



Essentials Guide for Visitors

to print out and bring or catch on phone or tablet



A huge welcome - wherever you're coming from.

This unique and tiny park with its big heart (and also VGSOH) are here for you to enjoy – whether visiting in person or reading about.

Some visitors may be local - popping along from the Tally Ho Shop, or diverting from Windsor, or on a family outing. Others may come from afar, going an extra mile beyond Legoland or setting foot in the place glimpsed to or fro nearby Heathrow.

The big Field and tiny Park have a diversity of things to make you smile and think.

The Field is where an American B17F #3351Z ended up burnt out on 14 October 1943 after the greatest ever air battle – the second Schweinfurt Raid. After their long and gruelling day - described later as “one of the most remarkable sagas of WWII - all the crew were safe. Internet research showed most returned to long lives back home. The plane wreckage was taken away, save for a few lumps of burnt duralumin, odd tubing, and spent cartridge cases in the field.

Though sprung from a day of battle, what's here is not a war memorial but a tribute to the wealth of good citizens in the world today. This is a unique place that celebrates Uplifters: people who are seen by individuals, families or groups as inspiring, encouraging, or good to be around. As well as the plaques, we have Corners that celebrate common humanity, Giving-Thanks and Thinks-Giving Seats, cheery trees, a solar-powered angel, and interpretive panels that reference a Rambling Old Bogonian, an Unknown Farmworker, and James Herriot who learned to fly in the next field along.

These happenings have been made possible by the spirit of generosity and imagination of the Thomas family at Tally Ho. With their encouragement, it's been my privilege to make something of this tiny fragment of history - to give you big smiles and surprises. Wherever you're coming from. Happy landings!

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LOCATION near Windsor, Ascot & Bracknell

WINKFIELD AND TALLY HO FARM lie about 20 miles west of London, mid-way between Windsor and Bracknell. They're near Legoland, Ascot racecourse and Windsor Great Park – and make a diverting extra to visit. And free.



THE ADDRESS IS TALLY HO FARM, CROUCH LANE, WINKFIELD SL4 4RZ and the phone number for the Farm is Tel: +44 (0)1344 797 010.

Crouch Lane lies west off North Street in Cranbourne, the A3022 main road between Windsor and Bracknell. NB1 You'll need a car, horse or bike to get to Tally Ho – buses are few, and mean a half-mile walk.

The Field and Park are embedded behind the barn, and open to visit during the Farm Shop hours - 9am-5pm Mon-Sat, and 10am-4pm on Sundays.

The Tally Ho entrance off Crouch Lane is well marked, and the Shop's in full view at the end of the drive above. When you arrive, park by the shop and tell the staff inside you've come to see the Field and Park. The Shop has a toilet and coffee machine, as well as a surprising stock of equine supplies as Tally Ho is big in the polo world.

The Park is a short walk west past stables, and outdoor footwear's advised. The Park is unattended, though with plenty of small signs and items to feed your mind and eye. If you'd like an accompanied tour, contact the Co-ordinator Hugh Gibbons on 01344 451847 or hughgibbons@just1.org.uk (he lives 5 miles away in Bracknell and will be happy to come over if available.) If it rains, you can shelter in the barn - but absolutely no smoking in there. NB2 Please stay in the Park area, and don't go along the spine path or into fields.



NB3 Remember that this is a working farm business with valuable animals, vehicles and humans on the move; and they take priority. If you have a dog, please keep it on a lead, to avoid disturbing the livestock and wildlife.

Allow at least half an hour to appreciate the Uplifters Celebration Park. A June 2015 information board is on the barn, but in the Park, everything is self-explanatory. You can enjoy browsing, or touching the plaques, or creating quizzes, or taking in the vista. NB4 the wires by the fence are lightly electrified!

When your visit is over, pop into the shop and thank Tally Ho for all this. Afterwards? There are pubs in Winkfield and Cranbourne; the 3-star Stirrups Hotel in Maidens Green; and a good cafeteria at Oak Tree Garden Centre.

OUR THREE CORNERS CELEBRATING COMMON HUMANITY



HENRI DUNANT CORNER is a tribute to someone symbolising the spirit of the Field. A businessman who witnessed the bloody aftermath of the battle of Solferino, Henri rolled up his sleeves and did what he could to ease suffering on both sides. This led him to be the inspirer of the International Red Cross, and first winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The words on the corner echo his definition of Civilisation: *"Helping each other – people to people, nation to nation"*. The painting on the fence shows Henri greeting visitors and wellwishers. It originally made to go on the Community Gallery of Greeters & Inspirers outside St Joseph's Church in Bracknell.

EVERYWOMAN'S CORNER is a tribute to the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and others who so often have to pick up the pieces after conflict. (Author Alan Bennett said that "history is women following behind, with a bucket.") Four WW2 families represent different facets. Patricia Consolmagno cared for B17 navigator Joe after he spent three years as a POW in Stalag 3. Our friend Michael Pfrang's mother grew the family in the aftermath of his father returning from the Russian front having lost a leg. Lutheran pastor Schorn and wife survived the many raids on Schweinfurt. And Gladys Saunders' knew of PTSD in the family after a V1 hit (but she smuggled soil from Central Park NY to plant our trees...)



LOUIS ZAMPERINI CORNER celebrates a story shared in books and the film Unbroken. A 1936 Olympics athlete, in the USAAF Louis survived drifting across the Pacific in an open rubber dinghy, torture as a POW, and severe PTSD back home. But his immense and unbroken compassion saw him return to Japan to forgive his torturers, and become an exemplar for later generations of civilisation and common humanity.

OUR GIVING-THANKS SEAT

The Seat has wording that echoes the dedication at the American German Air Memorial Garden in Schweinfurt.

It's somewhere to sit and give quiet thanks for someone in your life. You're welcome to create one in your own home, back yard or work as well. And a variation is: if you could sit and have an hour's conversation with someone on the Uplifters Fence, who might that be? And what would you want to ask or talk about?



OUR PLAY-FULL PLAQUES ON THE GIVING-THANKS SEAT

This Seat is meant to amuse and educate children of all ages, and had its public unveiling on 13 June 2014.



The six plaques carry questions about here suggested by Ian Gilbert's delightful and eye-opening Little Book of Thunks. They add to the education in the Park. There are no correct answers, but plenty for families and other visitors to get your mind into.

One extra is: what's going on in this picture? It's one of the human Wardens of the Park planting our new rowan Williams in early November 2016 supervised by the resident crew of wandering hens then living in the barn.

OUR FEED-THE-MIND-AND-SOUL PLAQUES ON THE POSTS



These 10 little acrylic plaques from a nearby garden centre were put in place for the opening of the Field in June 2014.

Each has a personal thought for visitors to reflect on, and maybe raise another smile to take away.

It's said that they represent each member of the crew of B17F #3351Z that ended up in the field beyond the warden grazing here. In addition, PEACE is at the entrance gate to the Park, to set something of the spirit of this place. The others are fixed on the upright posts on the fence.

OUR GUIDING ANGEL



SOLAR POWERED, this angel provides an extra beacon throughout the night for planes that have lost their way – not only coming into Heathrow but passing high overhead. The angel is perhaps named St Christopher, patron saint of travellers.

It's lucky to say Thank You when you leave – and you may find a red, green and white response.

OUR TREES, FOREIGN SOIL, AND BOTTLED BREATHING SPACE



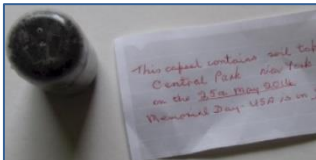
WHEN THE FIELD OPENED in June 2014, we planted two apple trees to mark the occasion – and provide shelter and food in years ahead. Both were given by Oak Tree Garden Centre, along the road in Brock Hill.



The planting was done by local resident Hilda (nudging 100 – two children from Winkfield and Ohio, and Chris Adkins from Tally Ho. One was a Bramley which we named Ramsey, after the county in Minnesota where the cartridges were made in 1943. The other was a Cox's Orange Pippin – an eater called Dieter, after Pastor Dieter Schorn, our champion in Schweinfurt.

Alas, the wind and dry weather got to both in 2015. Happily, the wonderful Jealott's Hill Community Landshare garden includes a big array of native English trees which the volunteer team makes available to community projects. So they were delighted to provide new trees in November 2016. The rowan is named Williams, after the former Archbishop of Canterbury – a fitting replacement for Dieter. The hawthorn is Nathaniel (left), named after the American novelist – with Massachusetts replacing Minnesota. There's a plaque to JHLS on the Uplifters Fence.

THE SOIL they're in has its own fun story. It's quite a mix, and means that this is a corner of an English field that is forever foreign. Some was collected from



Podington, the airfield from which our B17 #3351Z flew. More came from St Josef's church in Schweinfurt – destroyed on Black Thursday – brought to a meet-up at St Martins-in-the-Fields by Michael Pfrang, present pastoral assistant at the church. Pastor Dieter Schorn sent an urnful of soil from the American German Air Memorial Garden in the city. And from the USA? Well, importing soil is forbidden. But it happened that someone was in Central Park for her 90th birthday, and maybe had room in her knickers smuggle a thimbleful into the UK.



AN INFINITE SUPPLY OF BREATHING SPACE for visitors to take away was provided in 2014 by pupils at Sidcot, a Quaker school in Somerset. Jackie Bagnall, Director of their Centre for Peace & Global Studies, wrote to the Guardian newspaper about the weekly one-hour of silence for pupils and staff that they'd been offering for over 300 years. She kindly arranged for pupils to bottle this breathing space – so it could be scattered across the Park and anywhere else – and made available on-line for anyone to use at home or work. Grab a handful and see.

OUR UPLIFTERS FENCE PLAQUES



The idea with these is to provide a home for personal plaques that celebrate someone or something uplifting. They form a sort of above-ground time capsule.

Some are professionally produced, but costing only a few pounds. Others are home-made using a Dremel engraver and aluminium plates. They'll make quite a hoard for metal detectorists in a few hundred years time!

NB Wherever you are, there's room for more plaques in the spirit of these already here. So if you'd like to think of adding one, you'll be very welcome – perhaps as a special gift to a family member or friend. The space is free, but you'll need to arrange their production. Most are around 5" wide x3" deep, and in brass or coated acrylic. Get in touch with Hugh Gibbons to book a space and confirm the size and other specifications. Start by mailing hughgibbons@just1.org.uk.

STAFF SERGEANT JOHN 'JACK' DISHER In May 2016, the Field had a historic visit. Bob & Colleen Disher brought from the USA a plaque honouring Bob's uncle Staff Sergeant Jack Disher, ballgunner on our B17. This features a quote by Captain Ken Treadwell interviewing Jack for the BBC in 1944. Having heard the first-hand account of 2nd Schweinfurt, Ken said *"Boy, his guiding star has taken care of him."*



SECOND SCHWEINFURT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION Bob & Colleen also presented a plaque from SSMA with the quote by Colonel Budd Peaslee seen in Arlington National Cemetery - at the memorial to those who did not return. *"There are no battlefields in the skies...There are only these inauspicious markers that we the living have erected to honor our comrades"*. The Field does that – and much more.

LAUGHTER IS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE Den Øplende Victor Borge. Maestro of music and humour, Victor delighted audiences across the world. The plaque is wittily set between the distance signs for Long Beach and Schweinfurt. Øplende is Danish for uplifting, BTW.

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF BEN AND VIOLET KING selfless and loving parents and grandparents appropriately placed beside another uplifting couple...

BARATES PALMYRENUS & REGINA LIBERTA XXX

Inscribed in 2016 on a slug of lead unearthed near Silchester, this is reference to a glimpsed story of uplifting love on a stone plinth found near Hadrian's Wall. Immigrant Barates came there from Palmyra in Syria around 200CE. He met and married a freed slave called Regina from the Catevellauni tribe. When she died age 30, he had the plinth made in her memory – viewable in Newcastle Museum.

AN UPLIFTING PUBLIC SPEECH BY SALVADOR DALI: I SHALL BE SO BRIEF I HAVE ALREADY FINISHED is said to be the only known one by this Surrealist artist; and a good example for many others committing sermons, after-dinner talks, wedding tributes and the like.

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In thanks for the exemplary humanity of JO COX MP and her uplifting family

Before becoming MP for Batley & Spennings in May 2015, Jo worked for the humanitarian charity Oxfam. In her maiden speech she said "we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us". In June 2016 Jo was killed just before a constituency surgery. In their public tributes, her family showed their own remarkable courage and compassion.

FOR J.H.L. the unknown inspirer of Thanksgiving Field

Amid the cartridges and lumps of molten duralumin unearthed in the debris site on 20 October 2013, there was small metal tag engraved with J.H.L. Seeing this suggested to Hugh Gibbons the idea of finding the families of the crew in the USA today and returning the tag to one as a memento. However, nothing transpired to identify a JHL owner – and it may have been dropped in the field by someone local. The lump of B17 duralumin is airborne here in tribute.

For the hundreds of uplifting tunes of JOHN PHILIP SOUSA not just the one borrowed for our Spirit of the Field Anthem "Be Kind to Your Webfooted Friends for a Duck May be Somebody's Mother..."

As well as cheery marches, Sousa composed many other works for instruments and voices. He perhaps personifies the spirit of a kinder and more hopeful USA than today – with surprising tunes that you hear with your feet and heart. He was also an exemplary leader of his band and family – generous with praise, encouragement, advice and rewards. You're welcome to sing the rest of our Anthem which uses The Stars & Stripes tune and a version of comedian Fred Allen's words one of the great choral surprise endings: "... Be Kind to Your Friends in the Pond, Where It's Always Cold and Damp. Oh You May Think That This is the End. WELL IT IS."

For composer JOHN CAGE whose 4'33" you're listening to right now

The marvellous Cage composed this experimental work in 1952, for any instrument or combination. The score instructs the performers not to play them during the entire three movements. So the piece consists of the sounds of the setting that any listener hears – not simply four and a half minutes of silence. Here today, you may catch such sounds as animal and human life in the Tally Ho fields, the wind, and clouds chatting with passing planes. You're welcome to take a recording home.

IN MEMORY OF ALL THE MISLAYERS WHO FOR OVER 2000 YEARS have dropped in fields like these the coins and other objects of Au Ag Pb Ni Sn ZN et Al that we like lifting up back to light - The metal detectorists of Berkshire November 2016

It often seems that for millennia people have been walking going across field with holes in togas or pockets or purses. We rarely know names or circumstances - or the scale of personal or family loss they represent. Richard Hoggart's biography put our finds in perspective: "When you have seen the image of a woman standing frozen while tears start slowly down her cheeks because a sixpence has been lost, you do not easily forget".

FOR ALL THE UPLIFTING BIRDS, HORSES, BUTTERFLIES AND BEES (AND TALLY HO HUMANS!) WHO SHARE THESE QUIET FIELDS

Given in thanks by the Gibbons of Bracknell 26 November 2016

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SIDCOT QUAKER SCHOOL IN SOMERSET BOTTLED THEIR 300-YEAR-OLD WEEKLY SILENCE SO YOU COULD GRAB HANDFULS HERE TO TAKE AWAY AS BREATHING SPACE FOR HOME OR WORK This cheery gift for all visitors (in person or on-line!) sprang from an uplifting letter to The Guardian by Jackie Bagnall, Director of their Centre for Peace & Global Studies.

FOR THE WORLD'S WINGWALKERS and their uplifting advice: Never let go of what you've got hold of until you've got hold of something else

Wingwalkers have been thrilling air shows for nearly a century. Today's professional teams in the UK are usually all-female, of admirable mental resilience and physical ability – great at smiling for the crowds at 100+MPH while standing on an upper wing just behind the propeller, often upside down which helps keep the rain off. To climb out of their transit seat and up on to the wing requires nerve, commitment and adherence to their general advice for us on the ground as well.

Dedicated to the Memory of FRANK DOONAN An inspiration to His Children, Grandchildren and Those Who Knew Him is another tribute to a family's Uplifter.

For all the uplifting volunteers of JEALOTT'S HILL COMMUNITY LANDSHARE who grew and gave our November 2016 trees Rowan Williams and Nathaniel Hawthorne JHCL is a remarkable nearby garden managed by volunteers, whose purpose is to encourage and nurture individuals and groups to learn, share and develop horticultural skills - particularly people with a disability or disadvantaged background. Replacing the original apple trees, our JHCL trees are aptly named after two new Uplifters! BTW Tally Ho sends horse manure to JHCL in thanks for the gift of a dozen birch trees that act as wind breaks in the nearby fields.

SINGLE WHITE LASS SEEKS LANDED GENTRY FOR MARRIAGE, WHIST. NO PARSONS, THANK YOU. Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen as one of 100 Great Books in Haiku by the uplifting David Bader VGSOH

"Avoid eyestrain, reduce deforestation and show off your literary prowess – the perfect gift for book lovers with short attention spans" is on the tiny dust cover of this collection. It's here as tribute to the power and value of taking a sideways look – while working within a classic poetic canon. Said a review: *"War and Peace it's not. It's far funnier."*

**Come to the edge. We might fall. Come to the edge. It's too high.
COME TO THE EDGE. And they came, and he pushed, and they flew.
An uplifting poem by Christopher Logue.**
And a lesson in encouragement, courage and trust!

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LEAVE ONLY THREE WASPS ALIVE IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE AND THE AIR OF EUROPE WILL STILL BE MORE CROWDED WITH WASPS THAN SPACE IS WITH STARS Physicist **Sir James Jeans** A mathematician and astronomer, Jeans was a leading British cosmologist. His quote exemplifies the ability of some scientists to explain things in a neat way – and in this case with new perspective.

For the uplifting humanity of L/Cpl MICHELLE NORRIS MC RAMC Combat Medical Technician with PWRR Iraq 2007 ANICIUS INGENUUS Medical Ordinarius 1st Cohort Tungrians Housesteads Fort Hadrian's Wall circa 207CE For their uplifting courage and compassion, military medics have always been held in high respect throughout the world. We have two examples here, separated by nearly 2000 years and the breadth of the Roman Empire. Michelle was the first woman to be awarded the Military Cross, while attached to the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment – in which Tally Ho's Chris Adkins served in Iraq, incidentally. Anicius was a medical orderly who died age 25. and his border guard colleagues were moved to put up a touching stone memorial to the spirits of the departed and Anicius. The Tungrians were from Belgium, one the great range of nationalities for whom a corner of a north England field is forever foreign.

TOM DOBNEY 1926-2001 who for a dare at school told the RAF he was born in 1922 and as a qualified pilot flew 20 missions until found out and an honourable discharge. No service medal after the war until his mum complained to Churchill who knew an uplifting story when he saw one. Quite what his flying instructor Reg Nutter at Medicine Hat in Canada and later crews made of him (and lack of moustache?) is your guess. He'd told his mum at Leicestershire he was off with the cadets, and it was only when his step-dad saw a photo of George VI visiting a Whitley base that things came to light. They eventually let him back in to the RAF, and he later served with the Royal Flight. So next time you think your airline pilot looks a bit young...

ROBERTO KOZAC "The Oskar Schindler of Latin America"

Argentinian by birth, as Director of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, he organised safe passage from Chile for over 30,000 people under political oppression or in danger of it during the Pinochet regime. In 2015 he was made a citizen of Chile by Special Law 20.862.

ERN MALLEY Poet of Oz

Springtime 1943 inspiration of James McAuley & Harold Stewart

Was the joke on them? On an idle afternoon, poking fun at pretentiousness, two Australian Army officers invented Ern as an authentic modern poet – and created a couple of dozen poems by way of illustration that got published and acclaimed. They drew on all sorts of sources, including an Army manual on hygiene. The spoof took quite a while to be revealed. The problem is that the apparently cobbled-together poems actually read very well, and have their own authenticity.

OUR UPLIFTERS FENCE LARGE PLAQUES



To provide visitors with extra information and interest, since May 2017 some larger plaques have been added or are being readied. All have been hand-made by Hugh Gibbons using a Dremel engraver and finger-plates from Wickes!

Four are about people very connected with our story. The wording is shown in full.

In thanks to a local hero with his sleeves rolled up THE UNKNOWN FARMWORKER OF WINKFIELD

At 6.24pm on the historic Thursday 14 October 1943, our B17F #3351Z glided over the far woodland and tumbled through tiny RAF Winkfield, ending up about 200 yards away on the left of the field in front on you. “#1 engine started to burn and crew abandoned ship”, said pilot Rich Lyng at debriefing back at Podington that night. “One had an injured ankle, and was helped out by a farm worker on hand”, recalled Marie Andrews in 2014. Like other local schoolchildren around here, Marie witnessed Z fly in and the fireworks as the ammo blew up - wrecking the plane, but not the happy landing for 10 brave but bushed American airmen after their saga said to be “one of the most remarkable of WWII”.

In appreciation of an uplifting observer – and good citizens everywhere RAMBLING OLD BOGONIAN PERCY HATHAWAY

“Later in the war a group of us were standing down by Bog Bridge in South Ascot* when we heard the noise of an aircraft approaching from the south. Looking up, we saw an American Flying Fortress coming towards us about one hundred feet up. It had great big holes in it, as well as bits and pieces hanging from it. We thought that it was going to crash on Ascot, but it carried on and crashed in a field in Crouch Lane in Winkfield.”

In “Ramblings of an Old Bogonian” 1995.

*The Village Green there has a public memorial bench to Percy.

In thanks to the uplifting author JAMES HERRIOT OBE FRCVS and all the world’s veterinary surgeons (and those who help them care for creatures great and small)

In the furthest field before you – the then RAF Winkfield - as recorded in “Vet in a Spin” Alf Wight (his real name) learned to fly in 1943 - soloing on 7 June.

MISSION 115Z: HAPPY LANDINGS

Our B17F #3351Z finished up in this field in October 1943 at the end of Mission 115 of the 8th Air Force. Most of the tiny hoard of unsalvaged spent cartridge cases and lumps of burnt aluminium unearthed 70 years later has been mounted on 200+-year-old oak from Lily Hill Park which the plane flew by. They make small but poignant gifts and conversation pieces. Their new homes include today’s families of the crew of 3351Z; the US and German embassies in London; the US Air Force National Museum in Dayton and their Academy in Colorado Springs; Ramsey County Minnesota where the cartridges were made in 1943; Rosie the Riveter Memorial Foundation in Long Beach where they put Z together; churches, a ballbearing factory, and the city of Schweinfurt; and more local settings.

OUR UPLIFTERS FENCE LARGE PLAQUES Ctd

Others large plaques have been made to complement Henri Dunant Corner, and the definition of civilisation by the inspirer of the International Red Cross & Red Crescent movement – awarded the first Nobel Prize for Peace: “helping each other, people to people, nation to nation”.

DR CHARLES ALEXANDER EASTMAN

Born HAKADAH and later named OHIYE S'A

We give thanks here for the uplifting spirit of this Native American physician; educated at Boston University; writer, national lecturer; and reformer. Of Santee Dakota, English and French ancestry, as a doctor on reservations he cared for Indians after the Wounded Knee Massacre. He became active in politics and issues on Native American rights, and 1911 represented the American Indian at the Universal Races Congress in London, and in 1933 won the first Indian Achievement Award. In his speeches and teachings, he emphasized peace and living in harmony with nature. This plaque also celebrates the ethos of Gibbs Farm and Ramsey County Historical Society in Minnesota (linked in spirit with Tally Ho) and the visitors from there come here on 26 May 2017.



The plaque was unveiled on, well, 26 May 2017 by Heather Worthington, Deputy Manager of Ramsey County in charge of the regeneration of their Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, where cartridges found in the field were made in 1943. Heather was on vacation in the UK with husband Chris and friends Joe Otte and Anne Parks. She's seen here waiting patiently while Hugh and Joe get things ready for the unveiling.

JEAN VANIER

and everyone associated with “Summer in the Forest”

Jean founded L'Arche, an international federation of communities for people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them. Directed by Randall Wright, the uplifting 2017 film shows many surprising sides of life in the centres at Trosly-Breuil and Bethlehem.

The words have been rubbed with soil from the Shepherds Field in Bethlehem, close by Ma'an lil-Hayat workshop.

IF ANYTHING IS EVER LEARNED FROM BLOODSHED

and it would be better if we didn't have to learn it repeatedly, it's that there is no fitter memorial to those who gave their lives than near infinite generosity between those who didn't.

Zoe Williams, The Guardian 31 July 2017

And one is just to get you thinking and thanking.



SCIENCE IS A GIFT ECONOMY

Your status is earned not by how much you accumulate but by how much you give. References to your papers are one way the value of your gift is recognised, one of the rewards for your hard work. It keeps the community of science alive. Like all communities – think of the Church - we can never forget that our labour depends on the labour of those around us. Like our data, we too need validation.

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ Director of the Vatican Observatory

Jesuit Guy is a star astronomer, researcher, author and broadcaster. Alongside more than 200 scientific publications, his popular books include Turn Left at Orion and most recently Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial? (“Yes, but only if she wanted”, shows how he gets you laughing as well as thinking) The Consolmagno family has a connection with the Field: his mom Patricia was much in mind when Everywoman's Corner was being prepared. She married and cared for husband Joe after he'd returned to Chicago from two years as a POW in the famous Stalag3 – his B17 was shot down and he endured the 1945 wintertime forced march to liberation. Long-established, the Vatican Observatory has its HQ near Castel Gandolfo, operating its Advanced Technology Telescope in Arizona.

MISSION 115Z Our artful outposts in the USA, Germany & UK



The cartridges, bullets, burnt duralumin and other fragments unearthed in Thanksgiving Field have had a new life – as tiny gifts in new homes in the UK, USA and Germany. The project has been named Mission 115Z, as reference to Mission 115 of the USAAF in 1943 – what became known as the Second Schweinfurt Raid.

Using the fragments and wood, Hugh Gibbons has made many of them into small works of art, mementos and conversation pieces for a wide range of people associated with #3351Z and the spirit of the Field. Most of them have been mounted on slices of oak salvaged from the scrap yard at Lily Hill Park – possibly overflowed by our B17 in its final minutes. The oak is at least 200 years old. The wood grain not only



confirms its age but brings its own pictures and test of the imagination to the items. Some of the items have the fragments exactly as unearthed – for example, the cartridges, bullets and Long Beach Rosie. In other cases, slicing the metal has revealed the unoxidized shine of the aluminium underneath the burnt and scarred skin.

Hugh added extra enjoyment in two ways. First, giving the items suitable names. Second, rather than simply mail them, he sought special envoys as couriers who could hand over the items over at their destination – letting other people enjoy this slice of history. In some cases – like Bob Disher on the left receiving his uncle Jack's Eye View – there's been a personal visit here.



Sue Moyer of SSMA delivered Down in Flames – Hey! to the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton OH. On the far left, Hugh and Anne Gibbons are seen at the US Embassy in London, when they returned Government property to Defense Attaché



Brigadier General Dieter Barheis. On the right, the son and grandson of waist gunner Nick Barbato get their cartridge.

The website www.thanksgivingfield.org has a downloadable PDF guide to all in Mission 115Z.