

News

Open Day Saturday March 14th. We were honoured with a formal visit from Deputy Lieutenant Robert Nixon, CBE, QPM, representing the Lord Lieutenant. Mr Nixon stayed a nice long time and showed great interest in our work.

We also had the pleasure of a most interesting talk, given by Peter Kilty about Sir Fabian Ware, the visionary founder of the Imperial War Graves Commission.



Heritage Hub, Saturday 21st March, Leicester University. In addition to several new subscribers to our newsletter, much useful work was done in strengthening contact with key departments at the University, who are willing to support our NLHF bid and we in return offering hands-on experience to students in the School of Heritage & Culture and Dept. of Museum Studies.

A real honour Wednesday 13th May, at Windsor Castle, Founder Director Denis Kenyon was invested with the MBE by HRH The Prince of Wales. DSK says:- “Seeing that I was not too mobile, he very kindly stepped forward off his red carpet to meet me. Everyone associated with the At Risk War Memorials Project, can take pride in this, because it was for “Services to War Commemoration...” and what has been achieved, has been by the joint effort of our Group.”



Royal British Legion – Thurmaston Branch Saturday 16th May



We have established an excellent working relationship with this Branch, having supported two events and been the key-note speaker at the RBL County AGM. We are developing plans for a pilot scheme of joint research on some unusual memorials in their possession.

Open Day Saturday May 23rd. On a hot sunny day, Denis Kenyon talked about “Hallaton Men in the Second Boer War” an amazing 27 men from a village of under 600 souls. New contacts were made, in particular Albina Avizen who offered to promote our Face Book page with three posts a week.

Gift of a Library. Many of you will know Michael Doyle, who with his father created the Leicestershire & Rutland War Memorials website, detailing all the men on all the memorials in the two counties, and produced the well-known five volume reference book, *Their Names Liveth for Evermore*.



Michael has generously given us his magnificent military reference library of about 600 books. Regimental histories; Divisional and Battalion War Diaries; battle histories; WD Medical reference books; Naval and Air books and many others beside.

The library will be called “The Margaret & Michael Doyle Military Library” in honour of Michael and his late wife, who he said was so long-suffering as he “dragged” her round the battle sites of WW1!

The Library will form the foundation of our next venture – a research and conference hub.

Before they are placed in their new location in Beaumont Halll, we need a volunteer to undertake the task of cataloguing.

To remove them from Michael’s house in Lincolnshire we used two vans – a Citroen Relay and Fiat Doblo. The books in borrowed plastic crates, along with shelving, a filing cabinet and several other useful items, filled both vans without a cubic inch to spare. Books are extremely heavy and we are grateful to Jess Jenkins for lugging crates out to the van and to Myles Ball for loan of his van and his labour!

Needless to say, we are immensely grateful to Michael for this gift



Jess and Myles take a well earned breather.