

# FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS



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## 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 RVs 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 RVs to attend re-dedications on our behalf and perhaps to lay a wreath where appropriate. RVs 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 RVs who have joined us recently. For a full list of RVs by area and to find out about becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact Frances Moreton at FoWM. We are always delighted to welcome new RVs in any area but would be particularly pleased to hear from potential volunteers in North Wales and Scotland.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

We would like to thank RV, Brian Krill, for his continued support with regards the three war memorials from St Etheldreda's Church, Coldham. Reported in 2000 that St Etheldreda had been made redundant, enquiries were made before it was eventually decided that the memorials would be homed at St Mark's. The Parish Council unanimously decided to fund the full estimated cost of the works, less grants received including one from FoWM.

### FRANCE

Regional Volunteers help in a variety of ways, not only in the UK but overseas too. Sadly, we report the death of Peter Calver, in June 2003, who for some years had been a stalwart RV at St Jean-le-Vieux, France. Peter took a keen interest in monitoring and reporting to us on war memorials to British regiments, which he came across in his area of France. We send our deepest sympathy to Peter's widow and family and are grateful for the support Peter gave to FoWM.



### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

RV Brian Kemp kindly ran a stand at Frampton on Severn Country Fair (Frampton Court can just be seen in the background of the photograph). Lurcher racing was held on the track alongside their site.

Brian Kemp running the stand at Frampton on Severn County Fair  
*Photo courtesy of Brian Kemp*

### HERTFORDSHIRE

RV Neil Lemon kindly transported a war memorial from Bishops Stortford to London on behalf of FoWM. The war memorial was rescued from a skip by the chairperson of Bishops Stortford Royal British Legion, David Bayford. The memorial originally came from the Bishops Stortford Conservative Club, and following the club's closure in the late 1970s, has been in the care of Mr Bayford. It will now be housed at the offices of the Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd in London, where Philip Smith has agreed to clean it up and place it on display. FoWM would like to offer their sincere thanks to Neil Lemon, Mr Bayford and Mr Smith for their efforts with this project.

### NORTHUMBERLAND

Janet Brown, FoWM RV in Northumberland, played a starring role on her local ITN News early in September. Janet followed up an article from a magazine by writing to her local paper and requesting details about the previously unrecorded war memorial; the paper followed this up with an article, which was then picked up by the television company. Janet managed to locate information on the war memorial, promote the protection of war memorials and generate valuable publicity for FoWM. This timely

exposure was just before The Great North Fair, where Janet and other RVs and members in the area ran a stand on behalf of the charity. Well done, and thank you, Janet.

RVs Janet Brown and James Pasby running a stand at the Great North Fair, Gateshead

*Photo courtesy of Janet Brown*



### HAMPSHIRE

FoWM would like to thank Deirdre Nicol for attending this year's Military Odyssey at Maidstone, and also extend that thanks to others who helped her out including John Rowe. Enjoying fantastic weather conditions, the event was successful and enjoyed by all those who were able to attend.

### VICTORIA STATION COLLECTION DAY

On Monday 8 September 2003, Friends of War Memorials went along to Victoria Station in London to spread the word about the charity. The team took along exhibition boards covered with information about FoWM, photographs of neglected war memorials in need of restoration and in some cases a new home. Three of our Regional Volunteers; Gavin Oliver, John Reeves and Alan Williams kindly assisted Frances Moreton in collecting from members of the public, distributing newsletters and talking to the public about the charity and we would like to thank them all for their help. We would also like to thank Amy Flint who kindly came in at 7 am on a Monday morning to help Frances set up. The team raised over £70 in just four hours, so it was well worth everyone's efforts.



FoWM RVs Gavin Oliver and John Reeves fundraising at Victoria Station

*Photograph by Frances Moreton*

### WALES

Hugh Edwards, FoWM RV in Wales, attended the rededication and tree planting ceremony at St Gwynour's Church, Penclawss, on 28 September 2003. The event saw 10 trees replanted, each tree in memory of a local man who died in the First World War. Dignitaries, including FoWM Welsh patron, Major General the Rev. Morgan Llweilyn, participated in replanting the trees with the help of local school children. The trees were originally planted in the churchyard in 1936, in addition to a marble memorial plaque, installed in the Parish Church in 1925, but by 2003 only two trees survived, so the community, Church and The Gower Society decided to replace the trees. The ceremony, attracting over 200 attendees, was a memorable and moving occasion that concluded with the sounding of the *Last Post* by a bugler of the Royal Regiment of Wales.

The replanting of a memorial tree at Penclawss  
*Photo courtesy of Hugh Edwards*



### WILTSHIRE

On 6 August 2003, FoWM RV, Ian Homersham, attended the rededication service of the Memorial Sundial in Downton, Wiltshire. The memorial had

formally received a FoWM Small Grant Scheme grant of £250. Ian reports that the evening was well attended and had a Royal British Legion Standard Bearer and representative from the Coldstream Guards Regimental Association.

Sundial at Downton Memorial Gardens

*Photo courtesy of Ian Homersham*





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Shaibah War Memorial, Southern Iraq

Members of No 11 (Army Co-operation)

Squadron Royal Air Force standing in

front of the Shaibah War memorial

Photos courtesy of Major Gary Walker.

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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 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.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE**

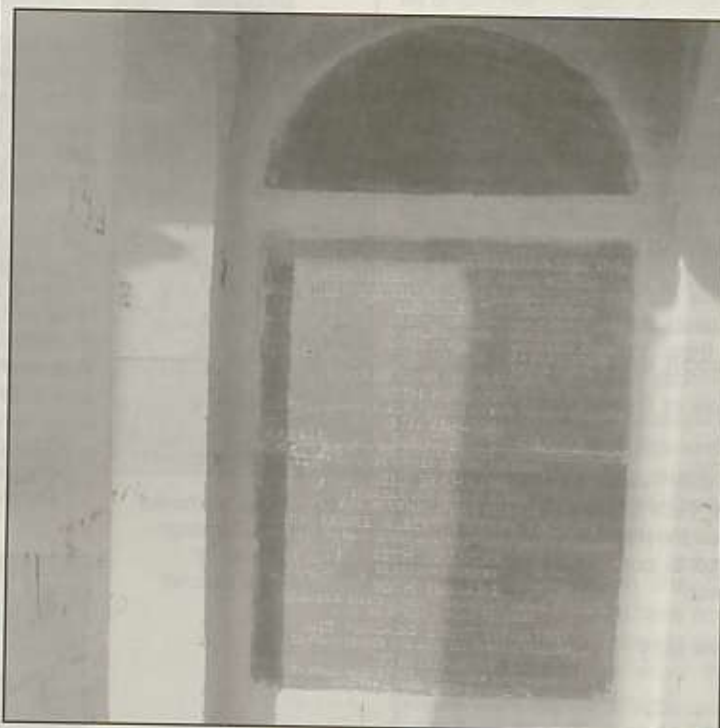
**Sir Donald Thompson**

Firstly, "Seasons greetings to you and yours."

Another conflict in the Middle East so poignantly emphasises the long strife in those countries. Our troops are still losing their lives week in week out alongside the Americans whose losses are even greater.

In this century, these heroes are thought to have a final resting place, however, there are so many other sacrifices remembered throughout the United Kingdom, some of which you read about in this Newsletter. So often we can help with advice on conservation and restoration, local appeals often raise sufficient funds to meet immediate needs; but all the time, Friends of War Memorials - which has no official funding - needs cash. Cash in every form, from Membership donations, buying our small gifts, legacies and sometimes movingly final tributes.

Let us at this time of the year count our blessings, but remember those who did not get "home for Christmas."



Close up of one of the many memorial plaques at Shaibah War Memorial, Southern Iraq

Photo courtesy of Major Gary Walker

**EDITOR'S NOTE - Amy Flint**

This issue's guest Editor is Amy Flint. Our new Conservation Officer, Pedro Gaspar, will edit our next issue of the Newsletter.



## NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

### Introducing Pedro

We at Friends of War Memorials are delighted to welcome Pedro Gaspar to our team, as the new Conservation Officer replacing Maggie Goodall.

Pedro has recently finished his PhD in Conservation Science at the Royal College of Art, in collaboration with the Victoria & Albert Museum (V&A) and Imperial College in London. While based at the V&A, he worked in the development of a research group involving several London-based museums investigating the effects of laser cleaning in the conservation of artworks.

Pedro's interest in the conservation of Cultural Heritage started long ago. His CV includes: teaching Material Science for Conservators, working on a conservation research project at the University of Liverpool and being a member of the Editorial Board for the V&A Conservation Journal. He has also had several articles published in international journals. Before joining FoWM, Pedro worked for a company that specialised in conferences and training courses for the educational sector. He is delighted to be back in the conservation world.



Newly appointed  
FoWM  
Conservation  
Officer Pedro  
Gaspar

Photo by  
Frances  
Moreton

### All's well that end's well: Darwen War Memorial

On page five of our last newsletter there was a Special Appeal for a 15 foot tall stone cenotaph which was to be moved from Darwen in Lancashire to the National Memorial Arboretum at Croxall in Staffordshire.

Following public pressure, Blackburn, with Darwen Council have decided to keep the memorial in the town. The council have informed FoWM that the memorial will be held in storage for a short time, but will ultimately have a prominent place in the town as part of a major regeneration project currently being completed. It is unfortunate that the situation progressed so far, and that our initial correspondence did not receive a response. However, it is superb news that the cenotaph, which commemorates men from the former Park Road Methodist Church and Sunday School, will remain in the area, and that the people of Darwen helped to keep it there.

FoWM would like to thank all those involved in the project, in particular the 75th Engineer Regiment, who have temporarily relocated the memorial, and those of our members who responded to our request for assistance with the Cenotaph Appeal.

### Regional Volunteers Day

by Martin Shorthouse

The sun caught the sharp edge of the silver curved roof thrusting itself towards the blue sky. This towered above the entrance to the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester, where the second Regional Volunteers Day took place on the last Saturday in September.

Around 25 of us gathered in a room kindly provided by

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the museum where coffee and biscuits were waiting. Sir Donald Thompson introduced Simon, a member of the museum staff, who welcomed us to the museum and talked about the origin, design, architecture and purpose of this world-class institution. Sir Donald then presented us with an enthralling medley of news from the charity, discussing the background to some of the tasks with which it and its volunteers have become involved and how influence can be gently or determinedly applied to further the objectives of FoWM.

FoWM Administrator, Frances, then provided details of staff changes and developments within the charity's Head-office. She discussed the prospect of the charity putting together an RV Handbook for volunteers, and asked that any suggestions/comments would be gratefully received to make it a really useful tool.

Maggie Goodall came to share her thoughts and experiences (against a clattering of caterers removing cups!) about her role as the charity's Conservation Officer. Her talk highlighted the breadth and depth of the subject, acknowledging how much there is that could be done to further the charity's objectives.

All those attending had a particular expertise in or genuine concern for the conservation of war memorials. Each person is committed to the aims of FoWM, providing a strand of support that undoubtedly gives the charity its strength to perform good work. It seemed somewhat ironical then that on the other side of the conference room walls, images of war with sounds reverberating through the museum were being projected, rather poignantly reinforcing the need to remember the sacrifices made in armed conflicts.

Chaired by Sir Donald, the afternoon session enabled those attending to ask questions and make comments before being invited to go on a quick tour of the museum with Simon, so that we could experience the uniqueness of the space and its exhibits.

Afterwards, I went up in the lift of the silver tower to the gallery and looked out over the blue water of the old docks towards the Lowry centre and Manchester beyond, the dying sun casting a reflection of the War Museum on the surface below. The perfect end to a rewarding day.

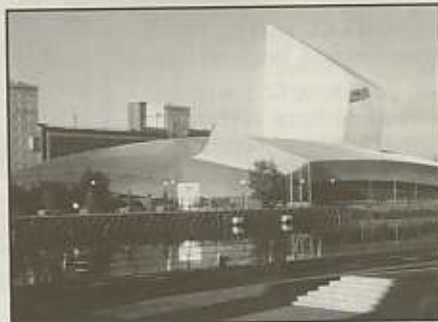
Sir Donald  
Thompson  
talking to  
RVs at the  
Regional  
Volunteers  
Day



Photo by  
Frances  
Moreton



Park Road Methodist  
Church Cenotaph  
Photo by  
Maggie Goodall



The  
Imperial  
War  
Museum  
North in  
Manchester

Photo by  
Frances  
Moreton



## NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

### Addition to notes from the RV meeting of 27th September, which were dispatched to Regional Volunteers

by Frances Moreton

Used by the UK National Inventory of War Memorials, and endorsed by FoWM, the definition for a war memorial is:

*"a physical object created or installed to commemorate those who died as a result of conflict (excluding individual graves); the purpose of a memorial being defined as to reunite those who were separated by a conflict, who left their homes, colleagues and friends to serve in a war, many of whose bodies were never recovered or who were buried overseas".*

*The War Memorials Handbook*

Second Edition 2001 ISBN 1-901623-48-3

### FoWM Points from The Regional Volunteers Day

1. Those who attended the Regional Volunteers Day have received notes from the meeting; for those RVs who were unable to attend, but would like copies of the notes, please send a request via email or SAE to Frances Moreton, who will send a copy.
2. RV ID cards are now available free of charge, as FoWM would like to encourage all RVs to have one for when they are working on the charity's behalf. To obtain a card, please send a passport-sized photo to Frances Moreton, who will be able to produce a card for you.

### The Value of War Memorials

by Brother Nigel Cave

I remember clearly my first day, aged thirteen, when I arrived at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire, which included a visit to a very large chapel. Dominating it, covering almost half of the east wall, is the school's war memorial. There are around sixty-five names from the Great War, and forty or more from WWII. For the next five years, on the very regular (some would argue too regular!) visits to the chapel those names were in front of us, and could not be avoided. One noticed on the memorial sets of brothers (three); of families who lost loved ones in both conflicts; and, as one became familiar with the school's history, one began to appreciate the size of the loss. Ratcliffe was a small school of some 80-90 pupils in the three decades before 1914; those killed represented a significant percentage of the alumni of fighting age, and 5% from its foundation in 1847 to 1914.

As I already had an nascent interest in the First and Second World Wars, I poked about in the school library to find out what I could of these men. Their pictures stared out of old school magazines and the obituaries were eloquent, both in the words used and the real sense of loss that was felt. Of course, when you are thirteen, ages like twenty-five or even nineteen seem alien to you. Returning to teach at Ratcliffe twenty years or so ago, I researched once more and the feeling of tragedy was that much stronger. Even the photographs became more revealing - for example,

### Be Green & Recycle for Charity

Friends of War Memorials can benefit from recycling your used office products.

If you have:

Empty laser or inkjet cartridges  
Old mobile phones or batteries,

please send them to us or drop them in at the office.

FoWM can benefit from charitable donations resulting from our being a central collection point

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there were two photographs of a past pupil called Lashford, one when he was commissioned at the age of eighteen in late 1915, and another shortly before he was killed on the Somme in October 1916. One was of a slightly self-conscious youth, the other of a haunted man of the middle years taken less than twelve months later.

The war memorials became the basis of project work for history students studying for their GCSEs, with pupils identifying with an individual. Events of around eighty years earlier became so much more tangible and provided contact with events both at the school (performance at football and rugby, in school plays, in Literary Society debates, in the life of the school), and then by visits to battlefields of the horrendous conflict.

This rather personalised account should help explain the abiding importance of war memorials to the people of these islands. Memorials were erected by parishes, towns and cities; by regiments and corps; by inhabitants of a street and the local church; by the railway companies, the shipping lines and factories. They represent the reaction of the communities to the tragedy of war, and are a physical testimony of the cost in young lives to family and neighbours. For many years they were a place of pilgrimage to those who suffered in two World Wars (and subsequent conflicts). Now, after a relatively peaceful fifty years for the people of these islands, they are stark - and sometimes movingly beautiful - reminders to people today of what was sacrificed to enable us to enjoy the liberties that we, rarely amongst the peoples of the world, enjoy. Whatever their artistic merit, they deserve to be an enduring monument not only to the two great seminal events of the twentieth century, but to communities and individuals to whom we owe so much. With luck these names will provoke an interest amongst today's communities and provoke the sort of questions that the war memorial did for me at Ratcliffe thirty odd years ago and now amongst today's generation of students. And if they do that, they will have served a significant part of their purpose. A country with no feel for its past is deeply flawed, and for that reason, amongst many others, the effort to preserve these potent, silent reminders of our ancestors is indeed worthwhile.

### Annual Report and Accounts

All members will be pleased to know that the draft Annual Report and Accounts of Friends of War Memorials, shown to members at the AGM on 1 July 2003, held at the Carlton Club, have been audited and approved.

They are now with the Charity Commission. Should any members have any queries or questions related to these, please contact the office and they will assist, or pass the enquiry onto our Treasurer, Roger Bardell.

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## FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS GRANTS

### Friends of War Memorials Small Grants Scheme

is able to give grants of up to £250 per project to assist war memorials of all dates and types, thanks to the generous support of **The Mercers Company and the Gargunock Estate Trust**.

The Small Grants Scheme is primarily targeted towards the conservation and repair of existing war memorials, but related work such as landscaping, and the creation of new memorials are also eligible. There are no listing requirements or geographical restrictions and grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Conservation Officer at FoWM for more information, to request an application form or to discuss a potential application.

In the 2002 calendar year, FoWM made offers or awards totalling £12,107 to 51 projects. In 2003 to date, we have made a further 38 offers or awards totalling £9,100. Grant aided projects recently completed include:

The rebuilding and relocation of the WWI War Memorial Sundial situated in Downton Memorial Gardens, **Downton**, Wiltshire. The sundial commemorates 2nd Lt Edwards Bonvalot of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed in October 1915. The Memorial Gardens were acquired by Mrs Emily Bonvalot and left to the village by her, in memory of her son. The sundial was a central piece and has now

been restored and placed in a prominent place by the entrance to the gardens.



Memorial Sundial in Downton Memorial Gardens

*Photo courtesy of Ian Homersham*

A WWII memorial plaque in St Martin's Church, **Castleton**, Rochdale, received funding towards a restoration project. Following cleaning, the bronze memorial required further work to improve the lettering. The memorial was also moved within the Church.



Castleton War Memorial Plaque (WWII)

*Photo courtesy of Mr D Fitton*



Ince War Memorial Plaque (WWII)

*Photo courtesy of Mr Bilney*

The WWII war memorial plaque at Christ Church, **Ince**, Lancashire, has been replaced with a new granite plaque enabling four missing names, omitted from the original plaque, to be added. A dedication service for the new plaque took place on 9 November 2003. The old plaque has been kept, but relocated in Ince Public Library.



Lurgashall War Memorial Cross  
*Photo courtesy of Mr Oakland*

The **Lurgashall** war memorial in West Sussex, which takes the form of a Celtic cross, has recently been cleaned. The memorial to those who fell in WWI and WWII records 33 names. It was erected in 1921 and stands in the village churchyard.

### English Heritage Grants

English Heritage's Grant Scheme for the Repair and Conservation of War Memorials began in April 2000, for an initial period of two years. The scheme has now been extended until March 2004. To date, over £94,730 has been awarded to 48 projects, up to the point of Maggie Goodall leaving. The forms in original application packs are still valid, but a revised and updated information leaflet has been issued; and supplementary guidance is available in the form of a model war memorial survey condition checklist, to assist applicants in preparing their application.

Awards of 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of £10,000 are available from the grant scheme, which is administered on English Heritage's behalf by Friends of War Memorials. To be eligible a war memorial must be freestanding, Grade II listed in its own right and situated in a Conservation Area in England. Grants are awarded quarterly on the recommendation of a Grants Advisory Panel, which will next meet in February 2004. Information leaflets and application packs are available from English Heritage regional offices and from FoWM - please contact the Conservation Officer, Dr Pedro Gaspar, for further details, advice or to discuss a potential application.

### The latest successful projects are:

#### Holbrook, Derbyshire

£1,090 for the repair of a WWI blue-black Welsh slate plaque recording those who served from Holbrook. The plaque became damaged after it fell from a wall causing it to partially shatter. In addition to the repair of the plaque, cleaning was undertaken on the Celtic cross, which sits above the memorial plaque. The memorial is located just outside the church gates.



Holbrook war memorial plaque (WWI)

*Photo by Maggie Goodall*



Belton in Rutland war memorial plaques

*Photo by Maggie Goodall*

#### Belton in Rutland, Leicestershire

£295 for the replacement of two war memorial plaques. The plaques record the names of those who died in WWI and are attached to a stone cross. This cross has two additional plaques affixed to it, marking further names from WWI and recording the names of two men lost between 1939 and 1945.



## OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

### Metropolitan Public Gardens Association

Within Greater London, the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association has made us aware that they may be able to assist with war memorial projects.

The objectives of the Association are:

- the protection, preservation, safeguarding and acquiring for permanent preservation for public use of gardens, disused burial grounds, churchyards, open spaces, areas of land likely to be used for building purposes, strips of land adjoining roads and footpaths, or any land situated within the Metropolitan Police District or in its vicinity.
- the provision of seats and the planting of trees in places of public resort etc;
- the encouragement of public interest in the formation of window boxes, the cultivation of front gardens and any similar kindred objects.

The organisation cannot fund repair work on stone or sanctuary, but it may be able to assist with planting in the area surrounding a war memorial. For example trees, shrubs or ground cover plants on condition that their long-term care and maintenance is guaranteed. In 2002, the MPGA contributed a seat to the refurbishment project of Trinity Square in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets; the square is noteworthy for its maritime war memorials. For further details of The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, please contact Mrs J Bellamy (Secretary) at 348 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3ND.

### FoWM Small Grants Scheme

#### SPECIAL APPEAL

##### One of the most successful elements

The Friends of War Memorials Small Grants Scheme is one of the most successful elements of the work undertaken by the charity. Since we started supporting projects through grants from our own fundraising more than 200 memorials have been restored, conserved, had names added or repaired from weather or vandalism with our help. Our discretionary fund has supported many projects, which have fallen outside the remit of other funds. Giving grants of up to £250, along with our professional advice has made the tangible difference between whether or not many of these projects have succeeded. The numbers of applications we receive each year keeps rising.

##### Applications waiting

There are now more than 20 applications waiting for consideration at the next grants meeting early in 2004. Each one represents a project to save or conserve a memorial or to add a name that was originally omitted in error.

##### We need your help

Currently, we do not have sufficient funds to support each project. We would like to ask you to support this most important part of our work with a donation that will go towards helping one of these very important projects.

If you are able to support this special appeal, please send your donation to: Sir Donald Thompson at Friends of War Memorials, 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London, SW1W 0LA.

### STANDING ORDERS

Joining Friends of War Memorials or renewing your existing membership?

Why not consider paying your subscription by standing order?

It's easy and convenient for you and also helps FoWM to keep its administration costs down.

Contact Administrator, Frances Moreton, at FoWM for a standing order form.

### CADW (Welsh Historic Monuments)

Historic Buildings and Conservation Area Grants

Cadw is the Welsh national heritage body and its grants are awarded on the advice of the Historic Buildings Council, and independent panel of experts. Grants are awarded in Wales only.

The **Historic Buildings Grant** is given to assist the repair and restoration of edifices of outstanding historic or architectural interest. A structure does not necessarily have to be listed to be considered for a grant, but in practice those unlisted structures which receive assistance are often added to the statutory list soon afterwards.

The **Conservation Area Grant** is given for work judged to significantly preserve or enhance the Conservation Area in which the edifice in question is situated.

Cadw produces a useful series of bi-lingual booklets to guide potential applicants:

The Listing of Buildings in Wales (Rhestru adeiladau yng Nghymm) including:

- Historic Buildings Grants and Conservation Area Grants (Grantiau Adeiladau Hanesyddol A Grantiau Ardaloedd Cadwraeth).
- What is Listing? (Beth yw Rhestru?).
- Listed Building Consent (Caniatad Adeiladau Rhedredig).

Booklets and grant application forms can be obtained from: Cadw, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ (Cadw, Adeilad y Goron, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF1 3NQ) Tel: 029 20500200 Fax: 029 20826375

### Historic Scotland

Historic Scotland is the Scottish national heritage body, and its grants are given on the advice of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland. Grants are given in Scotland only. The grants include the **Building Repair Grant** for internal and external repairs to outstanding structures and the **Conservation Area Grant** to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of outstanding Conservation Areas.

There is no fixed grant rate and the grant-eligible costs can include a contribution towards necessary professional fees. No retrospective grants are made. **Town Grant Scheme:** Historic Scotland may with the local authority agree to schemes to promote repair and restoration of groups of buildings in outstanding Conservation Areas, concentrating on buildings and works of relatively modest scale which may not qualify for assistance under the Historic Buildings Repair Grant Scheme. 50% of grant-eligible costs can be jointly funded by Historic Scotland and the local authority.

For information of eligibility and application procedure, please contact: Historic Scotland Grants Branch, Room 1.7, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH. Tel: 0131 6688600 Website: [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk)

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. Tel: 0141 2483398



## BEFORE AND AFTER

**Here is a reminder of some of our work - Friends of War Memorials Small Grants (from 2000)**

War Memorial	Amount £
<b>Scotland:</b>	
Maxwelltown War Memorial, Laurieknowe, Dunfrieshire	200.00
Dun War Memorial Angus	175.00
Newtongrange War Memorial, Midlothian	250.00
Kershader Point War Memorial, Isle of Lewis	250.00
Commando War Memorial, Spean Bridge, Highlands	500.00
Mountaineers War Memorial, Glen Brittle, Isle of Skye	250.00
Loch Innes War Memorial, Kinlochbervie, Highlands	250.00
<b>Wales:</b>	
Llanharan War Memorial, Rhondda Cynon Taff	250.00
Bistre Methodist War Memorial, Buckley, Flintshire	75.00
Methodist War Memorial, Welshpool Powys	100.00
<b>Abroad:</b>	
West Road Cemetery, Penang	150.00
23rd Destroyer Flotilla War Memorial, Hermanville Sur Mer, Normandy	150.00
<b>England:</b>	
Brignorth War Memorial, Shropshire	200.00
RAF Sandtoft War Memorial, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire	75.00
Bellingham War Memorial, Northumberland	250.00
Hampstead Old Town Hall War Memorial, Camden	150.00
Cawston War Memorial, Norfolk	200.00
RAF Kenley War Memorial, Surrey	250.00
Chesterton War Memorial, Oxfordshire	150.00
Stoke Ash War Memorial, Suffolk	150.00
Oaksey War Memorial, Wiltshire	200.00
Hollinwood - St Margaret War Memorial, Lancashire	150.00
Wickham - St Nicholas War Memorial, Hampshire	150.00
RAF Booker War Memorial, Marlow, Buckinghamshire	150.00
East Ord War Memorial, Northumberland	150.00
Dorchester - Holy Trinity War Memorial, Dorset	150.00
Pelton Fell WM Park War Memorial, County Durham	150.00
Burton on Trent War Memorial, Staffordshire	200.00
Stubbington War Memorial, Hampshire	150.00
Shinfield War Memorial, Berkshire	150.00
Kilburn War Memorial, Derbyshire	250.00
Horncastle War Memorial Hospital, Lincolnshire	250.00
Sayers Croft Field Centre War Memorial, Ewhurst, Surrey	250.00
Goldham - St Etheldreda War Memorial, Cambridgeshire	100.00
Waddington War Memorial, Lancashire	150.00
Thorncombe War Memorial, Somerset	100.00
Craven Arms War Memorial, Stokesay, Shropshire	250.00
Petrockstowe War Memorial, Devon	55.00
Wickham Bishops War Memorial, Little Braxted, Essex	200.00
Martock War Memorial, Somerset	200.00
Merrow War Memorial, Surrey	250.00
Meriden War Memorial, Warwicks	50.00
Speldhurst - St Mary War Memorial, Kent	250.00
Northbourne War Memorial, Oxfordshire	200.00
Hales & Heckingham War Memorial, Norfolk	150.00
Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor War Memorial, Herefordshire	200.00
Stratton on the Fosse War Memorial, Somerset	100.00
Warbstow War Memorial, Cornwall	100.00



Before



After

Bacton War Memorial, Suffolk - Repainting of lettering on memorial  
*Photos courtesy of John Bean*



Before



After

Linton-in-Craven War Memorial, North Yorkshire - Relaying of paving stones surrounding the war memorial and installing a wreath rail around the memorial  
*Photos courtesy of Allan S Akers*



Before



After

Huntingdon South African War Memorial, Cambridgeshire - Conservation and repair  
*Photos courtesy of Huntingdon Town Council*



Before



After

Kemsing War Memorial, Kent - Hard-landscaping around the memorial  
*Photos courtesy of Linda Drage*



# BEFORE AND AFTER



Before

After

Bradshaw War Memorial Cricket, Tennis & Bowling Club, Lancashire - Replacing the failed access bridge at the club with a new structure  
Photos courtesy of John Hawkins



The Church of the Ascension RAF Benson, Oxon - Found discarded in an overgrown section of a churchyard, these two memorials dedicated to Norman Grenville Jones and Kenneth William Howse, were restored and relocated  
Photo courtesy of Richard Polley



Before

After

Filleigh War Memorial, Devon - Re-lettering on war memorial  
Photos courtesy of Mr A T Davey



Before

After

St Mary's Memorial Hall, Calton Staffordshire - Re-colouring of inscription on the war memorial plaque  
Photos courtesy of Calton St Mary's Memorial Hall Committee

War Memorial	Amount £
Barlaston War Memorial, Staffordshire	150.00
The Brewery Tap War Memorial, Stonehouse, Devon	200.00
Chilworth War Memorial, Surrey	200.00
Combe War Memorial, Oxfordshire	75.00
Tunstall - St John the Baptist War Memorial, Kent	250.00
Tivetshall St Mary War Memorial, Norfolk	100.00
Bramfield - St Andrew War Memorial, Suffolk	100.00
Newton Valence War Memorial, Hampshire	25.00
Glen Parva War Memorial, Leicestershire	200.00
Devonshire - Cathedral, Exeter, Devon	50.00
Waingroves Methodist War Memorial, Ripley, Derbyshire	50.00
Glendale War Memorial, Wooler, Northumberland	200.00
Paddington - St Mary War Memorial, Westminster	250.00
Acton Scott - St Margaret War Memorial, Shropshire	50.00
Barnt Green - St Andrew War Memorial, West Midlands	150.00
Guyhirn - St Mary War Memorial, Cambridgeshire	50.00
Queen Elizabeth School War Memorial, Middleton, Greater Manchester	100.00
Calton - St Mary's WM Hall, Staffordshire	100.00
Kirkburn - St Mary War Memorial, Yorkshire	100.00
Henstridge War Memorial, Somerset	250.00
Tisbury War Memorial, Wiltshire	200.00
Filleigh - St Paul War Memorial, Devon	250.00
K Howse & N G Jones War RAF, Benson Memorial, Oxfordshire	150.00
Liskeard War Memorial, Cornwall	100.00
Kent County Mental Hospital War Memorial, Barming, Kent	150.00
Sherwood Foresters - St Peter War Memorial, Nottinghamshire	250.00
Elsham War Memorial, Lincolnshire	100.00
Charlwood - St Nicholas War Memorial, Surrey	250.00
Ingleton - St John War Memorial, County Durham	200.00
Arladdon - St Michael War Memorial, Cumbria	250.00
Penn Street War Memorial, Buckinghamshire	150.00
Kent County Mental Hospital War Memorial, Barming, Kent	26.25
Twywell War Memorial, Northamptonshire	51.96
Hillesley War Memorial, Gloucestershire	250.00
Linton-in-Craven War Memorial, Yorkshire	250.00
Laneham War Memorial, Nottinghamshire	30.00
Bordon War Memorial, Hampshire	250.00
Cottingley - St Michael War Memorial, Yorkshire	200.00
Great Hatfield War Memorial, Yorkshire	250.00
Barn Hill - All Saints War Memorial, Stamford, Lincolnshire	200.00
Coveney War Memorial, Cambridgeshire	216.00
Kingsthorpe War Memorial, Northamptonshire	250.00
The King's School War memorial, Macclesfield, Cheshire	250.00
Birchencliffe - St Philip War Memorial, Yorkshire	200.00
Miss Doris Ewbank War Memorial, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear	250.00
Longdon upon Tern - St Bartholomew War Memorial, Shropshire	200.00
Napoleonic War Memorial, Chicksands, Bedfordshire	250.00
Reach War Memorial, Cambridgeshire	250.00
Kings Royal Rifle Corps War Memorial, Wimbledon, London	261.20
Bacton War Memorial, Suffolk	150.00
Bradshaw War Memorial Sports Club, Lancashire	250.00
Kemsing War Memorial, Kent	250.00
Speldhurst - St Mary War Memorial, Kent	100.00
British Korean Veterans Association War Memorial, Colchester, Essex	200.00
Ivinghoe War Memorial, Bedfordshire	250.00
Pinchen Family War Memorial, East Tuddenham, Norfolk	250.00



## MORE NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS

### Shaibah War Memorial, Southern Iraq

(images on front cover)

By Major Gary Walker

The memorial is approximately 100 metres in length, with a large obelisk in the centre. A colonnaded terrace forms the sides; the back walls being mounted in slate on which are engraved the names of some 40,500 Commonwealth servicemen who died in Mesopotamia between 1914 and 1921 and whose graves are not known.

The memorial was originally situated in the Basrah War Cemetery and was moved to its current location in 1997 by presidential decree. Given the size of the memorial, it was a considerable undertaking and quite remarkable given the relations between our two countries at the time. The memorial was re-erected in its entirety and is in very good condition, in fact, much better than many of the buildings and structures in Southern Iraq.

### Before Endeavours Fade

By Denis J Woods

Let not their glory vanish  
With the setting of the sun.  
Let every generation  
See their justice done!

They testify in silence  
From each known - and unknown grave;  
They did not live to witness  
The world they fought to save!

Honour then their memory,  
And each hasty promise made;  
That they might be remembered  
Before endeavours fade!

Below is an article by Peter Francis from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is in response to issues which arose at this year's 'question and answer' session at the charity's AGM.

### Adopt a Grave

By Peter Francis

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is perhaps best known for its work overseas and the specially constructed war cemeteries and memorials that it maintains in 150 countries. Many people, therefore, are surprised to learn that the organisation is also responsible for over 170,000 war graves in the United Kingdom. These graves are to be found in over 13,000 separate locations and it is the care of these isolated or scattered graves and small plots, whether in large public cemeteries, small churchyards or other burial grounds, that often poses the greater challenge.

In many of these locations the CWGC does not have any more right of access than anyone else, or any authority to carry out maintenance in its own right. Any work undertaken has to be agreed by a third party (usually the controlling authority) and must comply with any constraints the third party wishes to place upon that work. Most of the work is undertaken by contractors and there are numerous agreements

with local councils and churches for the maintenance of war graves.

In addition to routine maintenance, all the graves are cleaned by CWGC staff on a biennial basis and the fabric of the headstones are checked every three years to ensure that inscriptions are legible. The CWGC also has an ongoing renovation programme where locations are marked for renovation (using CWGC staff) provided that subsequent ongoing maintenance can be assured. In the majority of burial grounds much depends upon the resources that the controlling authority can bring to bear. Whilst the CWGC has resources to direct towards war graves in the UK, it cannot take on the responsibility of the whole burial ground.

Faced with such challenges, a growing number of incidents of vandalism against war graves in the UK and a general decline in the standards of many burial grounds, the CWGC has launched the *Community Involvement Initiative* - sometimes referred to as *Adopt a Grave*.

*Adopt a Grave* is an attempt to encourage small groups and individuals to take an active role in the care of war graves within their locality or in organising acts of remembrance, thereby raising standards and creating a sense of community ownership and responsibility. It is hoped that it will reduce the instances of vandalism that cause so much distress to veterans and families.

Participation takes many forms with groups and individuals helping clean headstones, tidy individual graves or small plots or simply monitor the overall condition of a cemetery.

Cadet units have been quick to respond, as have a number of schools, and this engagement of youth in the work of remembrance is very encouraging. Adults have also been keen to contribute and new volunteers are always welcome.

Although the initiative has got off to a good start there is still much more to be done and it is hoped that as *Adopt a Grave* develops the numbers of volunteers will increase and there will be more general moves by central and local government to improve the standard of maintenance of all types of burial grounds. The ultimate aim is to secure satisfactory, long-term care within a well-maintained environment, no matter where a war grave may be located.

For further details of the initiative, or to volunteer, please write to: Mr David Symons, Director, United Kingdom Area, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Jenton Road, Sydenham, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 1XS. [www.cwgs.org](http://www.cwgs.org)

Brookwood Military  
Cemetery, which  
contains over 5,000  
Commonwealth burials

Photo courtesy of  
Commonwealth War  
Graves Commission





## WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

### Rowington War Memorial, Warwickshire

The photograph shows the newly cleaned and repaired war memorial at Rowington, which stands in the churchyard of the parish church

*Photo by John Hale*



### Walkern War Memorial Rededication

Following cleaning and restoration of Walkern War Memorial, Hertfordshire, a rededication service took place on Sunday 21 September 2003.

*Photo courtesy of A. D. Nicholas*



### Gildersome War Memorial, West Yorkshire

After years of neglect, the war memorial on Town Street in Gildersome has been refurbished following moves by the village's Action Group. The group contacted Leeds City Council, and along with a grant from local Independent councillor, Robert Finnigan, had the memorial restored to its former respectful state.

### Walmley War Memorial

After ten years of campaigning, the Walmley Residents Association had the war memorial moved from its site on the corner of Fox Hollies Road with Walmley Road, and repositioned outside the library in Walmley village, where it now has pride of place in the centre of the village.



Walmley War Memorial

*Photo courtesy of Walmley Residents Association*

### LEGACIES

Legacies are an important way for charities to receive funds. Did you know that only 13% of wills include a charitable bequest, yet that 13% produces an amazing £1.5 billion in funding each year?

For many of the more established charities, legacies form an important aspect of regular fundraising. As Friends of War Memorials is still a relatively young charity, we have yet to receive regular legacies - on the one hand we are delighted to report this fact, but it should be remembered that all legacies have the advantage of relief from Inheritance Tax, and enable donors to plan their giving.

Please consider remembering war memorials in your will. All you need to do is advise your solicitor of the amount you wish to give, FoWM's name and its registered charity number. For further information, contact FoWM.

### Ffrith War Memorial Gardens, Flintshire

Following a £10,000 grant from The Onyx Environment Trust and the help of a number of companies, Ffrith War Memorial Gardens has had a major 'facelift'. Volunteers from the environmental charity Groundwork Wrexham and Flintshire, teamed up with Llanfynydd Community Council to carry out the work. The local community helped ceramic artist, Teena Gould, build an impressive mosaic centrepiece for the garden's new seating area.

### Lexden War Memorial, Essex

The photographs show the unveiling of the Lexden war memorial in 1920, which has recently been refurbished.



The unveiling of Lexden War Memorial in 1920  
*Photos courtesy of Mr John Hallum*

### Bournville War Memorial, West Midlands

A rededication ceremony took place on 25 July 2003, for Bournville War Memorial (WWI), which was refurbished with the help of Bournville Village Trust, local residents and organisations.

*Photo courtesy of Fred Sherwood*



### New WWII memorial in Washington DC

Work is underway on the new WWII memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC. The rededication ceremony will take place at 2.00 pm on 29 May 2004, and will be part of the four-day dedication celebration planned by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), which will run from 27 - 30 May. Events will include: wartime reminiscences, WWII memorabilia and military equipment displays and WWII educational activities for all ages. Website: [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com)



*Rendering by Joe McKendry*



## WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

### Luton Memorial Meadow

By Don Philips

In 1945, Luton in Kent was very much a village in its own right, touched by the urban spread of Chatham, but not overtaken by it. In the intervening years that has all changed.

At the end of WWII, the residents decided to have a war memorial in honour of those who had died and the relatives were given a choice of either a sculptural memorial or a living memorial; they opted for the latter. At the suggestion of the, then, Bishop of Rochester, a piece of land belonging to the Rochester diocese, known as Rectory Meadow, was bought for the sum of £500. The money to purchase this land was raised in various ways, such as street collections, fetes, dances etc. The Rochester Board of Finance remained as custodians of the site, with the local Parochial Church Council administering it along with four members of the public, who were co-opted on the Board of Trustees.

The Memorial Meadow came under threat in the year 2000, when the Board of Finance wanted to change the status of the site so that it could be developed, but the local council turned down the application and they decided to go to public appeal. The local people, of which I was one, decided to fight this and successfully managed to force the Board of Finance to withdraw their planned appeal. This was done by organising a petition and gathering well over 2,000 signatures along with letters of support from various local dignitaries, MEP, MP, local, national and international organisations, such as the Evacuee Reunion Association and from former residents of Luton countrywide.

While this was going on, a local businessman offered to pay for a board depicting the meadow as a war memorial, which was most gratefully accepted. I then thought it would be nice to include the names of the war dead on the board, but on approaching the church was very surprised to find that they had no names. There was a book of Remembrance for WWI, but nothing for those who perished in WWII.

Following this, I decided that I would try to find the names I needed. By this time, Friends of War Memorials had become involved and their local volunteer, Ian Turner, contacted me and suggested that I approach the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Ian was able to provide me with a list of "Chatham" names and I was able to find a list for "Luton", however, these included "Chatham" and "Luton" from all over the world! With the help of local historian, Jim Logan, we placed notices in local shops, libraries and public houses, asking for names relevant to our cause. Jim also put together a display about Luton Memorial Meadow in the local library. I went on local radio and had several letters and articles printed in the local paper, all of which resulted in the accumulation of 78 definite names and a further 6 yet to be verified. There were, in fact, more

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names than I had anticipated, so I decided to produce a "Book of Remembrance" to be kept in a display case in Christ Church. To that end people have been very generous, donating nearly £1,000. I have also received a letter from Cllr. Tony Goulden, saying that he would pay for the display case out of money allocated to be spent as he saw fit on the Luton ward. When he was shown the details of the display case which I wanted, he surprised me further by saying that he would pay for the book as well, an offer that brought a lump to my throat. All this took place in the Mayor's Parlour, as he was currently the Mayor of Medway. Cllr Wendy Purdy also gave a donation, which provided money for a granite memorial stone. The calligraphy for the Book of Remembrance was paid for from donations collected previously, and was dedicated on 12 May 2002, in the presence of Mr and Mrs Goulden.

A presentation was also made to me on 19 October, of a cheque for £200, by A H Apps Funeral Directors, and my first, and probably last attempt at public speaking was made in front of the local MP, the Mayor and a local councillor plus about 20 others.

This year, we have concentrated on the Memorial Meadow by clearing brambles and saplings and generally giving the area a much-needed facelift. Work is also underway in creating the formal Memorial Garden around the stone, which was erected in October 2002, and the dedication board was mounted on the Scout HQ, at the entrance to the meadow, in August 2002.

(Since writing this article, I have received a further sixteen names to be added to the Book of Remembrance in due course, as will any others that may come to light).

### Souls of Unknown Soldiers

By Eddie Hagen

Lying in a Foreign Land  
Buried under clay and sand  
Unknown to the living, just the dead  
No name and rank above their head.

Just a number on a plinth  
To tell the world they once all lived  
They feel no pain, they gave their all  
For King and Country they did fall.

They need no eyes to see sheer Hell  
Or ears to hear the cannon shells  
Hands to hold a rifle butt  
Or feet to tread a muddy rut.

They have no loved ones standing round  
Grieving them underground  
But we remember them, one and all  
Who answered their Country's call.

They now lie in a Foreign Lane  
Buried under clay and sand.



## WAR MEMORIAL NEWS

### Scottish Division Memorial, Palace Barrack Memorial Garden, Belfast

A new memorial stone commemorating over forty members of the Scottish Division who died while on operations in Northern Ireland was unveiled at Palace Barrack Memorial Gardens in Belfast.

Website: [www.palacebarracksmemorialgarden.org](http://www.palacebarracksmemorialgarden.org)

### New memorial plaque at St James Church, Newbottle, Northamptonshire

Friends and relatives unveiled a new war memorial plaque dedicated to the men of Charlton and Newbottle who died in WWI and WWII. A donation from Charlton History Society and insurance money received after a break-in at the church enabled the stone tablet to be made.

### Over The Top

By Jonathan MacDonald (aged 10 years)

The trench is soggy and full of mud,  
The deafening cannons boom,  
The evil smoke twists and turns high into the air,  
We stand in suspense, waiting for the deadly whistle.  
The foul stench of death draws ever closer.  
The whistle blows,  
It echoes through the trench,  
Over the top.  
We charge at the enemy,  
Rifles drawn,  
One by one we fall to the ground.

Gary Bough has a very special and unique collection of over 300 Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Bibles, Testaments, Prayer books alongside an array of associated ephemera dating back over the past 150 years, which form the basis of an historic roadshow. Gary is available for speaking engagements upon request. You can contact Gary by phone:

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or email: [lynnegary@homeforces.freemove.co.uk](mailto:lynnegary@homeforces.freemove.co.uk)

### Royal Air Force Memorial, Malta

While on a recent visit to Malta, RV, Sqn Ldr Raymond Leach, was staying at a hotel opposite the well-maintained memorial to those RAF crews lost from Malta in WWII. An amateur aviation historian, Raymond Leach studied the names on the memorial plaque surrounding the base, his attention being caught by the name of Sqn Ldr P W O Mould DFC and Bar. Recalling the names from Paul Richey's book about the RAF fighter squadrons in France 1939/40, Raymond Leach decided to research further into the young man's history.

He discovered that Peter William Olber Mould came from Hallaton, Uppingham and joined the RAF in December 1933 as a Boy Entrant, (known to his contemporaries as 'Boy' throughout his service because of this). In 1937, following his three years training at RAF Halton, Mould was awarded a cadetship to the RAF College at Cranwell. Commissioned in 1939, and posted to No 1 Squadron (Hawker Hurricanes), he went with it to France in September of that year. He is on record as being the first RAF pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft in France, when he shot down a Dornier (Do) 17 on 30 October. He

returned to England on leave in mid May 1940, by which time he had shot down a total of eight enemy aircraft, and following this, was awarded the first of his Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for his performance in France. During the period of the Battle of Britain, he served as an instructor with Nos 5 and 6 Operational Training Unit (OTU), before being posted to Malta in July 1941 to command No 185 Squadron, flying the Hurricane Mk II. Awarded a Bar to his DFC, Mould was tragically shot down and killed on 1 October 1941, aged 24.

### Villa in the beautiful Normandy countryside

Situated 7 miles east of Vire, 'Bon Courage' is a market town surrounded by places of interest.

Steve and Judy Gardner have a villa available during the week of 6 June, which sleeps twelve people.

For further information, please contact

Steve and Judy at:  
Bon Courage, Avilly,  
14410 Pierres,  
Normandy, France.

Tel: 0033231 673476,

UK Tel: 0117 9686007

email:  
[boncourage14@hotmail.com](mailto:boncourage14@hotmail.com)

website:  
[www.boncourage.co.uk](http://www.boncourage.co.uk)



The RAF memorial in Florianna, Malta  
Photos courtesy of Sqn Ldr Raymond Leach

### Update from the United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials

By Jane Furlong

The summer months have been a very busy time for the Inventory. Not only has it been the perfect time for recording war memorials, but we also closed the office for two months in order that we could do a stock take of what records we have. Most of the countries have now been sorted and we now have one pile of extra information for memorials already on the database and another pile for all the new records, which have not yet been inputted. From this, we now have a much better idea of what we have, areas of the country in which recording work is still needed and, more importantly, how long it will take us to clear the backlog and get everything onto the database.

This stock take has been a very important part of the work we have been doing - creating a Five Year Plan for the future development of the Inventory. The immediate priority is to get the database onto the web and much of our time at the moment is being taken up with looking for funding opportunities so that we can achieve this. However, we are also looking to the long-term future and have plans not only for digitising the images we have, but also getting all of the names of those who are commemorated on the memorials onto the database. As you can imagine, the latter job will be a Herculean task, but the value of it is immeasurable.

We are facing very exciting times, and by the next newsletter we might be able to give you a better idea of when it will all be happening - so watch this space!



## FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS EVENTS

### Events

By Jane Gaskell

By the time you read this Newsletter, we will have had our final display for 2003 at the Art, Craft and Design Show at Duxford, where the last day of the event fell on Remembrance Sunday. However, plans are already in hand for 2004, in particular with arrangements for our stand at Crufts at the NEC in March. Without the support of Regional Volunteers and show organisers, it would be impossible to attend so many events. Our presence at events assists in promoting the charity's existence, objectives and achievements, as well as raising money and recruiting new members. If, in 2004, you can co-ordinate a display at an event in your area, please contact Jill Jokel at FoWM.

In the Autumn 2003 Newsletter, we reported on the war memorial plaques, which came to our attention at the East Anglian Garden & Flower Show at the end of June. It is encouraging that these memorials have already been found new homes where they will receive the perpetual care and respect that is owed to those who lost their lives in times of conflict. As mentioned in the RV section, Neil Lemon kindly transported the Bishop's Stortford Conservative War Memorial to London, where it will be cleaned and then hung up in the entrance hall of the offices of the Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd.

Visitors to our display stand are always amazed and horrified to discover that war memorial plaques are discarded from redundant buildings and frequently turn up in skips, car boot sales and military memorabilia outlets. It has been encouraging that some visitors this year have reported finding discarded war memorial plaques and then negotiated with those concerned to rectify the matter to restore and reinstate or re-home the memorials.

Thanks to RV, Colin Richardson, the FoWM display at Duxford Air Shows has benefited from the presence

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If you know of any other opportunities to have a FoWM stand and you would be able to volunteer on the day or at other events, please contact Jill Jokel at Friends of War Memorials, 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1W 0LA

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Fax: 020 7259 0296

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of Alan Stripp (July 2003) and Professor MRD Foot (July 2002 & September 2003), who signed and sold copies of their books. Both served in WWII, Alan Stripp was involved with code-breaking and Professor Foot was with SOE; visitors to our stand were fascinated to meet and talk with them, learning first hand about their wartime experiences. FoWM appreciates the support and interest shown by Alan Stripp and Professor Foot, and their attendance at the Air Shows. Alan Stripp generously donated a number of books on code breaking from his personal collection, which we sold at Duxford.

At the time of going to press, the following books are still available (prices include p&p):

"Ultra Goes to War" & "The American Magic" by Ronald Lewin (Price £7.00 for the pair).

"British Intelligence in the Second World War" by Harry Hinsley (signed copy) (Price £14.50).

"UK Eyes Alpha - The Inside Story of British Intelligence" by Mark Urban (Price £6.00).

(Please contact Frances Moreton if you would like to purchase any of the above books). The second-hand book sale at Duxford was very popular and Colin Richardson has suggested that FoWM considers raising money in this way at, say, the AGM, on our stand at events or via the website. We would be interested in your views. Would you be interested in helping to find books and selling them at a show in your area, or have you any books you would like to donate? Please contact FoWM with your comments.

FoWM Regional Volunteer, Paul Dyer, has secured a fixed display for FoWM at Bromley Museum as part of a new exhibition. The museum can be contacted on 01689 873 826 and is at The Priory, Church Hill Orpington, BR6 0HH; Open Sunday - Friday 13.00 to 17.00 and Saturday 10.00 to 17.00.



### Remembrance Day Service, Mytholmroyd

FoWM Director General, Sir Donald Thompson, attending the Remembrance Day Service in Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire, 9th November 2003 (an article is to follow regarding the Mytholmroyd War Memorial) in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Photo courtesy of Frances Robinson



## HOW YOU CAN HELP *FRIENDS OF WAR MEMORIALS*



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### **Fundraising support . . . is there anyone out there?**

For so many charities, including Friends of War Memorials, fundraising can be an uphill struggle. Fundraising is not an activity which goes on somewhere in the background, it is the means by which all other activities can happen and it has to be considered, very much in the foreground of any planning. Support can come from many different directions, but it is so often the loyal supporters who are able to make a difference.

2004 will bring increasing opportunities to save, conserve and repair hundreds of war memorials all over the United Kingdom. Each successful project means we have to find more cash to help us achieve our aims. Therefore, we ask all our members to consider this problem and what you can do to help - not just our fundraising effort - but our core activities.

Can you find a new member? Or arrange a fundraising event? Take part in a sponsored challenge? Organise a raffle? Do you have some useful contacts? We are looking for bright ideas and imaginative suggestions, and your best efforts will be reported in these pages to encourage others.

If you would like to discuss any ideas, please call Jill Jokel on 020 7259 0403, who will be delighted to hear your ideas.

### **A Lasting Memorial . . . A Legacy**

The very essence of our work is all about preserving memorials, and respecting the memory of those who died whilst serving their country.

But who will remember us?

By leaving a legacy to Friends of War Memorials in your Will, you can ensure that your name will always be remembered with respect, and your legacy will be your lasting memorial. It will be used to conserve some of the many war memorials around the country, which may otherwise have fallen into disrepair losing the names of those whose lives were cut short through war.

For further information, or a suggested form of words, you can contact Jill Jokel on 020 7259 0403.

### **Flora London Marathon**

Places in the Flora London Marathon are like gold dust, but Friends of War Memorials has been fortunate to have the opportunity to place 5 runners in the Flora London Marathon 2004. Most places have gone, but if there is anybody out there who wants to run, and can raise funds for us in the meantime . . . give us a call!

### **Glittering Fundraising Event when the stars will be out**

Friends of War Memorials will be joining forces under the same umbrella with another heritage charity Stowe Heritage Trust Appeal, for a night when there will be a gala reception for around 150 guests, followed by a dinner and auction for 200 guests all taking place at Christies' in St James's. Many of the exciting details and guests celebrities are still to be confirmed, but tickets are expected to be sold at £250 for the dinner and auction, offering an unforgettable experience. Places are limited, but if you are interested in attending and would like to receive further details, please contact Jill Jokel on 020 7259 0403.



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## 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.*

### St-Omer Appeal

At the end of WWI, there were over 50,000 members of the RAF serving on the Western Front. With the active support of the French Authorities, it is intended to establish a memorial at St-Omer, on the site of the airfield, to all those British Air Service personnel, ground and aircrew, who served in France and Belgium during WWII. Construction for the new memorial is due to start in early 2004, and will be produced from Portland stone and comprise of bronze reliefs commemorating those British Air Services personnel based on the Western Front, as well as a brief history of the airfield. There will also be provision for individual plaques recording the many squadrons that were based at St-Omer during the course of the war. It is anticipated that the final cost of the memorial will be in the region of £30,000 of which some £10,000 has already been raised. **If you wish to make a contribution to the appeal, please send your cheque to:**

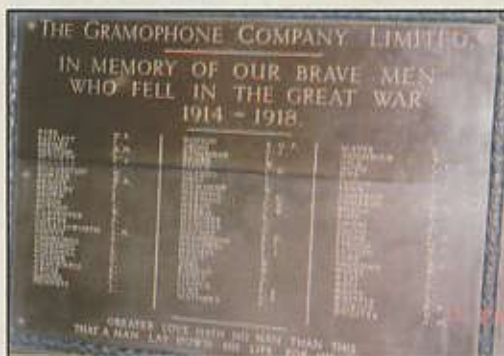
**St-Omer Appeal Fund, 12 Springwater Avenue, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9RH.** Further details are available at: [www.crossandcockade.com](http://www.crossandcockade.com)

### Coastal Command Memorial

The Maritime Air Trust, under the Command's proud motto 'Constant Endeavour' is raising money for a collective memorial to those of the RAF Coastal Command, Commonwealth and Allied air forces, and their comrades of the Royal Navy who worked together to secure the seas in WWII. The memorial will be placed in the South Cloister of Westminster Abbey. **If you wish to make a donation, please send a cheque to: The Hon Treasurer, The Maritime Air Trust, PO Box 251, Aylesbury, HP21 7WE**

### More Mystery Memorials

Can any readers help us identify the locations of these memorials?



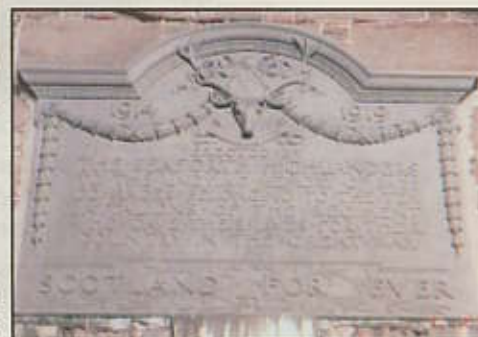
WWI war memorial plaque commemorating men from the Gramophone Company Limited



Memorial plaque erected to those members who lost their lives since 1954 whilst serving with the 1st Bn Black Watch (RHR)



Above:  
WWI war memorial Lychgate



Right:  
WWI war memorial plaque erected by The Seaforth Highlanders