

Transcript of Audio Clip with Ron Challis

There was one evening when a plane had come, passed over, whether he'd been to London or coming back, I don't know. But he dropped all his incendiary bombs and all the, I suppose, heather and gorse, was burning fiercely. All neighbours by, and ourselves, we went out with sacks to beat it all out, but at the same time you could still hear the planes over. Well, they would have been able to see the flame, they couldn't see you obviously. We came home that night all black and you know. But we'd put the flames out. So it wasn't just as if the war had gone away. When the Battle of Britain was on we often saw planes fighting, you know. Mr Simmons, there was a plane that came down in one of his fields, an RAF one. The pilot was ok because he crash-landed. Well, there was often a plane, a German plane, crashed and if you could you used to cycle to wear they'd crashed and you could get souvenirs of the plane. Perspex was the main thing 'cos you could fashion those into rings and things like that.