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EDITORIAL

The weeks running up to Dec 12th are a period in which several events will be held in London to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Talbot House. The first one of these was the opening of an exhibition in the Guildhall Library in the City of London. It was marked by a reception at which Ken Prideaux-Brune gave a talk on the background to the opening of the house along with reflections on his work with Tubby Clayton.

In early November this was followed by the launch of '*Talbot House, Poperinge. Everyman's Sanctuary from the Trenches*' by Jan Louagie which was followed by a concert in the Cadogan Hall

given by the Flanders Symphony Orchestra, the concert included a new work for the harmonium which was played on the harmonium from the Upper Room.

On December 12th a celebration/carol service is planned to take place at All Hallows by the Tower.

Not linked, but equally not unrelated, on November 19th, also at All Hallows, Linda Parker launches her new book - a biography of Tubby Clayton. No doubt a review of Linda's book will be in a future issue of In Touch.

The year's celebrations will end with a gathering of Toc H members from different parts of the world at Talbot House. The intention being that together we can share insights on our different approaches to keeping alive the Four Points of the Compass. The countries not able to send representatives are, we hope, sending a message and details of their work and activities.

The gathering, hosted by Belgium Toc H, is a partnership with UK Toc H and we have contributed over four thousand euros to assist in covering the costs.

The gathering will be an important opportunity for the participants to learn from each other and to recognise that in every case the activities in different nations will reflect the cultures of the countries they represent. A report on the discussions will be published in the next issue of In Touch.

A question that will no doubt be touched on in the discussions will be the effective use of social media. In the days of instant messaging, Twitter etc. it is important that we try to work with the flow of the new media. It is also important to note that instant communication is not always a positive development, on occasions time spent in reflection before commenting on whatever the current news is may lead to a more thoughtful response.

Toc H itself is, as we know, drawn from the phonetic signallers' code in use at the time and this suggests that the early pioneers were a step ahead with the equivalent of today's social media.

At the gathering we hope to agree a letter of understanding between the different countries represented and Talbot House, making a commitment to working together in whatever way we might find to be feasible.

The importance of Talbot House for Toc H is self-evident, it is the place where the movement that became Toc H was born and for that reason alone we need to ensure that there is a creative working relationship.

The celebration of the 100 years since Talbot House opened is an important part of the legacy of Toc H - we exist because the house was opened and offered a home from home for so many soldiers. The years that followed will lead to our hundredth anniversary. They have seen massive changes in society and the contribution of the members of Toc H, in the past individuals would volunteer to work on good causes, this is less and less the case today. In the light of this factor we need to address the question what can we offer to the wider community that draws on the Four Points of the Compass?

The question is one that the Board will address at a meeting in January, it is a question that we would ask all members to consider and if you have any thoughts please send them to me at terry.drummond@hotmail.com or by letter to the Toc H PO box.

I believe that we have much to offer that draws on the past but is very firmly rooted in a vision for the future.

Terry Drummond

An Appeal for Help

Can I ask members to help me, I have a handful of members who are regularly paying money to Toc H but the letters we send them are being returned, does anyone have up to date contact details for:

Mr Anthony Affleck
Mr Charles Cole
Mr Roy Salisbury
Mr David Icke

Mr Derek Bird
Mr Paul Pugh
Mrs Anne Willis

Thank you for any help you can be.

Doug Geater Childs

Cover Picture

Whilst at the Annual General Meeting in Birmingham on October 24th Chris Stoneham took several pictures afterwards showing people's reactions - THANK YOU CHRIS! The one we chose for the cover features two Heart of England Branch members, one of the younger ones, **Bridgette Cowley** and (I am sure she won't mind our saying) one of our older ones **Betty Blower**. In the background are John Burgess, Philip Coomes, Harry Graham, and behind Betty and Bridgette are Lynda Steers and Rosemary Oakley of High Brooms Branch. We think this shows what the meeting and indeed Toc H is about showing that it was a happy and good occasion of a lovely mixture of people.



Photos of AGM courtesy of Chris Stoneham.



Benches

On 4th August the following e-mail arrived in the Central Office:-

Good Afternoon,

I wonder if you can help me.

I work for Wallingford Town Council in South Oxfordshire. Back in 1969 some money was collected in memory of Doreen and Jack Cope founder members of the Toc H group in Wallingford. The benches have obviously got very old and need replacing, this has now been agreed by the Councillors. We would like to keep the memory of Toc H going and were hoping to move the plaques to the new benches but having just been to the benches, they are in no state to be moved. I wonder if you could tell me either would you supply new plaques (just 2) to us or could you give me an example of what the plaque should look like so that we can find out costs.

I attach the pictures I have taken today to give you an idea of what they currently look like.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

It had come from Wallingford Town Council & attached were:-



The correspondence continued until October when we received the following e-mail and photographs:-

Good Morning Doug,

Great news, we have received the new benches and the final one was installed on Friday afternoon. I personally am very pleased with the results, they are much nicer than the ones we had previously as they were very old and worn, the new ones with the logo look very smart I hope you agree. There are 4 benches, 2 look out on to the road and 2 look down our historic Kinecroft, the logo is on the inside and outside edge of all 4 benches.

I also had a call from one of our Councillors this morning who was passionate to keep the TOC H memory going, she said she really likes them and they are very comfortable.

I have also received the invoice today, (they don't hang about) you were kind enough to say you would contribute to the cost of having the TOC H Pattern made up the cost of this is £280 plus VAT £336, I wonder if you might still be interested in helping towards this cost?

I attach the picture of the benches for your information together with the logo.

We contributed the full amount as we feel it shows Toc H is alive and proud to be so recognised.





As Doug said "I thought these might make you all smile they certainly did make me smile."



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

Wardening at Talbot House part 2

In the Spring edition of In Touch we printed the first part of Jack Turner's 4 part article on his and Pat's experiences whilst being voluntary wardens of Talbot House, we are now pleased to continue:-

Visit of King Albert 11

When we were collected from Calais and being driven to Poperinge Martine casually advised us that the King was visiting the House and as Wardens we would be meeting him. Pat immediately said "Oh dear I have nothing special to wear!"

Jack, as Warden, had the job on the day of the visit to go round the house and check all the bedrooms looking in the cupboards, drawers and under the beds to see that there were no bombs etc! This he had to confirm to the Local Police Chief, who in turn confirmed to the King's own security staff. Despite this they still had a quick look round before the King arrived.

It was a great honour to be introduced to His Majesty together with the rest of the staff.

Visit by the Admiral and Chaplain of the Japanese Navy

On another occasion we had a call from the Embassy to say these Gentlemen would like to visit the House and would be arriving at about 12.30. We explained that Jacques the guide was at lunch and he would not be back till about 14.30ish. However because of their other arrangements 12.30 was the only time for their visit!

Fortunately they had an English interpreter with them so Pat undertook to show them round and explain some of the House's history to them. It was a very hot day and somewhere in Japan there is a video of Pat in her shorts talking to these high ranking officers in their naval uniforms as the whole visit was filmed by one of their junior officers.

Visit by a Dutch Group

We had to encourage Jacques to go home one day as he had damaged a tendon in his foot and could hardly walk let alone climb the stairs. As there was a visit of 40 Dutch people arranged for that

afternoon he reluctantly agreed to return home.

Pat assured him that she could cope and when they arrived, as luck would have it, the leader spoke excellent English! Pat explained the situation to them and between the group it was decided that they would go into the Slessorium and Pat would give them a talk on the history of the house which their Leader would translate into Dutch.

It went down so well that the Leader said to Pat that she should do this more regularly - quite a compliment!

Ten Mile Walk

This walk finished in Poperinge where the Hop Museum and ourselves were open. It was a glorious hot day and not ideal for walking.

During the course of the day from about nine until six in the evening we had a continuous stream of visitors, some with their dogs, which we had difficulty in explaining they could not bring into the house.

In the afternoon there was a service taking place in the chapel and we had a job keeping the walkers out of the chapel while the service took place.

In all there must have been over 2,000 people who passed through the house that day, some suffering from dehydration – trying to serve drinks to as many as possible and explain about the House and its history was quite a struggle!

Jack Turner



We often get sent small bits and pieces for the magazine and this one seems to epitomise Jack and Pat's example



Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can



New Facebook Group Aims To Be A Branch

New Trustee, Ronnie Allen, wants to start a new Branch near Glasgow and has launched it as a Facebook Group. Her first post shares Toc H's history and ethos as seen below:-

It's been 100 years since the formation of a soldiers' club during the First World War. Those soldiers abandoned rank to help ease suffering and promote camaraderie in a respite in Belgium. Many of the young men never reached home or saw their loved ones again. Talbot House; TH or Toc H in radio signallers talk, began an international movement which encourages welfare within the community.

Everyone has something valid to offer. A smile, maybe a visit, helping someone carry shopping, easing loneliness or grief, raising funds for a worthy cause; just being yourself and helping people in your community. It's about improving the quality of life, showing you care. Most of us do this instinctively, so let's come together, share experience and see what new ideas and creativeness we can put into practice. Let's love where we live with a healthy attitude and a caring spirit; and have fun along the way.

A later post explains:-

Membership is open to all who can spend some time meeting over coffee and cakes to discuss ideas, share experiences and brain-storm for new and interesting ways to improve our community.

Most acts of kindness don't need changing but implementing them makes a huge difference to the recipient. Carry on being kind and thoughtful.

Meetings will be held when necessary, rather than frequently, and will include an act of fellowship to remind us of Toc H aims and of the men who first needed friendship and protection from the ravages of war. Lest we forget.

Diversity, compassion, empathy and generosity conspire to generate benevolence for humanity. The kind of world I'd want to share with you. So let's make it happen.

A modern way forward in today's world that we hope will re-ignite lamps in that area of Scotland. Well done Ronnie!!

Futility of War

*Tell me again what you said, Jed.
Tell me again what it's for
Why are we here at the Somme Tom?
We are here because of the war.*

The Austrians fell out with the Serbs
The Russians were losing their nerve
The Germans then marched into France
With little to halt their advance.

The English were asking "Who'll win?
The Kaiser and Tsar are our kin
We'll send a few thousand young men
And just see what happens to them"

The Cavalry charged from their lines
But machine guns responded this time
It shouldn't have happened this way
Sixty thousand killed that first day

*And we will remember the dead Jed,
will they remember the war?
They'll always remember the Somme, Tom,
But no-one knows what it was for.*

John Grainger

given to and submitted by Geoff Ray





100 YEARS
TALBOT
HOUSE



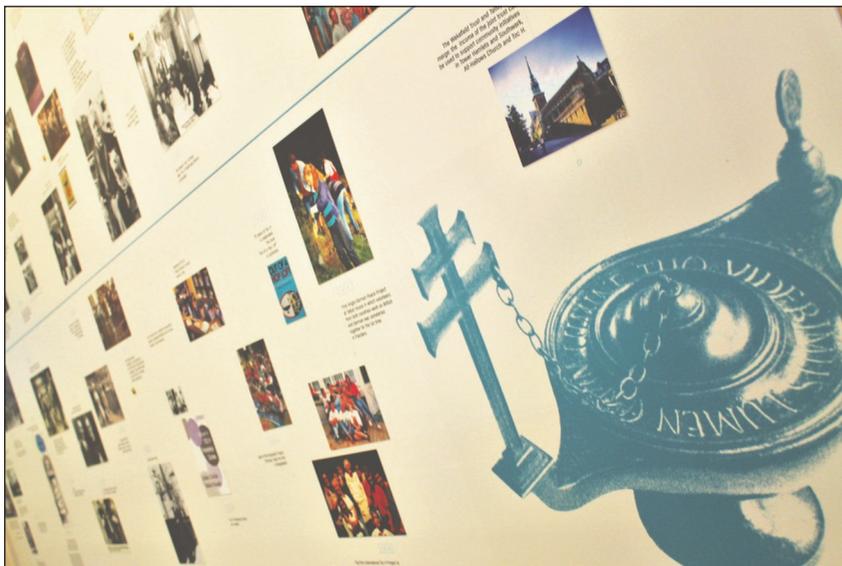
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100 years of Toc H

“Bringing People Together”

Toc H Belgium’s exhibition “100 years of Toc H” opened in the Slessorium at Talbot House on 14 October. A mixture of photos, texts, exhibits and art gives visitors a distinctive insight into the story and philosophy of Toc H over the past 100 years.

The information panels, in both Dutch and English, and the unique timeline filled with facts, figures and photos, mark the many emblematic moments in the history of our movement, and pay tribute to Toc H’s countless accomplishments over the years.





One of the centre pieces of the exhibition is the culmination of our "World Chain of Art" project. About a year ago, we asked members and friends of Toc H from around the world to express on canvas what Toc H means to them, or to work around the themes of friendship and peace.

Contributions were sent in from Australia, India, France, UK and Belgium. The artists are people of all ages (between 4 & 90 years) and with varying connections to our movement. All these

canvases were brought together into a striking collage which covers one of the walls of the Slessorium.

It gives a fascinating perspective into how diverse, and how united, our movement is.
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100 years of Toc H & Talbot House ...

Thursday 10 December 2015

Arrival international Toc H guests

15 hrs: guided tour of Poperinge

19 hrs: welcoming diner

Friday 11 December 2015

10:30 hrs: Prayer service at St. Bertin's church

11:30 hrs: Reception at Poperinge Town Hall

Lunch; optional visit to the Hop Museum

19 hrs: introduction, speeches + official birthday reception at Talbot House (invitation only)

20 hrs: World Chain of Light opening ceremony, followed by 24 hour vigil

Birthday party (invitation only)

Saturday 12 December 2015

24 hour vigil with 4 workshops around the 4 Points of the Compass - Talbot House site

10-17 hrs: Pop-up store in the Middle Room of Talbot House + start of House Rose sale

11 hrs: premiere of the film "An extraordinary man in the Every Man's Club" about Tubby Clayton and Talbot House (Concert Hall)

12 hrs: Opening of Tubby's Post-War room, a new permanent exhibition

19 hrs: Concert Party in the Garden of Talbot House

20:30 hrs: World Chain of Light Closing Ceremony

*Items in italic : organisation by Talbot House Association
Some activities are "invitation only"*

.... Anniversary Week 10-16/12/15

Sunday 13 December 2015

10-17hrs: introduction of new tablet tour: "100 years of Talbot House"

Toc H Battlefield Tour (all day)

20 hrs: Menin Gate Ypres: Last Post & wreath laying

Monday 14 December 2015

Brunch @ Talbot House (100 years after the first breakfast in 'the old house')

12:30 hrs: introduction of the online Talbot House guest book

Afternoon: International Toc H Conference – Part I

Evening: Toc H quiz **Tuesday**

Tuesday 15 December 2015

*11 hrs: Service in the Upper Room together with All Hallows-by-the-Tower Church London
(live stream at both locations)*

12 hrs: Round Robin Ceremony: signing of the paper and digital version

Afternoon: International Toc H Conference – Part II

Evening: Performance of "Prutske" by Virginie Platteau, followed by closing reception

Wednesday 16 December 2015

Departure international Toc H guests

Toc H Belgium vzw – October 2015

Please check www.facebook.com/ToCHBelgium for updates

The biggest eye-catcher is an impressive globe, entirely hand-made by volunteers, which emphasizes the global character of the movement. At the same time, a "slide show" of recent photographs provided to us by every Toc H country, gives the visitor a great view of all that Toc H still accomplishes today.



The exhibition was made possible with the help of many volunteers, here in Belgium, but also in the UK, and further afield, who generously gave of their expertise, their knowledge, their talent, and their time, and we are very grateful indeed to each and every one of them. We have also been fortunate to receive some financial help from sponsors and benefactors, without whose generosity this exhibition wouldn't have been at all possible. We are still looking for more funding, and any contribution from members will be greatly welcomed. Thank you.

For our small Belgian branch, which is run entirely by volunteers and on a small budget, this exhibition and the Anniversary Week as a whole is a huge undertaking, maybe the biggest challenge Toc H Belgium has ever faced. At the same time, we feel very honoured and privileged to be at the heart of this milestone event, and are truly committed and determined to give Toc H the amazing Centenary celebration it so richly deserves. And with everyone's help and encouragement, we trust we will be doing Toc H very proud!

Martine Boone : Toc H Belgium

In Loving Memory of Ruby Brookes 1923 ~ 2015

Born in Essex, first married to a man from Bristol who was killed in the fighting shortly after D-Day, then in 1957 married David Brookes Ruby eventually moved to Birmingham in the 1960's. Ruby was an active member of Kings Norton and Northfield Branch of Toc H in Birmingham. She became treasurer and held many events at her home to raise funds for The Friends of Kasdobir. These included an annual auction and a much celebrated luncheon which was always packed out. When widowed again she travelled the world accompanied by various Toc H friends.

Ruby had a varied, interesting and fulfilling life, with a mixture of heartache and joy, never, if ever, lost her temper and always made time to talk and listen to people. She always met adversity and setbacks with the same calm demeanour as she showed in her daily life. She had 6 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and loved all of them.

A lovely lady with a ready smile and an attitude that made you feel as though nothing was a problem or too much trouble.

We will remember them !

Ruby Brookes

Mr F H London

Sally Harding

Charles Irwin

Ron Dowling

Alma Witts

Dorothy Braybrook

Elizabeth Mary Sandford

Arthur Leppard

Tom Elliot

Winifred Sansome

Age shall not weary them

Northern Regional Gathering



After the 2014 AGM it was decided that it would be a good idea to continue the regional gatherings, but things have been a little hectic and we only managed to fit in the one, but we hope to continue and hold more in the future.

On 19th/20th August in Leeds members from Saltburn Branch, Barton on Humber Branch and Barnsley Branch met with some of the Board and had lively discussions. Pictured above is the gathering with centre back our current youngest member, Billy Halliday who was then aged 17, whilst the oldest member there, Ken Armitage was aged 90. We all went away with optimism for the future of Toc H and a sense of excitement.

Linda May

Many of you must be wondering why you haven't heard from Linda. Unfortunately Linda has been in hospital again and is unable to write her usual letters. She is having to go into supported living and will probably be moving to be nearer her nieces. If anyone would like to send messages or cards please send them via Central office or Ron Williams

Little Jumpers



Mum Mandy together with Anne-Marie and others from the Barnsley Branch decided that as they had summer holiday child care to do it could also be fun and sociable and so opened it to the community.

Based in Jump, the carer and child group began and became known as Little Jumpers and the summer holidays were such a success that it has continued on with an after school activity.

This is a true case of spotting a need in the community and fulfilling it in an enjoyable way which makes it fun and not a duty!!



The Minibus Serving the Community!!

As part of his Branch Report at the AGM Andy Hodgkinson stated that the mini-bus is making a huge difference to their community and is being used regularly (to name just a few) by

Barnsley FC Ladies Squad

Barnsley Sea Cadet Force

Barnsley Air Cadet Force

Barnsley Schools Football Association

Prince of Wales Own Regiment Association

Yorkshire Volunteers Regiment Association

The Forge Partnership over 55's Club

Creative Recovery Arts Group (Drug and Alcohol misuse)

Kendray Hospital mental health after care and inclusion project

(integrating asylum seekers)

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery



Little Jumpers Outing



Football teams from the Mental health recovery project and Asylum Seekers on an inclusion project

Barnsley Schools Football Association Team



Picnic at the Aboretum



Only room to show a few who attended this lovely event on September 19th



News from India



International Cultural Interaction

Above: A few students of Kingston University, UK, clad in Kerala style, address the staff & students of a school in Cochin, bidding farewell to the school after their interaction with the students for a few days.

Right: A few students from Kingston University pose for a photo with an elephant after an elephant ride.



News from Paris Branch

We now have 6 paid up members and have been fortunate in finding some very energetic new volunteers to assist with the teas we continue to host once a month. We are also very grateful to the continuing support from Lady Ricketts, the British Ambassador's wife in Paris.

Once again we were kindly invited to lunch at Holy Trinity Church at Maisons-Laffitte in June and we had a very successful Ploughman's Lunch in May. We served 40 Christmas lunches in December 2014.

Our finances this year are much healthier due to a generous contribution from the British Embassy Charitable Fund; together with a donation from the British Charitable Fund and our own fund raising projects. This has enabled us, amongst other things, to assist with taxi fares for a number of our elderly participants and the coach out to Maisons-Laffitte. Our teas and lunches are sometimes the only time that some of our participants can speak English and are therefore important.

Our activities in 2015-2016 will be similar to the previous year and we hope to enlarge the number of participants who receive assistance with taxi fares to allow them to come along and join in the fun.

Valerie Chemama

Wolverhampton Branch

Joan Nicholas writes:-

Marion Paley and I are keeping the Toc H lamp burning in Wolverhampton but the oil is getting rather low now so we are very appreciative of all the hard work done by Doug and Hilary Geater Childs in order to keep the flame burning steadily nationwide.

In turn Doug and Hilary are enthused by the Board and the members for all they are doing to make sure that the lamp is no longer dim but shines with a steady and growing flame.

A Touch of Paradise in Hell

Jan Louagie

Helion

The centenary of the opening of Talbot House is a very appropriate time for the publication of this book which is a history of its foundation and the activities that developed in a very short period. It is also of course in part the story of Tubby Clayton and his contribution in making a house in a Belgium town a space for rest, recreation and worship that was to serve the troops who were resting from the horrors of the trenches.

In some ways it feels like the classic comment that you wait for a bus and two come along together because three weeks after the launch of this book, Linda Parker's biography of Tubby Clayton will also be published. The two volumes are complimentary and give us real insights into the history of Toc H based on very detailed research.

Jan Louagie's book covers the period from the opening of the doors to Talbot House until it closed at the end of the First World War. It is a history that draws on documentation from the period and takes the reader completely into the life and work of the house.

The main source material are the letters from Tubby Clayton to his parents together with letters to and from other people. The personal letters show a son with immense affection for his parents with an openness and honesty that reveal both a deep spirituality and humour.

The letters from other people offer insights into the life of the house and the openness that was so important and which also underpinned the regular worship that took place. It is hard to believe that so many men worshiped in the upper room, including confirmations for men who having being received into a life of faith may well be killed within days of their first communion.

In many ways this a book not for reading in the sense of sitting down and going from page to page, it is in my view a book to pick and put

down, to dip into to see what gem the reader can find. In this way it's possible to come across the unexpected and be gently surprised and encouraged by the fact that in the terrible days from the end of 1915 to the armistice there was in this one place many examples of good will and friendship.

Having made that suggestion it is important to read the introduction which sets the scene for all the pages that follow.

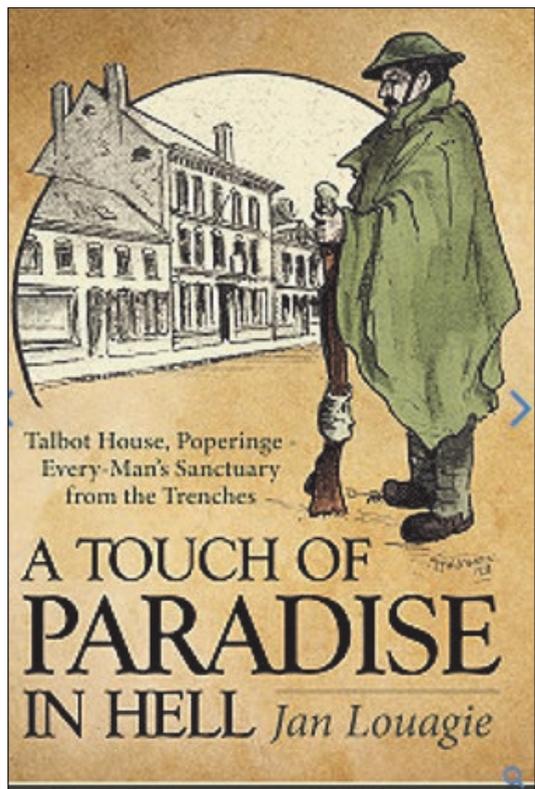
At the heart of the story is one of friendship between Tubby and his visitors and the visitors of whatever rank with each other. At a time when social class mattered even more than it does today, Tubby was able to break down barriers, the pity is that the lessons learnt were so soon forgotten.

Jan Louagie has given all of us an important study of Talbot House in the first three years of its existence. It is clearly a labour of love and it will I believe be a standard work for anyone who want to better understand both the life and work of Talbot House and the pressures and horrors of the First World War.

I realise that the price may put some people off purchasing a copy, I hope that this is not the case. It will make a good present for anyone who knows Talbot House and perhaps an even better one for those who have never heard of it. Likewise where local libraries can still purchase books, encourage your local library to have a copy on the shelves.

It is important to note that the royalties will go towards the upkeep of Talbot House.

Terry Drummond



Patron's Lunch

At the AGM I reported that on June 12th 2016 which is the Queen's 90th birthday, there is to be a Patron's Lunch in the Mall. The intention is that all the charities of which the Queen is a Patron will be invited to purchase up to 10 places (a table) to participate in an extended street party.

The AGM agreed that we should invest in a table for ten people and invite the members to nominate themselves for a place. On the basis that more applications than places are received the names will be put in a hat and chosen by lottery.

The Lunch is intended to be an opportunity for the charities to celebrate their work and the Queen's birthday. It is also proposed that street parties take place across the whole of the UK, to celebrate their charitable work and links to the Queen.

The idea of a street party Lunch is also an opportunity to raise funds and share with the wider community in the celebrations especially those being held in local communities.

The Board will discuss the Lunch in January, we will also circulate more information as and when we receive it.

The Queen's 90th birthday is a milestone for her and for the whole country and it's important that we contribute to the celebrations.

The Board would like to hear of any plans that branches might have for being a part of a local street party on June 12th. Whilst we may not be able to take the responsibility of organising a party, it should be possible to share in planning one with other charities and friends.

At the briefing on the Patron's Lunch it was made clear that whilst this is a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday it is equally a celebration of the work of the many charities of which she is a Patron.

I hope as many Toc H members as possible will contribute to making the concept of the Patron's Lunch one that truly celebrates the work of volunteers where ever they are at work.

Terry Drummond



*A
Service
of Celebration on the
Centenary of the
Opening of Talbot House*

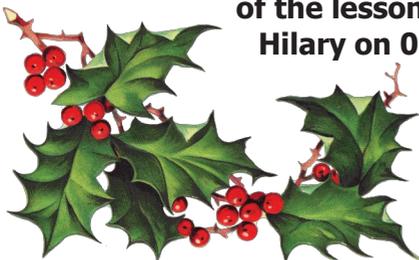
combined with

The Toc H Carol Service
on
Saturday December 12th at 2.00 p.m
at
The Guild Church of Toc H
All Hallows by the Tower

The Upper Room will be available for those who wish to bring a picnic lunch, although Chris who has co-ordinated this in the past will be in Poperinge. There is also the Café at the Church.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.

**If you would be willing to read one
of the lessons please contact
Hilary on 0121 44 33 55 2**



NATIONAL PRAYER CYCLE

(This can be used weekly or monthly)

Friendship – To love widely

Give thanks for the Century of Toc H

We think of the First War and everyone associated with it

Pray for Talbot House and everyone who has visited there and for its ongoing work.

Service – To build bravely

Give thanks for the opportunities of Service in Toc H's name.

We think of all whom we are serving or helping

Pray for the work of KYAG at Khasdobir and everyone benefitting from the training there.

Fair-mindedness – To think fairly

Give thanks for the Board of Trustees and others running Toc H.

We think of Remembrance and all people suffering from fighting and for all refugees.

Pray that the Peace which Christmas offers may let the spirit and ethos of Toc H to spread.

Witness – To witness humbly

Give thanks for all Members in Britain and Overseas.

We think of the Branches, their fellowship and activities; and of the World Chain of Light uniting us

Pray for members who are housebound, ill or isolated.



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