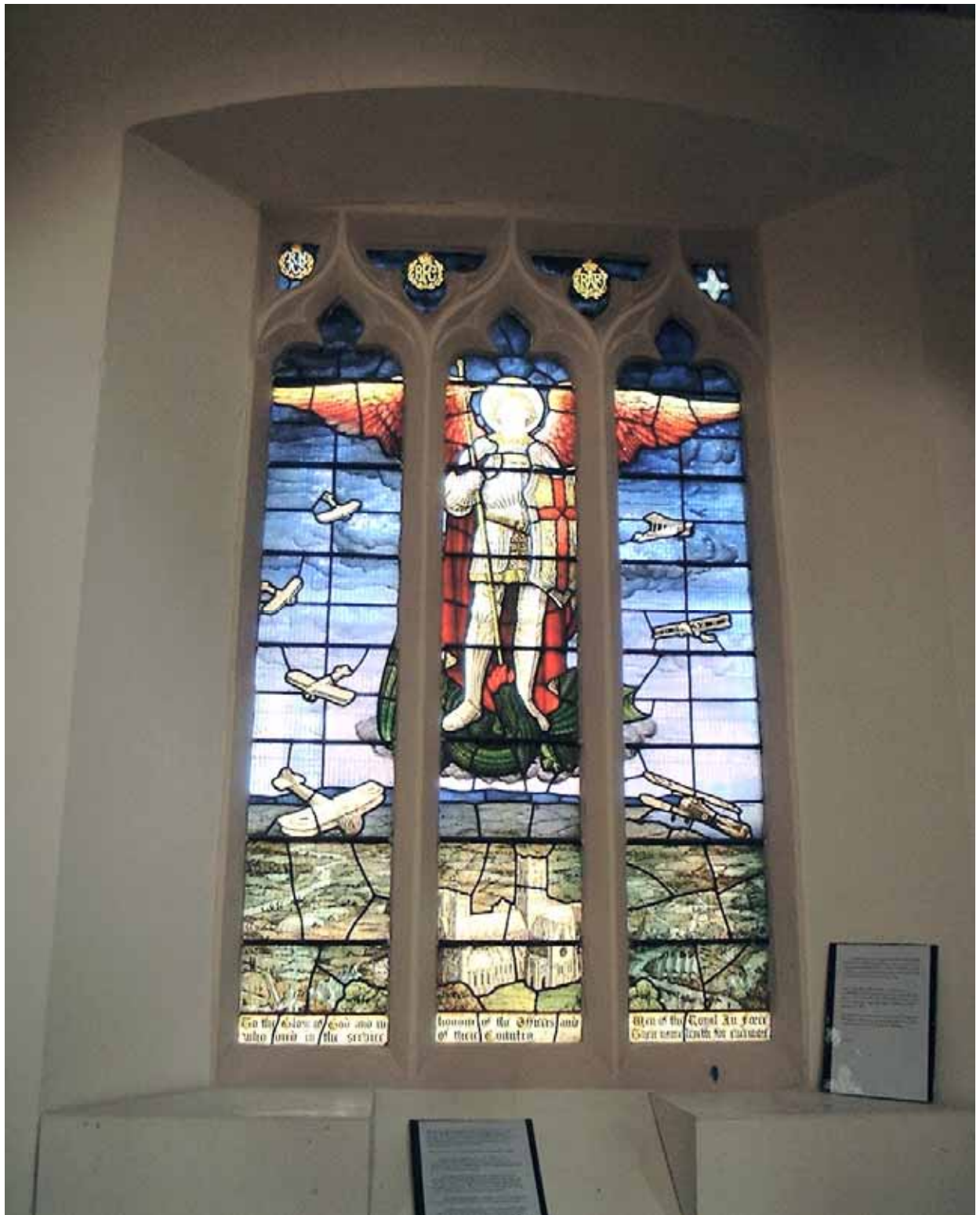


Welton – St Mary

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R.A.F. WINDOW Total cost £157 – 10s.

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Much thought was taken in the windows design and colouring. The background, for example consists of clouds coloured Air Force Blue, and the view of Lincoln Cathedral is as seen from the air, and taken from a photograph provided by the RAF.

The windows are comprised of three separate Lights

The Centre Light portrays St. Michael the Archangel, fully armed, as patron of the Church Militant, piercing the Dragon of Evil, standing sentinel over the Cathedral of Lincoln.

The Right Side Light shows various types of aeroplanes ascending such as were flown by pilots at that time. These include Sopwith Camels, Blackburn Bombers and Avros. There is also a distant view of an early Submarine on the surface of the sea !

The Left Hand Light contains views of aeroplanes descending to their Hangars in the left foreground.

At the top of the Lights can be seen four smaller Lights. These feature the badges of the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service, The Royal Air Force together with the Royal Flying Cross.

The Window was designed by Messrs Burlison & Grylls of 36, Great Ormond Street, London, WC1 from suggestions made by the Rev. Alfred Hunt MA, Vicar of Welton, and was first unveiled and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on 10th May 1921.

This unique Memorial Window created very considerable interest nationally, and amongst the very first to visit was Sir William Tritton the inventor of the modern fighting Tank, who came to admire it in the summer of 1921.

Since then the window has been the subject of several newspaper articles and has been featured in a number of radio features by BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

PJE April 1999

Welton

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Reported in the Lincolnshire Chronicle 14th May 1921



On Thursday afternoon, General Birdwood D.S.O. of Thurlby Hall, Lincoln formerly in command of the 5th Army on the Western Front, visited Welton parish church to unveil the memorial Roll of Honour, in memory of the 73 men who joined the Army from the parish

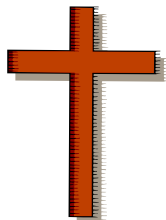
The memorial Roll of Honour is brass moulded on ebony and has been fixed on the chancel wall, it contains the names of 73 men whose homes were in this village, 14 of whom made the great sacrifice, 17 were wounded, 3 prisoner of war.

[Lincolnshire Chronicle dated 5th April 1919](#)

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
HONOUR OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH
OF WELTON ST. MARY'S, LINCOLN
WHO JOINED THE BRITISH ARMY FOR
THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

ANDREWS WILLIAM		HODSON JOHN W.	
BALDWIN ARTHUR E.		HOPKINSON CECIL	(W)
BALDWIN LAWRENCE	(W)	HOPKINSON WILLIAM	(W)
BALDWIN HEDLEY	(D)	HULLETT SYDNEY	(P)
BALDWIN JOHN W.	(D)	KITSON T.GORDON	(W)
BELL JOHN		KING PERCY	(W)
BOOTH CYRIL	(W)	KING SAMUEL	
BOOTH IVO	(P)	KNIGHT JESSE C.	(P)
BRADSHAW ROBERT	(W)	LEECH WILLIAM	
BUTLER ALFRED		LYON WILLIAM	
BUTLER GEORGE		MASON ARTHUR	(D)
BUTLER WILLIAM		NAYLOR ERNEST	
CHEETHAM JOSEPH		PEARSON WALTER	
COTTINGHAM FRED		PERKINS JAMES	(D)
COTTINGHAM HARRY	(D)	RUSSON BERTRAM	
COULSON ARTHUR	(W)	SERGEANT ARTHUR	(W)
COVELL AUBREY H.		SERGEANT HARPHAM	
CRESSWELL CHARLES H.		SELLERS JACK	(W)
DONSON THOMAS		STAFFORD GEORGE	(W)
DRAKES ROBERT	(W)	STAFFORD SAMUEL	
DRAKES MAURICE		STARKIE WILLIAM	
DRAKES STANLEY		TINKER GEORGE C.	(D)
DRURY HAROLD		TINKER FRED	
DRURY HARRY		TOYNE CHARLES	(D)
EATON ALFRED		TOYNE DAVID	
FOWLER ARTHUR		TWELL ALFRED	
GOODWIN GEORGE	(W)	TWELL CYRIL	
GOODWIN ROBERT	(D)	TWELL PERCY	(D)
GOODWIN STANLEY		TWELL WALTER	
GOODWIN WILLIAM	(W)	VASEY FRED M.M.	(W)
GRAVES WALTER	(D)	VASEY WILLIAM	(D)
GRAYSON ERNEST		WASS ARTHUR	
HARVEY RICHARD	(D)	WASS HERBERT	
HATCLIFFE JESSE		WASS LEONARD	(W)
HODSON ARTHUR	(D)	WATSON HARRY	
HODSON FRED	(D)	WHITELAM REGINALD	

WHITTAKER DENNIS (W)

D. Died P. Prisoner of War W. Wounded

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

ALFRED HUNT M.A.
VICAR of WELTON

Welton

WHAT is in reality Welton-by-Lincoln's second War Memorial was unveiled on Saturday.

The two forms of memorial are of totally different character.

A stained glass window in the north side of the Church of St Mary's commemorates the honoured services of those RAF pilots who were killed in training in the parish, whereas that dedicated and unveiled on Saturday takes the form of a life-size figure of a private in the Lincolnshire Regiment and honours the gallant villagers who laid down their lives.

There was a large crowd of parishioners and friends present.

Col Gordon at once proceeded to unveil the memorial, 'To the Glory of God and in memory of the 12 men of Welton who sacrificed themselves in the Great War.'

By a happy arrangement, the Union Jack which surrounded the inscription on the base of the memorial when released was at once hauled to the summit of the flagstaff erected nearby.

Col Gordon said he understood the 12 men who had given up their lives were not regulars, but men from various walks of life, who gave themselves for King and Country at the call of duty.

Prayers by the Rev T. Naylor were followed by the dedication by Precentor Blackie.

Mr A. H. Applewhite said the Memorial had cost about £200 of which £65 was still outstanding.

The singing of the hymn, O God, Our Help in Ages Past, was followed by the sounding of the Last Post.

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TO THE
HONOUR OF GOD
AND IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR US IN THE
GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918

HEDLEY BALDWIN
JOHN W. BALDWIN
JOHN BATES
ROBERT GOODWIN
RICHARD HARVEY
ARTHUR HODSON
FRED HODSON
ARTHUR MASON
GEORGE C TINKER
CHARLES TOYNE
PERCY TWELL
WILLIAM VASEY

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"GREATER LOVE HAVE NO MAN THAN THIS,
THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIVE FOR HIS
FRIENDS"

1939 – 1945
LESLIE EVERTON
HERMAN READ
GEORGE LEONARD FARMERY

Also report in Lincolnshire Chronicle dated Saturday 2nd June 1923.

Which gives the additional information that the monument was made of Italian marble by Mr A.J. Tuttell, Monumental Masons, West Parade, Lincoln and Mr. W. Lyon was secretary of the War Memorial Committee.

Memorial provided by public subscription is to consist of the figure of a British soldier on a pedestal in marble height of eleven feet six inches on a base five feet square.

To be placed in the centre of the churchyard front abutting on to the main road from Welton to Lincoln, within an enclosed space having a special entrance from such road cut in the churchyard wall at the foot of the memorial with access thereto by steps from the road.

2] Faculty for RAF Window applied for after the event.

Faculty Book 14, page 519

1914 – 1918

Hedley Baldwin, Private 50591. 10th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Killed in action 18th May 1917, aged 20 years. Son of (the late) Stephen and Emma Simpson Baldwin of Ryland Cottage, Welton, Lincs. Born Ryland, enlisted Lincoln and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Arras Memorial. Bay 7.

John William Baldwin, Private 241383. 5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 3rd April 1917, aged 24 years. Son of William and Emily Baldwin of Slated Row, Welton, Lincs. Born Welton, enlisted Lincoln and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Bray Military Cemetery. II.E.48.

John Bates, Unable to identify and no further information.

Robert Goodwin, Private 19230. 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 1st November 1918, aged 23 years. Son of Thomas and Lucy Goodwin (nee Foster). Born Welton (as CWGC) or Timberland (as 1901 census and SDGW), Lincs, enlisted Nottingham, NTT and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery. IV.A.1.

Richard Harvey, Unable to identify and no further information

Arthur Hodson, Rifleman 60931. 8th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment. Died of wounds 30th July 1918. Son of William Hodson and brother of Fred Hodson. Present Ryland 1911 census. Born c1900 Greetwell and enlisted Grantham, Lincs. Commemorated Sezanne Communal Cemetery. A.32.

Fred Hodson, Private 6/11513. C Company, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 26th July 1916, aged 20 years. Son of William Hodson of Welton, Lincs. Brother of Arthur Hodson. Born Greetwell, enlisted Lincoln and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery. XVII.L.14.

Arthur Mason, Private 6754. VIII Corps Cyclist Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps, formerly 11525 Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 24th October 1918, aged 23 years. Son of Walter and Elizabeth Mason of Welton, Lincs. Born Spridlington, enlisted Lincoln and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery. II.D.15.

George C. Tinker, George Clarence Tinker. Corporal PLY/17126, Royal Marine Light Infantry. 2nd Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Died 25th May 1917, aged 22 years. Son of George and Sarah E Tinker (Mrs S E Curtis of Laneham Villa, Welton on CWGC). Born Ragnall, NTT. Commemorated Athies Communal Cemetery Extension. K.22.

Charles Toyne, Charles Toyn on birth and military records. Private 13492. 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action Gallipoli 7th August 1915, aged 21 years. Son of Luke and Elizabeth Toyn of Snarford, Lincs. Born Snarford, enlisted Lincoln and resident Snarford, Lincs. Commemorated Helles Memorial. Panel 44 to 46.

Richard Percy Twell, Private PO/427(S), Royal Marine Light Infantry. Portsmouth Battalion, Royal Naval Division. Died 24th June 1915, aged 19 years. Son of John and Mary Ann Twell of Ryland, Lincs. Commemorated Helles Memorial. Panel 2 x 7.

William Vasey, Private 2835. 4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 13th October 1915, aged 29 years. Son of John and Elizabeth Vasey of Saxilby, Lincs. Born Hackthorn, enlisted Lincoln and resident Welton, Lincs. Commemorated Loos Memorial. Panel 31 to 34.

1939 – 1945

Leslie Harold Everton, Sergeant 1119284, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 12 Squadron. Died 4th September 1943, aged 22 years. Son of Jim and Fanny Everton of Lincoln, Lincs. Commemorated Runnymede Memorial. Panel 149.

George Leonard Farmery, Possibly George L Farmery born 1923, mother previously Green, but unable to identify as casualty and no further information.

Herman Read, Hermann Reed on birth record, and Herman Reed on military record. Gunner 909581. 60 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Died 12th October 1940, aged 23 years. Son of Samuel William and Mary Agnes Reed of Dunholme, Lincs. Commemorated Welton (St Mary) Churchyard.

Possible Welton connections not on memorial

Herbert Clay, 6426, Private, 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Husband of Lilian Clay, of 86, Binbrook St., Four Lane Ends, Bradford. Born Welton, Lincs, enlisted Manchester, resident Bradford, Yorks. Died of wounds 21st July 1915, age 33, interred Bradford (Scholemoor) Cemetery, Yorkshire, J. U. 289. [No Lincolnshire memorial]

Fred Dalton, 21279, Private, 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Born Welton, Lincs, Enlisted Lincoln, resident, Louth Lincs. Killed in action 11th April 1917, commemorated Wancourt British Cemetery, Special Memorial 65. Commemorated Louth and Louth St. James., possibly Bracebridge Heath.

John Dowman, 106150, Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment). Son of Harry and Eva Dowman, of "The Gables," Branston, Lincoln. Born Welton, Lincs, enlisted Lincoln, resident Branston. Killed in Action 25th August 1918, age 19, interred La Targette British Cemetery, III. B. 10. Commemorated Branston and Branston All Saints.

Robert Alfred Fowler, 56546, Private, 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Son of Mrs. Butler, of Welton, Lincoln; husband of Kate Fowler, of 9, Saville St., Lincoln. Born Welton, Lincolnshire, enlisted Lincoln Killed in action 26th August 1918, age 25, commemorated Panel 6 Vis-en-Artois Memorial. Commemorated Lincoln St. Botolph and Lincoln City.

George Grantham, 31799, Private, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Son of John and Betsy Grantham, of Reepham, Lincs.; husband of Mary J. Grantham, of Ryland, Welton, Lincoln. Born Thornton, Lincs, enlisted Lincoln, resident Welton, Lincs. Died of wounds 31st August 1918, age 24. Interred Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, VI. E. 11. Commemorated Stainfield St. Andrew?

William Allister Reed, 2080, Private 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Reed, of 3, Nursery Cottages, Nettleham Rd., Lincoln. Killed in action 27th June 1916, age 19. Born Welton, Lincs, enlisted Lincoln. Interred Foncquevillers Military Cemetery, I. L. 13. Commemorated Lincoln City.

Joseph Robert Robinson, 10947, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards. Born Welton, Lincs, enlisted Lincoln, resident East Barkwith, Lincs. Killed in action 14th June 1915. Interred Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cunchy, IX. A. 27. Commemorated East Barkwith.

Dunholme Lodge-William Farr School

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Heroes return as school fulfils a dream and honours fliers sacrifice

For the young airmen stationed at a Lincolnshire base, the roar of the Lancaster bombers's engine signalled the safe homecoming of a crew.

Almost a lifetime later the same familiar noise brought back floods of memories for those remaining airmen who served at the base during the Second World War.

They had gathered for a remembrance service at William Farr School, Welton, which is on the site of the former Dunholme Lodge air base

Almost 670 crew from the RAF's 44 (Rhodesia) and 619 Squadron who were stationed at the lodge lost their lives during the conflict.

On Saturday, the flypast by the bomber from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight marked the end of a day devoted to the memories of those who died.

Former flight lieutenant John Whiteley (85) was a member of 619 Squadron and flew 30 operations.

He joined the squadron just after it moved from the lodge to a new base at Strubby near Alford.

"I will never forget the noise of the engines of the bombers," he said. "You try to block out the painful memories and just remember the happy times, of which there was some," he said.

"We all got on well – on the ground we called ourselves by our first names but as soon as we were in the air it was business as usual and everyone called me skipper."

Like the dozens of other former airmen who had made the trip on Saturday, the retired bank manager from Solihul had spent decades out of the RAF blue uniform. Yet their memories of time in the service was still fresh in their minds.

Frank Walshaw (83) from near Whitby, North Yorkshire, remembers clearly his days in 44 Squadron.

"We played hard when we weren't on the missions as you just didn't know whether the next time you would not come back," he said.

"The bombers were like an empty uncomfortable metal shell and we were frightened going on missions – I was a lucky one as many of my friends were not."

The remembrance service had been the dream of headteacher Paul Strong who, ever since finding out about the school's history wanted to honour the men.

He commissioned a special memorial book of remembrance and its 90 pages carries the name of those who died,

It is placed in the school's new quiet room, the Lawres Room.

"I am wearing my dad's medals for him as he died last year," he said.

It is a very emotional time for everybody but it was dream of mine to honour those who died in some way.

"This event has just been fantastic."

By Jenny Eastwood



MEMORIES: Wing Commander Robert Milward (87), who attended a service at William Farr School, Welton, in remembrance of the 670 RAF crew from the former Dunholme Lodge air base who lost their lives during the Second World War. INSET: Former crew members acknowledge the Lancaster during its flypast. Picture: Veronique de Viguier. Picture reference: 4-46135-5; 4-46135-13.

KIDS' TRIBUTE TO AUSSIE AIR FORCE HEROES

09:45 - 12 July 2007

Pupils have been remembering the men who gave their lives flying from an RAF base just yards from their school playground.

Students at William Farr School in Welton unveiled a memorial plaque to members of the Royal Australian Air Force, who died in bombing raids from RAF Dunholme Lodge during the Second World War.

The names of 39 men, most not much older than the students themselves, will now be forever housed in the school's chapel.

The plaque features the names of young men from the RAAF's 44 (Rhodesia), 49 and 619 squadrons who were based at the airfield between 1942 and 1944.

In a moving ceremony members of the school council stood up and read out each of the 39 names of the men who died.

The plaque was then unveiled by specially invited guest Keith Payne VC, a veteran of the Australian army who had flown to England at the request of headmaster Paul Strong.

Mr Payne (74), joined the army in 1951, served in Korea and Malaya and won his Victoria Cross in 1969 after seeing action in Vietnam.

"It was a great honour for me to be here, particularly as I am an infantry soldier and these young men flew for Bomber Command and never came home," he said.

"We remember them purely and simply by placing a plaque and I often wonder who is going to look at it and see the names.

"This school was built on the small airfield that was RAF Dunholme Lodge and to the men that flew from here it was home.

"But they never actually made it back home, so their names will remain on this plaque."

Headmaster Paul Strong said that over the years the school has struck up an important relationship with the veterans associations.

"We have many friends among us and the veterans are always considered as great friends of the school," he said.

"A Year Eight pupil goes into the Lawres Room (chapel) each day to turn a page in the book of remembrance to honour the names of those who died."

Fifteen-year-old William Farr pupil Louis Cherrill said that he found it fascinating learning about the veterans' sacrifices.

"I find it really interesting because it happened so close to the school," he said.

"I live in Saxilby but there is RAF history all around here. It's also important for us to know about because these guys won't be here much longer."



WAR VETERAN PRAISES SCHOOLS' HOSPITALITY

Lincolnshire Echo 21 August 2007

An Australian war veteran has thanked the people of Lincolnshire for their hospitality during a visit to the county.

Keith Payne (74), served in Korea and Malaya and won the Victoria Cross in 1969 serving in Vietnam.

Along with his wife Flo, Mr Payne has just returned to Australia after visiting the county, where he spoke to pupils at schools including Ingham and William Farr, Welton.

During his visit to William Farr he unveiled a plaque commemorating airmen from the Royal Australian Air Force who died during bombing raids from RAF Dunholme Lodge in the Second World War.

Mr Payne thanked headteacher Paul Strong and Dr John Alwyn, chairman of the Lincoln Britain-Australia Society.

"Thank you for the honour you both bestowed on our country's fallen aircrews," he said.

"The memorial service and plaque, the speeches and the musical items by the students were very emotional and a fitting tribute."



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