



## **The first recipient of the Joyce Shrubbs MBE Memorial Trophy is Rosemary Ward of No 3 Group Oxford.**

Rosemary has carried out the duties of Oxford Group Standard Bearer with great dignity at National and Group events including funerals of members of the Association, sometimes just turning up in case the Standard might be needed.

The Association was proud of her bearing when parading the National Standard at the National Memorial Arboretum on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the unveiling of the National ROC Memorial.

Rosemary was due to carry the National Standard at Westminster Abbey in September 2014, on the previous evening her husband was taken into hospital but Rosemary, ever aware of not letting down the Association, rang the Heritage Officer from the hospital who was then able to arrange for it to be carried in her absence.

Rosemary has carried out her Standard Bearing duties diligently for 18 years; all in conjunction with her very busy domestic life and is a worthy recipient of this Trophy.

*Heritage, October 2022.*

### ***The Joyce Shrubbs MBE Memorial Trophy***

*This imposing Cup was originally awarded between 1976 and 1985 as 'The Midland Area Post Challenge Cup' awarded to Posts in Groups No 6, 7 and 8 over those years. Joyce Shrubbs joined Bedford Group in the 1940s and her career spanned many years. She rose through the ranks from Centre Observer in 1944 to Assistant Commandant ROC in 1991 in the rank of Observer Captain based at Headquarters ROC at Bentley Priory. One notable achievement was obtaining supplies of socks for female Post Observers to wear during cold nights on ROC exercises!*

*The winner of this Cup is given a small replica engraved with the Cup details together with the name of the recipient. Due to the value of the original Cup it is returned to the archive for safe keeping.*