



OPEN DAY Portadown Post

31 Group Belfast - 16 August 2014



I had the privilege of attending the “ Open Day” at the **Portadown** fully restored **Master Post** on Saturday 16th August 2014, organised by 31Group Heritage Team Member, **Alistair McCann** and assisted by **Colin Woods**, former Leading Obs on the Post.

It was an incredibly successful event with at least 70 visitors throughout the day and with public donations of at least £140.00 which will go towards the 31Group ROCA Funding.

The public interest was phenomenal, despite a cool wind blowing across the wide open fields. Alistair very kindly arranged for a gazebo covering over the hatch in case of rain.

All instruments and Radio were in operation.

Other 31 Group ROCA Members including our Chairman **Malcolm Napier MBE**, also attended in full uniform and regulation haircuts, looking very smart indeed and a huge credit to the ROC. The ROC Ensign flew proudly all day long. The grass was very neatly cut and fencing secure.

Alistair McCann and **Colin Woods** were most professional in their lecturing at all times and really deserve huge credit for a job very well done indeed.

Also, the Kilrea Post restoration Team Leader, **John Graham** and Crew travelled many miles to see the event and received many items of equipment from Alistair to add to their great restoration work at Kilrea.

Paddy Malone

Hon Sec 31Group ROCA & 31Group Heritage Team Leader

