

FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



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REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Regional Volunteers are members who act as FoWM's eyes and ears locally and inform us of war memorials and rolls of honour in their area that need attention. We very much appreciate RVs assistance in a number of tasks. We may let them know of cases that need local knowledge, or they could relay details of war memorial problems and local contacts to us. We also ask RVs to attend re-dedications on our behalf and perhaps to lay a wreath where appropriate. RVs do as much or as little as they are able and, in effect, act as "reservists" to be called upon when needed, as well as being correspondents when they see fit.

We now have nearly 200 Regional Volunteers countrywide and extend a warm welcome to new RVs who have joined us recently.

For a full list of RVs by area and to find out about becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact Jane Gaskell at FoWM. We are always delighted to welcome new RVs in any area but would be particularly pleased to hear from potential volunteers in North Wales and Scotland.

Lancashire

RV Jennifer Barker represented FoWM at the unveiling of a new memorial in **Royton Park, Oldham** in April. The memorial bears the names of 460 local people who lost their lives in the two World Wars and supplements the existing memorial at St Paul's Church, Royton, whose churchyard can no longer accommodate the 200 - 400 people who wish to attend Remembrance Day services. Jennifer writes of the dedication ceremony: *One of the many things that impressed me was the number of young people present. The band was from a local school: they had given up their Sunday afternoon to play for us. As the service took place in the park, there were also children playing in the area. They were leaning over the fence watching and were very respectful. I thought to myself: this is what these men died for. Future generations.*

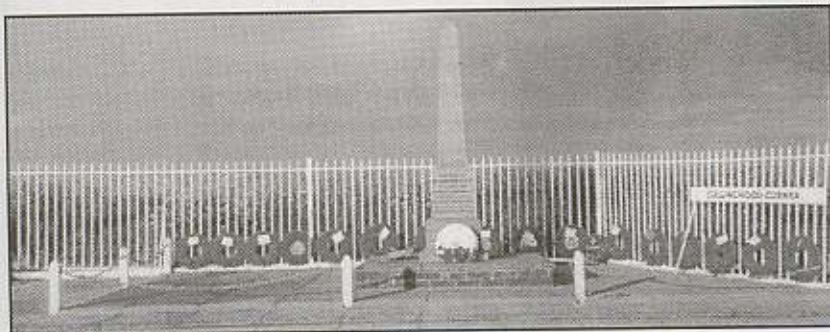


RV Carol Littler writes to say that a new war memorial sundial has now been installed at St Luke's Churchyard, **Orrell**. The new sundial replaces that stolen in February 2001 and not recovered (reported in FoWM Newsletter Autumn 2001). Carol is also keeping a close eye on developments at **Wigan** cenotaph (by Giles Gilbert Scott and listed at Grade II*) which was vandalised in April. Repairs and other restoration work are to be carried out this summer. *Wigan police are appealing for witnesses to the vandal attack: Telephone 0161 8567150*

New war memorial sundial, Orrell
Photo by Carol Littler

Edinburgh

Along with FoWM's Scotland Patron, Lieutenant General Sir Norman Arthur, and other representatives, RV Malcolm Fergusson attended the dedication of a new war memorial in Edinburgh commemorating members and trainees of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and its predecessor bodies. The memorial was designed by Martin Reilly of Dunkeld and takes the form of a central Caithness flagstone surrounded by smaller stones, creating a sundial effect and spelling out the words *Yesterday Today Tomorrow*. It is situated in the garden at CA House and is supplemented by a Book of Remembrance recording the names of those who died.



Hertfordshire

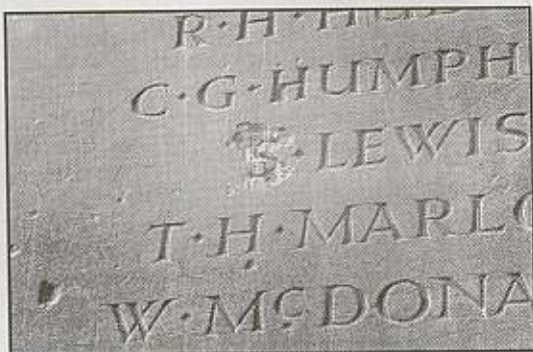
RV Christopher Dean writes with a similar story from **St Albans**, where joyriders have damaged woodland at the Jersey Farm Park. A car was driven into the park, knocking down several trees before being set alight. Fortunately, the car did not damage any of the stones or plaques, including the Burma Star Association and Royal Naval Association memorials in the park.



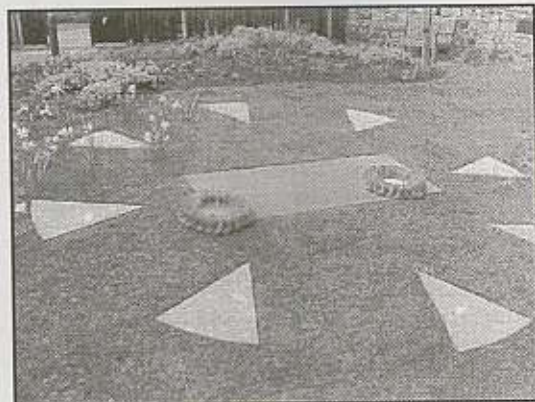
The Royal Naval Association, LST & Landing Craft Association and British Korean Veterans' Association memorial stone at Jersey Farm Park.
Photo by Christopher Dean

Leicestershire

RV Chris Stephens is assisting the local council at **Sileby** after the cenotaph in the war memorial park was vandalised recently, damaging the stonework and slate panels on which the names of the fallen are recorded.



The vandalised cenotaph at Sileby
Photo by Maggie Goodall



Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland war memorial
Photo by Malcolm Fergusson

Dorset

RV Stanley Cherry will again represent FoWM at this year's **Collingwood Battalion Royal Naval Division** memorial service at Blandford

The Collingwood memorial
Photo courtesy of Roy Adam MBE

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THE OBJECTIVES OF FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to take steps to ensure that local authorities and other relevant organisations are alerted to such condition with a view to their undertaking any necessary restoration, essential maintenance, repairs, renovations and cleaning.
2. To liaise with secular and ecclesiastical authorities, regiments and other responsible bodies with a view to their accepting responsibility for, and undertaking repairs to and restoration of, war memorials.
3. To publicise and to educate and inform the public about the spiritual, archaeological, artistic, aesthetic and historical significance of war memorials as part of our national heritage; to encourage support groups and to inspire young people to cherish their local war memorials and the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Maggie Goodall

Regular readers will have noticed that the FoWM Newsletter has grown since Spring. In 2002 FoWM marks the 5th Anniversary of its establishment as a registered charity. In honour of this (and because we have so much news to share) we are using a new 16-page format for this issue. 2002 also sees two other important anniversaries: 20 years since the Falklands War and 100 since the end of the South African War (1899-1902). We have a special article on the Falklands in this issue and will be featuring the South African War both in the next Newsletter and at our Regional Volunteers Day in September (see page 16 and Fixtures List for details).

On a different note, thank you to the eagle-eyed readers who spotted the typographical howlers in the Spring Newsletter. I thought you might like this little poem in praise of the typo, sent in by Wendall Phillips of the Milwaukee branch of the Burma Star Association.

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly,
You can hunt it 'til you're dizzy, but it somehow will get by.
'Til the pages are off the press it is strange how still it sleeps,
It shrinks down in a corner, and it never stirs or peeps.

The typographical error is too small for human eyes,
'Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.
The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be;
But the typographical error is the only thing they'll see!

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Sir Donald Thompson

As we go to press, the celebrations for the Golden Jubilee have just begun. Her Majesty The Queen is touring the country visiting villages, towns and cities, where I am sure she will pass by many of the war memorials erected by local communities to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice. Her Majesty's own trust, the Privy Purse Charitable Trust, made a donation to FoWM at the end of last year. It is gratifying for us and, I am sure, for all FoWM members to know that the work we are doing is appreciated in many homes across the country, not least Buckingham Palace!

It seems pertinent to also remember here the tremendous support given in wartime to this country and what was then the British Empire by her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. FoWM was delighted to also receive a most generous donation in support of its work last year from The Queen Mother. Upon her death we wrote to Clarence House to express our sympathy and received the following reply: *Thank you for your letter on behalf of Friends of War Memorials, an organisation which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother so much admired. Your thought in expressing your thanks and sympathy in the way that you did is very much appreciated at this very sad time.* We have also received donations in memory of The Queen Mother from FoWM supporters and others, whose generosity continues to inspire us.

It hardly seems possible that we are already over a quarter of the way through FoWM's 5th Anniversary Year. The office is bustling with fundraising, conservation, publicity and events work, which must be paying off because the number of new enquiries FoWM receives is still steadily increasing. We are grateful to all our members and supporters for playing their part in FoWM's growth and success so far. Please continue to spread the word about FoWM, its work and the grants available for war memorials, come along to some of our events and perhaps invite friends and colleagues to consider becoming members. The more support we have, the more war memorials we are able to help. Thank you.

Help Friends of War Memorials to keep its mailing record up to date:

If you move house or change your e-mail address, please let us know on telephone 020 7259 0403, fax 020 7259 0296 or e-mail: fowm@eidosnet.co.uk

The Commonwealth Memorial Gates, London

Work on construction of a new memorial to the five million men and women from the Indian subcontinent, Africa and the Caribbean who volunteered to serve with Britain in the two World Wars was suspended for The Queen Mother's funeral. The foundation stone was laid by Her Majesty The Queen on August 1st, 2001, deputising for The Queen Mother, saying of those who served: *Their courage and fortitude and the immense contribution they made to victory will be remembered for years to come. This gateway will, I hope, serve as a fitting monument to their efforts and will make clear the debt we still owe to today.* As the Newsletter goes to press the £2.8 million project will be nearing completion, with an opening ceremony planned for the autumn.

Details from: The Memorials Gates Trust, 6-7 Great Newport Street, London, WC2H 7JA



Drawing courtesy of The Memorial Gates Trust

The 2002 Flora London Marathon

A sincere thank you to the four energetic FoWM supporters who ran the London Marathon on April 14th to raise funds for Friends of War Memorials, and to all those who sponsored them.



Sara Doughty with her 2002 Marathon Medal
Photo by Maggie Goodall

All of our runners, Sara Doughty, John Wrathmell, Chris Barrow and Cheryl Morris, recorded impressive times around the four-hour mark and the FoWM staff had a great time cheering them on around the course. Sadly, Lt Nick Holmes was unable to run due to illness but is now fully recovered, and L. Cpl. Mark Corbett was recalled to Ireland before the race.

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The Newhaven Roll of Honour

Friends of War Memorials sometimes acquires or is given for safekeeping war memorials and rolls of honour in need of conservation or repair. These are stored for us by kind permission of the Adjutant of the Royal Hospital Chelsea and restored and "rehomed" as soon as funds allow. We are always delighted when these restored war memorials can be returned to their original or another suitable location.

Some four years ago a damaged roll of honour was passed to FoWM by Victoria Primary School, Newhaven, Edinburgh after being discovered, lying forgotten in a cupboard, by the school caretaker, Derek Merry. The roll of honour, hand inked and painted on paper and fixed to a cardboard backing, was stained by damp and, having been kept unframed beside a radiator for a time, was warped and its corners torn and crushed.

FoWM commissioned professional conservator Sue Corfield to clean and remove the paper roll of honour from its damaged backing, construct new corners and remount it on a new acid-free backing board. The roll of honour was then reframed and ready for its return to Newhaven.

Maggie Goodall and FoWM's Edinburgh-based Treasurer, Douglas Johnston presented the memorial to the children of Victoria School in a special assembly on March 21st. The Headmaster, Leslie Haigh, had asked the pupils' parents whether any of the 500 men recorded by the roll of honour was a relative, and discovered that Kris Ballantyne (7), her brother Liam (5) and another pupil, Robbie Brand (11), have between them seven great-great-uncles on the memorial. Robbie's father is now researching the Brand family tree using information from the roll of honour. He said: *I was quite excited to hear I had this great uncle who I knew nothing about and now I want to find out more.* At the special assembly 81 year-old George Hackland, Chair of the Newhaven Community History Group and former Victoria Primary pupil, shared his memories of the school and Newhaven, and welcomed the roll of honour's return.

Douglas and Maggie were touched by the children's interest in the roll of honour and by a song they had prepared for the special assembly. Its words are reproduced here in place of our usual FoWM Fiction poem.

LEGACIES

Legacies are an important way for charities to receive funds. Did you know that only 13% of wills include a charitable bequest, yet that 13% produces an amazing £1.5 billion in funding each year?

For many of the more established charities, legacies form an important aspect of regular fundraising. As Friends of War Memorials is still a relatively young charity, we have yet to receive regular legacies - on the one hand we are delighted to report this fact, but it should be remembered that all legacies have the advantage of relief from Inheritance Tax, and enable donors to plan their giving.

Please consider remembering war memorials in your will. All you need to do is advise your solicitor of the amount you wish to give, FoWM's name and its registered charity number. For further information, contact FoWM Charity Manager, Niki Pratt.

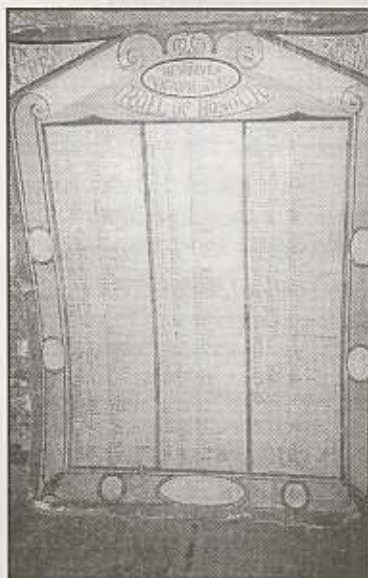
Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever had before.
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room,
And the room was filled with men,
The paper they were all signing said
They'd never fight again.

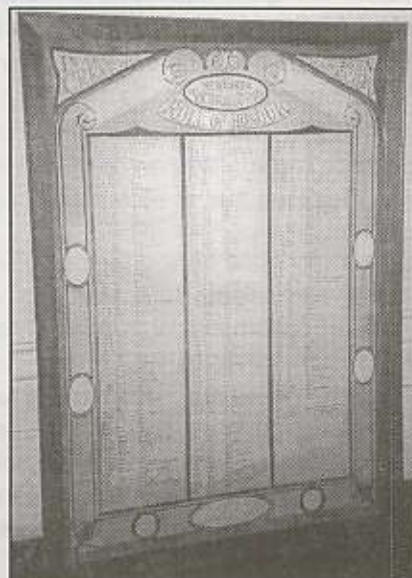
And when the paper was all signed
And a million copies made,
They all joined hands and bowed their heads,
And graceful prayers were said.

And the people in the streets below
Were dancing round and round
Whilst swords and guns and uniforms
Were scattered on the ground.

Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever dreamed before.
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war.



The Victoria School roll of honour before and after conservation



NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

War Memorials in The Falklands

by FoWM Regional Volunteer Roland Buggie

I recently had the opportunity to spend a day at Stanley in the Falkland Islands as part of an Antarctic cruise. I had hoped to get out to the British War Cemetery at San Carlos, but with the thought of a 150 mile round trip on indifferent roads, I decided to spend my time in Stanley and seek out some more accessible memorials.

On a low promontory at the western end of the town, overlooking the harbour and not far from the excellent museum, is the memorial to the Battle of the Falklands, fought on December 8th 1914, when the British Squadron under Vice-Admiral Sturdee destroyed the German Squadron led by Vice-Admiral Graf von Spee. The memorial was paid for by public subscription and unveiled on February 26th, 1927. Some of the victims are buried in the local cemetery along with those of a later sea battle: the British Fleet returned to Stanley after the Battle of the River Plate in 1939.

About 1200 yards eastwards and also overlooking the harbour is the 1982 war memorial, again paid for by public subscription, raised by volunteers and unveiled on June 14th, 1984, the second anniversary of the liberation. Liberation Day is now marked each year by a public holiday. The central monument has a dedication and the names of all the units that took part in the campaign, while on panels on the curving back wall are the names of the 225 men who lost their lives liberating the islands from Argentinian occupation. A central panel has a relief showing men in action.

Further along the main road is the Cathedral, which has two further memorials inside, and at the eastern end of the old town, facing the harbour and in front of the cemetery, is the Islands' own war memorial. The Cross of Sacrifice records the names of 43 islanders who died on active service in both World Wars.

On a rocky slope behind the cemetery is the latest memorial, the 1982 Memorial Wood, a small arboretum making a living shrine to those who lost their lives in 1982. There is one tree for every man killed and each has his name on an individual plaque. At present the trees are small and protected from the relentless South Atlantic winds by screens. But in a few years time, it should become a very pleasant wooded area and a lasting memorial.

Do you enjoy reading the FoWM Newsletter?

Does it tell you what you want to know about war memorials and about FoWM and its work?

Can you think of an exciting new name for the Newsletter?

We're interested in your views, so please send any comments or name suggestions to Maggie Goodall at FoWM.

An interesting follow up to my visit to Stanley was an opportunity to see the Argentinian memorial in Buenos Aires, which has panels similar to those on the British memorial, a map of The Malvinas and the permanent presence of a two-man Guard of Honour.



The 1914 Battle of the Falklands memorial



The 1982 war memorial



The 1982 Memorial Wood above Stanley cemetery
All photos by Roland Buggie

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

The Second World War Experience Centre by the Centre's Business Manager Claire Harder

The total number of people involved in or affected by the Second World War is beyond calculation. The fact should not blind us to the story of individuals - soldiers, sailors, airmen, workers and other civilians on the Home Front - who were drawn into the maelstrom of war. Year by year, the material evidence of their personal experience is disappearing and, once gone, it is lost forever. The Second World War Experience Centre was created to save this threatened heritage by collecting, documenting, preserving, exhibiting and encouraging access to the surviving material evidence and personal experiences of the men and women who participated in World War II in whatever capacity - military, civilian or conscientious objector. This is a critical task and time is running out - with the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War behind us, we are in a race against time to rescue personal recollections before it is too late.

The Experience Centre's archive is international in scope and, whilst the key dates are 1939 - 1945, it also collects material documenting the build-up to and aftermath of the war. The rescue programme focuses on wartime letters, diaries, artwork, photographs, maps, newspapers, books, official papers and 3-dimensional objects. It also includes manuscript and transcript recollections, oral history being an important aspect of the Centre's collections. Through an international network of volunteers, we tape-record individuals' war memories: invaluable as evidence, these interviews are also a fascinating accompaniment to our documents and personal memorabilia.

If you would like to assist the Second World War Experience Centre in collecting and protecting this vulnerable heritage, there are many ways to get involved, including:

- Donating WWII documents, memorabilia or recollections, or putting the Centre in touch with others with relevant material or documentation.
- Volunteering to help with cataloguing, research and administration at the Centre or gathering material and tape-recording interviews in the UK and overseas.
- Joining as a Friend (annual membership £15 for UK residents and £20 overseas, life membership £100, 500 Club membership £100 p.a. for 5 years - includes twice-yearly journal *Everyone's War*). The Centre is a registered charity (No 1072965)

The Centre makes its collections available and accessible via its website: www.war-experience.org and to visitors in person (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm - call first to make an appointment).

Contact us at: The Second World War Experience Centre, 5 Feast Field (off Town Street), Horsforth, Leeds, W Yorks, LS18 4JT. Tel: 0113 2584993 (general) 0113 2589637 (archival/academic). E-mail: enquiries@war-experience.org



Crimestoppers - The Crimesolving Charity by Clare Barratt of Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers began in New Mexico in 1976 when a local police officer set up a "hotline" local people could call anonymously with information about a murder in their area. The charity (No

297500) was introduced to the UK by the Metropolitan Police in 1988 and works via locally administered offices, promoting crime prevention and making rewards for information that helps to solve crimes. Crimestoppers enables people to call a single nationwide free telephone number **0800 555 111** at any time with information about any crime, including vandalism and theft. Since

Crimestoppers began it has received over 400,000 calls, leading to over 44,500 arrests and recovery of stolen property worth over £55 million.

For general enquiries contact Claire Barratt on Tel: 020 82543230 or see the website:

www.crimestopper-uk-org.



FoWM Art Competition



Spean Bridge war memorial
Lauren Constable (age 4-7)
Warren Road Primary School,
Orpington



War memorial cross by Katrina Clark (age 8-12)
Warren Road Primary School, Orpington

Due to popular demand and to fit more closely with school terms,

FoWM's art competition has been extended. The closing date is now

July 1st, 2002,

so there's still time to send in your drawing, painting or collage.

Entry is free, age categories are 4-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-18 years and over 18

and prizes include art books and materials and a year's free FoWM membership. For

details and an entry form contact

Amy Flint on Tel 020 7259 0403 or

via the FoWM website: www.war-memorials.com

and you could be a winner.

Friends of War Memorials Grants

Friends of War Memorials Small Grants Scheme

is able to give grants of up to £250 per project to assist war memorials of all dates and types, thanks to the generous support of

The Halifax plc, The Clothworkers Foundation and The Dulverton Trust.

The Small Grants Scheme is primarily targeted towards the conservation and repair of existing war memorials, but related work such as landscaping, and the creation of new memorials are also eligible. There are no listing requirements or geographical restrictions and grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Maggie Goodall at FoWM for more information, to request an application form or to discuss a potential application.

Recently completed grant-aided projects include:

Restoration of the **Goodrich** war memorial shelter, Herefordshire, and repainting the carved lettering of its roll of honour.



Goodrich memorial shelter and work on the roll of honour in progress

Photos courtesy of Mrs H Amos



Restoration and relettering of the **Great and Little Braxted and Wickham Bishops** war memorial, Essex



The rededication service at the restored war memorial where Niki Pratt represented FoWM
Photo courtesy of Mrs L Raven

Restoration and relocation of two rescued war memorials commemorating staff from the Kent County Mental Hospital, **Maidstone**, Kent. The memorial plaques were found by two local women out horse riding at Lynstead and were temporarily stored by the local Royal British Legion branch while FoWM Kent Regional Volunteer, John Rowe, investigated. John established that the plaques had come from Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, which has now been converted into housing. It did not prove possible to resite the memorials anywhere in the residential complex so John undertook to

find a new suitable location for them. Fortunately, Rev'd Brian Reed of St Andrew's Church, Barming Heath, which is very close to the former hospital and may have been the parish church of some of those named on the memorials, agreed to take them. The memorials have been conserved by local specialist, Maureen Lovering, and will be installed and rededicated at the church.



The rededication Ceremony at Merrow

Photo by Maggie Goodall

Restoration and rebuilding of **Merrow** war memorial, near Guildford, Surrey, to repair the badly cracked base. The memorial was rededicated on May 12th at a service where Maggie Goodall represented FoWM. Local children from Bushy Hill School helped to raise funds for the restoration by collecting copper coins, which were placed on a large outline drawing of the memorial to symbolise the rebuilding. When the money raised had been counted, coin shapes were printed onto the drawing to show the children's achievement - the handsome sum of £45 towards the restoration.



Merrow War memorial, Surrey and detail of the cracked base.
Photos by Tony Neale

Construction of a new pavilion at the Bowling Club located in **Pelton Fell** War Memorial Park, Co Durham. The existing facility was no longer adequate and FoWM was glad to make a grant towards the matching funding necessary for the Bowling Club's successful bid for a Sports Lottery grant. The next task will be to improve the condition of the fine stone cenotaph that stands at the heart of the memorial park. Northumberland Regional Volunteer, Janet Brown, will represent FoWM at the new pavilion's official opening on June 16th.

Funding Update

Continued funding for FoWM's Conservation Officer Project

We are delighted to report that, in addition to extending its £100,000 grant scheme which directly assists war memorials in need of repair or conservation, English Heritage is also continuing its support for Friends of War Memorials Conservation Officer post. An English Heritage grant, along with matching funding from the Esme Fairbairn Charitable Trust and FoWM's own resources, assisted the post's creation in 2000, enabling FoWM to employ a full-time member of staff, for two years initially, specifically to respond to the ever-increasing number of conservation and funding related enquiries it receives.

English Heritage agreed that the Conservation Officer post's two-year trial has been a success, with almost 900 war memorial cases and 700 general enquiries to date. It has therefore agreed to support the post for a further three years via its Heritage Grant Fund. Matching funding, which allows the Conservation Officer to work UK-wide, has generously been pledged by the Clore Duffield Foundation.

A glance through FoWM's in-tray shows that there is much still to do: advice on restoration and conservation needed for war memorials of all types, from stone cenotaphs to bronze sculptures, paper rolls of honour and wooden lychgates; suitable new locations to be found for displaced war memorials, specialist contractors to be identified, grants to be allocated, vandal and accidental damage to be repaired and well-meant mistakes to be corrected if possible (such as over-zealous cleaning of a freshly pointed sandstone memorial, and overpainting rather than cleaning the base of a graffiti damaged war memorial), and, most importantly, local interest and involvement in war memorials' care to be supported and encouraged.

Locals' involvement in their war memorial's care: working party weeding Harpur Hill war memorial, Derbyshire
Photo courtesy of Mrs B Lindsay



Toppled to the ground and decapitated, the memorial to the 7th Baron Rodney, Founder of the Rodney Cadet Corps, Camberwell Old Cemetery. Photo by Maggie Goodall

New Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Scheme

The HLF has launched a new grant scheme, *Your Heritage*, which will award grants between £5,000 and £50,000 to projects that care for, increase understanding of and access to the heritage and benefit the community. Repair and conservation of war memorials can be eligible. For details contact the HLF on Tel: 020 7591 6041 or see its website: www.hlf.org.uk

English Heritage and FoWM War Memorial Grant Scheme:

Since it began in 2000, English Heritage's Grant Scheme for War Memorial Repair and Conservation has awarded over £53,000 in grants to over 20 projects, with further grants forthcoming. English Heritage has now extended the scheme for a further two years (April 2002 to March 2004). The forms in 2000-2002 application packs are still valid, but a revised and updated information leaflet has been issued to coincide with the grant scheme's relaunch. Supplementary guidance in the form of a model war memorial condition survey checklist is also now available to assist applicants in preparing their grant application.

Awards of 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of £10,000 are available from the grant scheme, which is administered on English Heritage's behalf by Friends of War Memorials. To be eligible a war memorial must be freestanding, Grade II listed in its own right and situated in a Conservation Area in England. Grants are awarded quarterly on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Panel, which will next meet on June 18th and September 17th, 2002. Information leaflets and application packs are available from English Heritage regional offices and from FoWM - please contact Maggie Goodall for further details, advice or to discuss a potential application.



Oundle war memorial Photo UKNIWM

The latest successful projects are:
Oundle, Northamptonshire
£820 for the repair and conservation of the stone war memorial obelisk and bronze wreath, and for relettering the memorial's weathered inscription.



Crediton, Devon
£1,830 for structural repair to both stone and wooden elements of the Crediton Town and Hamlets war memorial. Designed in 1923 by Frederick Bligh Bond the memorial is unusual in taking the form of a traditional market cross, which shelters the roll of honour carved on the central supporting pillar.

Crediton war memorial
Photo UKNIWM

In urgent need of repointing after long term neglect,
Portbury war memorial, Bristol.
Photo by FoWM Regional Volunteer, Sara Mills

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

Far East POW Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum

In February the organisation Children of Far East Prisoners of War (COFEPOW) launched its appeal to raise £450,000 to create an information centre at the National Arboretum to tell the story of their parents' experiences in the Far East. A brief service was held in the Arboretum chapel, followed by dedication of a wooden cross on the site of the centre.

In style the centre will resemble a Thai village hut and will house veterans' memorabilia and an exhibition about the lives of POWs, both service and civilian. The centre will stand adjacent to a 30 metre section of the notorious Burma Railway, which has already been brought to the Arboretum from Thailand, and a recreation of a similar stretch of track in Sumatra. Royal Naval frigate HMS Northumberland brought the track and sleepers from Bangkok to Devonport, from where they continued the journey to Staffordshire by road. 50 COFEPOW members, veterans and ex-POWs witnessed the cargo's arrival at the Arboretum and helped with unloading and carrying it to the FEPOW site.

Some 16,000 Allied soldiers died either constructing the railway or from diseases such as malaria or dysentery in prison camps, or were killed by their captors. Press officer Jackie Fisher commented that the railway track would form a unique tribute to commemorate the suffering and endurance of those who were forced to work on the railway as well as those who were held as prisoners in the Far East. COFEPOW hopes that the information centre will be open by August 15th, 2005. This means that their appeal will run for the same length of time that the majority of their parents were imprisoned. Founder of COFEPOW, Carol Cooper, whose father died aged 28 in Thailand in December 1943, said: *Building a permanent place in their name will ensure that future generations will also remember them.*

For further information, contact: The National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR or Carol Cooper, COFEPOW, 20 Burgh Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 8BE. Website: www.cofepow.org.uk

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Splendid Hearts and The Channel Dash

With so much new research being carried out, there is a wealth of information available about both World Wars. After 10 years' work, Victoria Bannister's book *Southport's Splendid Hearts* came out in February. It tells the individual stories behind the 1,500 names on Southport's WWI memorial and focuses on the impact of the war on smaller communities. Most of the men commemorated in Southport served with the King's Liverpool Regiment; many were lost in a single charge at Richebourg St Vaast and Ms Bannister was struck by: *how lots of people from the same family or community could be killed in one incident and, besides the void left at home, it meant friends, colleagues and relatives had to see each other injured or killed.* Victoria Bannister's book is now available from bookshops priced £18.95.

February also saw the 60th anniversary of the Channel Dash, when six Swordfish torpedo bombers flew from Manston to intercept the German battleships Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen. In this virtual suicide mission all six Swordfish biplanes were shot down over the Channel and of the 18 crew only 5 survived. The Kent Fleet Air Arm Association has now received a £15,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to take the story of the Channel Dash to local schools and to expand a booklet written by its Chairman, Ted Powell, into a full-length book about the mission.

The Green Howards Memorial, Crépon

FoWM member Ian Homersham wrote to suggest that readers may be interested to see the Green Howards Memorial, which is much admired and visited in the Normandy village of Crépon, just inland from Gold Beach. Designed by sculptor James Butler and unveiled in 1998, the memorial commemorates all Green Howards who fought and died in WWII, including those of the 6th and 7th Battalions who fell in

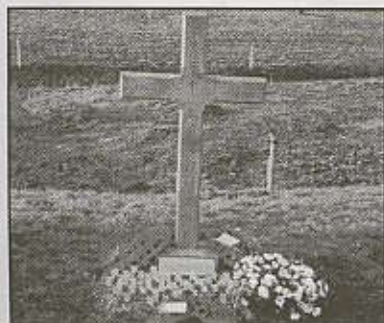
Normandy, and the only VC to be won in Normandy on D-Day awarded to Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis of D Company.

The Green Howards Memorial, Crépon

Photo by Ian Homersham, who was among those instrumental in the memorial's creation.



The FEPOW site and the Railway
Photo by Maggie Goodall



The simple wooden cross on the FEPOW site
Photo by FoWM Regional Volunteer Albert Page, who represented FoWM at the dedication service



WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

New Memorials

A new plaque has been installed in the Monica Wills Memorial Chapel at **Bristol University**, matching the existing WWII plaque and recording ex-students who have died serving with the armed forces since WWII. Lt Simon Bates was killed in Northern Ireland in 1980, Ft Lt John Bowles died in a flying accident in 1990 and Brig Stephen Saunders was shot in Greece in 2000. A new memorial stone has been erected near Daventry, Northamptonshire, to record **The Birth of Radar**. Standing by the roadside, the memorial describes how in an adjacent field on February 26th, 1935 Robert Watson-Watt and Arnold Atkins first demonstrated that aircraft could be detected by bouncing radio waves off them. By 1939 there were 20 radar stations tracking aircraft at distances of over 100 miles. A granite obelisk remembering the fallen of all conflicts has been placed in the grounds of **Wilshire Methodist Church**, Blackburn, Lancashire and a new stone memorial erected under Founder's Tower at **Magdalen College, Oxford** in memory of 97 members of the college who died in WWII.

A new memorial has been unveiled at **Anstruther** harbour to commemorate Royal Navy submariners killed on exercise in the Firth of Forth in WWI. On the night of January 31st 1918 two submarines, K4 & K17, were sunk when the lead vessel in their column of ships and submarines, sailing in radio silence, swerved to avoid a minesweeper and set off a chain of collisions within the column. 105 men died in the tragic incident off the Isle of May, in which there was no enemy involvement. The

memorial was dedicated by the Chaplain of the Clyde Naval Base at Faslane.

The K-Class Submarine Accident Memorial, Anstruther

Photo by Cdr Bill Jones, Royal Navy, who organised the memorial project



Our Patron, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, represented Friends of War Memorials at the unveiling at Elmwood Junior School, Croydon of a plaque commemorating Victoria Cross holder **Lt George Knowland**. A former pupil of the school, he was killed in action against Japanese forces at Hill 170, Kangaw, Burma on January 31st, 1945. Southend Council has honoured Essex fighter pilot **Sgt Ian Clenshaw**

War Memorials of Westminster

Don't miss FoWM's fascinating guided walk around the Westminster area's war memorials on **Thursday June 27th at 2.00 pm.**

Led by Blue Badge Guide Sarah Fordham, the walk will include firm favourites such as the Cavalry, Royal Artillery and Machine Gun Corps memorials along with some less familiar examples.

Tickets priced £7.00 are available from FoWM.



with a plaque at his former home on Shaftesbury Avenue, Southend. Sgt Clenshaw was the first RAF pilot to die in the Battle of Britain, having been killed when his Hurricane plunged into the North Sea on July 10th, 1940.

A memorial plaque has been unveiled on Montgomery Lines, Aldershot to **Spr Ian Collins** who was killed in Macedonia in August 2001.

A bronze statue of legendary airman Wing Commander **Douglas Bader** was unveiled by his widow, Lady Joan Bader, at Goodwood Circuit on August 9th, 2001, 60 years to the day from his final flight from the then

Westhampnett aerodrome. The sculpture was designed by Kenneth Potts and funded by Lord March. Lady Bader commented; *I know Douglas would be very proud and it's nice that he's being remembered at Goodwood, which he loved.*



The Douglas Bader Memorial, Goodwood
Photo by Peter Longstaff-Tyrrell

For 60 years Stanislaw Jozefiak had wanted to honour his wartime crewmates who perished when their Wellington bomber crashed in Sussex in May 1941. One of two survivors of the crash, Mr Jozefiak set out to locate its site after visiting Sussex for a memorial service. After extensive searching, the site was identified as being at **Darwell Hole** near Battle and, almost single-handedly, 81-year-old Mr Jozefiak set about building a 9-foot tall brick monument to his colleagues. He now lives in Derby and in recognition of his efforts Rolls Royce donated a bronze plaque to record the crew's names on the memorial. Relatives of airmen killed in a

Dakota crash at **Folkington**, Sussex in WWII visited the site earlier this year to plant a rowan tree in their memory. The Dakota was one of two that set out from Thorney Island on February 6th, 1945 carrying British aircrew to newly liberated Europe in the last months of the war, but crashed in thick mist. Saplings from Delville Wood, France and Caterpillar Wood, Belgium have been planted at Tonge Mill, **Sittingbourne**, Kent in memory of those killed in battle at the Somme and at Ypres in WWI.



Planting the rowan tree at Folkington
Photo by Peter Longstaff-Tyrrell

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

The 2nd Air Division USAF Memorial Library

During WWII the Bomb Groups of the 2nd Air Division of the US 8th Air Force were stationed at 14 airfields in Norfolk and Suffolk, and 6,700 young Americans died flying from these, and other airfields in Essex and Cambridgeshire. At the end of the war, senior officers of the Division raised funds for a library to stand as a living memorial and to continue links between the USA and East Anglia. The **2nd Division Memorial Library** opened in June 1963 but was destroyed when fire devastated Norwich Public Library in 1994. A new library complex designed by Michael Hopkins and Partners, has now been completed, including a new memorial library of 4,000 volumes with a shrine containing a roll of honour, a nine metre long mural depicting USSAF personnel stationed in the area between 1942 and 1945, scale models of aircraft and a B-24 flight simulator. **The Library is located at: The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW, Tel 01603 774747, Website: www.2ndair.org**

Caring for War Memorials



When St Luke's Church, **Canning Town**, East London was converted for community use, its managing trust also undertook a £2,000 refurbishment of the war memorial cross in the churchyard. Members of the area's new Royal British Legion branch, set up last July, are delighted with the results.

War Memorial Cross at the former St Luke's Church, Canning Town. - Photo courtesy of Mr Leslie Haines

Teenager Austen Brook was so moved by his recent visit to a war cemetery in Belgium that on his return home he undertook to improve his local war memorial at **Kirkburton**, Huddersfield as a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme project. *When I saw how immaculately the graves in Belgium are kept, it seemed terrible that this memorial to those who died, in their home country, was in such a state*, he said. So, Austen repaired and painted the post and chain fence, relaid the paving and tidied the garden around the memorial, and carefully cleaned the memorial's stonework and lettering.

Pupils at Mesty Croft Primary School, Wednesbury, West Midlands have also taken practical steps to care for their local war memorial. The **Mesty Croft** memorial was made by Hill and Sons of Wednesbury and unveiled in 1920, with a further 13 names from WWII being added in 1946. Last autumn the school's "Garden Gang" cleared the war memorial's surroundings of rubbish, laid new soil and bark chippings, planted shrubs and pots of winter flowering pansies to provide a splash of colour in time for the Remembrance Day service. The local council did the heavy work of cleaning the memorial and trimming the surrounding trees.

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The Mesty Croft Primary School "Garden Gang" takes a breather and the clean and tidy war memorial.

Photos courtesy of Headteacher, Graham Speller



War Memorial of the Month

Do you have a favourite war memorial (in the UK or overseas)? If so, tell us about it and about what makes that war memorial particularly special for you.

War Memorial of the Month is a popular new section in the Friends of War Memorials website where, since February, we have featured a different war memorial each month. Memorials can be nominated by anyone: FoWM members, volunteers and members of the public, and will appear on the website and in the Newsletter.

So, get in touch and tell FoWM about what war memorials mean to you. Send details of your special war memorial (and a photograph if possible) to FoWM by post or e-mail and check the website: www.war-memorials.com to see the current war memorial of the month.

April's memorial was **Newton**, Cambridgeshire, nominated by FoWM Fund-raising and Events Manager, Jane Gaskell; May's was **Simpson and his Donkey**, South Shields, nominated by FoWM member David Saunders.

June's war memorial is **Teen Murti** (The Three Statues), Delhi, nominated by FoWM Member Michael Creese. The memorial stands in front of the Nehru Museum and commemorates the officers, NCOs and men of the 15th Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade who died in WWI in Sinai, Palestine and Syria. The three life-size bronzes represent NCOs from the Hyderabad, Mysore and Jodhpur cavalry regiments and were sculpted by Leonard Jennings of London in 1922. The memorial is now also dedicated to all Indian Army cavalry regiments.



Teen Murti, Delhi

Photo by Michael Creese

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

Memorials On The Move

Memorial boards that commemorate the men of **Craig** parish who died in WWII have been relocated to the vestibule of Inchbrayock Church, **Ferryden** near Montrose. The boards which record 22 names, now hang adjacent to the village's WWI memorial, but were previously located in the bowling pavilion at King George's Field, Ferryden. The playing fields were given to the people of Ferryden by George Ogilvie in memory of the soldiers killed in WWII, and opened in July 1949 by the Earl of Airlie. The pavilion was given by the Pert family of Ferryden and opened in 1956.

Bradford City Council has relocated the **Bingley** South African war memorial plaque to Bingley Library, where it was rededicated on May 31st, the 100th anniversary of the Vereeniging Peace Treaty of 1902. The impressive brass plaque, by Bell and Company of Bradford, was funded by public subscription and records the names of all the Bingley volunteers who served with the Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteer Active Service contingents. Of the 49 men named, three were killed in South Africa. In 1901 Trooper A Holme died at Pretoria, Trooper J Wild at Heilbron and Trooper D Smith at Rhebakfontein. They are also recorded on a marble tablet by carver William Wood at Bingley Parish Church.



Bingley South African War Memorial
Photo courtesy of David Dinsey, Bradford City Council

As part of reorganisation of the Ministry of Defence forecourt facing Whitehall, the somewhat diminutive bronze of **Sir Walter Raleigh** has been relocated to the former Royal Naval College at Greenwich. Always rather dwarfed by his neighbours at the MOD, Slim (by Ivor Robert-Jones 1990), Montgomery (by Oscar Newton 1980) and Alanbrooke (by Ivor Robert-Jones 1993), Sir Walter looks more comfortable at Greenwich, placed on a stone pedestal between the visitor centre, the Cutty Sark and a nineteenth century obelisk to New Zealanders who fought in the Maori Wars of the 1870's by Philip Hardwick.

Meanwhile, back in central London, permission is being sought for the new **Women's WWII Memorial**, which is to stand in Whitehall close to the MOD and on axis with The Cenotaph. The design is proving quite controversial among groups representing women who served in all capacities in the war and among the wider public. *Friends of War Memorials* would be very interested to hear readers' responses to it - send your comments to Maggie Goodall at FoWM.



Design proposed for the Women's World War II Memorial, Whitehall

On The Bookshelf

Public Sculpture of Glasgow by Ray McKenzie

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First World War Graves and Memorial in Gwent Volume 2

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Ray Westlake, 2002 - 192pp illustrated

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Downton & The First World War by Edward Green

The story of a Wiltshire Village and the Great War.

Meerstone Publications, 2002 - 288pp illustrated ISBN 0-9542143-0-7 paperback £9.95

See: www.downtonweb.com for more details

Valiant Hearts of Ringmer by Geoffrey Bridger

The stories behind the names on Ringmer war memorial, East Sussex

Ammonite Press, Lewes, 1993 - 104pp illustrated ISBN 1-898626-006 paperback POA

Available from the author: 19 Shepherds Way, Ringmer, BN8 5LT

The Memorials of the Great War at St Mary's Oldswinford, Stourbridge by Roy Peacock

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Marlborough Print, Cradley Heath, 2001 - 32pp illustrated

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St Mary's Oldswinford PCC, Rectory Road, Oldswinford, W Midlands, DY8 1HA

Barracks to Bunkers - 250 years of military activity in Sussex

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Sutton Publishing, Stroud, 2002 - illustrated ISBN 0-7509-2908-1 paperback £12.99

See www.suttonpublishing.co.uk for more details

The Clacton Roll of Honour 1914 - 1919 ed. Howard Williamson

Compiled by History Club 2000, Cann Hall Primary School, Constable Avenue, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO16 8DA and available from the school at £15.00 hardback.

Retrieving Wenty's Sturdy Bird: The Story of Bream Cenotaph 1921-2001 by Ian Hendy

Black Dwarf Publications, Lydney, 2001 illustrated ISBN 903599032 paperback £11.99

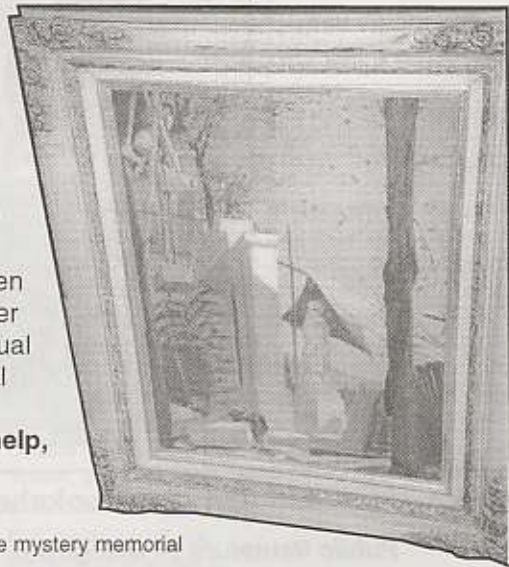
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SELECTED APPEALS

Friends of War Memorials is often approached to help in publicising projects to rescue or restore existing memorials, to create new ones, to assist with research about memorials and those they commemorate, and to make war memorials more accessible to the public. Here we are able to feature a small selection of the appeals that we receive.

Mystery Memorial

The daughter of sculptor Sir William Reid Dick is trying to identify this war memorial, depicted in a painting presented to her father by artist Fred Ewell. All enquiries to date have been unable to establish whether the painting shows an actual memorial or a hypothetical project. Do any readers recognise it? **If you can help, please contact Maggie Goodall at FoWM.**



The mystery memorial

Bradshaw War Memorial Sports Club, Bolton

The cricketers, bowlers and tennis players of Bradshaw are fundraising to replace the bridge over Bradshaw Brook that gives access to the club's sports facilities and stone cenotaph. The old bridge is unsafe and its replacement is estimated at £47,000. The substantial sum of £35,000 has already been raised by various means, such as selling prints of a specially commissioned painting by local artist, Joseph Tickle, but more help is needed. **To make a donation or to buy a signed and numbered print (£17.00 mounted and £29.00 framed) please contact Club Fund-raiser Carole Mitchell on Tel 01204 521907**



The Bradshaw painting by Joseph Tickle

The Maple Leaf Army in Sussex

The presence of Canadian troops in Sussex in two World Wars has left an indelible impression on the county, particularly with between seven and eight thousand Canadians having settled or returned to live there. Authors Patricia Berry

and Peter Longstaff Tyrrell are collaborating on a book *The Maple Leaf Army in Sussex* and are seeking wartime recollections of the role of Canadian servicepeople in the county. **If you would like to contribute, please contact: PO Box 169, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6YZ.**

Kingsthorpe War Memorial, Northamptonshire

Kingsthorpe's WWI war memorial was designed by Alfred Turner and unveiled in 1921. The stone and bronze memorial was formerly crowned by a bronze figure of crusader knight St George holding a sword aloft. But the figure was stolen in 1990 and has never been recovered. It is now proposed to replace it with a resin replica, which will appear like bronze but be worthless to thieves. Local artist Olive Wootton is currently working on the clay model and Northampton Borough Council has agreed to pay 25% of the £10,000 cost. **If you would like to make a donation, contact: David Parish MBE, 169 Obelisk Rise, Kingsthorpe, Northants NN2 8TX**

The Normandy Merchant Navy Memorial Fund

A fund has been set up with the goal of erecting a permanent memorial in Normandy to those Merchant Navy Seamen who gave their lives in *Operation Neptune* and in European coastal waters during 1944/45. Of the fleet that sailed from southern England in June 1944 1,260 vessels were merchant ships and MN men also crewed a number of the 287 minesweepers involved in the operation. Many never returned and are buried alongside servicemen in CWGC cemeteries in France - both the oldest and youngest man interred in Normandy's 19 CWGC cemeteries are Merchant Navy men. **If you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact the Treasurer, Tim Brant, 9 Saxon Way, Caistor, Market Rasen, Lincs. LN7 6SG.**



Three unknown MN seamen buried in Normandy
Photo by NMNMF Secretary Don Hunter

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Jacksdale Village Heritage Group, Nottinghamshire

The group has been established to, firstly, research the background of the names recorded on Jacksdale's WWI and WWII war memorial and then to research the wider history of the village community. The group plans to publish its findings as a book and has already held a very successful exhibition and open day, which is to be repeated this November to coincide with Remembrance Day. The group would like to hear from people with a Jacksdale connection or who have information about those named on the war memorial: they are particularly keen to establish whether anyone's name has been accidentally omitted. **If you can help, or to find out more see the group's website: www.jacksdale.org.uk or call 01772 603440 (evenings)**

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FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS EVENTS

Out and About at Recent Events

Crufts - We are grateful for the continued support of The Kennel Club in providing a stand for FoWM at this year's Crufts, where we were pleased to also host the model of the new Animals in War Memorial. Author Jilly Cooper was at the stand on the show's first day, signing copies of her book *Animals in War*.

Burwell Museum Open Day - Over the last twenty years the Cambridgeshire village of Burwell has established a fascinating and unique museum to whose Easter Open Day FoWM was invited. The museum includes WWII memorabilia displayed in a Nissen Hut and a comprehensive list of the village's losses in WWI and WWII. Unusually, the village's war memorial is a cottage, constructed of local Burwell bricks and originally designated as accommodation for the district nurse.



The Animals in War Memorial sculptor, David Backhouse, with Sally and visitors to the FoWM stand at Crufts.

Photo by Jane Gaskell



Burwell's war memorial cottage

Photo by Jane Gaskell

Regional Volunteers fly in to help at Duxford

FoWM could not have had a presence at five events over the May Bank Holiday without the help of its RVs. Clive and Suzanna Rose offered to help on the FoWM stand at the Duxford Jubilee Air Display and, appropriately, flew in from Berkshire to join other RVs Colin Richardson, Neil Lemon and Anne Thompson. Meanwhile, Deirdre Nichol was at Aldershot Show, Neil Bright was at the Family History Fair in London and artist Evelyn Moore was at Reach Fair, Cambridgeshire, helping to raise funds for the restoration of Reach war memorial. Jane Gaskell took a stand to the Suffolk Game and Country Fair, but unfortunately high winds and late April showers did not encourage visitors to linger long at the event.

For further information about FoWM's forthcoming events, or if you would like to help out on the roadshow, please contact:

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Details of Friends of War Memorials forthcoming events are in the enclosed Fixture List.

Please contact Jane if you are able to help out for all or part of a day, particularly at:

RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire
(June 29th - 30th)

Army 2002, Wiltshire (July 3rd - 7th)

War & Peace 2002, Kent (July 17th - 21st)

Warwickshire & West Midlands Game &

Country Fair (August 25th - 26th)

Military Odyssey 2002, Kent

(September 7th - 8th)

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Thursday June 27th, 2002 at 2.00pm**
War Memorials of Westminster
Don't miss FoWM's fascinating guided walk around the Westminster area's war memorials, starting from Embankment and led by Blue Badge Guide Sarah Fordham. Tickets priced £7.00 are available from FoWM

- **Monday July 1st, 2002**
FoWM's Annual Somme Day
Commemoration at The Cenotaph
followed by the **Friends of War Memorials AGM 2002**
11.15am for 11.30am Somme Day
Commemoration at The Cenotaph
12.00 noon Free time
1.30pm Guest Speaker (David Crellin of The Victorian Society on the war memorials of Sir Edwin Lutyens)
2.00pm to 4.00pm AGM

All are welcome at the Somme Day Commemoration, where we will be joined by Taff Gillingham and The Association for Military Remembrance, aka The Khaki Chums (seen recently in the major BBC2 television series *The Trench*). The AGM at the Victoria Plaza, London, SW1 is open to paid-up FoWM members only.

- **Sunday July 14th, 2002**
Duxford Flying Legends Air Show
Professor M R D Foot CBE has kindly agreed to sign copies of his new book *SOE in the Low Countries* at the FoWM stand from 11.30am. Renowned historian Prof. Foot served throughout WWII before teaching history at Oxford and Manchester Universities. He is the author of a number of books on WWII subjects and is considered the expert on the Special Operations Executive.
- **Saturday September 14th, 2002**
FoWM Regional Volunteers Seminar
11.00am to 4.00pm at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth, London.
The programme includes Guest Speakers Meurig Jones on the South African Wars 1899-1902 and Dr Nicholas Saunders on Trench Art, discussion sessions with Jane and Maggie and concludes with a guided walk led by Nick Hewitt of the UK National Inventory of War Memorials. (The seminar is open to FoWM Regional Volunteers only).