

# HAUGHTON FARM

## Rednal Aerodrome - WWII

Roger Hampson remembers his father selling off livestock because much of the farmland had been requisitioned for building the aerodrome.

The airfield perimeter track ran along the back of the family farm, and only a few yards from the house was a fuel storage area, with three underground tanks each containing 3,000 gallons of fuel. Because they were so close to the airfield, they were given extra protection by the RAF – **a reinforced steel kitchen table, which the whole family was instructed to hide under in the event of an emergency!**

Roger said, *“My brother Henry and I used to stand at the farm gate when they started up the Spitfires and we’d see whose had flown off first.”*

**On the 8th September 1942, SERGEANT-PILOT STANLEY PAUL LISTER, RAF took off from Royal Air Force Station Rednal, Oswestry, Shropshire, in Spitfire P7963.**

Tragically, on this day Stanley's aircraft developed a swing on take-off, and he crashed into a barn at Haughton Farm on the edge of the airfield. Rednal Watch Tower witnessed the horrific accident and immediately sent out the crash tender and ambulance, who quickly arrived at the scene.

Sgt Lister was taken from the wreckage by the Emergency crews, who did all they could for him; but sadly, Stanley died from his injuries in the farmyard at Haughton Farm.

Stanley's body was brought back home to his grieving family, and he was buried at The Military Cemetery at Shorncliffe Camp, Folkestone, Kent.

There is a plaque in his memory at Haughton Farm, Rednal.

**IN MEMORY OF  
SERGEANT PILOT S.P. LISTER RAF.  
BORN: 3rd NOVEMBER 1921,  
DIED: 8th SEPTEMBER 1942  
“THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS  
THAT SOMEONE SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR  
LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS”**



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### TOWN COUNCILLOR BEREAVED

**P/SGT. Stanley Paul Lister, fourth son of Counc. and Mrs. C. E. Lister, 34 The Crescent, Sandgate, lost his life as the result of a flying accident on Tuesday, less than a week after he became engaged to be married.**

Sergt. Lister, who was aged 20, was born at Netley, Hampshire. He was educated at the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, and was a member of the hockey first eleven.

He enlisted in The Buffs as a Territorial at the age of 17, and two years later joined the R.A.F. He underwent his training in Canada, and returned with his unit to this country in April.

**Councillor and Mrs. Lister have three other sons serving.**