



**550 Squadron & RAF North Killingholme  
Association**

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**Reunion Weekend**

**The Ashbourne Hotel, North Killingholme**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
&  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

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**WELCOME  
INFORMATION**



## **Name Badges**

In 2011 we re-launched the use of name badges and the feedback we received was positive. If you would like to wear a badge please use the place card with your name on it provided at the Friday evening dinner and collect a plastic holder from Reception at the Ashbourne. Blank badges and holders will be available at the Amethyst for those not attending the Friday evening dinner.

## **Skype**

Before the Friday evening meal we hope to set up a Skype connection (a video link that uses the internet) and talk to Bobbie Harris at her home in Kent. We must stress that this is a trial and we cannot guarantee that it will be successful. If we can establish a link, this service will be available between 7.15 and 7.45pm in the Dining Room at the Ashbourne.

## **Friday Evening Meal**

The formal Reunion Dinner will be served in the Dining Room at 8.00pm. A Seating Plan will be located near the entrance which will show your table number. At each table in the Dining Room place cards with names and menu selections will indicate seating positions.

Towards the end of the meal we will be showing short extracts of video footage taken at the dedication of the Memorial Stone in 1982. It is also twenty years since the inaugural meeting of the Association at the RAF Museum, Hendon in June 1992 and to celebrate these two significant anniversaries there is a small memento for each guest at their table.

There will be also be a short address by Wilfred Burie from Rebecq and the return of various parts from Lancaster BQ-H (JA712) which crashed in the village on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1944.

At the end of the Reunion Dinner there will be 550 photographs projected onto the wall at the end of the Dining Room and you may wish to look at the display of memorabilia as well as the parts donated to us by the group from Rebecq. Weather permitting, we are free to use the outside seating area for socialising.

## **Members attending the Friday evening Reunion Dinner are:**

John Arnold (Australia)  
Katie Barmby  
Annie Barr (Australia)  
Bryan Bell  
Angela Bower  
Bob Bower  
Liz Broddley

Paul Broddley  
Donna Brooks  
Gary Brooks  
George Bulman  
Wilfred Burie (Belgium)  
Barry Clark  
Peter Coulter

Sally Coulter  
Sarah Craddock  
Diana Cross  
Mike Cross  
Guy De Braeckeleeer (Belgium)  
Simon Dunn  
Andrew Etherington  
Sue Etherington  
Fred Fisk  
Joan Fisk  
Keith Fitch  
Wally Fitch  
Rachel Foord  
Anne Harris  
Jack Harris  
Don Kentish  
Val Kentish  
Margaret Leeman  
Mike Leeman  
Pam Lipfriend  
Rowena Lipfriend  
Sam Lipfriend  
Stephen Lipfriend  
Bob McLean (Canada)  
Rob McLean (Canada)  
Mike Noonan  
Elizabeth Norton  
Phillip Norton

Brian Petch  
Len Pexman  
Sylvia Pexman  
Edgar Pickles (Australia)  
Francis Plas (Belgium)  
Katy Pritchard  
David Robinson  
Kathleen Robinson  
John Sheahan  
Maurice Snowball  
Ann Stone  
Angela Stone  
Debbie Stone  
Margaret Stone  
Richard Stone  
Robert Stone  
Thomas Stone  
William Stone  
Chris Swan  
Gerry Taylor  
Brian Troath  
Alan Turner  
Beattie Turner  
George Turner  
Ruth Turner  
Ben Verspoel (Belgium)  
Damien Williams (Australia)

## **Saturday - The Amethyst, Church and Village Hall**

The Association has received 58 applications for lunch at the Amethyst and 69 for the Church and Village Hall although attendance at the latter in particular is likely to be higher. The Reverend Mike Page-Chestney will be conducting our Services this year as Sue has commitments in another parish.

## **Merchandise**

The 550 "shop" selling squadron ties and badges will be open at the Museum on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 11.30 am and in St. Denys' Church following our afternoon Service.

## **Saturday Evening Meal**

The three course Saturday evening meal (with tea/coffee and mints) will be served in the Bistro at 7.30pm. There is no dress code or seating plan but please take the place card with your name on it from the table near the entrance in order to assist staff with serving your food.

## **Members attending the Saturday evening meal are:**

Annie Barr (Australia)	Sam Lipfriend
Wilfred Burie (Belgium)	Mike Noonan
Peter Coulter	Bob McLean (Canada)
Sally Coulter	Rob McLean (Canada)
Guy De Braeckelee (Belgium)	Edgar Pickles (Australia)
Fred Fisk	Francis Plas (Belgium)
Joan Fisk	David Robinson
Don Kentish	Kathleen Robinson
Val Kentish	Gerry Taylor
Pam Lipfriend	Ben Verspoel (Belgium)

## **When Leaving - room rates**

Please remember that the 550 rates for the 2012 reunion are:

**Comfort** and **Executive** rooms (twin or double) £67 bed and breakfast **per room** per night

**Single occupancy** - £57 bed and breakfast per night.

A limited number of **Family** and **Exclusive** rooms are available and you will receive a 550 discount on the usual price.

## **Book Now - Remembrance Weekend 2012**

Remembrance Sunday is on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

There will be an informal dinner at the Ashbourne Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and an opportunity to visit the 550 Museum on the Sunday morning. Services will be held as usual at the 550 Memorial Stone and St. Denys' Church. A three course carvery lunch with coffee & mints will be served at the Amethyst Hotel in East Halton.

The Association has provisionally reserved three rooms for 550 members at the Ashbourne for the Saturday night and these can be booked now. Rooms are cancellable until 2.00pm on the day before arrival at no charge.

More details will appear in the autumn newsletter.

## **Annual Reunion 2013**

Next year's reunion is planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6 July 2013.

Attendance information correct on 27/6/12 but may have been subject to change