Wartime humour



Veteran John Thurlby, Nicoletta Graziani and Angela Rondinelli take a look at the wartime cartoons on exhibition at The Frank Jordan Centre, in Stone

AN EXHIBITION of wartime cartoons in Stone brought an Italian twist to annual Remembrance Sunday activities.

Veterans and church goers were able to enjoy a bit of old fashioned humour thanks to the efforts of a teacher from Bagnacavallo.

The cartoons were brought over from Stone's Italian twin town to commemorate veterans who passed through that part of northern Italy, and the ones who remain there.

The exhibition started at The Frank Jordan Centre in Lichfield Street last Saturday and moved to St John's Church Hall after the town's Remembrance Sunday Service.

Angela Rondinelli, a teacher from Italy, has been gathering the collection of British cartoons.

Margaret Broader, of Stone Twinning Committee, said: "I helped out but this is really a private initiative by Angela, who wanted to do something dedicated to those who fought in the war.

"This exhibition has been extremely important because it is a great mark of respect to the gentlemen who fought in the war."

The cartoons were especially poignant because they were dedicated to two veterans from Stone – Alan Woods, who died earlier this year, and John Thurlby, who visited the exhibit.

ITALIAN OFFER: Italian Angela Rondinello, who was visiting Stone at the weekend, has offered to provide cheap accomodation for English people to visit the war cemetery outside Bagnacavallo, Stone's twin town.

She has a list of English military buried in graves in that cemetery and can also offer transport from the town to the cemetery.

Anyone interested should contact Margaret Termine, wife of Guiseppe Termine, chairman of the Twinning committee) on 811725.

Wartime laughter on parade



WARTIME cartoons drawn by English servicemen stationed near Stone's twin town of Bagnacavallo were displayed in Stone at the weekend. Shown here with a section of the display are (from left): Standing: Nicolette Graziani, John Watt, Angela Rondinello and Mrs Audrey Watt. Kneeling: Andrea Tondini and Bruno Morelli. (Contributed)