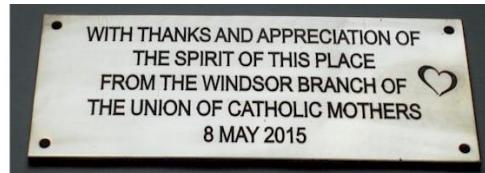
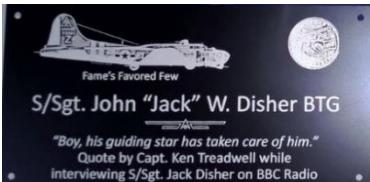


HERE'S A HANDY IDEA AND HAPPY PLACE TO SHARE YOUR LITTLE TRIBUTES TO UPLIFTERS

FOR ALL THE UPLIFTING
HORSES, BUTTERFLIES, BEES & BIRDS
WHO'VE GRACED THESE
QUIET FIELDS

From the Gibbons Family of Bracknell



IF YOU'RE EVER LOOKING FOR A LITTLE GIFT (maybe for a birthday, or Christmas, or anniversary) for yourself or family or friend or association, think about this unusual idea that they and many people can enjoy - for years ahead. It's to place - free - a small Uplifter plaque among the collection on the Happy Landings Fence - watched over by resident horses and passing birds. It'll be there for anyone to visit and share the story - again and again!

- **Who's an Uplifter?** They're someone or something found uplifting or cheering or quirky or inspiring or calming - maybe because they're quietly encouraging, or likeable, or spirited, or a model of something, or a happy soul, or cookie, or plain ol' fun to be with. A person, animal, object, idea. Find a few words maybe about the who and why of your

Uplifter. They might be poignant, funny, an in-joke, enigmatic, quizzical. In words or numbers or pictures, or whatever comes to mind.

- **What to do?** Just arrange a plaque of brass or other durable material. Size? No deeper than 8cm or wider than 25 cm, please - to fit the fencing - and with screw holes. Price? £15-25. We suggest www.theengravingshop.co.uk
- **While getting this ready?** Do tell the Co-ordinator of the Park Hugh Gibbons (hughgibbons@just1.org.uk) He'll arrange a time for the plaque to be fixed on the Fence - whether by you or a friend or anyone who might volunteer to visit the Field with a screwdriver and a smile. And there'll be a cheery little ceremony to suit. Hugh'll add a photo and other information to a Roll of Uplifters on the website.

(AND GROW YOUR OWN AT-HOME GIVING-THANKS SEAT!)



OUR GIVING THANKS SEAT takes six young visitors. They're seen here seated by the plaque that says "Given by the Second Schweinfurt Memorial Association to honour all former foes become friends." But your Giving Thanks Seat can be any place to sit quietly and give thanks for something in your life, and maybe reflect on those who've helped make it happen. Just designate a chair, stool, or any sitting space as your Giving Quiet Thanks Seat. And tell Hugh!

YOU'RE ALSO WELCOME to set up your own Thanksgiving Field Outpost. You might choose a fence, or a post, or seat or fridge door - and just put up a notice (Post-Its are fine, and plaques). And yes, tell Hugh.

It's not required; but if you appreciate all these ideas around the Field, you might like to send a small donation direct to the aviation-based charity www.fly2help.org.uk or British Red Cross. (NB Don't tell Hugh.)



THE TINY BERKSHIRE PARK WITH A MIGHTY HEART



Linked in spirit with: Lily Hill Park, Bracknell; our B17's crew's family today in Phoenix AZ, Castle Rock CO, Erie PA, Colorado Springs CO, Charlotte NC; Rosie the Riveter Memorial Park, Long Beach; Ramsey County Historical Society MN; National Museum of the US Air Force; H; American German Air Memorial Garden, Schweinfurt; Central Park, New York; Cadet Chapel, USAF Academy; the US and German Embassies in London; Podington airfield; churches in Schweinfurt; HD Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva; Bracknell Forest Library Service...

"CIVILISATION IS HELPING EACH OTHER: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE, NATION TO NATION"

Thanksgiving Field is a modest place but with a unique role – not least because its spirit comes from those words of Henri Dunant, the inspirer of the International Red Cross and first recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The Field is a quiet English pasture that celebrates examples of good citizenship - people and nations helping each other. With an amazing provenance and stories, the Field is a real feel-good place. It has things to surprise, make you smile, get you thinking, and go away a slightly different person.

The Field marks the site where B17 Flying Fortress #3351Z ended up after the 'Mighty Eighth' Air Force Mission 115 aka Second Schweinfurt Raid on 14 October 1943. All the crew survived, and most are known to have had long lives back home. The day saw courage, compassion and common humanity on both sides, in the air and on the ground.

In October 2013, Berkshire metal detectorist Hugh Gibbons unearthed a handful of left-overs – a few cartridges and lumps of burnt duralumin. From these he was able to dig up accounts about individuals, communities and places involved – in the UK, Germany and the USA, then and since. Remarkable examples of kindness emerged.



Thanks to the generosity of spirit of the family who own Tally Ho, in June 2014 the tiny Memorial Park opened as a quiet reflecting place - unique in being a tribute to the hidden heroes in families, communities and nations who help lives and hope recover after any conflict. First through the gate were a 99-year old, and two youngsters – one local, one from Ohio.

The Park is stocked with Giving Thanks and Thanksgiving Seats, a solar guardian angel, apple trees planted in soil brought from Podington, Germany and the USA, and some cheery plaques for visitors to enjoy. On 8 May 2015, Corners were dedicated to two humanitarians:

"Unbroken" US athlete and airman Louis Zamperini; and Henri Dunant. Everywoman's Corner pays tribute to the hidden heroines in families – the ones who so often have to pick up the pieces.

MISSION 115Z

In keeping with the offbeat nature of the Field, many of fragments from the Tally Ho Hoard have been made into gifts for new homes – as gifts from Hugh to delighted families of Z's crew members across the USA, the American and German embassies (right), museums, churches in Schweinfurt, the White House, and near-neighbour HM The Queen as a 90th birthday present. The concept has been much praised locally, in the USA and in Germany. The fragments have



become art to see or feel – set on 200-year-old oak from Bracknell Forest Lily Hill Park, thought to have been overflowed by Z a couple of minutes before swerving past St Mary's Winkfield and the thud, bang and fireworks!

VISITORS are very welcome. Tally Ho Farm lies between Windsor and Bracknell, west of London. NB1 You'll need a car, horse or bike. The Park is open during the Farm Shop hours – 9am-5pm Mon-Sat, and 10am-4pm on Sundays. Go into the Shop, and they'll direct you to the barn - about 100 metres walk. The Park is unattended, but you'll find an information board there. The Shop has visitor facilities, and a range of pubs is nearby. Keep in mind that this is a working farm with animals and vehicles on the move, and they take priority. NB2 Hugh Gibbons is very pleased to arrange and conduct small groups events. If you're a visitor who's travelling specially from afar – eg the USA - do let him know beforehand so he can pop over from Bracknell and show you around. NB The official Spirit of the Field Anthem to sing or hum anytime is *Be Kind to Your Webfooted Friends* - to that tune by John Philip Sousa...

