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THE VOICE OF THE FRIENDS OF BROADWATER AND WORTHING CEMETERY

FRIENDS WELCOME NEW CHAIRMAN

At the well-attended Annual General Meeting on 19 October 2012 Debra Hillman, hitherto Deputy Chairman, was unanimously elected as the next FBWC Chairman following the previous incumbent Tom Wye standing down after four years of service, as mentioned in the headline of the last issue of THE BROADSHEET. All other committee posts were filled following a democratic vote and the job titles and the names of those elected appear on Page 2, suffice to say that the new Deputy Chairman is Sally Roberts, a long standing Friend. The meeting coincided with the past Chairman's 70th Birthday, which was celebrated, see Page 3.



[Debra Hillman - Photo Editor]

NEW CHAIRMAN'S GREETING

Several generations of my family made Worthing their home and when I started to research my family tree I discovered that quite a number of them were buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. When Tom Wye approached me to get involved with the Friends I had already experienced first-hand the difficulties of locating a particular grave within what was a vast overgrown space, so I was happy to see what I could do to help. The Friends have achieved a great deal since the group was formed four years ago and during my time as Chairman I will do everything I can to ensure that we build on that success.

I see 2013 as a year of consolidation, to take stock of where we are, now that the lottery funded project has been completed and to determine where we go from here. It will be

'business as usual' to some degree, with the continuance of the research work, booklet production, tours, clearance work and our nature watch but I hope that over the year we can also identify new projects for both the short and long term. I have some ideas myself but will definitely be looking to members for inspiration, so you have been warned!

I am keen to try to involve local schools in activities that will fit in with their curriculum but which the children will find interesting and fun (particularly the Primary/Middle school age groups). I also want to try to expand the general maintenance activity in the cemetery, working with the local council to make the most of the resources available throughout the year, as well as trying to find other sources of voluntary labour. I am confident that our membership of the Worthing Heritage Alliance will prove to be important going forward as I believe we can only benefit by forming close links with other like-minded local organisations. There are many lottery funded projects underway in the town and I think we should do what we can to contribute to these where we can. Likewise I hope we will be able to call on some of these organisations for their support in our projects where we need it. I will certainly be doing my best to encourage them to get involved!

The lottery project has been completed but we need to keep the momentum going – there is still a lot to do as we head towards the 150th Anniversary of 'our' cemetery and in this I was delighted to have your unanimous support at the Annual General Meeting held on 19 October 2012.

2012/13 AGM ELECTION RESULTS

CHAIRMAN:	**Debra Hillman**
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:	**Sally Roberts**
SECRETARY/TREASURER:	**Alan Rice**
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	**Mary Pickett**
RESEARCHER (CIVILIAN):	**Sue Nea**
RESEARCHER (MILITARY):	**John Stepney**
MEDIA OFFICER:	**Paul Holden**
BROADSHEET EDITOR:	**John Vaughan**
CLEARANCE AND WILDLIFE COORDINATOR:	**Paul Robards**
PRESIDENT:	**Tim Loughton MP**
PATRON:	**Tom Wye**

All nominees were proposed, seconded and received unanimous votes from the 37 attendees.

NEW HONORARY POST OF PATRON

In recognition of the service given to the FBWC by Tom Wye in the capacity of Chairman over the past four years a new honorary post of Patron was created. Tom was nominated by Mike Parrott and seconded by Debra Hillman, with the general support of all attendees. Tom graciously accepted the post adding that in future he would help the Friends in any way deemed appropriate.

TWO MAYORAL CEMETERY VISITS

Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery has been privileged to receive not one but two mayoral visits during the past few weeks. On Saturday 6 October 2012 Worthing's Mayor Councillor Charles James and his wife Mayoress Pauline James visited the cemetery to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Alderman Alfred Cortis, who was the first Mayor of

Worthing back in 1890. The wealthy Mayor Cortis helped fund the construction of Worthing Museum and Art gallery and he also financially helped find a safe water supply for Worthing following the disastrous 1893 typhoid epidemic.

The Mayor and Mayoress proceeded to lay an attractive bouquet of flowers on the Cortis grave to mark the 100th anniversary of his death. Councillor Tom Wye said a few words at the graveside, the Friends having cosmetically restored the grave. A number of Friends attended the event and the 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts were also represented.

The second visit was to attend the annual memorial service at the Cross of Sacrifice in the cemetery on Saturday 10 November 2012. The Remembrance service was very well attended by the public, ex-servicemen, Friends of the Cemetery and the 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts. Light rain gave way to cloudy dry conditions and the autumn colours and falling leaves were poignant. Photographs of both events appear below.



[Photos Editor]



REMARKABLE DISCOVERY AT CEMETERY

The former FBWC clearance and maintenance officer John Stepney and his wife Pam put in many hours of graft at the cemetery outside of planned maintenance days. They have been instrumental in finding headstones that have been broken by storm or vandals many years ago and have become completely covered by earth, grasses and brambles while laying in a horizontal position.

John also makes wooden crosses for certain graves, e.g. for relatives or where a certain grave is going to be included in one of our cemetery tours. He made a wooden cross for a Seafarer, one Edward Jack Burgess, who is included in our 'Seafarers' booklet at Pages 28/29. During a recent exploration John and Pam identified a stone beneath the surface and started their excavations. Not only did they discover a headstone but the stone relating to Edward Jack Burgess!

This was no ordinary headstone because it was beautifully engraved with ornate ropes and anchors, as can be seen from the photograph below. 'Jack' was born in 1877, married Nellie Eliza Lloyd in 1900 and they had four daughters. He was a local fisherman and also a member of the local lifeboat crew. On a dreadful stormy day, 17 February 1915, a three-masted schooner ran aground off Goring and the Worthing lifeboat, 'The Richard Coleman', was launched. During the attempted rescue the lifeboat capsized twice and Jack was thrown overboard and tragically drowned. His funeral was impressive with lifeboatmen, police and military all in attendance. He was, as mentioned above, buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. He was 37 years old. The last line of his inscription reads "His Duty Done". How wonderful to discover this 'must see' item after so many years under the ground – well done John and Pam!



[Photo Editor]

MARY THE POP STAR?

Slowly but surely the Friends are entering the 21st century with a number of high-tech acquisitions such as a posh laptop, digital projector and now a portable microphone, amplifier and waistline speaker! It was thought that tour guides with softer voices could more easily be heard when the crowds are three deep. In the Editor's opinion there have been few women in his life who needed any form of amplification(!) but the device is now available for any guide, male or female, who chooses to use it, although not of course compulsorily.

One of the first guides to use the device was Mary McKeown and she is photographed here looking a little like Madonna at the O2 centre conducting her Entertainment and the Arts tour on 6 October 2012. This was the last day of tours for the 2012 season and what a successful season it has been. Well done Sue for organising these remarkable tour dates, well done all tour guides for your time and professionalism, well done to our direction finders and grave markers, and well done all researchers who provide the script. Arrangements are already being made for our exciting 2013 programme. An article about organising cemetery tours, by Sue Nea, appearson Page 10 of this issue of the BROADSHEET.

Not reported in the last issue of the BROADSHEET were additional tours on special dates conducted for the Woman's Institute and the SCOPE organisation, both of which were well received with Tom Wye being the guide on both occasions.



[Mary in action. Photo Editor]

THE FRIENDS PUBLISHING HOUSE

In addition to the original 'A to Z' booklet by Tom Wye and Paul Holden, the Cemetery History by Paul Robards and the Military book by Chris Green our researchers have produced a remarkable array of thematic booklets. Famously selling for a mere one pound hundreds have been sold generating valuable funds for the Friends. Sue Nea and Mary Pickett have been in the lead on production and output has been so prolific that even your Editor has lost track of the titles. So listed below for posterity is the full list of booklets. There are now 16 booklets available. Have you got them all? As a Friend of the cemetery you should have!

The Mayors of Worthing
The Centenarians
The Typhoid Epidemic
The Salvation Army
Business and Shopkeepers Part 1
Business and Shopkeepers Part 2
Business and Shopkeepers Part 3
Nurserymen, Growers and Market Gardeners Part 1
Nurserymen, Growers and Market Gardeners Part 2
Notable Women
Publicans and Hoteliers Part 1
Publicans and Hoteliers Part 2
Seafarers
Religious Figures
Military Personnel Prior to World War One
Entertainments and the Arts

YOUNG FOLKS AT THE CEMETERY



[Photo Editor]

Volunteers from 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts clearing the cemetery for Remembrance Day.

THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN FOR EX-CHAIRMAN

The Annual General Meeting on 19 October 2012 coincided with the 70th Birthday of our then Chairman Tom Wye. This was the day he handed over the Chairman's baton to Debra Hillman. In the picture below Tom is surprised but no doubt pleased to see his daughter Denise McGrath burst into the meeting room with a very special Birthday cake. The cake was in the form of an ivy covered gravestone, which was seen as amusing rather than morbid! There was a hearty rendering of 'Happy Birthday' as Tom accepted the honorary title of Patron, as reported on Page 2. The cake was carefully dissected and distributed accordingly!



[Photo Editor]

LOCAL - COUNTY – NATIONAL SPREADING THE GOSPEL

Your Editor has been busy supplying both the local Worthing Reference Library and the County Records Office at Chichester with all 16 issues of THE BROADSHEET for posterity. All future issues, starting with Issue 17 (this issue), will be sent to both authorities upon publication rather than belatedly. He has also supplied to the British Library copies of all books, booklets and publications published by the Friends since the inception of the FBWC. Formal national registration numbers for each and every product have now been received, thereby meeting our legal requirements.

BROADWATER RIBBON THIEVES

By Pam Stepney

This fascinating report was found during research and came from the Worthing Gazette dated 7 June 1916.

Two women were brought before the Court for allegedly stealing five pieces of silk ribbon from floral tributes on graves in Broadwater Cemetery. They were observed by the sexton, attempting to take a piece of red, white and blue ribbon from a wreath on the grave of a recently departed brother of Mr Leal, a dairyman of Warwick Street. The ribbon, which was produced in Court, came from a wreath sent by the London Hospital where the man had died. Both women initially gave false names and addresses but were eventually traced and brought before Magistrates. After questioning the pair, they decided to dismiss the case against one woman. The other was bound over for six months and ordered to pay costs of 7/6d.

CEMETERY HUMOUR

Iris Benbow had just been widowed and she wanted her husband's headstone to record the usual details but to have 'REST IN PEACE' placed at the foot of the inscription.

After the funeral she discovered that for years he had had a mistress and as if that was not bad enough she then found out that he had left most of his valuables to her. She was furious and asked the stonemason to remove the 'REST IN PEACE' from the headstone. The stonemason apologised and said that as this was a deep engraving there was nothing he could do. Iris thought for a few moments and asked the stonemason to add after those words 'UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN'!

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Very sadly the local Traffic Warden died, although he had been well known for being officious and unforgiving to the locals and a stickler for detail and procedures. He had even booked the local vicar for parking, just one inch over the line. As the coffin was being lowered a voice could be heard screaming inside "I'm not dead, let me out". The Vicar smiled, leant forward and muttered "Too 'flipping' late pal I've already done the paperwork"!

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"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap." Bob Hope

"Maybe it's true that life begins at 50…but everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out." Phyllis Dyler

"Be careful reading health books. You may die of a misprint." Mark Twain

FRIENDS CLEAN HEENE

It has now become an annual tradition that a handful of Friends descend upon the old Heene Cemetery to clear military graves in time for Remembrance Day. This year Tom Wye, Frank Ffitch and your Editor made the effort on 3 November 2012 and completed the task in about an hour. Photographs below show two of the three clearance stalwarts, plus a shot of the state of some of the civilian graves. As seen in the picture the cemetery is very atmospheric and in some ways photogenic but it is rather sad that general maintenance is at such a low level. [Photos Editor]





CEMETERY TOUR ORGANISATION

By Sue Nea

In the early days of the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery general tours of the more notable graves were conducted by Tom Wye and Paul Holden. However whilst carrying out some research during 2010 I came across one Henry Irvine who died in 1920, aged 101 years. This raised the question of how many other centenarians were buried in the cemetery. With help of Friend researchers, especially Mary McKeown, we identified a further nineteen. This resulted in our first themed tour being planned and undertaken in April 2011.

Throughout the summer of 2011 we conducted five more themed tours which proved very popular with our visitors. We used the subsequent winter months to plan, research and promote our tours for the following year and to ensure they continued to grow in popularity. Our next task was to identify some new themes and after due deliberation fifteen further ideas were generated. We first chose Publicans and Hoteliers and ran two tours on the subject as we have such an abundance of former landlords buried in the cemetery.

Once our themes were decided members of the research group began to carry out their research during the winter months. This involved visits to Worthing Library to look though miles of microfilm of old local newspapers in the hope of finding photographs and/or obituaries of the deceased; many hours in front of the computer screen looking-up census records, visits to the Records Office at Chichester, contacting living descendants in the hope of finding information and, for research purposes only of course, visiting the local pubs that we were including in the pubs tour!

We moved into the spring and the tour dates drew closer. Mary Pickett and I started to collate everyone's research, proof reading the text, and where necessary editing the content to make sure it would fit into the available space in the booklets that we envisaged producing. These booklets comprised approximately 48 pages; otherwise the staplers for the saddle stitching would not work. We decided that in the long run we would produce one booklet (or more if justified) for each of the specific themes and sell these to Friends and the public for a modest £1. As soon as we finalised each master booklet Mary Pickett commenced the mammoth task of printing literally thousands of pages, ordering the pages, laminating covers and stapling the pages of each booklet together.

Meanwhile I was working with each guide who would be taking the next tour. With the valuable help of Pam and John Stepney a route was planned to ensure not only a logical order but that each grave was accessible and clear from long grass and brambles. We also had to make sure that each tour took a logical route to avoid retracing our steps and taking too much time over the allotted hour for the tour. If there was no headstone John kindly made a named wooden cross to mark the grave. If a headstone was dirty and illegible a qualified Friend would clean it. Each guide needed to learn their material and make individual notes so that their delivery to the public was clear and authoritative and they needed to familiarise

themselves with the proposed route, although on the tour day John mostly 'led the way'. With the tours planned and booklets in hand the next task was to advertise the tours to ensure a healthy attendance by members of the public. Tasks include composing an appropriate text, not too long but totally relevant and supplying a photograph or two to accompany any article that may appear in print. The packages are then e-mailed to relevant publications in order to meet their deadlines. Changing from the past to present tense these activities continue.

In the meantime Debra Hillman designs and forwards to me a poster to advertise each forthcoming tour. I then print a number of these posters in A4 size plus about 50 A5 size hand-outs. The larger posters are laminated and delivered to Worthing, Broadwater and Goring libraries, the Tourist Office, Town Hall, Museum and various shops in the Broadwater area. They are also attached to the cemetery gates and a number of Friends also distribute posters to a variety of establishments. Meanwhile Pam will have been busy printing photographs and laminating information of the people who are to be included on the tour(s) and arranging and posting these on our two display boards for the visiting public.

On the morning of each tour we arrive early at the cemetery as we need to prepare for the tour(s) later in the day. This involves putting up the display boards; arranging the booklets on tables ready to be sold, walking the routes of the tours and placing either flowers or flags on each grave to be visited, ensuring that the donations bucket and visitor's book are prominently positioned and a miscellany of minor tasks. Soon the 10.30 'kick-off' arrives and we are busy greeting and talking to visitors and guests and encouraging them to look at our displays and bookstand. The numbers on each tour are counted, photographs taken and at the end of the day any takings are counted, followed by the substantial clear-up of everything that has gone before, until the next tour date. However above all we are soon preparing to start all over again for the next tour – but we love it! [End]



[Norman, Paul and Frank]

A view of the **Heavy Gang**, albeit without your Editor, John Stepney *et al*. The gang regularly use crowbars to turn heavy long-lost headstones. The group will apparently be featured in the January 2013 issue of the 'Worthing Journal'.

THE NEXT REALLY BIG 'THING'

There is absolutely no doubt that the next really major event will be the celebrations in respect of the 150th anniversary of 'our' cemetery, which occurs during May 2013 and will be commemorated on Saturday 11 May. For 2013 only Saturday 11 May will also be our annual OPEN DAY. A number of special activities are being planned and display cabinets and notice boards at Worthing Library have already been booked. There will be more news regarding the event in the next issue of the BROADSHEET but we need all Friends to make a note in their new diaries and to persuade all their friends and acquaintances to attend the cemetery on that very special day. A number of VIP invitees are presently being considered.

WHERE WERE YOU?

On our 3 November maintenance Saturday there were just five Friends attending the cemetery despite the fine weather (see Page 16) and on an equally sunny 1 December there was a better turnout when eight Friends were to be seen pruning, tidying the cemetery and also unearthing at least seven long lost headstones. Significant contributions were made by all attendees but one of the underground stones unearthed by your Editor and Anthony Allchin, under the strict supervision of Anne Powel, l was of Mabel, the wife of the splendidly named the "Honourable Granville Ponsonby". She died on 20 January 1922. As the Editor of your paper I just had to know more and researcher Sue Nea urgently obliged: - see immediately below.

"RESEARCH CORNER"

The HONOURABLE GRANVILLE PONSONBY

It was my hunch that it would be quite impossible to have a name like the Hon Granville Ponsonby without being somebody very important indeed. As mentioned above following this recent discovery on 4 December our talented researcher found out that Granville was born at Canford Magna in Dorset on 13 September 1854. He was baptised by his father Walter William Brabazon Ponsonby who, remarkably, was not only the vicar of the church but the 7th Earl of Bessborough. Granville's mother was Louisa Susan Cornwallis Eliot.

Walter's father was John William Ponsonby who in 1834 was briefly Home Secretary and a year later in 1835 Lord Privy Seal – so my hunch was right! **However better was to come! John's father was Frederick Ponsonby and his mother was Lady Henrietta Frances, daughter of John Spencer 1st Earl Spencer. Could we have a link here with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge?!**

Back to Granville, at the age of 16 years, in 1871, he was an agricultural student in Scotland and in 1879 he married Mabel McFarlane Jackson in St Ann's, Jamaica where Mabel lived with her father, the Honourable Charles Jackson. Granville became the Chief of Police in St Lucia. There are many life story gaps to be filled but Granville had a sister, Maria, who lived at 41 Belgrave Road, Westminster, where Granville died in 1924, two years after his wife. When Granville and Mabel were together living in Worthing their home was at Aller House, Broadwater Road, where Mabel probably died. One wonders how long her headstone, photographed below, has been under the sods in our cemetery. It's not every day you rub shoulders with aristocrats, even deceased ones!



Here we see a photograph of the headstone of Mabel, wife of the Honourable Granville Ponsonby, unearthed by your Editor and Anthony Allchin at the monthly maintenance day on Saturday 1 December 2012 (see text above).

HAVING A LEAK IN THE CEMETERY

The recent inclement weather has produced an unfortunate victim, our expensive new notice board configuration at the main chapel South Farm Road entrance. Water ingress, condensation, damp exhibits and notices have resulted in a Friends request for immediate remedial treatment. These boards did not come from Poundland and we will now be testing the quality and reliability of our suppliers not only by their speed of urgent remedial action but by their guarantee of a non-recurrence of such an event.

GIVE US A QUID!

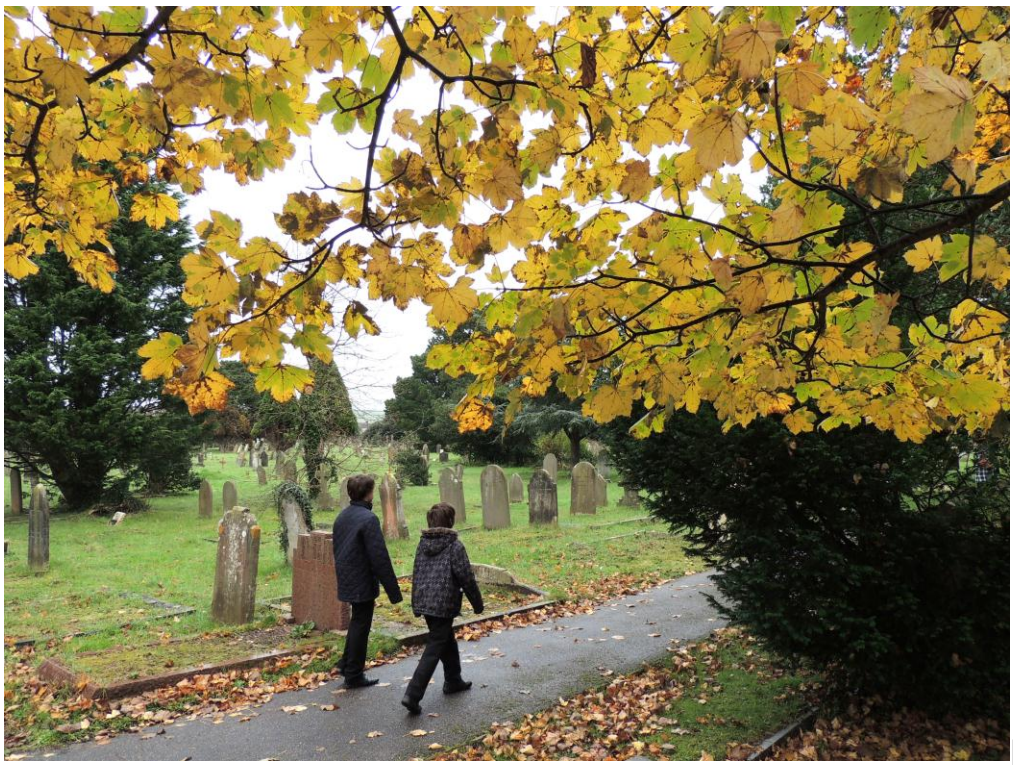
As at 30 November 2012 our Friends bank account had a credit balance of £3,799.29, all immediate liabilities and purchases having been made, including some 'big ticket' items. All Heritage Lottery Grant monies have now been received and our income will, at least for the time being, comprise annual membership fees, book sale takings and donations. A decision has been made not to insure our capital equipment and assets due to draconian premiums and claim excesses that were invented in Disneyland.

FRIENDS BECOME LITERARY GIANTS

Your Editor has now received from the British Library a further eleven certificates under the Legal Deposit regulations relating to the books and booklets produced by the Friends. This brings the total registered to eighteen FBWC publications of various shapes and sizes, quite an achievement in just four years when you think about it. All certificates are presently held by your Editor.

Also recently lodged with both Worthing Library and the Records Office at Chichester have been all 16 issues of the quarterly BROADSHEET, to be retained for reference and posterity. In future I have arranged for every issue of the BROADSHEET to be transmitted via PDF to Worthing and Chichester on the date of publication so that the general public have the latest information at hand, for example in respect of forthcoming tour dates, Open days etc.

AUTUMN IN THE CEMETERY



[Photo Editor]

NEWS IN BRIEF

The sum of £500 has been earmarked for the future construction of an ecclesiastic style of wall beside the entrance to the south chapel of the main cemetery entrance. It is hoped that opportunity and time permitting this structure will match the magnificent store that Friends John Stepney, Paul Robards and Frank Ffitch built earlier in 2012.

Discussions and fund raising continue regarding the planting of a tree in the cemetery by the Salvation Army and it seems that a plaque rather than a bench will find its way into the cemetery to commemorate the event.

Our FBWC membership has grown to nearly 90 members and the renewal rate has also been quite high. I take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the BROADSHEET – contributions welcome.

Regarded as essential tools for helping members of the public locate long lost graves and for giving talks about the work of the Friends, a Laptop computer, a digital projector and screen have been procured, as have a number of tools for cemetery maintenance. Also on the shopping list have been a gazebo, a folding table and a waistband microphone (see Page 5).

The Friends have joined the Worthing Heritage Alliance and are participating in a number of projects, including various heritage 'trails' which will include visiting the cemetery. There could well be reciprocal advantages in mutual affiliation, well worth the £10 annual fee. More information will be reported in the next issue.

The current contract for cemetery maintenance ends on 31 December 2012 when Worthing Borough Council will take over those responsibilities. Our former Chairman gave the Parks and Cemeteries department his authority to discuss any maintenance matters arising with Paul Robards.

NATIONAL FEDERATION NEWS

A well-known local drop-out, one of those types that contributes nothing to society, was (however useless) given an ASBO after an incursion into a crypt at West Norwood Cemetery (and other offenses). A sealed casket was opened sparking off real concern over the release of smallpox virus.

The most depressed Friends in the UK must be those at Masborough, near Rotherham, Yorkshire. Their cemetery is full of rubbish, it is in a neglected state, there has been local council bureaucratic stonewalling, the lead roof on the mausoleum has been stolen and to top it all their chapel has just been destroyed by fire. Your Editor would love to be Lord Chancellor for just one day to eliminate these flotsam and jetsam from our streets.

MAINTENANCE REGULARS

One of the primary aims of the Friends is to do our utmost to maintain the cemetery, within our limited resources. The majority of work in terms of grass cutting acres of ground is now the responsibility of the Council but there are always corners and pockets of undergrowth requiring special attention. Uncovering lost graves, which have been either underground or covered in brambles for decades, is for the Friends to discover. The work is extremely rewarding and as mentioned many times in this newsletter we need YOU to join us. Mark your diaries - Saturday 5 January 2013 and get rid of those Christmas excesses. Below are regulars John and Pam Stepney (left), Mary Pickett and Sue Nea, plus of course your Editor behind the camera.



Below we see the results of 5 November celebrations, a rocket having landed in the cemetery. This was not the only example of such debris!



NATURE WATCH BY Paul Robards

This past year has been successful in terms of maintaining the cemetery; we simply need more Friends to attend on the first Saturday of every calendar month. The last maintenance day on 1 December 2012 was splendid with early morning frost giving way to warm sunshine, warm as long as one kept working!

The cordoning–off of the cemetery orchids proved successful. I have recording the various fungi growing in the cemetery. I have registered the cemetery as a 'Wild Square' together with a survey, as mentioned in the local Argus newspaper. Observed and recorded in the cemetery in the past few weeks have been redwings, long tailed tits, mistle thrushes, green woodpeckers and jays. However the most dramatic sighting during the first week of December 2012 was a gold crest, a tiny bird only 9cm in length, compared with a wren at 9.5cm and a blue tit at 12cm.

Fortunately I wheel–barrowed in loads of stone to form a path beside the main entrance notice boards, in front of the chapels, just before the recent bad weather but was saddened to note the water ingress in the nearly new noticeboards. It was also necessary to meet with a tree surgeon regarding one of our potentially dangerous trees. The problem has now been resolved.

FULL OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

One tradition that is set to continue is the Christmas drinks session to celebrate the many successes that the Friends seemingly achieve every year. This year the Friends are meeting on Monday 17 December 2012 at The Cricketers, Broadwater from 20.00 hours. All Friends are welcome. Don't be a killjoy – see you there for a yak and a chuckle.

Finally from the Editorial desk may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We all look forward to a special 2013 when we will all be celebrating 150 years of age! Enjoy this issue, which comprises 17 pages, 5080 words and 14 photographs.

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