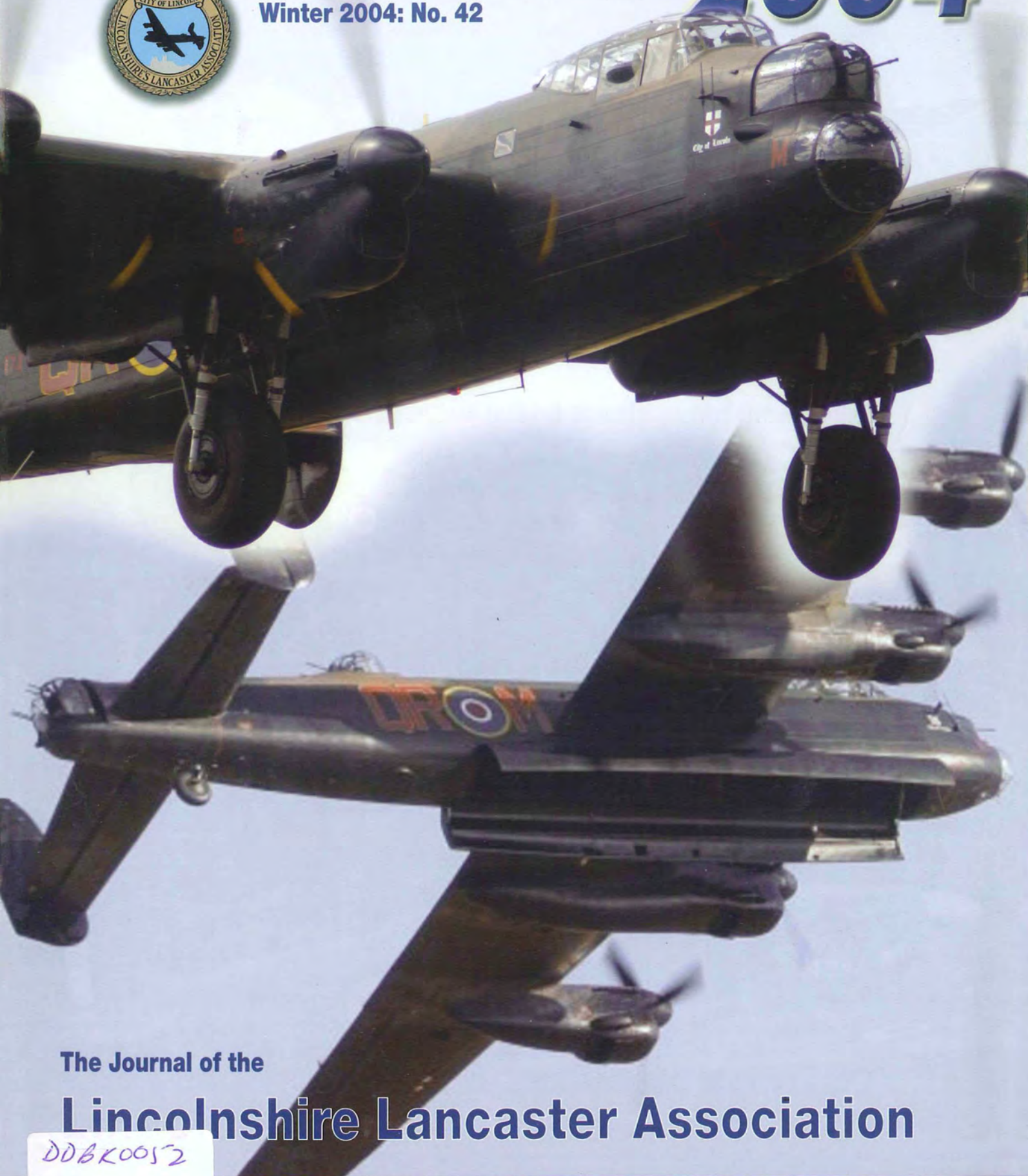


Memorial Flight 2004



Winter 2004: No. 42



The Journal of the

Lincolnshire Lancaster Association

DDBK0052

THE PRICE OF THIS JOURNAL TO NON-MEMBERS IS £3.00

(Photo - RAF Coningsby)



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Once again it is the time of year when I have to write my copy for our Journal. I will not go into what has happened during the season from the point of view of the Flight as this is covered elsewhere by The Boss's Report.

From the point of view of the Committee of Management (there after referred to as 'The Few') I can report that it has been a more than busy year. Thank goodness I have retired as I have no idea how I could fit in all I have to do if I had a job!

It has been Squadron Leader Clive Rowley's first season as 'The Boss' and I think that the co-operation and dare I say it "friendship" that has grown between BBMF and ourselves has climbed to heights that have never been achieved before. This must have been noticeable during the recently held Members Day which ended the season almost with a bang when the 2 QRA Tornado F3's were scrambled to intercept the Olympic Airways airliner and escort it into Stansted. This was just a bonus and not part of the planned flying display!

I would like to thank 'The Few' for their hard work which make our Association happen. We are a small Committee of 10 who do all of the work in various degrees. As the years pass I do worry about how it will continue in future years. We are all getting older and there is bound to come a time when one or the other of us is going to have to retire from Committee duties. Volunteers will be needed to carry the Association into the future if it is to continue.

An ideal person would be someone who lives fairly close to Lincoln, has his or her own transport, is recently retired, or has a job (possibly self employed) that allows spare time for the Association— are you out there? Before I end the thank yous I must not forget the

marvelous band of envelope 'stuffers' who have turned out 4 or 5 times during the year to fill the envelopes that you receive and also those who come to Waddington Airshow and Members' Day to help. Our thanks go to all of you.

While on the subject of postings I would like to draw your attention to the enclosed leaflet advertising the new numbered limited edition print that we have produced in conjunction with the Flight.

One of the highlights of the 2004 display was the poppy drop to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D Day and the print which has been signed by the 3 pilots concerned and the artist is now available at £60:00 UK post paid to Members (overseas additional airmail will have to be added).

Only 500 have been produced and with almost 100 spoken for, only about 400 remain available to our 5000 members. Order quickly to avoid disappointment. Please do not panic overseas members, a small number will be held back for you.

We have had problems with our mail delivery during the year resulting in some of our mail going missing. It has all been sorted out now, but please note, that as a result our postcode has been changed to LN5 8ZW.

We are making an effort to have the Autumn Journal delivered earlier than we have managed in the past, so if that goes to plan I hope on behalf of the Committee to be one of the first to wish you and your families our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Stuart Stephenson





If only there were two!
(Chris Elcock)



*The sun sets on another display season -
roll on the summer!*
(Keith Brenchley)

2 Village Street
Careby
Stamford
Lincolnshire
PE9 4EA
26th November 2004

Dear Reg,

It was nice to meet you at Kenley back in August, I hope this brief letter finds you well.

As you may remember, we talked briefly about the events surrounding the bombing of Kenley in 1940 so that I could produce a small article for the Lincolnshire Lancaster Association's journal *Memorial Flight*, which I have the honour of editing. The resulting article can be seen on page 19 of the enclosed journal.

Many thanks for giving your time to talk - perhaps we will have the opportunity to meet again at Kenley next year.

Best wishes



Tom Allett

Editor

Memorial Flight

Dear Tom,

Very many thanks for the copy of Memorial Flight 2004 and congratulations on your "write-up" - you did us proud!!

If I can make ^{just} one correction - it was not George Sudd who was killed in the blast pen. I cannot remember who it was but George Sudd survived the war, trained as a teacher after demob. and was killed with all the school party from Lanfranc Boys School, Croydon when, on a visit to Norway, their plane crashed into the mountains near Stavanger in 1961

Thank you again for your kindness. May I take this opportunity to send you all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year and I shall look forward to meeting you again at Kenley next year.

Yours sincerely

Reg

REG WILLIS

EX 615 Squadron