

15 Group ROCA Parade at Skellingthorpe

A Memorial Service to the fallen of 50 and 61 Squadrons Royal Air Force Skellingthorpe during WW2 was held on Sunday 9th June 2013



R.A.F. SKELLINGTHORPE No. 50 and No. 61 Squadrons Association

> Honorary Freemen of the Skellingthorpe Parish

Annual Memorial service at the Community Centre

Sunday 9th June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

The Annual Remembrance Service, in memory of over 2500 during the years 1942 to 1945 - is held in two parts.

A morning Service and Parade at the Memorial on the Birchwood housing estate, once the Airfield in part of Skellingthorpe Parish, followed by an afternoon service at the Memorial in Skellingthorpe Village .

Members of 15 Group attended both services and took part in the march past at Birchwood led by the Band of R.A.F.Waddington .

A display by the BBMF Lancaster preceded the Skellingthorpe Service . The 15 Group ROCA Standard was paraded along with the Veterans Standards at both events.



The Memorial Garden at Skellingthorpe

Picture P.Jex

ROYAL AIR FORCE SKELLINGTHORPE



My brief sweet life is over My eyes no longer see No Christmas trees No summer walks No pretty girls for me Ive got the chop- I've had it My nightly Ops are done Yet in another hundred years TI still be twenty one R. W. Gilbert

THIS MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE AIRMEN AND WOMEN OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND OTHER ALLIED AIR FORCES WHO SERVED AT R.A.F. SKELLING THORPE WITHIN THIS PARISH 1941 - 1945

The Memorial Inscription Picture M.Marks



Former Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Michael Beetham GCB, CBE, DFC, AFC, DL RAF (Rtd.) who celebrated his 90th Birthday on the day. *Picture M.Marks*



Sitting next to Sir Michael is Wing Commander James (Jim) Flint DFC. GM. DFM. AE. RAF Rtd. (*Vice President of 50 and 61 Squadrons Association*) celebrating his 100th. birthday. *Picture M.Marks*



The Standards march off.

Picture M.Marks



Waiting for the Service to begin

Picture N.Hart



The RAF BBMF Lancaster flies again over Skellingthorpe – "The unforgettable sight and sound of the Lanc." *Picture M.Marks*