



The recipient of the Michael Richards Memorial Trophy is Michael Marks.

Michael took over the mantle of setting up the Association website some ten years ago when the previous manager passed away. There was no hand over period and no access could be gained to the previous website.

Michael, despite having no experience of setting up complicated websites, quickly achieved a very high standard of posting news and photographs on the website aimed at keeping the membership in touch and being a large communication tool for the Association.

Throughout those ten years Michael has worked cheerfully with the membership cajoling them to send their personal and Group news, together with their Group Newsletters, to be posted on the website.

For this mammoth task of setting up and keeping the membership informed Michael Marks is awarded the Michael Richards Memorial Trophy.

Heritage, October 2022.

The Observer Commander Michael Richards Memorial Trophy

This Cup was initiated in 1952 entitled 'Royal Observer Corps Cardiff Centre – Controllers Cup'. It was awarded in 1952 to Post D1. In 2018 the son of Michael Richards offered the Cup to Heritage who were more than delighted to receive it. The wording on the plinth now reads:

"Re-dedicated 2019 - The Obs/Commander Michael Richards Memorial Cup".

Michael Richards joined the Corps as a full time Officer in October 1960 with 29 Group Aberdeen, later moving to 23 Group Durham on promotion to Obs/Lieutenant. In June 1967 he moved to 17 Group Wrexham, moving to 31 Group Northern Ireland in September 1973. In February 1978 he moved to 15 Group Lincoln, in August 1981 he moved back to 17 Group Wrexham. On 1st September 1986 Michael Richards was promoted to Observer Commander to serve in 28 Group Dundee retiring from ROC Service on 31st October 1988 having completed 39 years and 338 days reckonable service. Unfortunately Michael Richards died on this final day of Service to the Royal Observer Corps.

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