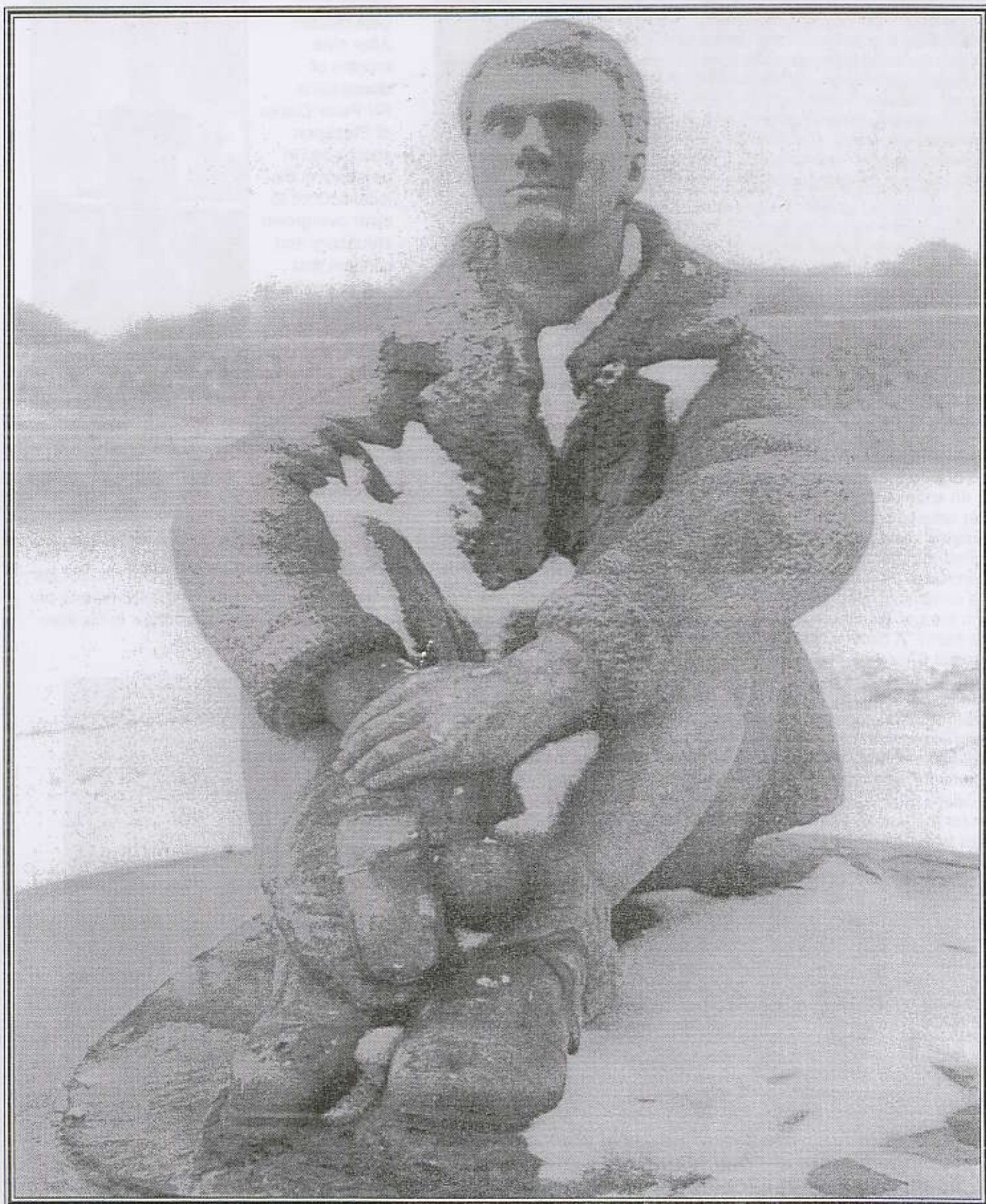


FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



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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 secular and 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

Regional Volunteers are members who 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 cases 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.

We now have nearly 200 Regional Volunteers countrywide and extend a warm welcome to new RV's who have joined us recently. For a full list of RV's by area and information about becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact Jane Gaskell at FoWM.

A sincere *Thank You* to all RV's who represented FoWM or laid a wreath on its behalf at a rededication or commemoration ceremony in their area on or around Remembrance Day this year. Thank you also to our Office Volunteer, Martin Shorthouse, for researching the music played for FoWM by David Mellor in his Remembrance Day radio programme on Classic FM.

Essex

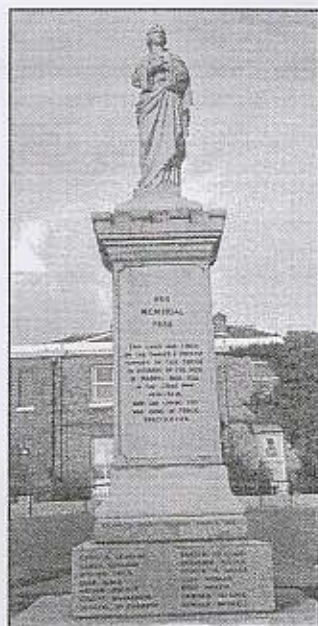
Following information given to Jane Gaskell at the Fenland Country Fair, RV Bob Pike dashed to rescue a beautiful wooden war memorial from an antique market in Suffolk on FoWM's behalf. The antique dealer refused to reduce the asking price or donate the plaque and apparently knew nothing of its provenance. So, FoWM having acquired the memorial for £95, Bob turned detective and, through his research into the names on the memorial established that most of those commemorated (served and died) had connections with the Witton area of Blackburn, Lancashire. But where had the memorial come from? A circular mailing ruled out Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches and Conservative Clubs in Blackburn and a report on Radio Lancashire drew a blank. Then Wirral RV Carol Littler put Bob in touch with local historian, Bill Turner of Accrington, who found that the dead men were members of Chapel Street Congregational (United Reformed) Church in Blackburn. The Church was demolished in 1975 leaving only the spire as a landmark but there remains a local URC congregation and FoWM has contacted them to clarify finally the memorial's provenance. We may never know where the memorial has been for the last 26 years or how it came to be for sale in Suffolk but thanks to everyone involved for their detective work so far.



The Rescued War Memorial - Photo Bob Pike

Cheshire

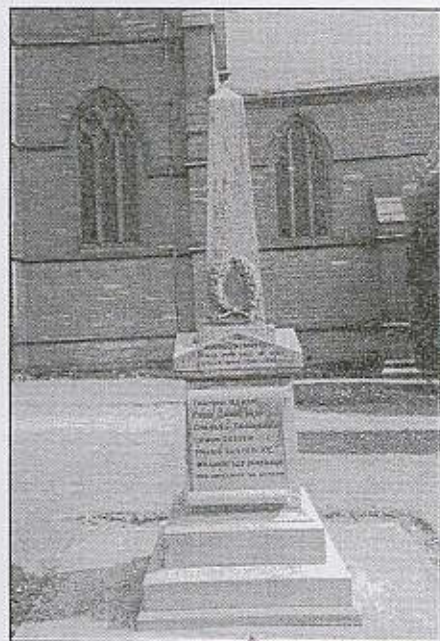
Persistence gets results! After nine months of discussions RV Peter Clarke of Stockport succeeded in persuading the local council to clear overgrown shrubbery and conifers that had swamped the memorial sculpture in Marple War Memorial Park. The sculpture now stands proud again.



Marple War Memorial
Photo by Maggie Goodall

Wirral

Thank you also to RV Graham Cox for his regular concise and informative reports on the condition of war memorials in his area.



Thurston War Memorial, Wirral
Photo by D Graham Cox

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*The Battle of Britain Memorial, Kent
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*Snow War Memorial in a coal yard at
Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, 1921
Photo courtesy of the UKNIWM*

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Sir Donald Thompson

As we come to the end of a very successful year for Friends of War Memorials and think of spending the holidays with our friends and family, there are many families throughout the world who will not be so fortunate. The shocking events of September 11th will remain with us all for a very long time.

Unfortunately, these events appear to have caused a "blip" in our fundraising: understandably, some of the corporations who might previously have considered FoWM have not been able to respond positively to our appeals for assistance. In the current climate though, FoWM's work would seem more relevant than ever. Our plea therefore is this: if you or your friends know of a sympathetic charitable organisation please let us know so we can apply to them for funding. We have charitable trust directories to help us, but find that personal contacts and word-of-mouth recommendations can be very successful.

On another fundraising note, it is still not too late to purchase our very popular Christmas cards - as long as we receive your order by Tuesday 18th December you will still receive them in time for Christmas. The closing date for delivery of our Christmas puddings is Wednesday 12th December.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all at FoWM, to wish all our supporters and readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and to thank you very much for all your support in 2001!

*Please note that the FoWM office will be closed for Christmas from
December 21st to January 7th, 2002.*

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

Reflections on a busy year

by Jane Gaskell

How time flies! One minute I was meeting Sir Donald Thompson and Joanne Ayers at the 2000 Caravan Show to discuss my new job with FoWM and the next I'm back at Earls Court setting up FoWM's stand for the 2001 Caravan Show. I knew a little about FoWM before I joined the team - that FoWM had progressed from small beginnings to having a full-time Conservation Officer and administering English Heritage's War Memorials grants scheme. I now know a lot more - especially that there is still so much to do.

December 2000 found the Kings Cross-Cambridge rail link still in chaos following the Hatfield rail crash - though the delays gave me valuable on-board reading time to get to grips with all those FoWM files. A year on and WAGN's time-keeping is still a shambles but my pattern is set and I visit FoWM office two days a week. But like the rest of the FoWM team, I'm never "off-duty" - to the point where my mother has been heard to say in a loud voice at social gatherings "Is she talking shop again!" It's encouraging that so many people are interested in war memorials and my work at FoWM.

From May to October, most weekends have been occupied taking the stand to events where supportive organisers have given FoWM free space. I have enjoyed tremendous back-up and loyalty from Regional Volunteers, the old-hands and some who were also new to FoWM - but we all learnt together and got on with spreading the word and answering visitors' queries about war memorials. We've also had to answer a lot of other questions: most frequently "Where's the nearest loo?" and "Where can I get a cup of tea?" I'm thinking that we should ask for a donation in the collecting box before answering the first, and filling every available thermos with tea or coffee to sell from the FoWM stand in response to the second. Not to mention asking for a donation from people at events hugging Sally or having their photo taken with her - from canine volunteer to FoWM mascot in just 12 months!

One year on and I am finding working with FoWM a worthwhile challenge and I am grateful to all those people who have generously supported us with donations, their time, energy and enthusiasm and in practical ways, sending us paper, jiffy bags, post-it notes and other stationery. (Can anyone guess who sends all their horse race-branded freebie biros for FoWM to put to good use?) But, the thing that still shocks me the most is the number of war memorials FoWM rescues from redundant buildings. The majority of memorials are well cared for, but I am appalled that so many others



Jane Gaskell (L) and Amy Flint (R) at FoWM's Collection Day at Victoria Station, September 4th 2001 which raised £111.67

Photo by Maggie Goodall



Joyce Gaskell helps out at the Anglia Flower & Craft Show in Newmarket

Photo by Jane Gaskell



The Black Watch Memorial, Aberfeldy postcard donated by Mr & Mrs Wilson of Newmarket

still end up languishing in skips, scrapyards, car boot sales and antique markets. Those whose names appear on these memorials can no longer speak up, but FoWM can fight on their behalf to prevent the memorials being discarded or destroyed, and raise funds to ensure that they remain in perpetual care.

War memorials are not just for Remembrance Day but for every day.

Thank you!

FoWM sincerely appreciates the support offered this year by a number of organisations and individuals: **The Clore Duffield Foundation** which has agreed to part fund FoWM's Conservation Officer post for two years from April 2002, taking over from **The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation** which has funded the post for 2000 and 2001 alongside **English Heritage**, whose vital support will now continue until 2004.

Tech Waste Ltd who donated refurbished computer equipment to FoWM's office. The company offers a secure disposal and recycling service for many different types of used IT equipment and collects from anywhere in the UK usually within 3 - 5 working days. All equipment is audited, then either purchased or sold direct on the client's behalf to realise its value, or recycled in full. Throughout the process data security is a high priority and stored information is destroyed in accordance with the company's data security guarantee. Contact Tech Waste to arrange disposal of old IT equipment, or about a refurbished PC for your business.



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The Imperial War Museum which donated office furniture, equipment and IT support with networking our office computers. **The Burma Star Association** for lending us its committee room for meetings. **Live Music Now!** and **Hirsh Jewellers** for giving us their old PC's (which were much younger than our old PC's!) **The Royal Hospital, Chelsea** for storing FoWM's rescued war memorials. **Holts Tours** who donated a tour as a competition prize and **Hasbro UK** who donated £500 for FoWM to grant to a needful war memorial. **Major Mark Perkins TD**, Master of the St Barbara Lodge of Freemasons, Middlesex, who will donate half the Lodge's charity collections over the next year to FoWM. **Mr & Mrs Wilson** of Newmarket, who donated their collection of war memorial postcards to FoWM after visiting our stand at the Fenland Country Fair and **Mr J Wynne Lewis** who kindly translated an article about FoWM for Welsh language publications.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

FoWM Fiction

John Forder of Cambridge writes: *I am sending you a poem that I wrote two years ago when I heard on the radio that the war memorial in Hills Road, Cambridge had had paint thrown at it. At the time, I didn't know of Friends of War Memorials. If you publish my poem and it causes someone to stop and think long enough to prevent vandalism to a memorial, then I feel I will have helped a little.* Fortunately, Cambridge war memorial is now in good condition, but other memorials continue to suffer, so here is the poem.

War Memorials by John Forder

Do not dishonour the soldiers
Who gave their lives for you
And don't besmirch their memory,
Whatever else you do!
Maybe their values were different
And their ideals, maybe, are not yours
But don't belittle the sacrifice
They made in various wars.
For they died for what they believed in.
Do you have strength for the same?
Would you lay down your life for a comrade?
Please don't throw scorn on their name.
The memorial is there for each one of 'em,
Everyone, not a few, not just some,
Every soldier who fought for his Country
But never again saw his home.



Vandalised war memorial at Rake Lane Cemetery, Wirral

Photo by Maggie Goodall

FoWM - Young Supporters

Tom Swift (aged 15) writes about his day helping on FoWM's stand at the HMS Belfast Family History Day in August - and discovering how difficult it can be to secure support for a small charity.

War memorials may not be the most important thing to a teenager's mind. Well, not for most teenagers. I'm 15 and until recently I had not given much thought to war memorials. Who

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takes care of them? Who knows where they all are, and what is done about them when they are vandalised? So when my aunt, Niki Pratt, invited me to help represent Friends of War Memorials when they visited HMS Belfast in London, I jumped at the chance. I enjoy the feeling of charity and I represent my school on its Charity Committee. There are a lot more obvious charities than Friends of War Memorials, but I feel that it is small charities that need a lot more attention nowadays as they get less money.

The day started with putting up the display and putting out leaflets and posters. As the day progressed we were willing and ready to give out any information that people wanted, though unfortunately not many did. After a brief wander around the ship and an ice cream I got back to the display to find . . . not much change. Although there were a few generous donations the day had not gone as well as we had hoped. I did have fun though, everyone was really nice to me and I'd like to thank everyone I met on the day.

LEGACIES

Your Will can help protect our memorial heritage. A legacy is the most positive way of contributing without costing you a penny during your lifetime.

To leave a legacy to FoWM:

See your solicitor to arrange for your wishes to be included in your Will. Your solicitor will be able to advise on how to word your Will, either with a fixed sum or a share of your estate or a gift in kind.

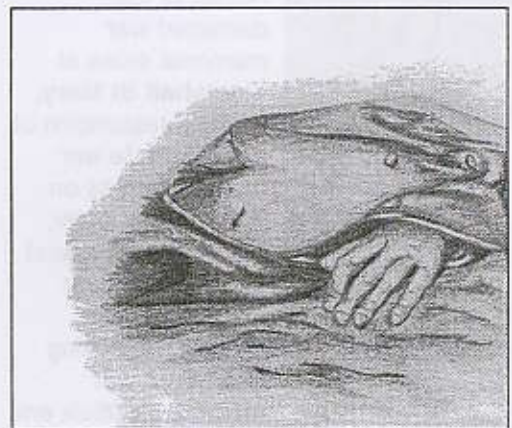
In your Will you need to include FoWM address and Registered Charity Number.

Your special legacy gift can help FoWM with the perpetual preservation of war memorials to those who lost their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

FoWM - Art Competition

To celebrate FoWM's forthcoming 5th anniversary (1997 - 2002) we are holding an art competition. There is no entry fee - just send in your artwork (A4 or A3 sized, watercolour, pencil, acrylic, collage etc) along with an entry form and you could be a winner. Age categories are 4 - 7 years, 8 - 12 years, 13 - 18 years old and over 18. The closing date is May 7th 2002 and the winners and 4 runners-up will receive prizes including art books and materials and a year's free FoWM membership.

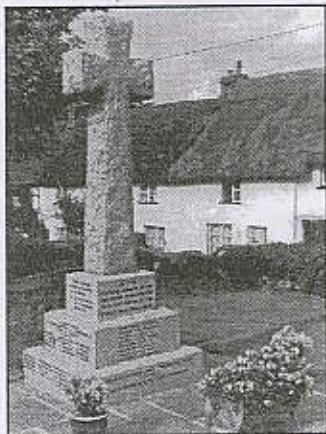
For details and an entry form contact Amy Flint at FoWM or see the website: www.war-memorials.com



*Detail from the Royal Artillery Memorial, Hyde Park Corner
Alice Burgess - over 18 category*

Friends of War Memorials Grants

Friends of War Memorials has given £5,000 worth of small grants this year to war memorial projects countrywide and overseas, thanks to the generous support of **The Halifax plc**. 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:

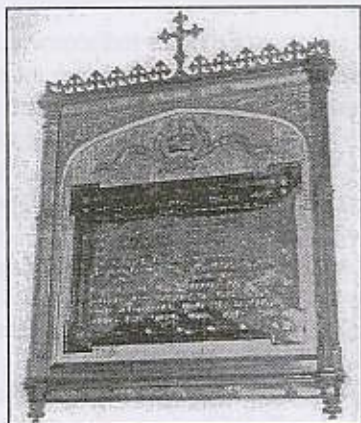


Restoration of the leaded lettering on **Petrockstowe** war memorial, Devon, repointing **Barlaston** war memorial cross, Staffordshire, and restoration of the wood and brass memorial in St Margaret's Church, **Acton Scott**, Shropshire.

*Petrockstowe War Memorial
Photo courtesy of
Mrs A Johnston*

*Acton Scott
War Memorial*

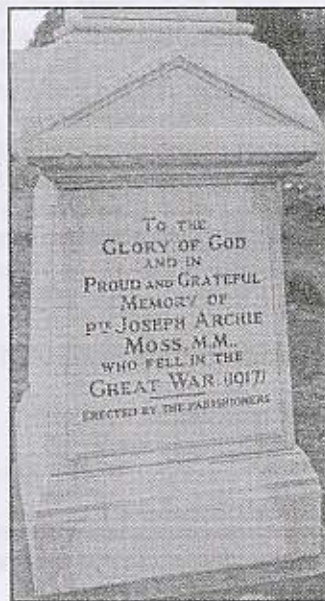
*Photo by RV
Major Clive
Blakeway
who assisted
with the
memorial's
restoration*



*War Memorial in St
Andrew's Churchyard,
Bramfield before the
lettering was restored
photo by Michael Creese*

Repair of the damaged war memorial cross at **Tivetshall St Mary**, Norfolk, restoration of the **Glendale** war memorial cross on Tower Hill, Wooler, Northumberland and of **Chilworth** war memorial cross, Surrey. Relettering **Bramfield** war memorial, Suffolk and rebuilding **Cawston** war memorial, Norfolk, after it was damaged by a lightning strike.

Rebuilding a retaining wall at **Waddington** war memorial garden, Lancashire to prevent the memorial cross being damaged by subsidence, and restoration of the war memorial at **Stoke Ash**, Suffolk. This memorial obelisk is unusual in recording only one man, Pte Joseph Archie Moss of the Durham Light Infantry. Of the 44 Stoke Ash men who served only Pte Moss failed to return, being killed in June 1917 the day after the local paper announced that he had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery.



*Stoke Ash War Memorial
Photo by Shropshire RV Roland Bugey who
represented FoWM at the memorial's rededication*



Though the £5,000 grant fund donated by The Halifax plc has all now been allocated Friends of War Memorials continues to support war memorial projects from its own resources where possible, and has just awarded £250 to assist with relettering **Filleigh** war memorial, Devon. We receive grant requests almost every working day so all donations to FoWM's Small Grants fund are gratefully received - contact Maggie Goodall at FoWM.

*Restoration Fund
"thermometer" at
Tisbury, Wiltshire
Photo by Maggie Goodall*

*Filleigh War Memorial,
Devon
Photo courtesy of
Mr A T Davey*



FUNDING UPDATE

English Heritage and FoWM War Memorial Grant Scheme: Latest Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 per project are available from English Heritage's Grant Scheme for War Memorial Repair and Conservation. To be eligible a war memorial must be Grade II listed in its own right and situated in a Conservation Area in England.

FoWM administers the scheme and information/application packs and advice are available from Maggie Goodall at FoWM.

Grants are awarded quarterly on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Panel, which is next scheduled to meet on January 9th, 2002. Applicants should note that grant applications cannot be made retrospectively.

The latest successful projects are:

Brenchley, Kent

£400 for professional investigative cleaning of this elaborately carved wheel cross to help assess the possible need for relettering and repair.



Brenchley War Memorial after cleaning

Photo courtesy of contractors Burlite Ltd

East Markham, Nottinghamshire

£395 to repoint the memorial and replace missing letters from the Roll of Honour. The memorial takes a classical form widely used for funerary monuments and war memorials: a broken column, symbolising life ended prematurely. But at East Markham the designer took the unusual step of including the column's severed capital, which is placed on a corner of the memorial's base.



*East Markham War Memorial
Photo by Maggie Goodall*

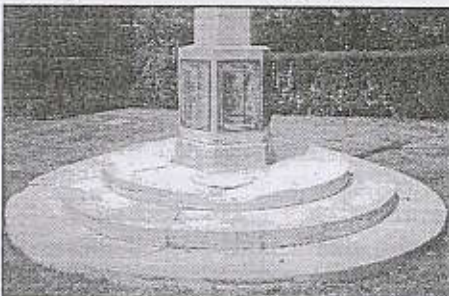
New Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Scheme

The HLF has launched a new grant scheme, *Your Heritage*, which will award grants between £5,000 and £50,000 to projects that care for, increase understanding of and access to the heritage and benefit the community. Repair and conservation of war memorials can be eligible. For details contact the HLF on Tel: 020 7591 6041 or see its website: www.hlf.org.uk

The HLF main grant fund has recently supported the £25,000 restoration of **Burwash** war memorial, Sussex, which includes Rudyard Kipling's son John among the casualties it records.



Newark War Memorial conserved - Photo courtesy of Newark & Sherwood Borough Council (compare Spring 2001 Newsletter page 7)



Rolvenden War Memorial before & after the steps were repaired - Photos by Maggie Goodall (before) and Mr D Barham (after)



Royston War Memorial - work in progress (L&R Daniel and Andrew Gerrard of contractors Corinthian Stone) - Photo Jane Gaskell

Rededication ceremony at Hertford War Memorial

Photo by Maggie Goodall



WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

UK National Inventory of War Memorials Launched

The building of memorials to those killed in WWI has been described as the biggest public art project in history. But no systematic attempt had been made to quantify, classify or record all the country's war memorials from the two World Wars and other conflicts before the National Inventory of War Memorials was begun at the Imperial War Museum in 1989. The UKNIWM now has information about 45,000 of the UK's war memorials catalogued on its database, which was launched on November 8th, 2001 with a celebration at the Museum. Researched by 500 volunteer recorders working with the IWM team of three (Nick Hewitt, Jane Armer and Lorraine Knight, following initial work by Catherine Moriarty) the database will be accessible to the public in the Museum's reading rooms. An archive of survey forms, photographs, postcards and ephemera supports the database and it is hoped to make the information and illustrations available on the Internet in due course. Recording will continue in areas where coverage is not yet complete, for information contact: *The UKNIWM at The Imperial War Museum All Saints Annexe, Austral Street, London, SE1 6HZ.*

The illustrated *War Memorials Handbook* by UKNIWM Committee Member Stephen Croad was also launched on November 8th and gives guidance on how to approach the conservation of war memorials and on using the Inventory as an information resource. The book is available from the Imperial War Museum shop at £4.99 and by mail order on 01223 499353 (Reference BK9038, add £1.00 for postage and packing).



West Hallam War Memorial, Derbyshire

Photo courtesy of UKNIWM (Record Number 14230)

In Brief

Addition of a missing name to the Roll of Honour at **Balmashanner** war memorial, Forfar in Angus was marked by a commemorative service in September. Pte Andrew Graham Lindsay of the 1st Battalion The Black Watch was killed in the Battle of Givenchy on January 25th, 1915 and has no known grave. WWI and WWII Memorials commemorating staff and pupils of the **Liverpool Institute for Boys**

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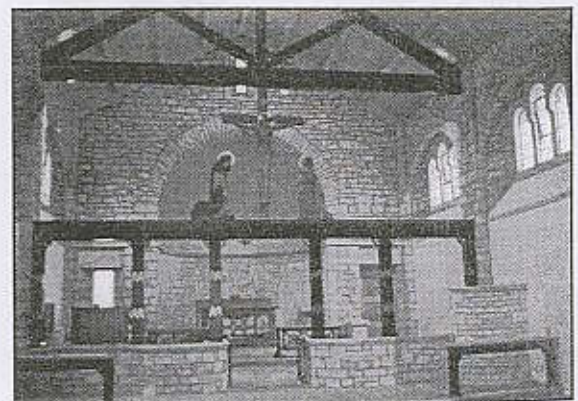
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were rededicated on November 4th at the building on Mount Street which, with the help of former pupil Sir Paul McCartney, has now become the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts. **Norwich** Roll of Honour, like Norwich's WWI war memorial stone was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and lists the names of some 3,500 Norwich men who died in The Great War. It has been redisplayed as part of the redevelopment of Norwich Castle Museum alongside a new touch-screen database of information about those recorded.



Newton War Memorial: Mark Metcalfe of contractors Rattee & Kett recuts the names - Photo by Jane Gaskell

The Roll of Honour on **Newton** war memorial, Cambridgeshire has been relettered. A handsome stone pylon, which unfortunately has lost the metal weather vane which once crowned it, this memorial retains its water trough (now filled with flowers) dedicated to all the horses killed in WWI. In 2000 FoWM lent its support to a group of local people resisting proposals to remove the war memorial chancel screen from **St Alban's Church, Stroud, Gloucestershire**. The objectors prevailed; the screen was saved and has now been restored.



*War Memorial Chancel Screen at St Alban, Stroud
Photo by Mr J Hacker*

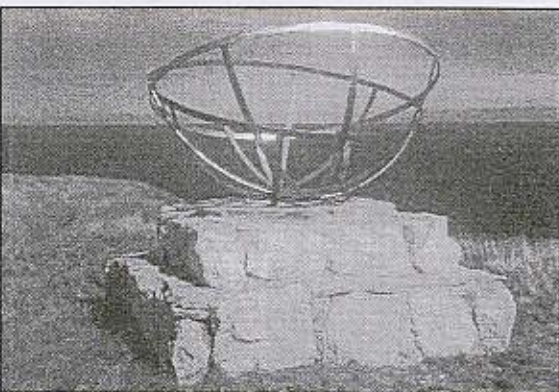
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Local man Wayne Gerrard has rescued Salem Presbyterian Church war memorial from the obscurity of a store room. It is now on view at **Salem Christian Centre, Rhyl**. Local school children have raised £45 towards the restoration of **Merrow** war memorial, Surrey by collecting copper coins.

The South African War Memorial in the Buttermarket, **Bury St Edmunds**, Suffolk has been restored at a cost of £20,000 and vandal damage to the **Newmachar** war memorial near Inverurie has been repaired by Aberdeenshire and Newmachar Community Councils. The fight to save the **Oxted & Limpsfield War Memorial Hospital**, Surrey continues with FoWM supporter and war memorial hospital expert Cdr Josh Cosnett in the forefront of the campaign. But sadly the red brick war memorial wing at **Acton Hospital**, Gunnersbury Lane, London was demolished in October.

New War Memorials

A two-ton memorial stone dedicated to British, Commonwealth and Allied servicepeople who have died in all conflicts, and set on a plinth containing sand from Dunkirk, cobblestones from Auschwitz and a fragment of the Berlin Wall, was unveiled in October at **Mirfield**, West Yorkshire. Trafford Council and the local Royal British Legion branch have set up a special blue plaque outside The Grapes pub on **Chapel Street, Altrincham**, Cheshire to commemorate what King George V called in a 1919 telegram *the bravest little street in England*. 160 men from this street of 60 terraced houses served in WWI, 29 of them were killed. A new brass plaque mounted on the village sign at **Corton**, Suffolk commemorates the village's dead of two World Wars. A new sculpture celebrating break-through radar research early in WWII by scientists based in the Isle of Purbeck was unveiled in October by astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell. The striking memorial, on St Aldhelm's Head near **Worth Matravers**, Dorset stands nine feet high and was designed by local people.



Radar Memorial, Worth Matravers
Photo courtesy of Tony Viney (Purbeck Radar Memorial Trust)

The Western Front Association

FoWM and The Western Front Association are now reciprocally affiliated organisations

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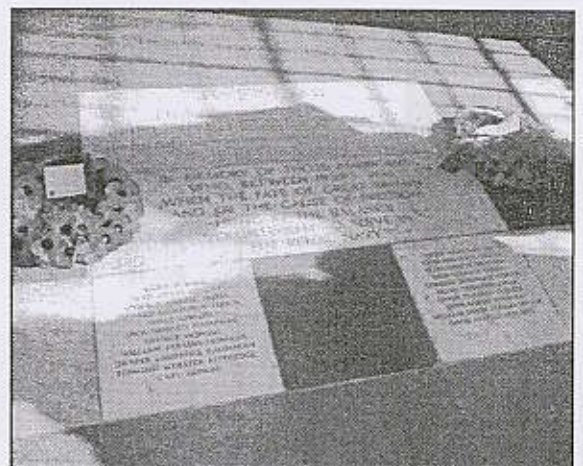
The New US Royal Naval Volunteers Reserve Memorial at Greenwich

by Amy Flint

A new memorial plaque to US RNVR volunteers in the Painted Hall at the former Royal Naval College, Greenwich was unveiled on October 3rd. The plaque names the American volunteers who served with the Royal Navy between 1939 and 1941, at the risk of losing their US citizenship for swearing allegiance to a foreign power at a time when the US was still neutral. Following its unveiling by Rear Admiral Tim McClement, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, the plaque was blessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Of the band of US volunteers only David Gibson and Edwin Russell now survive. Mr Russell represented them both at the ceremony, laying a wreath alongside that laid by Mrs Beth Bush on behalf of the deceased volunteers.

In his address to the guests at the commemoration Friends of War Memorials President Winston S Churchill poignantly stated: *We meet today to commemorate a number of gallant Americans who, in our hour of need - when the fate of Britain and of the cause of freedom hung in the balance - volunteered to serve in the Royal Navy in the period 1939 - 1941, before America's entry into the conflict. Their numbers may not have been great, but the fact that they came, at a moment when Britain stood alone, meant so much. They proved to be the harbingers of the millions that were to come later. No man can do more for a country than to volunteer to fight for it. It is for this fine, disinterested action that, belatedly, we thank them today.*



The US RNVR volunteer plaque unveiled
Photo courtesy of Mrs Serena Balfour

SELECTED APPEALS

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

The Thiepval Project - Update

Sir Frank Sanderson, Chairman of the project to create an education centre near Sir Edwin Lutyens' memorial to the 72,000 missing of the Battle of the Somme, has written to let us know that £295,000 has been raised to date. The winners of the architectural competition to design the centre will be announced soon. The project needs a further £105,000 to reach its target. Donations to: **The Thiepval Project, Charities Aid Foundation Trust Dept., Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA**
Website: www.thiepval.org

The Royal Naval Division Memorial

This memorial commemorates 45,000 casualties sustained by the RND in WWI. The Division was disbanded in 1919 after distinguishing itself in frontline engagements at Gallipoli and on the Western Front, and survivors commissioned the elegant fountain memorial from Sir Edwin Lutyens. It stood adjacent to the Old Admiralty Building on Horse Guards from 1925 when it was unveiled until 1939 when it was dismantled to protect it during the construction of the Citadel. The memorial was re-erected at Greenwich College in 1951 but now that the College is no longer a Naval establishment, the Committee to Reinstate the RND Memorial believes it should be returned to Horse Guards, where its original base survives. The Committee has launched an appeal for funds for the relocation work (Registered Charity No 262717). Donations to: **The Treasurer, Lt Col A J F Noyes, HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, PO2 8ER**



Sketch of the RND Memorial

Mystery Memorials

In the process of databasing and refiling old FoWM cases (pre-2000) we have found a number of uncatalogued photographs and would appreciate readers' help in identifying the memorials they show. If you recognise the roadside drinking fountain or churchyard cross pictured here, please contact **Maggie Goodall at FoWM**.



Unidentified Churchyard Cross (photographed pre 2000)



Mystery Drinking Fountain (photographed June 1998)

London Memorials to WWI Air Raid Casualties

Lt Col Bob Wyatt MBE of the Military Historical Society is seeking information on memorials to those killed in raids on London in the Great War. He has details of a plaque in Queen's Square off Theobalds Road, a notice in the Dolphin Inn, Lamb's Conduit Passage, a memorial stone in the road at Lincoln's Inn, a plaque at the junction of Bow Road and Bromley High Street, a memorial tablet in Postman's Park, a plaque on the site of 101-103 Albany Road, Camberwell, a memorial in Heroes' Corner, Ladywell Cemetery, Hither Green and a bronze tablet in the entrance to the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Row. If any readers know whether these memorials still exist or are aware of others not on Colonel Wyatt's list, he would be very glad to hear from you. **Contact: Lt Col R J Wyatt MBE TD, 33 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berks., RG40 2HG**



Air Raid Memorial, Poplar Recreation Ground, East London, commemorating children killed by a bomb dropped on the LCC School, Upper North Street, Poplar, on June 13th, 1917.

Photo by Maggie Goodall

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.

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For Your Tomorrow: British Second World War Memorials

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Published by D Boorman 1995,
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Please send the whole page to:

Sir Donald Thompson, Friends of War Memorials,
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FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 5th March, 2002

6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Friends of the British Museum would like to invite FoWM members to join them at their Evening Opening. The evening's theme will be **Mystery in Mesopotamia** and it will focus on the Museum's latest exhibition *Agatha Christie and Archaeology*. As well as talks in the galleries by curators, there will be Persian music and a pay bar. For your free ticket, contact Alison Maw on Tel: 020 7323 8643 or email: events@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

Thursday 7th - Sunday 10th March, 2002

Crufts at the NEC, Birmingham.

Sunday 5th May, 2002

Air Show at Imperial War Museum, Duxford Airfield, Cambs.

Saturday 4th - Sunday 12th May, 2002

Local History Week - FoWM event TBA.

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June 2002

East Anglian Flower Show, Bourne, Cambs.

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July, 2002

Air Show at Imperial War Museum, Duxford Airfield, Cambs.

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August, 2002

English Heritage *History in Action* weekend - venue TBC.

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September, 2002

Air Show at Imperial War Museum, Duxford Airfield, Cambs.

Sunday 13th October, 2002

Air Show at Imperial War Museum, Duxford Airfield, Cambs.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE 2002 ROADSHOW?

Please let Jane Gaskell know if you are willing to help on the FoWM stand at shows and/or if you can co-ordinate a display stand at an event in your area.

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

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e-mail:
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and see our website:
www.war-memorials.com

FoWM reserves the right to alter or cancel events if necessary

On the Bookshelf

The Graphic Art of Eric Kennington by Jonathan Black

Catalogue and essays published to accompany an exhibition of Eric Kennington's work on paper at the Strang Print Room at UCL 3rd October - 14th December, 2001
Softback, 59pp, illustrated, £4.99.
Available from UCL. Tel: 020 7679 2540

Trench Art by Nicholas Saunders

The first book on the dazzling array of objects made by soldiers, survivors and refugees from the waste of war during and after WWI.
Pen & Sword Books, 2001
Hardback, 160pp, illustrated,
ISBN 0-85052-793-7 £19.95

Their Names Shall be Carved in Stone by Frank Bond

Study of those commemorated on the war memorial at Eton Wick, Berkshire.
Published by Frank Bond, 2000
Softback, 175pp, illustrated,
ISBN 0-9538240-0-4

£10.00 inc p&p from the author,
15a Wick Road, Eton Wick, Berks., SL4 6LT

Orpington & The Great War by John Pateman

Softback, 50pp, £3.00 from
Orpington and Bromley Libraries,
£3.50 by post inc p&p from the author,
32 Petten Grove, Orpington, BR5 4PU
(cheques payable to "J Pateman")

Please Remember by Estelle Lancaster

A collection of poems in aid of the National Memorial Arboretum
Published by Wilton 65, York, 2001
Softback, 24pp, ISBN 0-947828-87-7
£5.40 inc p&p from NAM,
Croxall Lane, Alrewas, Staff., DE13 7AR
(Cheques payable to the
"The National Memorial Arboretum")

NEW EVENTS FoWM is hoping to expand its events programme to include other events alongside the roadshow. Please send expressions of interest to Maggie Goodall at FoWM using the form below.

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Name.....Address.....
..... Post Code.....
Telephone: email:

I would be interested in the following (please tick as appropriate)

Illustrated talks on war memorials & related subjects <input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibition Special Views <input type="checkbox"/>
Studio or workshop/"behind the scenes" visits <input type="checkbox"/>	FoWM Members'/Regional Volunteers' Days <input type="checkbox"/>
Days out with a war memorial theme (eg to the National Memorial Arboretum) <input type="checkbox"/>	Study Days/Conferences with a war memorial/conservation theme <input type="checkbox"/>
Guided walks (e.g. Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, London). <input type="checkbox"/>	Would you travel to attend an FoWM event? YES/NO