THE VOICE OF THE FRIENDS OF BROADWATER AND WORTHING CEMETERY

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A TOAST TO HER MAJESTY FROM FBWC

There were wonderful scenes at Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery on Saturday 2 June 2012 when in warm sunshine a large group of Friends of the cemetery and over 60 visitors raised their glasses, or rather Union Jack embellished cups filled with Pimms, to toast HM Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. There was a delightful atmosphere at the cemetery as decorations, flags and bunting fluttered in the gentle breeze while your Editor said a few words. There was a tremendous turnout for the two 'Publicans and Hoteliers' tours and in total there were over 100 participants. Many records were broken including booklet sales, with some stock items selling out! The new tables and notice boards looked great and were superbly populated. The new 'ecclesiastical' style store appeared in all its splendour and Union Jacks bedecked every grave included in the tours. (The Toast - Photo – Sue Nea)



The two 'Publicans' tours were conducted by Paul Holden, Editor of the 'Worthing Journal' and John Vaughan, Editor of 'THE BROADSHEET'. The audience included an interesting mix of Friends, the general public, local historians and real ale fans from CAMRA and the 'Sussex Drinker'. Many Friends were involved in the organisation of the event including coordinator Sue Nea, Mary Pickett, Debra Hillman, John and Pam Stepney, Carole Manning and many other stalwarts who willingly gave their time. An enormous vote of thanks to them all. It was good to see our Chairman taking an overall view of proceedings and joining the tours. While all this was going on Friends such as Frank Ffitch, Neil Freeman and others were maintaining the cemetery. Our sponsors were very much in evidence including 'The Worthing Journal' that donated the drinks for the Royal Toast and 'Haskins' Garden Centre who supplied the Friends with a generous gift of a dozen large golf umbrellas for use on our tours should the weather be inclement. All of these activities were the interim culmination of what is proving to be another successful year, building on high profile events in April and May. If you missed this special day don't miss our forthcoming programme, first Saturday in EVERY month up to and including October.



(Paul on the first tour. Photo - Editor)



[Photo - Editor]

UMBRELLA PEOPLE

No sooner had your Editor suggested at the monthly Town Hall meeting in April that the Friends should acquire some golf umbrellas for tour participants to use on dates when the weather is inclement, when Paul Robards, our Clearance and Wildlife Coordinator, approached the newly enlarged Haskins Garden Centre Management at Roundstone. Their generosity exceeded all bounds when they donated a dozen high quality golf umbrellas to the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. This was a magnificent gesture that the Friends hereby gratefully acknowledge. On 2 June the umbrellas were given their first outing in dry weather, as the writer arranged an interesting publicity shot for posterity; and what a handsome if diverse group of models the Friends made! For the curious, yes they were all fully clothed. Between tours the umbrellas will find a home in our splendid new store. Paul just happened to be out with his family visiting the garden centre when he had a brain wave; to approach the Manageress Kirsty Goble, to see if they were interested in supporting the Friends in a public spirited way by donating some umbrellas. He was given her e-mail address and he wrote a note explaining our position and asking if the company would help. The reply was immediate and positive and 12 umbrellas were duly given to us! What a wonderful 'PR' coup for the company. We now all know where to buy our compost! Well done Paul and thanks for keeping us and our visitors dry.

BIRD BOX GIFT

The Friends benefitted from yet another act of generosity in early May when local resident and lover of wildlife Lance Cradduck of Valerie Road, Worthing, donated two nesting boxes to the cemetery, which will be strategically located within the cemetery, probably near the Chapels, by our Clearance and Wildlife Coordinator Paul Robards. One box is for Robins and one for Blue Tits. Thanks Lance, from all of the the Friends. May our bird life prosper by the provision of these hopefully 'safe havens'.

NEW PORTABLE NOTICE BOARDS

Featured below is a photograph of one of our new high quality felt covered notice boards. In combination with the procurement of three smart portable and versatile folding tables our image on tour days, Open Days and other special events will now be really professional and when well populated with photographs, captions and descriptive text we will more easily be able to capture the attention of visitors and other attendees. Friends have also been able to show their personal skills and artistic inclinations in design and composition with recharged enthusiasm. One of the tables is used as our book stall and the others have space for leaflets and 'freebies' as well as the noticeboards. There is no doubt that observations at recent events show the boards are read by most of our visitors. Overall the boards are a welcome addition to our new inventory and can only be regarded as a great future investment and money well spent. (Photo - JV)

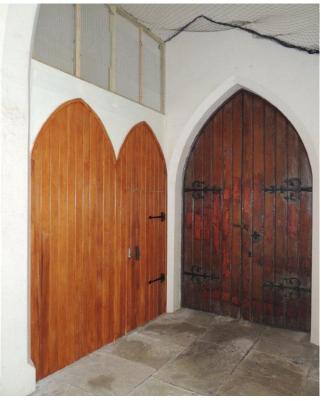


SUPERB AND SIMPLY STUNNING

Words cannot express the supreme craftsmanship employed by Paul Robards and John Stepney in building our new secure Chapel store. The structure must be seen to be truly appreciated. Having watched the progress made from floor screeding to timber wall frame construction one cannot but marvel at the progress made. The wooden frame was covered in ply, a door built and hung, tongued and grooved wooden facings applied, ecclesiastical archways incorporated (to match existing nearby doors), rustic hinges fitted and a new push-button lock installed. Thoughtfully even anti-bird netting has been fitted to prevent fouling, or should that be fowling!? Relevant woodwork was suitably stained but most importantly the result was not only aesthetically beautiful but practical too. Congratulations to all involved, it is a true masterpiece and demonstrates yet again the diversity of skills enjoyed by the Friends. The next project will be to provide a pavement on each side of our new, large and rather valuable main noticeboard, which will be a significant enhancement.

(Photos - John Vaughan)





FRIENDS JUBILEE 'TIME CAPSULE'

There was a remarkable twist in the tail just prior to the completion of our magnificent new store on Jubilee weekend by Paul Robards and John Stepney, when Paul had the idea of placing a note within the outer wall of the structure together with popular publications pertaining to the Diamond Jubilee. The note gives the names of the 'builders' but mentions that they are Friends of the FBWC. This was a great idea but collectively we could perhaps have used the opportunity to produce an even more exciting 'time capsule', such as one or two of our publications or a Jubilee programme or maybe a picture of my Mother-in-Law! Here we see the 'time capsule' before being panelled over.



Our intrepid builders Messrs Robards (left) and Stepney justifiably look proud of their work. There is no truth in the scurrilous rumour that they are to be featured on the BBC's 'Rogue Traders' programme! Well done guys for a fine piece of work that we are all proud of. It will be a useful and practical addition to our 'estate'.



MILITARY BOOK LAUNCH

On 21 April 2012 Chris Green launched his new book 'Military Burials & Inscriptions of the 20th Century World Wars' at Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. The book was well received and immediately after the launch Chris conducted an exhausting 'double header' of tours with 24 attendees on the first tour and 14 on the second. After a sunny start the weather became cooler resulting in a handful of visitors not staying the course for the second tour. A number of books were sold and at a very modest 'fiver' for a well researched, good quality 86 page paperback, printed on art paper, it is not surprising. Here we see Chris in action informing the crowds of what his book is all about. (Photo JV)



FBWC - NEWS IN BRIEF

A burial took place in our cemetery recently. There were floral tributes, one spelling out the word 'DAD'. No details are available but presumably the internment was in an old family grave. Whilst not unknown such events are now few and far between.

Debra Hillman is ensuring that the FBWC web-site is fully compliant with new legislation regarding the handling of 'Cookies'.

More of our famous £1 thematic cemetery booklets have been produced and a full list will appear in the next issue of THE BROADSHEET.

An inventory of all fixed assets including equipment and donated items is being prepared.

Visit the **worthingpubs.com** website for Worthing Pub History - they helped with our recent tours.

Membership Secretary Mary Pickett reports our fully paid-up membership presently stands at 74.

A minor error appeared in the last issue of THE BROADSHEET, the price of our popular booklets remains at a modest £1 including laminated cover and not £1.50 as reported.

Pre publicity for our well attended 'Publicans and Hoteliers' tours appeared in the widely available 'Sussex Drinker' magazine, where over half a page (including a picture) was devoted to our events.

It is hoped to shortly procure a laptop computer and digital projector for use at shows attended by FBWC and to help with on-the-spot research in locating past family graves for relatives visiting our many events. Cost is likely to be a maximum of £1,300. £100 has been allocated for tool purchase.

On 4 August 2012 there will be an extra 'Miller' cemetery tour and a book launch and signing by mill expert and historian Alex Vincent.

Our Chairman conducted a cemetery tour for Worthing Mothers Club on 28 May 2012. After the event he said they were "good fun" but from the smile on his face your Editor was reluctant to ask him for a definition of the word 'fun'! There were about 40 participants, more goodwill for FBWC.

UNSUNG HERO

A significant number of Friends perform a wide range of activities without fuss, in their own time and at their own expense. Friend Frank Ffitch has been working away in section A15 of the cemetery recording memorial inscriptions, digging and pruning to access the stones and discovering some in undergrowth or even under the ground. There are 11 rows of graves with 41 graves in a row, that's over 450 graves! I discovered Frank in the undergrowth on a random visit and I persuaded him to emerge dressed in his best Sunday clobber for a photograph. Thanks Frank but keep digging!



BOOK SALES RECORD SMASHED

Our larger book sales are steady but because the content obviously relates to those interred within the boundaries of the cemetery the books will thankfully never become out of date, unless significant new data comes to hand. However undoubtedly the stars of the show are the amazing little £1 circa 48 page booklets we produce and sell. Not only do these booklets record for all time the results of our researchers findings and discoveries but they 'spread the word' in that few tour participants would not put their hands in their pockets for a couple of pounds.

However even though already successful Sue Nea, Carole Manning and the gang sold what was then a record breaking £99 worth of books at the Nurseryman tour event on 14 April. However on 2 June that record was again smashed when book sales receipts amounted to a staggering £169 and the stock of certain items simply sold out! Full marks again to all involved in using their business acumen, initiative and research talents in populating the books with interesting facts, figures and photographs and for producing the end product. Here we see some of our books displayed for the public on a recent tour date.



[Photo - Editor]

Further titles will be published later this year and a 'Combined Volume' is planned.

MARY'S WOODEN ROSES

To embellish those graves that are included in the itinerary of our cemetery tours Mary Pickett has been 'picking' roses on E-Bay. These are wooden roses that can be used time and time again. The roses are also useful in marking the various plots included in our tours but in a gentle and pleasant way, what one might call the feminine 'touch'. On the recent Publican 'Jubilee' tours Union Jack flags were also used to good effect. The Friends are getting more and more professional in all that they do. Well done Mary!



CEMETERY HUMOUR

"I am prepared to meet my Maker, whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." Sir Winston Churchill

Sign outside of a small American town: "Drive carefully, we have two cemeteries but no hospital."

A Father hears his small son saying his prayers. "God bless Mummy, Daddy, Granny, good bye Grandpa." The next day Grandpa dies. The next night the prayers continue: "God bless Mummy, Daddy, good bye Granny." The next day Granny dies. By this time the Father is in a state of fear and sure enough the next night the boy says his prayers; "God bless Mummy, good bye Daddy." The Father can't sleep, goes to work at 5am, spends his day in a small office and works until midnight. When he gets home he says to his wife "I have had a terrible day." The wife says "You think you've had a bad day, the milkman dropped dead on the doorstep this morning!

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MR STEPNEY'S VICTIMS

Friend John Stepney has conducted another memorial cleaning course for interested members. At the end of May 2012 he trained no fewer than seven potential recruits in the art of headstone maintenance. Notes on the process were pre-issued to save time on the day and a fine sunny morning was enjoyed by all, during which time five headstones were cleaned.

Pupils were Mike and Pat Parrot, Anthony and Angie Allchin, Geoff and Viv Gander and Barbara Ayres, described as 'victims' by John. All enjoyed the course and this training should help with our ambitions of keeping a representative sample of headstones clean to improve the aesthetics of the cemetery and to make it look just a little bit more cared for than hitherto.

TOURS GALORE START 2012 SEASON

Our full programme of cemetery tours was published in the last issue of THE BROADSHEET (Issue 14 - Spring 2012) but we have started the season well, except for a couple of tours run on wet and/or cold days. We have already mentioned Chris Green's military based tours but on 14 April 2012 guest Malcolm Linfield entertained 51 people on his fascinating 'Nurserymen and Growers' tour. This was followed by a general tour.



[Photo of Malcolm Linfield (left) - Editor]

Pauline Reed stepped forward to conduct the popular 'Notable Women' tour on 5 May and a promising 33 Friends and members of the public participated. All were entertained by a well prepared manuscript on a cold and later rainy day. Pauline is seen below (centre) surrounded by her followers. (Photos - JV)



The weather deteriorated, visitors were frozen to the bone and several 'disappeared' after the first tour. However our stalwart Friend Sally Roberts did not shrink from the challenge and carried on with a 'Businessman 1' tour regardless, with an audience of 9 hardy souls. Top marks for persistence Sally, you truly deserved a medal that day.



BEAN COUNTER TO THE STARS

by Alan Rice

Every Friend knows of Worthing's formidable first lady Mayor Ellen Chapman who is buried in the cemetery. A lady who must have the most remarkable powers to rise to the civic heights she did, but it was a living lady Mayor that persuaded me to become involved with the Friends. That formidable lady was Christine Brown, who was Mayor of Worthing in 2008/9 and is still a Councillor today. She had a vision for the cemetery to become a welcoming place for all visitors of all ages and through the hard work of the Friends that is what the cemetery has become. Those Friends have shone through the hard work as stars and my destiny was to become the 'bean counter' to the stars.

Tom Wye and I met with Christine in the Mayor's parlour to set out the vision and Tom took on the task with his usual unflinching enthusiasm — an enthusiasm which shows no sign of abating. But what part could I play? My body is built for comfort and not for hard physical work but my working life did suit me for an administrative role or so Tom persuaded me. I volunteered to be Secretary which didn't sound too onerous but Tom convinced me in addition to take on the position of Treasurer, or 'bean counter'. This sounded onerous and I admit I was less keen.

I must be a rare exception among the Friends in having no connection with the cemetery whatsoever, as far as I am aware, although research continues. There is an urban myth Worthing is to be flooded by ne'er-do-wells from London and it was from south London I hailed. Two aunts of mine also came from London to live their last days in Worthing and I recently discovered a third who mysteriously is buried in Worthing but not in our cemetery; even though I have looked in vain for a connection. There are members of the Rice tribe buried in the cemetery but none that I have discovered relate to me. I also once worked for a Liverpool based cotton company Ralli Brothers and the Ralli tomb provided a spark of hope but I have not been able to make the missing connection.

A total of 23 members sat around the table at the inaugural meeting of the Friends on 24 October 2008 when the annual subscription was set at the princely sum of three pounds. We also agreed at the inaugural meeting to become members of the National Federation of Cemetery Friends – a membership which I have renewed every year since. The bean counting was beginning to look less onerous than I originally thought, until it was suggested at the first meeting funding could be sought from the Heritage Lottery. I need not have worried as Tom took on the application and the Friends were successfully awarded a grant of £31,200, which has been a doddle to account for because of all the hard work of the stars. Stars for which I am proud to be a bean counter.

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COMING ACROSS A CROSS

By Pam Stepney

While recording monumental inscriptions in area C13 of the cemetery John and I found a small Remembrance Day wooden cross lying on the grass. On close examination the name A R J Charles could just be seen, written in ball point pen. We were hoping to find a home for the cross but there were no graves of that name in the immediate vicinity. Later I looked-up the name on the CWGC website and found that Albert Richard John Charles was a Boy 2nd Class who had been serving in the Royal Navy on *HMS Powerful*. That ship and its sister *HMS Terrible* were the largest cruisers ever built for the Royal Navy, *HMS Powerful* being moored at Devonport during World War 1 and used as a Boy's training ship.

I found out that a number of young sailors had died on the ship during September/October 1918 and that they are remembered in Ford Park cemetery in Plymouth, suggesting some sort of accident. However further investigation revealed that Albert Charles and all the other young men had died from an outbreak of Spanish influenza in the great national 'flu epidemic of that year; how ironic is that? We know that Albert Charles was buried on 1 October 1918 in a family grave in section A11 with his parents Richard and Annie Charles and sisters Ivy and Nellie. How refreshing it is to know that after all these years a family member still remembers him by placing a cross on his grave.

On a general note John has now researched sufficient military personnel not only for his August military tour but also an accompanying booklet in the FBWC series. This publication will complement Chris Green's definitive tome, demonstrating the importance the FBWC places on those who have served their country in the armed forces.



Wildlife in the cemetery on Saturday 9th June 2012 - Ed

MORE ON THE MOORES

By Rosemary Pearson



[Photo - Rosemary Pearson]

The small private Cross Street Cemetery contained the remains of four members of the Moore family. When the bodies were removed to Broadwater Cemetery in 1909, the Council Minutes recorded that they were to be re-interred in unconsecrated ground, leading to speculation that the Moores were Dissenters, or that there may have been a suicide. Evidence has recently come to light which appears to support both theories. Sarah Moore was the last of the four to be buried. What follows is an account of her suicide.

Following the death of her Husband Thomas in 1845, Sarah had carried on the family's bakery business, aided by her son, Thomas junior, who had moved to the Montague Street premises with his wife Elizabeth and two daughters, Elizabeth and Julia, from their previous home in Chapel Street (now Portland Road). Things began to go wrong in 1848, and it was the result of a disastrous few weeks at the end of the year that finally led to Sarah to take her own life.

For many years Worthing had been experiencing an economic downturn resulting in a number of bankruptcies among local businesses. On 21 November 1848, Sarah's neighbour, Francis Keats, was declared bankrupt. The following month on 22 December, the *London Gazette* reported the bankruptcy of Sarah's son-in-law, Duke Paine, an auctioneer and printer, husband of her youngest daughter Mary. Duke was summoned to appear before the Court of Bankruptcy on 30 December. If that was not bad enough the next day, 31 December, Sarah's second daughter, Ann Moore, died of a fever. All this proved too much for Sarah to cope with and from that day her mind was affected. The woman who once had been greatly respected and noted for her capacity for hard work, became a shadow of her former self both in body and mind and for two months prior to her death was confined to her bed. She became convinced that they were all going to be ruined and wished that she could drown herself. In this she was to succeed.

It appears that in the early hours of Sunday morning, 9 September 1849, after ensuring that the rest of the household was asleep, Sarah had got up and taking the lighted candle from her bedside had crept downstairs to the passage leading from the street to the bakehouse, which was situated at the rear of the premises. After placing the candle on the shelf by the pump, where it was found the following morning, she had knelt down and removed the slatted cover of the drain pit in the floor. This pit was used to drain the surplus water from the pump and was bailed out when full. Sarah then placed her head down the hole, which at the time contained some nine inches of water, and drowned herself.

At around five o'clock in the morning Thomas junior was awakened by a noise. On finding the door to his Mother's bedroom open and that she was missing from her bed, he began to search the house from top to bottom. It was when approaching the door to the street that he found Sarah's body, in a heap, at the top of the stone steps, her head and shoulders down the drainage hole. He put his arms around her waist and after pulling her out, lifted her body into the bakehouse. He then ran next door to call his neighbour, Francis Keats, and as soon as he arrived Thomas ran to fetch his other neighbour, Mr Collett the surgeon. Sadly nothing could be done for Sarah who had been dead for some time.

The inquest was held the following day at the Marine Hotel and was reported in *The Sussex Agricultural Express* on 15 September 1849. The verdict of the Coroner was that Sarah had destroyed herself whilst in a state of mental derangement.

A further consequence of the bankruptcies was that a number of the sons of local bankrupts sailed to Australia in the early 1850s, hoping to make their fortunes in the gold fields. Among these were Duke and Mary Paine's son, Duke William Paine, and Frances Keats' son Henry. END



The wonders of technology have helped swell our visitor numbers. Sue Nea reports that Brenda Ellis and Gina Sopp both heard about our Nurseryman tour from the *Worthing Journal's* **Facebook** pages and duly took part. Friends Pam and John Stepney helped find family graves for Brenda. Gina, who attended the tour with her granddaughter and cousin, thought the tour was "informative and interesting – well done to all involved" while Brenda said that "there were plenty of people to help - found lots of family graves - thoroughly enjoyed the tour – thanks to the *Worthing Journal* for publicising it". [Thanks also Paul for the celebratory drink to toast Her Majesty on her Diamond Jubilee – see above and Page 1 – Ed.]

NATURE WATCH

By Paul Robards

[Photo – A Passing Squirrel]



During warm weather in May our 'Nature Watcher' is seen here in the sunshine, alert as usual, while watching for anything that moves within the cemetery {nothing moving here - Ed.}.

This month's report features observations and sightings rather than a narrative. Seen during the week of publication were pigeon, blackbird, robin, house martin, house sparrow, magpie, crow and starlings. Butterflies included speckled wood, meadow brown, cabbage white and chalk blue. Grey squirrels have been seen in some number and domestic cats and dogs have been observed, including one lady 'cleaning up' after her dog! Plants flourishing included vetch, nipplewort, oxeye daisy, yarrow, stitchwort, feverfew, forget-me-knot, speedwell, herb robert, roseby, willowherb, celandine, trefoil, sweet violets, clover, black medic, acqulegia and bittersweet. [Thanks Paul – two photographs of your good self in one issue of THE BROADSHEET is quite enough thank you – ED.]

OLYMPIC EVENTS

WITH THE COMING OF THE OLYMPICS TO LONDON THIS SUMMER CEMETERIES WILL BE AMONG THE VENUES HOSTING CULTURAL EVENTS FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS. 'HIDDEN LONDON' IS A PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE VISITORS TO EXPLORE LESS WELL KNOWN ASPECTS OF LONDON'S CULTURE AND HERITAGE. A NUMBER OF THE SO-CALLED 'MAGNIFICENT SEVEN' CEMETERIES ARE TAKING PART, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN NAMED. IT IS THOUGHT THAT WEST NORWOOD CEMETERY ARE KEEN TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY HAVE MANY GRAVES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED FUND THE RELAUNCH OF THE GAMES IN ATHENS IN 1896. THIS REALLY IS A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR THE UK BECAUSE SEEMINGLY SO MUCH IS HAPPENING.

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL

By Sue Nea

Susan Inwood lives in Canada and in recent times she has been researching her own family history, especially Thomas Edward Inwood and his wife Emma Hart Inwood who retired to Worthing many years ago. They died in 1921 and 1931 aged 81 and 83 respectively and are buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. Susan had discovered our FBWC website while searching on the world wide web and Sue Nea responded to an e-mail request for help dated 7 May.

Unsurprisingly it didn't take our Civilian Researcher long to find the burial records, the actual grave, record the details, take photographs and transmit all the relevant data and references to Canada, on 10 May. Later the same day Susan Lynch Inwood replied saying "I just opened your e-mail and was so excited to find this wonderful photo. I cannot thank you enough for this wonderful gift. Technology is amazing, that I could find your website, e-mail you, and then receive this photo – all so fast. So again, my most heartfelt thanks for your generous act."

[Well done Sue - This is yet another example of the slick, able and professional approach adopted by the Friends in all that they do; what a great outfit that is demonstrably serving a really useful public purpose.- Ed.]

......AND AGAIN A Broadwater Church attendee, belonging to the family of Charles Williams Collins, was searching for a grave in section A7. Paul Robards helped and during the search a stone tablet was found buried and taken home by Paul for cleaning. It was found to be that of one George Edward Wady, a five year old who was buried in 1926. The name was checked against records and the stone marker has now be returned to its rightful location at A7-19-70.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Due to pressure on space our usual Researcher's Corner items have been restricted in this issue. **My apologies** to all Buddies for the attack on their printer ink cartridges but with so much happening and Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations upon us regard this as a special issue with **18** pages, over **5,000** words and **17** photographs, a potential Collector's item! Thank you for all contributions and remember this is **your** magazine, not mine, so if you fancy being a writer by all means submit a manuscript. There is a tremendous amount happening this year, tour dates in the last issue, and remember first Saturday in the month.

** REMEMBER ATTEND OUR 'OPEN DAY' ON SATURDAY 4

AUGUST ** ve vill be noting de names off all Friends who are NOT dare –

be Vaughaned!!

John Vaughan Editor