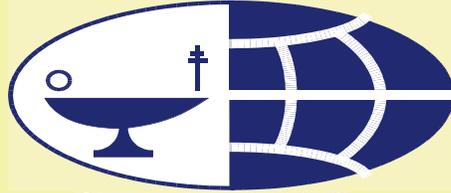


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EDITORIAL

The anniversary of the start of the First World War will be an important opportunity for everyone to reflect on the horrors of war. On August 6th the national commemoration will begin with a service in Westminster Abbey at 10pm, I will be attending with Lynda my wife to represent Toc H. The service of prayer and reflection will I hope be a sign that the next four years will be a time for reflection on how in the 21st century we can work for a better understanding between communities and nations.

The number of wars and conflicts over the past 100 years are a reflection that all too often humanity seems to prefer conflict to reasoned dialogue.

This factor is reflected in the often confrontational nature of political debate which may not lead to armed conflict but hardly assists in building a sense of the common good that we all want to see across the world.

In commemorating the First World War we in Toc H must always remember that whilst our roots are in the battlefields of Flanders we came into being in the early 1920's as a way of working for a better world and, at least in part, in the memory of those who had died.

In 2015 Talbot House will celebrate and mark its foundation and we will support Belgium Toc H in whatever way is appropriate. It is, though, their celebration and commemoration and we will honour and affirm them in their work. In using the word celebration in this context I do so because the foundation of Talbot House is worthy of

celebration and thanks. In the midst of the horrors of the trenches the house became a beacon of hope for so many men who were facing death in the days ahead.

The commemoration is an opportunity for members of Toc H to look back at the loss of the many men of different nations who died fighting for reasons that may have seemed to be less than obvious in the mud of the trenches. As I said above we were, in part, founded in the memory of those who died and we should use the coming years to find ways of working with others to build a just and caring society. We can do this in memory not only of those who died in the years 1914 to 1918 but in the many wars that scarred the 20th century and continue to be a scourge of the 21st.

In December 2015 a meeting of representatives of Toc H from around the world is planned to follow the World Chain of Light at Talbot House. The sixteen months leading to that meeting are an opportunity to ask what we as a Movement can offer the world in the years that lie ahead. I would value your thoughts and reflections on this question and hope that both branches and individual members might contact me with ideas for consideration. I've no doubt our fellow members across the world will be asking similar questions.

The commemoration of the First World War could be an opportunity for some people to promote what at best could be described as a jingoist narrative, not the least with the continuous debate about the UK's place in Europe. We need to be offering a positive vision for a better and more equitable society in which every citizen makes a contribution.

In looking forward we can also look back and ask what we can learn from the past that will inform our future. Toc H was born out of the horrors of war and led to many creative ideas of which we are rightly proud. The world may have changed in a million different ways in a hundred years, but people for good or ill have the same hopes and fears.

Let us look forward and make a contribution that builds on the vision of those who have maintained the message of the four points of the compass since the 1920's.

Cover Picture : Maria Beeves, one of the main organisers of the day that drew together so many organisations in Saltburn to help to raise funds for the repairs to their war memorial (see centre pages).

Heart of England Branch Outing To The National Memorial Arboretum

Heart of England Branch have had an interesting couple of outings. Last autumn it went to the German Cemetery on Cannock Chase maintained by the War Graves Commission. This little known war cemetery is incredibly peaceful and beautiful.

This June it went to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas which was busy and fascinating. The £5 tour on the tractor train was well worth it, being an hour long with a good informative commentary. Afterwards Rose and Una thought they might escape the group photo as they had to leave early – but no such luck!

Good weather was a real bonus! The branch hopes that it has similar good weather for its next branch do which is their annual garden party when they will be joined by some of Barnsley branch and other friends.



Happy Birthday Barnsley Toc H!



It seems incredible that the Barnsley Branch has only been in existence for one year! During that time their membership has doubled and they have achieved a tremendous amount. Based in the only Working Man's Club to have a Padre, they are truly building a community with many events.

Branch visits included trips to the National Memorial Arboretum and to London, representing Toc H in the Remembrance Sunday march past at the Cenotaph, something they were thrilled to do.

Their latest venture is serving breakfast at the weekends, they were opening at 8.00 a.m., but fishermen pointed out that it was a little late for them - so now it's opening at 7.30 a.m. for a full English cooked in the Kitchen Toc H sponsored and which is being used to bring the community together in many ways.

So may there be many more birthday celebrations in the years to come and may this second year see movement forward in your plans to set up a community hub in nearby Wombwell.

The In Touch magazine is produced three times a year, and is free to members. Last date for submission of articles is the end of **February, June and October**

Marked for Life

by Gualter de Mello

Although Toc H Marks vanished from Toc H vocabulary 32 years ago, I am so glad the Marks, their concept and Toc H were part of my life.

My first involvement with Toc H was soon after our Queen's coronation in 1953, when Archdeacon Townsend in our St. Paul's Anglican Church in São Paulo, Brazil, felt we should start a Toc H Group. Townsend had been deeply involved with Toc H in Argentina, before and during the war.

Many of us in St. Paul's Church and other friends soon formed the São Paulo Toc H Group, later to become a branch, and were initiated by Alison Mcfie of the Toc H Women's Association on her way back from Buenos Aires, returning to Crutched Friars, where the Women's Association had their headquarters.

In 1957, I spent a year at Mark I at Pembridge Gardens by Notting Hill Gate Station in London; it was a fantastic life experience and I enjoyed very much the days when I could be Tubby's ADC. Mark I had 26 chaps working or studying around London. A real mixture with all the idiosyncrasies of a very good bunch of fellows and a good Toc H branch, meeting in the Mark and helping the neighbourhood.

My Toc H job was to escort Lucy, a blind lady working at the Royal National Institute for the blind, from Bayswater to Great Portland Street where, as part of her work she would Braille read students exam papers, have them transcribed into writing, sent to examiners, marked, returned to her, put into Braille and sent back to the students.

Tubby was extraordinary in the way he managed to collect the promises of raw materials for the rebuilding of All Hallows Church, following the W.W.II destruction. Wood from Australia and New Zealand, steel from Canada and America and, so many other items from so many other places. The church was rebuilt!

In July 1957, All Hallows By-The-Tower was re-consecrated, the Church was full, the gardens behind the east wall were also full. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, was the guest of honour and a few of us Toc H members were invited to provide a friendly pavement escort as



her Majesty came to meet those who could not get a seat in the Church. It was such a pleasant day. Tubby was so happy!

During my theology student days, I spent periods of my holidays at Talbot House Poperinge, Mark II, Westminster, Mark XIII, Brother's House in Kennington and experienced a change in the age and commitment of the new Marksmen. The Wardens had little time to make sure new arrivals understood the Marks were not hostels.

I spent my theological college days in Cambridgeshire and am glad we were able to start a branch in Ely. Fred the college Butler allowed us to use the vast kitchens for our meetings. Cambridge had a branch for many years.

My ordination in 1964 led me to South Hackney, Mark III Prideaux House, where I was the curate for St. John of Jerusalem Church and the resident Padre of the newly built Prideaux House, named after Tubby's generous friend Lancelot Prideaux-Brune, opened in 1962 by H.M. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Mark III Prideaux House, was purpose built and housed 46 including a resident Padre, a Housekeeper and a Cook.



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Cosby Branch News

It was with heavy hearts that we said 'Farewell', on the 16th May, to one of our stalwart members, Geoff Matthews, who had been poorly for a little while, and who passed away quietly on Good Friday morning.

Geoff had been a member of Cosby branch for many years, did lots of work around the property and for people in the village. He had been our 'Father Christmas' on the float for the annual collection for the Old Folks of the village, for many years and it was a job he loved doing. Last Christmas though he was not well enough to undertake this task, but right up to the last minute insisted he would be there!

A few weeks later (June 3rd) we heard of the passing of another 'old' member, Jim Harrison. Jim joined Cosby Toc H on 10 February 1966 and soon got stuck into the work of maintaining our building, if something wanted doing he would be there, and by the next AGM the branch made him the Job master.

Jim and his wife, Lily, helped arrange dances to raise money and were keen to make sure these and other events took place. They also had an allotment which provided fruit and veg. for summertime coffee mornings in aid of various good causes.

Later he became involved in what was called the District Team and also at national level in Toc H. It was with the District branches that Cosby made one its finest achievements in buying a bouncy castle for a group of disabled children.

Outside of Toc H Jim helped with The Boys Brigade. At Christmas not only did he help to get Santa's float ready for its tour around our village, he drove the lorry it was mounted on. Lorry driving was Jim's job and he was very good at that too.

We were sorry to hear that Broughton Astley has now closed. This being due to illness and age catching up with the members. We had many happy social evenings with them over the years.

It was very interesting to see the photo of the Pilgrimage to the cemeteries at Ypres in 1923. Opposite is a photo of Cosby branch setting out for a trip to Poperinge and the war graves in July 2004. What a

difference in fashions!! That was a wonderful trip, with so much to see, and ably led by Roger Griffiths.

We have had a few social events and now look forward to our BBQ in July and the Cream tea in August.



We will remember them !

Joseph Wynn-Mackenzie

John Derek Clarke

Phyllis Bickley

Florence Aston

Frank Kirk

Eric Varley

James Harrison

Geoffrey Matthews

Yvonne Black

Gordon Chenhall

Margaret Sinnicks

Age shall not weary them

Margaret Sinnicks :

Margaret was born in Leicester in 1922 and died aged 92 on 19th June 2014. She lived a very active life in this country, in Nigeria and in Kenya before settling in Clacton-on-Sea. She is remembered as a lover of tennis, tapestry, reading and as a brilliant cook – great scones and pancakes! She lived a very full life and will be sadly missed.

World Chain of Art



Dear Toc H friends,

For the Centenary Celebrations we would like to create a joint piece of art that will illustrate both the diversity and the unity between Toc H members everywhere. The way we want to achieve this is by encouraging each Toc H branch around the world to create a small painting. All these separate paintings will ultimately be joined together into one large piece of art. (see opposite)

To create unity in this work, we will all be using the same size of canvas, the same colour for the background and the same theme to be expressed on this painting.

To create diversity, we leave it up to each individual contributor to choose their foreground colours and their preferred painting technique to 'translate' the theme.

Concrete details are:

Canvas size: 30 cm x 30 cm

we used a stretched canvas – universally primed – 100% cotton for acrylic paint

Colour of the background: Sky blue light acrylic paint

we used the brand 'Amsterdam' standard series 17725512 +++n551 pigments PW6/PB15/PG7

Theme: **What does Toc H mean to you?**

Deadlines:

- we would like to be informed of your cooperation by February 2014 (Done!)
- we would like to be informed of the number of canvasses we can expect from you by December 2014 (so that we can arrange the exhibition area)
- we would like to receive the paintings by the end of May 2015



E-mails can be sent to tochbelgium@live.be

The paintings should be sent to Talbot House – Gasthuisstraat 43 – 8970 Poperinge – Belgium

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We are counting on your enthusiastic cooperation and sincerely hope that together, as members worldwide, we can create and complete this unique piece of art in Talbot House to mark the beginning of another period of 100 years of carrying out the Toc H message of hope, peace and light to the world.

Yours truly,

An Kestier

PR Toc H Belgium

Does this article ring a bell?

It should do, the same article was in the Spring edition of In Touch but we really hope that more people will respond from the U K than have so far - I hear a whole school in India is sending in their paintings and a good response would be really welcome!

Marked for Life – Part 2

After my curacy, being asked to be the full time Warden and Padre of Prideaux House we managed to include 26 nationalities in our full accommodation.

Tubby enjoyed coming to visit Mark III, celebrating Holy Communion or just meeting visitors like Fr. Cuille from Antwerp in Belgium where he had founded a project looking after the children who had lost their families during WWII, "The Grey Cats". They were very special evenings with toasts to our Queen, to the Pope, to All Hallows, to Toc H, to Tubby, to Fr. Cuille!!! Always ending up with the Marksmen's tea and toast at 10 pm. Tubby's presence gave the Marksmen a sense of belonging and self confidence.

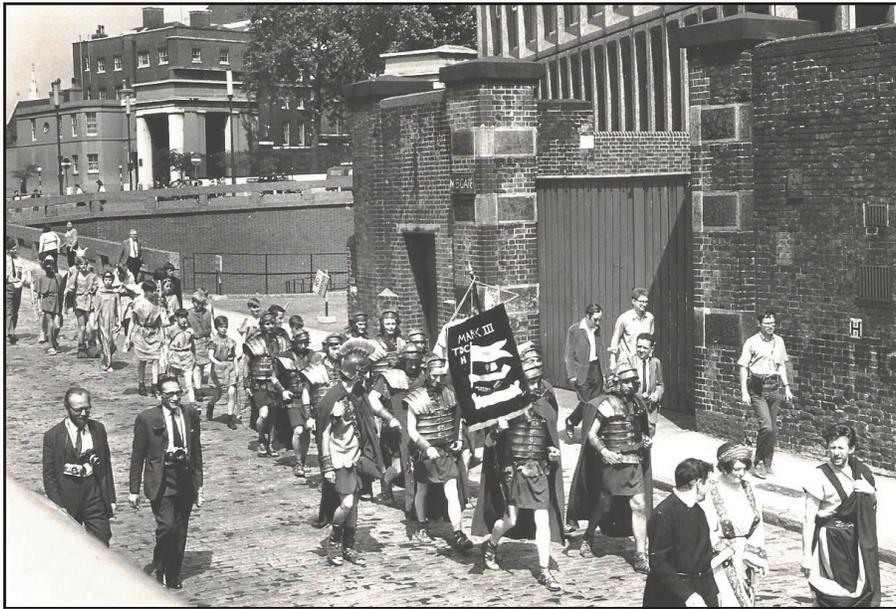
I am reminded of the evening when a couple of the young men were on the way to the Albion Pub, one came back and reported that graveyard stones on the Church opposite were being smashed. There were two chaps at it with a lantern. All the fellows rushed



out to stop it. The next day I phoned Tubby, he suggested that the broken stones might be placed along the edge of the house garden flower beds. The job was done along a few weekends and to this day, nearly 60 years later, we can read faint names or dates - Anne (?) 1896.

Tubby enjoyed inviting the Marksmen to join London events, on Tower Hill or London and Charlie (Clara) our new housemother and cook always felt Tubby needed sustenance.

The Roman pageant was a fascination. Mark III enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers, headed by the Roman Governor Gaius and his wife Julia, followed by Scouts and Guides from Norfolk dressed as ICINI who together marched to Mile End underground on to Aldgate East and a further march to the moat of The Tower of London. A mock battle between Romans and ICINI before going to All Hallows Church for a Thinking Thanksgiving Service and from Tower Hill back home by coach as our ICINI Scouts and Guides had to get back home after tea at Prideaux House.



Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, was always one of Tubby's happy days when Marksmen from all the London Marks would join together, usually at Christ Hospital School London offices, on Tower Hill and would scrum for the largest piece of pancake. The winner would then be royally treated at the Prospect of Whitby Pub down Wapping Wall, on the Thames. A few sore heads the next morning!

As Mark III Warden and Chaplain it never ceased to amaze me the resilience of the new generations coming to live in the Marks, either as students or as office workers or managers or people working outside, and their willingness to help.

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Didn't we have a lovely day - the day we went to Saltburn?

The short answer is YES! On 29th June!

Maria, a member of Toc H Saltburn, featured on the front cover, has become involved in trying to raise funds to restore the Saltburn war memorial and pioneered a really special fund raising day, drawing in almost all the organisations from the town.

The Toc H room was much in use, partly as a base for the organisers, as a coffee shop with a display of all the wreaths laid last Remembrance Sunday with a little about the group that had laid them, as a museum of relevant local papers and artifacts, and as the place people came to sign a document which is to be placed eventually in a time capsule below the paving of the restored memorial.



Saltburn is a small branch and so members from Barnsley, Barton on Humber, and Heart of England Branch turned out to help and support them together with our old friend Bill Bains.



There were loads of stalls from the different groups and the Army cadets erected a climbing wall for people to try under strict supervision.



The police band gave a concert, there were plays and other entertainment around the town, events happening all day long.

The scouts planted 8,000 crosses bought in memory of individuals in the empty flower beds around the memorial.



**A real day of Toc H at the heart of its community!!
Thank you Saltburn!**

Weirside - The Littoral Perspective

At the end of 2006 the Littoral trust acquired Cylinders, a small but beautiful estate in the Langdale Valley, near Ambleside in the Lake District. The trust, a not-for-profit organisation headed by Ian Hunter and Celia Lerner, works with mainly visual artists (painters, sculptors, photographers) to address social and environmental issues through arts projects and programmes. We have a special interest in helping children and young people, and in introducing people to the countryside who do not normally have easy access to it.

What had attracted us to Cylinders was the fact that it was the place where the German Dada artist Kurt Schwitters

had spent the last two years of his life creating his amazing artwork, in a drystone building on the estate known simply as 'The Merz Barn'. Schwitters, who died in 1948, had arrived in Britain in 1940 as a refugee from the Nazi régime, and after the compulsory period of internment had moved first to London and then, because of the bombing, to the Lake District for his health.

It took Littoral some time to open up the Cylinders site, which had been left undisturbed for fifty years after the death of its owner, Harry Pierce, a pioneering landscape gardener, and a good friend of Schwitters. Trees had grown up, paths had disappeared, the buildings were in a poor state of repair, and the former gardens were recognisable only by the patches of



Artists' dinner at Weirside, autumn 2008, welcome by Ian

fallen blossoms which revealed the presence of a superbly coloured rhododendron somewhere up there in the canopy.

By the autumn of 2007 we were beginning to run conferences and forums for artists and academics at Cylinders, and provide facilities for artists, and it was at that point that we took notice of Weirside, the beautiful bunk barn owned by Toc H, situated by the river just outside Chapel Stile, which by a happy chance was only about 300 yards from the boundary of our estate.

Being able to have occasional use of the bunk barn meant that most of our accommodation problems were solved, and I think we can truthfully say that, although the facilities were simple, there was no-one who did not enjoy staying there. But all too soon we discovered that the parent charity was going through a difficult patch financially, and that Weirside was up for sale. Although the Toc H trustees had



wanted to sell to a school a local hotel chain had put in an offer of more than twice the original price agreed on, and it looked as if under charity ruling this would have to be accepted.

It was at this point that Ian and Celia met Hilary and Doug Geater Childs and Terry Drummond, Toc H trustees, and Geoff Hammond their employee, to discuss where our mutual interests lay. At that point these were fairly simple: Toc H needed to sell Weirside whilst at the same time remaining true to their Christian ethos and ensuring if possible that the aims and objectives that the donors of the building

had professed would continue to be upheld; Littoral needed somewhere to accommodate occasional short-term groups attending events or carrying out residencies which fulfilled their humanitarian and Christian ideals.

There were several outcomes from the meeting. In the first place Ian and Celia became paid-up members of Toc H, which we have of course remained; secondly Littoral matched the offer made by the hotel for Weirside, so that at least the facility would remain under not-for-profit management, and the provision of affordable accommodation in the much-sought-after Langdale environment would not be diminished.

In the end Toc H was in a position to withdraw Weirside from sale and to manage it themselves. Various ways of promoting continued cooperation between the two charities continue to be discussed,



During the last ten days of July Littoral's annual Summer School for artists and fine art students will be taking place, using Weirside to accommodate the greater part of the attendees. Once again there will be music and laughter, work

and play, and a whole new group of young artists will be introduced to the beauty of England and Langdale. Once again we will be remembering the generosity of W.N. Grimshaw who in 1964 purchased Weirside for presentation to the Toc H trust in memory of his mother Arabella Grimshaw, who had devoted her life to working for the charity.

Long may the building continue in the hands of the Toc H trustees for the benefit and recuperation of all who seek repose from the stresses of contemporary life beside the flowing beck at Weirside.

Celia Larner

When Barnsley Met Denny

On Thursday 22nd May 2014, Jim and I met with Agnes Peattie and Etta Eadie at Denny Westpark Church in Stirlingshire, Scotland. Agnes and Etta are both members of the only remaining Toc H branch in Scotland.

These lovely ladies work very hard to raise funds in their community to enable a large group of people with learning difficulties to attend a crafts group each Thursday. They are supported by two churches in Denny and the bowling club in Falkirk.

Like the rest of us, they have found it difficult to recruit new members but have recently welcomed some young people into the fold; so now they also have a brand new Face Book page!

Part of Toc H Denny's aim is to raise enough money to take the Thursday group on weekend breaks. On Friday the 24th October, two coachloads will travel to the Delmont Hotel in Scarborough.

When we spoke to Etta and Agnes, they said they were rather out on a limb; too far away from other branches to make links with anyone. Wouldn't it be easy to communicate via Face Book or to arrange a get-together in Scarborough? We should use our networking skills to stay in touch and lend support with one another.

It was a pleasure to meet such pleasant, diligent and industrious ladies who, with the rest of Toc H Denny, bring happiness into challenging lives.

Ronnie (Veronica) Allen

Barnsley Branch member Helen writes: I am just sewing up the last few of the 120 Xmas stockings I promised I would knit, for the 120 children they hope to have at the Xmas Party, they are just big enough to fill with a tube of sweets, then hang on a tree.

I love knitting, and knit for premature babies. So I wondered how long it would take me to knit up a mile of wool. On the band of a 100 gm ball of D K wool there are 300 yards, as there are 1,760 yards in a mile it would be about 6 balls. The tiny pram size blankets to keep the babies warm take about 150 gm of wool each.

I wonder if there is a Toc H member, or Branch, who would like to donate a mile of D K wool, white, pink, blue, lemon or pale green & mauve, for me to knit into blankets for them.

Marked for Life - Part 3

It was wonderful when school holidays arrived and we ran the children summer project. Mothers and relatives had to work so, we would invite volunteers to join us for fortnights and help us to look after the children on a properly planned programme of outings and activities. One committed volunteer looking after 8 children, a leader and one assistant leader. Very tough days but a most enjoyable break for the children and the volunteers who came from the various towns and cities in Britain and abroad where we had so many friends. One Japanese volunteer cycled from Japan to Hackney. When he reached us there were wonderful welcome celebrations, press coverage, photos and party and above all, the children always wanted to hear all about it!

Guest nights with superb dinners and brilliant speakers were regular quarterly events, and our own Mark Christmas Dinner was always a special occasion when Marksmen and house friends would be warmly received and Father Christmas always arrived late, creating havoc to the entertainment.



Of course the house lent itself to many special occasions but above all, Mark III became a centre for The Community in South Hackney and was deeply involved in The London Borough of Hackney. Mayors and their families would always be welcome as would members of Parliament and those who were working for the good of the Borough, our Beat Bobbies, our house doctor, our catering suppliers, our Caribbean members of the Pentecostal Church of God were part of our lives and the four points of the Toc H way of life were always guiding us

To think fairly - fairmindedness
To witness humbly - The kingdom of God
To build bravely - Service
To love widely - fellowship

I returned to Hackney to set up Friendship House through Hackney Town Hall, Friends Anonymous Service.

The house was in an alley way and when the building opposite caught fire, Friendship House was badly damaged and we moved to Nevil House which we named after our's and Tubby's friend, Sir Arthur Nevil Rucker.

In 1982 Toc H Management decided to sell Prideaux House Mark III and we had 5 days to make a decision and purchase it with Hackney Borough Council's Help.

We moved back to Prideaux House and, despite of the changes taking place in society throughout the world, maintained the old Mark III principles of fellowship and service.

I retired from Prideaux House in September 2013 after nearly 60 years.

We are now setting up a Talbot House Centenary Celebration Group from many parts of the world to be at Talbot House in December 2015.

I thank God for Mark III banner logo given by Tubby:

NON DUCOR, DUCO.
(WE ARE NOT LED, WE LEAD.)

And, of course, to Tubby himself who was there for all.

Gualter de Mello
Brazil.

News from South Africa

I am sure some of you are wondering what has happened to Toc H South Africa. We have had a very difficult 10 months or so.

Everything is now progressing well and I am writing on behalf of the National Executive to introduce Mrs Jenny Meyer to you all. Jenny took over the post of Administrator about a month ago. She was elected Chairman of Eastern Province in May 2013 and has been working very hard for Toc H as an ordinary member since then. When the post of Administrator became vacant she applied and we were very happy to appoint her. She is working from the Toc H House in Port Elizabeth and at the moment it is just a half day position so if you wish to contact her the morning would be best. We have a new e-mail address - toc-h@outlook.com. The postal address and phone number in Port Elizabeth are still the same. Please note Yvonne Knapp is no longer employed by Toc H SA

We still have active branches in Western and Eastern Province and have a Guest House in Port Elizabeth which we are hoping to get operational soon.

The Toc H Peace Book which has been to Australia and Indian is now circulating in Western Province having had entries done at our Council meeting in December. We hope to return it to Poperinge in a month or two.

I would just like to add that the Charity Shop is doing very well under Ms Karen Webb and she is also doing some outreach work in the Johannesburg area. We are very fortunate to have such a well qualified person to manage the shop.

*Jean Fenner
SA National Registrar*



From Australia Ray Geise writes...

Editorial : *In April Ray sent me an excellent paper he was giving to the Australian War Historical Society over Easter in Tubby's birthplace – Maryborough in Queensland. It is titled 'The Fascinating History of Toc H' and starts with what he refers to as the 'Origins' which is about Talbot House, Tubby and the impact he had. He goes on to write:-*

The birth of a Movement

After the War one of the first things Tubby did, with the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, was to set up a Test School for Ordinands in the unused prison at Knutsford in the north of England. Hundreds of young men, who had endured so many hardships and had witnessed the sacrifice of thousands of lives, offered themselves for ordination and enrolled at the School. It was one way they could say 'Thank You' to God. They were the ones who were so thankful that their own lives had been spared. They were also the ones whose own lives had been touched by the special kind of Christian Fellowship which had emanated from Talbot House. In just four years 1,600 men passed through Knutsford.

There were also many who decided that something should be done to preserve the ethos that was generated in Talbot House during the War years so that future generations could share it. It was special and it would add a new dimension to the meaning of life for many people. There was widespread support for this initiative and it led to the formation of the Toc H Movement which, in 1922, was granted a Royal Charter. The name 'Toc H' was the Army Signaller's code word for Talbot House. In the same year Tubby was appointed the Vicar of the historic Church of All Hallows-Barking-by-the-Tower on Tower Hill in London which dated back to the late 7th century. It became the Guild Church of Toc H. Initially Toc H was simply a gathering of like-minded young men who sought to rebuild a broken world with the mortar of comradeship and the bricks, the solid bricks, of personal service. The first thing – that Toc H should provide places where men could learn comradeship, and having learned that would take to communities the spirit of service, which is the negation of selfishness and boredom and the only road to happiness and knowledge.

If anyone would like a copy of the full paper please contact us.

Visitors to Cochin, India



Students from Alberta University Canada (above)

Students from Singapore who joined with local students of clean the beach in Cochin., showing their commitment to protecting the environment



Dates for your Diary

London Walk – Saturday 6th September - Come and help with refreshments, or get sponsorship for your charity / Friends of Khasdobir.

Toc H AGM – Saturday 25th October – in Birmingham.- Venue as last year.

Carol Service – Saturday 13th December, 2pm – All Hallows. Bring & Share Lunch at 12 noon.

I hope that you can come, and look forward to seeing you and catching up.



This Prayer was sent in by Linda May:

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you strength and blessings
And friends to share the way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.



Thanks from John Burgess

I want to say a big thank you for the response to my article on Tape Recorders. I have had three positive offers, and I will collect all three. Each person has said I could keep the machine. I will try all three, and see which one will be the best for purpose. So THANK YOU!

Talbot House Centenary Fund

Opened during the Great War by the Reverend "Tubby" Clayton, Talbot House offered soldiers the opportunity to find, irrespective of rank or creed, a little bit of humanity, rest and peace. The concept of an "Every Man's Club" was unique in the annals of British military history. The House today offers visitors the same welcome and experience as those Tommies had a century ago.

The Talbot House estate is a non-profit making organization with all proceeds used to support the House and the adjacent Hop Store housing the Museum. Built in 1730, one hundred years before the foundation of Belgium, the House is visited by over 27,000 visitors a year, with many staying overnight to experience sleeping in a living museum. Clearly, running and maintaining a house of this age and ensuring the estate remains one of Belgium's premier visitor attractions, creates considerable pressure on limited financial income.

Still very much run as an "Every Man's Club", we all have a collective responsibility to secure the House financially so that its history will be enjoyed by future generations - certainly for the next one hundred years! In supporting the Talbot House Centenary Fund your contribution will help generate a reservoir of working capital to:

- Protect and conserve the fabric and contents of both the House and Museum
- Enhance the visitor's experience and understanding of the history of the House by regular updates of the museum, and improving access to the archives.

Talbot House has earned our love and respect over the century and now deserves and requires our continuing support for the benefit of future generations.

Donations may be made to:

Talbot House
Gasthuisstraat 43
8970 Poperinge
Belgium





Talbot House

proudly presents

**CŃr Meibion De Cymru
The South Wales Male Choir**

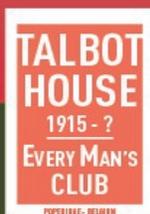
Great War Centenary Concert



12-08-2014 @ 20.00h

Sint Bertinus kerk - Poperinge - Saint Bertinus church

in aid of - "Talbot House Every man's Club" - benefietconcert



tickets € 10,- @ Talbot House & info@talbothouse.be
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Het museum is elke dag open van 10.00u tot 17.30u & gesloten op maandag.
The museum is open every day from 10 am until 5.30 pm & closed on Monday.

NATIONAL PRAYER CYCLE

(This can be used daily or weekly)

Friendship – To love widely

Think of all Members worldwide.

Think of the Branches, their fellowship and activities.

Pray for members who are housebound, ill or isolated.

Service – To build bravely

Pray for all Services and those we are helping.

Think of Talbot House and all visitors and those staying there.

Pray for Khasdobir and the work of KYAG

Fair-mindedness – To think fairly

Think of the Board of Trustees and everyone running Toc H.

Pray that the ethos of Toc H may spread and that more people

may be drawn into the Movement.

Witness – To witness humbly

Give thanks for the Harvest and all we are given for our needs.

Think of Remembrance Day and all who died for the Country.

Think of all who work for peace and reconciliation.

Prepared by William Bestelink



MISSION STATEMENT

Toc H is committed to building a fairer society by working with communities to promote friendship and service, confront prejudice and practice reconciliation.

The aims of Toc H are defined by the four points of the compass, first defined in 1920:

Friendship:	To love widely
Service:	To build bravely
Fairmindedness:	To think fairly
Witness:	To witness humbly