

FRIENDS OF
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THE OBJECTIVES OF FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to take steps to ensure that local authorities and other relevant organisations are alerted to such condition with a view to their undertaking any necessary restoration, essential maintenance, repairs, 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.

REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Major Clive Blakeway of the Shropshire War Memorials Association presented a bench at the new Little Dawley War Memorial, Telford, to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council on FoWM's behalf.



PHOTO: courtesy of Major Clive Blakeway

Regional Volunteers 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, or 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.



PHOTO: courtesy of Peter Taylor

Peter Taylor laid a laurel wreath on behalf of FoWM at Ostend on June 3rd alongside those of the Grays Royal British Legion and Borough of Thurrock.

On June 2nd Stanley Cherry laid a laurel chaplet for FoWM at the Collingwood Battalion Memorial, Blandford Camp, Dorset, as part of the annual Collingwood Act of Remembrance. The Collingwood Battalion, Royal Naval Division, trained in Dorset and was annihilated almost to a man at Gallipoli on June 4th 1915.



We now have over 100 Regional Volunteers countrywide. We extend a warm welcome to the following new Regional Volunteers:
 Mr F G Whittall, Derbys.
 Mr P Taylor, Essex.
 Mr J Morrison, London
 Mrs J Brown, Northumberland.
 Mr A R Powell, Oxon.
 Mr W T McSkimming, Ayrshire.

Limited space means we can only list new RV's here. For a full list of Regional Volunteers by area and for information on becoming a Regional Volunteer contact Joanne Ayers at FoWM.

PHOTOS: Peter Kent-Baguley; courtesy of Stanley Cherry



The 4-ton Hollington Stone arrives at Packmoor, Stoke on Trent. Gayle Moore and Scott Challinor during the one-minute silence prior to laying wreaths for the British Legion and FoWM at the dedication service of the memorial for local-born Grenadier Guardsman, Lance Sgt John Rhodes who was twice decorated with the DCM and awarded the VC in 1917 one month before his death.

The North Staffs Branch of the Grenadier Guards Association funded the memorial, a major feature of the Packmoor Millennium Green, a project coordinated by Peter Kent-Baguley and funded by the Countryside Agency and Advantage West Midlands.



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War Memorial window at the former
High Pavement Unitarian Church,
Nottingham.

PHOTO: Maggie Goodall

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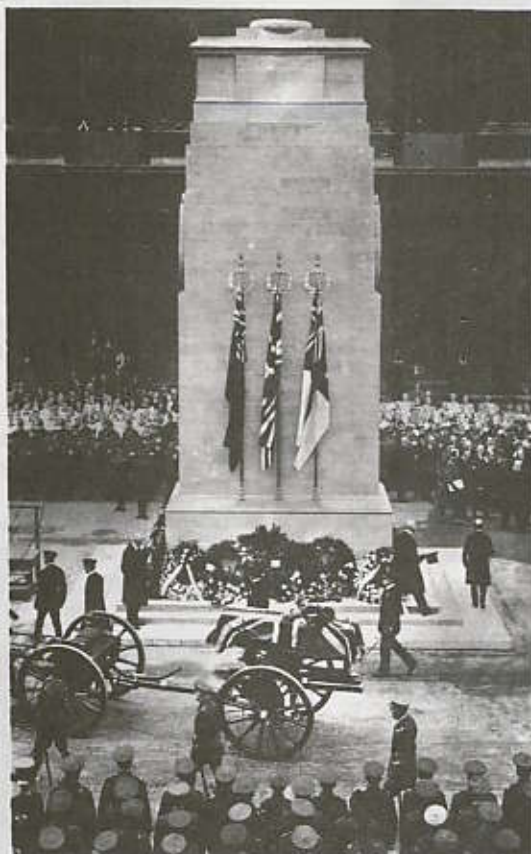
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W & K The UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S cortege passes the CENOTAPH No 51
11th November 1928

POSTCARD: courtesy of Maggie Goodall

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

SIR DONALD THOMPSON

In every corner of the United Kingdom there are war memorials of all descriptions. Each complements the other and together they tell the nation's story of sacrifice. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, erected for a peace parade, is by common consent the focus of that part of our heritage and culture.

As you will read, Friends of War Memorials chose to lay laurel there again on July 1st this year to pay tribute to those who fell in the fateful Battle of the Somme, which commenced on that date in 1916. Friends of War Memorials pay their respects in laurel to emphasise the youth of many of those who died. Others of our members and volunteers have also laid laurel this year, in France, at Arrhem and throughout the United Kingdom. They will continue to do so.

We were happy to report at our AGM that, as we hoped, FoWM is becoming the key point of contact for individuals and organisations of all types seeking direct help with specific memorials or any related matters. Our thanks to the many people who graced this lively and successful meeting. Some of the queries and suggestions put forward there have already been acted upon. For instance, Barclays Bank has confirmed to us that their company restructuring will displace no Rolls of Honour or memorials.

Thank you again to all our supporters.

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



PHOTOS: courtesy of Harvey Spirit

Cycling to the Somme for FoWM

A sponsored cycle ride from Dunkirk to the Somme by Squadron Leaders Harvey Spirit and Allan Martin of RAF Leeming has raised almost £1,000 for FoWM.

The intrepid pedallers, sporting specially-made FoWM T-shirts, cycled 160 miles from Dunkirk to Frevent via Blendecques, St Omer, the Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval, Albert and Amiens in only two and a half days.

Harvey writes: "We certainly felt the whole thing was worth all the planning and physical effort and would willingly do it all again, but next time without the continual tree-snapping 20mph headwind, please!"

Our congratulations and sincere thanks to Harvey and Allan for their fantastic effort on FoWM's behalf.

If any other FoWM supporters would like to organise their own sponsored walk or cycle ride at home or in mainland Europe, Joanne Ayers can advise on routes, practicalities, obtaining sponsorship and war memorials to visit on the way.

***A Chelsea Pensioner Goes Home for Christmas***
by Colin McIntyre

The old soldier sat sleeping in the autumn sun, forgot the nuisances of daily living, the nightly snores of the officious corporal in the next cubicle.

The warmth of the afternoon was all memories, of faraway places, and companions long gone, of times that brought no creak of rheumatics.

He thought of Nobby, who helped him twice on the road to Dunkirk, but could not swim and went when his destroyer was hit by a bomb.

And he remembered the girls in Italy, who gave him wine and kindness, and thought all of the English were always happy and gently smiling.

He hardly recalled the many years in-between, when competitive greed and short commons proved little reward for his time with the King.

The sun had cooled on the cloistered walkway, before a passing nurse noticed the silent calm with which another old Pensioner had faded away.

Printed here are the first two runners-up in our *Home for Christmas* poetry competition. Two more poems will be published in our Winter Newsletter.

Just Remember You Are Mine
by Elizabeth Wollen

I remember my last few words to you,
 "I'll be back for Christmas, dear"
 But that was last September,
 Now I'm cold and filled with fear.
 My friends are all long gone,
 And I wish that I were too.
 I can't handle all these months,
 Alone and without you.
 I need your loving arms,
 To hold me close and tight,
 And as I sit here thinking,
 I try with all my might,
 To imagine you are next to me,
 Saying, "It will be just fine.
 Forget the bombs, forget the pain,
 Just remember you are mine."
 But thinking will not make up for you,
 I'm still hungry, sore and wet.
 Three months after Christmas,
 And the war's not over yet.
 So as I sit here thinking,
 I shed another tear.
 I'm so sorry that I lied to you.
 "I won't be home for Christmas, dear."

FoWM's Annual Somme Day Act of Remembrance

Julia Green

In commemoration of the Battle of the Somme, Friends of War Memorials, together with the Association for Military Remembrance, (the Khaki Chums) held a parade at the Whitehall Cenotaph on July 1st.

The Rev. W. Alexander Cairns conducted prayers and, following the laying of laurel wreaths by FoWM President, Winston S Churchill, Founder Ian Davidson and the Khaki Chums, children from the gathered crowd were invited to place sprigs of laurel at the foot of the Cenotaph.



Once again, Amelia Stephens had travelled from Leicestershire with her grandfather, FoWM Regional Volunteer, Mr C. T. A. Stephens.

We were also very privileged to have the company of 104 year old Somme veteran Robert Burns. Scots Piper Darren Thomas and bugler L/Cpl Sam New accompanied the ceremony.

Following the parade, Sgt Taff Gillingham presented Friends of War Memorials with a cheque for £500 on behalf of the Khaki Chums.

We would like to thank the Chums for their generous donation and valuable support.

FoWM President Winston S Churchill receives the Khaki Chums' cheque.

FoWM's Year 2000 Annual General Meeting

Joanne Ayers reports

FoWM's very successful second AGM was held at the House of Lords on June 26th.

All paid-up members and Regional Volunteers were invited to attend and our President Winston Churchill took the Chair. Reports from the Treasurer and Director General reflected FoWM's considerable progress to date, and Lord Cope of Berkeley's Trustees' Report and Maggie Goodall's conservation review highlighted both FoWM's achievements and areas where there is still much work to do.

Julia Green and I were glad to report on FoWM's growing membership (with 283 new members since the last AGM, taking our current membership to 524), and expanding range of activities and events.

Gordon Newton of Burlite Ltd gave an interesting presentation on his company's work with war memorials and the meeting closed after a lively debate, which raised many useful points and helpful suggestions.

Our thanks to those who attended the AGM and to all our members, volunteers and supporters for their continued enthusiasm.

Copies of the AGM Minutes and Annual Report are available on request from Joanne Ayers at our office.

The Khaki Chums on parade



PHOTOS:
William Adams



Friends of War Memorials Grants

Friends of War Memorials gives small grants (courtesy of the Halifax plc) contributing to war memorial projects nation-wide. There are no geographical restrictions or listing requirements and the grants have assisted a diverse cross-section of both existing and new war memorials. To date, grants have been made to over 50 projects. Recently completed projects include the following.

Restoration of the war memorial in **Bridgnorth Castle Grounds, Shropshire**. The soldier figure, sculpted by Captain Adrian Jones, has been professionally conserved and its stolen bayonet replaced. The memorial was rededicated at a very well-attended civic service on July 1st.



Bridgnorth War Memorial unveiled

PHOTO: Maggie Goodall

Creating a new wooden frame for brass Boer War Memorial plaques at **Hampstead Old Town Hall, London**. HRH Prince Charles re-opened the building as an arts and community centre on July 11th.

Cleaning the war memorial at **St Nicholas, Wickham, Hants**. to remove the damaging effects of air pollution.

Friends of War Memorials can also occasionally contribute to projects from its own limited resources.

It has recently assisted the Nuneaton Branch of the RWR&RRF Regimental Association with the re-design of the 1953 **Royal Warwickshire Regiment Memorial Room** in the town's Riversley Park.

FoWM Regional Volunteer, Ian Stevens, attended the re-dedication service, where the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Band provided buglers and the Regimental mascot, Bobby the Antelope, also made an appearance.

If you would like to make a donation to FoWM's Special Grants Fund, please contact Sir Donald Thompson.

All such assistance, which will be passed on to war memorial projects, is gratefully received.

Refurbishment of the war memorial at **St Nicholas, Great Wakering, Essex**. Regional Volunteer Bruce Munro represented FoWM at the re-dedication ceremony, laying a laurel wreath on our behalf.



The creation of a new memorial by local sculptor Martin Cook at **Wycombe Air Park, Bucks**. to commemorate RAF and Glider Pilot Regiment pilots who trained at and flew from **RAF Booker 1941-1955**.



RAF Booker Memorial Project co-ordinator Mrs Alexander and sculptor Martin Cook

PHOTO: Bruce Munro

PHOTO: courtesy of Mrs Alexander

FUNDING UPDATE

HISTORIC SCOTLAND

Sir Donald Thompson, Maggie Goodall, FoWM Treasurer Douglas Johnston, our Scotland Trustee Tony Martin and Scotland Patron Lieutenant General Sir Norman Arthur met with key figures at Historic Scotland in Edinburgh in June to discuss the care of Scotland's war memorials.

Historic Scotland is the Scottish national heritage executive agency, with responsibility for the conservation and guardianship of historic buildings and ancient monuments in Scotland. It also lists structures of architectural and historic interest and gives grants for their conservation and repair.

In the course of a friendly and positive meeting, FoWM's representatives were interested to learn that war memorials can be eligible for assistance through Historic Scotland's *Buildings Repair Grant* and *Conservation Area Grant* schemes.

Buildings Repair Grant is available for internal and external repairs to outstanding historic structures and is given on the advice of Scotland's Historic Buildings Council.

Conservation Area Grant is given for works to structures within an outstanding Conservation Area that will contribute to preservation or enhancement of the Conservation Area's character or appearance. In Scotland, as in England and Wales, Conservation Areas are designated as areas of special architectural and historic interest.

Grant scheme details are available from:
Historic Scotland, Room 1.7,
Longmore House, Salisbury Place,
Edinburgh, EH9 1SH

A useful guide with details of these and other grant schemes, *Sources of Financial Help for Scotland's Historic Buildings* is available from Historic Scotland (as above) or:

The Scottish Civic Trust,
The Tobacco Merchant's House,
42 Miller Street, Glasgow, G1 1DT

Historic Scotland is in the process of both updating its statutory lists of architecturally and historically important structures and reviewing the scope of its existing grant schemes.

We will keep readers informed of any changes or new strands of grant aid relevant to war memorials.



Carnock War Memorial, Fife.
 A Scottish war memorial "at risk".

PHOTO: Mr D Adam

English Heritage/Friends of War Memorials War Memorials Grant Scheme

English Heritage has made available £100,000 for an initial 2 year period from April 2000 specifically for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials.

To be eligible a war memorial must be independently listed Grade II and situated in a Conservation Area in England. Friends of War Memorials is administering the grant scheme.

Information leaflets and application packs are available from Maggie Goodall at FoWM, as is FoWM's advice sheet on *How to Get a War Memorial Listed*.

Maggie will also be happy to assist with any queries.

Grants are awarded quarterly on the advice of a Grants Advisory Panel and we will be featuring the first successful applicants in FoWM's Winter Newsletter.

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:

FoWM, 4 Lower Belgrave Street,
 London, SW1W 0LA.

(Proceeds go to FoWM)



An informative and well-illustrated volume detailing 700 WWI memorials, from 1945 to recent creations. Also covering WWII additions to WWI memorials.

FoWM is seeking sponsorship to reprint the companion volume, *At The Going Down of the Sun* on World War 1 memorials.

Please contact Sir Donald Thompson if you can help.

WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

Namsos in Norway

A new memorial has been unveiled at Namsos in central Norway commemorating 9 Royal Navy ships and 3 Regiments that suffered casualties in Namsen Fjord during the Allied evacuations of April-May 1940. The memorial, an Ice Age boulder with inscriptions in Norwegian and English, is the realisation of a long-standing campaign by Jens-Anton Andersen, the son of Namsos's war-time harbour-master. Fund-raising in Britain and abroad was co-ordinated by John Gritten and proudly sponsored by Friends of War Memorials.



Memorial at Namos

PHOTO: courtesy of John Gritten

Guildhall Square, Salisbury

This fine WWI memorial, a curved stone wall with bronze panels and crowning sculpture (a lion flanked by helmet, arms and draped regimental colours), has been cleaned and repaired by the local council. Missing glass lanterns have been replaced so the memorial can be illuminated, and a new plaque, remembering casualties from WWII and subsequent conflicts, has been added.

Guildhall Square memorial
PHOTO: Mr G. Horne



Coalport Footbridge



PHOTO: Maggie Goodall

The Coalport and Jackfield War Memorial Footbridge, Shropshire

The footbridge now once again spans the River Severn near Ironbridge. Originally constructed by the Cleveland Bridge Company of Darlington in 1922, by the 1990's it had become unsafe to use. Dismantled, restored and transported back to its site by low-loader, it has returned to its dual function as the two villages' war memorial and important pedestrian link between them.

Kennington, Oxfordshire

Kennington Parish Council's upgrading of the village war memorial's setting, with new landscaping and planting, carried out as a millennium project, has won a design award.

FoWM is always delighted to hear of places where determined individuals have taken the initiative in caring for their local war memorials. At **Ash in Shropshire**, Mr Cole organised restoration of the village war memorial at his own expense. At **Bolton in Lancashire** National Inventory of War Memorials volunteer, Steve Irwin, arranged restoration of a rediscovered paper Roll of Honour and its return to the church it came from, and at **Underwood in Nottingham** Rita Restorick raised funds to have her local church war memorial regilded and compiled a book with biographical details of those commemorated for permanent display.

What Do War Memorials Mean in the New Millennium?

Stuart Butler of Brockworth School is co-ordinating an exciting community arts initiative using war memorials in Gloucestershire to inspire photography, art, music, poetry and prose exploring what they mean to people in the new millennium. The project aims to fuse history, literature, performance and art to create a unique record of people's perspectives, and contributions from people everywhere with a Gloucestershire connection are welcome. The project will be launched in the Autumn with an exhibition, musical presentation and performance of works by the "War Poets" and contemporary writers.

Further details from **Stuart Butler, Head of History, Brockworth School, Mill Lane, Brockworth, Gloucs, GL3 4QF.**

STOLEN & RECOVERED WAR MEMORIALS

Hemswell, Lincolnshire

A large bronze sculpture of an eagle, wings outstretched, was stolen in July from the memorial commemorating RAF Hemswell Bomber Command 1937-67, at Hemswell near Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. Only the great bird's talons remain behind on its plinth.

Vice-chairman of Hemswell Cliff Parish Council, Colin Wotherspoon said "Everyone in the village will be very grateful if the eagle is returned, not to mention the RAF veterans." If you can help, please contact Market Rasen Police Station (01673) 842212, quoting crime reference number DF/00802

Eversholt, Bedfordshire

A three foot high figure of a winged warrior angel depicting St Michael, his hands folded over a downward pointing sword, was also stolen in July from the war memorial at Eversholt in Bedfordshire. The bronze figure was designed in c1920 by local architect and artist Edward Aveling Green and stood on a red granite plinth, which was knocked to the ground by the thieves.

Police immediately posted a picture of the statue on the internet, which was spotted by a London antique dealer to whom it had been offered for sale. The statue has been recovered and will soon be returned to its rightful home.



The recovered bronze figure of St Michael
PHOTO: courtesy of
Period House magazine

Crimestoppers:
0800 555 111
Your call is free.
You do not have to give
your name.
You may receive
a reward.

NATIONAL INVENTORY OF WAR MEMORIALS

Update by
Jane Armer & Lorraine Knight

Work continues apace with forms arriving in large quantities. We currently have records for 38,500 memorials, about 31,000 of which are now on the database. Whilst the permanent staff are still clearing the backlog of information by inputting the counties not yet on the database, our office volunteers are continuing to deal with the updates for counties which have already been done.

In the past we have issued numerous appeals for help with fieldwork but we have come to the conclusion that at this stage time would be better spent waiting until we have cleared the backlog before issuing a new appeal. Once we have input all our existing records on to the database we will then know which specific areas of the country need to be targeted.

Of course, there is always an exception to the rule and if anyone lives in the West Midlands or knows of people there who might be interested in helping us please contact us and we will put them in touch with our local co-ordinator.

National Inventory of War Memorials,
Imperial War Museum, All Saints' Annexe,
Austral Street, London, SE1 6HZ
Tel : 020 74165353 Fax: 020 74165379.

USEFUL CONTACTS

British Consulate in Jerusalem

When researching war graves in Palestine, FoWM Regional Volunteer, Malcolm Fergusson found the British Consulate in Jerusalem keen to help. For details of British Consulates in this and other areas contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website: www.fco.gov.uk

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 that promotes ethical practice in architectural salvage, carries a Theft Alerts column in its magazine "Salvo News" and on its web site. Items are featured free of charge. Contact SALVO on tel. 01890 820333 or via its website: www.salvoweb.com

TRACE over the last decade has helped track down stolen property worth over £50 million. It can publish details of stolen objects in its magazine and database and has a good recovery success rate. For details, in confidence, contact: Trace Publications tel. 01983 826000

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 Sussex Probation Service can provide details of schemes where young offenders help in the community with war memorial maintenance and other tasks.

Carol Jones, Community Service Officer
telephone: 01293 525216



Scarthin war memorial, Cromford, Derbyshire. PHOTO: Maggie Goodall

SELECTED APPEALS

7th ARMoured DIVISION MEMORIAL THETFORD, NORFOLK

Men of the 7th Armoured Division (perhaps better known as the Desert Rats) were stationed in Thetford Forest before sailing with their tanks for Normandy, landing at Gold Beach on 6 June 1944. This memorial to their service in Europe and North Africa (a Cromwell tank and dedicatory plaque set on a plinth) is sited close to the Division's encampment sites at High Ash, Shakers Wood and Sugar Hill, and was unveiled in 1988.

The 7th Armoured Division Commemorative Fund has set up a Trust to care for the memorial in perpetuity and is seeking donations for its maintenance fund. Registered Charity Number 1063575.

Contact:

Mr L J Dinning, 402 Simpson Village, Milton Keynes, MK6 3AL

Website: www.fmdinning.freereserve.co.uk

SAYERS CROFT FIELD CENTRE SURREY

Sayers Croft began as a pre-WWII camp school but was used during the war to house evacuees from the boys' schools of Catford. After the war it was retained and is a rare survivor among camp school sites in being still in use.

In the dining room are fascinating murals unique to Sayers Croft, designed and painted by the evacuee art group during its stay there. With the school crest at their centre, the murals depict scenes of life at the camp in summer and winter – sports and lessons, parents arriving, visits to the nurse, going to church, blackberrying,



amateur dramatics, cartoon film shows, distant searchlights and snowballing around the air raid shelters.

The murals were painted directly onto the boardwork of the dining room wall and now, after over 50 years, are deteriorating. **The Sayers Croft Evacuee Group**, which still visits the field centre regularly for reunions, is fund-raising to have the murals professionally stabilised and conserved. All donations are gratefully received

Contact:

Mr R J Hewitt
139 Repton Road
Orpington, Kent, BR6 9HY



Desert Rats Memorial PHOTO: Mr L. Dinning

NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE MEMORIAL

A memorial grove to the 1,500,000 members of the Civil Defence Services (of whom 2,379 were killed and 4,759 injured whilst on duty) is being planted in the **National Memorial Arboretum** at Croxall, Staffordshire. The memorial will commemorate those who served at home as air raid wardens, medical and ambulance personnel, in rescue and welfare teams, as animal wardens, utilities and transport workers and as fire watchers. Inscribed Civil Defence Memorial and National Animal Rescue Memorial stones will stand at the heart of the grove.

The Civil Defence Arboretum Fund is appealing for donations towards the £6,000 cost of the project, which is endorsed by the Institute of Civil Defence and Disaster Studies, Registered Charity Number: 266522.

Contact:

the Chairman, Mr P Stanton, CDAF, 5
Leagate Road, Gipsey Bridge, Boston, Lincs,
PE22 7BU

Website: www.britishcivildefence.org

The **National Memorial Arboretum** was established in 1995, through a legacy from Lord Leonard Cheshire, as a "Living Tribute". Under the Directorship of David Childs, 75 acres of land in the National Forest is being landscaped and planted to commemorate the armed services and Merchant Marine, trees sponsored in memory of individuals and a visitor centre and chapel built. It is hoped that the Arboretum will be opened to the public in Spring 2001. The FoWM Newsletter will carry a full report. For further information contact:

David Childs,
PO Box 10,
Tisbury, Wiltshire,
SP3 6TH



PHOTO: Maggie Goodall

Friends of War Memorials is always glad to hear of war memorials in need of assistance and to share with readers illustrations of the diverse forms they take and problems they encounter. Here we are able to publicise a small selection of the appeals that we receive.

HOW YOU CAN HELP FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

To achieve its objectives FoWM needs your practical and/or financial support, for example, by joining as a Friend, sending a donation, commercial sponsorship, becoming a Regional Volunteer, joining as a youth group and school fund raising.

Gift Aid

Since April 2000 every type of donation, large or small, attracts 28p in the pound tax relief, subject to the donor being a standard rate taxpayer. This new Inland Revenue scheme is called Gift Aid and it replaces the deed of covenant method of giving. Higher rate taxpayers may claim the difference themselves. A direct debit can also be covered by a Gift Aid declaration. There is a Gift Aid declaration on this page. Please do consider joining or making a donation.

Special Ways to Help

Donations made in a will are always very special. In appropriate cases such bequests reduce the amount due for estate duty.

Shares and Capital Gains are often a great irritant but donors of shares to *Friends of War Memorials* can claim the Tax Relief on the total value of the shares including any capital gain.

Very touchingly, some families have directed final tributes to FoWM in lieu of flowers.

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I will notify FoWM if I cease to pay tax or wish to countermand this declaration.

Signed.....

Date.....

Please send to:

Sir Donald Thompson
Friends of War Memorials
4 Lower Belgrave Street
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SW1W 0LA.

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ON THE BOOKSHELF

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Sculptor: Josefina de Vasconcellos by Linda Clifford

A beautifully illustrated profile of FoWM Patron Josefina de Vasconcellos, creator of many sculptures and memorials, including the Heroes' Shrine at Aldershot and Reconciliation in the ruins of old Coventry Cathedral.

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Available by post from the author at *56 Holly Hill Lane, Sarisbury Green, Hants., SO31 7AF*

First World War Graves & Memorials in Gwent

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FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS' FORTHCOMING EVENTS



PHOTO: courtesy of David Hooper

David Hooper (left) and Sir Donald Thompson

FoWM OUT and ABOUT

We had a busy and successful (if rather blustery) summer taking the Friends of War Memorials roadshow to the Millennium Tattoo in Thame, Boscombe Family Day and Sandhurst Open Day, among others.

A big "thank you" to all the Regional Volunteers who helped with the logistics and staffing the stand (and on occasions stopping it from blowing away!)

We will be at various events through the Autumn with new-look exhibition display panels made for us by the Pensioners at Chelsea Hospital and new material designed by Regional Volunteer, David Hooper, pictured above presenting a copy to Sir Donald Thompson.

For more information about these events and if you would like to help staff the FoWM Stand please contact Joanne Ayers at FoWM
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(FoWM reserves the right to alter or cancel events if necessary.)

Saturday 23rd September 10am – 4.30pm
Public Records Office Open Day.
Public Records Office, Kew, West London.

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*. The symposium will explore how public and private commemoration has related to and been integrated with the urban and rural landscape.

Sunday 15th October
Duxford Autumn Air Show, Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Saturday 21st October
Liverpool & District Family History Societies Fair, Sutton, Nr St Helens, Merseyside.

Tuesday 24th – Sunday 29th October
The Caravan Show, Earls Court, London.

Friday 10th November
London (Venue to be announced)
War Memorial Conservation - An English Heritage Seminar covering common war memorial conservation problems, solutions and techniques, sources of grant aid and useful advisory bodies.
Details from Maggie Goodall at FoWM.

Wednesday 15th November 8pm
Islington Archaeology & History Society, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, London.
An illustrated talk on *FoWM and its work* by Maggie Goodall.
Admission: IAHS Mems: free. Guests:donation.

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