrew Pierce	Letter to Ian Carter from 'The Blenheim Scouts' at Hartcliffe, Bristol, who have badge showing BB on neckerchief (Pic)
	4	Report	Editors Report	Ron Bramley & Andrew Pierce	Last issue as sole editor for 'Bram' who thanks Committee for help. Andrew appeals for continued & early submission to journal.
	4	Pic	Air and ground make contact in the desert		Pic: from ' <i>War Illustrated</i> ' 05/04/1940
Blenheim Society	5	Data	President and Committee		Names and contact details of 7 society 'officials' and 4 committee members
	5	Data	Membership		New members & absent friends. RIP: Don James (110Sq, Dec '04), Mrs BE Lawson (30/10/2004), Peter Mullen (27/01/2005)
Fred <b>Burton</b> (Tich)	6	Article	A Blenheim Wop/AG's interesting career		After joining RAF in Feb 1939 at West Drayton, went to Uxbridge, Tavesbury, Jurby & Bicester training before joining 21Sq at Watton. Also Lossiemouth in Sept 1940 were mid-air collision with Wellington; P/O Carson (pilot) & P/O Mansell (Obs) and AC2 Adams killed in N3564. Burton & F/Lt Gauthier (pilot) sent 'abroad' on <i>SS Empress of Australia</i> . From Liverpool to Freetown and arrived Takoradi (Gold Coast) 13/02/1941. Describes supply route to Cairo, varied return journey, and lists makes of 128 planes delivered safely in a year. Two crews (incl F/Lt Pocock, SAAF) & Fred's (Les Millen, pilot, & Dickie Carr, Obs) left 05/10/1940 to deliver 3 BB IVs to Singapore, then Palembang. Describes route and return journey on <i>SS Duchess of Bedford</i> . Retired from RAF as W/Cdr 20/11/1974.



	7	Data	Tentative list of events and airshows for 2005	Andrew Pierce	Lists airshow and other events and plans for stalls.
	7	Pic	'Blenheim Babes'		Pic: re-enactment group called 'Ops 1939-45 Group' show three WAAFs in uniform. Group performs at airshows. Request for WAAF stories.
Shipping Attacks 1941	8	Letter	Reminiscences of Blenheim 'ops', part 1	Eric Atkins	After setting the background to shipping 'beats' to blockage Germany by Group 2, Eric describes meeting his crew, Sgt Jock Sullivan (obs) & Sgt Bill Harrison (Wop/AG) on training at 17 OTU & being posted to Oulton, Norfolk. The main part of the text gives a vivid description of his first 'op' off Nordeney Island, 15/10/1941, the flying conditions, fears, etc
Wattisham	9	Report	Wattisham Memorial	Ron Bramley	Notice for the unveiling of Wattisham Memorial, 15/05/2005, Ringshall. See report 52/19. Pic:15Sq at Wattisham 1942
	9	Pic	Untitled	Gerald Coulson	Sketch of Blenheim Mk IV being prepared for flight.
	10	Data	Merlins over Malta	Andrew Pierce	Programme for the trip (22-27/09/2005) and Malta airshow, with Hurricane and Spitfire, to celebrate 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of end WWII.
	10	Pic	Start of a dog-fight?	Lord Delamere	Amusing cartoon, signed (possibly) 'Arthur '42' ( <i>Arthur de Yarburgh-Bateson, Obs, 14Sq, in ME 1942 – info from GW</i> )
Tom Paine (Wop/AG)	11	Article	Memories	Tom Paine	Written in 1994 after Indus flooding brought back memories of 110Sq and 1942. Journey from RAF Lahore, via Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan and NW Frontier region to Quetta in 4-ton Thorneycroft, in a monsoon. Later an eventful train journey to Karachi via flood destroyed bridge at Shikapour.
XV squadron	11	Data	Reunion		Annual reunion of 15Sq at RAF Lossiemouth on 20/05/2005. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
	12	Data	Visit to Vraux/Champagne July 2005	Tony Tranter	Programme for the 2005 visit to Vraux, 12/07/2005 to 16/07/2005, with <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a> Pic: XVSq at museum in Vraux 2004, with Bill Hickock.
	13	Letter	Letters to the Editor	Graham Warner	Letter to 'resolve the confusion' arising from a letter by Brain Jackson (49/6) and response by John Romain (50/11) concerning the Blenheims post-crash ownership and repairs.
	14	Letter		Derek Bales	In response to 'A mysterious Loss' in 50/14, Derek asks for information about crash of 107Sq BB R3871 in field at Harford near A140. Pilot was F/Lt P Simmons. Anyone know more?
	14	Report	From the Engineering Side	Smudge	Work on central section revealed extra work required on spars, which progressing. Port undercarriage bay assembly completed and work on oleos continues.
	14	Pics	'How is it that ~'		Second cartoon signed by (?) 'Arthur '42'
	15	Article	The fickle finger	Graham Warner	Describes a near fatal night accident near Kiel Canal by 110Sq BB in 1941, flown by Sgt Cyril Henry, with Sgt Ted Sismore (Obs) and an observant young AC2 preventing an accident the following day.
	15	Review	'The Other Few' by Larry Donnelly DFM	Graham Warner	Subtitled 'the contribution made by the Bomber and Coastal Command Aircrew to the winning of the Battle of Britain' this book summarises in daily-diary form these Command operation from July 1940 to end Oct 1941. Written from first-hand

					experience, with design by Mark Postlethwaite and forward by Sir Michael Beetham, this book strongly recommended. The author died soon after its publication.
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7109, K7110, K7111, K7112, K7113, K7114, K7115, K7116, K7117, K7118, K7119, K7120, K7121, K7122, K7123, K7124.

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Topic	Page	Type	Title	Author	Notes & Search Words
	1	Report	From the Chairman	Andrew Pierce	Short review of year's activities, including airshows & thanks to Tony Tranter for Vraux visit. Will be updating website.
	1	Report	President's Comments	Graham Warner	Thanks to all committee & supporters for hard work. Blenheim work progressing well. Recommends CD-Rom compiled by Hugh Wheeler & packed with Blenheim info.
	1	Pic	<i>Home for Christmas</i>		Pic of Society's 2004 colour Christmas card
Blenheim Society	2	Data	President and Committee		Names and contact details of 7 society 'officials' and 4 committee members
	2	Data	Membership		Lists new members
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	3	Report	A memorial marking 80 years of the RAAF	Ron Bramley ('Bram')	On 25/09/2004 Duke of Gloucester unveiled memorial to RAAF at National Memorial Arboretum at Airewas, Staffs. Fly passes by Lancaster bomber over 200 present. Short history of RAAF to 2003's Operation Telic. Pic: Memorial and fly past.
	3	Report	Our Golden Jubilee Journal	Graham Warner	As President, Graham congratulates all who worked hard on Journal since first issue in April 1988, esp Gordon Samuels & Joan Scrivener at West 4 Printers. He holds a full set.
Malta	3	Report	Merlins Over Malta	Andrew Pierce	Society has helped with fundraising to get Hurricane & Spitfire to Malta airshow for Sept 2005. Anyone interest in joining the trip contact Andrew so he can go ahead with plans. Agenda and costs indicated.
	4	Data	Grand Flying Draw 2004	Andrew Pierce	List of winners. Not so much public support this year, maybe as no Spitfire or Concorde flights as prizes. Thanks to Tim Staples and ARC for prizes and all ticket sellers.
	4	Report		Ron Bramley	Pic: Albert Gregory (DFC) talking with Prince Charles at Clarence Hse at Battle of Britain event. Amusing story with a strong message and facts about bombers and Blenheims.
	5	Report	From the engineering side	Smudge	Good progress with repairs to starboard wing completed. Damaged part of wheelbay / engine mount replaced from spares. A/c in 3 section; centre section now in workshop with more damage than expected, to spars. Engine passed X-ray test. Inner tube from Dunlop's & new tyre for £360. Pic: Blenheim in 'Blenheim Palace'
	5	Report	Editor's Report	Ron Bramley	Only short report because of injured arm. Maurice Adams, Bram's pilot in UK, ME & Burma, & first met at 5C OTU Chivenor in 1941, died. Last issue as sole editor.
Vraux Trip	6	Report	Vraux/Champagne visit, 12-15 July 2004	Tony Tranter	29 members & friends traveled to Reims, & via the 'Champagne Route', to the 'Maison Rouge' at Vraux for a memorial events (incl XVSq) and Tiger Moth flypast by Serge & Marie France Maigrot on the Weds, followed by a meal, Cpl Paul Sutton (RAF central band) on trumpet, & visit to Vraux museum. Three Pics of trip.

	7	Letter	Association Maison Rouge		Copy of letter thanking Society for its presence at the Bastille Day celebrations at Vraux (see above)
	8	Report	We will remember them ...		Absent friends, RIP: Dr PR Latcham, Mr AV Pope, Bill Gatling (15/05/2004), Sq/Ldr Hill (01/03/2004), Les Patrick (09/07/2004), Pat Stapleton (24/07/2004), Mr SH Shiels, Mrs June Humphreys, Mr DJ Lowe (10/03/2004), Mr GS Ascough (21/03/2004)
Marcus Griffiths <b>Potter</b> ('Mac' / 'Gillie')	8	Obit			Born 27/12/1914 near Cardiff, attended Penarth Grammar. RAF Halton aged 15 as rigger on Hawker Hinds, then pilot in 114Sq at Wyton flying BBs. As a Sgt to Vraux on 09/12/1939. Heavy losses:114Sq combined with 139Sq to attack Germans at Sedan 14/05/1940. Potter's crew sole survivors. Joined 18Sq, evacuated, 114Sq reformed Horsham St Faith. Later to N Africa, India, Palestine. Awarded DFC in '44, left RAF 1954. Married with family, died 29/09/2004 and buried at St Mellons, Cardiff.
Alex <b>Bruin</b>	8	Letter			Alex Bruin was in 21Sq and 27Sq. His daughter, Sheila, thanks Society for rapid mailing of video <i>The Blenheim Story</i> for birthday on 19/09/2004, which he enjoyed before dying 4 days later.
Les <b>Patrick</b>	8	Obit		Ron Bramley	Joined Nottingham branch Voluntary Reserves (751479) and posted to 144Sq at Hemswell as LAC, trainee Wop/AG, then to Prestwich & Cranwell. Joined 59Sq on BBs, then in 1942 to Sumatra with Hudsons. Taken as POW, but never spoke of this time. Saw 1 <sup>st</sup> atomic bomb drop. After worked as pharmacist & active member Blenheim Soc & AG Assn. Pic: Les with Obs & BB, which hit by own bomb, 1940
F/Lt Patrick <b>Stapleton</b>	9	Obit		Ron Bramley	Called up in 1941. Trained as Wop/AG then attached to 614Sq on BBs from MacMerry. Moved to West Raynham in May '42 & part of 1,000 bomber & Deippe raids. Equipped with Bisleys & move to N Africa. In Kaserine & Tunis raids. Transfer to 18Sq, wounded in Pantelleria attack. Later signals instructor & Transport Command. Left RAF late 40s. Active in Blen Soc. Died 24/07/2004
G/Cpt Gordon <b>Chignall</b> ('Chig')	9	Obit		Hazel Chignall & Ian Carter	Joined 211Sq Sept 1940 as Wop/AG in Western desert. Crewed with 'Jimmy' Riddle (see 49/4) & 'Twinkle' Pearson. To Greece then Sudan & Paken Baroe, Sumatra were crashed. Escaped to Java and Australia, posted 31Sq supporting Chindits & returned to UK 1944. Stayed in RAF to become G/Cpt & ADC to Queen
	9	Pic	2 minutes ...	'Muff'	Sketch dated 10/11/2000: 2 minutes silence ... and a lifetime of ... thanks.
Harold <b>Pleasance</b>	9	Obit		Graham Warner	Once known as 'Flash' Harry. Describes 107Sq incident on 27/05/1940 raid on Panzers, near St Omer involving L9391, W/Cdr Basil Embry and W/Cdr Stokes. On 12/05/1940 Pleasance's BB sole survivor of attack on MT in Belgium. 07/06/1940 shot down in R3686 near Dieppe, returned to UK, got DFC. Jan '41 joined 25Sq and became its CO. Retired 1960 as G/Cpt OBE, DFC. Died 29/04/2004, aged 90.
	9	Data	Whence the name Blenheim?	Tony Tranter	Short history lesson about the battle of 'Blindheim'

Horsham St Faith	10	Report	New Memorial Unveiled		The brain-child of Christine Armes, 300 people (including USAF and RAF ex-service personnel) attended the dedication of black granite memorial near Norwich Airport terminal, the work of stonemason HL Perfitt. It names squadron based at Horsham St Faith, and images of 5 aircraft, including BB .
	10	Report	As above	Liz Watts	Liz, whose 'uncle Jack' (Sgt J Pearson) was the Wop/AG who dropped Douglas Bader's 'leg', added to above report & will give photo and letter to Museum.
	10	Report	As above	James W Moore 'Dinty'	Names squadron on back of Horsham St Faith memorial with their dates at base 1939-1941: 82Sq, 139Sq, 114Sq, 18Sq, 110Sq, 105Sq.
	11	Letter	Letter to Andrew Pierce, Chairman of the Blenheim Society	John Romain (Aircraft Restoration Company)	In a letter, dated 18/06/2004, JR comments of Brian Jackson letter (49/6) and commends work of Blenheim restoration team, and comments on purchase of the Blenheim, and formation of Blenheim Duxford Ltd.
	12	Report	Blenheim Day	Andrew Pierce	Buffet lunch on 19/09/2004 at Duxford Airfield & ARC hangar at which F/Lt James W Moore DFC launched & signed his book 'Churchill's Light Brigade'. Ron Scott organised food, John Romain organised fly-past in Shooting Star, Spitfires & Hurricane. Pic: Book signing by Dinty Moore & others.
P/O AW Martin	13	Letter	Can you help	Richard Martin	In response to letter in Daily Telegraph by Mike Henry (31/05/03) RM requests info about cousin P/O AW Martin, 82720, Obs, 59Sq, kia 06/04/1941, in raid on cruisers Scharnhorst & Gneisenau, off Brest. Editor adds: Ross McNeill's Vol 1 ( <i>Costal Command Losses</i> ) records loss of V5962 with P/O Martin & crew, & other details. Ron Bramley (editor) on same raid & details entry from his logbook with F/O Hyde as pilot. Notes that F/O Campbell (kia) awarded VC. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
	13	Letter		Peter Fawke	Request for photo of L6684 of 600Sq, Hornchurch (FTR 07/09/1940) for detailed 1/48 <sup>th</sup> model. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
RAF Harrowbeer	13	Letter		Michael & Lucy Hayes	Live at 'Knightstones' (Yelverton, PL20 1BT) which, in WWII part of RAF Harrowbeer where 838Sq based. Researching history & recollections of life there, etc. Any info?
W/Cdr Patric Bernard Coote (26155)	13	Letter		Catherine Young	Anyone remember grandfather W/Cdr 'Paddy' Coote: Cranwell (with D Bader), instructor at CFS, the Cairo, kia Greece 12/04/1941, 211Sq. Also info on George Reginald Elsmie ('Reggie'), Cranwell, Red Arrows at Tangmere, Kenya, ADC to AVM Brook Popham, CFS, kia on raid early WWII. Also Gerald Elsmie, Cranwell then India, killed in a/c accident Risalpur, May 1939. Contact Ian Carter (see committee)
Les Isard (Wop/AG)	13	Letter		Philip Holden	Les Isard, who flew with 90Sq, died recently. Any memories to PH, <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
Sgt Ronald France (580854)	13/14	Letter		Mrs D Doran	Request for info about brother Ron a Wop/AG in Malta then 211Sq, kia 31/12/1940, on raid on Valona. Albania. On Alamein Memorial. Quotes from Ron letter home. Info to: <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>

	14	Data	Reunions	Editor	XVSq (15Sq), RAF Lossiemouth, 20-22/05/2005. 47Sq Assn, RAF Lyneham, 2-3/09/2005 18Sq Assn: W/Cdr Andy Naismith setting up new 18(B)Sq Assn, all ex-squadron ranks welcome. <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
	14		A Mysterious Loss	Graham Warner	On 10/02/1941 bomber command raid on Hanover, of 222 a/c 8 were lost, including 21Sq's Z5877 (shot down by Ju 88 near Watton; Sgt Chatteway, pilot, killed, P/O G Shavell, obs, died of injuries, Sgt Birch, Wop/AG survived) & T2282. This damaged, crew F/Lt McConnell, Sgt E Green, & Sgt D Bristow bailed out over Valkenisse & become POWs. Mystery is recently found photo showing T2282 (YH-F), undamaged, being recovered by Germans. Any info? Pic: T2282 on pebbled beach (Scheldt Estuary?)
	15	Article	Delivery Disaster	Graham Warner	Story of an investigation following finding of 18/06/1940 grave of BB crew in mid-France. No.4 Ferry Pilots Pool, Kemble, delivery of 12 BBs & 12 Hurricane to ME: only 9 arrived (3 BBs). Lost between Tangmere & Malta: L9314 P/O D Johnson, Sgt K Walker, LAC W Higgins; L9351 F/Lt J Wilkinson-Bell, Sgt J Malcolm, Cpl E Blake; L9317 P/O C Handley, Sgt P McGovern, LAC J Thomas; L9315 F/O J McCash, Sgt R Micklethwaite, AC1 G Harris; L9318 Sgt M Field, Sgt D Murrie, AC1 E Pickford; L9263 DBR & crew (S/Ldr G Pryde, Sgt A Scott, Sgt L Hibbert) flew L9334 on 19/06/1940 7, shot down & died. L9300 & L9320 returned to Tnagmere. Only L9319, L9335 & L9316 delivered. Pic: K7108, Feb 1938, nose-down at Ismalia.
	16	Letter	'Blenheim Firsts'	G/Cpt Richard Haine	Three 'firsts: 02/09/1939, N6194 from Martlesham – trial flight of airborne radar; 04/09/1939, L1408 from Northolt with AC Bignel, first defensive night patrol; 28/11/1939, L1408 from Bircham Newton first fighter attack on Germany (Borkum). Pic: <i>Daily Sketch</i> pic on Borkum raid by Gog
	16	Letter	(A Malta Song)	Ian Gilbert	Looked in ' <i>Airman's Song Book</i> ' for songs about Blenheims, nearest was 'A Malta Song' in which any a/c name inserted; gives wording. <i>Airman's Song Book</i> (1945 & 1967 editions) available on <a href="http://www.bookfinder.com">www.bookfinder.com</a> .
	17	Letter		Betty George (Vice President)	Memories of YMCA canteen at US base near Halstead, and reports of recent visit to Normandy beaches & XV(B)Sq (15Sq) Assn dinner at Cottesmore
	17	Letter		Bill Burberry	From his log-book Bill summaries some of his postings and raids (?6337, 29/08/1941, No. 1 AGS, Pembrey; No 17 OTU Upwood, F/Sgt Ralston (later Sq/Ldr); 1,000 bomber raids on Cologne & Essen from West Raynham; Operation Torch & N African campaign in BA727 (& comments on BB Vs). Final op 23/09/1943. Retired at F/Lt.
	17	Letter		James Wilson	In 203Sq in Aden when converted to BBs (from Singapore III flying boats), 5 mths as Wop/AG in 1940, got BB Vs from Heliopolis & ops over East Africa. When 203Sq went to ME April 1941, JW returned UK.
F/Sgt Thomas A Maslen (Wop/AG)	18	Letter	Letter to the Editor	Chris Redding	Writes of his great uncle Tom who flew with Fighter Command 29FSq, Debden, Coastal Command 239FSq, Bircham Newton. Killed in accident in Miles Magister 1941 at Anti-

					Aircraft Co-op Unit, Cardiff. Log book entries: 27/06/1940, Rico Zider Zee; 08/08/1940, Le Havre; 17/08/1940, Bologne. Recommends ' <i>Blenheim Boys</i> ' by Richard Passmore. Tom was artist: anyone got pics he did? <a href="#">Contact details via email address at bottom of web site.</a>
	18	Review	' <i>Churchill's Light Brigade</i> F/Lt James W Moore's	Graham Warner	Subtitled 'The Bristol Blenheim Bomber Crew in Action', this book is written from perspective of Wop/AG on BB 1940/41. Forward AM Sir Ivor Broom. Covers BB ops during fall of Norway, Low Counties & France, then B of B, ME, Malta & FE. Review lists 11 additional books by Society members of their personal experiences of BBs. Mike Henry, Ken Whittle, Frank Harbord, James Dunnet, Terence O'Brien, Richard Passmore, Ron Gillman, Hal Randall, J Douglas Hudson, Sir Gareth Clayton, etc. J & KH Pubs. ISBN 1 9005 56 8
RAF Oulton	19	Data	From our reporter in Blenheim country ...	'Dinty' Moore	Items on RAF Oulton in 20/3, 33/10, 34/8, 39/4 (18Sq). Pic: oak tree (planted 30/10/1994) & grandson Stewart (born '94)
Douglas Bader's leg	19	Letter		'Revs' Reeves	Further info on Bader's leg. Letter thanking 18Sq & Tangmere Wing; W/Cdr Paddy Woodhouse saw drop by Sgt Nicholson (or Micheson) pilot, Sgt Meadows (obs) and Sgt Pearson (Wop/AG) in R3843, 19/08/1941. Sgt Scotney took photo.
	19	Poem	Three cheers for the man on the ground.		A poem about RAF ground crew variously attributed to 'anon', Mr LH Day, and Flight Mechanic E Sykes, 1942
BB potted histories	16	Data	Blenheim Serials (Mk.I) continued	Graham Warner	BB Mk 1: K7093, K7094, K7095, K7096, K7097, K7098, K7099, K7100, K7101, K7102, K7103, K7104, K7105, K7106, K7107, K7108. Pic: BB MkI, 604Sq, North Weald, 1939.

Other abbreviations (in no particular order at present)

CWGC Commonwealth War Graves Commission	MRAF Marshal of the Royal Air Force	RAF Royal Air Force
a/c Aircraft	ACM Air Chief Marshal	RAFVR RAF Voluntary Reserves
POW Prisoner of War	AM Air Marshal	RCAF Royal Canadian Air Force
LG Landing Ground	AVM Air Vice Marshal	SAAF South African Air Force
SWO Station (or Senior) Warrant Officer	A/Cdr Air Commodore	RAFA RAF Association
AOC Air Officer Commanding	DFM Distinguished Flying Medal	ARC Aircraft Restoration Co.
FIS	DFC Distinguished Flying Cross	RSU Repair & Service Unit
BC Bomber Command	DSO Distinguished Service Order	MU Maintenance Unit
MT Military Transport	AFC Air Force cross	RNZAF Royal New Zealand Air Force
IRCC International Red Cross Committee	VC Victoria Cross	MEAF Middle East Air Force
KD Khaki Drill	TD	RAAF Royal Auxiliary Air Force
FG (American) Flight Group	RDF Radio Direction Finding	
U/T Under Training	AGA Air Gunners Association	
FTR Failed to Return	CG Centre of Gravity	
CFS Central Flying School	IAS (58/5)	
ME Middle East	ADC (50/9)	
FE Far East		
DBR Damaged Beyond Repair		