



**550 Squadron & RAF North Killingholme
Association**

75th Anniversary of Squadron Formation

The Ashbourne Hotel

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th September 2018

**WELCOME
INFORMATION**



TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Friday 7th September 2018

7.30 for 8.00pm. Dinner at Ashbourne Hotel. No Formal seating plan. Casual attire. Pay on departure if non-resident.

Saturday 8th September 2018

9.30 a.m. 550 Squadron Museum open in Village Hall

11.30 a.m. Museum closes

11.30 a.m. Bar opens at Amethyst Hotel, East Halton.

11.45 a.m. Buffet lunch at Amethyst Hotel. Pay at the hotel.

1.05 p.m. Leave Amethyst Hotel for North Killingholme. Medals can be worn.

1.25 p.m. Form up outside Village Hall behind Immingham Air Training Corps Band, march to 550 Squadron Memorial Stone.

1.45 p.m. Flypast.***

1.55 p.m. Memorial Stone Service begins. Wreaths are laid.

2.10 p.m. Service ends. Personal tributes are laid. Photo opportunity

2.20 p.m. March back to Village Hall behind Air Training Corps Band.

3.00 p.m. Service in St. Denys' Church begins.

4.00 p.m. Service ends.

4.15 p.m. Afternoon Tea in Village Hall. 550 Squadron Museum open.

5.15 p.m. People disperse except for those staying Saturday night.

7.30 for 8.00 pm. Dinner at Ashbourne Hotel. Formal seating plan. Smart Attire. Pay on departure if non-resident.

****Please note that our afternoon events are scheduled around any possible flypast and times may change at short notice****

News and Reminders...

Lancaster Flypast

The flypast was originally scheduled at 14.00hrs on Saturday, but has been moved forward 15mins to 13:45hrs. Of course, we may have to change our programme at short notice to accommodate any alternative arrangements (due to engineering status of the aircraft, weather, etc).

Name Badges - TBC

Name badges have been prepared for all attendees. They help new members get to know us and also prevent those embarrassing age-related moments when you know the face but can't remember the name !

If you are attending the Friday evening dinner please use your place card and take a badge holder from your table, so that you can wear a name badge on Saturday.

If you did not attend the Friday evening meal, but have booked lunch at the Amethyst Hotel on Saturday, your name badge and holder will be available there.

If you are not attending either meal, your name badge and holder will be available in the Ashbourne Hotel reception area throughout Saturday afternoon and evening.

550 History and Merchandise

Mike Leeman will be selling the 550 History and other merchandise at the following times and places:

- Friday evening at The Ashbourne before and after the meal
- Saturday morning in the Village Hall (merchandise only)
- Saturday afternoon at the back of the church following the service

Merchandise items include:

- Phantom print...large £5.00 small £2.50
- Association tie...£10.00
- Squadron badge...£5.00
- Lancaster pin badge...£3.00

Programme Details...

Friday Evening Meal

The pre-booked Friday evening meal will be served in the Oak Room at 8.00pm. This is a relaxed event with no dress code.

There is no 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. This is important, as your menu choices are printed on the reverse of your place card.

The hotel has requested that we ensure tables are full wherever possible as it speeds up service.

Members attending the Friday evening dinner are: **TBA**

Saturday - The Amethyst, Church Service and Village Hall

The Association has received 30 bookings for lunch at the Amethyst. It will be served from 11.45am and you should pay £10.00 per head at the hotel. *Please be sure to attend if you have booked. In recent years people have booked for lunch but not appeared causing over-provision, significant waste and financial loss to the Amethyst.*

We extend our sincere thanks the Reverend Paul Salmon who will once again be conducting our Service.

The afternoon tea and cakes in the Village Hall remain as popular as ever, with 42 booked to attend - although attendance is likely to be higher. The wonderful array of cakes and pastries would put *The Great British Bake Off* to shame, and as always, we are so grateful to everyone from the village for making this such a wonderful - if waist expanding - occasion!

Saturday Evening Meal

The formal Reunion Dinner will be served in the Oak Room at 7.30pm. The dress code is formal/very smart casual. A Seating Plan will be located near the entrance which will show your table number. At each table in the Oak Room place cards with names and menu selections will indicate seating positions.

During the evening, 550 photographs will be projected onto the wall at the end of the Dining Room and a display of memorabilia/photos will be available to view.

Our thanks also go to Mike Leeman and George Turner for preparing the display boards and Peter Coulter for the electronic presentations.

Members attending the Saturday evening Reunion Dinner are: **TBA**

A Date for your Diary...

Remembrance Weekend 2018

Remembrance Sunday is on 11th November 2018. There will be an informal dinner at the Ashbourne Hotel at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday 10th November . Services will be held as usual at the 550 Memorial Stone and St. Denys' Church. A three course carvery lunch with coffee and mints will be served at the Amethyst Hotel in East Halton.

Rooms are available at the Ashbourne at the discounted "550" rate but we advise booking early as they have a function that evening.