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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 the FoWM office. 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.



Essex

RV Frances Speakman laid a laurel wreath on FoWM's behalf at the Memorial to the missing at **Thiepval** in the Somme Day ceremony there on July 1st, this year.

Frances Speakman laying the FoWM wreath.

Photo courtesy of Frances

FoWM has heard from Sir Frank Sanderson, Chairman of the Fund-raising Committee, that the Thiepval Centre d'Accueil project now has in hand £400,000 of the British contribution of £485,000 towards the overall cost of £1 million. The new visitor centre has been designed by the Paris based PLAN01 group of architectural practices, with educational exhibitions by Graham Simpson Design Consultants. The Thiepval Project is a registered charity (No 268369) and donations can be made via: Trust Department, Charities Aid Foundation, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA.

West Yorkshire

RV Major Grayham Mitchell represented FoWM at the official opening, by The Earl Jellicoe KBE, DSO, MC, PC of the new **Second World War Experience Centre** at Horsforth near Leeds. The centre preserves,

documents, and exhibits surviving material evidence and personal experiences of men and women who participated in WWII in any capacity. It collects letters, diaries, artwork, photographs, maps, books and official papers and also runs an oral history recording project. For more information contact: The Second World War Experience Centre, 5 Feast Field, Off Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4TJ (Tel 0113 2584993).



Grayham Mitchell (right) with Claire Harder (the centre's manager) and The Earl Jellicoe Photo courtesy of Jack Hickes Photograpers Ltd

Cambridgeshire & Norfolk

Norfolk RV Richard Wilson represented FoWM at the rededication of **Swaffam** war memorial on September 29th. Research by Cambridgeshire RV Brian Krill has established that Pte R J A Davis' name had been omitted from the memorial. It has now been added and the memorial rededicated in the presence of four generations of Pte Davis' family. Brian Krill's research also informed the correction of a mistake on **March** war memorial, Cambridgeshire, where brothers Ralph and Abner Bridgstock are now recorded with the correct spelling of their surname.



Jane Gaskell represented FoWM at the rededication of Histon & Impington war memorial in September. The memorial has been gently cleaned and relettered where necessary with a £2,275 grant from the English Heritage/FoWM Grant Scheme,

Histon & Imprington war memorial before and after the work.

Photos by Maggie Goodall and Jane Gaskell



Lincolnshire

RV Charles Clarke has found a new home for four war memorial plaques from the **Stewarts** and **Lloyds** company at the Steel Heritage Centre at East Carlton Countryside Park near Corby, Leicestershire. Two of the plaques were on show at the FoWM stand at Kirby Hall last Summer.

Wales

RV Sidney Clarke attended the rededication of the restored **Montgomeryshire** memorial column at Montgomery in Powys. The 50ft column was raised by public subscription in 1923 and is listed at Grade II for its architectural and historic interest.

Overseas

Many readers will remember Joanne Ayers as FoWM's Membership Secretary. Since leaving us to accompany her husband on a posting to Germany, Joanne has continued to keep an eye out for war memorials wherever her travels take her. Joanne's latest report comes from Australia, where she was glad to find local war memorials very well cared for.



Gladstone war memorial, Queensland, Australia.

Photo by Joanne Ayers

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Commando Memorial, Spean Bridge, Scotland by Lauren Constable. FoWM Art Competition Winner 4 - 7 years age group

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THE OBJECTIVES OF FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

- 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 and cleaning.
- 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.
- To publicise and to educate and inform the public about the spiritual, archæological, 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.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE Sir Donald Thompson

At the time of going to press, preparations are well under way in towns and villages all around the country for Remembrance Day services, some great some small. In these days of soundbites and catchphrases, we often try to remind people that their local war memorial is for every day of the year, not just for Remembrance Sunday. Age has wearied many war memorials and vandals have occasionally condemned them, but it does seem this year that we are getting busier and busier, dealing with many more enquiries about war memorials.

Thank you to everyone who is involved with the work we do - either by making donations, by organising a war memorial restoration project and involving FoWM, or by alerting us to a war memorial in need of care and attention. Please do keep up the good work and carry on keeping us busy! In this, the last Newsletter of FoWM's Anniversary year, we dedicate the centre pages to a glance over our shoulder at FoWM's first five years, a celebration of war memorials in art and poetry, and to looking forward to FoWM's work in the future.



St Joseph's Church Portsmouth - Christmas Crib set purchased in the 1950's as a memorial to parishioners who died in WWII.

Photo courtesy of UKNIWM (reference number 21323).

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

All Change at FoWM!

Autumn 2002 has seen a lot of change at Friends of War Memorials. The office is still settling down after a room swap at 4, Lower Belgrave Street. We are still in the same building, but now on the second floor, which unfortunately means an extra flight of stairs to climb for members who want to visit us!

The Lord Cope of Berkeley has stepped down as FoWM's Chair of Trustees. We would like to thank Lord Cope and welcome his successor Mr J G Cluff. Lord Cope will, however continue as a Trustee, as will Douglas R Johnson who has stepped down as Treasurer, a role he has filled since FoWM's inception.

November saw FoWM bidding a fond farewell to Charity Manager Niki Pratt, who is leaving us for pastures new; and Fund-raising and Events Manager, Jane Gaskell, Jane has a new post as Administrator to arts organisation Cambridge Open Studios, but will still be managing FoWM's events until her successor is appointed. All at FoWM would like to thank Niki and Jane very sincerely for their excellent work in raising FoWM's profile and ensuring the charity achieves its objectives. Inevitably the growth of a small but dynamic organisation like FoWM generates many projects and tasks that do not easily fit any one officer's job description. FoWM has always been fortunate in attracting dedicated team-players and has benefited enormously from Niki and Jane's energy, enthusiasm and generosity with their free time. We wish them every success in their new projects.

FoWM Art Competition Results

by Amy Flint

In celebration of Friends of War memorials fifth anniversary, we held a war memorial art competition, open to individuals of all ages. The standard of work submitted was extremely high and, due to a sudden influx of entries in May, the deadline was extended to July 1st.

The well-known actress Liza Goddard, artist Colonel Edward Cowan and Jane Furlong from the UK National Inventory of War Memorials kindly judged the competition and, with a little help from FoWM's Director General, Sir Donald Thompson, and art teacher, Ann Charlish, picked a winner and runners up from each of the four age categories.

The winning entries are shown in the centre pages and elsewhere in this Newsletter, and have already been displayed at recent FoWM events. We are delighted to announce the winners and runners up here and to thank

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everyone who entered for their excellent work.

Age 4 - 7 years

Winner: Lauren Constable Runners Up: Lydia Tilford, Alex Wilnex, Steven Egan and Oliver Revett

Age 8 - 12 years

Winner: Katrina Ann Clark Runners Up: Lydia Corteen, Louise Batstone, Oliver White and Louise Dale

Age 13 - 18 years

Winner: Jennie A Ruff Runner Up: Lorraine Duckitt

Over 18 years

Winner: Alice Burgess
Runners Up: D S Humberston, Deirdre Nicol
and Mrs C Roberts



Art competition judges
Jane Furlong, Edward Cowan and Liza Goddard

Photo by Amy Flint

South Africa Update by Alastair Cowan

Since my report in FoWM's Autumn 2002
Newsletter, it has been agreed between the
Adjutant General's Department and the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission that the
CWGC's Pretoria office will carry out a study, with a
view to taking over the maintenance of military
cemeteries and memorials. This study is
expected to be completed before the end of the
year, and it is hoped that funding will be provided
from the Adjutant General's budget for the
financial year 2003-4 onwards.

The Ministry of Defence has provided the CWGC with its dossier, including individual reports on most of the 300 or so sites. Local volunteers who have an interest in the problem have been informed of these developments and will no doubt make their own contribution to the CWGC's conclusions.

Daily Telegraph Article about FoWM

Following the article by David Graves in *The Daily Telegraph* on July 4th, Friends of War Memorials received many generous donations, and a great deal of valuable information and positive comments about our work. It was a marvellous response and FoWM extends a very warm welcome to new members and supporters who have joined us as a result of the article, along with our thanks to all who contributed to the marvellous £12,000 received in donations.

Thank you

to FoWM supporter Ann Thompson who collected donations totalling £16 for FoWM from fellow travellers on her trip to Normandy in September with the War Research Society of Birmingham, and to RV Deirdre Nicol who has donated FoWM logo note blocks see FOR SALE on page 15.

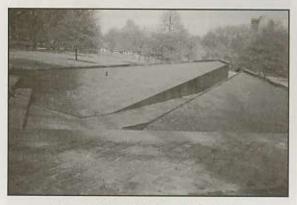
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Canada Memorial, Green Park

by Niki Pratt

To those Friends of War Memorials members who read *The Daily Telegraph* it must have come as quite a shock to read of the vandalism of the war memorial in Green Park, London, dedicated to the memory of all Canadian servicemen and women who have died in the cause of freedom. This is a beautiful memorial in the form of a water cascade, with etched maple leaves tumbling down its slopes, situated virtually in the shadow of Buckingham Palace. Unfortunately, it has not received the respect that it deserves.

However, following a letter to The Daily Telegraph by FoWM's President, Winston S Churchill, we have received just under £6,000 in donations. which we will be passing to the Canadian War Memorial Foundation along with FoWM's own contribution towards the cost of repairs. Not only did we receive donations from FoWM members, but also from many people who were not previously aware of FoWM's existence. Many donations came from people who had lived in Canada or who had Canadian relatives or friends. The Canadian War Memorial Foundation will be repairing the damage to the memorial and plans to erect railings around it for extra protection. FoWM sincerely hopes that mindless destruction of the type recently seen at the memorial will not be repeated.



Canadian Memorial, Green Park, London Photo by Maggie Goodall

Regional Volunteers Seminar

FoWM's first Regional Volunteers Seminar was held at the Imperial War Museum on September 14th and was attended by over 50 RVs from all parts of the country. It was a valuable opportunity for FoWM to thank its RVs for all they do for the organisation, and for RVs to meet each other informally and discuss matters of common concern. The day began with illustrated lectures on British Boer War Memorials by Meurig Jones of the Anglo-Boer War Memorials Project and anthropologist Dr Nicholas Saunders of UCL about Trench Art, objects of all types made from the detritus of war. After lunch there was an open question and answer session with Jane Gaskell and Maggie Goodall, which covered many areas of RV activity and FoWM's work. The day concluded with a guided walk around the war memorials of

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.

Work in progress on the Naval Memorial figures at Fairhaven Anglesey Abbey

Photo by Maggie Goodall Waterloo, led by Nick Hewitt of the Imperial War Museum. We have received very positive feedback about the Seminar and hope to make it an annual event, held in different locations around the country.

Notes of the meeting have been circulated to all RV's along with a copy of FoWM's recent advice sheet on War Memorials in Churches. More information about the Anglo-Boer War Memorials Project can be found on FoWM's website: www.war-memorials.com or on the Victorian Military Society website:

www.vms.org.uk/abwp Meurig Jones and his colleague Tony McCabe can be contacted on email: abwmp@casus-belli.co.uk Dr Nichols Saunders' book *Trench Art* is published by Leo Cooper at £19.95 (ISBN 0-85052-793-7 hardback & 0-85052-820-8 paperback) illustrated, 160 pp.



Nick Hewitt and the RV guided walk group outside Upton Chapel / Christ Church, Lambeth

No Fitter End Than This?

FoWM's well-attended second annual study day was held at the Georgian Group's HQ on October 10th. The day divided into two themes, firstly context, with Maggie Goodall introducing the war memorial movement and Friends of War Memorials, Jo Darke of the PMSA discussing war memorials as public sculpture, Lorraine Knight giving a user's guide to the UK National Inventory of War Memorials as a resource and Joy Russell of English Heritage explaining grant funding for war memorial conservation and repair. The second theme was the practical work of creating, caring for and conserving war memorials. Brigadier Charles Smith gave an entertaining account of the process of commissioning a new memorial for the village of Bottesford in Leicestershire, and sculptor Andy de Comyn described his inspiration for and creation of the new Piper's Memorial at Longueval on the Somme. Stonecarver Tim Crawley of Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey offered a different perspective, describing the company's production of exact copies of Charles Wheeler and William McMillan's statues on the Naval Memorial at Portsmouth. The day concluded with Ian Constantinides of St Blaise Ltd on bronze



conservation,
in the context of
the company's
restoration of the
South African war
memorial outside
Worcester
Cathedral.
Tim Crawley's
illustrated report
on the
Portsmouth

Naval memorial can be found on the FoWM website.

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.

In the 2002 calendar year, FoWM has made offers or awards totalling £9,910 to 41 projects. Grant aided work completed recently includes: Professional reconstruction of the fine celtic cross war memorial at Arlecdon, Cumbria, following storm damage which threatened to topple the memorial. Repairs to the wooden war memorial lychgate at Coveney, Cambridgeshire and refurbishment of the war memorial crosses at Hillesley, Gloucestershire and Warbstow, Comwall.

The scheme has also contributed to improved hard landscaping at Linton in Craven, North Yorkshire, and the modernisation of Glen Brittle war memorial hut on the Isle of Skye, to bring it up to an appropriate standard for continued use by walkers and climbers. Also, the creation of a new statue of St George for Kingsthorpe war memorial, Northamptonshire, to replace the original, stolen some time ago and never recovered; and refurbishing the lettering on Charlwood war memorial, Surrey. The professional cleaning and surface treatment of bronze war memorial plaques at The King's School, Macclesfield, Cheshire and the cleaning of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps memorial on Wimbledon Common.

Glen Brittle Memorial Hut, Isle of Skye Photo courtesy of Mr J A Wood





War memorial cross at Hillesley, Gloucs Photo by Mrs Stanley.



Work in progress and completed at Arlecdon, Cumbria.

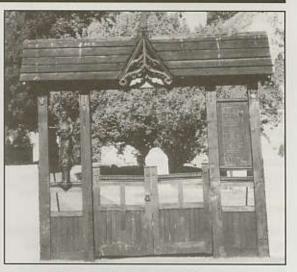
Photos by Mr Bryan





KRRC war memorial, Wimbledon Common

Photo by Mr J Reader



War memorial lychgate at Coveney Photo by Mr D Thorogood



War memorial cross at Warbstow, Cornwall.

Photo by Mr Forsyth.



Improved hard landscaping at Linton in Craven, N. Yorks. - Photo by Mr A S Akers

Special Grants

Thanks to the generosity of key supporters, Friends of War Memorials has also been able to make larger special grants to two major projects. FoWM has contributed £1,000 to a maintenance fund set up to care for the new Commonwealth Memorial Gates on Constitution Hill in perpetuity. Maggie Goodall represented FoWM at the gates' official opening on November 6th by Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. FoWM has also donated £500 to the Animals in War Memorial Fund towards the costs of the memorial, designed by sculptor David Backhouse, it proposes to build in Park Lane, London.

A Message from FoWM's Patron -The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

The Twentieth Century was scarred by two terrible World Wars. So, it is strange that it was not until five years ago that attention was drawn to the plight of many of the UK's 60,000 war memorials.

Friends of War Memorials, which was founded by lan Davidson, and of which I am Patron has, in those few brief years, become the focal point for the preservation, conservation and maintenance of those symbols of sacrifice, a sacrifice made by many of our families and those of our friends. When I attend FoWM's meetings or read our Newsletter, I am struck by the sincerity of our members and their determination to keep this part of our heritage intact.

Our task over the next five years is to maintain our impetus, but also to make sure that our children and young people fully understand the ideas and ideals behind the work of Friends of War Memorials. I am immensely impressed by the progress FoWM has made over five years. But, we have many more tasks in front of us to fulfil, and many more years to go in which others will carry on our work.

Friends of War Memorials -The Story So Far

In the early 1990's a former Royal Marine, lan Davidson, became concerned about the condition of the Royal Marines South African memorial in The Mall and other London war memorials. In 1995 he began to raise awareness of the threats to war memorials countrywide from vandalism, theft and neglect, and received favourable coverage in the national and local press and media. A meeting convened at the House of Commons in 1996 led to the creation of the new organisation which would become Friends of War Memorials, with Winston S Churchill as its President and Douglas R Johnson of the Royal British Legion Scotland as Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. Sir Donald Thompson became FoWM's Director General in 1997, with David Levey managing the organisation's accounts and Mary Hodge dealing with all administration and publicity.

1997 also saw Friends of War Memorials gain Registered Charity status and begin its development as a campaigning organisation, also gaining Trustees, Patrons and Vice Presidents. An office became available with colleagues at the Burma Star Association in Lower Belgrave Street, and in 1998 Joanne Ayres joined FoWM from the Royal Tournament, succeeding Mary. The Halifax Building Society (now The Halifax plc) contributed directly to the care and repair of war memorials by donating £5,000 per year between 1998 and 2002 for FoWM to allocate in grants to war memorial projects. Thus began FoWM's Small Grants Scheme, which has assisted 164 war



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

Friends of War Memorials and Tours with Experts are delighted to announce

The Somme Anniversary Tour (June 30th -July 2nd 2003)

This three-day tour around the Somme on the anniversary of the battle there in 1916, will be led by expert Nigel Cave and includes a visit to the Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval.

FoWM will receive a percentage of the fee for each person travelling on the tour - so this is an ideal opportunity to make a donation to FoWM whilst exploring an area with such poignant history.

£259 per person £45 single supplement.

Full details of the tour are available from FoWM.



memorials to date. Other key contributions included those from Sir Donald Gosling and The Dulverton Trust, which set FoWM on a sound footing from which to grow.

In 1999 Friends of War Memorials widened its scope with FoWM Maritime. Jill Jokel, Sarah Drury, the Rev'd Andrew Phillips, and more recently, John Couch, campaigned for enforcement of the 1984 Protection of Military Remains Act to protect underwater war graves from being looted by unscrupulous divers, and worked with professional diving organisations on an Adopt a Wreck initiative.

In 2002 FoWM achieved a major goal in securing the support of English Heritage. The then EH Chairman, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, initiated English Heritage's Grant Scheme for War Memorial Repair and Conservation to fund work on freestanding Grade II listed war memorials in Conservation Areas in England, with FoWM undertaking the grant scheme's administration. In the same year FoWM appointed Conservation Officer Maggie Goodall, with 75% funding for the post from English Heritage, and Julia Green became Membership Secretary. Summer 2000 saw the first issue of FoWM's new look Newsletter, designed by Regional Volunteer Peter Kent-Baguley and compiled by Maggie Goodall. Constructive meetings were held with Cadw in Wales and with Historic Scotland, but the year ended sombrely with the death in November of WWI veteran Robert Burns, who had been guest of honour at FoWM's annual July 1st, Somme Day ceremony at The Cenotaph since it began.

In 2001 Jane Gaskell succeeded Joanne Ayers as Fund-raising and Events Manager; and volunteer Dr Shefik Fahmy, who had for a number of years assisted in the FoWM office, was succeeded by Martin Shorthouse. Other new faces were Amy Flint, who succeeded Julia Green, and Niki Pratt who became FoWM's Charity Manager. Sadly, 2001 was also the year when Ian Davidson, FoWM's originator, parted company with the organisation in order to pursue a new venture.

FoWM's 5th Anniversary year began on a sad note with the death in February of FoWM Vice President Spike Milligan. But 2002 has seen much work of which, we're sure, Spike would have been proud. After five years FoWM is succeeding, with the encouragement and enthusiasm of its members, Regional Volunteers and supporters, in fulfilling the objectives set for it at its inception. It has become a focal point for information and concern about war memorials, the place where problems can be reported and advice obtained, and is building up considerable expertise in war memorial issues. But there is much still to do, to maintain FoWM's impetus and build on its success to date, developing its conservation and education work and its activities

as a membership and campaigning organisation.

A Celebration of War Memorials in Art and Poetry

compiled by Martin Shorthouse

Cold November

by Alan Chesterfield

I remember when the buses stopped.
Big Ben would toll eleven strokes,
bared heads would bow to hide a private tear
and nothing moved. The fallen rose
put wounds aside, for two full minutes
lived again, until the volley of the guns
beyond the Binyon epilogue.

They shall not grow old

Who cares, I've heard it said; it's all a load of crap, ceremonial to glorify hollow victories of war, and anyway, two minutes is far too long; too long to waste on stiffs of history. Progress dictates time's money, mate; white crosses are just marks on debit sheets where currency, in punts or pounds or lives is tippexed at a stroke.

So nothing stops.

The buses rumble on, past busy stores where rank on rank, the till bells sing, and musak raps sour litanies of Rights.

With the going down of the sun . . .

What worth the Rights the fallen earned? What value placed on generations lost?

A grateful nation's grief expressed in donkey jackets at The Cenotaph

(This poem won Forward Press's Poetry Now competition in 2000).



Celtic Cross war memorial by Katrina Ann Clark

FoWM Art Competition Winner 8 to 12 years age group



War memorial obelisk - by Jennie A Ruff FoWM Art Competition Winner - 13 to 18 years age group

Remembrance

by Helen Campbel Dick

In silence as the petals fall The world is still.

We who are still here REMEMBER

We who share their fear REMEMBER

We who said goodbye REMEMBER

We who did not die We shall ALWAYS REMEMBER

(Helen Campbel Dick is a former Wren who wrote this poem in memory of all the young people of Inverkeithing, Fife who died in two World Wars).

Thought for November

No Poppies grow in English fields
At this time of the year,
Though poppies bloom in every street
Like magic they appear.
For we who live are proud to give
A sigh for all who died,
And brought us loneliness and grief
Yet filled our hearts with pride.
Those gallant ones who fought and fell
Remember well - Remember well.

(The poem was seen by FoWM member Duncan Lodge in the church visitors' book at Bo'ness on Windermere; Cumbria)

A Song of the Living Laurel by Josefina de Vasconcellos

I heard a voice entreating me from the heart of a Laurel Tree: "Spike! Spike! for the love of Mike, just sing a song for me."

For every leaf of a Laurel Wreath, a thousand young men fell. O, did they die for a brave new world? If not, then what the hell.

Tell me tonight if it's now alright for small kids of today?

Does each little Bod know aught about God and, if so, how to pray?

Tell me tonight if there's food and light and shelter overhead? If someone cares, and they all go shares, with things that make life bright?

Are there folk around who will break new ground, if things don't quite work out? The elephants knew their Llarrambe to do while Nations are still in doubt.

"Spike! Spike! for the love of Mike sing on the roof - or shout for to make The Need become The Deed and turn the world inside out."

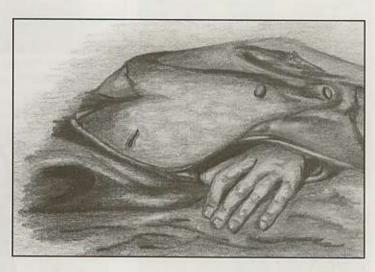
(This poem was written in May 1997 for and about Spike Milligan by his fellow FoWM Vice President sculptor Josefina de Vasconcellos.) Home for Christmas

She remembered them leaving, their march and their song.
It was but a memory, yet memories live on.
She snatched up a candle and lit it in vain,
As the wind swept on through to silence the flame.

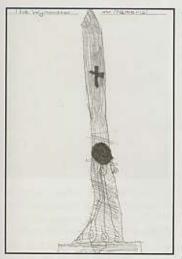
She looked out to the shed, where daffodils grew, Inside were three stockings, but she needed just two. She thought of his smile, of the sad waste of youth, And tried to shut off her mind to the war's bitter truth.

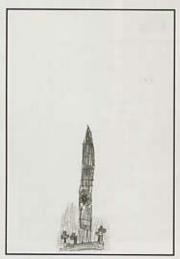
Christmas meant joy, yet to her constant pain, That brought back the memories again and again. "I'll be home for Christmas" is what he said, But when Christmas came he had long since been dead.

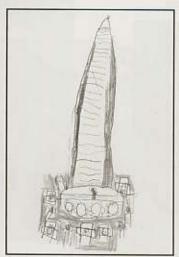
> (This poem was entered in FoWM's Home for Christmas Poetry Competition 2000).

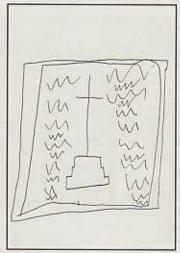


Dead soldier's hand, Royal Artillery Memorial, Hyde Park Corner by Alice Burgess. FoWM Art Competition Winner Over 18 years age group









Wymondham war memorial, Norfolk by Lydia Tilford, Alex Wilnex and Steven Egan; and war memorial cross by Oliver Revett.

FoWM Art Competition Runners Up 4 - 7 years age group

Friends of War Memorials Past and Present -Photo Album



Mary Hodge Photo courtesy of Mary Hodge

Joanne Ayers and her "assistant" Murphy in the FoWM office

Photo by Maggie Goodall



Sir Donald Thompson & Winston S Churchill at FoWM's 2001 Chelsea Reception Photo by David Hooper



Winston S Churchill and WWI veteran, Mr Fred Bunday at Somme Day 2002



Julia Green in the FoWM office Photo by David Hooper



FoWM Maritime stand at The Dive Show 2001 Photo by David Hooper



Jane Gaskell with war correspondent Kate Adie at FoWM's stand at Duxford Air Show Photo by Richard Golland of IWM



Niki Pratt, Amy Flint and

Martin Shorthouse

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Lord Cope and Major General Hardy of the Royal Marines Photo by Maggie Goodall



Jane Gaskell, Douglas Johnston and David Levy at FoWM's Reception at the Royal Hospital Chelsea 2001 Photo by David Hooper



Maggie Goodall at Kensal Green Cemetery Open Day 2001 Photo by Henry Burgess



Robert Burns and The Khaki Churns at FoWM's Somme Day ceremony at The Cenotaph, 2000 Photo by David Hooper



Finding suitable new locations for displaced or abandoned war memorials has always been an important part of of FoWM's work, - lan Davidson collects a war memorial plaque found in a scrapyard in 1997.

Photo from FoWM archive.

FUNDING UPDATE

English Heritage & FoWM War Memorial Grant Scheme

English Heritage's Grant Scheme for War Memorial Repair and Conservation began in April 2000, for an initial period of two years. To date nearly £66,000 has been offered in grant aid to 35 projects. The scheme has now been extended until March 2004. The forms in original application packs are still valid, but a revised and updated information leaflet has been issued; and supplementary guidance is available in the form of a model war memorial survey condition checklist, to assist applicants in preparing their 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 quartley on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Panel, which will next meet on December 11th, 2002 and February 11th, 2003. 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.

The latest successful projects are: Southborough, Kent £2,640 for phase 2 repairs to the war memorial cross, following phase 1 investigative work (also supported by the grant scheme). Bedale, North Yorkshire £900 for stone repair and minor cleaning and relettering at this charming and idiosyncratic celtic cross war memorial in St Gregory's churchyard. Leire, Leicestershire £150 for investigative cleaning and repair of the memorial obelisk.



Southborough war memorial, Kent. Photo by Maggie Goodall



Bedale war memorial, N. Yorks Photo by Maggie Goodall



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Maggie Goodall

Bray, Buckinghamshire £725 for professional cleaning and relettering of this unusual war memorial cross with its large square base. Woodchester, Gloucestershire £250 for phase 1 investigative work prior to cleaning, relettering, repointing and repair of the wayside cross, which stands adjacent to the churchyard at Woodchester near Stroud. The memorial is a large wooden cross on a stone base and is one of the earliest WWI war memorials, having been begun prior to the end of the war and subsequently dedicated in 1919.

Ardeley, Hertfordshire £3,790 for the creation of a facsimile copy of the memorial's figure of St George, which was stolen recently; and relettering of the name plaques, which have become all but illegible. The memorial shrine in stone, flint and brick, is believed to have been designed by ecclesiastical architect Frederic Charles Eden, and its St George figure (inspired by Donatello) was unusual in having been coloured originally. However, this painted decoration had faded by WWII and was not renewed thereafter.



Ardeley war memorial, Herts, as it was originally and in 2002.

> Postcard courtesy of Mr Dawson







Sedgefield, County Durham £1375 for conservation and repair of the elegant war memorial cross and its applied name panels.

> Sedgefield war memorial, Co Durham.

Photo by Mrs Swinbank

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

New War Memorials

A new roll of honour has been unveiled at White City Territorial Army Centre, London, to replace an original lost when the TA vacated Balham Drill Hall in 1967. The memorial commemorates members of the 29 Division Royal Engineers, 56 Division Signal COY Royal Engineers and 56 (London) Division Signals killed in the two World Wars. A new memorial in memory of the RAF Bomb Disposal personnel killed whilst on duty has been set up at the Eden Camp museum near Malton, North Yorkshire. Plans are advancing for the creation of a new memorial to the Battle of Britain in central London, based around an existing granite structure on the Victoria Embankment. The memorial is being designed by Donald Insall Associates with sculptor Paul Day, and will incorporate bronze reliefs showing scenes of air battles and ground support, and the dedication Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few. A new plaque in memory of the 2nd Lt Arthur G Jenkins Jnr of Virginia USA, who crashed at Rhiwhiriaeth near Welshpool on a training flight from Atcham, Shropshire in July 1944, has been unveiled at the village's community centre. A new memorial stone has been installed at St Mary & St Blaise church, Boxgrove, W Sussex in honour of Pilot Officer William ("Billy") Meade Lindsley Fiske III, killed flying from Tangmere on 1940.



The new roll of honour at White City TAC

Photo by Steve Bland



Jack White, President of the Ex-RAF bomb Disposal Club with the new memorial at Eden Camp. Photo courtesy of Nick Hill, Eden Camp Archivist

2nd Lt Arthur G Jenkins Jr memorial plaque at Rhiwhiriaeth, Powys

Photo by FoWM RV Mr S J Clark



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New Home Guard memorial plaque at Redcar

Photo by David Thompson

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A new stone plaque commemorating those lost when HMS Broadwater sank in the Western Approaches in October 1941 has been installed in the Sailors' Chapel at Chichester Cathedral. The plaque was unveiled at a service of remembrance and thanksgiving on October 18th in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent KCVO, Honorary Commodore of the Royal Naval Reserve. A new plague in memory of the Home Guard has been unveiled on the site of the former Zetland Club (now a memorial garden) in Redcar, Cleveland. A new memorial was dedicated in September at the former RAF Catfoss aerodrome near Beverley. The site is now an industrial estate and many businesses contributed to the memorial: a commemorative plaque set into a brick plinth decorated with a relief of a Bristol Beaufighter aircraft. Veterans from No 6 Royal Canadian Air Force Bomber Group attended the dedication of a new memorial plaque on their former base at Croft aerodrome near Darlington. A new housing development at Ryhope, Sunderland, has been named in honour of local war hero Cyril Barton. A plague at Barton Park records how he guided his crippled plane safely away from local houses on the night of March 30th, 1944, so saving many lives.



RAF Catfoss memorial Photo by David Thompson



Barton Park plaque unveiled by Squadron Leader Rodney Burges of RAF Leeming, watched by Cyril Barton's sisters

Photo by David Thompson

War Memorial Stolen

An 8ft oak cross and 3ft resin Christ figure were stolen on August 21st, from the war memorial which stands on the A4104 road between Earls Croome and Hill Croome in Worcestershire, leaving only the memorial's stone base in situ.

Restoration of the grave (in Elmers End Cemetery,

Victorians, has been marked by a special ceremony.

Thomas Crapper and Co still exists, making replicas

of its original range of bathroom fittings, in Stratford

on Avon. The company made a generous donation

to FoWM from a charity collection after the ceremony.

Royal Marines Memorial - VAT Bill Dropped

The Royal Marines 1939 War Fund has won its battle

was to be levied on alterations to the Royal Marines

South Africa and China memorial in The Mall, to add

details of casualties since the memorial was built.

The debate about whether VAT could be charged

hinged on whether or not the memorial could be

with HM Customs over a £40,000 VAT bill, which

Beckenham, London) of Thomas Crapper, the

innovator who brought flushing toilets to the

Flushed with Pride

considered a "building".

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

Caring for War Memorials

Staines war memorial, Middlesex, has been relocated to a new site and refurbished, Local company Burlite Ltd cleaned Yalding war memorial in Kent free of charge after it was vandalised (eggs were thrown at the memorial and it was daubed with paint). The same company has refurbished Waldron war memorial in East Sussex. Bream cenotaph near Lydney, Gloucs. has been rededicated following extensive restoration work to remedy serious structural problems. Teddington war memorial, Middlesex has been cleaned and relettered and its setting improved with new planting and benches. Kidderminster Conservative Club war memorial, which was believed to have been lost when the club building was demolished in the 1960's, has been found in store and reinstalled at the club's present premises in Mill Street.

The Civil Service Rifles war memorial at Somerset House, London was rededicated on July 25th, 2002, after being relocated from the building's central court to its riverside terrace as part of recent refurbishment and development work there. The Civil Service Rifles (founded in 1859 as part of the Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps and integrated into Royal Green Jackets in 1969) have a long association with Somerset House, which provided its Headquarters and which saw, in August 1914, the regiment mobilised for service in The Great War. The names of the regiment's 1240 casualties are recorded on a scroll of honour within the memorial. Six names have been added to Weston Turville war memorial, Bucks., as a result of research by local genealogist June Underwood. The British High Commission is to fund work costing some 22,000 Rand to repair the Gloucester Regiment memorial obelisk at Nicholson's Nek, Ladysmith, South Africa after it was damaged by souvenir hunters. Tottington war memorial, Norfolk has been rededicated after repairs. The memorial stands in woodland between Thompson and Watton, having been moved from Tottington when the village was taken over as a Battle Training Area in WWII.

Staines war memorial in its new location Photo by Mr R Pembroke

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Yalding war memorial restored to pristine

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Bream cenotaph, Gloucs

Photo by Mr R Horsfield

condition.

Gordon Newton of Burlite Ltd



Waldron war memorial after

professional cleaning

Photo by Gordon Newton of Burlite Ltd.

Kidderminster Conservative Club memorial Photo by Mr M P Smith OBE



Tottington war memorial, Norfolk. Photo by Maggie Goodall

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.

Bracondale School - Update

The war memorial from Bracondale School, Norwich which was reported missing presumed lost, has in fact been in storage since the school closed in 1993. It has recently been returned to the school site (now a housing complex) and reinstated in an annex used as office accommodation. Thanks to Regional Volunteer Mrs June Marriage for this information and photograph.



Bracondale School War Memorial in its new location

Ipswich Cenotaph - Update

FoWM featured the appeal to raise £250,000 for an extension to the cenotaph in Christ Church Park, Ipswich, to carry the names of the town's WWII casualties, in its Autumn 2001 Newsletter. The impressive sum of £52,000 has already been raised, but further donations are still being sought. If you would like to help, contact The Treasurer, Ipswich RBL, 12 St Margaret's Green, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2BS.

904 Wing Java Plaque - Missing

31 Squadron Royal Air Force Association The Goldstars are trying to establish what happened to a

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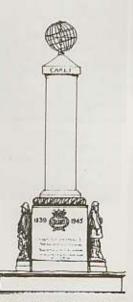
memorial plaque commemorating casualties in Java in 1945/46. The plaque was carved by RAF men and hung in the chapel at RAF Tengah, Singapore. It has been missing since the base closed in 1971. If readers recognise it or have any information about it, please contact Maggie Goodall

at FoWM.

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Artist's impression of the new memorial.

Courtesy of Mr Thompson-Jones Witkop Blockhouse

Robert Hewer has established a trust to save the Witkop Blockhouse near Gauteng, Johannesburg, South Africa, which has fallen into disrepair. More information and a picture can be found on the website: www.blockhouse.co.za

Mystery Memorial

FoWM has a number of unlabelled photographs in its files. Can any readers tell us where this memorial is? If you recognise it, please contact Maggie Goodall at FoWM.



Mystery memorial

Photo from FoWM's files

Merchant Navy Memorial, Swansea

The Merchant Navy Association Swansea is raising funds for a new memorial at Mumbles harbour to commemorate merchant seamen and fishermen of WWII and subsequent conflicts. Designed by sculptor Philip Chatfield, the memorial will cost £65,000 of which over £21,000 is already in hand. If you would like to contribute please contact;

Mr D Thompson-Jones, Secretary Swansea MNA, 342 Jersey Road, Winch-Wen, Swansea, SA1 7DN (Cheques payable to *The MN Memorial* Fund Swansea Reg'd Charity No 1079806).

Special Forces Memorial, Hereford

The Allied Special Forces Association is campaigning for a new Special Forces Memorial Welfare Centre to be based at former museum site, Churchill House and gardens in Hereford. The centre will combine memorial and museum functions with accommodation and a resource and welfare centre. For more information about the project contact: The Allied Special Forces Association, 11 Cattle Market, Hereford, HR4 9HX or see: www.allied specialforces.org

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FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS EVENTS

Out and About at Recent Events by Jane Gaskell

FoWM supporters in Suffolk helped raise over £800 at an FoWM Dog Show in Newmarket on Sunday August 18th, sponsored by Sotheby's and held at the Equine Fertility Unit paddocks courtesy of FoWM member Twink Allen. Gail Hussey organised the show with assistance from Kay Sargeant, Secretary of the Newmarket Dog Club, and FoWM RVs Denise Davies, Simon and Lilian Ward and Major David Thorogood helped on the day. Despite a thunder storm, the appropriately named judge Viv Rainsbury awarded rosettes to the winners of show and novelty classes. Canine volunteer Sally the springer was Highly Commended in the Dog with the Waggiest Tail, and Best in Show went to Eyke Shannon's elegant deerhound Dizzy.



Eyke Shannon and Dizzy





The Duxford Air Show on September 7th & 8th included a Family History Centre organised by Richard Golland, Head of Printed Books at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth, which included the UKNIWM, PRO, Cambridgeshire County Archives, many local family history societies and, of course, FoWM. The steady stream of visitors included journalist Kate Adie and on display for the first time at the FoWM stand was a memorial from Bradford. rescued recently from a sale in France. One visitor, Mr A Jones of Bradford was moved to write I happened to be looking at several of the memorials that had been recovered, either from sale rooms or skips. I find it hard to comprehend just how little value people put on the memory and legacies of our fallen servicemen . . . I was even more numbed to see a recovered memorial from my home town in front of me . . . I was disturbed by what I had seen and I thank God that there are people like FoWM who are not willing to let these fallen servicemen and women be forgotten.



Any Age Handler Class: Twink Allen's grandson Leo Dettori and George

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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Mr Jones with the rescued Bradford war memorial.

Photo by Jane Gaskell



RV Deirdre Nicol at the FoWM stand with supporters met at Army 2002

Forthcoming Events

MARCH 2003

- Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th Crufts at the NEC Birmingham. RV Albert page has kindly agreed to co-ordinate a rota for the show. Please contact the office if you can help on the FoWM stand at Crufts, the National Countryside Show, Holkham Country Fair or any other event.
- Friday 28th to Sunday 30th
 National Countryside Show at Battersea Park, London.

APRIL 2003

Sunday 13th
 Flora London Marathon

MAY 2003

 Monday 12th Rome, Rivers & Ridges: The War in Italy 1943-45. A lecture by Professor Richard Holmes, at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Proceeds to FoWM.

JULY 2003

- Tuesday 1st FoWM Somme Day Ceremony and AGM 10.45am for 11.00am at The Cenotaph. AGM venue tbc.
- Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th Air Show at Imperial War Museum Duxford, Cambs.
- Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th Holkham Country Fair at Holkham Hall, Norfolk.

SEPTEMBER 2003

 Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th Air Show & Family History Fair at Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambs.

OCTOBER 2003

 Sunday 12th Air Show at Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambs.