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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 Frances Moreton 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.



ESSEX

RV Frances Speakman attended the ceremony at Thiepval on July 1st commemorating the 87th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and laid a laurel wreath on FoWM's behalf at the Memorial to the Missing.

Frances Speakman lays a laurel wreath at Thiepval Photo courtesy of Frances Speakman

WEST YORKSHIRE

In February 2002 RV Bob Hamilton reported a broken WWI war memorial from Barkisland Methodist Church lying abandoned in Krumlin churchyard, near Halifax. RV Major Grayham Mitchell and Sir Donald Thompson negotiated a new location for the plaque, set at the foot of Barkisland war memorial cross, where it has been installed following refurbishment.





Barkisland Methodist Church and Sunday School plaque (WWI with WWII added) in Krumlin churchyard, and in its new location at Barkisland war memorial Photo by Major Grayham Mitchell



RV Peter Bennett writes:

I was in Australia in February and during my stay in Adelaide, South Australia, I visited the city's war memorial. It is one of the most beautiful and poignant that I have ever seen. It depicts an Angelic figure (the Spirit of Duty) looking over the symbolic figures of a growing nation (a young woman, a student and a farmer). In addition, around the memorial were glass cases containing some of the original battlefield crosses from Pozieres and Villers-Bretonneux. I wondered if they would be so respected and untouched in most of the UK's towns and cities.

Adelaide war memorial (WWI) and battlefield cross Photos by Peter Bennett

MIDDLESEX

RVs John and Janet Reeves found a fascinating memorial whilst on holiday in Cumbria. Standing in



the churchyard at Clifton near Penrith, the stone (given by the Queens Own Hussars in 1963) commemorates the Troopers of Bland's Regiment who were killed at Clifton Moor in 1745 in a skirmish between the fleeing Jacobite Army and the Duke of Cumberland's men.

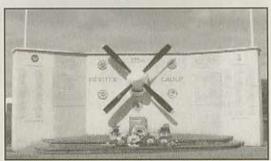
Troopers of Bland's Regiment memorial stone, Clifton, Cumbria Photo courtesy of John and Janet Reeves

LANCASHIRE

RV Joe Hodgson attended the unveiling in April of a plaque at Waddecar Scout Camp in memory of Stanley Boughey VC, founder member of the 1st Blackpool Scout Troop (the Hound Patrol) and 2nd Lieut, the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

HERTFORDSHIRE

RV Sqn Ldr Ray Leach MBE attended the dedication in May of an extension to the combined memorial at **Steeple Morden** airfield, Cambridgeshire, to those of the 355th Fighter Group USAAF and RAF who lost their lives in WWII flying from Steeple Morden and Bassingbourn. Wings have been added to the original memorial to record the names of the 96 USAAF and 47 RAF airmen killed. The ceremony was attended by HRH the Duke of Gloucester and many veterans, and the sun shone on a flypast by the Lancaster and Hurricane of the RAF Memorial Flight and two P51 Mustangs.



Newly extended 355th FG memorial at Steeple Morden, Cambs. Photo by RV Sqn Ldr Leach MBE



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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 organizations 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.
- 3. To publicize 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

This is the second Newsletter with a colour front cover and how different they are: New Zealand in the Summer issue and Windsor this time, which you will see is our 2003 Christmas card, produced with the kind support of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors Ltd (see page 15). This issue contains a wide selection of successful projects all emphasizing that, with your support, Friends of War Memorials has become the fulcrum of concern for war memorials and the part they play in our heritage. For instance we are working with the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association to implement their new policy of war memorial preservation (see page 10).

I know how precocious it sounds, but 2004 and 2005 will be very significant years, being the 60th Anniversary of D-Day and the end of the War in Europe respectively. If members are marking either of those dates in a special way, do tell us. Both anniversaries fall before November 11th in the year and may well be the last chance of a significant ceremony - although not the final payments of respect. I will be attending the ceremony at the D-Day landing slipways in Torquay Harbour organised by the Normandy Veterans Association local branch, as I did this year, but FoWM will



advertise or highlight other events arranged to mark the anniversaries, or contribute in any other way we can. On a much more mundane level can I ask you to look at our fundraising projects (see page 15), everything from lapel badges to legacies. FoWM has no government funding and consequently relies on you - thank you sincerely for your continued support.

New RAF PoW memorial, Hendon, by Pam Taylor with stonework by Burlite Ltd (who also created the new MN memorial, Arromanches see page 11 for both memorials) Illustration courtesy of Mr M Butt

EDITOR'S NOTE - Maggie Goodall

We would like to apologize to readers whose last Newsletter mailing was affected by a mix up over postage. We hope that this has now been resolved, but if any readers experience a problem with delivery of this mailing, please let Frances Moreton know.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

FoWM's AGM & Somme Day Commemoration 2003

As has become FoWM's tradition, the AGM followed our Somme Day commemoration ceremony at the Cenotaph on July 1st. We were blessed with fine weather as an unprecedentedly large number of members, volunteers and other friends gathered in Whitehall before processing to the Cenotaph at 12 o'clock. The Guard of Honour was provided by army trainees from the Royal Engineers, Whittington Barracks, Staffordshire led by Warrant Officer Andy Panting, and Taff Gillingham and the Khaki Chums. The Rev'd Hugh McCurdy of Histon, Cambridgeshire said prayers, followed by the Last Post, played by bugler Ian Hooke, and Minute's Silence. Wreaths were laid by FoWM President Winston S Churchill with guest of honour, WWI veteran William Stone, FoWM England Patron General Sir Brian Kenny GCB CBE, Rev'd McCurdy, Jane Gaskell and Taff Gillingham. We were grateful to the Metropolitan Police for stopping the traffic in Whitehall for this part of the ceremony, to the FoWM members and friends who brought their own sprigs of laurel to lay at the Cenotaph, and for the interest expressed by passers-by who paused to watch and ask about the ceremony. We are also grateful to Whittington Barracks for choosing FoWM as their selected charity for 2003.

FoWM's 2003 AGM followed the Somme Day ceremony and was held at the Carlton Club, where the winning entries from FoWM's art competition were also on show. 50 members attended a lively meeting at which FoWM's Chair of Trustees Mr J G Cluff and Sir Donald Thompson reflected on a busy and rewarding year, and new Treasurer Roger Bardell and Head of Fundraising Jill Jokel looked forward to building on FoWM's successes to date. Conservation Officer Maggie Goodall updated members on FoWM's grant-making and advisory activities and stressed the need to keep up to date with changes to historic environment legislation and designation which, potentially, will affect the framework in which FoWM operates. Administrator Frances Moreton set out how the charity's administration is improving and the many ways in which members can assist with FoWM's work. The meeting concluded with a thought-provoking discussion session.

Photographs from the Somme Day ceremony are on pages 8 and 9 of this Newsletter, and next year's event will take place at the Cenotaph on July 1st at 12 o'clock, followed by the AGM at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth (time to be confirmed). To keep costs down, 2003 AGM minutes and FoWM's annual report and accounts have been circulated to attendees only. If you couldn't attend but would like a copy, please let Frances know.

A Pat on the Back

Thank you to everyone who sent in copies of FoWM's mention on page 28 of *The Times*, Monday July 21st, which began: *Friends of War Memorials deserve an award for the liveliest newsletter of any voluntary organization, packed with stories of memorials snatched from oblivion.* High praise indeed, but also a reminder that we can't write

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about it if we don't know about it. Many thanks to all the members, volunteers and friends who keep us posted on what's happening in their part of the world. Please keep your notes, local press cuttings and tip-offs coming in - we're always glad to hear from you!

Rome, Rivers & Ridges: Professor Richard Holmes lecture at Sandhurst

by Frances Moreton On Monday May 12th the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst hosted a lecture by Professor Richard Holmes on behalf of Friends of War Memorials. Organized by Hampshire RV Deirdre Nicol, the lecture attracted 100 people and raised in excess of £1,500 for FoWM through ticket sales, a raffle and generous donations. Professor Holmes talked on Rome, Rivers and Ridges, exploring the principal incidents of the War in Italy 1943-45 and the significance of Montecassino, and also took audience questions. Following the lecture. refreshments were served and discussion continued in the marquee. Everyone at FoWM would like to thank Deirdre, Professor Holmes and all those involved in ensuring that the event was such a success.



RV Deirdre Nicol with Professor Richard Holmes at Sandhurst Photo by Frances Moreton

A Fond Farewell

from Maggie Goodall

This will be the last issue of the FoWM Newsletter that I compile. After almost four years as FoWM's Conservation Officer, I will be leaving in mid-September to take up a new post as Assistant Secretary to the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work for FoWM, which has been interesting, challenging and rewarding; and I would like to thank all the FoWM members, volunteers and friends, and colleagues past and present, who have made my time at FoWM so enjoyable. FoWM is in the process of recruiting a new Conservation Officer, whom we hope will be able to take up the post in autumn. Watch this space!

Maggie Goodall Photo by Henry Burgess



NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

My Work Experience at FoWM

by Caswell Tetteh of Phoenix School
Hello! My name is Caswell Tetteh and I chose to do
my work experience at Friends of War Memorials
from May 12th to 23rd, 2003. Before I was accepted
an interview was required, where I met Maggie and
Frances who were my supervisors. They gave me a
list of activities I could choose from: I picked the
ones I thought I could benefit from and the ones I
liked the best.

My first impression about my work placement before I went was that it was going to be a gigantic building with many offices (since it was in Victoria), but when I got there I was relieved because the office was quite small and the people were very gracious to me. I wanted to develop my abilities, qualities and key skills a great deal, and I thought that my work placement was a perfect opportunity to expand my horizons. I wanted to know how to set out spreadsheets properly, learn how to e-mail and to write formal letters accurately and I wanted to learn how to set out a business letter professionally.

I was given a wide diversity of things to do, which included sorting the post, e-mailing, faxing, letter writing, internet research, photocopying; the list could go on but I'll stop there. On the second Wednesday Maggie took me to English Heritage (which is an organisation that helps FoWM) to go to a grants panel meeting. I was a bit shy when I first saw everybody because they all seemed to be very important people in their own places of work, but whilst the meeting was on I gradually became comfortable with the panel. I enjoyed all their company and I wished it had never ended.

During my time at Friends of War Memorials I wrote a number of letters for Sir Donald Thompson (I never knew that writing letters could be so enjoyable). They were very important letters and Sir Donald trusted me with them. I asked him to dictate the letters for me so I could digest them easily and kindly he did. I printed out the letters for him to proof read and sign, which he did, and said I should write a letter a day. I was extremely pleased with this because I internalized the methods of letter writing rapidly.

On the first Thursday I met Martin who is FoWM's office volunteer. He introduced the database and photo index to me, which I found interesting because the various war memorials were enigmatic to me because of their structure and appearance. He asked me to continue with work to the photo index and obviously I said yes and I carried on with it until it was time to leave. (Now I really know what they mean when they say "time flies when you're having fun".)

At FoWM I achieved everything that was written in my action plan (which was a list of things I wanted to accomplish on work experience) and I'm proud of it. I wasn't afraid to ask questions and I wasn't afraid to ask for help because my team loved me so much. I feel excellent because my work experience was excellent and if I had a chance to do it again I wouldn't change anything because it just wouldn't be

Be Green & Recycle for Charity

Friends of War Memorials can benefit from recycling your used office products. If you have:

Empty laser or inkjet cartridges Old mobile phones or batteries Redundant computer equipment

please send them to us or drop them at the office.

FoWM can benefit from charitable donations resulting from our being a central collection point

Be green and help FoWM the same. If anyone is going to do their work experience here at FoWM all I have to say is be prepared to challenge yourself and watch out for Sir Donald Thompson because he's quite a character. I hope to be a Regional Volunteer in the future, so I'll be back!

Caswell in the FoWM office Photo by Maggie Goodall



A Friends of War Memorials Special Appeal

In it's most ambitious war memorial relocation project to date, Friends of War Memorials is moving a 15 foot tall stone cenotaph from Lancashire to Staffordshire in September. The memorial commemorates men from Park Road Methodist Church and Sunday School, Darwen, who died in WWI. The church closed some years ago and is now a private house, whose owner asked FoWM to find a suitable new location for the memorial. Park Road Church's successor congregation cannot accommodate it at their new premises and approaches to the Methodist Church and local council for other sites in the area drew a blank. Fortunately, the National Memorial Arboretum at Croxall in Staffordshire offered us a space on its main avenue, and a party of Manchester TA and visiting Canadian engineers kindly offered to do the hard work of moving the memorial. However, FoWM must provide a £1,000 endowment for the memorial's future maintenance when it is installed, and also wishes to provide a plaque explaining its history and why it

has been moved, which we estimate will cost a further £1,000. Any donations towards these costs would be very gratefully received. If you would like to help, please send your cheque (payable to FoWM Cenotaph Appeal) to Sir Donald Thompson at FoWM.

Park Road Methodist Church Cenotaph

> Photo by Maggie Goodall

Thank You!

to members of the Royal British Legion Histon Branch, Cambridgeshire, who held a special collection for FoWM, and presented the proceeds to Jane Gaskell on the occasion of their Poppy Sellers Reception in February. The members' kind donation was gratefully received



Jane Gaskell receives the donation Photo courtesy of Histon RBL

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 Mercers Company and the Gargunnock Estate 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 the Conservation Officer at FoWM for more information, to request an application form or to discuss a potential application.

In the 2002 calendar year, FoWM made offers or awards totalling £12,107 to 51 projects. In 2003 to date, we have made a further 33 offers or awards totalling £8,100. Grant aided projects completed recently include:

Conservation and relocation of the WWI Portland stone memorial obelisk at Great Hatfield, East Yorkshire. Standing close to the main road, the memorial was being damaged by salt spray in winter and was vulnerable to vehicle impact, so it has been moved to a garden setting on a quieter side road. Relocation and mechanization of the war memorial clock (WWI) situated in the parish church at Lydeard St Lawrence, Somerset. The clock was made by J B Joyce & Co and its refurbishment was undertaken by specialists Smith's of Derby. Relettering the faded inscription on Bacton war memorial cross, Suffolk (WWI with WWII added), and creation of a new memorial in Colchester. Essex, to commemorate the Korean War. The Essex branch of the British Korean Veterans Association (BKVA) arranged for a block of pink



granite to be brought from a quarry near Seoul and set in place in Castle Park, Colchester, where it was dedicated by Lord Petre on June 8th in a ceremony attended by over 300 veterans.

Great Hatfield war memorial prior to its relocation Photo by Maggie Goodall



BKVA memorial stone in Castle Park, Colchester Photo courtesy of Mr Michael Fryer BKVA



The Lydeard St Lawrence clock mechanism in its new location Photo courtesy of Janet Bond



Lower Hardres memorial cross (WWI) Photo by Susan Shaw



Nackington memorial cross. Photo by Susan Shaw



Pontygwaith roll of honour (WWI) at Tylorstown Photo by Mrs P Taylor



Walford war memorial, Herefords (WWI) Photo by Mrs J M Perry

The Small Grants Scheme has also supported the conservation and repair of war memorial crosses in the adjacent villages of Lower Hardres and Nackington in Kent. Though not twins, the memorials are very similar in both being grey granite celtic crosses on stepped bases, that at Nackington with a central boss and knotwork decoration and that at Lower Hardres with a sword carved in relief.

Grants were also made to conserve and repair Huntingdon South African war memorial, Cambs; and to improve the hard landscaping at Kinlochbervie war memorial, Sutherland, Highlands and at Ferring in West Sussex where, after WWII, the original memorial cross was raised on a second base in order to accommodate the names of WWII casualties.



Ferring war memorial (WWI with WWII added) Photo by Maggie Goodall

The scheme has also contributed to the relocation of the Pontygwaith roll of honour at Holy Trinity, Tylorstown, Rhondda, as part of a major re-ordering of the church. The memorial is made from timber salvaged from cadet training ship Britannia which was at Dartmouth 1896-1906 and was sunk in WWI. Another similar memorial is located at St Margaret Pattens church in Eastcheap, London and commemorates Cdr David de Beauvoir Stocks and his crew who drowned in January 1918 when submarine K4 sank in the Firth of Forth in the "K-class sub disaster". If any readers know of a connection between these two memorials other than the source of the materials, we would be very interested to hear from them. Grants were also given for conservation of Walford war memorial, Herefordshire, which was designed by the ecclesiastical architectural practice of Bodley & Hare and built by Gilbert Boulton & Son of Cheltenham; and for

replacement of the damaged Pinchen family memorial at East Tuddenham, Norfolk with a copy. This memorial, which commemorates Beatrice Ethel Pinchen (d. December 1902), had her brothers' details added to it when they were killed in WWI, although they are both buried in France. The addition of casualty details to an existing family monument was widespread practice in WWI.



Pinchen memorial, East Tuddenham (WWI) Photo by Mr R Hall

Exceptional Grants Update

In 2000 FoWM supported the conservation of WWII war memorial murals at Sayers Croft Field Centre, Surrey with a Small Grants Scheme grant of £250. This was matched in 2002 by a contribution of £250 from Hasbro towards installation of perspex screens to protect the murals from atmospheric damage. The

murals were designed and painted by evacuee children from Catford during their stay at Sayers Croft and depict summer and winter scenes from their life at the camp. The murals were rededicated in a ceremony on June 21st attended by many former evacuees and at which FoWM's Chair of Trustees, Mr J G Cluff (accompanied by his children) gave an address.

FUNDING UPDATE

English Heritage & FoWM War Memorial Grant Scheme

English Heritage's Grant Scheme for the Repair and Conservation of War Memorials began in April 2000, for an initial period of two years. The scheme has now been extended until March 2004. To date, over £94,730 has been awarded to 48 projects. 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 quarterly on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Panel, which will next meet on November 18th, 2003. Information leaflets and application packs are available from English Heritage regional offices and from FoWM - please contact the Conservation Officer for further details, advice or to discuss a potential application.

The latest successful projects are:

Hawkhurst, Kent

£2,085 for gentle cleaning to remove algal greening,



conservation of the structure and repair of the damaged approach steps at this imposing cenotaph and cross (WWI with WWII added) designed by Mr J Davis.

Hawkhurst war memorial, Kent (WWI with WWII added)

Photo by Maggie Goodall

Balsham, Cambridgeshire £1,250 for stone repair and conservation of this superb war memorial calvary (Christ crucified with supporting figures of St Mary and St John beneath a canopy). which stands on a tall stepped base in Balsham churchyard and was designed by F E Howard of Oxford.



Balsham war memorial, Cambs (WWI with WWII added) Photo by Maggie Goodall



Abbots Langley war memorial, Herts (WWI with WWII added) Photo by Maggie Goodall

STANDING ORDERS

Joining Friends of War Memorials or renewing your existing membership?

> Why not consider paying your subscription by standing order?

It's easy and convenient for you and also helps FoWM to keep its administration costs down.

Contact Administrator, Frances Moreton, at FoWM for a standing order form.

Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire

£1,470 for specialist investigative cleaning and careful conservation of the inset cement lettering on this WWI Cross of Sacrifice by Sir Reginald Blomfield. Designed originally for the Imperial War Graves Commission for use in its cemeteries as a martial but Christian symbol in counterpoint to Sir Edwin Lutyens more secular Stone of Remembrance, the Portland stone Cross of Sacrifice with its applied bronze sword was widely reused by Blomfield for local war memorial commissions and often copied (sometimes very inexpertly) by others. This example was made for a Blomfield commission by H T Jenkins & Son of Torquay.

Bridgnorth, Shropshire

£560 to create a resin replica bayonet for this important war memorial sculpture by Captain Adrian Jones, as a substitute for its bronze bayonet, which was stolen recently. The memorial has had a number of bronze replacement bayonets since its original was stolen years ago and, after repeated thefts, a decision has been taken to create a replica bayonet which will harmonize with the bronze figure but which will be worthless to thieves.



Angmering, West Sussex £150 for specialist

cleaning to remove algal greening from this Portland stone memorial cross made by Carrara Marble Works of Worthing. As the memorial's inscription has been attributed to renowned letter cutter and designer Eric Gill, recutting the lettering is not considered appropriate in this instance.

Angmering war memorial, West Sussex (WWI with WWII added)
Photo by Mrs J Lawlor-Munro

Grantchester, Cambridgeshire

£855 for conservation of the stonework and minor relettering of this elegant war memorial cross which stands in Grantchester churchyard. Designed by local firm Rattee and Kent whose superb C19

stonework is also
to be seen in
numerous
Cambridge
colleges and in
churches
countrywide, the
cross includes
war poet
Rupert Brooke's
name in its roll
of honour.

Grantchester war memorial, Cambs (WWI with WWII added) Photo by Maggie Goodall



FoWM SOMME DAY CEREMONY 2003 - PHOTO ALBUM



The Guard of Honour from Whittington Barracks assembles Photo by RV David Hooper



The Guest of Honour, WWI veteran William Stone, inspects the Guard of Honour with General Sir Brian Kenny Photo by Maggie Goodall



The Guest of Honour William Stone with FoWM's former Chair of Trustees, the Lord Cope of Berkeley Photo by Maggie Goodall



William Stone with his daughter, Anne Davidson, and FoWM President Winston S Churchill Photo by Maggie Goodall



The Guard of Honour marches out into Whitehall Photo by Maggie Goodall



The Rev'd Hugh McCurdy says prayers Photo by RV David Hooper

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lan Hooke plays the Last Post Photo by RV David Hooper

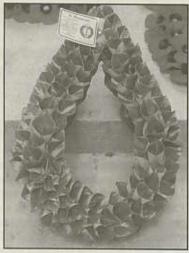


The Minute's Silence ~ Photo by RV David Hooper



William Stone and Winston S Churchill lay the first laurel wreath Photo by Maggie Goodall







The wreaths in place on the Cenotaph Photo by Maggie Goodall



FoWM Chair of Trustees, Mr J G Cluff, addresses the AGM Photo by RV David Hooper



The Khaki Chums stand guard Photo by Maggie Goodall

MORE NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

Victoria Cross & George Cross Association -Grave Restoration Fund

Friends of War Memorials is delighted to be assisting the VC & CG Association with its important new initiative to grant aid the graves of VC and GC holders and war memorials on which VC and GC holders' names are recorded. Grants will be offered at the Association's discretion for:

- repair or conservation of gravestones (other than Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones) marking the burial place of individual VC or GC holders.
- creation of a suitable headstone to mark the burial place of an individual VC or GC holder if the grave never had one, or if the original headstone has been destroyed or damaged beyond repair.
- repair or conservation of a public war memorial whose roll of honour includes the name of a VC or GC holder.
- repair and conservation of an individual memorial (such as a plaque in a church) dedicated to the memory of a VC or GC holder.

Friends of War Memorials will refer suitable cases of which it is aware to the VC & GC Association for its consideration. Advice on eligibility and application forms for the scheme are available from:

Mrs D Grahame MVO, Secretary,

The Victoria Cross & George Cross Association,
Horse Guards, Westminster, SW1 2AX.

FoWM Membership Numbers

Some of you will have noticed that, in recent correspondence, we have been mentioning membership numbers. If you are not aware of yours, it is the four-digit number which appears on the address label that accompanied your Newsletter. As FoWM's membership expands, the number is a useful check to ensure that we have identified the correct member when corresponding with or contacting you, and processing your vital donations and subscriptions. It is also helpful if you quote your membership number when contacting us, to enable us to deal with your enquiry more promptly.

FoWM Furniture Appeal

The FoWM office is in dire need of some large storage cupboards to enable us to manage our ever-expanding casework and other documentation. If you know of any such cupboards, and perhaps the odd pedestal, going spare please let us know. Alternatively, any donations specifically for the purchase of office furniture would be gratefully received, and with any luck we will be able to show off our new tidy office with a picture in the next Newsletter. If you can help, please contact Frances at the FoWM office. Thank you.

Donating to FoWM via your Tax Return

From April 2004, people who complete a self-assessment tax return will be able to nominate a charity to receive part or all of any repayment due to them. The Inland Revenue repaid around £3 billion to nearly 3 million self-assessment taxpayers last year, so the potential benefit of the scheme to charities such as FoWM is very significant. The Inland

UKNIWM Update

by Lorraine Knight

The UK National Inventory of War Memorials,

now in it's 14th year of collecting information on memorials countrywide, is closing for audit from August 4th for two months.

We are taking stock of what we already have, hoping to get a better idea of what we don't yet have and trying to assess how much work there is still to do.

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience the closure will cause, but it will ensure that we can provide an improved enquiry service once we reopen.

The database will still be available to view, by appointment, in the Imperial War Museum Reading Room during the closure and it will be business as usual from October.

Many thanks for your patience. Revenue will publish a list of participating charities along with their individual identification code, which donors then enter on their tax return. Donations will be paid direct to the chosen charity's bank account, along with the appropriate Gift Aid contribution, to reduce the charity's administrative burden and enable it to benefit from Gift Aid on anonymous donations. If you would like to participate in the scheme, please contact Frances Moreton for FoWM's identification code and other details.

Chapel Street Congregational Church War Memorial - Update

Following local press coverage of this memorial's return to Lancashire (see Summer 2003 Newsletter, page 5) the former Superintendent of Bank Top Sunday School, Blackburn, Mr Bill Baldwin, contacted FoWM. Bank Top was the Sunday School associated with Chapel Street Church where the memorial was originally located, and Mr Baldwin kindly sent us a picture of the memorial in position there within its elaborate carved frame. This was missing when FoWM acquired the memorial, so it is interesting to see how the memorial originally appeared.

Bank Top Congregational Sunday School memorial (WWI) Photo courtesy of Mr Bill Baldwin



Friends of War Memorials needs your help with recruitment

Our membership continues to increase slowly, but we could double our numbers if each existing member recruited one new member. We need members not only to maintain our subscription income but also to have more people keeping a watchful eye on war memorials in their area or as they travel around the country. And there are other opportunities to get more actively involved with FoWM's work - becoming a Regional Volunteer or assisting with events for example.

Equally importantly, Friends of War Memorials is a campaigning organization and our membership is our strength. War memorials of all types all over the UK are still at risk and your support demonstrates that they are important and relevant today, and that the war memorial heritage is worth fighting for.

FoWM has a very limited budget for advertizing, but promotion by word-of-mouth costs just a few words and a little time - if you need sample Newsletters or information leaflets to pass on, just let us know. Please photocopy the membership application form on page 16 of the Newsletter and encourage a friend to join.

Thank you.

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

New Memorials

On July 11th New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark announced that a memorial is to be built at Hyde Park Corner as an enduring symbol of New Zealand's contribution to the Allied cause in two world wars at a cost of 18,000 lives. The memorial will stand diagonally opposite the new Australian memorial, which is currently under construction. The New Zealand government is also bringing an Unknown Warrior home from the Western Front this November, who will lie at the National War Memorial in Wellington in a pyramidal tomb designed by sculptor Robert Jahnke.

FoWM President Winston S Churchill unveiled a new memorial plaque at Arromanches, Normandy on June 6th (the 59th anniversary of D-Day) to commemorate seamen of the **Merchant Navy** lost in Operation Neptune (June-September 1944) and in coastal waters during WWII. On May 14th Jill Jokel represented FoWM at the dedication of a new memorial at the RAF Museum, Hendon, to commemorate RAF prisoners of war who were forced by their captors to march from PoW camps as Russian forces advanced from the east in winter 1944/45. Entitled *The Long March*, the bronze figure by Pam Taylor encapsulates the indomitable spirit of



these RAF PoWs, some of whom walked more the 500 miles in appalling conditions.

Winston S Churchill at Arromanches Photo by Donald Hunter

Sir Donald Thompson views the VC & GC memorial at Westminster Abbey Photo courtesy of Picture Partnership

Also on May 14th FoWM Director General Sir Donald Thompson attended the unveiling by Her Majesty the Queen of the



memorial to the Victoria Cross and George Cross. The memorial is a square stone tablet with the bronze and silver crosses on enamelled ribbons, set into the paving at the west end of the nave at Westminster Abbey. A commemorative booklet was published which lists the names of all

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.



Restored war memorial at Maxstoke, Warwicks (Capt E P C Back with WWI added) Photo by RV Dorrie Lopacka

holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross to date, and additional monies from the memorial fund have been channelled into the VC & GC Association's new Grave Restoration Fund (see page 10).

A new peace memorial was unveiled at Comberton, Cambs. in May. The 5ft peaceful resting head was executed in Kilkenny limestone by local sculptor Mel Fraser and designed in collaboration with students from Comberton Village College and Meridian School. Genealogist Forrest Anderson has researched a book of remembrance and roll of honour for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, to supplement an external memorial created at the institute's premises in Edinburgh's Haymarket in 2000. The book is available for inspection in the library at CA House. A new plaque was dedicated at the Forum, Norwich in June, commemorating the contribution of Norfolk servicepeople, civilian bodies and citizens in WWII. However, the plaque's location in the upper library has been criticised as being difficult for visitors to find. The names of 442 Pinner WWII war dead have been recorded in a new book of remembrance, which is kept at Harrow Civic Centre, West London.



Local children admire the new peace memorial at Comberton (all conflicts) Photo by Jane Gaskell

A new memorial standing adjacent to Liverpool cenotaph and commemorating the city's role in the WWII Battle of the Atlantic was unveiled on May 4th. A weeping willow has been planted at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire in memory of British servicemen and reporters killed in the war in Iraq. The Firemen Remembered group has installed a memorial plaque at The Telegraph public house, Putney Heath to three members of the Corps of Civilian Canadian Firefighters killed on active service in Britain in WWII. A memorial plaque on Worthing pier, West Sussex, commemorates the crew of a 49 Squadron Lancaster, which crashed on the beach there in December 1944, avoiding the town and so saving many civilian lives. A plaque was unveiled at Beacon shopping centre, North Shields, on May 4th in memory of over 100 people killed in 1941 when a bomb fell on an air raid shelter at Wilkinsons Lemonade Factory, King Street. A memorial to Sgt John Wiseman and Ft Sgt Alan Haddon of 609 (West Riding) Squadron, killed in action in February 1943, has been unveiled outside Sqt Wiseman's home, Grange Farm, Martham, Norfolk. A new resin replica bronze Christ figure has been made by Gillian Anne Castings to replace the original stolen from the war memorial crucifix at St Michael and All Angels, Maxstoke, Warwicks.

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

War Memorials on the Move

A proposal to move Crewe war memorial, Cheshire, from the town square to a new position opposite the Municipal Buildings is causing controversy locally. The impressive Grade II listed memorial with a bronze figure of Britannia carrying a trident and ear of wheat was made by H H Martyn & Co of Cheltenham and is to the same design as that at Morley near Leeds. Also causing debate is a proposal to relocate Greengates war memorial, Bradford, as part of a road scheme. The stone obelisk surmounted by an angel was designed by L F Rosyln of London.

A former employee of Watney Coombe Reid, Nick Forward, rescued a memorial plaque from the company's Stag Brewery in central London when it closed some years ago. Mr Forward has now given the memorial to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire, where it is displayed in the cloister. The Cambridge Gas Light and Coke company war memorial (WWI with WWII added) was dismantled and stored when Cambridge Gas Works was redeveloped by Tesco in 2000-2002. It has now been resited in a new memorial garden, which incorporates the original Gas Works gates, adjacent to Tesco's Newmarket Road store.



Crewe war memorial, Cheshire (WWI with WWII added) Photo by Maggie Goodall

a reward.



Cambridge Gas Works - war memorial awaiting relocation Photo by Maggie Goodall

Cambridge Gas Works war memorial

Photo by Jane Gaskell

resited in new

memorial garden





Six Mile Bottom war memorial (WWI) prior to accidental damage Photo by Jane Gaskell

War Memorials in Danger

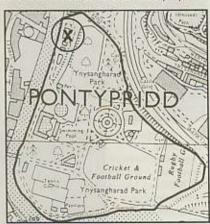
As reported in the Summer Newsletter (page 10) Tandridge District Council has given permission to demolish Oxted & Limpsfield war memorial hospital (WWI) and replace it with residential development. An eleventh hour bid by the Save Oxted Hospital Action Group to have the hospital listed as a building of architectural and historic interest failed and demolition now seems likely to proceed.

Despite vigorous local opposition Rhondda Cynon Taff Borough Council has given the go-ahead for new commercial development in Pontypridd town centre which will include a new multi-storey car park inside the town's Ynysangharad war memorial park (WWI and WWII). The grounds of Ynys Angharad house were purchased by public subscription 1922-24 as a public park and recreation ground, dedicated as Pontypridd's war memorial and governed by a charitable trust deed.

The quality of the park landscape has since been recognized by its inclusion on the Welsh national heritage body Cadw's Historic Parks and Gardens Register at Grade II. The car park site lies on the River Taff boundary of the park but is not marginal, being immediately adjacent to the principal pedestrian access to the park and main avenue walk. Arguably, its construction will run counter to the charitable purpose of the park as a place of recreation and war memorial, and will visually and physically intrude on the park, compromising its quality as an environmental asset. FoWM opposed the car park plan on these grounds and because it sets a dangerous precedent for attrition of park land for commercial uses unconnected to its charitable purpose.

Plan of Ynysangharad war memorial park. Pontypridd

Car park site marked X





Ynysangharad war memorial Pontypridd central formal area

Photo by Maggie Goodall

The granite war memorial cross standing beside Six Mile Bottom cricket pitch in Cambs. has been knocked for six by a careless driver who also bowled over every bollard along the boundary. Unexpected incidents such as this demonstrate the value to parish councils of having their war memorials insured. The soldier figure's rifle was stolen from Fort William war memorial, Inverness in June. Fortunately, it was recovered when police found a group of youths playing with it, but the incident has prompted the local council to take steps to tackle vandalism in the town.

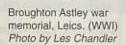
WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

Caring for War Memorials

Jacksdale Heritage Group, Notts, organized a re-enactment of its war memorial's dedication ceremony on July 19th when summer flowers were laid and participants were invited to wear hats as people had done at the original unveiling in 1921. The Commonwealth Memorial Gates

commemorating the contribution made by five million servicepeople from the Indian sub-continent, Africa and the Caribbean in WWI and WWII were unveiled last November, Responsibility for them has now passed to the Royal Parks Agency, which proposes to hold a wreath laying ceremony at Remembrancetide. perhaps with an annual reunion for veterans and their families. Those who wish to support the proposal should contact Baroness Flather at the House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. The plinth of Broughton Astley war memorial, Leics, has been reclad in matching stone to improve its appearance. A memorial seat in Hornsea, East Yorkshire, dedicated to William Holmes Collinson (killed in action in 1916) has been cleaned and a new wooden bench made by volunteers with the support of the Town Council. Chertsey war memorial (WWI), Surrey, has been

restored by the company Bronze Restorations, and the Edith Cavell memorial, St Martin's Place, London, restored by David Bell Restoration Ltd.



Aysgarth memorial lampstandard, Yorkshire Dales, has been restored and re-electrified with assistance from the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Dales Living Landscape programme. Designed by Mr George Dougill in 1919 as a peace memorial, the lampstandard's base is built of stone from the local Township quarry and stands on a millstone from Aysgarth Mill. In 1951 a plaque was added to record the village's thanks for the safe return of all its servicepeople

from WWII. Auchencorvie School memorial (WWI), Argyll, an obelisk-shaped drinking fountain, has been refurbished by Argyll and Bute Council, which has adopted responsibility for it now that the school has been converted to residential use. Sefton Council. Liverpool, is to restore war memorials at Alexandra Park in Crosby, Five Lamps in Waterloo and Hightown in time for Remembrance Day this year.

Aysgarth peace memorial (WWI with WWII added) Photo courtesy of Chris Lodge







Auchencorvie School memorial, Argyll (WWI, WWII to be added) Photo courtesy of Dugald McMillan



Chertsey war memorial, Surrey Photo courtesy of Jack Flood

The Chattri

by FoWM member Michael Creese On the Sussex Downs high above Brighton* stands The Chattri - a tomb or monument, here in a traditional octagonal form, with a dome on eight pillars built in white marble and set on a series of steps, to represent a ghat leading down to a river. Clearly visible from the town, this beautiful memorial marks the site where Hindu and Sikh soldiers who died in Brighton in WWI were cremated.

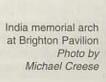
The Royal Pavilion in Brighton was converted into a hospital for Indian troops in November 1914 and. following the departure of the Indian infantry from France, closed in January 1916, The Chattri erected on the site of the funeral pyre where the Hindus and Sikhs who died in hospital in Brighton passed through the fire was dedicated in grateful and brotherly affection by the Prince of Wales, February 1921 to the memory of all the Indian soldiers who gave their lives in the service of their King-Emperor. It was restored by the British Legion in 1947 and is the site of occasional remembrance services.

After WWI, at the south entrance to Brighton Pavilion grounds a square archway topped by a dome was also erected, whose inscription reads: This gateway is the gift of India in commemoration of her sons who, stricken in the Great War, were tended in the Pavilion in 1914 and 1915. It was opened by the Maharaja of Patiala in October 1926. I understand that there is also a memorial to Indian soldiers who died in England in WWI in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Perhaps another FoWM member could confirm this? A photograph would be very much appreciated.

*To get to the Chattri, take the Eastbourne road from the A24/A27 junction, then a metalled bridleway signed for Seaton's Farm. Turning left almost immediately, follow the track for 11/2 miles to a lay-by then, on foot, follow the path for about 20 minutes and the Chattri is on the right.



The Chattri Photo by Michael Creese





FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS EVENTS

Summer Events in East Anglia

by Jane Gaskell

Question: What's the connection between Aston Martin cars, bats, bees, badgers, butterflies, Commercial Union, Conservative Clubs, flowers, trellis and wrought iron garden furniture? Answer: The East Anglian Garden and Flower Show in June, where FoWM had a stand (in the sauna-like conservation marquee).



FoWM stand at RAF Photo by David Hooper

Waddington

The Rechabites war memorial caught the eye of visitor David Bayford (Chairman of Bishop's Stortford RBL) who said he had a similar war memorial, that he rescued from a skip in the 1980's. It came from Bishop's Stortford Conservative Club, so we have put Sir Donald in charge of finding a new location for it!

I spotted some trellis fencing at the C E Direct International stand that I thought might keep escapologist Sally (and new dog Fred) inside the garden, Andrew Baitson, the stallholder, told me his father was an auctioneer who, in the 1960s, handled items from a Commercial Union office in London. A wooden crate, which was thought to contain a fireplace, turned out to be a marble war memorial. FoWM is now trying to find an appropriate new location for this plaque.

Keith Brown of Lone Wolf Designs (iron seats and gates) also stopped to look with interest at our display. He worked for 7 years at Aston Martin but now has his own wrought iron business and has recently been commissioned to replace the railings which a local cemetery gave up for the war effort in WWII, working from old photographs. Keith has kindly offered his assistance with wrought iron repairs at war memorial sites (gates, railings, wreath-rails etc.) FoWM thanks show organiser Sheila Davenport for indirectly helping us to learn about two discarded war memorials and to meet a wrought iron craftsman.

As the hot summer continued volunteers and visitors sweltered in the Battle of Britain hangar at Duxford Flying Legends Air Show in July (an event sadly marred by a fatal crash). FoWM's stand in the hangar was joined by that of the Battle of Britain Historical Society (www.battleofbritain.net) whose display included a magnificent maquette for the new Battle of Britain memorial on The Embankment (see Summer 2003 Newsletter page 11). It is always encouraging to see new memorials being commissioned - if people believe these are important, it is equally important that existing memorials are respected and cared for. FoWM's stand was

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If you know of any other opportunities to have an FoWM stand and you would be able to volunteer on the day or at other events, please contact Jill Jokel at Friends of War Memorials. 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1W OLA

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E-mail: fowm@eidosnet.co.uk run by local RVs and Colin and Susanna Rose who flew in from Berkshire (and probably had a quicker journey home than those with cars). Author Alan Stripp signed copies of his books on the Sunday and we are grateful to him for generously donating proceeds from the signing to FoWM.

Regional Volunteers Out & About

Lincolnshire RV David Hooper took an FoWM stand to the RAF Waddington Air Show in June, and new Lancashire RV Carol Stephens represented FoWM at the East Lancashire Railway Wartime Weekend in Bury. FoWM was represented at Nunhead Cemetery Open Day in May by Kent RV Paul Dyer, who also assisted Hampshire RV Deirdre Nicol at Defence 2003, Deirdre also represented FoWM at the RAF Fairford airshow and Shropshire RV Clive Blakeway took FoWM's message to the Shropshire Family History Society event in June. Staffordshire RV Albert Page took an FoWM stand to the Whittington Barracks Birthday Bash in July and Dorrie Lopacka has given a number of talks to local groups and schools recently. Norfolk RVs ran the FoWM stand at Holkham Country Fair in July and our particular thanks go to Simon and Lillian Ward who were present both days to supervise the display (in 2004 this event will be at Belvoir. Leics.) Thanks also to everyone who has organized or assisted at an FoWM event this summer - our presence at events not only generates donations and new members, but also results in valuable information about war memorials at risk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th September

Military Odyssey 2003, Detling, Kent Contact Deirdre Nicol 01256 862044

Sunday 21st September

Royal Observation Corps. Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum Contact Jill Jokel at FoWM

Saturday 27th September

FoWM Regional Volunteers Day Imperial War Museum North, Manchester Contact Frances Moreton at FoWM

Sunday 12th October

Duxford Autumn Air Show, Cambs. (incudes book signing by authors Alan Stripp and Professor M R D Foot) Contact Jill Jokel at FoWM

Tuesday 4th - Sunday 9th November

Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Show Earls Court, London Contact Jill Jokel at FoWM

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th November

Art, Craft & Design Show Duxford Conference Centre, Cambs. Contact Anna Hodgson 01223 895895

HOW YOU CAN HELP FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



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Call for Marathon Runners!

The 2004 London Flora Marathon will be taking place on Sunday 18th April. As always, places in this race are highly prized. However, Friends of War Memorials has 5 places available to offer to those who wish to get fit and raise money for our unique cause. After the race you will be met and taken to one of London's gentlemen's clubs for a cooling drink and a chance to recover. If you would like to run, or know someone who does, contact Jill Jokel at Friends of War Memorials for more information.

Autumn Fundraising Idea!

Don't throw away your used computer printer cartridges. Send them to Friends of War Memorials. We can receive around £1.00 for each cartridge. Perhaps you can persuade any companies that you have contact with to also do the same - their support can quickly add up to a large donation.

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SELECTED APPEALS

Memorial to Wellington Bomber W5795

A new grey granite memorial stone is to be erected in St Andrew's Churchvard, Stanley, Derbyshire to commemorate Wellington Bomber W5795 which crashed at the village on July 12th, 1942 killing all five crewmen.

If you would like to know more, with a view to contributing to the £2,000 cost of the project, contact: Memories of Stanley Village Trust Fund, c/o Mr T Hall, 69 Station Road, Stanley. Derbyshire, DE7 6FB

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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.

More Mystery Memorials

Can any readers help us identify the locations of these memorials?



Drinking fountain commemorating men from Ackton Hall Colliery killed in WWI



WWI war memorial cross. possibly in Devon

WWI church memorial plaque. possibly from West Tilbury or Grays, Essex





WWI church and Sunday school plaque, possibly from Forest Gate. N E London

Scotland, DD8 5JH

Scottish Horse Memorial, Johannesburg

The 1st and 2nd Scottish Horse were raised in South Africa by the Marquis of Tullibardine in 1900 from ex-patriot Scots, and subsequentley raised again in Perthshire, Scotland, before amalgamating with the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry in 1956. A memorial cross in Johannesburg commemorating the regiment's role in the South African Wars (1899-1902) has been repeatedly vandalized and its name plaques smashed. The regiment (now part of the TA) is appealing for £1,000 to create new plaques, which will be kept by its sister unit, the Transvaal Scottish, and taken to the memorial for remembrance ceremonies. If you wish to contribute to the appeal, send your cheque to: Col M J C Anstice, The Scottish Horse Memorial Fund, Melgam House, Kirriemuir, Angus,



Scottish Horse memorial, Johannesburg Photo courtesy of the Anglo-Boer War Memorials Project