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150 YEARS NOT OUT

During May 2013 Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery will have been in continuous operation for 150 years, the first burials having taken place during May 1863. Even though the cemetery was substantially full by the end of the 1920s burials in long established family graves continue to this day.

To celebrate this momentous once-in-a-lifetime event the Friends of the cemetery will be holding a special **Open Day on Saturday 11 May 2013** to which everybody is invited. Gates open at 10.00 and admission is free. There will be extensive general publicity, including mention in the newsletter of the National Federation of Cemetery Friends, the Worthing Journal and the Worthing Herald. Nevertheless Friends are not only being encouraged to attend but requested to spread the word amongst their friends and acquaintances. Planning is at an advanced stage and hopefully the cemetery will look at its best. There will be much activity including a Salvation Army tree planting dedication at 10.30 and their band will be playing. A cemetery history tour starts at 11.00, which will be repeated at 14.00 hours. There will be a number of stalls, information boards, refreshments, plot location assistance, a new 150th Anniversary book, sales stand and other facilities. It is hoped that civil dignitaries will be in attendance as well as other invited guests. It is hoped that a horse drawn hearse will be on display for this memorable event. See you there!

Below - the cemetery at 12.35 on 12 March 2013 – your Editor is up to date!



2013 TOUR AND EVENTS PROGRAMME FINALISED

After much hard work by Friend Sue Nea, supported by Mary Pickett and others, the full 2013 tours and events programme has now been finalised and how very exciting it is. Please put the following dates in your diary and support each and every event.

Saturday 6 April: All friends and members of the public are specially invited to a grand maintenance day. There will be a brief talk on the history of the cemetery and a grave cleaning demonstration before a massive clearing event takes place. There will be mid-morning tea and coffee available. Even if you only remove ivy from headstones please attend.

Saturday 11 May: Our grand 150th Anniversary celebrations and special Open Day take place, as already described, with a multitude of events and special features. Not to be missed, even though it is being held on FA Cup Final Day**!!**

Saturday 1 June: A brand new Military Tour by John Stepney and Colin Read.

Saturday 6 July: Mary McKeown will conduct a new Typhoid tour and hopefully unveil a memorial to those that perished, on the 120th anniversary of the tragic event.

Saturday 3 August: A new fascinating tour featuring Unusual Deaths will be conducted by Sonia Hawke.

Saturday 7 September: Yet another brand new tour featuring Unusual and Interesting Memorials will be featured and conducted by Pauline Reed.

Saturday 5 October: Catherine Altpere will conduct an interesting Medical tour featuring doctors and nurses and other health professionals.

Saturday 9 November: The annual Remembrance Day service before the Cross of Sacrifice.

On the first Saturday of every month there will be a cemetery maintenance session starting at 10.00. In addition Friends will be working on numerous other projects and activities, including the publication of further booklets. In all, this represents a remarkable diary of events that you are welcome to participate in, all in support of the Friends of the cemetery.



FRIENDS MAKE THE NATIONAL PRESS!

Friend Anne Powell said to me impishly "I knew you would make the Nationals one way or the other"! However this story can be directly attributable to Friend Carole Manning who sent to your Editor a letter that had appeared in the Daily Telegraph.

The content of the letter from one John Budleigh of Steyning, West Sussex published on 5 February 2013 was as follows:

"Sir, I recently attended a burial and was reminded of the appalling state of some of our churchyards.

What is the point of tombstones of people unknown to anyone now alive, and in shabby neglected condition?

The ground could be used so much better for the benefit of the living. Should we not follow the example of other European countries by setting a time limit on new graves and making a start on clearing the most derelict areas?"

This was simply too much for your Editor who felt an overwhelming desire to respond, which he did immediately. Perhaps surprisingly this was published in the Daily Telegraph of 11 February 2013 under the heading of 'Maintaining Cemeteries'.

"Sir, John Budleigh (Letters, February 5) may not be aware that there is a National Federation of Cemetery Friends which includes 90 local cemetery organisations.

We maintain cemeteries, organise tours, record memorials, increase local awareness, encourage genealogy, look after wildlife and a lot more.

It will be a sad day when society has no respect for its departed ancestors, whether or not they have surviving relatives.

Such places are also perfect for quiet and peaceful contemplation in this frenetic world."

John Vaughan, *Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery, Goring by Sea, West Sussex*

So, we are now famous or infamous. Supporting e-mails were received from MP Sir Peter Bottomley, Tom Wye, Debra Hillman, Carole Manning, Anne Powell, Sue Nea, Alan Rice and a number of other Friends (although not sought - thank you all). There was a special message from Gwyneth Stokes, Secretary of the National Federation who said "*Well done. I only received a copy by post from a Scottish member on Friday and though my blood pressure soared thought it too late in newspaper terms to reply, so many thanks. You have expressed it well. I will pass it to my committee and perhaps put both letters on the web site. Best wishes."*

So there you are Carole is **directly** responsible for our first National mention!



FROM BELLS TO BOOZE

The Friends have been investigating the possibility of ringing the chapel bells for special events after many years of silence. This required the precarious use of ladders but it was confirmed that the bells were indeed still in situ and that that the mechanism enabling the bells to be rung was substantially complete. However while poking about in the bell tower this fascinating beer bottle (above) was discovered by Tom Wye. It probably dates back to the 1930-50s.

It would appear that chapel maintenance staff had perhaps become thirsty during their labours and a quick gulp of ale had helped quenched their thirst. Paul Holden has another 'take' on the situation and suggests that the thick glass beer bottle was used as a flask for cold tea. I prefer the beer story but Paul may be right because there was no label on the bottle, suggesting it had been repeatedly washed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in the UK half a million people die every year? Did you know that 73% of the total are cremated (reduced in percentage terms by the religious inclinations of immigrants)? Did you know that there are over 3,000 cemeteries in England and Wales, and well over 7,000 churchyards and other burial places? Did you know that the exact number is not known but could be much greater than stated? Did you know that there are now 250 'green' burial sites? Did you know that 75% of the cemeteries opened between 1850 and 1914 are still open? Did you know there are 170,000 war graves located in the UK?



Your Editor uncovered this remarkable sight during a recent maintenance Saturday. Over the decades this tree had grown substantially to cover a small stone memorial that hitherto had been underground, the trunk being 'embossed' by the shape of the stone. Neither the stone nor the tree is for moving.

NEWS IN BRIEF

John Stepney and Chris Green are planning a visit to the famous Brookwood and Runnymede cemeteries.

With an eye on the forthcoming commencement of the First World War anniversary in 2014 copies of Chris Green's (FBWC) 'Military Burials & Inscriptions" book are being donated to schools in the local area to facilitate specialist studies, an altogether admirable gesture.

The Friends are exploring the possibility of producing 'e-books' based on our cemetery booklets and marketing them via Amazon. Initial work is being undertaken by 'Jimmy' of Worthing Pub History fame.

Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery will be included in the itinerary of certain trail walks conducted by the Worthing Heritage organisation.

Mention has been made in the Salvation Army 'Newsweek' publication that the tree purchased with the money raised from a coffee morning and sale will be planted in the cemetery in March and dedicated to Captain Sarah Broadhurst during our 11 May 2013 event. The ceremony will take place at 10.30 (prompt) and the Corps Officers and Bandsmen will be present. 'Newsweek' asked for support in the form of attendance.

The FBWC were recently represented at a 'Seed Swap & Grow' event at Oak Grove College. Thanks to Chairman Debra Hillman and Paul Robards.

Overtures are being made to certain outside organisations that might be in a position, through various initiatives, to assist with cemetery maintenance, especially groups that could be 'self-policing'.

A wildflower bank to commemorate the victims of the Victorian Typhoid epidemic is being considered and marker stones may be provided by the Co-op, which would be a very welcome corporate contribution. The project is being driven by Mary McKeown.

Friends are working with Worthing Borough Council to determine a mutually agreeable maintenance regime now that responsibility for the upkeep of the cemetery has changed, passing from contractors to the council.

We presently have 88 fully paid-up members and we have just over £3,900 in the Bank, courtesy of Mary Pickett and Alan Rice.

MAINTENANCE MAD!



Antony and Angie Allchin (left) plus Maintenance Coordinator Paul Robards pose for the camera on 2 March 2013. [Photos Editor]

I am notified by Paul Robards that the maintenance Roll of Honour for 2 February 2013 was: Sally and George Roberts, Debra and Jeff Hillman, Rosemary Westlake, Norman Manning, Antony Allchin, Mary Pickett, Anne Powell, Frank Ffitch, Mike and Pat Parrott, John and Pam Stepney and John Vaughan.

In recent months many 'face down' memorials have been turned by the Heavy Gang. Much ivy has been removed from trees, especially from mature Yew trees. A tree has been donated to the Friends by the nearby Cortis Avenue Garden group and the Salvation Army Rowan tree has been planted but not yet dedicated (set down for our May Open Day and Anniversary event).

Paul Robards has been wheeling and dealing with local nurseries and garden centres, including a mega bulb purchase for not-a-lot, well about one sixteenth of the price to be exact! Many of these bulbs have now been planted in the cemetery.

In future paths are going to be cut on a regular basis; the Friends will help with bramble and ivy trimming and/or removal. Some ground will be left over for flowers to grow but the grass elsewhere will be cut more frequently than hitherto. Some signs have been re-positioned.

All in all the winter months have been highly productive in maintenance terms, helped by none of our maintenance Saturdays being rained-off. Below we see some of the Heavy Gang at work, right to left, John Vaughan, Frank Ffitch, new member David Styles and Paul Robards. These individuals are the only curious wildlife to report this time.



GENEALOGISTS PRAYER

Submitted by Carole Manning

Genealogy is my pastime – I shall not stray.
It maketh me lie down and examine half buried tombstones,
It leadeth me into still courthouses,
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records
And ships passenger lists
For my surnames sake.
Yet though I wade through the shadows
Of research libraries and microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement,
For a strong urge within me.
The curiousity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
For the acquisition of countless documents.
It anointeth my head burning with midnight oil.
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage and death dates
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.

Amen……. Author Unknown

What are these ladies doing? Mary and Anne reading memorials – we think! Ed.



LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE?

These old codgers, err I mean young gentlemen, were photographed last summer at the Open Day. Who are they?



[Photo – Sue Nea]

CEMETERY HUMOUR

The Grim reaper came for me last night but I beat him off with the vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death!

I just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head by a tennis ball. It was a lovely service!

I was explaining to my wife last night that in some religions you are reincarnated but you have to come back as a different creature. She said she would like to come back as a cow. I said - you haven't been listening!

Russell J Larsen of Logan, Utah has a great headstone it states: It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks and cleans up, it's important to have a woman who can make you laugh, it's important to have a woman you can trust and who doesn't lie to you, it's important to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you. However it's very very important that these four women don't know each other, otherwise you could end up dead like me!



This charming notice was posted by Sue Nea on the cemetery gates thanking all of our 'customers' in 2012 for their support and confirming that we would be equally (if not more) active in 2013. On behalf of all Friends, well done Sue for your initiative.

Below, spring was in the air in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery during late February 2013 as primroses bloomed on the grave of Richard Jefferies. The well-kept grave is seen below. [Photos Editor]



RESEARCH CORNER

Kathe Norgall

By Pam Stepney

During one of our Saturday clearance mornings we uncovered the grave of a young German girl, Kathe Norgall, who was born on 29 August 1892 and died in Worthing on 19 August 1911. This grave had been discovered two years ago and despite research little was found out about Kathe, other than that she was the daughter of a priest. She was 18 years old when she died and her address on the burial records was 'Netley', Rowlands Road, Worthing.

The inscription on Kathe's headstone is in German, which roughly translated reads:

"Far from her homeland, Kathe Norgall lies here in peace. Love never dies."

Further research revealed that poor Kathe died at 'Seabrook', Queens Road, a nursing home, and the cause of death was appendicitis, general peritonitis (operation), subphrenic abscess, septicaemia and heart failure, as certified by A S Morton Palmer MD. Her father, Albert Norgall, vicar of Kirchlotheim, Germany, was with her when she died.

Some interesting information was discovered about Kathe's elder sister, Else Fanny Norgall, which may give a clue as to what Kathe may have been doing in Worthing. Else Norgall was educated privately at home in Kirchlotheim until the age of 15. From 1901 to 1903 she was studying at Oxford, after which she spent a further year studying at Lausanne. This was followed by two years in Paris at The Sorbonne, where she obtained the Certificate d'Etude Francais. She then did a year's teacher training course before taking a position at the Schillerschule in Frankfurt, which is fairly near her home town of Kirchlotheim.

All this suggests that education was very important to the Norgall family and Kathe may well have been following a similar educational path to that of her sister. It is therefore likely that she was in England to further her education and that she was boarding at 'Netley', Rowlands Road when she was taken ill with appendicitis. From there she was taken to Seabrook nursing home and her father sent for. Sadly she did not recover from the operation. She was buried in C16 on 22 August 1911and her grave has survived two world wars intact, with its inscription in German.

Note: This issue of the 'BROADSHEET' has been issued two weeks early due to your Editor's out of season holiday plans! Next issue @ 1 July.

THOMAS EDWARD BRANTHWAYT BOYCOTT

By Pam Stepney

Who remembers the origin of the verb 'to boycott', and the man whose name passed into the English language? A certain Captain Charles Cunningham Boycott, after retiring from the Army, took up farming in Ireland and became land agent for Lord Erne's 12,000 acre estate in County Mayo. Briefly, he had issued eviction orders to tenants who after bad weather could not pay their rent. An angry mob rose up and persuaded the estate workers to leave their jobs. No one would work for the Captain and local shop keepers refused to serve his family. What is the connection with Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery?

Recent clearance in section C3 has revealed the grave of Thomas Edward Branthwayt Boycott who turns out to be the brother of the infamous Captain. Charles and Thomas Boycott were born in Norfolk, the sons of the Rev William Boycott, rector of Wheatacre, Burgh St Peter, near Beccles, and his wife Georgina. The family name was originally 'Boycatt' until the Rev William changed it to Boycott in 1862. The brothers grew up at the parsonage as part of a large family. While Charles settled on a career in the Army, Thomas joined the Merchant Navy. Little is known of his short time at sea.

On 18 November 1857 when he was 24 he received a Certificate of Competency as second mate from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade. He also appears to have risen to the rank of Captain. However the 1871 census shows him aged 37, back in Norfolk living with his widowed mother with no profession or occupation shown. On 10 November 1879 Thomas died at Spaniard House, Chapel Street, Worthing. He had never married and the administration of his estate of under £4,000 was granted to his brother Charles. Thomas was buried in section C3 of the cemetery, near the chapel four days later. [Tree branches cleared by the Friends beside the chapel March 2013].



THE LAST RESTING PLACE OF A LADY

By Mary Pickett

ELLEN JANE PAGET – 2ND MARCHIONESS OF ANGLESEY



At the edge of the cemetery in section C9 stands what would have once been a very impressive memorial. A fine cross on a plinth carved beautifully with passion flowers and two doves, it is now overgrown with brambles and the thrown over cuttings from the residents' garden behind the boundary fence.

Whilst researching for the 150th Anniversary booklet, a snippet in the Worthing Gazette newspaper of 1 August 1906 made note that there was a past Marchioness of Anglesey buried in the cemetery. Not knowing anything about the aristocratic seat of Anglesey a search of the internet revealed that the family surname was Paget and further investigation indeed confirmed that Ellen Jane Paget, 2nd Marchioness of Anglesey **was** buried in the cemetery.

It only seemed fitting that more should be found out about this 'grand' lady. She was born Ellen Jane Burnand on 3 September 1830, the daughter of George Burnand, a stockbroker in the City of London and his wife Jane. Probably following a very privileged childhood, at the age of 21, she married James Morton Bell, a very wealthy merchant. The couple settled in Gloucester Terrace in the fashionable Hyde Park district of London. However scandal was to spoil

their wedding bliss when, in 1859, James Morton Bell sued for divorce on the grounds of his wife's adultery with the 2nd Marquis of Anglesey. The Times of 6 December 1859 reported :

"In October 1858 Mrs Bell was at Worthing and on 23 October, during Mr Bell's absence, she left her father's house and went to Lillyman's Hotel in Lower Brook Street, where she was joined by her waiting maid, Sarah Densley. The Marquis of Anglesey visited her there every day. After remaining for a fortnight she and her maid and the Marquis went together to the Calverley Hotel at Tunbridge Wells. Mrs Bell passed by the name of Mrs Burton, and they occupied one sitting room and two bedrooms near each other and took all their meals together. About a fortnight afterwards they removed to lodgings in Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, where the Marquis and Mrs Bell lived as man and wife, Mrs Bell then taking the name of Lady Angelsey. They remained there until March, when Mrs Bell went to the Castle Hotel, Richmond."

On 5 December 1859, the jury awarded James Morton Bell the sum of £10,000 (over £1m today according to the Bank of England) in damages. On 8 March 1860 Sir Henry Paget, 2nd Marchioness of Anglesey, married Ellen Jane Burnand. She was his third wife. The Glasgow Herald commented in a rather tongue in cheek article:

"The newspapers of last week announce, under the head of marriages, that of "the most noble, the Marquis of Anglesey to Miss Ellen Jane Burnand, daughter of George Burnand Esq." The notice appears [to be] a very quiet and ordinary one, and yet to the initiated observer is full of strange *rapprochements* (rewards). Probably the public is not aware, but it is nevertheless a fact, that Miss Ellen Jane Burnand's real name is Mrs Bell whose appellation featured prominently not many months ago, before Sir Cresswell Cresswell (*sic)* in connection with that of the Most Noble Marquis of Angelsey, Lord Paget, who had to pay £10,000 to assuage the legal anger of a justly irritated husband."

Henry Paget, inherited the title from his father, Henry William Paget, the 1st Marquis of Angelsey, who was also known as the Earl of Uxbridge. Henry William was a prominent politician and military leader at the time of the Prime Minister, the Earl Gray, and the most famous for leading the charge of the heavy brigade at the Battle of Waterloo. At this battle he was wounded and lost one of his legs. It is reputed that he was close to the Duke of Wellington when his leg was hit, and exclaimed, "By God, sir, I've lost my leg!", to which Wellington replied "By God, sir, so you have!" The amputated limb went on to lead a somewhat macabre after-life as a tourist attraction in the village of Waterloo in Belgium, where it had been removed and interred.

Presumably the 2nd Marquis spent some of his life in Worthing as apparently he helped found Worthing Cricket Club in 1855. It was shortly after this that his affair with Mrs Ellen Bell was discovered. He died in 1869 at the family seat of Beaudesert, in Cannock Chase, Staffordshire (now only ruins remain as the house fell into disrepair due to financial difficulties in the early 20th century). Probate was granted, interestingly, not to his widow, Ellen, but to his son from his first marriage; he and Ellen had no children together.

Ellen died in Worthing in 1874 and was buried in the cemetery on 6 June in plot C9-13-2. Her residence at the time of her death was Marine Parade. Buried in the same plot are her nephew, Alexander Burnand, aged 21 who died in 1886 and her niece, Ada Violet Burnand who died in 1887, aged 14. These were two of the children of Ellen's brother, Arthur, a captain in the 16th Lancers.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Several months ago, just before Christmas, a most pleasant and jolly festive meeting at The Cricketers public house was enjoyed by 13 Friends.

For Health and Safety reasons it seems that Worthing Fire Brigade are not prepared to assist with the restoration of the cemetery chapel bell. So, unless some dare-devil is prepared to leap about the tower on ladders the local community will not have to ask for "whom the bell tolls"!

Attendance at maintenance days has been on the increase and this is an encouraging trend in what, after all, is one of our primary tasks.

The importance of the forthcoming 150th Anniversary cannot be over-estimated. The event is likely to be the most important cemetery event in our lifetime, unless any of our younger Friends are secretly making plans for the 200th!

Based on a recent visit the maintenance of nearby Durrington Cemetery is very poor indeed and one suspects that within a decade or two that site will be in dire need of Friends. In the meantime part of Heene Cemetery has been cleared.

Sue Nea, Mary Pickett and research helpers are working on a special 150th Anniversary booklet and at the very least every Friend should have one.

Don't forget the grand Public and Friends Maintenance Day on Saturday 6 April 2013, a precursor to our 'unmissable' Anniversary Open Day on 11 May.

John Vaughan **Editor**