



THE TEMPSFORD AIRFIELD BARN CEREMONY



8 NOVEMBER 2015

*WITH THE KIND PERMISSION OF
THE COUNTESS OF ERROLL*

GUESTS

MR KENNETH HAZELWOOD
VETERAN 161 SQN

F/LT MARGARET BELL RAFVR(T) HQAC

MR TONY HART CI 2500 ATC SQN (ST NEOTS)

OFFICIATING MINISTER

REVEREND MARGARET MARSHALL

READER

SGT H SILCOCK

BUGLER

MR MARK STAFFERTON





ORDER OF CEREMONY

READINGS

SGT H SILCOCK

will read a poem written by
R W Gilbert

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ADDRESS AND PRAYERS Led by Reverend Margaret Marshall

The sounding of the Last Post
~ The Silence ~

Following the sounding of Reveille,
wreaths and tributes will be laid
in the following order:





Robert Higgins will lay a wreath on behalf of the Tempsford Veterans and Relatives Association.

Titian Fleming will lay a wreath on behalf of W/Cdr Leonard Ratcliff, in memory of the aircrews of 138 and 161 Sqns who lost their lives in the fight for freedom.

F/Sgt Adnit will lay a poppy cross on behalf of Kenneth Hazelwood, in memory of the ground crews of 138 and 161 Sqns.

Geoffrey Pidgeon will lay a wreath in memory of Major Jack Saunders, a member of MI6 (Section VIII).

Peter Green will lay a wreath in memory of the crew of Whitley Z9275 NF-G, 138 Sqn.

Bob Body will lay a wreath in memory of the crew of Hudson FK790, 161 Sqn.

Elaine Wilkinson will lay a wreath on behalf of Jessica Briggs - WAAF driver 138 Sqn, in memory of her husband, F/O George Briggs (navigator 138 Sqn) and the rest of the crew of G-George.

Ginny Lipscombe will lay a poppy cross in memory of her father, F/O George Witt, 161 Sqn.

Simon Rymills will lay a wreath in memory of his father, S/Ldr F E (Bunny) Rymills DFC, DFM, 138 & 161 Sqns.

Steve Stokes will lay a wreath in memory of F/Sgt Arthur Stokes, DFM, 138 Sqn.

Suzanne Read and Wendy Perry will lay a wreath in memory of F/Lt Ronald Piddington, 138 Sqn.
Always in our hearts with pride.
Our love, Suzanne, Wendy and all the family.



Cdt Hart will lay a poppy cross in memory of Sgt Ellis Markson & the crew of Halifax LL358, 161 Sqn.

Cdt Graham will lay a poppy cross in memory of F/Sgt Roy Watts, 161 Sqn.





Pat Prewer will lay a wreath in memory of all members of the Special Duties Squadrons who failed to return.



Yvette Pitt will lay a wreath in memory of Yvonne Cormeau, code name "Annette", who was parachuted into South West France to work as a radio operator for SOE, which she did successfully for 13 months.

Stuart and Roger Gibbons will lay a wreath in memory of their father, Mike Gibbons, and his fallen comrades of 138 Sqn.

Nyah and Posy Chamberlain will lay a wreath in memory of their great, great uncle, Sgt George Partridge Croad, and the crew of Halifax LL356, 138 Sqn.

Janet Williams will lay a poppy cross in memory of her husband, W/O Cecil David Williams, 138 Sqn.

Nigel Atkins will lay a wreath in memory of F/Lt Brian Henry Atkins, and the crew of Halifax BB378, 138 Sqn.

Cdt Jenkins will lay a poppy cross in memory of the crew of Whitley Z9282, 138 Sqn.

Tom Vincent will lay a wreath in memory of his brother, F/Sgt J K R Vincent, and the crews of LW280 NF-K and LL307 NF-J, 138 Sqn.

Wyn Harrison will lay a poppy cross in memory of F/Lt Raymond Frankish Escreet, 161 Sqn.

Joan Munden will lay a poppy cross in memory of SOE Agent, Lilian Vera Rolfe.

Cdt Searle will lay the RAF Memorial Cross.

Cdt Webster will lay the Tempsford Cross.



Closing Prayer by Reverend Margaret Marshall





***THE GUARD OF HONOUR IS FORMED BY
MEMBERS OF 2500 ATC SQUADRON (ST NEOTS)***

F/Sgt Adnit
Sgt Silcock
Cpl Cannon
Cdt Graham
Cdt Hart
Cdt Jenkins
Cdt Searle
Cdt Webster





REQUIEM FOR AN AIR GUNNER

The pain has stopped,
For I am dead,
My time on Earth is done.
But in a hundred years from now,
I'll still be twenty-one.

My brief sweet life is over,
My eyes no longer see,
No summer walks,
No Christmas trees,
No pretty girls for me.

I've got the chop, I've had it,
My nightly ops are done,
Yet in another hundred years,
I'll still be twenty-one.

R W Gilbert

