

MONSON MONTHLY

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Welcome to our monthly newsletter for Monson Care Home. The newsletter is for the benefit of Residents, families and staff. This newsletter, is to keep everyone up to date with what is happening within the home, including special occasions, activities, what's going on in our area.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

This month, we will be welcoming 'The Nest' a local pre-school, whose children will be coming to visit us every two weeks for our new intergenerational activities. We will also be welcoming our new vicar, Sandy, who will be delivering a church service in person, once a month, starting in June. Please check your activity planner for dates.

Star of the Month award for April was Claire.

Claire is part of a care team, she is hard working and a great mentor for all our new starters. Well done!

Let us know who you would like to nominate for 'star of the month'.



Bomber Command.

The residents recently enjoyed a trip to Bomber command to look around the museum and the memorial spire. The spire represents the cathedral spires as when the pilots saw the spires in the distance, they knew they were home. The residents enjoyed learning all about these important pieces of our history, something that Lincolnshire is very proud of.

History of Lincolnshires Bomber County.

During World War II, Lincolnshire became known as Bomber County, due to the amount of RAF bases that were created here, by 1945 there were 49 airfields, more than any other county. As the county had so much flat land, it was ideal for runways and airstrips. The RAF created many bases on the outskirts of Lincoln, including:

- [RAF Waddington](#);

- [RAF Scampton](#);

- [RAF College Cranwell](#);

- [RAF Dunholme Lodge](#) (now a farm);

- [RAF Skellingthorpe](#) (now the Birchwood Estate);

- [RAF Swinderby](#) (now the village of Witham St Hugh's);

- [RAF Hemswell](#) (now Hemswell Antique Centres).

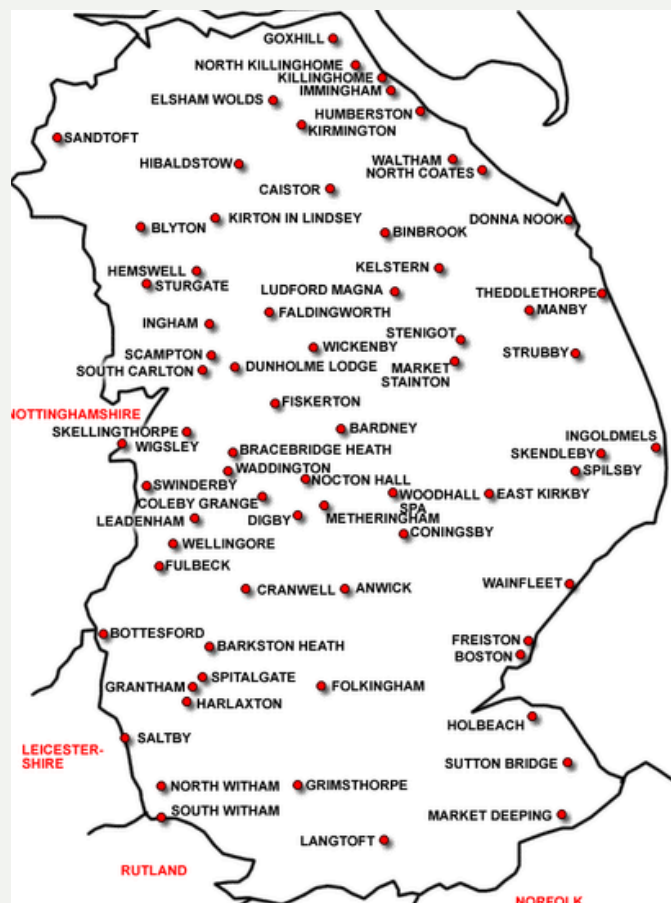
Most famously, Guy Gibson and the Dambusters Squadron operated out of RAF Scampton

BOMBER COMMAND

25,611 RAF personnel who were part of Bomber Command in Lincolnshire never returned from their missions. All of these people are remembered across the county today.

The names of those who were lost are remembered in the Airmen's Chapel at Lincoln Cathedral. Stained glass windows in the Chapel pay their own constant tribute as do the Squadron Standards, furnishings, commemorative plaques and the Bomber Command Memorial, in the form of a ledger stone, also re-enforce the connections.

The International Bomber Command Centre on the top of Canwick Hill, in Lincoln (see left) includes the UK's tallest war memorial and walls featuring each name of those who died. Peace gardens, a digital archive, exhibitions, and a cafe make the centre a great place to learn the story of Bomber Command and pay respects.



History of Lincolnshire's Bomber County cont.

AVIATION TODAY

Two major RAF bases near to Lincoln are still active: RAF Waddington, and RAFC Cranwell.

RAF Waddington is a working RAF base today with aircraft flying across the world. The Waddington Airfield Viewing Enclosure (WAVE) enables you to see current aircraft operations through the year and is located off the A15 opposite the airfield.

RAF Cranwell still provides flying training today since the base's inception as the world's first military air academy in 1916. Pilots from the RAF, RN, and Army are trained here alongside RAF Weapon Systems Operators.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Centre is a must-visit for aviation enthusiasts. The RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight exists to commemorate the past of the RAF's Air Combat Power. These historic aircraft are regularly seen at events commemorating World War II, British State occasions and air shows across the world. The BBMF Visitor Centre at RAF Coningsby allows you the chance to see the Flight's historic aircraft up close, and even observe the technicians working on the planes



The various types of aircraft part of Bomber Command.

Our visit to Bomber Command.



Activities.



National Pet Day.

Monson happily welcomed various pets to celebrate National pet day. our families brought in their beloved pets, including a goldfish, for the residents to enjoy. The homes own pet, Ralph, was also around giving cuddles to those who wanted them.



Bird boxes.

Some of the residents enjoyed painting bird boxes ready for the spring/ summer. These bird boxes will be hung on the tress, in the courtyard garden, for the residents to enjoy watching.



Past entertainment.

This month, we welcomed back John, our resident saxophonist, and Tony from Wattnoamp.

The residents enjoyed both singers and were constantly singing along.

We welcome them back in the near future. Keep an eye on the activity board for details.



Happy Birthday Peggy.
Peggy recently celebrated her 95th birthday at Monson.
Peggy received a beautiful bunch of flowers along with a yummy cake.

It was fair to say, that she had a lovely time :)



upcoming events

VE Day celebrations- 8th May

***The local nursery children from 'the nest'
visit- 7th & 21st***

Coffee afternoon, open to all - 19th May

MPS Society 'wear it blue' day- 20th May

Mr Twists balloon modelling- 20th May

Lincoln City Foundation - 1st & 22nd May

Pelican trust arts and crafts - 30th May



Hilda Ba.- 24th



Joke of the month:

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain".

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back..."

"But officer, I just wanted to say...."

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

Quote of the month:

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead
American cultural anthropologist

Important events that happened in May

May 1, 1707: The Union between England and Scotland was proclaimed, forming Great Britain. This union also included Wales, which had already been part of England since the 1500s.

May 2, 1611: The Authorized Version of the Bible (commonly known as the King James Version) was first published, becoming the standard English language Bible.

May 6, 1954: Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes at the Iffley Road Sports Ground in Oxford, England.

May 7, 1945: Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims, marking the end of World War II in Europe (VE Day).

May 10, 1940: Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister, promising “blood, toil, tears, and sweat” during World War II.

May 12, 1926: Britain’s Trades Union Congress called off the General Strike that had paralyzed the nation for nine days in support of protesting miners.

May 19, 1536: Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII’s second wife, was beheaded in London.

If you would like to add
anything to this newsletter, or
advertise something, please let
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