

FRIENDS OF
WAR MEMORIALS
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THE OBJECTIVES OF FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

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

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We have over 100 RV's throughout the country but we would like more, particularly for Somerset, Northamptonshire, Yorkshire (N, W and S), Nottinghamshire, Northumberland, Cheshire, Cumbria, London and Wales.

RV's 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 RV's assistance in a number of tasks. We may let them know of any problems that need local knowledge, where they could give a first-hand account of the situation. They could relay details of war memorial problems and local contacts to us. We also ask RV's to attend re-dedications on our behalf and perhaps to lay a wreath where appropriate. RV's 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. Contact Joanne Ayers for details.

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Vandalised War Memorial

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

SIR DONALD THOMPSON

Events at the Cenotaph on May 1st were an horrific example of the contempt in which some people hold war memorials. That contempt was not for the "establishment" (however that may be defined), but for ordinary men and women who gave their lives for a cause they thought right.

Unfortunately, war memorials are vandalised on an almost daily basis throughout the country. Other memorials are neglected, even forgotten, whilst many more simply suffer the ravages of time and weather.

Friends of War Memorials is the only voluntary organisation whose sole purpose is to foster the conservation, restoration and cherishing of war memorials (as opposed to war graves) and the only organisation to employ a Conservation Officer to concentrate specifically on war memorials. Maggie Goodall is always anxious to hear of vandalised memorials or those in need of conservation or repair. Architectural theft of elements from war memorials, or even memorials themselves, is a particular interest of our founder, Ian Davidson, and details can be reported to our London office.

Friends of War Memorials is grateful for the support and co-operation of bodies such as English Heritage, Cadw (Welsh Historic Monuments), The Countryside Agency, The Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust, The Halifax plc and many generous individuals, commercial concerns, liveries and other charities who have rallied round to get all this underway.

Previous Newsletters have charted our progress so far. This latest edition contains an update on our activities as well as forthcoming events and details of the new Gift Aid scheme. Thank you for your support in the past and for your help in the future.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



A Very Warm Welcome to Julia Green, FoWM's newly appointed Membership Secretary. Julia joins us on her return to the UK, having spent the last 12 months in Tokyo, Japan, accompanying her partner William. She found Tokyo a fun year out from the world of work, studying the Japanese language and culture, and

playing netball for the British Embassy Team. But she's glad to be back in action, bringing her skills into play for FoWM. Her first task is getting to grips with the new Gift Aid scheme for donations and subscriptions. Welcome aboard Julia!

POETRY COMPETITION

FoWM announced the winners of its poetry competition on the theme "Home for Christmas" in April. Sir Donald welcomed them to a ceremony at the House of Lords where the prizes were presented by Lord Weatherill and the top six poems read by their authors.

The judges were Clarissa Burden, Leo Cooper and Julia Langdon. The overall winner was Barbara Daniels with *Armageddon* and Mollie Bolt took second prize with her poem *Unseasonal*, both printed here.

The four runners-up were Elizabeth Wollen *Just Remember You Are Mine*, Colin McIntyre *A Chelsea Pensioner Goes...*, Tom Elliott *Home for Christmas* and Diana Lyons *Railings*. The runners-up poems will be printed in the Autumn and Winter editions of the Newsletter. Many thanks to our judges and everyone who entered the competition.



Armageddon by Barbara Daniels

In blackest Chaos, hot, cold, moist and dry
Jarred one another until Heaven's eye
Brought light and peace to earth, sea, fire and sky,
Gave man a world on which to multiply.

Yet in dark ignorance we still divide,
Make enemies, dig trenches, clash, collide,
Re-arm and slaughter, wink at genocide,
Lay down white graveyards to our national pride.

Hot battles and cold wars have shed the blood
Of Europe's youth: we've drowned them in the mud
That earth and water formed around High Wood,
Fires rise into the air where churches stood.

Come home for Christmas, harmony - you've gone
Far from those spheres where once bright anthems
shone,

When planets sang to mortal antiphon.
Now discord grows, goes on and on - and on.

Unseasonal by Mollie Bolt

Where is the rain?
On such a day as this, the skies should weep
For those who fell, their futures cast aside;
Who left their wives to widowhood, bequeathed
their sons
No legacy but pride.

What of the trees, whose faded leaves now dance,
So fickle in the unexpected sun?
Where only yesterday they clung with
sullen apathy,
Their summer glory done.

Here is inconstancy - do we remember those
Who died in burning sands or jungle heat
With that same sorrow we accord
To Flanders Field or Passchendaele?
Somehow November's climate seems to meet
More closely, memory of their travail.

And what does weather matter now,
To those whose lives were lost or torn apart?
Late autumn sun may warm my shoulders
where I stand;
The bitter thoughts of war have chilled my heart.

Presentation of prizes by Lord Weatherill
at the House of Lords.

From left:

Colin McIntyre, Joanne Ayers, Mrs Rigby, representing
Tom Elliott, Barbara Daniels, Mollie Bolt, Lord Weatherill,
Sir Donald Thompson, Clarissa Burden.

FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS MARITIME DIVISION NEWS

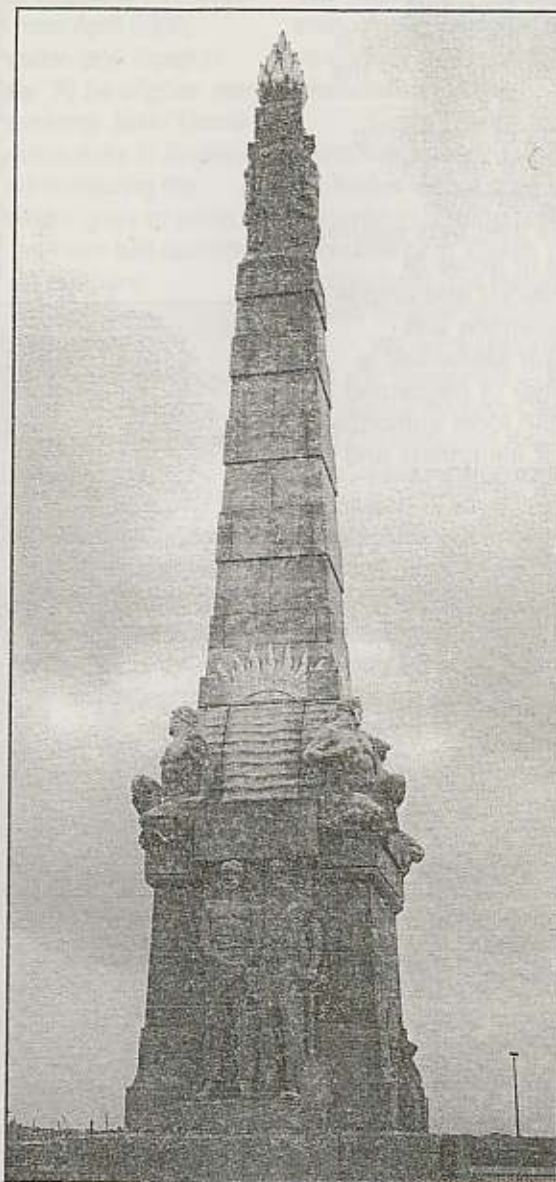
Around our shores lie many vessels lost in military service in two world wars. The war memorials of our country pay fitting tribute to the sacrifice of those who died in them. Yet no authority, official or unofficial, protects the sites vigorously enough and sports divers have regularly and enthusiastically plundered them for "souvenirs" over the past 30 years.

As diving has increased dramatically over that time, the problem has worsened, resulting in many underwater war graves being stripped of brass and artefacts. Divers are discovering new wrecks weekly and now diving deeper than ever before using mixed-gas technology. There seems to be no thought given to the lives that were lost or the feelings of relatives, friends and survivors.

The Maritime Division of FoWM was started by Rev'd Andrew Phillips, a military chaplain and diver, who was shocked by some sports divers' treatment of maritime war graves, such as the wreck of an A7 submarine that sank during a training exercise off Plymouth in 1914.

FoWM Maritime Division campaigns through diving magazines to change attitudes to wreck diving and to canvass support from dive clubs for its "Adopt a Wreck" initiative. It is also working with a survivors' association to create a Register of Maritime War Graves, with the intention of honouring the dead and their final resting-places with greater respect.

FoWM Maritime Division's work thus far has largely been funded by its volunteers, and it has now launched a special appeal for financial support to produce information leaflets, posters and underwater signs that could be attached to underwater war graves to inform divers of their significance.



For further information on
FoWM
Maritime Division
or to make a donation,
contact:
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Engine Room Heroes
Memorial, Pier Head,
Liverpool.
Sculptor:
Sir W. Goscombe John

FoWM OUT AND ABOUT



Joanne Ayers staffing the FoWM stand at Crufts

Taking the *Friends of War Memorials* exhibition out and about to shows and events is a great way for us to spread the word and gives FoWM's officers a valuable opportunity to meet Friends and Regional Volunteers in person and to make new contacts. Members of the public, whatever the context, are usually interested to hear about FoWM and its work, and very willing to share local war memorial success (and horror) stories with us. Spending some time at the exhibition stand is also a way Regional Volunteers can get directly involved in helping FoWM and we are very grateful to those who gave their time and energy to help us at Crufts at the NEC in March and the Royal British Legion Women's Section Conference in Blackpool in April. We will be at various venues throughout the summer. Come and see us!

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help, please contact
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A CAUTIONARY TALE

Maggie Goodall

The conservation and repair of historic war memorials is a delicate and specialist operation, especially where the memorial is listed for its architectural importance, or the combination of materials used in its construction and the effects of weathering and the passage of time have created complex conservation requirements.

All war memorials by their very nature, recording a specific action or group of people, are of historical interest and unique. They all deserve careful attention and handling and *Friends of War Memorials* is heartened to see the number of concerned individuals, local groups and local authorities anxious to protect their war memorials and ensure their survival for the benefit of posterity and future generations.

However, we also hear some cautionary tales that serve as a reminder that long-term or permanent damage can be done as much by a well-intentioned but over-vigorous approach to cleaning or renovation as by ongoing neglect or the effects of time and the elements.

Jetwashed with household bleach

One such recent tale concerned a repair project to stabilise the structure of and improve the legibility of the inscription on a churchyard war memorial.

After the mammoth task of finding and consulting relatives, gauging local opinion, securing faculty permission for the work, raising the necessary funds (no small task with an estimated cost of £1,500), and having the work carried out to a high standard using appropriate materials such as lime mortar for pointing, and taking care that cleaning was carried out without destroying the limestone memorial's beautiful patina of age, the work's success was jeopardised by the well-meant but potentially disastrous actions of an anonymous person armed with a jetwasher and household bleach.

The force of the waterjet blew the soft lime pointing out of the stone joints and the bleach acting on the limestone formed an acid, which could both affect the surface of and penetrate into the stone. Very prompt remedial action on the advice of the architect overseeing the project seems to have avoided permanent damage.

Stories such as this highlight the value of a gentle approach to historic war memorials in all cases and the value of specialist advice and expert contractors for restoration and conservation work which goes beyond simple DIY regular care of the memorial.

FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS GRANTS

Friends of War Memorials gives its own grants (courtesy of the Halifax plc) contributing to war memorial projects nationwide. There are no geographical restrictions or listing requirements and the projects assisted in this way are very varied. They range from the creation of new memorials, carrying out essential repairs or conservation, and floodlighting or repairing hard landscaping around existing memorials to adding names to or

renovating rolls of honour. Recently completed projects include:

The repair of the **Boer War Memorial at Bellingham** in Northumberland, which records the names of 13 Yeomen and 20 Volunteers from the parish. Its missing lantern was replaced, the water supply to its drinking fountain reconnected and its base renewed, with local schoolchildren contributing to the design process. The project marked the anniversary of the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899 and the new millennium. The re-siting of the **Invergowie War Memorial** in the grounds of the



Bellingham Boer War Memorial
photograph courtesy of the
Hexham Courant newspaper

local Presbyterian Church to protect it from a recurrence of the vandalism and desecration it had suffered in its previous location.

The cleaning and addition of names to the **Hele's School War Memorial** now at St Peter's School in Exeter. This fine wooden memorial stands in the dining hall of the school and has now been returned to fine condition and protected with perspex panels. Maggie Goodall attended the rededication ceremony when a wreath was laid by J. G. Harrison, OBE, a former Master of Hele's School.

FUNDING UPDATE

ENGLISH HERITAGE/FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS WAR MEMORIALS GRANT SCHEME

As announced in FoWM's Spring Newsletter, English Heritage has made available £100,000 for an initial 2 year period from April 2000, specifically for the conservation and repair of freestanding war memorials. *To be eligible, war memorials must be independently listed Grade II and situated in a Conservation Area in England.* FoWM is responsible for administering the scheme and, as this Newsletter goes to press, we are glad to report that we have just received the first of what we hope will be many applications.

Quarterly Awards

Information leaflets and application packs are available from English Heritage Regional Offices and from FoWM. Completed applications should be returned to Maggie Goodall, Conservation Officer at Friends of War Memorials, 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London, SW1W 0LA. She will be happy to assist with any queries relating to the grant scheme. Grants will awarded quarterly on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Committee.

The Angel, part of the war memorial at Lancaster.



In setting up this grant scheme, it has been recognised that the vast majority of war memorials are not currently listed. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (the government department responsible for listing) has therefore undertaken to process quickly applications to list war memorials in Conservation Areas where this would make them eligible for grant aid. Maggie Goodall can also advise on the listing process and supply a free helpsheet for potential applicants, *How to Get a War Memorial Listed.*

CADW (WELSH HISTORIC MONUMENTS)

Sir Donald Thompson, Maggie Goodall and FoWM's Welsh Patron Major General Rev'd Morgan Llewellyn, along with representatives from the National Inventory of War Memorials, received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from key figures at Cadw when they met recently in Cardiff to discuss war memorials in Wales.

Cadw (Welsh for "to keep") is the executive agency within the National Assembly for Wales responsible for promoting and conserving historic buildings and ancient monuments in Wales. It also lists structures of architectural and historic interest and gives grants for their conservation and repair.

We were delighted to learn at the meeting that war memorials in Wales can be eligible for assistance through Cadw's *Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas Grants.*

Historic Buildings Grant is to assist in the restoration of structures of outstanding architectural or historic interest. Unlike in England, a structure does not have to be listed to be considered. But, if it is decided to grant aid an unlisted structure it is usually added to the statutory list soon afterwards. *Conservation Area Grant* is for work to a structure judged to significantly enhance the character of the Conservation Area in which it is located. In Wales as in England, Conservation Areas are designated by the local planning authority as areas of special architectural or historic interest.

To guide potential applicants Cadw produces a useful series of bi-lingual booklets *The Listing of Buildings in Wales (Rhestru adeiladau yng Nghymru)* including 1) Historic Buildings Grants and Conservation Area Grants (Grantiau Adeiladau Hanesyddol A Grantiau Ardaloedd Cadwraeth) 2) What is Listing? (Beth yw Rhestru?) and 3) Listed Building Consent (Caniatad Adeiladau Rhestredig).

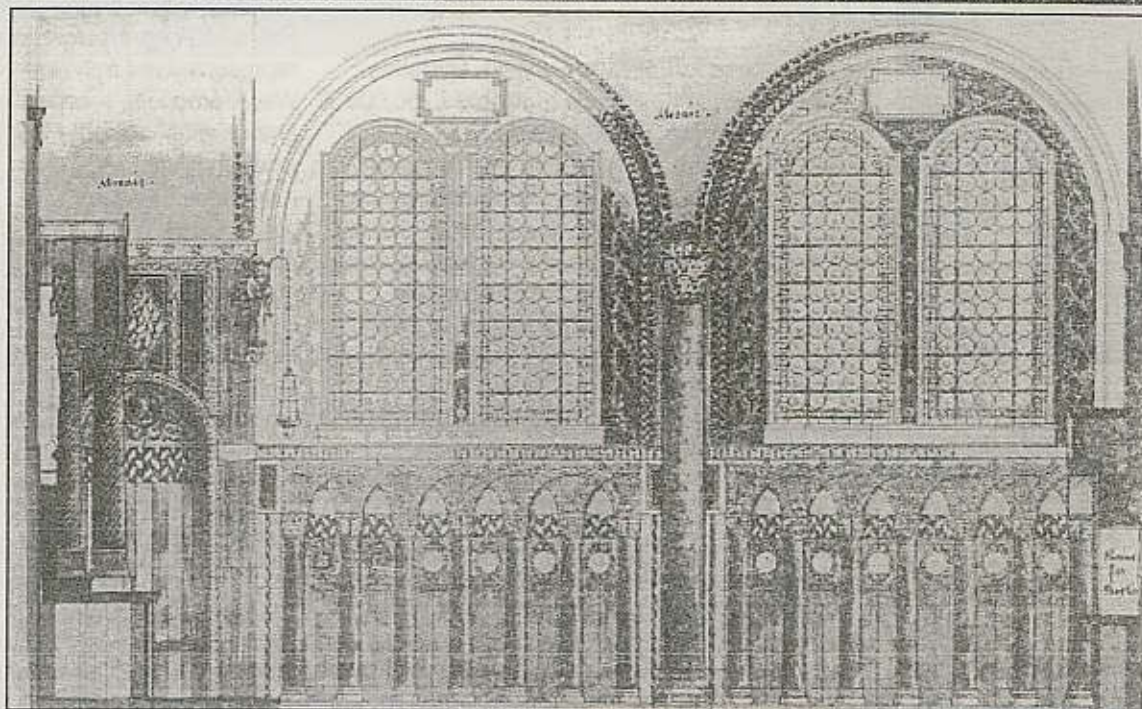
Booklets and grant application forms can be obtained from: Cadw, Crown Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ. (Cadw, Adeilad y Goron, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF1 3NQ.)

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY'S LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

This broad-ranging grant scheme was launched in February and will run for 10 years (*see FoWM Spring 2000 Newsletter*). It is designed to help local groups investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. At present the scheme covers England, but similar initiatives are planned for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The scheme's scope includes built heritage and can include war memorials as part of a wider local heritage project.

Eligibility and application information available from: Local Heritage Initiative Information The Acorn Centre, 51 High Street, Grimethorpe Barnsley, S72 7BB.

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photograph courtesy of Isabel Lee

St Patrick's Chapel

WAR MEMORIALS UNVEILED

ST HELENA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Friends of War Memorials congratulates Arthur Stevens of Reading on his success in persuading the Government of St Helena, in the South Atlantic, to create a memorial to those who lost their lives when the RFA Darkdale was torpedoed whilst at anchor off the island's Jamestown Harbour in October 1941.

Mr Stevens has long campaigned for this memorial and says that he is "relieved that the men whose lives were lost through an act of war, thousands of miles from their homes and loved ones will, at long last, be remembered and honoured for the sacrifice they made". Friends of War Memorials is proud to have assisted Mr Stevens.

ISLE OF LEWIS

Congratulations also to the people of the Isle of Lewis, who in 1999 commissioned a new memorial at stand at the centre of Uig, overlooking Uig Sands and flanked by mountains. The memorial is now complete and stands proud in its splendid setting.



Uig memorial, Isle of Lewis

photograph courtesy of Mr D Macneill

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL'S MEMORIALS

It is frequently a source of amazement to visitors to Westminster Cathedral that this late Victorian Byzantine-inspired building should house one of only two memorials in London to the Irish war dead of World War One.

The seventeen enamel regimental badges of the now largely disbanded or amalgamated Irish regiments are displayed on the marble walls of St Patrick's Chapel.

Now, due to the generosity towards the Westminster Cathedral 1995 Centenary Trust of some of these regiments and individual Irish donors, these moving and personal tributes to the people of Ireland will be restored and conserved for future generations.

The Cathedral's fund raisers in Ireland and the UK set themselves the daunting task of raising almost £7,000 in the few weeks preceding St Patrick's Day and amazingly achieved their goal even before the saint's feast day (March 17th), showing the commitment of ordinary citizens to the preservation of tributes to previous generations' war-time role.

For details of this and other war memorial projects at the Cathedral, contact the Westminster Cathedral Development Officer, Isabel Lee on, telephone: 020 7798 9055 or e-mail: ilee@westminstercathedral.org.uk

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire has, at the suggestion of Friends of War Memorials, accepted a new sculpture by young artist Andy DeComyn which remembers those shot at dawn. The sculpture is apparently modelled on Private Herbert Burden, of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, who was shot for desertion in 1917.

NATIONAL INVENTORY OF WAR MEMORIALS UPDATE

The National Inventory of War Memorials (NIWM), held at the Imperial War Museum, continues its recording work apace. Its goal is to complete a database of the estimated 60,000 war memorials countrywide by the end of next year.

Already it has 35,000 paper records prepared and 25,000 computerised. It hopes to catalogue all current records by the end of this year, and in 2001 make a final specific appeal for information in areas where coverage is found lacking.

Areas where more volunteer recorders are needed include Cornwall, Lincolnshire, Kent, Mid and North Wales, the West Midlands and parts of London. If you can help, contact the NIWM office on telephone 020 7416 5353.

USEFUL CONTACTS

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's excellent website can be searched using basic details, for information about the final resting places of war dead at home and overseas.

www.cwgc.org

SALVO, the organisation concerned with ethical practice in architectural salvage, regularly publishes "Salvo News", which features a Theft Alerts column where stolen war memorials can be publicised. Contact SALVO on tel 01890 820 333 or via its website: www.salvoweb.com

Friends of War Memorials own new and improved website is now regularly updated under the watchful eye of Julia Green. Find out all the latest FoWM news on: www.war-memorials.com

Don't forget you can also e-mail us on: fowm@eidonet.co.uk

Community Services at the West Glamorgan Probation Service, has young offenders ready to help in the community with, for example, maintenance of lawns, planting and hard landscaping around war memorials. Community Services' work covers Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot and surrounding areas. Contact Alan Wear on telephone 01639 631 955.

THREATENED WAR MEMORIALS

ROLL OF HONOUR RESCUED and MEMORIAL SCREEN SAVED

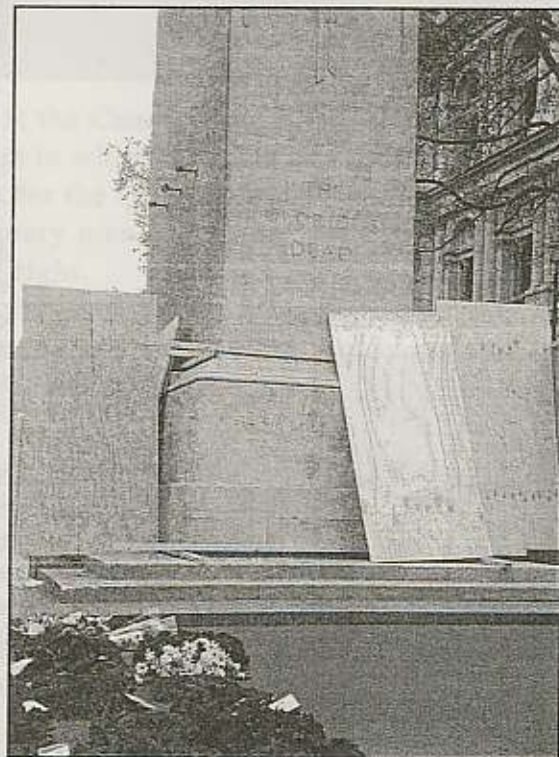
An Oldham restaurateur has saved a valuable World War Two roll of honour from obscurity after discovering it during renovations to his premises. Jamal Uddin has since refused offers to buy the elaborately decorated memorial and will keep it on public view at his restaurant, saying "Those people mentioned on the scroll are a part of Oldham's history and need to be remembered".

Last year a number of concerned local people formed the St Alban's Conservation Group to fight the proposed repositioning of a war memorial chancel screen at St Alban's Church, Stroud. FoWM wrote to support them in their opposition and is pleased to report that the Chancellor of Gloucester Diocese found in their favour. The screen will therefore stay in its present position.

VANDAL DAMAGE

The shocking effects of vandal damage to war memorials have been very much in the public mind following the spraying of graffiti on the Cenotaph during the anti-capitalist protests in London on May Day. Fortunately this great work of Sir Edwin Lutyens, the nation's war memorial, was assured of immediate attention by English Heritage specialists to undo the damage. If only all vandal damaged war memorials could be guaranteed such prompt remedial action.

Sadly vandalism of war memorials remains a common and widespread problem, from casual



Cenotaph after May Day

and opportunist thoughtless graffiti to deliberate and damaging attacks. Recent incidents reported to FoWM include systematic scratching of stone markers, designed to each record an individual's name in a new war memorial garden in Llandudno. The garden was only opened in February and already three-quarters of the stone markers have been damaged.

Meanwhile, residents of Fenton in Stoke on Trent have been shocked by an attack on their war memorial that left its soldier figure with both arms broken off at the elbow.

Crimestoppers:

0800 555 111
Your call is free

You do not have to give
your name

You may receive a
reward.

SELECTED APPEALS

Friends of War Memorials is not alone in being amazed and intrigued by the many and varied forms that war memorials take.

As ever, many of them are in need of some assistance.

Here we are able to publicise a small selection of the appeals which we receive.

NORMAN CROSS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A Trustee of the Norman Cross Eagle Appeal sought us out at Crufts to tell us of proposals to restore the bronze eagle memorial to the 1,770 French and Dutch prisoners of war who died at Norman Cross Prison Depot during the Napoleonic Wars (1793-1815).

The eagle atop a classical column was put up in 1914 by the Entente Cordiale Society and was a familiar landmark to users of the A1 Great North Road until it was stolen in 1990.

The Appeal hopes to raise £30,000 to restore the eagle to a design by animal sculptor, Sally Arnup, and provide information panels for visitors.

**Contact: The Treasurer,
The Norman Cross Eagle Appeal,
c/o Peterborough City Museum,
Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF.**

CRICH STAND, DERBYSHIRE.

The Sherwood Foresters and Worcestershire Regiment memorial at Crich, Derbyshire is particularly unusual in being a functioning lighthouse in the middle of a landlocked county. Built in 1923 this Grade



Memorial at Crich Photo courtesy of Major Hackett



Vandalised memorial at Fenton, Stoke on Trent.
Photo courtesy
The Sentinel
Stoke on Trent

II listed memorial occupies a remote and exposed site on a rocky outcrop overlooking a quarry. It is well cared for and its searchlight was renewed recently through local fundraising efforts, but routine maintenance work and keeping the steep and rocky site secure and safe for visitors imposes a great financial burden.

**Contact: Major J Hackett,
Regimental Headquarters,
Foresters House, Chetwynd Barracks,
Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 5HA.**

ROYAL MARINES APPEAL

The Royal Marines are appealing for financial assistance to enhance their China and South Africa memorial adjacent to the Admiralty in London to also commemorate Royal Marine casualties in other conflicts.

**Details from FoWM or
The Royal Marines Corps Secretary,
HMS Excellent, Whale Island,
Portsmouth, PO2 8ER.**

WESTON SUPER MARE

Stephen Dent is trying to locate the whereabouts of a brass plaque commemorating the association, between 1942 and 1946, of underwater weapons testing vessel HMS Vernon with Birnbeck Pier, Weston-super-Mare.

The plaque was installed on the pier in 1949 but has since disappeared. The first stage of the pier's restoration has just been completed and its owners would be grateful to know the whereabouts of the plaque if it still exists. FoWM will be happy to pass on information to Mr Dent if any readers can help.

FENTON, STOKE ON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Stoke on Trent City Council is funding the £12,000 repair cost of the vandalised Grade II Listed war memorial at Fenton. FoWM congratulates the Fenton Branch of the Royal British Legion for having already raised over £2,000 of the estimated £8,000 needed for the installation of a CCTV camera and security lighting. Donations welcome:

**Mr A Hordell, Branch Secretary,
RBL Fenton Branch,
Victoria Place,
Fenton,
Stoke on Trent, ST4 2LX.**

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FOR YOUR TOMORROW: British Second World War Memorials by Derek Boorman.

Published by Derek Boorman, 1995. 173pp, illustrated. £15.

ISBN: 0-9513654-1X

Available by post from *Friends of War Memorials*, 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London, SW1W 0LA. (Proceeds go to FoWM)

A Teacher's Guide to USING MEMORIALS by Sallie Purkis.

Published by English Heritage, 1995. A4 format, 36pp, illustrated. £6.99

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An imaginative and well-illustrated guide to using monuments and memorials, including war memorials, as part of the National Curriculum.

Available by post from *English Heritage Postal Sales*, Knights of Old, Kettering Parkway, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 6XU.

Telephone: 01536 533500

THE TRUMPETS SOUNDED: Commemoration of the War Dead in the Parish Churches of Oxfordshire by Patricia Utechin.

Published by Robert Dugdale, 1996. A5 format, 58pp, illustrated. £4.

ISBN: 0 946976 05 8

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Published by Robert Dugdale, 1998. 90pp, illustrated. £6-50.

ISBN: 0-946976-07-4

Robert Dugdale publications are available from Robert Dugdale, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, OX1.

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Published by English Heritage, 2000. 181pp, illustrated. £7-95.

ISBN: 1-85074776-8

It includes suggested walking tours of key areas and cities and features a number of war memorials on its "must-see" list.

Available via *English Heritage Postal Sales* as above.

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FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS : FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 17th June

The Oxon and Bucks
Royal British Legion
Millennium Tattoo
Thame, Oxon.

Monday 26th June 5pm

Friends of War Memorials
Annual General Meeting
at the House of Lords,
Westminster.

Saturday 1st July 12noon.

FoWM Somme Day
Memorial Service
at the Cenotaph, Whitehall.

The Khaki Chums in France - courtesy of Peter Cattrel



We will hold a short ceremony and lay a laurel wreath at the Cenotaph. **All Friends, Regional Volunteers and their young guests are welcome.** We will be joined by Chelsea Pensioners and costumed members of the Association for Military Remembrance (The Khaki Chums).

This event will co-incide with the Chums' 10th anniversary. Named in honour of the Pals Battalions of World War One, this group of military uniform collectors undertakes historical re-enactment, education and fund-raising work in costume and appeared in the recent BBC television drama *All The Kings Men*.

Saturday 1st July

Boscombe Family Day, Boscombe Down, Salisbury.

Saturday 8th July

Sandhurst Open Day at Sandhurst, Surrey.

Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th July

The Portsmouth Spectacular on Southsea Common.

Tuesday 26th September 10.45am - 5.30pm.

FoWM, The Mausolea & Monuments Trust and The Victorian Society present a one-day
Joint Symposium on Monuments and Landscape.
at the Georgian Group, 6 Fitzroy Square, London.

The symposium will explore how public and private commemoration has related to and been integrated with the urban and rural landscape. The lectures will cover themes ranging from eighteenth century mausolea, nineteenth century public cemeteries and the aftermath of the First World War to modern funerary architecture.

Tickets priced £40-00 (including lunch and refreshments) are available from Maggie Goodall at FoWM. Proceeds to FoWM and the Mausolea & Monuments Trust.

Sunday 13th August

The Bus of Yesteryear Rally at Staines, Middx.

Sunday 15th October

Duxford Autumn Air Show at Duxford, Cambridge.

24th-29th October

The Caravan Show at Earls Court, London.

FoWM reserves the right to alter or cancel events if necessary.

*For more details about these events
and if you would like
to help staff the FoWM Stand
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