

## The OC's Memorial Bungalow

The story begins in 1954 when the 'OC Notes' section of the Cestrefeldian magazine recorded that *"The most important outcome of this year's AGM was what appears to be a very satisfying solution of the long-standing problem as to what form the permanent OC's War Memorial should take. The members present adopted a scheme put forward by H.C.Day, under which the cost of one of several bungalows to be erected by the Borough Authority for the use of disabled ex-servicemen should be met from the accumulated War Memorial Fund of the Society. The bungalow in question would be recognised as the Society's War Memorial and would carry a suitable inscribed memorial tablet. It is understood that a suitable site has been selected in the locality of Upper Newbold, and that the work is now proceeding."*



The eagle-eyed Wilf (Bud) Nightingale spotted the original report and drew it to my attention. As a Newbold resident I had a recollection of some Council bungalows on Newbold Road, roughly opposite the entrance to St Mary's High School, and decided to take a closer look. As a result, I was able to identify number 425, Newbold Road as the property in question. It is the right-hand one of a pair of semi-detached bungalows, of which the other was paid for by the British Legion and other local ex-servicemen's organisations. Both properties are still under the control of Chesterfield BC and are empty at the moment, undergoing refurbishment by the authority.

*Report by Frank Gorman. Photos courtesy of Roger Barnes.*