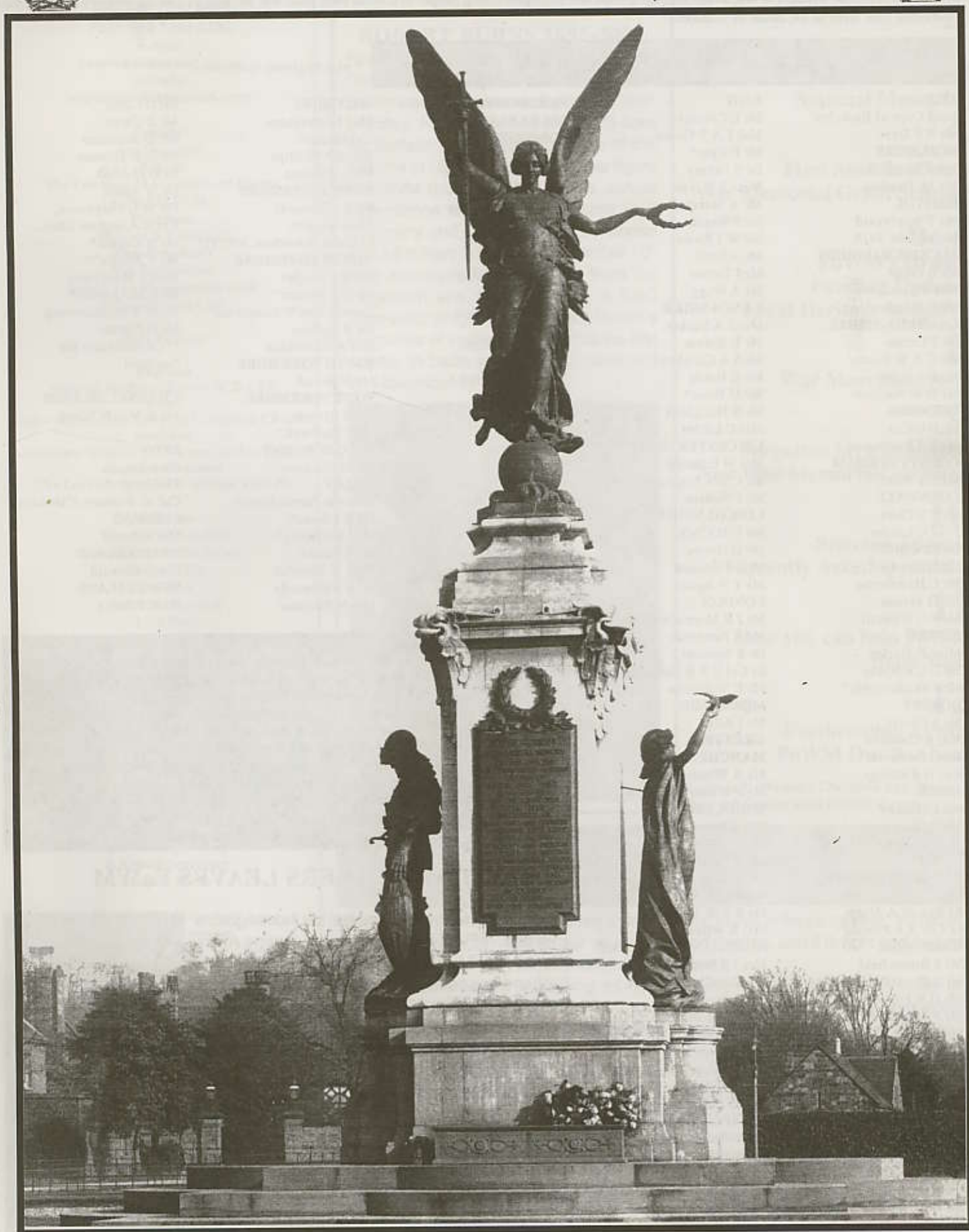


FRIENDS OF

WAR MEMORIALS

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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.

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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.

JOANNE AYERS LEAVES FoWM

We are very sad to announce that our indefatigable Events and Fund-Raising Manager Joanne Ayers leaves FoWM in December to accompany her husband to a posting in Germany (where she has agreed to act as our Regional Volunteer).

Joanne came to us in 1998 from the Royal Tournament and has made great strides in attracting financial and moral support for FoWM and spreading the word about its work through the roadshow and other events, including Crufts, P.R.O. Open Day and Caravan Show.

We all wish her the very best for the future and will miss her very much.

The office certainly won't be the same without Joanne and her "assistant" Murphy.



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ROBERT BURNS 1895-2000

Robert Burns, veteran of the 7th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, sadly died in November just two weeks before his 105th birthday. Robert was one of only 75 from his Battalion to survive the Battle of the Somme in 1916, and was a familiar figure to FoWM members through his annual attendance at FoWM's Somme Day ceremony and other events. His funeral with full military honours on November 10th was accompanied by pipers from his Regiment and, appropriately, a BBC Timewatch programme including Robert's memories of seeing armoured tanks first appear in battle in 1916, was screened on November 11th.



From left: Winston Churchill and the Rev'd A Cairns with Robert Burns

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

SIR DONALD THOMPSON

We have all now had our Remembrance services, in this millennium year. What an awful century the 20th was for our young men and women, and it is right and proper that they should be duly remembered and honoured.

Our work here is expanding, as it must, as memorials of all types fall victim to time and weather. We are glad to see our concern for the condition of war memorials now being echoed by all political parties. There seems, on this issue at least, to be a concordat.

Our Regional Volunteers are becoming more and more active in spreading the word by putting on small exhibitions at local events. Any toe-hold we can secure through local routes is of great value. It helps, of course, if the particular occasion has a relevant theme, but it need not necessarily be so. For instance, we had a great response during our week at the Caravan Show. If anyone would like to volunteer, we will be delighted to send all the necessary material to use on a stand or table-top display. News of any local initiatives and successes is also good to hear – do let us know!

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

Railings
by Diana Lyons

Rows of curt steel buttons
Polished to a shine by rainy spittle
Stand encased in the cracking concrete
That embraces the city church.
Remnants of railings sheared
To build a battleship.
Rows that echo other lines
Of men who never will come home,
Cut down by the icy iron
Culled from another town.
A nation's grief is still remembered –
The silver tears lie on the ground,
Each drop a mark of time.
Now the traffic passes
Driven by the second generation
Unknowing of the sacrifice.

They never will come home
In youthful bodies gone to earth.
So many mourned in darkened rooms
That mirrored light gone from their souls.
Grandmother told of awful nights
And rationed days of blitzing fear,
Remembering that city church
Where, straight as pillars, side by side
They married until death did them part,
John and Mae with youthful pride.

"He did come home!" Mae whispered low
In railed bed on starkest ward.
"One night I heard him in the yard –
His army boots marched down the path
And John came knocking on the door.
He did come home on Christmas Eve."
She smiled, then passed to be with him,
Now lies by railings fresh restored
At the city church.



Photo by Maggie Goodall

These are the
second two
runners-up in our
Home for Christmas
poetry competition.

Home for Christmas
by Tom Elliot

You would not have known.
There was no change in the day.
No turkey or close family.
This was not Christmas,
Not the Christmas we had been promised.

As we lay in the freezing wet mud,
Each man to himself, thinking of home.
Our minds wandered,
Back from the trenches, from the rats,
From the constant rapping of guns.

Back home.
The cold and the noise melted away,
As the tents became our churches,
The flagpoles our Christmas trees.
Are they thinking of us too?

We were expected home now.
An empty place at the table,
So many of them now permanent,
Empty forever.
Like the barren land before us.

As the shouts and the guns,
Drowned out our thoughts once more,
You could hear everyone's heart break.
All we wanted was to be
Home for Christmas.

**FoWM's £1000
Donation to the
Royal Marines
National
Memorial**

above: artist's impression
of the refurbished
memorial by David Hoare

left: Lord Cope of
Berkeley presents the
cheque to Major General
John Hardy

Through the generosity of one of our members, Friends of War Memorials has been able to donate £1000 to the Royal Marines National Memorial Appeal, to raise £75,000 to repair and enhance their memorial on The Mall.

Originally constructed in 1903 to commemorate Royal Marine casualties in China (1900) and South Africa (1899-1902) and designed by Sir Thomas Graham Jackson, with poignant sculpture by Captain Adrian Jones of a Marine defending his fallen comrade, the memorial is listed Grade II in recognition of its architectural importance. In addition to the repair work, the memorial has now been encircled by a bronze collar inscribed with a dedication to all the Royal Marines who fell in other conflicts from WWI onwards - making this the Marines' national memorial.

FoWM Trustee Lord Cope of Berkeley presented the cheque for £1000 to Major General John Hardy CB LVO, the Appeal Fund Co-ordinator, at the memorial on October 25th. The refurbished memorial was rededicated by the Chaplain of the Fleet on October 29th at a service in the presence of HRH Prince Philip (Captain General of the Royal Marines).

**English Heritage and
FoWM War Memorial Grant
Scheme – First Grants Announced**

English Heritage's £200,000 grant scheme for repair and conservation of war memorials started in April this year. Grants are awarded quarterly on the advice of a Grants Advisory Panel and the first of what we hope will be many successful projects were announced in November. They were:

Hertford War Memorial, Herts.

£5000 to conserve and repair the impressive stone cenotaph and life-size bronze sculpted hart. This superb memorial by architect Sir Aston Webb and sculptor Alfred Drury is unusual in having an animal sculpture (here the Hertfordshire county symbol) as its principal figure.



Photo courtesy of Hertford Town Council

The Peace Memorial at Hinckley, Leics.

£3798 towards stone and bronze conservation, and repair of vandal and environmental damage to the WWI memorial wall and column by architect John Alfred Gotch, with its figure of Peace by sculptor Allan Gairdner Wyon.



Photo courtesy of Hinckley Borough Council



Photo: Maggie Goodall

Fenton, Stoke on Trent, Staffs.

Readers will remember from our Summer 2000 Newsletter the sad story of vandals smashing the soldier figure's hands and Lee Enfield Rifle at this memorial. A grant of £2940 has been made towards the cost of sculpting new hands and reconstructing the rifle based on an actual example by sculptor Simon Smith.



Photo courtesy of Washingborough Parish Council

Washingborough Memorial Cross, Lincs.

£600 to repair the stone base of the cross, damaged by vehicular impact.

Funds are still available for this financial year and the grant scheme will continue through 2001/02.

There are also still many damaged and decayed memorials in need of assistance.

English Heritage's Chairman Sir Neil Cossons and FoWM's President Winston S Churchill joined together to encourage communities with eligible memorials to apply.

*To be eligible a war memorial must be independently listed Grade II and situated in a Conservation Area in England. FoWM is administering the grant scheme and information, application packs and advice are available from Maggie Goodall at FoWM, as is an advice sheet on **How to Get a War Memorial Listed.***

Friends of War Memorials Grants

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

The creation of a new memorial in Surrey to commemorate **RAF Kenley** and its importance to air defences in both WWI and WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

The Portland stone memorial is by Rowland Bros of Croydon to a design by Kenley Tribute Committee Treasurer Fred Webb and takes the form of an open book with RAF crest and figures representing Kenley personnel – ground staff, air crews and WRAF. The memorial was dedicated at a gala day in August, which included an aerial display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.



Photo courtesy of Mike Street

The restoration of **Little Cornard War Memorial, Suffolk** where sufficient funds were also raised to fund the memorial's upkeep for the



Photo by Brigadier T.W. Tillbrook

Victory in her cradle
Photo by Maggie Goodall
See also
Cover Illustration

next 10 years. Regional Volunteer Dr M Charlton attended the rededication on FoWM's behalf.



Restoration of the memorial at **Burton on Trent, Staffs.** Originally unveiled in 1922, this splendid memorial by Charles Henry Fehr had suffered from severe weathering and a lack of regular attention, which led to its deterioration and the 9½ foot tall winged Victory figure becoming unstable. After conservation of Victory (supported by a specially constructed cradle during the work) and repair to the stone plinth and supporting figures of Peace and St George, the memorial has been reassembled and its future assured.

Refurbishment and renewal of the decayed name plaques on the memorial at **Barnack, Cambs.** A Scimitar tank and the town band led a procession to the rededication service, which closed with a flypast by vintage planes and modern jetfighters.



Photo by Charles Clark

The relocation of **Shinfield War Memorial, Berks.** from the town cemetery to a more prominent position on School Green where it can readily be seen by local people.

FUNDING UPDATE

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY'S LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

By Kevin Haugh (LHI Project Officer)

The Local Heritage Initiative has awarded more than £1m in grants to 99 projects over the last 9 months. We are still encouraging people to think about the type of projects that they would like to get off the ground and to submit a suitable application for funding.

LHI projects involve local people actively working to **investigate, explain and care for an aspect, or aspects, of local heritage important to them.** This may be archaeological, natural, built or industrial heritage, or local customs and traditions. The LHI is particularly suitable for groups who wish to investigate a range of local heritage features or types; indeed many groups find that the subject of their particular investigation can only be properly understood when placed in the context of the local landscape and other features of the surrounding area.



Local Heritage *initiative*

War Memorials are common heritage features in many towns and villages, and are eligible for LHI funding. However, the

LHI is not intended to support maintenance or one-off repair projects. Physical restoration can only be part of a grant application if there is a clear wider objective of promoting, interpreting and recording the heritage value of the area or feature.

So, **what type of war memorial project would be likely to meet the core criteria for LHI funding?** Firstly, it would have to actively involve as many people as possible from the community. Secondly, the project should focus on "finding out" about and raising awareness of the importance of the memorial. Last but not least, the project must have public benefits, for example,

an enhanced awareness and understanding among local people, especially the young, of what the memorial stands for. Other benefits could include written records, filmed reports or skills-training in renovation work.

A successful LHI war memorial project might involve schools, history societies, the Royal British Legion, and interested individuals, with as many young people as possible taking part. Other projects have shown that most young people like playing detective in order to find out about their local heritage.

Investigation work could include interviews with veterans of conflicts, visits to museums and battlefields/cemeteries to research the history.

Interpretation could include a school exhibition or leaflet about those named on the memorial, to increase knowledge and understanding of the impact war had on the community. In association with this sort of work, a mason or conservator could be commissioned to share skills and equip local people to participate in future renovation work.

Any group can apply for an LHI grant, with the exception of commercial organisations or individuals. Grants of between £3,000 and £15,000 can cover up to 95% of eligible costs, although the applicants must contribute a minimum amount of cash, voluntary help or gifts in kind.

If you would like to find out more, contact the new call centre on 0870 9000401, or visit the LHI website: www.lhi.org.uk

See also the LHI flyer enclosed with this Newsletter.

LHI is a partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Countryside Agency and the Nationwide Building Society.

The Best Kept War Memorials in Scotland

For 25 years the Royal British Legion in Scotland has run an annual Best Kept War Memorial Competition. Area winners are chosen and then compete to find an overall winner, with the prizes being presented at the Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Awards Ceremony. This year's Champion of Champions was Keith in Morayshire and the other winners were, in the War Memorials with Gardens category: Dumfries with Maxwelltown (Large Community) and Glenurquhart's Drumnadrochit memorial (Small Community) and in the Memorials Without Gardens category, Galashiels.

For information on the competition contact:
RBL Scotland, New Haig House, Logie Green Road,
Edinburgh, EH7 4HR.
Tel 0131 5572782



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WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

War Memorials Restored and Saved by Local Initiatives

Friends of War Memorials receives many letters about and photographs of war memorials restored or saved from destruction by determined local people. Here is just a small selection of recent success stories.

Restored

At **Fritwell, Oxfordshire** the Parish Church Council has repaired the 1922 lychgate at St Olave's Church and renewed its badly weathered stone memorial plaque so the names of the fallen of WWI can be read again. The unusual wayside memorial at



Photo courtesy of Miss J. V. Morton

Worfield, Shrops. has been refurbished through local efforts, and a wooden cross missing from the memorial outside **St Paul's Church, Hounslow, Middx.** has been replaced with a new one. A local



Far left: Worfield photo by Major Clive Blakeway
left: photo at Hill Primary School by Mr B Massie

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give your name.
You may receive
a reward.

appeal funded renovation of the Old Boys WWI memorial in the playground of **Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie, Perth and Kinross**, and the £1500 cost of repairing **Uphill War Memorial, Somerset** has been raised through fetes, pub quizzes, sales and donations.
Philip Jackson



Photo courtesy of Brigadier J Tilbrook

(whose Falklands War memorial sculpture *The Yomper* at the Royal Marines Museum, Portsmouth may be familiar to readers) has sculpted a new St George figure to replace that stolen from **Linch War Memorial, Hants.** The original was by Bertram Charles Glossop Shore (+ 1967) architect and an adviser to the Imperial (now Commonwealth) War Graves Commission.

Saved

When Radmore Green school in Cheshire was demolished some years ago local man, Mr Rogers, rescued its marble war memorial from a skip. Now, thanks to local benefactor Mr Posset, it has been redisplayed on the green at **Houghton Moss.** The memorial records all the school's Old Boys who served as well as those who were killed.

In 1919 a clock was installed at the racing stables in Beverley, East Yorkshire, to commemorate men of the Beverley-based East Yorkshire Regiment who fell in the Battle of the Marne. The clock's future was placed in doubt by the redevelopment of the stables site, but it has been rescued by members of the **Beverley and East Riding Golf Club** who have re-installed the clock on the mill tower which forms part of their clubhouse.



photo by Mr E. S. Rimmington

A Forgotten Hero Honoured in Canterbury

In April this year FoWM got a call from Chelsea Pensioner Sergeant Tom Isted about his relative Private Cecil Goldfarb of the 7th Battalion East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), who had been killed just weeks before the end of WWI and is buried at Doint Cemetery on the Somme.

Though Pte Goldfarb (originally from Warsaw) lived in Canterbury, and had won the Military Medal for his service with The Buffs, his name had somehow been omitted from Canterbury war memorial. FoWM put Sgt Isted in touch with Nick Karslake of Canterbury City Council who immediately arranged for Pte Goldfarb's name to be added to the memorial and for a special service to be held in his memory, 82 years to the day that he was killed at Peronne.

The accidental omission of names from war memorials is a common problem and there are many people anxious to correct mistakes before it is too late. Much depends on the attitude of the local authorities responsible for war memorials and FoWM was delighted by Canterbury City Council's ready response to Sgt Isted's request to have Pte Goldfarb's name included on the Buttermarket memorial.

New War Memorials Unveiled

This Millennium year has seen the creation of many new memorials, to commemorate specific groups of people, actions or events; and to permanently record the wartime significance of certain sites here and abroad, particularly where they are to be decommissioned or redeveloped or their memory may fade. One such is "The Worcesters' Lay-by" in Northern France where a new rough-hewn memorial stone quarried from the Malvern Hills has been set up by the side of the old Vernon to Gisors road. It commemorates those of the 1st Battalion The Worcester Regiment who died in the 10 hour battle against enemy tanks to establish and defend a bridgehead following the crossing of the Seine on August 27th, 1944.

Architectural competitions have been held



Photo by Maggie Goodall

to decide the form the Commonwealth Soldiers' Memorial on Constitution Hill and the Animals in War Memorial will take, and for two significant new national memorials unveiled in London this year: the Tank Crews and the Fleet Air Arm (both sited near the MOD). The **Tank Crews Memorial**, sculpted by Vivien Mallock from a design by the late G H Paulin, portrays the crew of a WWII Comet tank and is dedicated to all "tankmen" who have served since tanks were first used in combat at Flers in 1916: "From mud, through blood, to the green fields beyond". The equally impressive **Fleet Air Arm Memorial** commemorates the 6000 who died in service of the Fleet Air Arm and its precursor the Royal Navy Air Service. Designed by architect



Photo by Maggie Goodall

Tim Kempster and sculptor James Butler, the memorial features a figure of Daedalus who, in Greek myth, with his son Icarus escaped King Minos's Crete on wings of wax and feathers, and who has a special significance for the FAA and navy with 5 ships named after him since the C18.



Photo courtesy of Bill Edwardes

SELECTED APPEALS

Friends of War Memorials is often approached to help in publicising projects to rescue or restore existing memorials or to create new ones, to assist with research about memorials and those they commemorate, and to make war memorials more accessible to the general public. Here we are able to feature a small selection of the appeals that we receive.

The Thiepval Project

At present there is nothing at Thiepval on the Somme to tell visitors, especially the increasing number of school parties, what happened there in 1916; nothing to set Sir Edwin Lutyens' remarkable 44 metre high Memorial to the Missing, with its 72,085 names, in context. The Thiepval Project intends not to compete with Lutyens' tribute on this most revered and prominent of sites, but to provide a visitor centre (Centre d'accueil), out of sight of the memorial, to offer information about Thiepval and what it represents, to encourage deeper understanding of the events that led to its creation, to provide a place for quiet reflection, education facilities and other visitor services. An architectural competition is to be held to decide the centre's design.

The British Government has contributed to the project and the Departement of the Somme has offered £300,000 which the appeal in England hopes to match. Registered Charity Number 268369. Contact:

**The Thiepval Project,
Charities Aid Foundation Trust Dept,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA
Website: www.thiepval.org**

YMCA Memorial at Hopton Barracks, Devizes, Wilts.

In 1999 The Wiltshire Historical Military Society discovered a memorial stone on an industrial estate in Devizes which, from 1939 to the early 1980's, was Hopton Army Barracks. The four-sided memorial stands near the site of the YMCA building and features 1) the YMCA badge and dates 1939-45, 2) the branch of a tree, 3) five stars in a shield, and 4) a dedication "To those of many lands who passed this way to battle for right and returned not". The top of the memorial has 4 small blocks that appear to have been the support for a further element, now missing. The WHMS is trying to find out about the memorial's creation, original design and what the stars in the shield signify, with a view to its restoration. The YMCA has so far been unable to help – if you can, please contact:

**Mr Ron Priddle, Hon. Secretary WHMS,
4 Park View, Chirton, Wilts., SN10 3QT**

Bradford Grammar School

The school has on its premises a memorial to former pupils who fell in the two World Wars. It is now trying to compile a list for conflicts since 1945

but is experiencing difficulty as many men who were formerly pupils at the school, whose catchment is the Bradford and West Yorkshire area, lived elsewhere when they joined the forces. If any readers can help the school with its search, please contact:

**Mr Ian Stoney, Bradford Grammar School,
Keighley Road, Bradford, BD9 4JP
Telephone 01274 542492**

Bomber Crew Crash Site Memorial, Redcar, Cleveland

A local group wishes to set up a memorial plaque to a Lancaster Bomber crew who crashed near the British Steel site at Redcar, Cleveland in WWII. The men were from 1 Squadron (which still exists at Brize Norton) and Mr Robertson, who is co-ordinating the project, would like to contact their relatives and friends about it. If you can help please contact:

**Mr Robertson c/o Friends of War Memorials,
4 Lower Belgrave St, London, SW1W 0LA
e-mail: fowm@eidonet.co.uk**

60th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain

September this year saw a host of events commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain (July 10th – October 31st, 1940) with Air Shows at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambs., and at Biggin Hill, the heart of operations in 1940. A thanksgiving service was held at Westminster Abbey on September 17th and followed by a Spitfire flypast. The **Battle of Britain Fighter Association** represents veteran pilots and crew of the aerial conflict (Secretary - Malcolm Smith).

A new organisation, the **Battle of Britain Historical Society** has also been formed by an enthusiast to educate people about the events of the battle and to tend the graves of "The Few" which no longer have relatives or friends to care for them. The BoBHS is running an appeal to help it with this work. Registered Charity Number 1067987. Contact the Secretary and Founder:

**Bill Bond, Gunthorpe, Melton Constable,
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www.battleofbritain.net**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS NO.1

Why does my local war memorial have the dates 1914-1919 when WWI ended in 1918?

The majority of war memorials have the dates 1914-1918 to record that fighting in the First World War was ended by the Armistice, signed at 11am on November 11th, 1918 at Compiègne. However, some memorials have 1919 because, although fighting had ceased, the Peace Treaty with Germany was not signed until June 28th, 1919 at Versailles. Peace Day in Britain was held on July 19th, 1919, but the Versailles Treaty was followed by further treaties throughout 1919 and 1920, such as the Trianon Treaty signed with the newly created Republic of Hungary in June 1920. So, very occasionally, you may also see the dates 1914-1920 on WWI memorials.



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FoWM OUT and ABOUT

Joanne Ayers would like to thank all those who assisted her with this year's roadshow or attended other events on FoWM's behalf, including Deirdre Nicol, Wayne Fielding, David Hooper, Brian Kemp, Ian Stevens, Carol Littler, Richard Houghton and Pat Utechin.

Joanne's successor as **FoWM Events and Fundraising Manager** will be **Jane Gaskell**, an experienced fund-raiser and event organiser, who joins us from an animal health charity.



FoWM Regional Volunteer Wayne Fielding at the Sandhurst Open Day (Photo by Deirdre Nicol)
 Left: Joanne Ayers and Volunteer Thomas Ross (who also stood in as Acting Membership Secretary whilst Julia Green was on sabbatical from October – December 2000) at the Caravan Show (Photo by Maggie Goodall)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 9th December 2000 1pm-5pm

Isleworth Community Event
 The Public Hall, South Street, Isleworth.

Wednesday 31st January 2001 10am-5.45pm

Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, New Burlington Place, London, W1X 1AB
Remembrance: the care and conservation of War Memorials.

A conference organised by English Heritage and Friends of War Memorials, including speakers from the National Inventory of War Memorials, Public Monuments and Sculpture Association, FoWM, English Heritage and independent conservators. Tickets, including conference papers & refreshments, £95-00 (£75-00 to FoWM Members) available from E.H., 23 Savile Row, London, W1X 1AB
 Tel 020 79733000

Friday - Sunday 2nd -4th February 2001

The National Countryside Show
 Earls Court, London.

Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th March 2001

The Dive Show at the Excel Exhibition Centre, Docklands, London.
 Details from: Diver Magazine 020 8943 4288

Thursday 8th March - Sunday 11th March 2001

Crufts 2001 at the NEC, Birmingham.

Saturday 10th March 2001

Cambridgeshire Family History Society Conference 2001: Cambridgeshire at War
 Cottenham Village College, Cambs.

Thursday 17th May 2001 RE-SCHEDULED

An FoWM, Mausolea & Monuments Trust and Victorian Society joint one-day symposium:
Monuments and Landscape exploring how public and private commemoration has related to and been integrated with the urban and rural landscape.

To be held at the Georgian Group, 6 Fitzroy Square, London, W1P 6DX
 Details and tickets (£40 including refreshments) available from Maggie Goodall at FoWM.

FoWM members may also be interested in the following:

Monday 23rd April 2001 12-30pm-1.30pm

We will remember them: *The RSA and the Design of War Memorials* by Heather Creaton at the RSA, 8 John Adam St, London, WC2N 6EZ
 Tel 020 79305115 Admission: free

Saturday 4th-Friday 10th August 2001

Looking at War Memorials with tutor Philip Banbury at the University of York
 Course Code: 71/YO/08 Fee £480
 Brochure request line: 01227 470402



For further information about FoWM's forthcoming events, or if you would like to help out on the roadshow, please contact Jane Gaskell at FoWM,
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