



After leaving the RAF **Bernard Bullivant** joined the **ROC** in 1954 at the age of 40.

His **ROC Service Records** revealed a few surprises – Read on!



Observer Bernard Bullivant enrolled in the **Royal Observer Corps** on the 1st October **1954** serving on the **Chorlton cum Hardy** post in **19 Group Manchester**. This was later assigned to **16 Group Shrewsbury**.

ROC Museum Curator Neville Cullingford reveals that Bernard's **ROC records** show that he achieved:- 1 Master Pass (Spitfire) 2 First Class and 7 Intermediate passes in the annual **Master Tests**.

He was awarded the **Heard Trophy – The Observer of the Year Award** – by his former **Group Commandant J. B. Rusell**. He was awarded the **ROC medal in 1966**.

Bernard left the ROC in April **1968** following the **Re-Organisation** that took place that year.

Neville Cullingford's researches revealed that **Roy McDowell** also served on Chorlton cum Hardy Post at the same time as Bernard. Roy was a key member of the **ROC Association** in setting up the first ROCA Website in 2001.

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