



STEP UP!

The STEP SHORT NEWSLETTER

100 Years Ago.....

STEP SHORT Registered Charity No. 1143305

September 2016

The Step Short Commemorative March

7th August saw the 8th Step Short March to commemorate the start of the First World War. This years parade was organised by the Dymchurch British Legion. It was very well attended and the weather was kind to us. Around 250 people were at the arch for the service, prayers and wreath laying.



British Legion Standards and veterans led the parade, followed by a detachment of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) under the command of Lt Colonel John Hanson MBE, Commanding Officer 103 Battalion REME. Local Mayors followed the REME detachment. Piper Chris Bone piped the parade and also played Flowers of the Forest later on.



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Memorial march photos



Top : REME Padre Stephan Brown welcomes everyone to the memorial service.

Centre : Step Short Chairman Damian Collins MP reads John Chapter 15 verses 13-16.

Bottom Right. Wreaths were displayed on two metal frames supplied by a local blacksmith to Dymchurch British Legion, who kindly brought them along for the service,

Medal Ceremony at the Arch.



Photo of: Captain Phil Linehan on Sunday 4th September presenting Bugler Michael Smith, with his newly re-ribboned Northern Ireland medal, Cyprus UN peacekeeping medal and Golden Jubilee medal at the service held under the Arch on the Leas.

General News Update

The Events Committee would again like to thank all those people who have given so much of their time over the summer working on the Mole Cafe and the Step Short Hub. The Mole cafe has been very important to Step Short and has been its main source of income this year.

The lighting on the Arch has had some problems and has lost some of the crystals. This has been discussed with the suppliers who will be asked to fix it when agreement has been reached on cost. New signs have been set up at the Arch asking people to respect this space. It is not a skateboarding park

Preparations are being made to commemorate the terrible bombing in Tontine Street in 1917. This is being organised by Margaret Care. She is talking to various organisation including Step Short.

The next event at the Arch will be the Armistice Day Commemoration on Sunday the 13th November 2016.

Looking ahead to 2017 it's likely that the last August Step Short parade / march will be in 2017. The 2018 march will be held in November. Planning for next year will start around the time of the AGM

Date for the Diary. Step Short Annual General Meeting. Friday 11th November 2016 at 7 pm in the Drawing Room at the Grand Hotel on the Leas—Folkestone.

**The Mole Cafe and the HUB -
NEED YOU**



**Volunteers are needed for this summer's
HUB and Cafe opening—please contact Carl,
Ann or Heather.
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Anniversaries and events in 2016

**15th September 1916—Tanks used for the first time in battle
15th October 1916—Germany resumed U Boat attacks
18th November 1916—Battle of the Somme ends
28th November 1916—1st German air attack on London by an aircraft.
7th December 1916—Lloyd George replaces Asquith as Prime Minister
26th December 1916—Joffre becomes Marshall of France.**

**The Dymchurch British Legion hold a short service under the Arch on
the first Sunday of each month at 10.30 am.**

**The Last Post is played by Bryan Walker under the arch every Sunday
evening at 7.00 pm the same time as it is played at the Menin Gate in
Ypres. This will continue up to Remembrance Sunday.**