

MHAS Guest Book Archive - 2003

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Tuesday 12/30/2003 6:37:22pm

Name: Hayley Cadman

Place: RAF Martlesham

Email: Hayley.cadman(at)btopenworld.com

Message: Would love to know if any gentlemen out there remembers my nan. It would have been about 1939-40, her name was Violet Plummer at that time, would love some help to see if she is remembered. She was in the WRAF I believe at Woodbridge. But I think she used to go around with some American lads who were there at that time, I thought it would be a nice surprise for her.

Many Thanks if you can help.

Friday 11/21/2003 2:34:31am

Name: Phil Genovese

Place: NY

Email: Bigphilg66(at)yahoo.com

Message: Well I just wanna say my name is Phil Genovese and this is the first time I've heard of someone else having the same name.

Tuesday 11/11/2003 11:46:06am

Name: John Cooper

Place: Kesgrave, one field from the museum!

Email: john(at)cooper286.fsnet.co.uk

Message: If any of you are reading this guestbook for the first time and have never visited the MHAS Control Tower Museum, you really don't know what you are missing.

The place oozes nostalgia. Whilst browsing the artefacts, listen to music from a bygone era or hear the magic sound of Merlin engines, not forgetting to have a cup of tea from the NAAFI.

I am unconnected with the museum but visit it frequently and appreciate the many efforts of all concerned for its funding and upkeep and to the website manager, thank you one and all.

John Cooper, stationed at RAF Martlesham Heath for 6 weeks only in 1960.

Monday 11/10/2003 9:35:32am

Name: Lt Colonel Chris Choate, USAF

Place: RAF Lakenheath, England

Email: christopher.choate(at)lakenheath.af.mil

Comments: Many thanks for the invitation to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was very moving & the hospitality was once again exceptional. Thank you for remembering the airmen that paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our two great nations.

Godspeed & God Bless!

Monday 11/10/2003 3:56:26am

Name: Frank Genovese

Place: Rochester, N.Y. U.S.A.

Email: fgenoves(at)rochester.rr.com

Comments: My Dad, Philip Genovese, was stationed at Martlesham Heath with the 8th air corp, 356 fighter group, 360th fighter squadron. I grew up hearing stories from Martlesham Heath and Ipswich and always going thru dad's "army photo's."

Dad is doing well and can be reached by email at: alg540(at)frontiernet.net

If there is anyone from his squad that remembers him I am sure he would like to hear from you.

Monday 11/03/2003 10:23:03pm

Name: Tony Blackman

Place: Hamble

Email: tony(at)blackman.eclipse.co.uk

Comments: I flew the Avro 748 on the rough strip at Martlesham to prove the aircraft before the RAF bought the Andover. Has anybody got any pictures of the strip?

Friday 10/31/2003 8:59:13pm

Name: Stan Miller

Place: Herne Bay, Kent, UK

Email: stanmiller(at)btopenworld.com

Comments: I would like to contact the TPO who was stationed at MH in 1958.

He visited MH CT on Sunday 26 October 2003, is currently living in the north of England and was visiting locally that weekend.

I was a R/T. D/F. OP. II at MH in 1958.

Friday 10/31/2003 7:10:36pm

Name: Iain Nichols

Place: Perth Western Australia

Email: hughmbird(at)hotmail.com

Comments: I lived at No 78 Deben Avenue from September 21st 1960-December 1972. I was born in Ipswich and I grew up in this house, which was not 150yds from the Control Tower. As children, we were told not to play in the control tower, for safety reasons, as for many years it lay abandoned. But my memories of the airfield remain vivid, although I didn't see any wartime activity there.

I can remember many of the events during the Sixties: Watching the Avro 748 ground trials as a small boy. Playing on the pillbox adjacent to the tower. Flying model aircraft on the old runway, learning to ride my bike on the perimeter track. Picking up intact clay pigeons from the gun club (mother used them for pot stands); Watching the parachutists, one landing in the trees near Dobbs lane; light plane crash about 1968. The Suffolk show in about 1969. (The army had a Chieftain tank, practising on the Airfield); Finding the old H/P fort near the runways, amongst the long grass. I didn't know what it was then! There was a Mrs Adams that lived down Deben Ave. Apparently used to do the US airmans' laundry. Showed me a photo of air force personnel standing on the tower Balcony.

Sadly, my parents emigrated to Australia in 1972, thus leaving behind many fond memories of this historic aerodrome. I have Gordon's book, which is an unbeatable reference to the airfield.

I returned to the site, after a long absence on 26th October 2003. I remain forever grateful to Mr Norman Rose, who, in his own time, opened the control tower especially for my viewing. And, I might add, opening it again for me, so I could retrieve my reading glasses I left on a display stand!!!

You guys are great, for keeping such an important piece of aviation history alive.

Many thanks.

Iain Nichols Perth WA

Sunday 10/26/2003 10:09:04pm

Name: Jack Buck

Place: Martlesham Heath

Email: res00bku(at)gte.net

Comments: Spent 4 years at the ROC. Was lounge manager for about two years. Loved every minute of it.

Tuesday 10/14/2003 7:08:34pm

Name: 4047753 LAC Philip Wilks

Place: Neath. S. Wales

Email: philip.wilks1(at)ntlworld.com

Comments: I was stationed at Martlesham 50--53 as an armourer I worked on the Lincolns

Mosquito the Sperrin (SA4) Ashton and Canberra. I had a good time there if Smithy or Tony Ticehurst are still about would like to hear from them

Phil.

Saturday 09/27/2003 11:03:31pm

Name: Ron Jennings

Place: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Email: ronjen(at)telus.net

Comments: My name is Ron Jennings and I am keen to make contact with surviving members of RAF 182.

Lt R.G. Jennings was my uncle who was killed in action on 19 Aug 1944 at the age of 22 (5 years before I was born). I was named after my uncle and would like to visit the air fields that he was stationed at and to find out how he was killed. Can you help by sending this email to any survivor of RAF 182.

Thursday 09/25/2003 1:13:10am

Name: Norm

Place: [Bentwaters](#) 79-81

Email: chevyblue1994(at)aol.com

Comments: I feel close to the "Heath". My first home in England was the new village on the heath. I went back after 20 years. I was taken back by how much it changed.

Tuesday 09/23/2003 3:56:33pm

Name: Trish Wiggins-Little

Place: Charlotte Area, NC USA

Email: trishlittle(at)hotmail.com

Comments: My father's name was Capt. Howard E. Wiggins, "PETE", he was in the 365th FG, the 361st Squadron.

He died a long time ago at the age of 38, two months before I was born. All I've known of him was what I've been told by different family members over the years, and photos and stories.

If anyone remembers him, please e-mail me as I would love to hear from you!

From what I've heard, he could play a mean harmonica and trumpet and just about any other instrument!

Thanks!

PS---This is a wonderful site---Thankyou!

Thursday 09/04/2003 3:43:42am

Name: ADRIAN H. HUNT

Place: SEARCY, ARKANSAS 72143

Email: huntadrian(at)sbcglobal.net

Comments: I like to look over the guest book.

I was with the 356th Fighter Group in the 361st Fighter Squadron.

Monday 08/25/2003 10:30:55pm

Name: John Epley

Place: Glen Burnie Md, USA

Email: jrod21061(at)aol.com

Comments: My father served with 356th FG, 361st FS during WWII. I am looking into his history following his passing on Aug 4th, 2003.

Saturday 08/23/2003 5:15:17pm

Name: Sharon Howard

Place: Martlesham Heath

Email: breezabird(at)hotmail.com

Comments: I have just bought a property at Hilton Road, Martlesham Heath (the old RAF quarters). We took down the shed and they had used pallets from what could be some old packing cases. They have the name as "Cpl & Mrs J Devlin" and printed on the pallets are his military number. I have kept the pallets and attached to one were their name and the address but when we took this off, on the reverse are a list of notes that they had to follow. You can gladly have these if you think they are of any interested but also, we were wondering who this couple were. I am only 35 but am interested in the

history of the property. I can be contacted on 01473 631484 [begin_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) 01473 631484 [FREE_end_of_the_skype_highlighting](#), if anyone has any info.

Tuesday 08/19/2003 1:53:57am

Name: Robert Hutchings

Place: Poughquag, NY

Email: hutch7021(at)netzero.com

Comments: Met my wife there while she was serving with the RAF Aux. I was with the 81st at [Bentwaters](#).

Tuesday 06/10/2003 10:11:44am

Name: Tim Charlton

Place: Hauula, Hawaii

Email: celtic48(at)aol.com

Comments: Hello,

My father, James G. Charlton, served with the 356th FG 360th SQ in Jan 1945 until the end of the war. His plane was named Virgie Mae PI-B. He stayed at Playford Hall. He passed away in 1989 at the age of 79.

I would be grateful to receive any information or memories anybody might have.

After the war my father worked for Frank Lloyd Wright at Telisen east and helped him build Telisen west in Arizona. He later became an architect working in California and Hawaii, designing houses. A number of them are still standing. If anyone knew my father during his time in the USAAF, please contact me.

Thank you. Tim

Friday 05/23/2003 0:27:28am

Name: Suzy Randall

Place: Staffordshire

Email: suzy_randall(at)wragge.com

Comments: Hello,

I am looking for information for my Dad about his dad, Arthur Stephens. Somehow or other he has very limited information about his time in the RAF.

All he remembers is that he was based at Martlesham around 1941, and remembers him chatting about friends called "Wiggin" and Dan Flanagan who after the war ran a pub called the Three Furnaces at Kingswinford!

If any body could point me in the right direction to find out what squadron he was in/what he did I would be very grateful. I remember an amazing photo album that Dad had of Grandad - with elephants, so he must have been abroad somewhere - India?

Thanks

Auzy

Monday 05/12/2003 3:32:37am

Name: Joe Williams

Place: Fort Walton Beach, FL

Email: jmw(at)emcst.com

Comments: Thanks to Linn Barringer for leading me to this site. I was at [Bentwaters](#) and Shepherds Grove from 1951 to 1955 in the 91st and 78th Fighter Squadrons. One day I had to land at Martlesham Heath with a complete electrical failure in an F-84F in August or September 1955. Lousy weather and the engine flamed out as I touched down on the runway. I have always felt that if the runway was not there, I would have had to bailout. So Martlesham saved my life and an expensive aircraft. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Martlesham Heath. Thank you all.

Joe Williams, Major USAF Retired

Sunday 05/11/2003 7:31:30pm

Name: Ben Saiz

Place: Ramah, New Mexico

Email: bsaiz(at)cia-g.com

Comments: I was at RAF [Bentwaters](#) 1955-1958. 81st FMS Parachute Shop, Married an Ipswich girl, this site came to me by Email, I miss me Fish n Chips .Thank you

Tuesday 05/06/2003 7:01:56pm

Name: robert lightfoot

Place: colchester

Email: footlight(at)aspects.net

Comments: Best wishes to all from one who lived in Martlesham from '44-'58 and watched everything with great interest. Retired from the RAF in 1993 as Air Cdre having flown a wide range of fighters as pilot.

Sunday 03/23/2003 4:12:59pm

Name: Peter Etheridge

Place: Ipswich, Suffolk, England

Comments: Superb site for such a small place. Loved the sound files and am very much looking forward to visiting after Easter.

Friday 02/28/2003 6:30:23pm

Name: Ex SAC John Harland (4030464)

Place: Now in Norwich

Email: John.Harland6(at)btopenworld.com

Comments: I served on the M.T. Section in 1953 and I was demobbed from M.H. I attended the official opening of The MHAS. I was surprised to see the difference since my service days. However, my barrack block is still standing. The "opening" was an impressive day and well attended by enthusiasts. Fond memories live on and it is a pleasure to view this well assembled web site. Congratulations to the organisers. J.H. 28th, 02 2003.

Saturday 02/22/2003 4:53:59pm

Name: peter worby

Place: england

Email: peterworby(at)yahoo.co.uk

Comments: ed malo has changed his phone number and gone ex directory.....hey ed and ann...we tried to call you.....got the reunion details.....thanks

Saturday 01/11/2003 8:11:40pm

Name: JIM MOLKENBUR

Place: NORTHFIELD

Email: CHOOCHOO(at)CLEAR.LAKES.COM

Comments: WAS STATIONED UP THE B1069 AT [BENTWATERS](#)
1964-1966 LEARNED TO FLY WHILE THERE

IN MARCH 1966, WHILE UP PROVING TO FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR I COULD HANDLE CESSNA, AN ADVECTION (SEA) FOG ROLLED IN FROM THE COAST. WITHIN TWO MINUTES, HOME BASE WENT BELLOW MINIMUMS WE RACED THAT FOG TO MARTLESHAM HEATH & LANDED STRAIGHT IN WITH A TAIL WIND. BY THE TIME WE TAXIED IN TOWARD OLD TOWER, THE FOG MADE US SHUT DOWN WHERE WE WERE. IT TOOK THE BASE 6 HOURS TO COME GET US AND ANOTHER 5 TO GET HOME. TAIL NUMBER OF CESSNA WAS N 8975 S
(STILL FLYING)