

# Heritage Team News Scotland



**From Team Member Cheryl Stewart**

## National Museums Weekend Montrose May 2014



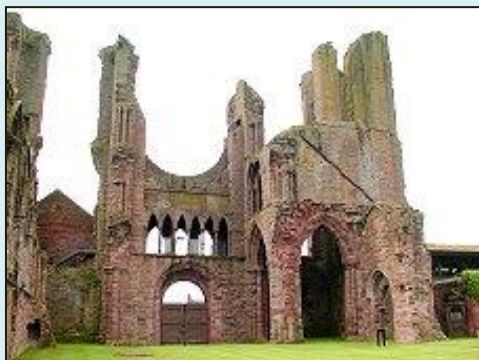
The Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre invited the Arbroath ROC Post Museum to attend their National Museums Weekend in May. With free admittance for the occasion it proved to be well attended and many people stopped by our stand. Being positioned at the entrance of one of the hangars, and next to their full size model of the Little Red Baron aircraft, gave us full exposure. Much of the Arbroath museum had once again been shipped out to provide an informative picture of the ROC. Outside the hangar we had our Post Instrument display with accessories and 'Hairy Mary' mannequin.

I was 'nabbed' by the new volunteer tasked with cataloguing the Centre's uniform store. She thought I might be able to help identify some pieces – indeed I could and I called our former Group Officer Bill Petrie over to help me with some old ROC items I was unsure of.

We returned back to the Post with a booty of duplicate uniforms they have kindly donated to us and feeling very satisfied with our weekend. The Pièce de résistance was an Officers Cap bearing the name tag David Inkster, former Group Commandant 29 Group now sadly deceased. Montrose had given me a Senior Officers uniform, a few years ago, sporting an RAF Navigators Wing and so was not difficult to find out who once wore it and now I had David's cap too. The postscript to this story is that I thought it would be nice to have a photograph of David to display with his uniform.

Johan, one of our museum team, had a phone number for David's son and called him. When he heard about the Arbroath ROC project that Johan was involved with he said 'I'll sort through some things'. The following week he visited Johan and handed over a large package containing much memorabilia RAF and ROC including all of David Inkster's medals and miniatures, RAF WW11 Flying Log Book. Many ROC bits and pieces including the old 27 Oban Group numerals which he had at one time served with. Many letters and photographs – an amazing record of David's RAF and ROC Service.

## Arbroath Parade Day 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014



The sun shone on us for the third year in a row. John Sharpe brought the National Standard to be paraded by Peter Blockley. Eleven of us from 24, 25, and 28 Groups proudly marched from the Abbey through the town to Victoria Park on the seafront where we were had a short service and erection of a Battlefield Cross by two Royal Marines. RM Condor Military Wives Choir sang for us followed by a brilliant twenty minute display by a Pitts Special S2-A bi-plane in red and white livery.

We had a fully stocked stand again well manned by ROCA members.

This year the Parade Group, of which I'm a member, hired a media unit to record the day. Their 8 minute video can be seen at: <http://youtu.be/G1cMfvRNexs> It includes my interview, 'wearing my Parade group hat' albeit with my full ROC uniform for manning the stand.



***From left to right:- Tom Meiklejohn, Susan Micklejohn, John Sharpe, Cheryl Stewart, Ann McDonald, Peter Blockley, Ewan MacGowan, Joe Yeardeley, Bryan Rosie, Johan Brown,***

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