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The STEP SHORT NEWSLETTER

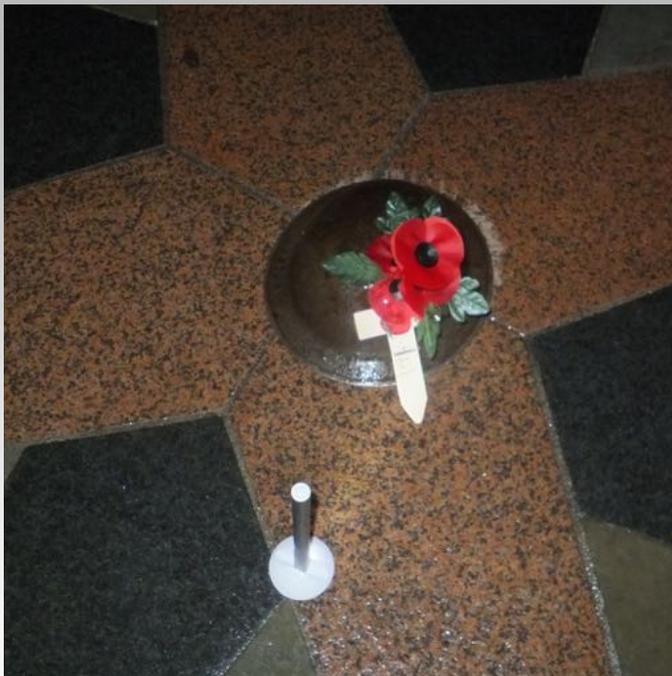
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Happy New Year for 2015!

Remembrance Sunday at the Arch 2014
The first anniversary of the 1918 Armistice to be commemorated
At the Memorial Arch and the War Memorial in Folkestone.



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PHOTO Competition

Photo Competition Prizes are :- First Prize—a pair of 8X32 Finch Binoculars. 2nd Prize £50. First Prize went to *Susan Wood (Left)* and second prize to *Pat Cocks (Right)* Both photos captured the rising sun at the Arch.



The two prize winners are seen with Step Short's Terry Legg and Ann Berry. Adrian Harrison is presenting the prizes outside the competition sponsors Seymour Harrison's shop in Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

STEP SHORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING— THE GRAND HOTEL 14TH NOVEMBER 2014



The Step Short AGM was held at the Grand Hotel on the 14th November. Chairman Damian Collins MP opened the meeting with a report on a momentous year. He thanked everyone for their efforts and achievements. His challenge was 'What do we do in the next 3 years?' He then followed up with information on potential Government funding for projects.

Treasurer Paul Emden gave an outline of the accounts and the final costs for the Memorial Arch, which will be settled after the final snagging is completed, which should be by the end of November. As of January 2015, the full accounts are now available to view on the charity commissions website under Step Short Folkestone Ltd.

The following officers were elected at the meeting:

- Chairman—Damian Collins MP.
- Vice Chairman—Ann Berry
- Treasurer—Paul Emden
- Treasurer Support—Nicky Emden
- Secretary—Mark Simmons
- Newsletter Editor—John Bailey

Group reports were received relating to the 27 events Step Short had participated in during the year. The hub had over 4000 visitors during the year.

A great year !



Events Committee Updates

Alan Warren—Parade Commander

After five years organising the annual August parade and march down the Road of Remembrance, Alan Warren has now stepped down as Parade Commander. Alan has done a terrific job every year. His replacement is John Wiggell who has recently retired from the Army at Shornecliff. John is already hard at work arranging the 2015 parade and march.

On the 12th November the Events Committee presented Alan with a gift to mark his work and show Step Short's grateful thanks for all that he has done over the last five years.



Etaples Remembrance Service

Ann Berry represented Folkestone Council at the Etaples Remembrance ceremony on the 8th November.

Ann is shown here with the Mayor of Etaples, Philippe Fait .



The Step Short Tapestry for 2018?



The Events Committee view the first concept mock up Tapestry produced by Terry Legg. Although made of paper it shows how Folkestone's history in the Great War could be depicted serially in the format of the Bayeaux Tapestry which was of course made in Canterbury.

Another project currently at the starting blocks is that of statue of a WW1 soldier that will be sited at the Memorial Arch on the Lees.

First discussions are now taking place.

Have you got a story to tell? Do you have photos of Step Short Events ?

Help make this Newsletter a paper for members by members. The editor is always happy to consider photos, news updates and local history contributions.

Please send your contribution to :

newsletter@stepshort.co.uk

Many thanks—John Bailey

STEP SHORT Genealogy Day at the HUB—Mark Simmons



Our newly refurbished visitor centre was officially launched on Saturday the 8th November when we hosted a Genealogical Research Day. The day made very good use of a number of new desktop computers that were installed during the refurbishment as volunteers were on hand to provide some expert advice and guidance to members of the public wishing to research individuals that served in World War One. Our volunteers have built up a wealth of knowledge on researching World War One ancestry as they have been producing comprehensive written reports on behalf of individuals travelling on the Road of Remembrance battlefield tours run by SAGA. It proved to be an extremely successful event, with a number of individuals leaving the Visitor Centre very satisfied having been provided with lots of information during their stay. It is our intention to run similar events on a regular basis so watch this space.



Update— The Curry Night at the Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall planned for the 7th March is now temporarily postponed and a new date will be announced in the near future!