



Thame Remembers

Sergeant Gordon Wade



Gordon Wade was born in Plymouth on 22nd July 1919 to Harry and Florida Wade, nee Ashton. He joined the RAF as an engineering apprentice in 1935 serving at RAF Halton. It is probable that it was during his training at Halton that Gordon met his future wife Mary Joan Abraham (Bush) who was at that time living with her mother and Isaac Bush, her husband, in Thame. Gordon and Mary married in Cambridge in February 1942 and had one son, Marcus, born in Thame in 1942.

On completing his apprenticeship Gordon was posted as aircrew to 7 Squadron to be a flight engineer on Short Sterling bombers. The first Sterlings arrived at Oakington, Cambs in October 1940. Seven Sqn being the first unit in the RAF to operate large four engine bombers.

On the 15th of April 1943 Gordon was in the crew of Sterling BK769 which left Oakington as part of a bombing raid on Stuttgart. Although the cause is not known the aircraft crashed at Lembach, Germany killing all on board. All seven crew are buried together in Durnbach cemetery in Bavaria, Germany.

His wife Mary remarried and after the war continued to live at Chestnuts in Upper High St, Thame. Gordon is remembered on the war memorial in Thame, on an additional plaque placed there by his son Marcus in 1996.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
3 December 2017
by
Thame Resident
Iain Biddle**

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