

“We Will Remember Them”

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Remembrance Sunday

10.45 am Remembrance Service
6.00 pm Healing & Wholeness Communion Service



60p

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WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

The War Memorials Trust, formerly Friends of War Memorials emerged in the mid 1990's and was registered as a charity in 1997. Its object to protect and conserve our war memorials. To monitor their condition and encourage protection and conservation. To provide expert advice to those involved in memorial projects. To act as the specialist organisation for memorial conservation issues and to help in repair and conservation through grant schemes. To work with the bodies responsible for their war memorials i.e. Parish Councils, Town Councils, churches with a war memorial outside the church as is Ecclesall and St Johns Ranmoor, St Stephens Uppertorpe, Gleadless, Dore, Totley and Grenoside and build a greater awareness of their war memorial heritage.

The charity is independent and relies on voluntary donations to continue its work. Members pay an annual subscription of £20. There is no central government funding for war memorials. So last year I parted with my heating allowance as an extra donation. I did not see the harm in sending one donation the government had made in another direction.

War Memorials are a familiar sight in our towns and villages. And central to the Armistice service. Unfortunately

because they are familiar sights they are taken for granted and tend to deteriorate due to neglect; or age (they are approx 90yrs old) and weathering. Lately vandalism and theft have raised their ugly heads causing horror and distress to the local communities. The former Rutland Rd Youth Club building had its 1914-1918 metal memorial stolen when the building was invaded by squatters after being vacated by South Yorkshire Printers who had used the building for many years. I regret not photographing it when recording it for the Imperial War Museum inventory. A photograph would have been useful.

Some times names have to be re carved because weathering has partially obliterated the names. Kings Stanley in Gloucestershire received a small grant for the repair and re lettering of its memorial. Barford in Warwickshire received a small grant to help with the restoration of its memorial which was set in the churchyard wall.

To counteract theft the Trust in partnership with the SmartWater Foundation

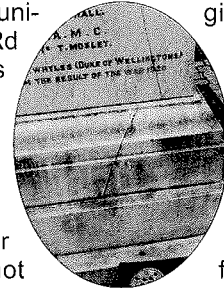
offer a crime prevention liquid which can withstand burning or melting, free of charge to mark the memorials making it harder for criminals to dispose of them.

The custodians of war memorials can apply for a grant to repair them giving the history of the memorial. Who owns the land? How the money was raised to pay for it, what it was made of, When dedicated. The village of Braithwell near Rotherham re painted their names and the metal fencing and cleaned the stone work. As a Regional

Volunteer, I went and photographed it afterwards and sent photos to the Trust. The memorial at Wales a village on the outskirts of Sheffield has their memorial by the side of the road. Cracks have appeared down the sides due to passing traffic. A suggestion was made that they contact a mason for an estimate for remedial work and then contact the Trust. Sheffield received a grant of £9,000 for the Barkers Pool memorial. It looked beautiful when done as good as new. The work was spoiled by unknowns daubing the metal with spray paint. It looked terrible; even though some cleaning had been done. The marks could still be seen when I took photos to send to the Trust.

If anyone wishes to make a donation to the Trust. Or contact with details of a war memorial they are concerned about or enquire about possible grants. Their address is War Memorials Trust. 42a Buckingham Palace Rd. London S W1W 0RE

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MAF Makes A Difference

MAF 'Day of Prayer' was on 21st October
In a remote valley in Papua New Guinea, accessible only by foot or plane, the village of Tekin had a primary school since 1967; but the children had to leave home to go to High School.

The parents missed their children, so they gained permission from the local authority to have a senior school in their village. Then they approached Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) for help, and MAF said, "No problem!"

Local materials were used as much as possible for the building and MAF flew in the rest. They also brought plastic for roofing, windows, water tanks, desks, printers, batteries, food, nails and other requirements.

The villagers asked New Zealander, Glenda Giles, to be the Headmistress. Glenda, who is in her 70's, has spent most of her life in PNG, and has lived in Tekin for 6 years. Glenda said, "When we need anything we think of MAF. Teachers, mail, banking and paperwork are all flown in and out by MAF". Weekly flights serve the community. MAF also acts as an air ambulance in other emergencies.

The school had problems in obtaining the final examination papers in 2011. The children prayed about this. Their prayers were answered next day; the papers were flown in by late afternoon.

Headgirl, Fiona Kabieng (17) included MAF in her speech at the school's graduation ceremony. Her words sum up the help given to just one village by MAF. "It is really so impossible and hard to run our High School in such a remote part of the country, but because of your courtesy and recognition in providing transport you have made it possible and we have managed to complete our grade 10 level of education now. It is tears falling for me, and I am out of words to explain, but you recognised my hearts desire and met it. Thanks MAF pilots for your help. I am nobody, but you recognise me!"

Sheila Ward