



# FALKLAND ISLANDS MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWSLETTER

2014



Judy Barrow and her family with Rear Admiral Hugh Edleston and HMS Glamorgan Standard Bearer Eon Matthews

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

It is unprecedented that a Chapel Trust Chairman has had to write of the sad passing of two amongst us during the past year. I refer, of course, to Captain Michael Barrow CVO DSO RN – Founder Trustee and a former Chairman- and Admiral Sir John 'Sandy' Woodward GBE KCB – Founder Chairman and latterly our President – two great men to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude. Their passing in April and August respectively was predated by that of Baroness Thatcher –who also had a massive impact in the 'early days' on the fortunes of the Memorial Chapel. On behalf of the Trustees I pay tribute to their memories and to their families we send our sincere condolences. In

these special circumstances Trustees Rev. David Cooper and Anthony Hudson describe their thoughts and memories for you on pages 4 and 5.

The Annual Service on 16th June last year was clearly another memorable occasion (pages 2 & 3) although I had been called away overseas. I remain hugely grateful to my 'deputies' Major General Sir Iain Mackay-Dick and Commander Andrew Gordon Lennox for 'stepping in' to cover for me and to Headmaster Thomas Garnier and his marvellous team for their seamless organisation of the day. They never cease to amaze and the willing and enthusiastic participation of the Pangbourne students are testament to Thomas's leadership and that of Second Master Gerry Pike who had his hand firmly on the helm last year.

The Service celebrated 30 years of the Falkland Families Association who, with other families, were there in force together with many veterans and loyal veterans' reunion groups such as the Royal Engineers who numbered 60 – we welcome them all and are

so pleased that the Chapel means so much to so many. We were pleased too to be able to carry out the presentation of more Elizabeth Crosses to Next of Kin discovered by the enduring efforts of the FFA's Treasurer and bereaved father Ray Poole (page 7). To date, 40 families have been able to receive their medals in the Chapel and many more by other means through his and our Secretary's help and advice. All this demonstrates that the Chapel continues to deliver its founders' intended purpose.

HMS Glamorgan Association had a busy year by all accounts – you can read about the unveiling of their new Bench at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas on page 6 Furthermore it was an honour that Judy Barrow accompanied by son Roddy and daughter Suzanne and grandchildren attended 16th June to witness Rear Admiral Hugh Edleston perpetuate Mike Barrow's HMS Glamorgan wreath laying tradition prior to the Service with Association members in attendance (pictured left).

On Saturday June 15th HMS Hermes Association gathered together in the Chapel for a special service to lay their Falklands Memorial Stone at the Cairn. (page 6). We are so very grateful to Reverend Neil Jeffers for organising and conducting this Service together with the Annual Service and other 'special' services throughout the year in addition to his many other duties; and to the Flower Guild for their continued excellence in our service.

Some Trustee news: Sir Iain Mackay-Dick has retired as Vice Chairman, but remains a Trustee and Commander Andrew Gordon Lennox becomes Vice Chairman. Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford KCB CBE RAF gained a Knighthood & became Chief of the Air Staff. I also look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday June 15th 2014 for another memorable day.

**Major General Jeff Mason**  
*Chairman of the Trustees*



# ANNUAL SERVICE 2013



Falkland Islands Defence Force members Zoran Zuvic and Samantha Brownlee with the Hon. Mrs Mary Bayliss JP

After the glorious array of 30th Anniversary commemorations in 2012 it was all back to normal and more than 600 of you booked in for this year's Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 16th June. Except that the proceedings were tinged with sadness at the loss of Founder Trustee and former Chairman Captain Michael Barrow CVO DSO RN who had died in April. Members of HMS Glamorgan Association joined his widow Mrs Judy Barrow and members of her family to witness the laying of the 'Glamorgan Wreath' by Rear Admiral Hugh Edleston before the Service in the Chapel foyer – a poignant tradition upheld for many years by Captain Barrow himself.

Special guests included our Lord Lieutenant, The Honourable Mrs Mary Bayliss JP and Vice Admiral Philip Jones CB Royal Navy, Fleet Commander & Deputy Chief of Naval Staff accompanied

by his wife Liz. Our theme this year celebrated 30 years of the founding of the Falkland Families Association (FFA) with which the Chapel Trust maintains close links through Trustee Sara Jones CBE so it was wholly appropriate that the Reverend Father Nick Gosnell, Chaplain 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards and to the FFA, should deliver a powerful address 'from the heart' which resonated with so many veterans and families amongst the congregation. Similarly appropriate was the sensitive reading of the Second Lesson by young Robbie Dent, son of the late Captain Christopher Dent 2 Para and his widow Cathy who has been a long term supporter of the Memorial Chapel.

The Service began in popular tradition with the striking of the Eight Bells on the Sir Galahad Bell by Captain Philip Roberts DSO RFA and Captain of the Sir Galahad in 1982 followed by an Introit 'My

Soul There Is A Country' – Sir CHH Parry – from the Pangbourne Chamber Choir. Throughout the Service more memorable music was beautifully delivered by both Choir and Chamber Choir directed by Director of Music Jonathan Brown and supported by the brass quintet of the Central Band of the Royal Air Force and accomplished Pangbourne Organist Julian McNamara.

The Last Post, Lament – as always played memorably by Piper Keith 'Paddy' Burton 40 Commando RM – and Reveille were followed by presentations of the Elizabeth Cross to six Next Of Kin by the Honourable Mrs Mary Bayliss JP who was attended by Samantha Brownlee and Zoran Zuvic of the Falkland Islands Defence Force on their first visit to the Chapel.

Lunch followed in Drake Hall and in his Parish Notices Chapel Trustee Commander Andrew



Vice Admiral Philip Jones CB RN and Mrs Liz Jones with Cdr. Andrew Gordon Lennox (centre)



Commodore Barry Bryant, SeafarersUK with Colonel Mike Bowles, SAMA'82

Gordon Lennox paid special tribute to the late Captain Michael Barrow and the Barrow family. He also made grateful mention of the 'unseen' volunteer members of the Chapel Flower Guild and their Chairman Sadie Clare – many of whom were present - and who, over many years, have provided the Chapel with beautifully executed floral arrangements and tributes.

## Dates For Your Diary

### Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel

**Sunday June 15th**  
Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving at 12.00hrs followed by refreshments in Drake Hall

For booking and details:  
Angela Perry 01295 738123 or  
angelaEAP@aol.com

### Falkland Families Association

**Saturday April 26th**  
Annual Reunion Service and AGM in the Guards Chapel at Wellington Barracks

**Saturday June 14th**  
Service at St Paul's Cathedral

Details for both occasions from  
FFA Secretary (see Contacts page 3)



Eleven steadfast Standard Bearers!

# ANNUAL SERVICE 2013



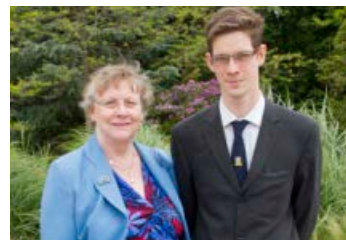
Lt. Cdr Stephen Knott and Colonel Alastair Bruce



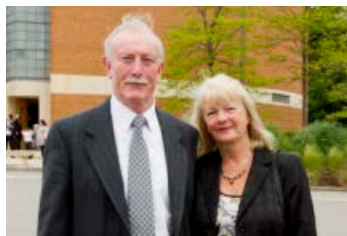
Sara Jones CBE with members of the Falklands Families Association Executive Committee



Bernard and Nicholas Mennell with Liz Lucas



Dr Cathy Dent and her son Robert



Mr & Mrs Hoddinott



Mr and Mrs Stuart Leeming



Alan and Linda Bradley with Nigel Osmond, HMS Glamorgan



Ann and George Townsend with Gracie, Debbie and Simon Pick



Richard and Susan Tipping, HMS Hermes



Don and Marion Pryce with Sorel, Nick & Charlie Rolf



William and Bridget Saunderson, Atlantic Conveyor



Nicci Pugh and Ozzie Osborne



Robert Dent reads the Lesson



Major General Julian and Mrs Jane Thompson with Joanna Thomas



Lt Cdr Brian Dutton and Beth Woodgate



Major General Sir Iain and Lady Carolyn Mackay-Dick with Major General Tim and Mrs Chicken



Jim and Mary Butterfield



Sir Hew and Lady Jean Pike



Reverend David Cooper, Father Nick Gosnell and Reverend Neil Jeffers



The Bugler of the Central Band of the RAF



Piping hot! GD Marine Paddy Burton 40 Commando RM

## ASSOCIATIONS & CONTACTS FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (FFA)

### Falkland Families Association (FFA)

**Chairman:** Mrs Sara Jones CBE

**Secretary:** Cindy Strickland

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### **FFA Service:**

Saturday 26th April, 11am at the Guards Chapel (ticket only from Sec)

Saturday 14th June, 11am at St. Paul's Cathedral Crypt  
(ticket only from Sec)

### SAMA'82

**President:** Lieutenant General Sir James Dutton KCB CBE

**Chairman:** Mike Bowles MBE

**Secretary:** Mrs Jane Adams,

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### **SAMA'82 AGM & Reunion:**

28th – 31st March at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea  
(Organiser: [paulnolan229@gmail.com](mailto:paulnolan229@gmail.com))

### Merchant Navy Association (MNA)

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**3rd September:**  
Merchant Navy Day

**7th September:**  
Merchant Navy Day Commemorative Service,  
Tower Hill, London

# WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

We are devoting these pages to three people of great stature who, each in their own way, had a tremendous impact on the creation and fulfilment of the project to build the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel. Reverend David Cooper, Chaplain to 2 Para in 1982 and Chapel Trustee, documents the significant achievements and influence on the Chapel of Admiral Sir 'Sandy' Woodward and Captain Michael Barrow and Anthony Hudson, former Headmaster and now Trustee, recalls how Lady Thatcher, together with husband Denis, got us off 'to a flying start'.\* His piece comprises notable extracts from an inspiring article, available for those who wish to read it in full.

## Reverend David Cooper recounts his memories

### Admiral Sir John 'Sandy' Forster Woodward GBE, KCB

1st May 1932 - 4th August 2013

King Louis 14th of France had the motto, in Latin, 'The last argument of Kings', engraved on his cannon. For those of us in the Task Force in 1982 it seemed that we and our firepower were the last argument of our government at that time.

Like all wartime commanders Sandy had to look in two very different directions in his command. The priority was that of fulfilling the government's wishes in the recovery of the islands and his part in that recovery could not only win the day but also lose it, singlehandedly. His other concern was the lives of those who depended on him, not only to keep seaways open for resupply and the air threat contained, but, hopefully, see them back home safely.

From a water filled hole on Sussex Mountains after we had landed I saw the attrition of Royal Naval ships in and around San Carlos Water as they met the enemy in carrying out Sandy's orders. For those of us there the very names of the ships lost now evoke the reality of that conflict, Ardent, Antelope, Coventry, Sheffield as well as the container ship Atlantic Conveyor. All of which carried individuals personally known to Sandy, for whom, like all of us there, casualty lists were lists involving personal loss, not some distant narrative.

What was remarkable and inspiring was the objectivity that Sandy maintained in his operational decisions. His ability to dominate events and his professionalism in committing himself to his purpose, devoid of emotional interference was to create a confidence and purpose that we ashore were to benefit from, as well as from which we took our own confidence.

Knowing that our link with home was in capable and secure hands enabled

us to fight without looking over our shoulder, literally and metaphorically. If anyone were to let us soldiers down, it would not be the Royal Navy, under Sandy's command.

After the conflict, when invited by Sandy to become a Trustee of the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel, I came to know him on a personal level. Not surprisingly those characteristics that had been evident in his service life were present in his leadership of the body of Trustees. But it was, once again, his objectivity that lifted the building of the Chapel from a plan into reality. His commitment to the purpose, despite some serious setbacks, not only fired his fellow Trustees with the same purpose, but enabled him to involve those whose skills were needed, and with no other authority than his own force of personality and commitment.

Sandy was very aware of the price of what he asked of others during the conflict, and his concern for those who lost their lives or were injured, together with their families, can perhaps be better illustrated by the decision to make the Memorial to the dead that of a Chapel rather than anything else. A memorial that not only remembers, but also inspires and challenges the youth of today in their social awareness and responsibilities, located as it is within school grounds.

After the Argentine surrender Sandy refused to acknowledge General Menendez, the Argentine commander on the Islands, on the grounds that he had prolonged the fighting when the outcome was obvious, thus causing more deaths of young men on both sides. If any moral compass is needed that might indicate Sandy's humanity and concern for his fellow men, surely this is it.



Admiral 'Sandy' with Anthony Hudson in 1998 'digging the 1st sod' on the Chapel site



Admiral 'Sandy' with Mrs Prim Houlst in 2009

### Captain Mike Barrow CVO, DSO, RN

21st May 1932 - 28th April 2013

One of the first trustees appointed once Sandy Woodward had accepted the role of Chairman of the Trustees in 1993 was Mike Barrow. At the time of the Falklands war he was the Commanding Officer of HMS Glamorgan, the sixth Royal Naval ship that he commanded. He assumed command in 1981 and the following year was the senior Captain afloat engaged in the course of a routine fleet exercise off Gibraltar. After the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands he took her south in the newly created Task Force under the Command of Rear-Admiral Sandy Woodward.

HMS Glamorgan was one of the first British warships to attack the Argentine forces ashore on the Islands, having been ordered by Sandy Woodward to stir things up a bit by bombarding the airfield at Port Stanley. The bombardment of the Argentine positions became a regular event for Mike Barrow and his crew. Over the course of the conflict HMS Glamorgan completed at least 57 bombardments of the Argentine position. Re fuelling and storing by day and then in the evening closing with the Islands for the bombardment over the course of the night, returning west before dawn. This exhausting routine was carried out by a ship's company of whom more than a half were teenagers.

In May 1982 Glamorgan provided supporting fire for the highly successful SAS raid on Pebble Island. In June she supported 45 Commando in their assault of Two Sisters. Barrow felt that the Marine Commandos needed support beyond the time that he needed to move his ship seaward if she was to be clear of land based missiles or aircraft before daylight, so he delayed his withdrawal. Sadly she was struck in the helicopter hanger by a land based exocet as she withdrew, resulting in the death of 13 of her crew.

Mike Barrow was awarded the DSO for his leadership over the course of the campaign. He was very aware of the cost to families of the casualties of the conflict and, having already raised the cash and commissioned a stained glass window in Portsmouth Cathedral to those of his ship who lost their lives, he threw himself into providing the support and initiative that was needed to bring the idea of the Falklands Memorial Chapel into a reality.

On the retirement of Sandy Woodward as Chairman of the Trustees in 2000 it was universally thought that Mike Barrow should be his successor. In the course of his tenure Mike continued to provide the leadership that would put the Chapel on a secure financial footing together with ensuring that its existence and purpose was as widely known as was possible, within all three services. Inevitably there were also what might be called ground breaking guidelines to be established concerning what was and what was not appropriate to the interior of the Chapel and the Education and Memorial rooms. He had, prior to becoming the chairman, secured the ships bell from HMS Alacrity, which became the Chapel Font. He was also responsible for the decisions regarding the organ that was placed in the Chapel. He retired as Chairman of the Trustees in 2006.

Mike was the son of a Royal Naval captain and was born in 1932 at Oxted in Surrey. He was educated at Wellesley House and Dartmouth, where he was in the same intake as Admiral Woodward. On leaving the Royal Navy in 1983 he became Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in the City of London until 1995 and was a Gentleman Usher to the Queen from 1984 until 2002, for which service he was appointed CVO. He was married to Judy and had a daughter and two sons, all of whom survive him.



Mike Barrow laying the HMS Glamorgan Wreath in memory of shipmates in 2012



Mike and Judy Barrow in 2005

# WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM



Baroness Thatcher at the Chapel in 2007

## The Thatcher Connection

by Anthony Hudson MBE MA

Former Headmaster of Pangbourne College and  
Trustee of the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel

It all began on the 18th green at Trevoze Golf Club. As a keen and not very good golfer, I had been chosen to ensure Denis [as he then was] enjoyed his first round here. All went well until the Prime Minister joined us on her way to holding a press photo shoot on the 18th green .... wearing high heels too ...!. Such a finale, or something like it, would precede a family lunch in a routine that would be repeated many times over the next decade. By the 1990s, Sir Denis was busily engaged as a Trustee in our efforts to build the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel for Bereaved Families and then it would not be long before he had persuaded Lady T to host a small fundraising event in their home to launch our appeal for the requisite £2 million.

Sir Denis was a model Trustee. During meetings he would appear quiet – then suddenly he would surface with an incisive contribution that moved the debate towards conclusion. Come lunchtime, he slipped away as modestly as he had arrived. He knew better than to be involved in mad-cap schemes and with Admiral Sandy Woodward at the helm; the Thatchers knew they were in good hands. After all, Lady T had already described the Admiral as “the cleverest man in the Navy”. She had also recently gleaned something of a mother’s understanding of the potential loss of a son. It was in January 1982 that her son Mark had gone missing in the Moroccan desert on the Paris-Dakar race. For nearly a week she felt the agony of not knowing whether her son lived. It can be no surprise that her responses to bereaved parents seemed anything but those of an Iron Lady.

Arriving early at Chester Square on that auspicious ‘first fundraiser’, Lady T greeted us warmly. “Now then, I don’t know who’s talking about this plan of yours, but you

have only two minutes because we are going to enjoy ourselves.” Patrick Robinson, author and co-writer of Admiral Woodward’s 100 Days was our first speaker. Lady T sat demurely in the front row, hands on knees, eyes unwavering on Patrick until, after two minutes, she leapt to her feet: “Exactly, Patrick. Let me tell you what it was like to be Prime Minister at that time ...”. Without a note, she spoke for twenty-five minutes, recalling every place, ship, name – indeed, almost every map reference, without drawing breath. It was a stunning tour-de force. Then, just as suddenly, she sat down, saying: “Now, Patrick, you go on inspiring them....”. As if .... Patrick and I tried, of course, but it was pale beer after such a virtuoso performance. Lady T was brilliant. She had given us the best possible launch. That first event brought in some £250,000 and although a second one a few months later proved less successful we were on our way ... Some time later, Lady T herself weighed in with a substantial five figure sum.

By that stage she had attended two of the Falkland Families Association Services and Reunions at Wellington Barracks. She was wonderful with all the families, stayed to lunch and chatted with everyone. She loved talking about

1982 and felt totally at home with the Veterans. It was the same when in 2000 she attended the Opening of the Chapel. Sir Denis was with her and not only did they both appreciate the contribution of the Cadets on the day – their smartness, bearing, enthusiasm and readiness to help – but they were also impressed by the Service. She found the singing of the Choir “glorious”, as well as appreciating the thought and organization that went into planning the day. Above all “it was good to see again so many friends whose courage and skill restored the Islands to their rightful heritage” she said.

When Lady T returned to Pangbourne in 2007 together with Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh for the 25th Anniversary, it was as a widow. As she saw the Cadets lining the drive, she realized once again that she was not just recalling the past but, by providing memories for the young, creating an intrinsic link between generations; she felt these smart, friendly and efficient pupils would carry on the values that she and Sir Denis held so dear. Mourning can be a lonely business and she really appreciated the Service, seeing herself as an ordinary member of the Congregation, sharing her grief, at one with Families and Veterans.

Major General Julian Thompson, veteran and former Trustee, tells a charming anecdote that hints at the humour and charm of the Iron Lady whom we all had the privilege of meeting:

“The Prime Minister, as she was then, came to watch how the SBS can board a moving ship at sea. Remembering the TV advertisement, ‘All because the Lady loves Milk Tray’, I said that the first chap up over the side was to give the Prime Minister a box of Milk Tray. I warned her bodyguard not to shoot him. The first marine swarmed up, fished inside his dry suit, and handed Margaret Thatcher a large box of Milk Tray. She was delighted. When an aide tried to take it off her, she lightly slapped his wrist, saying: ‘these are for me’.”

There always must be hope and we believe that Lady T found peace and solace in the Reunions with the Falklands Families and at the Falklands Chapel. So too, the Falkland and Pangbourne communities have been left with personal memories of a truly iconic figure.

*(This is an abridged version of Anthony Hudson’s ‘Memories of Margaret Thatcher’ – if you would like to see the full version, contact the Chapel Secretary)*



Colonel Alastair Bruce at the Cairn with Lady T - so that she could touch and feel the rugged exterior, so reflective of the Falkland landscape – for many of the stones had been brought from the Islands and their battlefields before being welded into this handsome design. “All in one” she said. And, by implication, “One in All”.

## HMS Hermes Memorial Stone is laid



Jim Loveday HMS Hermes Association Chairman placing their memorial stone

The day before the Annual Service – on Saturday 15th June – more than twenty members of HMS Hermes Association gathered together for a very special ceremony at the Chapel. It was the dedication and laying at the Cairn of the HMS Hermes stone – brought back from the Falklands to mark remembrance of comrades lost in 1982. In attendance was Trustee Rear Admiral Dick Melly who had just accepted the Association's invitation to become their President and Jim Loveday, Association Chairman who had organised the event with Chaplain Reverend Neil Jeffers. The Hermes Association's Chaplain and Falklands veteran – the Reverend Canon Roger Devonshire had been due to conduct the Service but sadly missed following an untimely heart attack. In the event Reverend Neil stepped in and even persuaded the rain to stop as the gathering proceeded

to the Cairn for the stone laying ceremony.

HMS Hermes was the Royal Navy's largest carrier and as such became the flagship of the British Forces setting sail for the South Atlantic just three days after the Argentine invasion of the Islands. She carried a substantial airgroup of Sea Harriers and Sea Kings of the Fleet Air Arm to which more aircraft were added as the war progressed. The Hermes Association members are regular attendees and supporters of the Memorial Chapel.



## HMS Glamorgan Memorial Bench unveiled



Over 80 HMS GLAMORGAN veterans, families and friends braved severe conditions on 10th March 2013 to dedicate a new bench at the National Memorial Arboretum to their 14 shipmates who did not return in 1982. Admiral Sir Ian Forbes, a GLAMORGAN veteran, unveiled the GLAMORGAN bench using the battle ensign flown on the ship during the conflict. Sailors from HMS FORWARD (Birmingham RNR), the local RNA with Royal British Legions and Tamworth RNA respectively provided a guard, standard bearers and a Bugler for the event. The ship's company formed an Association in 1984 and

still has over 300 members around the world. Together they have commissioned, and continue to maintain, two memorials at either end of the globe – one in Portsmouth Cathedral and another at Hookers Point in the Falkland Islands, close to where the Argentine Exocet missile was fired that hit the ship and caused the casualties. By popular consent the NMA was chosen as the ideal location for a third and final memorial. The bench is located close to the SAMA 82 Falklands Memorial where the ceremony concluded with a wreath laying to all those who died in 1982.



# 2013 ELIZABETH CROSS PRESENTATIONS



Kingsley and Cathy Armstrong



Ria Carter with son Darnell and mother Teresa Rice



Mr and Mrs Ben Elley and David, Dawn and Morgan Elley



Sharon Ratcliff with Derek and Linda Fitton



Mrs Cindy Strickland with the Hon. Mrs Mary Bayliss



Andrew, Dee, Peter and Sophie Swallow

The Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday June 16th included the presentation of six Elizabeth Crosses to Next of Kin carried out by Her Majesty The Queen's Representative, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire The Hon. Mrs Bayliss JP (pictured with each recipient family). To date forty more families have received their Medals and Scrolls at the Memorial Chapel.

The presentations took place after the Last Post when Kingsley Armstrong received the first medal for Corporal Raymond Ernest Armstrong Royal Green Jackets, 22nd SAS Regiment; then followed Mrs Ria Carter for Craftsman Mark Warren Rollins REME 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, David Elley for Sergeant Clifford Noel 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, Mrs Linda Fitton and Mr Derek Fitton for Corporal Peter Ronald Fitton Royal Marines, Mrs Cindy Strickland for Acting Weapons Engineering Artificer 1 David A Strickland, Royal Navy HMS Coventry, and finally, Mr Peter Swallow for Cook Andrew Charles Swallow Royal Navy, HMS Sheffield.

The Elizabeth Cross was instituted by Her Majesty The Queen as a mark of recognition for those killed in conflict to be awarded to their next of kin. Many families have now received their medals but the Medal Office still have a number not yet applied for. It is up to NOK to apply for their medals and for those unsure of the process help is available. Please contact the Secretary on 01295 738123.

## Annual Service 2014: Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> June

The 2014 Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 15th June at 12.00. As always we look forward to welcoming you all again – families, veterans, reunion groups, serving personnel and supporters. Coffee will be available on arrival and after the Service lunch will be served as usual in Drake Hall. There will be no tickets this year but we would be grateful if you could return the enclosed reply slip letting us know how many Chapel seats you require and how many meals. Last year was over catered so this aspect is really important for our planning and ordering purposes. As usual there will be a train collection service from Reading so if you need this service please 'tick' the box on the form. For guidance you would need to be at Reading Station by 11.00. Thank you!

The Trustees would like to hear from any family members or veterans who would like to attend but are or have been unable due to financial hardship or inability to travel distances unaccompanied. In these special circumstances it may be possible for the Trustees to give a measure of assistance to those who find themselves unable to attend. In this case a letter of application should be sent via the Secretary and will be treated with the utmost confidence.

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## INTREPID BOB'S CANOE RACE CHALLENGE



BOB NORBURY, former helicopter engineer (technician) with the Airborne Forces for many years, is again undertaking the challenge of the Annual International Devizes to Westminster on Easter Friday 2014 to raise money for the Chapel Trust. BOB, now 71, and the oldest 'Brit' to enter the race in a single canoe in the 60 year history of the race, succeeded in raising a fantastic £11,000 by doing the same race for the Chapel 10 years ago. Supporting Bob again with bananas and Mars bars will be his friend Barry Norman, former 2 Para RSM who served in the Falklands conflict.

"When I attempt the race next Easter," says Bob, "there will be no records to aim for, only the satisfaction of trying to raise as much money as possible to help with the upkeep of the Chapel."

If you would like to support this amazing challenge by sponsoring Bob, please complete the sponsorship form within this newsletter package and send it with your donation or pledge to the Secretary.

Thank you and Good Luck, Bob!

## THANK YOU!

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the Chapel over the past year by sending gifts, sponsoring Seats, becoming Friends, giving Legacies and Services Collections. They would also like to thank Don Somner who is responsible for most of the excellent photographs in this and previous newsletters. Don has just retired and his consistent service to the Chapel over many years is hugely appreciated. The Trustees send their best wishes to you all for 2014.

## A Truly International Christening

The HMS Alacrity Ship's Bell font was put to good use last summer when Falkland Islander Norman Clark, acclaimed photographer and long term Chapel supporter was in England with his wife June and family for the christening of grandson Kainan at the Memorial Chapel. They were joined by relatives and friends from Germany, America, the Falkland Islands and the UK.

"We had a wonderful day" Norman told us "Reverend Neil gave a really great service and what a talented pianist he is too!"



Craig and Jasmine Clark with sons Tristan and Kainan and Reverend Neil who conducted the Christening.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR  
by Reverend Neil Jeffers

O God, all sufficient,  
You have made and uphold all things by the word of your power; all nations are nothing before you; But you, unchangeable and incorruptible, are for ever and ever, God over all, blessed eternally. Infinitely great and glorious you are. We are your children and your care. Your hands have made and fashioned us. You have watched over us with more than parental love, more than maternal tenderness. You have held our soul in life, and not suffered our feet to be moved. Your divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness.

Let us bless you at all times.



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NMA launch  
paving  
appeal

A Heroes Square is to be the final piece of a new development at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas to be completed in the summer 2015.

It will comprise of a paved area and applications to sponsor a paving stone in honour of someone who has served in the Armed Forces are invited at a cost of £600 each.

Interested parties should contact [cwhinder@thenma.org.uk](mailto:cwhinder@thenma.org.uk) or write to the NMA, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR for an application form.