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MAYORAL VISIT TO THE MAYORS

One of the highlights of the early Summer season was the welcome visit to the cemetery by the new town Mayor, Councillor Ann Barlow and her husband Peter Barlow on Saturday 4 June 2011. The couple were taking advantage of the new specialist Cemetery Tour organised by the Friends that features the ten former Mayors of Worthing who are buried in Broadwater & Worthing Cemetery. Portraits of the former Mayors had been strategically placed on each of the relevant graves by Friends.

Her worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Barlow thoughtfully brought with her ten wooden roses and she placed one rose on each of the graves of the Borough's former Mayors. A total of 25 people took part in the one hour tour conducted by John Stepney and Tom Wye. Participants included the Mayoral party, eight friends and over a dozen members of the general public. At each of the graves a short background talk was given by the guides and the event coincided with the publication of our 'Mayors of Worthing' booklet, authored by the FBWC Research Team (see next page).

At the end of the tour on a quite delightful early summer day the Mayor thanked the guides and the Friends and said how great it was to see all the work going on at the cemetery. She said how much she enjoyed hearing the stories of the lives of each of the Mayors and she now realised that there were some very large footsteps to follow. She said how fascinated she was to hear about Worthing's first lady Mayor, Ellen Chapman, and commented that the Borough should perhaps do something to commemorate her contribution to the local community, a statement welcomed by the Friends.

During the morning several Friends had been working hard on a variety of tasks throughout the cemetery, presenting a very busy scene. On the 11.00 general cemetery tour nine members of the public were escorted around the cemetery by our guide and Media Officer Paul Holden. Overall it was a momentous morning, an auspicious occasion and it was great to see so many Friends present and in action!

FRIENDS PUBLISHING PLC!

The Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery are fast moving into the publishing business. Not content with the publication of 'The A to Z of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery' last year, Paul Robards has now had his definitive 'History of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery' printed and published. He handed over the first of over a dozen bound copies of the Lottery Funded publication to Worthing's Information Librarian Jane Dore at the town's Reference and Information Local Studies Library at the end of April 2011. Well done Paul for all your hard work that went into producing this valuable product, which will be so useful not only for present reference and research but also for posterity, one of our 2011 objectives achieved!

If all of this was not enough our Research Team presently comprising Sue Baker, Angela Butler, Debra Hillman, Moya Hills, Carole Manning, Sue Nea, Mary Pickett, Anne Powell and Pam Stepney have colluded to produce two new exciting booklets titled 'The Centenarians' and 'The Mayors of Worthing'. Comprising over 40 A5 pages the books concisely describe the lives of the 21 Centenarians and 10 Mayors that are buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. Attractively priced at a mere pound these card covered saddle stitched booklets represent excellent value for money and I am pleased to report that further booklets are planned, broadly reflecting the subjects of forthcoming specialist cemetery tours. This great publishing effort shows the enterprise and entrepreneurial skills of the Friends. Already a total of 100 copies of the books have been sold with £60 (net profit) being added to the coffers of the FBWC. Special thanks are due to Mary Pickett and her employers for providing the equipment and facilities for the reproduction of the booklets.

In the wings and nearing completion with only the design and production processes to navigate is Chris Green's 'Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery: Military Guide', a comprehensive work that not only provides a potted history and mini-biography of all military personnel buried in the cemetery and many of those commemorated abroad but also outlines the history of two World Wars. Chris has written a short article for THE BROADSHEET giving some background to writing the guide. In total the FBWC organisation is turning into quite a publishing house but the printed word is by far the best way of capturing and preserving the painstaking research undertaken by the Friends and making it available to the general public at an affordable price.

WRITING THE MILITARY GUIDE

BY CHRIS GREEN

When the Friends were formed little did I realise that writing a Guide for the Military burials would be so difficult in order to make it interesting to one and all.

There are 81 burials in the cemetery from the two World Wars of the 20th century. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records these on its web-site giving details of each person's rank, service number, regiment or service to which they were associated, and their date of death. In some cases details of the next of kin are given.

This information is useful but it would be very repetitive in a guide. I also reviewed the back issues of the 'Worthing Gazette' and Paul Holden's book 'The Brave Lads of Sunny Worthing'. I found that the newspaper reports gave details of the funeral and in some cases a brief life history. In many cases they had died of their wounds at the Red Cross Hospital but were not local lads. After the summer of 1916, with the horrendous number of casualties during the Battle of the Somme, censorship was introduced and the reports were brief, if any. Often a Death Notice was the only item found and a name and service number in the list of casualties. Forty of the burials occurred after the end of the First World War as a result of wounds or dying during the great influenza epidemic of 1918/1919. By this time the public had little interest in these deaths as they wished to forget the war, so that reports are non-existent other than for a Death Notice appearing in the press.

However, the cemetery was found to have 130 inscriptions of those men who were killed in action or died overseas of their wounds, where it was custom for them to be buried or commemorated in the area where they died. These inscriptions were frequently added to family graves so that their loved ones could be remembered – at the time many would have not been able to visit the overseas grave or memorial of the fallen. As these were local men I felt that they should be included in the Guide.

Details were gathered from the CWGC web-site, newspaper reports, census returns, probate records and memorial inscriptions in an endeavour to build-up a picture of their lives. In many cases it was found that where they were buried or commemorated corresponded with the area where a battle or action had taken place.

In order to make this information of interest, I felt they should be incorporated into a Commentary of the Wars. Here I have set out the political situation, given brief details of the campaigns, battles or actions in which they were involved, then listed the men with a resume of information from the research.

I trust the Guide will give readers a better insight into the History of the World Wars. Publication has been set for the August Open Day but there have been a few hiccups along the way. The Guide should be of benefit to local schools in the study of the subject. An escorted visit to our cemetery should give scholars a better understanding of the reasons why so many young men were willing to fight for their Country and the Freedom that we enjoy to this day. From here I would like students to research individuals, who had a local connection, and in some cases this will include a member of their own family.

ACTION ALL THE WAY

Although it has never been the purpose of THE BROADSHEET to duplicate the Minutes of the monthly meetings produced by our Secretary, it should be mentioned to all recipients of this paper that various actions are going on all around us and for most of the time. Various Friends regularly help members of the public, for example finding graves, providing tours on a monthly basis, organising special tours, evolving new themed tours, developing the FBWC web-site, producing numerous books and booklets, procuring signs and information boards, populating such information boards, working out maintenance schedules for clearance work, restoring headstones, arranging special cemetery visits, recording memorial inscriptions in their thousands, procuring benches and wheelie bins, planning and organising our main Open Day on 6 August, accounting for and banking our cash takings and finances generally, writing articles for the press and BROADSHEET, planning future exhibits, undertaking extensive research, catering for special groups, planning and manning FBWC 'stands' at local exhibitions, distributing material both manually and electronically, opening a Pay Pal account, recording memberships and maintaining records, pro-actively recruiting, considering wild life and nature reserve issues, designing and updating the optimum site plan and a whole lot more.

Many Friends are fully committed to the various tasks in hand and several have volunteered to undertake the multifarious activities of both a specific and general nature. We all realise that many Friends are unable to help with physical tasks but the old saying "many hands make light work" is relevant. There is nothing worse than our Chairman asking for help or volunteers for a specific task at a meeting only for a stony silence to descend over the gathering! We are a strong group with many people dedicated to the cause but some individuals must not be discouraged by too much being asked of them. So, whether it be manning a stand, distributing literature, trimming back some ivy on a headstone or recording an inscription please help to maintain momentum and keep the FBWC afloat if you are able.

Your cemetery needs you!

WILDLIFE CO-ORDINATOR

By PAUL ROBARDS

Firstly, I must thank all Friends for agreeing at a recent meeting to give me the opportunity to be 'Wildlife Co-ordinator' for Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery.

Secondly, as an introduction, I can say that I have been interested in and studied wildlife for as long as I can remember. I believe the first person to influence me in the subject was my Grandfather on my Father's side, George Robards. He lived in Ringmer in East Sussex where he worked at a large country house as a gardener.

When I was young he showed me the natural habitat of birds and rabbits, opposite their house named 'Paygate Cottage'. I would go around to a local farm and help round up the cows and walk them down a lane to the milking sheds. My parents lived at Hangleton, also in East Sussex, and as a youngster I would walk with young friends to many sites of local interest ranging from the seaside at Hove to the South Downs around Devil's Dyke, including chalk pits and a nearby golf course.

Having discussed the matter with THE BROADSHEET Editor it is now my intention to record the wildlife observed in the cemetery on a month by month basis, whether that wildlife lives, grows or visits, including my own sightings and those of contributing Friends. It is my intention to produce a report by way of a brief article for publication therein and this may in turn attract another circle of the public to the cemetery thereby increasing the number of Friends. I also hope to produce a 'Spotters Journal' that will include observations of everything of interest that has been seen in the recent past.

I started to make records in the Spring and my first article follows. I would appreciate it if all Friends and visitors to the cemetery forward to me any observations that they consider would be of interest. Please contact me at paul.robards@ntlworld.com .

You will all be aware that the seasons of the year are based on the sun's position over the earth, between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. In the UK the longest day is 21 June and the shortest 21 December, the first days of Summer and Winter, respectively. Spring and Autumn start on 21 March and 21 of September. The Meteorological Office categorise June/July/August as Summer, September/October/November as Autumn, December/January/ February as Winter and March/April/May as Spring.

"NATURE WATCH" SPRING 2011

I have as promised been observing wildlife and flowers within the cemetery on a weekly basis and recording what I see. The weather early in the accounting period was fine. I commenced my log on 24 February and on this first 'Nature Watch' of

the year I observed a sleepy Red Admiral butterfly. This was a really early sighting.

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It must be a winter resident that came out to benefit from the first warmth of the sunshine. Other creatures observed that day were Wood Pigeon, Crow, Robin, Magpie, Blue Tit, Common Seagull, Green Woodpecker, Jay, Collared Dove, Greenfinch and resident Squirrels. Over the following weeks these birds were consistent but being joined by Blackbird, Starling and Wren.

By the 25 March Spring flowers were becoming prominent with Red Dead Nettle, Primroses, Celandine, Daffodils, Groundsel, Stonecrop and Sandwort brightening the cemetery floor on a warm sunny day. On a cold and overcast 31 March the now usual birds were to be seen but additional flowers were Sweet Violets, Clover, Grape Hyacinth, Lords and Ladies (Cuckoo Pint) and Vetch (from the Sweet Pea family), Glory of the Snow (Chionodoxa), Oxalis (cultivated, with Clover leaf), Wild Cress, Garlic Mustard and Linaria.

On 20 April butterflies such as Speckled Wood, Orange Spot, Tortoiseshell and Chalk Blue joined the log, along with the more common Cabbage White. Goldfinch and Tree Sparrows were evident amongst the hedgerow and background of Bluebells. On 5 May there was fresh Fox disturbance in a bank of earth and a Slow Worm basking in the sunshine on some shallow grass. Michaelmas Daisies were out in numbers. These were seen by all on the tour date of 7 May. These were cut down in their prime on 13 May by the grass cutters before they had a chance to 'go to seed'. Friend Mary Pickett observed a Cinnabar Moth. It is widely distributed in the south of the UK but more local to coastal areas. The caterpillar of this moth feeds on the foliage of Ragwort and Groundsel . Moths are on the wing from May until July but they are nocturnal unless disturbed, whereupon they would seek shelter.

CEMETERY vs WILDLIFE vs NATURE

The Friends of Darwen Cemetery in Lancashire have been successful in a £10,000 bid from the Nation Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme to convert a second rose garden in the cemetery into a Nature Memorial Garden. They will be working with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust who will advise on how wildlife can be encouraged into the cemetery. They will also be using some of the money to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the cemetery later this year. So,

congratulations to the Friends of Darwen.

This action highlights the whole subject of the balance between on the one hand maintaining cemeteries by regular cutting and pruning aggressive growth by trees, shrubs and weeds while trying to make the sites neat and tidy for people to visit and for surviving relations to pay their respects, and on the other hand the extreme end of the desire to conserve nature, including plants, animals and insects, where ideally little or no maintenance would take place. Certainly old cemeteries, especially those in cities and urban areas, are valuable oasis for wildlife and all friends would like to see all species thrive. However without over-playing the issue of cemetery maintenance, clearly a certain amount of clearance work must take place to prevent an impenetrable jungle being created. Inevitably the material cut down or removed from cemeteries is going to be a home or food source for some living thing and there will never be a 'right time' to cut certain grasses or prune certain shrubs. However on the basis that old cemeteries will never be pristine it seems highly unlikely that the majority of native plants, animals and insects will perish, even the dreaded stag beetle! It would seem to your Editor that it is all a matter of balance, where graves are respected and maintained to a certain standard but where there is no deliberate attempt to unnecessarily damage the surrounding environment in all its various guises. There is room for conflict but in a site as large as ours there should be plenty of scope for compromise.

DEVASTATION IN NEW ZEALAND

Our sympathy must go out to the residents of the South Island city of Christchurch, New Zealand where many of the city's cemeteries have been smashed firstly by the 7.1 magnitude earthquake in September last year and now secondly by the 6.3 magnitude earthquake of February 2011, the latter killing 181 people, the second deadliest natural disaster in NZ's history. There were 361 aftershocks in the week following the disaster.

Significant damage has occurred to monuments in many cemeteries in the region. Older style monuments with high narrow columns were toppled, concrete bases crumbled, cracks in the earth caused major problems as headstones were strewn across paths. Cemeteries have been closed and many are dangerous places to visit. The cost of repair will be enormous and families have been reminded of *their* responsibilities to repair damaged monuments.

Where no surviving family exists particular problems have arisen as the cost of restoration (where possible) will be astronomical. Photographs of the desecration are harrowing. Nature has turned out to be the ultimate vandal. The Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery

offer their deepest sympathy to all affected.

FRIENDS PUBLIC DISCLAIMER

In the perpetual quest for improvement your Editor is introducing another regular feature in THE BROADSHEET. Having introduced 'Nature Watch' in this issue it is the intention from this issue forward to publish one or more features on those interred in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery in 'Research Corner' rather than on the random basis employed hitherto. The information published will be the results of our wonderful team of lady researchers and some, but not all, of the text may be from the publications produced by the Friends. The researchers are always thorough in what they do but information is sometimes scanty, family trees can be very confusing and on occasions assumptions have to be made. Therefore the following public disclaimer will relate to all such work published in THE BROADSHEET.

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RESEARCH CORNER

Martha Jane Latter - Aged 100 - Buried 3 February 1902

Martha Jane or Jane Latter as she was sometimes known was baptised Jane Hale on 20 May 1804 in Sidlesham, West Sussex, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Hale. On 8 October 1822 she married William Latter, a mariner, at nearby Selsey. The couple moved along the coast to Littlehampton, which was probably William's home port. They had three sons and four daughters, the last being Mary Maria in 1844. The children were all baptised at St Mary's church. Sadly William Latter died in 1857 leaving Jane a widow, then in her early 50s. She took lodgings in Littlehampton and began work as a monthly nurse. In later life she moved to Worthing to live with her married daughter Kate and son-in-law John Tester, a fishmonger, first at 67 Montague Street and then at 51 Cranworth Road.

Martha Jane remained active well into old age but met with an accident in late 1901, which hastened her death in early 1902. Her death was the subject of an inquest held at the Alexandra Hotel, Worthing. It appears that on coming out of her bedroom in the middle of the night she fell down the stairs. Her daughter and son-in-law woke up and went to her assistance. As she seemed unhurt they helped her back to bed. She did not want to see a doctor but a few days later Dr Nodes attended. He found her bruised and in some pain but otherwise uninjured and he continued to attend until her death. The doctor was of the opinion that death was due to senile decay and probably accelerated due to the shock of the fall. Mrs Latter had been increasingly eccentric of late but wonderfully active for a person of her age. The verdict of the jury was that death was from natural causes and no one was to blame.

At the inquest Martha Jane Latter's daughter stated that her Mother was “almost 100 years old”. She would have been 100 if she had lived until April. Although the burial records give her age as 100 this is probably not strictly true. She has however been included in the FBWC 'Centenarians' booklet. She is buried in Plot A6-16-12.

Alfred Cortis - (Mayor 1890-1891) Aged 79

- Buried 26 October 1912 - Plot C9-48-59

Alfred Cortis was born on 18 April 1833 and baptised in Broadwater Church on 12 May. He was the son of a Worthing butcher, George Cortis and his wife Frances (nee Botting). He had two siblings, George born in 1830 and Jane in 1831. George's butcher shop was in High Street, Worthing and had previously been owned by his wife's family, the Bottings. At 18 years of age Alfred was an apprentice Miller at Bartley Mill, Frant, near Tunbridge Wells. Following his apprenticeship Alfred returned to Worthing and became a successful corn merchant, working from the Corn Exchange at the foot of Broadwater Bridge.

Alfred took a great interest in soldiering and was Quartermaster of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Sussex regiment. By then Captain Cortis had received long service medals, the special gift of HM Queen Victoria, in acknowledgement of his long and patriotic service. He was an expert

shot and won competitions at home and abroad. He was selected to represent Great Britain for a

record 21 consecutive years. He won over 600 prizes and amassed awards totalling some £3,000. He twice won the silver medal in the competition for the Queen's Prize. He was well known at Wimbledon and the successor site of Bisley.

Alfred Cortis was elected to the Local Board of Health in Worthing in 1881 and Chairman in 1887. In 1890 Worthing received its Royal Charter and became a Borough. Alfred was elected as the first Mayor of Worthing. He was a generous benefactor donating £5,000 towards the establishment of Worthing's Museum and Art Gallery. He funded the search for a new drinking water supply following Worthing's disastrous typhoid epidemic in 1893 and he even gave £10 to the Titanic disaster fund shortly before his death on 22 October 1912. He collapsed into his chair and died instantaneously at a Council meeting. There were large crowds at his funeral and a lengthy procession made its way to Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. Members of the National Reserve lined the pathway from the entrance to the chapel, a firing party fired three shots over the grave and the Last Post was sounded. Fanny Cortis, his sister-in-law who acted as Mayoress when Alfred was Mayor placed red chrysanthemums on his coffin, his favourite flower. He was buried in the family grave at C9-48-59.

BID FOR HISTORY
by Paul Robards

On Saturday 18 April 2011 I went to the Greenhouse Charity Superstore at Meadow Road, Worthing. I popped in to view the lots before going on to one of Chris Hare's talks at Worthing Library. There were 168 lots and amongst the furniture, bric-a-brac, paintings and books I saw a collection of 'official looking' Worthing Borough Council minutes of meetings and agenda books. There were ten of these in one box and three in another. They dated from 1927 to 1934. I purchased a bidding number and supplied personal details to a member of staff.

I decided that I would have to miss the Chris Hare talk (sorry Chris) and stay to bid for the books but I had only £10 on me. It was my intention to purchase them for donation to Worthing Reference Library because of their potential

importance in Worthing's history. I returned home and collected a further £20. Upon my return I was approached by fellow Friend Mary McKeown who said 'have you seen those books?' We agreed not to bid against each other but to pool resources. The bidding started with our bid for £5 but another bidder doubled that. The bidding went to £15, £20 and eventually £55, whereupon the other bidder bid £60 and we decided that 'enough was enough'. For the smaller box with three books we bid £5 and there was no opposition and the lot was won. We later talked to the winning bidder of the first box and after explaining our reason for bidding he also said that he was interested in Worthing's history and that he would be donating the books to the Library! He offered to loan us the books prior to donation but pre-auction collaboration would have saved money.

The books listed the names of all Aldermen and Councillors and detailed the topics for discussion at various meetings. They included details of population, births, deaths, street improvements, health issues and public expenditure. A few snippets follow; disinfection of 54 premises in town, an offensive smell from a septic tank close to Findon Road, a caravan and an old railway carriage in Southdownview Road being 'unfit for human habitation', £20 authorised for Christmas Festivities, 44 pigs had been brought into the Borough for storage and there were 376 for immediate slaughter, all in all a remarkable product of general interest but not of course cemetery specific.

ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER

Forwarded by Paul Robards

This letter was received by the Friends from Mr Desmond Strickson on 5 April 2011.

An Unknown Family Surprise.

“My name is Des Strickson and I recently returned to England after 53 years in Rhodesia, Zimbabwe. I decided to settle in Worthing as I have friends here, who I knew in Northern Rhodesia, Zambia over forty years ago. My only known living relative in England is my brother Tony, who lives in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Our deceased parents divorced shortly after the Second World War.

Several weeks ago Tony contacted me to say that he had received a phone call from a lady (Caroline) saying that she had been researching the Strickson family name and that she and her two sisters were his step nieces and that their Mother was the daughter of his (our) Father. At the time Caroline did not know of my whereabouts.

Tony and I lost touch with our father after the divorce and did not know that he had re-married and had a daughter and three grand-daughters.

How does Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery come into the story?

During talks on the phone with my 'new' step-niece (Caroline), she asked me if I knew that a family member was buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery? I did not. Caroline had obviously done a lot of homework and was able to give me details of the grave in question, an Eleanor Jane Hagon, nee Strickson, buried in 1919.

Out of curiosity I visited the cemetery in Broadwater on 3 March, for what was to be a somewhat daunting task, considering I am informed, there are 24,000 graves there. However, it so happens that prior to commencing my search, a complete stranger approached me and introduced himself as Paul Robards and asked me if he could help. Upon explaining the reason for my visit Paul produced from his car a plan of the cemetery and offered to assist in the search. He met up with Mary, a colleague, and the three of us searched the area, unfortunately without success. We did however swap names and phone numbers and Paul said he would look up the records to see if he could find the location of the family graves. Paul later phoned me to say that he had looked up the burial records, found the graves either side and returned to the cemetery and found them.

After spending some time clearing the graves for me, Paul offered to meet up again to show me the locations. He suggested that I attend the next Open Day, when there would be public tours of the cemetery by volunteers. The sequel to this, is that I returned to Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery on 2 April Tour Date and following a very informative tour by Tom Wye, Paul showed me both of the family graves. That of Eleanor Jane Hagon in Plot B12/12/17 and also that of her husband William in Plot B12/01/14, who had died a few years before her. Paul kindly took some photographs for me at the graveside,which I will send to Caroline to let her know that her research was not in vain. She might be interested to see what her 'new' uncle looks like as we have yet to meet.

So, at the age of 80, I now have a 'new' family of a step-sister and three step-nieces, plus a deceased Great Grandmother, buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. What a coincidence that I decided to settle here! In conclusion, may I thank Paul sincerely for his enthusiastic help and dedication, especially since I was a complete stranger.”

Desmond E J Strickson

CEMETERY HUMOUR

Last year I bought my Mother-in-Law a plot in the cemetery for Christmas. This year I didn't buy her anything. She asked why. I told her that she hadn't used last years present yet!

Two golfers were playing on a course next to a cemetery. They had just teed off as a funeral procession passed by. One of the golfers removed his hat and held it over his heart. His friend said "why are you holding your hat across your chest", to which he replied "well we were married for 40 years, it's the least I can do".

The Police in Limestone County, Texas were investigating the death of a person following the discovery of a body on the path of the local cemetery. The headline in the local Limestone Times newspaper recorded the event with the headline "Dead Body Found in Cemetery"!

When undertakers raise their funeral charges do they blame the cost of living?

Last week I went to the cemetery to lay some flowers on the grave of my Great Grandfather and to pay my respects. I noticed four gravediggers walking about with a coffin. I left the cemetery two hours later and they were still wandering about with it. I thought to myself those blighters have lost the plot!

THE COMING MONTHS – OUR OPEN DAY

On 4 June 2011 there was a great turnout of Friends not only because of the Mayor's visit but manning our stands, recording memorial inscriptions, cleaning headstones, performing heavier maintenance work, conducting tours and other tasks. We hope for a similar turnout on 2 July - put the date in your diary NOW.

However the primary focus will now be our OPEN DAY on Saturday 6 August. Sally Roberts has kindly agreed to oversee the organisation of the entire show supported by many Friends. However whether or not you have a specific task or role on that day I implore you, as a Friend, to turn up, swell the numbers, buy a book, join a tour and give us all your general support. We are a dynamic bunch but it is vital that we keep momentum going so tell your family, friends, neighbours and associates to come and join the happy band.

Finally I regret that it has not been possible for technical reasons to arrange for a PDF version of THE BROADSHEET this quarter and so your page numbers may be slightly awry but I am sure that such a piece of tedious minutia will not spoil your read of the summer issue of THE BROADSHEET.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

John Vaughan
Editor