

## 28. RAF Benson

Subject	No.	Title and Description	TR
28A	*	Essay RAF Benson & its Impact on Ewelme Village, from Village Book Carol Sawbridge	
28A	*	Essay – History of the PRU – Carol Sawbridge	
28	1	1937 March – D Herald article on building of RAF Benson	
28	2	Spitfire Mk PR XI EN 343 – history of aircraft sorties from RAF Benson	
28	3	22/7/38 Inquest on Construction worker	
28	4	17/7/47 – H Standard article on Kings Flight	
28	5	Letter of thanks from Sir Robert Fellowes	
28	6	New Zealand Air Force Badge – in artists case	
28	7	E/News 1985 – Visit of Princess Diana to RAF Benson	
28	8	12/6/87 – Personal Commendation for Mr R P Munday – in artists case	
28	9	Christmas Menu - 1944	
28	10	War Memorials and Graves Book of Remembrance Benson Oxon	
28	11	Booklet and essay 33 Squadron history and No 33 Squadron Christmas Card	
28	12	26/3/97 Booklet 60 Squadron Disbandment Parade	
28	13	6/6/98 Souvenir Programme– RAF Benson Families Day	
28	14	Wg Cmdr Bill Newby's essay - 10/5/99	
28	15	Wg Cmdr Newby's report	
28	16	25/9/98 – H Standard article Pilots in real battle situations	
28	17	1996 - EPC Information for Ewelme Residents	
28	18	Circular re special meeting 23/9/98 – Wessex helicopter flyovers	
28	19	Circular from concerned residents	
28	20	Article re expansion from Parish Newsletter April 1998	
28	21	Towards 2001 – The Development Programme for RAF Benson	
28	22	The Future of RAF Benson	
28	23	2000 WARMA Poster for RAF 2 Day Marches	
28	24	Bob Quixley impersonates an RNZAF Officer	
28	25a	Copy of page from F/O P W Robeson's Log book showing Sqdn Ldr Hussey's entry	
28	25b	Copy of logbook showing information for 541 Squadron Dec 1945/Jan 1946	
28	26	Newspaper cutting showing Eric Knowles' father in foreground, with big ears!	
28	27	Wg Cmdr Newby's reply to questions re PRU Mosquito Sqdn.	
28	28	20/09/58 – At Home Programme and Flying Display Programme	
28	29	List of Photographs and Artefacts owned by Anne Williams	✓
28	30	Action Stations 6	
28	31	Floods shock for RAF Mercy Crews – article from Wallingford Herald 16/3/2000	
28	32	Photographic Reconnaissance – short article.	
28	33	1 PRU – article by Anne Williams	
28	34	Letter re Beryl and F/O Gordon Green from their daughter Mrs Evers	
28	35a/b	29/2/2000 The Times Obit to John Dixon (Photographed Tirpitz)9/8/00 D Telegraph – Obit to Constance Babington Smith	
28	36	Mosquito Mutterings – Henry Sowerbutts' essay from Lion's Roar July 2000	
28	37a/b	Summary of Photo Reconnaissance Unit Reunion 12/13 May 2001 from the Lion's Roar	
28	38a/b	When Rabbits Unearthed Secrets of Wartime. Article from Wallingford Herald 2/8/2001	
28	39a/b	Re-formation of 28 Sqdn Article from Flypast October 2001 and Photo of visit on 15/7/2001	
28	40	Spitfire Veterans Return – article from Henley Standard 24/5/2001	
28	41a	Jerry Fray - <i>I Captured Proof of Dambuster's Raid</i> – article S Telegraph 15/07/2001	
28	41b	A Day of Memories of Heroism and Lost Comrades – H Standard article 15/6/2001	
28	42	Flt Sgt Bill Johnson's Memoir – PRU Spitfire Pilot	
28	42a	Ewelme News - <i>A War-time Story</i> – from Flt Sgt Bill Johnson's Memoir – also bound book and CD	✓
28	43	2003 – Autumn - Jerry Fray's obit – The Lion's Roar	
28	44	2002 May - PRU paintings – Philip E West.	

28	45	A WAAF at RAF Benson – PRU memories by WAAF M Irwin from Part 4 ‘The History of Air Photography in the RAF’ pub 1982	
28	46	Photograph of Theatre Company RAF Benson 1940’s. S/L L Hussey right hand side	
28	47	Selected pages on RAF Benson from The Bensington Society book “ <i>Benson A Century of Change 1900-2000</i> ”, published Nov 2004.	
28	48	Hand drawn diagram of KCB Café in relation to airfield by Jack Wheeler	
28	49	Photocopy of pages from Sarah Churchill’s book <i>Keep on Dancing</i> re PRU.	
28	50	Flt Lt A P F Fane – extracts from his logbook flying PRU Spitfires © Fane family	✓
28	50a	Flt Lt A P F Fane – operational diary © Fane family.	
28	50b	Flt Sgt Mervyn Jones – biography – 1940 Grand National Winner on Bogskar ©	
28	51	S/L Peter Fahy AFC, DFC PRU Spitfire Pilot	✓
28	52	Meet the Neighbours - Posters advertising meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2006	
28	53	Apr/May 2008 Ewelme News Flt Lt Michelle Goodman DFC and H Standard 21.3.08	
28	54	Sept 2008 – Battle of Britain Dinner invitation and 2 Benson Bulletin articles on Freydis Sharland - ATA pilot – ferried PRU Spitfires	
28	55	2009 March - RAF Benson 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Pack	
28	56	Gemlins Poem – laminated	
28	57	Rugg, Barbara – written wartime memoir of TAS Drawing Section RE.	✓
28	58	2009 May 15 <sup>th</sup> – H Standard article on RAF Benson remaining open.	
28	59	2009 Spring – The Lion’s Roar 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAF Benson part edition	
28	60	2009 May 26 <sup>th</sup> – obit to Wg Cmdr Tim Fairhurst – D Telegraph	
28	61	2009 19 <sup>th</sup> June – H Standard report on mid-air collision of Tutor and glider	
28	62	2009 Aug Sunday Telegraph article on Freydis Sharland ATA Ferry pilot	
28	63	1989 May - Argos mag – History of RAF Benson - The Early Days Flt Lt S Swaby	
28	64	1990 Mar - Argos mag – Replacement of gate guardian b replica EN343E - report	
28	65	1990 Mar– Argos mag Peace comes to Europe – article	
28	66	1989 Sept - Argos mag – article Benson at War 1941-1943	
28	67	1989 Dec – Argos mag – article Benson at War 1944 Private Recollections F/Lt Langham	
28	68	1989 July – Argos mag – article History of RAF Benson	
28	69	1989 April – Argos mag – History of RAF Benson Part 1 1938-1945 Flt/Lt Swaby	
28	70	1989 April – Argos mag – “ “ “ “ Part II Late 40s and 50s	
28	71	1989 April – Argos mag – “ “ “ “ Part III 1960s to date	
28	72	1988 April – Argos mag – A Novel Encounter – report on visit of Miss Babington Smith	
28	73	1989 Sept – Argos mag – The Queens Flight – eulogy to Gp Capt and Mrs J Jones	
28	74	1988 April – Argos mag - The Queens Flight – Look Back over 70 Years of Flying – photos	
28	75	1991 April – Argos mag - The Queens Flight – article	
28	76	1989 Sept – Argos mag – Historic First for the Auxiliary Air Force – visit of Queen	
28	77	1989 June – Argos mag – History of RAF Benson – The PRU Era – Flt Lt Swaby	
28	78	1988 Dec/1989 Feb – Argos mag – So Near and Yet So Far Parts I and II by Lord Anthony Barber	
28	79	1999 Dec 11 Telecon notes conversation with Air Marshal Sir Freddie Ball	
28	80a/	1988 May– Argos mag – What's in a Name? Extract from the RAF at War by Lord Barber/Spitfire	
28	80/b	1988 May – Argos mag – S/L Anthony Hill/AM Sir Geoffrey Tuttle - profiles	
28	81	1988 Oct – Argos mag – AM Sir Alfred Ball/S/L Alistair Taylor – profiles	
28	82	1988 Oct – Argos mag – What's in a Name? de Havilland Mosquito	
28	83	1988 Sept – Argos mag – Replacement engine for Spitfire	
28	84a/	1989 Mar - Argos mag – Gate Guardian Goes Missing – Removal of EN343 to refurbish	
28	84b/	2003 Lions Roar – RAF Benson’s Gate Guardians	
28	84c/	1981 Sep – Argos mag – Gate Guardian Spitfire PM651 at RAF Benson	
28	85a	1944 – Jan – F/O Fray’s note on living at Benson and reminiscence of Aug 1943 op.	
28	85b	1944 Jan – F P Chamberlain’s note on having F/O and Mrs Fray at his farm. Both in Chamberlain’s Wartime Diary – Benson Reference Library	
28	86	1946 Feb – Local Organisations - Essay on RAF Benson during wartime F P	

		Chamberlain's Diary 86Benson in Library	
28	87a/b	1942 – Road diversion across RAF Benson airfield and map – FPC's War Diary	
28	88	Station History from RAF Benson Information Handbook 11 <sup>th</sup> edition	
28	89	1988 Sep – Argos mag - The Magnificent Seven – article re Mount Farm USAAF PRU	
28	90	1991 Dec – Argos mag – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Part 3 Benson's Lancasters	
28	91	1991 Sep - Argos mag - One of our Spitfires is Missing – by F/O Peter Harding	
28	92	2002 Summer – Lions Roar – PRU Reunion 2002 and Mission Accomplished by S/L J Fray	
28	93	2004 Autumn – Lions Roar - What's in a Name	
28	94	2002 Lions Roar (sp edition) – Benson's Lancasters & Spitfires	
28	95	2002 Lions Roar (sp edition) RAF Benson during the Fifties	
28	96	2009 Spring - Lions Roar – The History of RAF Benson	
28	97	2010 RAF News - VIP Visit – Notification of new History Room at RAF Benson	
28	98	2010 Winter – Lions Roar – PRU at RAF Benson – article and photos	
28	99	1939 3 <sup>rd</sup> September - Telegram notifying outbreak of war with Germany	
28	100	Distribution of Enemy Air Attacks in Oxfordshire - diagram	
28	101	2011 June – Flypast mag. Article by M Prendergast Unarmed, Unafraid and in Harm's Way	
28	102	A/C D J Waghorn – documents relating to his life and death on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1945	
28	103	Flt Lt Duncan McCuaig – essay by Karen McCuaig MacDonald	✓
28	103a	8/11/11 Invitation to the Rededication Ceremony from the CO	
28	103b	23/11/11 Programme for the Ceremony to Rededicate the Spitfire Gate Guardian Booklet In memory of F/L D K McCuaig DFC kia 28/9/44 – rededication of Spitfire PL904	
28	103c	30/11/11 – Report on the event in The Wallingford Herald	
28	103d	1/12/11 – Article on event in The Henley Standard	
28	103e	2011 Winter – Lions Roar – PRU Heritage Honoured article	
28	103f	2012 – E News Entry Jan/Feb 2012 re rededication of the Spitfire Gate Guardian	
28	103g	6/2/12 - D Telegraph obit to AM Sir Freddie Ball dec'd 25/1/12 and Henley Standard	
28	104	The Military Airfields of Oxfordshire in the Second World War – no hard copy	
28	105	Bomb Incidents in Oxfordshire 1940-44 – no hard copy.	
28	106	24/5/14 – Obit to Freydis Sharland – Henley Standard	
28	107	2013 – Spring - Lions Roar – History Room/bronzes/review of 'One Flight too Many'	
28	108	1969 March - The Rattler No 114 Sqdn magazine Vol 1 No. 2	
28	109	09/15 Aeroplane Monthly mag – article Argosy Recollections by Martin Willing	
28	110	09/15 Aeroplane Monthly mag – article Worldwide Mobility - The Argosy	
28	111a	Argosy Recollections	
28	111b	Armstrong Whitworth Argosy - article Aeroplane Sept 2015	
28	112	Dec 2018/Jan 2019 E News - Secret History of Cottesbrooke by Anne Williams	
28	113	1947 H Standard - Kings Flight returns to RAF Benson	
28	114	2022 Spring Lions Roar RAF Benson Photographic Reconnaissance by Mick Prendergast	
28	115	Dec 2022 Benson Bulletin article on Benson PRU by Michael Prendergast	
28	116	Crashes at RAF Benson 1939-1940	

### 28A Books and Booklets – Royal Air Force Benson

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28A	1	Royal Air Force Benson Station History Extract from Action Stations	
28A	2	A History of the Kings Flight and the Queens Flight X 2	
28A	3	British Aerospace – 50 years of the Kings Flight and the Queens Flight	
28A	4	Lion's Roar Magazine 1999 Issue 4 – given to RAF Benson 7/3/22	
28A	5	History of the No 6 Air Experience Flight – given to RAF Benson 7/3/22	
28A	6	Airfield Focus – 29 Benson by Peter Davis	
28A	7	28 Squadron Merlin Hand Over Ceremony 7 March 2001	
28A	8	Lion's Roar Magazine of RAF Benson Summer 2001 Issue 11	
28A	9	Village Book with signatures of aircrew facing RAF essay – May 2002	
28A	10	Flt/Sgt Bill Johnson's Memoir 1939-1945 – 541 Sqn PRU Spitfire pilot and CD-Rom	
28A	10a	Addendum to Flt Sgt Bill Johnson's memoir – missing on pdf file	

28A	11	2009 Spring – The Lion’s Roar 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAF Benson full edition	
28A	12	F/O Gordon D Green and Snr WAAF Officer Beryl Pocket – history and photos	
28A	13	2014 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary RAF Benson brochure Flt Lt Robeson’s Log Book (given to RAF Museum Benson)	