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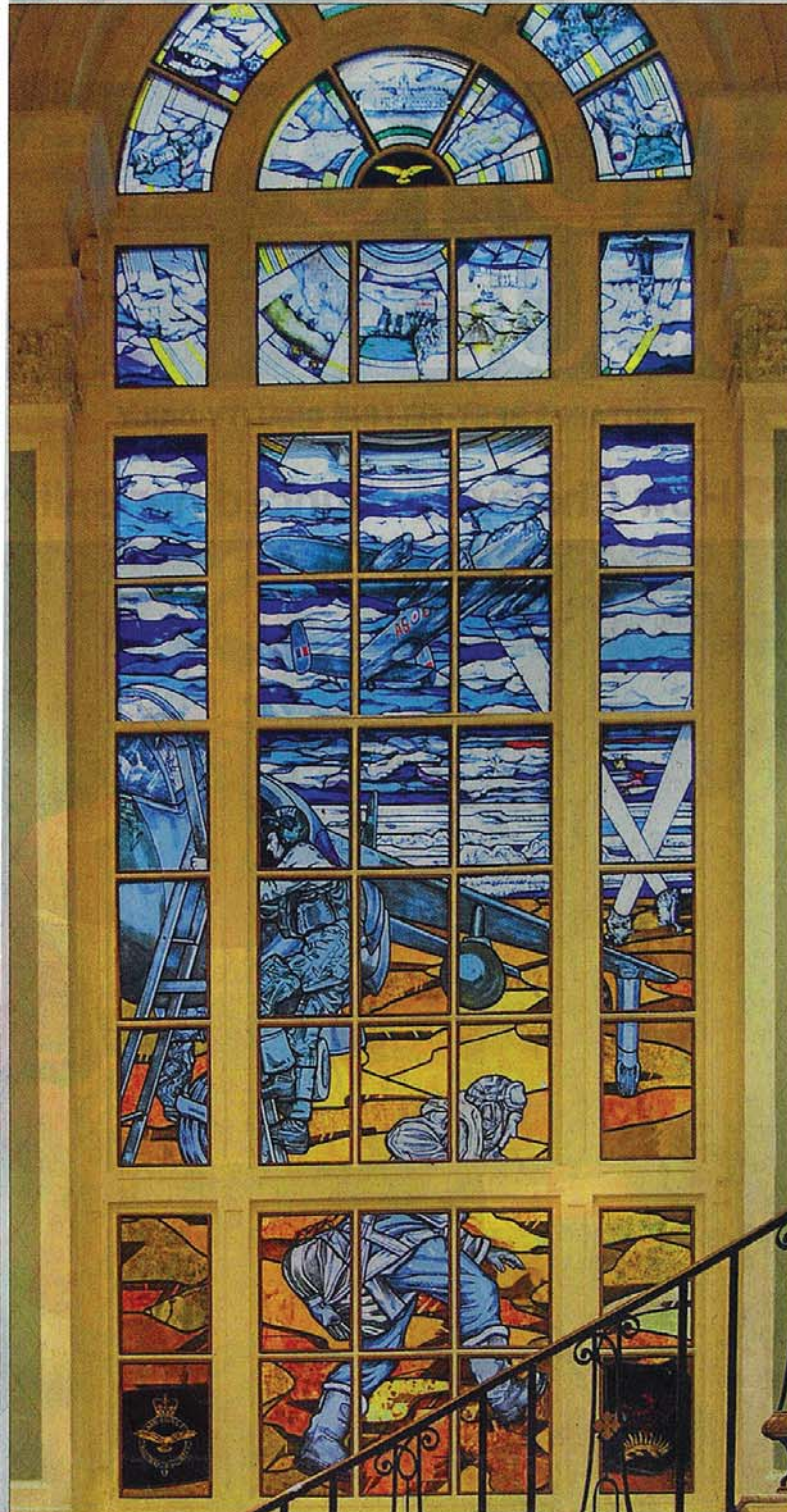
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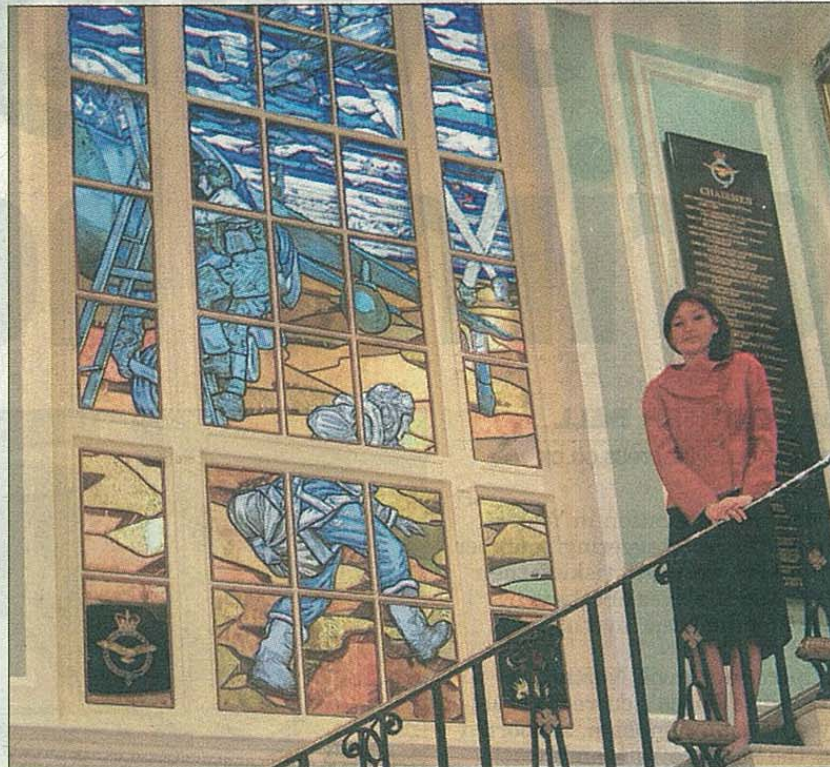


A stained-glass window celebrating 90 years of the RAF will be displayed at the RAF Club in London. The £50,000 creation depicts a Battle of Britain pilot and events in the Force's history

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# Glory of the skies



**INSPIRED:** Helen Whittaker with the stained glass window she has created for the RAF club in London to mark the 90th anniversary of the club

**AN ARTIST** from York has created a huge stained glass window to mark the 90th anniversary of the RAF Club in London's Piccadilly.

Helen Whittaker, 34, who is based at Barley Studio in Dunnington, spent about 18 months designing, creating and installing the £50,000 window.

The stained glass, which measures 20ft by 7ft, depicts a pilot scrambling to get airborne and looking up to a sky filled with aircraft. The commission made a change from Helen's usual work on ecclesiastical subjects for churches. "It's the first time I have done an aviation theme,"

she said. "I took as my starting point the inspiring RAF motto, *per ardua ad astra* - through struggle to the stars."

Helen was speaking before heading down to the capital, where the window was dedicated last night by Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy, current Chief of the Air Staff.

The window was funded with a donation from a former squadron leader, ex-City businessman and Lloyds "name" Ivan Heath, 93, who served with the RAF during the Second World War and who has been a club member for more than 50 years.