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**War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK**

## Objectives of War Memorials Trust

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to encourage protection and conservation when appropriate.
2. To provide expert advice to those involved in war memorial projects and to facilitate conservation through grant schemes for war memorial projects.
3. To work with relevant organisations to encourage their accepting responsibility for war memorials and recognising the need to undertake repair and restoration work to these monuments as required.
4. To build a greater understanding of war memorial heritage and raise awareness of the issues surrounding war memorial conservation.

## Membership Rates

War Memorials Trust Membership Rates are:

- £20 Annual Member;
- £30 Joint Annual Member and
- £100 for a Lifetime Subscription.

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Portland war memorial (WM753) © Chris Moreton, RV

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## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Message from Staff

Welcome to the autumn edition of War Memorials Trust Bulletin. This month, across the country, ceremonies and events will be held to mark the 90th anniversary of the end of World War 1. Many of these will take place at memorials, with two minutes silence and perhaps the names of the Fallen read aloud. The sacrifice of so many will be remembered. These events show how significant war memorials continue to be and why the work of the Trust remains so important.



War Memorials Trust laurel wreath laid on 1st July 2008 at the Thiepval memorial by member Frances Speakman © F Speakman

We know that many of our nation's war memorials were erected following the end of the Great War. The nation expressed its collective grief through public monuments, sculpture and plaques from large town cenotaphs to utilitarian hospitals through to simple plaques in schools, sports clubs and Churches. With the passing of time these memorials need attention. Local communities turn, in ever increasing numbers, to the Trust for help.

The photograph on the front cover symbolises this. The grade II listed Portland war memorial stands on the Headland at the lookout point over Portland harbour and Chesil Beach. In 2012 this memorial will overlook the competitors in the Olympic Sailing regatta in Weymouth. The striking memorial obelisk was erected by the local community after their experiences of World War One and unveiled on 11th November 1926. 82 years later Weymouth and Portland Borough Council supported a conservation project costing over £5,000 to ensure the memorial is preserved. War Memorials Trust contributed £310. Such work makes certain memorials remain a focal point for commemoration now and in the future. The names of the Fallen will be remembered and the consequences of conflict understood.

The project in Portland is just one example of many helped this year. By mid October 2008 the Small Grants Scheme has made offers totalling £70,000. This is a further rise in annual spend compared with £58,000 in 2007 and £35,000 in 2006. Our ability to offer further funds is due to the generosity of our members and supporters and in particular thanks go to donors who have supported the scheme and all of you who responded to the Direct Mail in June this year which raised around £20,000 to help local communities repair and conserve their war memorials. Establishing a collaboration with Historic Scotland this year has also assisted the charity in expanding its grant-making.

Other activities this year, alongside our grant-making, include the new website and we are delighted to have had so many visitors since we featured it in the previous issue: [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org) is the place to visit if you have not had a look yet. We are continuing to add content to the site and welcome any feedback from users. The Grants showcase is being worked on and in due course we hope to have reports on all projects supported by the Trust available to view. The Trust's general caseload has also continued to grow over the last year with enquires increasing.

Looking ahead to 2009 we anticipate further developments for the charity as it continues to protect and conserve the nation's war memorials. On the fundraising front we have a place for the April 2009 London Marathon as part of the Silver Bond scheme. We are currently looking to recruit a runner to represent the Trust and we hope to have this confirmed as soon as possible. We will introduce them to you in the next Edition and hope that some of you will consider supporting the runner.

As this is the final Bulletin of the year and thus the last one before Christmas I would like to draw your attention to the Trust's Christmas Cards and merchandise as well as our feature on page 13 about buying membership as a gift for family or friends. Thank you to all those who have already bought cards and merchandise; if not we hope you may consider doing so.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support of the charity over the last year. War Memorials Trust could not protect and conserve our war memorial heritage without you. We would like to wish you an early, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to 2009 being another successful one for the charity.

## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Regional Volunteers Day

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, War Memorials Trust Regional Volunteers had their annual gathering at The Churchill Hyatt Regency Hotel in London. The day gave the Trust the opportunity to thank Regional Volunteers for the contribution they make to the work of the charity and also gave Regional Volunteers the chance to discuss their work over the past year and how they can help the Trust in the future.

Staff gave presentations on recent activities, the re-registration of all Regional Volunteers at the beginning of 2008, the Trust's new website and the conservation work of the charity over the past year. In addition, we were joined by Jon Wright, a Caseworker from the Twentieth Century Society, who gave a very interesting presentation about the work of the Society and its relevance to war memorials.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank all the Regional Volunteers who joined us on the day, and also to thank all those unable to make it for their valuable contributions to the work of the charity over the last year.

Anyone interested in becoming a Regional Volunteer can visit the 'Get Involved' section of the website at <http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers/> or contact Nancy Treves on 020 7259 0403 or [nancy@warmemorials.org](mailto:nancy@warmemorials.org).



Joanna Sanderson presenting to War Memorials Trust Regional Volunteers © WMT

### Times of My Life

War Memorials Trust has been advised of a new website, recently launched, looking to record the experiences of individuals particularly looking at World War Two.

If you would like to share your story this maybe of interest. The website is described as:

"The Times of My Life is a groundbreaking website designed to change the way we record our historical past. It is the first ever website specifically designed with easy-to-use features allowing you to record and share first hand accounts of your life through text, images and video. It also opens a new door for learning history - the website allows visitors to read real first hand accounts and experience history from the perspective of those who actually witnessed it. It's never to early to start recording your life history, so don't delay, start your story today at [www.thetimesofmylife.com](http://www.thetimesofmylife.com)."

### Marsh Awards

The winners of the 2008 Marsh Award for Public Sculpture have been announced. The scheme is run by The Marsh Christian Trust and the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association. The joint winners were Ian Rank-Broadley for his bronze figurative groups which form part of the Armed Forces National Memorial at Alrewas in Staffordshire, Si Applied Art for an abstract piece, Cutting Edge in Sheaf Square, Sheffield and Corsham Civic Society for their restoration of the Mayo memorial in the small town of Corsham in Wiltshire.

The call for nominations for the 2009 Award has been made. Members of War Memorials Trust are able to nominate new public sculptures or recent restorations. Nominations must be made on the nomination forms and meet the eligibility criteria. The deadline is April 2009.

Further details can be found by emailing [pmsa@pmsa.org.uk](mailto:pmsa@pmsa.org.uk), visiting [www.pmsa.org.uk](http://www.pmsa.org.uk) or by writing to the PMSA c/o Courtauld Institute of Art, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 0RN.

## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Introducing David Seymour

David Seymour joined the Board in September 2008 as Education/Learning Trustee. He has been a Life Member of the Trust for several years.

David has a degree in Modern History from Oxford. He subsequently wrote an MPhil thesis, at UEA, on Admiral Duncan and the North Sea Fleet. David served for over 30 years as Head of History at Thetford Grammar School. From 1997 he initiated and developed the school's Remembrance and Memorial policy which focused attention on the school's war memorials. Through involvement in the November Remembrance Service, and in its complementary academic conference and exhibition, as well as taking part, throughout the year and across the country, in other Remembrance occasions pupils came to understand something of the lives of their predecessors who had died in the two World Wars.



David Seymour © David Seymour

David aims to help develop the Trust's Education and Learning strategy to cater for all forms of learner including schoolchildren, youth groups and adult organizations. He is keen to see the Trust build strong links with peer organisations which sympathise with the aims of the Trust.

Speaking of his role with War Memorials Trust David said: "I welcome this opportunity to be involved in designing an all-embracing Education and Learning strategy which plans to ensure that the importance of war memorials in the collective memory of the nation is fully appreciated across all sections of the community."

### Introducing Joanna Sanderson

Joanna Sanderson started working at the Trust as Conservation Officer in July 2008.

Before then, Joanna worked for three years as Grants Manager at the Victoria and Albert Museum, working on object conservation and gallery renovation projects, such as the Medieval and Renaissance Galleries. She is currently undertaking an MSc in Historic Conservation at Oxford Brookes University and has previously been awarded an MA in Cultural Industries Management from the University of Greenwich and a BA in Ancient and Modern History from Oxford University.

Over the last five years Joanna has also undertaken voluntary work with several heritage organisations. At SAVE Britain's Heritage, she was a contributing writer to the Buildings at Risk Register in 2007 and 2008. She has also worked at London Open House, the annual architecture event, and at Osterley Park, a National Trust property in West London.



Joanna Sanderson © Joanna Sanderson

As Conservation Officer, Joanna provides technical advice on the care of war memorials, assesses grant casework, and proactively liaises with other organisations to ensure memorials are protected. Joanna can be contacted on 020 7881 0862 or at [joanna@warmemorials.org](mailto:joanna@warmemorials.org).

## WAR MEMORIAL GRANT SCHEMES

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes. Details of these are given below and further information can be obtained from our website or by contacting the Trust's Conservation Officer on 020 7881 0862 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

### War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme

The scheme, which aims to support the repair and conservation of all types of war memorials throughout the UK is open to everyone to apply, whether an organisation or an individual. There are no deadlines for submission and applications are assessed on a monthly basis.



**The type of work that can be funded** under this scheme can be divided into three main strands:

- Conservation and repair works to war memorials
- Enhancement of and additions to war memorials including preventive measures
- Condition surveys

### English Heritage Grants for War Memorials Scheme

This grant scheme run by English Heritage, in association with the Wolfson Foundation and War Memorials Trust, awards grants of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £10,000 for the repair of freestanding war memorials in England.

**Eligible work includes:**

- Repairs to the fabric, including works of structural stabilisation
- Improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions
- Cleaning where appropriate and clearly beneficial
- Reinstatement of lost elements, particularly decorative features
- Works to associated hard landscaping, where this forms part of the design



THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION



ENGLISH HERITAGE

### War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme in Scotland

Historic Scotland have provided £30,000 through War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme to support the conservation of freestanding war memorials in Scotland. This scheme can fund up to 75% of total eligible costs for the project with a maximum of £7,500. A maximum of £5,000 will be made available for each project through the Historic Scotland funding whilst the rest will be offered by War Memorials Trust from its resources.



**Eligible work includes:**

- Repairs to the memorial's fabric including works of structural stabilisation
- Improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions
- Cleaning, where appropriate and clearly beneficial
- Works related to hard landscaping elements where it forms part of the overall design
- Reinstatement of lost elements, particularly decorative features

Non-freestanding war memorials in Scotland remain eligible for the Small Grants Scheme above.

## ENGLISH HERITAGE GRANTS FOR WAR MEMORIALS SCHEME

### Settle, North Yorkshire (WM1930)



The memorial before work was undertaken. It shows staining and pollution © Settle Town Council 2006

This memorial is located in Settle, North Yorkshire. It is set within a small memorial garden on Church Street and is listed at grade II.

The memorial takes the form of a small square cenotaph, with recessed and stepped levels. The inscriptions are made from lead lettering. It was designed by the architect Henry Ross and built by Brassington Sons & Company of Settle.

The cenotaph was funded by public subscription and unveiled by Brigadier General J. E. Edwards on 16th December 1925. It was dedicated to 49 soldiers who fell in the First World War.

It was originally located at Bridge End in Settle but moved to present location at an unknown date. In 1948, 17 more names were added of those from the district who were killed during the Second World War, plus those of two US airmen.

In 2007, the memorial was awarded a grant for £1,340 towards cleaning of the stonework and re-pointing some joints. In the past, the memorial had been sandblasted which had destroyed the original lustre of the stone. Cleaning improved

the situation slightly but not dramatically. The issue of re-painting of the lead letters was also discussed because they had become difficult to read. However, as no evidence was available that they had originally been painted, it was decided to leave them as they were.

This case demonstrates that sometimes little can be done to conserve a memorial which has already suffered inappropriate treatment. Hopefully with increasing awareness of best practice methods, custodians will be more careful in future.

The memorial inscription reads:  
 Pro patria  
 'No mean crown he wins,  
 Who bravely for his country dies'  
 Euripides

Erected by public subscription  
 To the honoured memory of  
 Those from the township of Settle  
 Who gave their lives  
 For King and Country  
 In the Great War 1914-1918

Also in the  
 World War  
 1939-1945  
 Killed in this district

Euripides was an ancient Greek playwright who wrote about the tragedies of war and this quote is from his most well known work 'The Women of Troy'.



Base before cleaning showing pollution and lichen © Settle Town Council 2006



Base after cleaning shows brighter stonework but some remaining staining © Settle Town Council 2007

## WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

### St Tysilio's Church, Menai Bridge, Anglesey (WM2046)

This war memorial is located in St Tysilio's Church on Church Island (Llandysilio), near the Menai Bridge, Wales. The church was first founded in the sixth century and named after Tysilio, a Welsh Bishop, Prince and scholar. Folklore has Tysilio living as a hermit on the island. The current church building probably dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Church Island is reached by a small causeway known as 'The Belgian Promenade' because it was built by Belgian refugees during the First World War. They had come from Mechelen to escape the German invasion and had been welcomed by the people of Menai. They built the Promenade as a gesture of appreciation.

In the churchyard, stands a war memorial made from grey granite. At its base is a plinth with rounded sides which supports a tall in-filled Celtic wheel cross. The memorial was unveiled in 1921 by Lieutenant General Sir Philip Chetwode. Each year in November, a service is held at the war memorial involving the local community and youth groups such as Scouts and Guides. Church Island is also visited by many visitors as it is one of the best points for viewing Thomas Telford's suspension bridge.



Before work commenced. The base is in particularly bad condition © Management Committee, War Memorial Community Centre 2007



Wide gaps in the bottom of the plinth where pointing has fallen out. Some paint has been lost from the lettering too © Management Committee, War Memorial Community Centre 2007

However, whilst this war memorial is set in a beautiful and dramatic location, its exposed position in the Menai Strait meant that its condition had begun to deteriorate. The inscriptions on the sides of the plinth and step had become illegible because much of the paint was missing. There were also gaps where pointing had fallen out of the joints which meant water could get inside and cause the stone to decay.

War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £1,500 to clean the stonework with water and soft bristle brushes, grout the cracks and re-point joints. The lettering was also repainted with enamel paint.

The memorial is dedicated to 49 men who died in the First World War. They are recorded by name, regiment, the date of death and where they fell. The picture on the left shows some of the theatres of war where men of Llandysilio fell. The inscription reads:

To the glory  
of God and in  
memory of  
those who  
fell in the  
War 1914 – 1918.  
Their name  
liveth for  
evermore  
1939 – 1945.

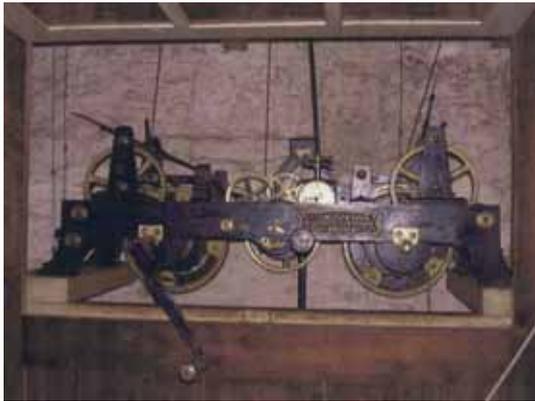


After work has finished. Base and plinth have been pointed with lime mortar © Management Committee, War Memorial Community Centre 2008

## WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

### St Mary the Virgin Church, Exbourne, Devon (WM2332)

This is a war memorial clock situated in the tower of St Mary the Virgin, a grade II\* church in Exbourne, Devon. The clock is dedicated in memory of those who died in World War 1 and was paid for by public subscription. The church dates from around 1266 and is in the gothic style. The tower in which the clock is housed dates was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and is made from granite ashlar, with a crenellated and pinnacled roofline. The bells were installed in 1768 and the clock in 1923. The clock was made by Smith of Derby and the company has regularly maintained it ever since. The company was founded in 1856 and is believed to be the oldest tower clock company still trading. It created a number of war memorial clocks in the 1920s that are still working today.



The clock mechanism with the original turning handle on the left hand side © St Mary's PCC 2008

The Exbourne clock had always been wound by hand by lifting very heavy weights once a week. The weights would pass through the floor to the bell ringers' chamber into a wooden enclosure which protected the bell ringers from danger. However, one week, the weights broke through the wooden enclosure which had been weakened by a previous beetle infestation. Due to this incident, and that the clock could only be wound by climbing a narrow winding staircase, it was decided that the clock could no longer be safely wound.

When the clock was stopped, the villagers of Exbourne became concerned because of its function as a war memorial and its contribution to the church. War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £2,445 to install an electronic auto-winding mechanism which would be safer to operate and keep the bell ringers out of danger!

Inside the tower is a brass plaque with the inscription:

The clock in this tower  
and the cross were erected in memory of those  
who lost their lives in the Great War 1914 – 1918  
G. Braund, J. Lewis, Churchwardens  
A. C. Morris, B.A., Rector,  
June 1923.  
The five bells were restored  
by public subscription and a new treble added  
the gift of the  
Tattershall family  
J. D. Lewis, R. W. Chapple, Churchwardens  
F. J. White., M.A., Rector  
October 1931.



After the auto-winding mechanism was installed © St Mary's PCC 2008

### Other war memorial clocks

The Small Grants Scheme has grant aided 10 other war memorial clocks or clock towers:

WM2088 St Peter's Church, Wooton, Oxfordshire; WM1867 St Margaret's Church, Underriver, Kent; WM1762 Treharris Library, Caerphilly; WM1603 St Luke's Church, Shireoaks, Nottinghamshire; WM1602 Leek, Staffordshire; WM1466 Holy Trinity Church, Wysall, Nottinghamshire; WM964 St Lawrence's Church, Lydeard, Somerset; WM955 All Saint's Church, Mathersey, Nottinghamshire; WM657 St Mary's Church, Kirkburn, East Yorkshire; and WM139 Helmsdale, Highlands, Scotland.

Details on other completed projects grant aided are available on our web site.

## POLISH WAR MEMORIAL



Polish war memorial © War Memorials Trust, 2008

As the A40 leaves west London, it passes RAF Northolt, the former home of 303 squadron, the highest scoring squadron in the Battle of Britain. Its pilots and ground crew were members of the Polish Air Force who had already flown in defence of Poland, escaped to France and flown there, and then escaped again to continue the fight from Britain 'for your freedom and ours'. At the corner of the airfield stands a tall monument topped with the Polish eagle. It remembers the dead of all 14 Polish squadrons who flew with the RAF: some 2,000 names are inscribed.

The monument is the focus of an annual memorial service which brings together surviving airmen, the Polish community in Britain, and local civic and military representatives. Over the years, the Polish Air Force Association, and latterly the Polish Air Force Association Charitable Trust (PAFACT) have supervised the condition of the monument and helped fund restoration as necessary, supporting the London Borough of Hillingdon as the body legally responsible.

But the number of surviving airmen is now diminishing and PAFACT is planning its eventual dissolution. It envisages that it will cease to be viable at the point at which its assets have declined below £1 million or its beneficiaries have fallen below 500 in number. This is anticipated to be 2012. As part of the planning, PAFACT Trustees want to ensure that all the key functions they currently undertake are continued in some form. These functions are welfare, supervision of the Northolt war memorial and keeping records and historical information. They have now identified that welfare work will be continued by the RAF Benevolent Fund and the responsibility for holding and maintaining historical records and information will be taken on by The Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum.

The issue of the war memorial has been the subject of discussions between PAFACT and War Memorials Trust. The PAFACT approached War Memorials Trust's Trustees in 2007 asking if the Trust could take on an oversight role for the memorial once PAFACT had dissolved in return for which PAFACT would make War Memorials Trust a grant from its residual capital when it closes.

Following a number of meetings it has been agreed that War Memorials Trust will take on an oversight role for the Northolt memorial. The charity's details will be placed on an information board near the memorial and contacts will be established with Polish community groups so anyone with concerns about the memorial can report them to the Trust. War Memorials Trust has met with London Borough of Hillingdon representatives who have responsibility for maintaining the memorial under the terms of a 999 year lease agreed in 1948. War Memorials Trust therefore has direct contact with the responsible body and will be able to bring any concerns about the condition of the memorial to the attention of the Council quickly. The nature of the Trust's role is not, in principle, different from its role in relation to any war memorial in the UK – if we receive a report of a problem we will liaise with relevant bodies. However because of the lead taken by PAFACT in ensuring their role keeping an eye on the memorial over the years is continued the Trust will have a mandate, on behalf of those who served with the Polish Air Force, as well as holding all relevant information to enable the Trust to deal with any issues.

War Memorials Trust Trustee The Rt. Hon Lord Cope of Berkeley was involved in the negotiations and commented, "War Memorials Trust exists to protect and conserve all war memorials across the UK. We are delighted to witness the care taken by the Polish Air Force Association Trust to ensure the long-term preservation of its memorial in direct contrast to some memorials that are abandoned, neglected and even destroyed. War Memorials Trust will act quickly on any issues raised about the Northolt memorial and looks forward to working with the Polish community in the UK to ensure the memorial continues to act as a focal point for remembrance of those of the Polish Air Force who made the ultimate sacrifice. We remember with gratitude the tremendous contribution of the Polish Air Force to victory in World War Two."

## POLISH WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman of PAFAC, Andrzej Jeziorski, a former 304 Squadron pilot, said "The Northolt memorial has a very special place in our hearts. When we are gone, it will remain as a witness to future generations of the sacrifices made by Polish airmen for the freedom of Europe. As we draw the work of the Trust to a close, our greatest concern has been to make proper provision for the future care of the memorial. We are very grateful indeed to War Memorials Trust for their willingness to take on this supervisory role and for enabling us to wind up our affairs, confident in the long term future of the memorial. "

Trust Manager, Frances Moreton, attended the annual wreath-laying ceremony held by PAFAC on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at the Northolt memorial and lunch at the Polish Social and Cultural Centre.

Close-up of the names of some of those recorded on the Polish war memorial at Northolt © War Memorials Trust, 2008



### A Polish Fighter Pilot's Autobiography - Book Review by John Cope

If you want to understand more about the Polish contribution to winning the Second World War and why we at WMT are happy to look after their war memorial at Northolt, one way is to read these excellent memoirs of Franciszek Kornicki which he has just published aged 91.

He was born in 1916, the youngest son of a farm worker's family in a remote village beyond the Carpathian mountains. He graduated from the Polish Air Force College as a pilot and was posted to a squadron a few days before Hitler attacked Poland on 1st September 1939.

Kornicki was in action in the air from that first day onwards, but the Germans were formidably equipped and on 17th September the Soviet Red Army invaded Poland too. He and his colleagues were ordered to escape from Poland and managed to get out by road to Rumania. From there, in the nick of time before the Germans took over that country he managed to board a ship to France. There he served alongside the French Air Force, but the French capitulated in May 1940 and again he managed to escape.

He arrived in Liverpool just before the Battle of Britain started and joined one of the Polish Air Force squadrons serving alongside the RAF. He flew Defiants and later Spitfires and became a Squadron Leader.

He recounts some of the other exploits of the Polish armed forces in the war. He records their bitterness at events in their native land. At the conferences in 1943 at Teheran and in 1945 at Yalta and Potsdam the Americans and British acquiesced in the Soviet take-over of Eastern Europe. They had helped us win our freedom but their own was lost. By 1946 out of the 173 young cadets who qualified with him in 1939 at the Polish Air Force College, 86 were dead including 4 murdered by the Russians at Katyn.

The book's postscript brings it up to date: "Now, some 60 years after the war, Britain is suddenly full of young Poles again; bringing the same energy and determination as their grandfathers brought. But this time free to come and free to go home at a time of their own choosing."

After the war the Polish Air Force in Britain was disbanded and Kornicki married an Englishwoman, ran a pub then joined the RAF.

We are proud to be involved with remembering such men as this.

"The Struggle" by Squadron Leader Franciszek Kornicki ISBN 978-83-89450-80-7

## CONSERVATION NEWS

### Listing Report : Albrighton war memorial, Shropshire (WM1084)

This war memorial calvary is located by the side of the A41 Newport Road in Albrighton and consists of a carved figure of Christ beneath a curved canopy on a two stepped stone base. The memorial stands in a courtyard surrounded by a low wall and gateway.

On the shaft beneath the figure of Christ are carved the dates 1939 - 1945 and eight names of the fallen from the Second World War followed by 1914 - 1918 and 29 names from the First World War. Rather unusually the war memorial is made from olive wood. The memorial was sculpted by the London-based firm William Aumonier and Sons and was unveiled by the Archdeacon of Salop on 1st September 1920.



Albrighton war memorial © Clive Blakeway



Albrighton war memorial © Clive Blakeway

In June 2008 Clive Blakeway, a War Memorials Trust Regional Volunteer, was asked by the Albrighton branch of the Royal British Legion to apply to English Heritage for the war memorial to be listed in order to provide future protection.

As a result of Clive's application, on 7th July 2008 the war memorial was successfully listed at grade II by the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport based on advice from English Heritage.

The listing designation stated that the war memorial was considered of sufficient architectural or historic interest to merit listing for two principal reasons:

- The war memorial commemorates specific members of the local community who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars;
- It was erected soon after the First World War and so its calvary form remembers roadside calvaries as seen in Flanders.

### Chorley and District Memorial Projects

by Stuart Clewlow

In February 2007, a campaign, was launched in Chorley to raise money to erect a memorial in the Town to commemorate the men of the First World War 'Chorley Pals' ('Y' Company, 11<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment). Simultaneously, a volunteer committee from the district of Adlington, have worked tirelessly during the 2008 North West in Bloom Competition on a project which included the production of an addenda panel of casualties omitted from the original plaques on the village war memorial.



Adlington war memorial © S. Clewlow

There have been fundraising efforts in the borough and the fund is growing. I personally hope to produce a booklet tracing the World War Two public fundraising in the Borough of Chorley. This includes the service history of P8593 'Chorley & District' Spitfire and Submarine HMS 'Ursula' which was adopted by the Borough. If this comes to fruition it will be sold to raise money for the fund. If anyone knows anything or anyone who has information relating to the Spitfire or Submarine or would like further information about the projects, please contact Lancashire Regional Volunteer Stuart Clewlow at 20 Mayfield Avenue, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire PR6 9QE or email [saclewlow@yahoo.com](mailto:saclewlow@yahoo.com).

## FUNDRAISING

### Giving Membership as a Gift

As Christmas approaches many of us face the difficulty of buying just the right present. Many of you will have noticed the proliferation of the good gift – the charitable purchase of a goat for example that sees your money go to a good cause and the recipient get a meaningful gift. Have you considered such a gift in relation to War Memorials Trust?

Membership of the Trust can be bought as a gift. We have a special offer for Christmas 2008. Any gift membership purchased will benefit from a package including a copy of the annual Bulletin, a welcome to the Trust letter signed by our President and a free Trust key ring or lapel badge. This can be sent either directly to the recipient or to the individual who has purchased the gift to pass onto the new member. Membership can be bought as an annual gift or as a lifetime subscription. Alternatively you can make a donation on behalf of the recipient and receive the Bulletin and a certificate notifying them of the donation accompanying the gift.

The importance of war memorials is recognised by many and a gift to help with the protection and conservation work of the Trust would be appreciated. The recipient would continue to receive the quarterly Bulletin giving them a long-term gift and an appreciation that the gift they received this Christmas was making a difference.

You could also purchase additional War Memorials Trust merchandise to accompany the donation or subscription. For further details visit [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org) or contact Nancy Treves on 020 7259 0403 or [nancy@warmemorials.org](mailto:nancy@warmemorials.org).



Pateley Bridge temporary snow war memorial © UK National Inventory of War Memorials

### Standing Orders

Standing order payments are a method of making an efficient donation to War Memorials Trust, helping the charity's financial planning and reducing administration costs ensuring more money goes directly to war memorial conservation. Thank you to those who have set up a new standing order this year.

Most commonly a standing order will cover an annual membership subscription so £20 is collected once a year. Alternatively some people like to give a little each month; £2 a month covers an annual subscription with an additional £4 contribution. Even if you are already a life member you may wish to make further contributions.

All standing order payments can be covered by a single gift aid declaration so you would continue to that vital bit extra even when paying by standing order. Further details on standing orders can be obtained from Nancy Treves on 020 7259 0403, [nancy@warmemorials.org](mailto:nancy@warmemorials.org) or via the website. [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org).

### Legacy Giving

Leaving a legacy in your will is an opportunity for you to make a significant difference to the charities you support and ensure your beliefs and ideals live on. Every year over £1.5 billion is left to charities through legacy gifts. These funds have an incredibly significant impact enabling charities to make a huge difference.

For War Memorials Trust a legacy gift could enable the Trust to provide assistance to many more people and organisations, provide additional grants or support education work on the importance of preserving our nation's war memorials.

Often a legacy gift is a unique opportunity to give a significant donation. A legacy gift, of any size, can and will make a difference. Wills and legacies are perhaps not something any of us want to think about but preparing them is a simple process and ensures that loved ones do not face unnecessary worry at a difficult time. If you would like further information please contact Frances Moreton on 020 7259 0403 or via the website [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org).

## WMT SHOP AND BOOKSHELF

### Bibliography

Following our feature in Bulletin 37 we have received details of these further publications which we hope you may find of interest.

Bruce, A., 1997 **Monuments, Memorials and the local historian** The Historical Association, London

Corke, J., 2005 **War Memorials in Britain** Shire Publications Princes Risborough

McIntyre, C., 1990 **Monuments of War: How to read a war memorial** Robert Hale, London

Quinlan, M., 2005 **British War memorials** Authors Online, Hertford

Quinlan, M., 2005 **Remembrance** Authors Online, Hertford

Summers, J., 2007 **Remembered: The History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission** Merrell Publishers, London

You can view a more substantial bibliography in the Learning section of our website. Please note the Trust neither sells these publications nor recommends or endorses them. It is merely an alphabetical list of authors whose books you may wish to read. Thank you for the suggestions.

Another publication which readers may find of interest is **Silent Cities**. This catalogue was produced to accompany the exhibition of the same name which explored the memorial and cemetery architecture of the Great War. The exhibition was first shown at the Heinz Gallery of the Royal Institute of British Architects from 9th November to 22nd December 1977.

The Twentieth Century Society has copies of the catalogue available, normally priced at £5 per copy but the Society has kindly offered Trust members the opportunity to purchase copies for £3 each. If you would like a copy of **Silent Cities** please contact the Twentieth Century Society at: 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ or on 020 7250 3857. Please quote the Bulletin to receive your discount.

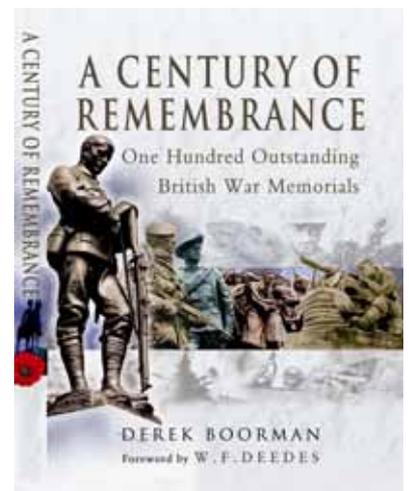
### Merchandise

#### The War Memorials Handbook, by UK National Inventory of War Memorials.

This handbook published in 2001 offers an authoritative guide to approaching the issue of preservation and conservation and where to seek professional advice. Available for £4.99 plus 50p p&p.

#### A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman

The book is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials which commemorate twentieth century conflicts from the Boer War to the Falklands and Gulf Wars. It was published in 2005. Available for a special Christmas present price of £10.



#### 'Pound for Life' Key Ring

This key ring both promotes War Memorials Trust and is extremely useful to have to hand on those occasions when you need a pound coin, but do not have one. The key ring attachment is the same size and shape as a pound coin and is designed to be removed from the key ring to use when needed.

The attachment is embossed with the Trust logo, telephone number and website on the reverse. The key ring is available for only £1.50 inc p&p.

## MERCHANDISE

### Pens and Pencils

Available in minimum quantities of 5 for just £2.00, these plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. Also discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. The pens are available in sets of 3 for £4.00. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office. These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work.



### Lapel Badges

War Memorials Trust lapel badges feature the logo and charity name. The 1in/2.5cm wide badges are enamel with a butterfly pin on the back. The badge costs £3.50 (inc p&p).



### Car Sticker

By buying this car sticker you will not only support the Trust financially but also help to publicise the charity. Stick it in the back of your car, or on a window at your workplace or home and help promote the charity's work. Each sticker measures 20 x 5cm (8 x 2in) and costs just £2.00 inc p&p.



## Order Form

Please complete this order form and complete details overleaf.

No.	Item	Total
	Pack(s) Partridge in a Pear Tree 2008 Christmas card £3.50 + 50p p&p per pack	
	'Pound for Life' key ring at £1.50 (inc p&p) each	
	Car Sticker at £2.00 (inc p&p) each	
	Set of 5 WMT Pencils at £2.00 (inc p&p)	
	Set of 3 WMT Pens at £4.00 (inc p&p)	
	WMT Lapel badge at £3.50 (inc p&p) each	
	Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by D Boorman at £10 plus £2.50 p&p per copy	
	The War Memorials Handbook at £4.99 + 50p p&p per copy	
	<b>Total</b>	
	Donation	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	

Please complete both sides of this form, detach and send to

**Frances Moreton, Trust Manager**  
**War Memorials Trust**  
**Freepost RLSJ-KZTK-YBSZ**  
**4 Lower Belgrave Street**  
**London SW1W 0LA**

Please remember using a stamp will save us money.  
 Thank you.

## Get Involved

Please complete and return this form

### Your Details

Title First Name  
Surname  
Address  
Postcode Telephone  
Email

I would like to join/donate to WMT

- Individual Annual Membership £20  
 Joint Annual Membership £30  
(two people at the same address)  
 Life Membership £100  
 Single Donation of £.....

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more.  
For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue.

So just tick here.  It's that simple.

*I want all the donations I have made to WMT in the last six years and all donations in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I pay income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the amount to be reclaimed on my donation.*

- Gift Aid is not appropriate for my donation

### Payment

I am making my payment by:

- Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust  
 Cash  
 Credit/Debit Card (complete details below and ensure a telephone no. or email address is provided in case of query)

Card Number:

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### Further Information

Please tick if you would like to receive further information on:

- Standing order payments  
 Leaving a legacy  
 Becoming a Regional Volunteer

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### Christmas Card 2008

War Memorials Trust 2008 Christmas card is a dramatic red and white design representing a partridge in a pear tree.



This card is 16.8 x 11.3 cm (6 3/4 x 4 1/2 inches) and available in packs of 10. Inside there are details of the charity alongside the greeting: Season's Greetings. The card is being sold at £3.50 plus 50p p&p per packet. Please use the order form on page 15 to obtain your packs or visit [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org) for special deals.

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid enables War Memorials Trust to reclaim an extra 28p on every pound you donate so your £20 subscription becomes £25.40 and your £100 gift, £128. You can Gift Aid your donation if you pay income or capital gains tax at least equal to the value War Memorials Trust would claim.

Please contact War Memorials Trust if you would like further information. If you have already made a Gift Aid pledge please do

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