



NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW AT SCAMPTON GHURCH

In early 2020 we were alerted by **Bill Warwick** (No 15 Group) to the exciting project of a window being commissioned in the Church at Scampton to commemorate those who flew and served at **RAF Scampton** which would serve as a reminder of the Station which was to be closed. Small numbered panes could be purchased, the number coinciding with a message on a numbered page in a leather bound book beneath the window.

This was seen as part of ROC Heritage because the Corps had worked so closely with the RAF during the war years, ROC Camps had also been held on the Station. Tentative enquiries were sent to the membership which yielded sufficient funds to allow six panels to be purchased. Proposed layout of the window is shown with numbered panels and the sponsors is shown below:

Sponsorship of panels:
Suggested donation of £50 small or £100 large numbered piece of glass

RAF Scampton Window
Sponsor a Glass Panel
January 2021

'Dove Window'
Denise Parker

'Roundel Window'
Moulds Fencing

95 The Witham Group

100 Sandra & Ken Allen

103 Jess Myers

109 Flt Sgt William Kay

110 Reserved Benoît Howson

114 Joe Bartrop

RAF Crest
Bomber Command
Memorial Trustees,
Green Park London

'Commemorating those who served at RAF Scampton'
The Jenkinson Family

143 John Simpson and Family

146 Michael Brake & Diane Griffiths

'SW Mustering Areas'
Lincolnshire Lancaster Association

155 Eileen Mary Albone

158 Liz Harwood

159 - '57 & 630' Squadrons

160 Ian Jones

'Lancaster'
The Lockwood Family

161 The Viles Family

162 Linda & Colin Chadwick

163 Neil & Sally Haire

174 Lincolnshire Lancaster Association

166 Vernal Morgan

165 Salt City

167 Dambusters Inn

168 Dave's Daily Bread

170 Scampton Community

10 James Vickerson

12 & 17 Sue Deacon

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13 Sarah Bartrop

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18 Philippa Pappin

19 Dean March

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25 Jodie Cook

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27 Sue Deacon

28 & 31 Dean March

29 Sue Deacon

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31 Jill Owen

32 Sqd Ldr Bill Dunn

33 Jo & Paul Hunter

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35 Hepburn Dolliers

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37 & 38 IK(B) Squadron Assoc'n

39 Graham Donnelly

40, 41

42, 43 Suzanne Allman

44 1145DF Air Cadets

45 2163DF Air Cadets

46 Barry Hemsley

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49 Mike & Trish Hemsley

50 Glynis Hunter

51 Syd Doughty

52 57

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54 Christine Robinson (Jack Kelway)

55 RAF Air Cadets Scotland & N. Ireland

56 Brian Broughton

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58 Anne and Roy Dyster

59 & 60 Malcolm Taylor

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61 Anne and Roy Dyster

62 Sqn Ldr John Walpole (Retd)

63 Bob Downing

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65 David Viles

66 Alf Britchford

67 The Abbott Family

68 Tino Below

69 Eileen Mary Albone

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72 Mo Frampton

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74 June and Bill Holland

75 Royal Observer Corps Assoc'n

76 William Warwick

77 Wilco Krul

78 & 79 Lawrence Holmes

79

80 June Jay BEM

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83 The Everson Family

84

85 Mo Frampton

86 Tino Below

87 Brian and Liz Green

88

89 Julie Shophedge

90 Evelyn Sanders

91 Rudy Sanders

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93 Theodore Edwards

94 Lola Edwards

A further reason was that the German Crew of four who killed **Obs Jack Kelway**, and later crashed, are buried in the Churchyard. The photographs below show their graves. Jack Kelway is buried in Newport Cemetery.

The relevant panels are listed here:-

Panel 70 sponsors: the **Kelway family, No 15 Group ROCA** and **Holbeach Post**. In memory of **Obs Jack Kelway** killed on 4th March 1945.

Panel 75 sponsors: **Tim Kitching, John Shere, Terry Giles** and the **National Heritage Team**. In memory of members of the ROC 1925-1995, including killed in action **Obs Bancroft** and **Obs Salter**.

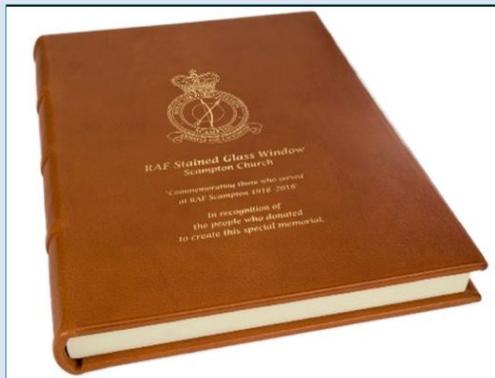
Panel 76 sponsors: No **31 Group ROCA**, No **10 Group Truro Branch**, **Bill Warwick**. In memory of **Obs Jack Kelway**.

Panel 78 sponsors: **Martin and Myriam Cannon, Christine Holmes and family**. In memory of **LAC Sydney Cannon** who served at RAF Scampton.

Panel 79: Sponsors: **Lawrence and Christine Holmes, Robert and Clare Holmes**. In memory of all who served at RAF Scampton including **Sydney Cannon, Guy Gibson, Johnnie Johnson** and the **Red Arrows**. Also members of **Hackthorn ROC Post**.

Panel 80: Sponsor: **June Jay**. In memory of **Peter Jay** and all members of **ROC Seaborne**.

Each entry in the book is tailored to the memory mentioned. For example, the inscription in the book for **Panel 75** reads:



This panel remembers the 'Eyes and Ears of the Royal Air Force', who were members of the Royal Observer Corps within the period 1915 to 1995. Our deepest gratitude goes to those few members of the Corps who gave their lives due to enemy action including C/Obs J B B Bancroft and Obs W J Salter who were killed during the D-Day Operations and Obs Jack Kelway killed by an enemy aircraft near this spot on 4 March 1945.

We also remember with affection RAF Scampton and give gratitude to all aircrew and ground crew who served there with dedication for so many years. This panel is sponsored by Mr Tim Kitching, Mr John Shere, Mr Terry Giles and the ROCA National Heritage Team. It is their role to protect, preserve and present the proud heritage of those multitudes of all types who call themselves 'Observers'.

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The Commonwealth War Graves of the four German aircrew involved in Jack Kelway's death.

Heinrich Conze, Rudolf Scherer, Werner Nollau and Alfred Altenkirch.

Photographs courtesy of Lawrence Holmes..



Edwina J Holden MBE, National Heritage Officer.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH OF (ST JOHN THE BAPTIST) SCAMPTON LINCOLNSHIRE

Extracted from their website:-



There was a church on this site before the Norman Conquest but no part of the present building seems earlier than the first part of the 14th century, to which period the nave pillars and arches may be attributed. The previous building was much larger than the present one. It became dilapidated in the 18th century and was almost entirely rebuilt in 1794. There was a further restoration in the 1870's.

A feature of the churchyard is the double section of graves of members of the Royal Air Force. These men, representing nearly every one of the Dominions, met their deaths during the war, through wounds or in crashing aircraft returning from raids on enemy territory. Because the Royal Air Force station is in the parish the men were buried here. Gravestones have been provided, and graves are maintained, by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

There are eight German war graves, situated near the road. These men belonged to German aircraft which had attacked military objectives in the district and had been brought down nearby. Sometime later it was discovered that there was an extra man on board one of the aircraft and so a name was added to one of the original headstones
