



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

SKELLINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL



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 .*

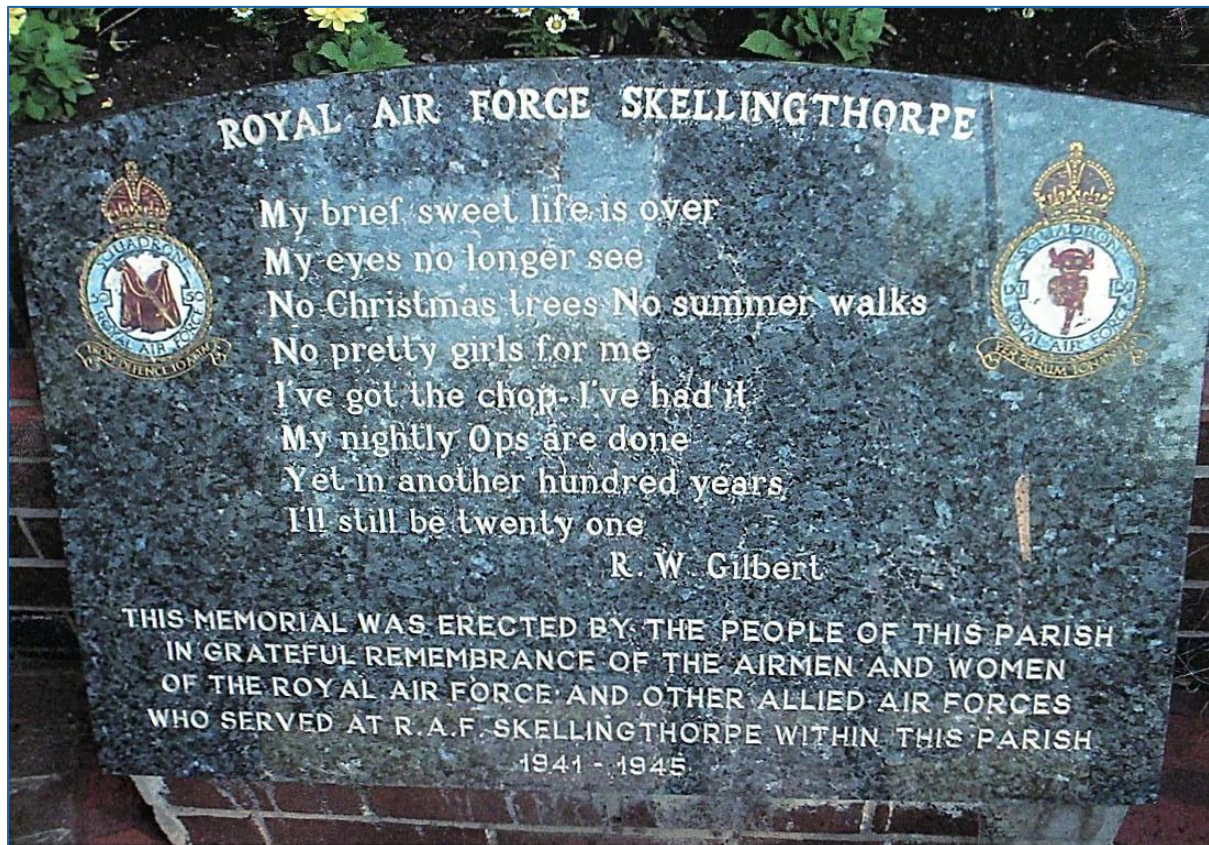
A display by the BBMF Lancaster preceded the Skellingthorpe Service . The 15 Group ROCA Standard was paraded along with the Veterans Standards at both events.

The Memorial Garden at Skellingthorpe

*Picture P.Jex*







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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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*