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FBWC HAS ITS OWN D–DAY!

In the above context 'D-Day' is **Donations Day.** Your Editor is delighted to report that during the first half of 2014 the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery have enjoyed record donations from various sources. In our sixth year of existence we have to date received a staggering **£426.79 in donations**, which will enable the FBWC to further invest in the infrastructure and fabric of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery.

The Friends received the sum of £20 from Broadwater Strollers in appreciation of a dedicated tour and we also received the sum of £50 from the West Sussex Archive Society. The Friends were flattered to be remembered by Dr Neville Hiley who kindly made a donation to the Friends of £105 (forwarded by Marian Down Funeral Directors) in memory of his recently deceased wife, Mrs Esme Hiley, Public donations from our first three 2014 tour dates totalled £71.79. All of these donations were very much appreciated, however eclipsing them purely in financial terms was the £200 donation received by Friend John Stepney from Andrea Thorne in appreciation of him cleaning three family headstones. Thank you to all donors but special thanks to John for all of his hard work. We are all grateful and proud of his achievements.

Below we see a happy John Stepney (second from the right), his wife Pam, our Chairman, Debra Hillman (far left) and her husband Jeff during a 2014 maintenance and clearance day. [All photographs not otherwise credited are by the Editor].



EARLY 2014 TOUR SEASON SUCCESS

The attendances at our first three monthly tours were extremely encouraging. This was not purely by chance; it was the result of planning, preparation, publicity, research, reputation gained over the years, informative tour content, competent tour guides, organisation in its many guises and contributions by a band of people from the ranks of the Friends.

'Unusual Deaths' was the fascinating title of a tour conducted by our Chairman, Debra Hillman, on 3 May 2014. The day was also nominated as our 'Open Day'. 50 people joined the tour and at the end of the day gross takings from book sales, refreshments, donations and memberships was a creditable £106.62. Below we see Debra (far right) in full flow on a delightful day weather-wise.



On 7 June 2014 'Seafarers' was the subject of a tour conducted by Sonia Hawke. A total of 30 participants enjoyed an informative tour on a day that was significantly better than that forecast by the Meteorological Office. Gross takings amounted to £56.56. Below Sonia and her attendees enjoy the sunshine beside the Ralli tomb at the start of the tour.



The third Saturday tour of the season on 5 July 2014 saw tour guide Pauline Reed firing-up the microphone for her 'Edwardian Worthing' tour. Yet again the weather gods smiled on Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery as the sun unexpectedly penetrated the clouds on many occasions during the tour. Pauline, reading from her large red book, completed her task in a sprightly 54 minutes to a loud round of applause from the 60 strong crowd. The successful day yielded gross takings of £104.45 due to excellent booklet sales, Carole Manning's superb refreshments and visitor donations. Below we see Pauline and her red book on the left and the large attentive crowd on the right, again in sunshine.



Overall proceedings were organised by Civilian Researcher head Sue Nea (right) and our Membership Secretary Mary Pickett. These formidable ladies are seen below on the 5 July 2014 tour date holding the FBWC donations bucket. Few could resist this duo and those that did were adopting a high risk strategy!



SPRING PUBLIC CLEARANCE DAY

During April 2014 the Friends again publicised a public clearance day at the cemetery, not only to help with the evergreen task of maintaining the cemetery but also to encourage members of the public to get involved in a very worthwhile activity. Including a handful of Friends about 30 people turned up for a two hour work-out. Our Maintenance Coordinator Paul Robards gave a brief background talk and a demonstration of appropriate techniques before letting the public loose. Below we see an image captured by our Secretary and Media Officer Paul Holden showing 'the public' at work.



The FBWC maintenance days are now scheduled for the last Saturday of every calendar month throughout the year. Normally between six and 16 Friends attend these sessions, which can be very therapeutic and far better than any gym, without the subscription! Below Antony Allchin, Paul Robards and Mary Pickett clear the entrance of the dreaded and rapidly spreading garlic bulbs on a typical maintenance day.



A rare scene of self-indulgence as the skirt of a truly huge conifer is trimmed, more akin to the work of a lumberjack than a casual cemetery maintainer. Sally Roberts snapped the Editor during a massive clearance session at the end of March 2014. The removal of lower branches made access to a number of graves far easier, as well as increasing the cross-cemetery view.



During the Spring maintenance days the 'Heavy Gang' were at work digging, exposing and resurrecting headstones that had been hidden underground for decades. This fine stone was unearthed in March 2014 and dated back to 1883, adjacent to the grave of Jane Vandeleur Burton (nee Peach), the wife of a doctor.



Finally, below we see an image of some Worthing Borough Council maintenance, when at the end of June the grass on certain footpaths was cut for a forthcoming cemetery tour.



FINANCE AND THE WISH LIST

The Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery have been accumulating funds without having objectives in that direction. As mentioned in a recent BROADSHEET we are now registered with HM Revenue and Customs as an unincorporated organisation and we are exempt from Corporation Tax provided we do not have an annual income that exceeds legitimate expenditure, in accordance with our Constitution, by more than £600 per annum.

It was suggested by our Secretary that we should have a debate and discuss how we might best and responsibly invest some of our accumulated funds in improving the cemetery, thereby furthering our aims. It was suggested that a 'Wish List' be drawn up comprising ideas put forward by the Friends suggesting how various activities, procurements and enhancements could improve the cemetery.

A large number of proposals were put forward and there was a healthy debate on what we might usefully do with our accumulated funds. The Treasurer held the view that it was timely, right and proper to spend some of the Friends accumulated funds but that not only cost but also (hopefully lasting) benefit needed to be considered. A number of items were approved, some were put on the back burner and a few rejected..

The results of the debate have recently been published in the Secretary's minutes but early expenditure has already been made on the acquisition of some storeroom shelving at a cost of £69.98 and a four wheeled trolley for £58.00. Bat and bird boxes, the input of headstone and inscription data, a photographic record of the cemetery, more extensive signage and a number of other items were either approved or would be the subject of further enquiry and investigation.

In the meantime unexpected donations and recent successful tours have increased our total wealth to £4,794.83 at the time of writing and so up to, say, £1,000 could legitimately be spent on approved 'wish list' items without the Friends feeling the pinch, while maintaining sufficient funds for future generations, reasonably assuming that the Friends organisation will continue for very many years to come. So, let us all press on with the items approved or likely to be approved. Our finances are healthy but there is never room for complacency!

BROADSHEET COMBINED VOLUME

Of the 10 copies printed and bound of the first 20 issues (five years) of the FBWC BROADSHEET six were sold to Friends at the cost price of £23 each and three were donated to institutions; the British Library, the Worthing Local Studies Library and the County Records Office in Chichester. One was retained for the general use of Friends.

Charming letters of acknowledgement have been received from the County Archivist "we will gladly add the volume to our library collection … it is a superb piece of work of great interest" and the British Library "the deposit of this item is gratefully acknowledged". A telephone acknowledgement was received from Worthing Local Studies Library. All-in-all the product, which was well reproduced on quality art paper, has been very well received.

A RARE AND COLOURFUL OPPORTUNITY

A very rare opportunity and one not to be missed by Friends or the public will occur on Saturday 2 August 2014 when Worthing Borough Council has agreed to specially open the cemetery's North Chapel for a viewing of the stained glass window. This is the day of the World War 1 tour to be conducted by Worthing Journal Editor, Paul Holden. The chapel will only be opened for an hour or two, so it is imperative that those interested turn up well before the tour start time of 11.00 hours.

OFF THEIR TROLLEY?

As a result of 'wish list' approval Norman Manning's idea of procuring a four wheeled trolley for use on maintenance days recently came to fruition. Norman 'surfed the web' and purchased a stable four wheeled trolley with tiller steering and pneumatic tyres from the Amazon organisation. The only problem; it was self-assembly! Norman is not an engineer but according to wife Carole he once had a Meccano set. Here we see Norman in summer garb contemplating his next move [photo: Carole Manning]. Norman completed the task by 5 July 2014 but the trolley had to be tested. This included ensuring its weight carrying claims could be sustained. In the absence of a dead weight Mary Pickett volunteered to test the trolley but the manufacturer's claims and Mary's weight must remain 'Top Secret'!





BROADWATER AND WORTHING CEMETERY NEWS FROM 1910

By Carole Manning

Having been extended in 1886 and again in 1906 there were worries about the availability of space in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery way back in 1910. The Worthing Gazette for 28 September 1910 reported that "it could not be many years before the Corporation will be required to look about for an entirely new site and one wonders how far distant from the borough the new place of internment might be".

On a much lighter note another snippet from a 1910 Worthing Gazette tells of a robin that had nested in a watering can that had been suspended from the branch of a tree within Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. The paper reported that "the intelligence of the bird is illustrated by the fact that it has avoided the discomfort of the water at the bottom by heaping up the materials used in the construction of its nest almost to the top of the can. Mr John Stoner the Sexton of the cemetery discovered the owner of the watering can who will leave the enterprising bird in undisputed possession of its strangely selected home as long as it cares to inhabit it".

It was added that the staff of the cemetery take the greatest care in guarding the birds and their nests, especially from "marauding boys who may venture to disturb the feathered inhabitants". [We didn't realise that Paul Robards was 130 years old! – Ed.]

£3.7m BROMPTON LOTTERY GRANT

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded no less than £3.7m to the Royal Parks for Brompton Cemetery who applied in partnership with the Friends. The grant has the twin purposes of restoring the Grade 1 listed site and widening its appeal to visitors. The Friends are now seeking more volunteers to help with this development and they with the Royal Parks staff will provide the required support and training. No details were supplied with the NFCF item as to how the £3.7m might be applied.

WHO OWNS OUR CEMETERIES?

It is almost unbelievable to report that there are a number of burial grounds in the UK where all records of ownership have been lost. It was suggested at the recent Burial and Cremation Advisory Group meeting that the Ministry of Justice website should contain guidance on how to trace such information and furthermore that there should be a simple register of burial grounds. Natural England is in the process of creating a spatial map of all green spaces including burial grounds and cemeteries but there will be no reference to ownership.

Also a charter for natural burial has been issued to members of the Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management with the aim to standardise the practice and quality of this growing alternative option. The industry is about to commence work with reputable laboratories on structural and analytical compounds with the attention of arriving at an acceptable standard for the manufacture of coffins. Time to redefine the expression 'basket case' methinks [Ed.]

CEMETERY DEER SHOT DEAD

The good old USA continues to attract adverse publicity for its gun toting mentality. A lovely orphaned deer called Ella had made Kansas City's historic Elmwood Cemetery her home, to the delight of everyone who visited. Recently on a Sunday morning she was found dead, shot once through the right shoulder, just a few leaps from the cemetery's Armour Memorial Chapel. She would hold vigil at this location looking into the open doors as people held weddings and funerals.

The deer was born in the 1872 cemetery on Memorial Day in May 2011. She was named by the Friends of the cemetery. She was a gentle creature who would walk right up to visitors. It was reported by 'The Kansas City Star' that the deer was a ray of sunshine that brought much life to the cemetery. She would follow mourners from the chapel to the graveside, becoming part of the landscape. The deer captured the hearts of many as last year Ella established a friendship with a stray dog. Apparently they were inseparable. Cemetery staff heeded advice from conservationists and treated the deer as a wild animal and therefore they did not feed her.

Local police confirmed that the shooter did not attempt to take the carcass for meat and therefore the reason for the killing remained a mystery. A spokesman said that the shooter must have been someone "with a hard heart and a confused mind". It seems ironic to your Editor that there can be such mourning for the deer, photographed below, and yet no doubt outside of city limits gun toting hunters will be shooting unarmed animals purely for 'pleasure'. If you want to shoot then clay pigeons must be the answer for all those hot shots who gain pleasure from such activities. However before we lambast the USA too much how many members of the British aristocracy have been photographed in India or Africa with their gun smoking and with their foot on the head of big game. The wonderful human race!



FBWC MEMBERSHIP

As at 10 July 2014 the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery had a grand total of 97 fully paid up members. A detailed list of all Friends is held by the Membership Secretary.

SPRING TIME PROBLEMS

Many day to day problems occur in 'our' cemetery, some being reported and some dealt with behind the scenes by the relevant appointed officer. In the early spring Worthing Borough Council, who we like to work with on an amicable basis, became somewhat over-zealous by heavily pruning the South Farm Road hedges. This gave rise to concern about undesirables, such as 'druggies' and 'yobbos', jumping the wall and creating problems, as occurred in times past. The image below shows the severity of the 'trim'. [Photos: Paul Robards]



As if that was not bad enough the cemetery experienced severe winter storms, as well as heavy rainfall. One perimeter wall was damaged, which has since been repaired but another problem was storm damage to trees. The conifer below would perhaps be more at home in Pisa, Italy. Felling is the only solution when there is danger to the public and to the Friends. Paul Robards our Maintenance Coordinator was in communication with the Council on various matters and our Chairman also discussed a range of issues with WBC.



IN A QUIET CORNER OF THE MILL FIELD

By Paul Robards

Although the subject of the old Cross Street graves near Worthing Central station was in part the subject of articles on the Moore family in the BROADSHEET, Issues 7 and 15, the item below is based on a feature contained in the 'Worthing Gazette' of 22 February 1905.

"Quaint Burial Place in the Borough"

If a certain statement in a London morning paper is permitted to pass unnoticed, it is possible that the idea may be conveyed to the world at large that Worthing has a curious habit of converting portions of its highways into promiscuous burial grounds. Our sprightly contemporary, in its search for the sensational, has accepted from a local resident a photograph of a quaint spot, and with that elasticity of phraseology which is the prerogative of the new journalism, it describes it as 'Graveyard in a Worthing road.

It reproduces, with just that amount of artistic elaboration which deprives it of its actuality, that little enclosure at the end of Cross Street, not many yards distant from the railway station, where four graves are situated. This spot at the dates on interment was about a hundred yards distant from the nearest highway. It formed the north-east corner of what was, within the recollection of many residents, a mill field, and the graves are those of Mr Thomas Moore (who was formally a baker and confectioner, and had a shop in Montague Street, at the corner of Bath Place, where Mr F W Mitchell's premises are now situated) and his wife and two daughters.

The enclosure is about six yards square, and has an iron railing, the gate of which is padlocked, on the west and south sides, and a flint wall on the east and north. It immediately adjoins Messrs Dartnell's yard and really occupies so secluded a position that thousands of people have probably passed it without being in the least degree conscious of its existence.

"What the Tombstones Tell"

The inscription on the stone to the north is of Sarah Matilda, wife of George Rich, who died on 1 July 1832, aged 32 years. The verse at the foot is in one or two places almost illegible, but was reproduced by Mr Edward Sayers in his book 'Transcripts Of and Extracts from Records of the Past'. The central stone is a double one and the two inscriptions it contains are to the memory of Thomas Moore who died on 27 January 1845, aged 71 yers and Sarah, wife of Thomas, who died on 9 September 1849, aged 75 years. The memorial tablet to the south has to the memory of daughter Anne who died on 31 December 1848, aged 45 years.

The earliest of the internments, as we will be seen, took place nearly 73 years ago, when Worthing was sparsely populated and burial restrictions were not so great. The old Mill Field was at that time, and for many years subsequently, quite isolated. Mr Sayers tells us that when he first began to come from West Tarring to Worthing daily, about 48 years ago, after he passed the rectory (or vicarage, as it was then called) there was no habitable dwelling until the miller's cottage was reached, and between that and the Railway Hotel there were only three or four little cottages, where Springfield House in Teville Road now stands.

An order of the Home Secretary would doubtless be necessary to disturb this quaint burial place, and this may come in the process of modern progress and improvements.

In fact the graves and headstones were indeed moved, following a road widening scheme next to Worthing Central railway station in 1909, to Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery in South Farm Road. [A general view of 'Paul's (adopted) Corner' appears below.]



CEMETERY HUMOUR

Harry believed so strongly in re-incarnation that in his Last Will and Testament he left everything to himself!

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I intend to live for ever – so far so good.

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Young Mary finally got married and during the following 9 years Mary and her husband produced 9 children. Very sadly her husband died but within a few months Mary had re-married. In the following years she had a further 7 children but then her second husband suddenly died. As if that was not bad enough Mary died just shortly afterwards.

At the wake Mary was laid out and standing over the coffin was a family well-wisher and the local vicar. The vicar leaned forward and said "well at least they will now be together". The well-wisher heard the vicar and said "are you referring to Mary's first or second husband", to which the vicar replied "I was talking about her legs"!

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A young man was bragging and told his friend "my Grandfather knew the exact time and the exact day when he was going to die". His friend asked "was he psychic?" "No" came the reply from the young man, "the Judge told him"!

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An inspector arrives at the Crematorium and says to the furnace operative "how are things going". The operative replies "well I've cremated over 3,000 people and I haven't had a single complaint"!

LADY FRIENDS PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ALL AT THE CEMETERY!

It is all very well procuring new equipment to make life easier and to provide essential services for our guests and visitors, provided you can master the technology and find out how the 'blasted' things work. In this delightful image super caterer Carole Manning (left) tries to decipher the instruction book for the new water urn, while helper Madeline Jupp looks as though she is about to attack the shiny new device! All the time honoured 'ladies and machinery' stories were put to rest as (when!) the first cuppa came off the production line.



"Mary, Mary"; no, not quite 'contrary' but Mary Pickett (left) and Mary McKeown interrogate the database on the laptop computer in an effort to locate the grave of a visitor's long lost relative during our Open Day. It would appear that eight eyes are better than four. It is tempting, in order to use their services, to make up an imaginary relative and date of birth!



WORTHING HERITAGE TRAILS

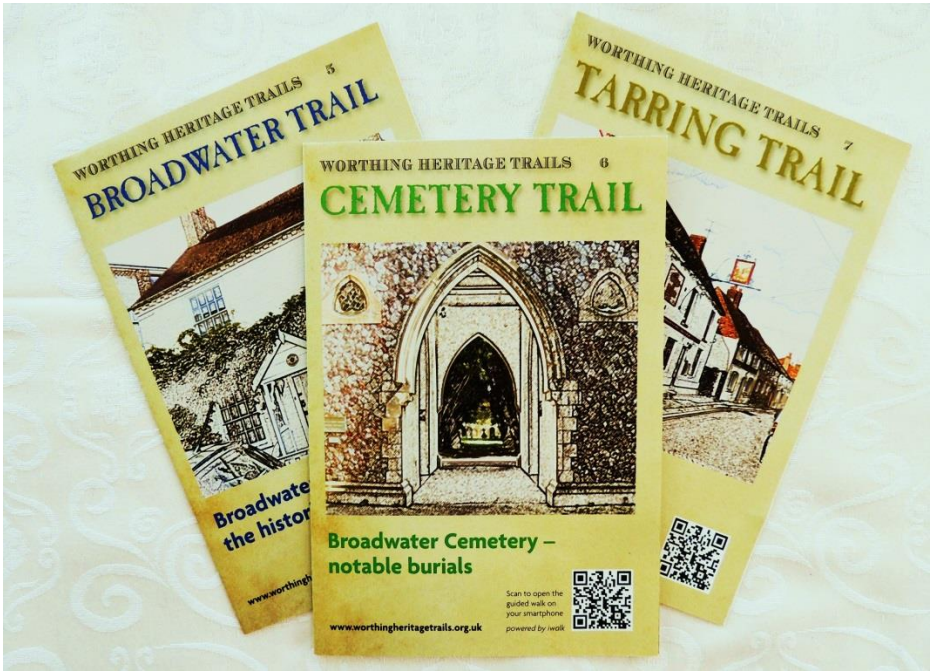
By Debra Hillman

I first became involved in the Worthing Heritage Alliance Group when I deputised for Tom Wye, then Chairman of the Friends, at a meeting at the museum. I agreed with what the group was trying to achieve in bringing together the various like-minded organisations with an interest in local history and was happy to represent the Friends at future meetings. When the Alliance agreed to apply for lottery funding for a project to create a series of local Heritage Trails I was very keen to help and also saw it as a good opportunity to raise the profile of both the cemetery and the Friends.

A Worthing Heritage Trails steering group was set up to see the project through to its conclusion. Chris Hare, as project manager, was determined to involve as many local people as possible in deciding what should be covered by the trails and there were a series of public meetings where people were encouraged to make suggestions. These suggestions were eventually distilled down and the main themes were agreed.

It was agreed that the four town centre trails should be produced first and this is where the real hard work was done. Decisions had to be made on what to include, what to leave out, how to layout the trails leaflet and what the 'style' for all future leaflets should be. An area of particular interest for me was the introduction of technology into the equation. A QR code was to be placed on the leaflets which, when scanned with a smart phone, would link to a website and more information could be viewed about some of the items on the tour including video clips.

There was a feeling of great achievement for all involved when those first four completed trail leaflets arrived from the printers. The launch of the new trails went well and the leaflets proved popular but there was more work to do. It was time to move to the next batch, one of which was to be the 'Broadwater Cemetery Trail' (the others being Tarring and Broadwater).



The plan for the cemetery trail was to take some of the research we had already used on our monthly tours and use it to put together a trail that people would be able to follow with the help of an aerial map (similar to those used in the town trails). I thought that the difficult part was going to be deciding who to include on the trail but this proved to be the easy bit! Walking around the cemetery picking out interesting graves located close to pathways was relatively straightforward. Many of them selected themselves (it would have been difficult not to include the Ralli tomb for example, as it dominates the view as you walk south from the chapels) and I wanted to include a little about the history of the cemetery and so picked William Lamport Blaker's grave as a starting point. The rest were whittled down by my small group of volunteers, Chris Hare, Sally Roberts and Rosemary Pearson. We had, of course, also to take into account the flow of the trail and make sure that the graves selected were positioned to lead the person around the cemetery in a logical way.

I knew I would need assistance to reduce down the vast amount of information we had on each of our chosen subjects and I was very grateful to Sally, Rosemary and Angie Allchin for helping me with this task. Reducing pages of research into interesting and absorbing snippets of less than 100 words proved very challenging. Nevertheless we did it and that was the hardest part over. I took photographs of the graves we were using and also sorted out, where we had them, a few photographs of the people included. These were sent to the printers and the next stage was to visit the printer with Chris Hare to finalise the leaflet.

I really enjoyed my visit to Blackers to discuss the layout, even though Chris and I had to move things around and make a few more tweaks to the wording to fit it all on. The basic style and design had already been agreed for the original trail leaflets and our cemetery leaflet had to conform. The aerial photograph of the cemetery worked surprisingly well with the pathways generally clear enough to see to be able to accurately map the route over them.

We were all very pleased with the first four trail leaflets when they were produced but that did not begin to compare with the satisfaction felt when I finally saw our cemetery trail leaflet. I hope my helpers also felt suitably proud of their achievement.

The Cemetery Trail and Broadwater Trail leaflets were both launched on 1 May 2014. We met at The Cricketers public house where Chris started with a talk about the trails and then I led a group on a short guided tour of the cemetery. We had a good turnout on the day (despite the weather not being at its best) of about 40 people, many of whom returned to The Cricketers after the tour for lunch (me included!).

The leaflets are now available in various locations around Worthing and of course at the FBWC tour days. Hopefully people will pick them up and come and visit the cemetery – maybe a few will even join the Friends as a result. Work is already underway on another set of trails leaflets and I hope the people who are most closely involved with the content of them get as much out of seeing them come to fruition as I did with the Cemetery Trail.

FBWC 2014 BOOKLET PRODUCTION

So far this year our FBWC Researchers, led by Sue Nea, have produced three new booklets; 'Even More Unusual Deaths', 'Edwardian Worthing' and 'Worthing in World War 1'. These and all previous booklets are available at the usual bargain price of £1 each. Have you purchased your own personal copy yet? If not, why not - Ed?

MAINTENANCE AND NATURE WATCH

By Paul Robards

Every month I produce a Clearance and Nature Watch report for our end of month meetings, which are also included or attached to the minutes and so the respective contents of the last three reports will not be repeated in full here. There follows a summary of events, observations and activities since the last BROADSHEET was published on 6 March 2014.

There was a good turnout for the Open Public Clearance Day, although not quite as many attendees as last year. Including Friends there were a total of 31 people helping with cemetery maintenance on 5 April 2014. The local Council were, if anything, a little too vigorous with their hedge trimming along the South Farm Road boundary, leaving some sizeable gaps, as featured photographically on Page 10 of this issue. However there were no reported 'trespassing' problems and once growing season started the potential problem was mitigated. There were also delays in turning on the cemetery tap which not only caused the FBWC problems at the beginning of the tour season but gave real concerns about our ability to water our newly planted flower beds. Wildlife sightings have largely been confined to our regular roster, as mentioned in previous reports, but there is plenty of evidence of fox activity.

Large amounts of garlic were removed to make way for new flowering shrubs; Ribes and Viburnum as well as Pussy Willows. Much black bindweed has also been removed. Four new fir trees were planted by the Council but had to be straightened and staked. In more recent times Pyramid Orchids have again appeared in the cemetery, which have been 'cordoned-off'. The subject of dogs and their walkers/owners has been the subject of discussion. Although most owners keep their dogs on leads and clear-up after their animals, there have been several observations of dogs running free in the presence of their owners and more recently evidence of fouling, although this has historically been the exception, not the rule.

The change of clearance and maintenance days to the last Saturday of each calendar month has enabled us to clear graves that are to be included in the following week's tour, thereby showing the public that the Friends are doing a really worthwhile job within the cemetery. In fact several new recruits have been seen at work in the cemetery. Finally I would like to thank all Friends who have attended the monthly maintenance sessions and all those who turn up randomly on other days to help with our 'Forth Bridge' of a job of keeping the cemetery in good shape. Below primroses put on a great show in the cemetery [Photo: Paul Robards]



SPRING HAS ARRIVED IN THE CEMETERY



THE METHOLDS OF WORTHING [Part 2]

By Rosemary Pearson

In Part 1 of the story, see BROADSHEET Issue 20, I described how my great-grandfather, Henry Methold, following his ill-fated marriage to a young woman from a lower social class, set up home with his housekeeper, Jemima Twine, who bore him many offspring, five sons and seven daughters. Jemima and many of the children and their descendants are buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery.

Prior to Henry's death in 1855, he and Jemima had already suffered the loss of their two sons. Their second, John, had died before reaching his first birthday, but it was the loss of their first born, Henry junior, which must have caused the most heartache. At 17 years of age, the young Henry had set sail for the gold fields of California to seek his fortune. This venture cost many young lives and Henry was one of the victims. His death was reported as one of a list of names in the 'Morning Chronicle' newspaper dated 28 September 1852, and he was buried in Yerba Buena Cemetery, California.

[Yerba Buena was the original (pre-1847) name of San Francisco. The cemetery was established in 1850 and there were eventually 9,000 protestant souls buried there. Being in downtown San Francisco the cemetery was abolished in 1870 and the bodies and remains removed to two other cemeteries, and 'shockingly' were removed again at a later date. – Ed.]

By the mid-1860s, the surviving children were becoming young adults and the first of several marriages took place. There was now the quandary as to which surname should be used. It is not

known when Jemima became known in public as Mrs Methold, but certainly all the family used this surname after Henry senior's death. The children, however, had all been baptized with the surname Twine.

John (named after his deceased brother), was first to wed in 1866. He moved to Wick, near Lyminster, where he ran a grocery business. He is of particular interest as he was the only one of the sons to continue to use the name Twine, and both his children were baptized as Twine. His son Herbert, however, reverted to the name of Methold, and it was one of his sons, Bernard Ralph Methold, who married Ethel (Effie) Simpkins, after whom Methold House, headquarters of Worthing Guild Care was named.

The next to wed was Georgina, who, along with two sisters, married using the surname Twine. Her husband was Edward Isted, a corn merchant and miller who resided round the corner from Marine Parade in New Street. Despite both being from Worthing, the marriage is recorded in Holborn in 1868. Georgina and Edward Isted are buried in a family plot in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery in C4-10-5/7. The following year, Maria, with whom Georgina was especially close, married Frederick Cragg, son of a Warwick Street butcher at St Mary's Broadwater. Sadly, Maria died at the age of 36 in 1880, following the birth of their seventh child. She and Frederick are buried in the same section of the cemetery as the Isteds, in C4-10-2.

The 5 July 1871 was a happy occasion when two of the siblings married at the church of St Bartholomew in London. The marriage certificates are interesting. Catherine Twine married a printer, walter Paine, by licence, giving the name of her father as Henry Twine, deceased. Brother John Twine was a witness. Another brother, Charles Methold, married Fanny Kate Joy, by banns, his father being recorded as Henry Methold, Gentleman, deceased!

It was not long before Catherine and Fanny were each expecting the arrival of their first child. The outcome could not have been more different. Catherine gave birth to a son, Ernest Duke Paine, the first of eleven children. Despite the loss of two babies at a few days old, Catherine's was a close and happy family. Catherine and Walter Paine, along with two of their sons are buried in C17-3-3/4, again in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery.

Things did not turn out well for Charles and Fanny Kate. A daughter, Florence Emily, was born in early August 1872. A week later, Fanny Kate was dead. Florence Fanny was brought up by Jemima and her doting aunts in Worthing where she lived all her life. She died, unmarried, and was buried on 8 January 1948 in C23-1-44. As for poor Charles, things went from bad to worse. He was now living on his own in lodgings not far from his place of employment as a cashier for a shipping company by the River Thames. On the morning of 16 April 1877, he informed his landlady that he was going out to work, but as he was feeling unwell he would be returning shortly. He was not seen again until his body was washed up on the bank of the river at Mortlake, some 18 days later on 2 May. The inquest recorded an open verdict. His place of burial is unknown.

Meanwhile, another son, Edward Methold, had married Elizabeth Murdoch in Shoreditch on 27 May 1872. Edward had a grocery business in Deal, Kent, where both he and his wife later died, but they are buried together in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery in C17-6-17. Close by are two of Edward's sisters, Alice and Mary Ann, in C17-7-17. By 1880 Jemima had already lost five of her children. She was to lose another daughter, Charlotte (Lottie), who was buried on 15 December 1885 in C4-10-4, between her sisters Maria and Georgina. Another sister, Florence Mary, was buried in the same grave on 25 August 1920.

Besides bringing up her own children and an orphaned granddaughter Jemima had nursed her sister, Caroline Twine, who was buried in C6-2-4. The last of Jemima's daughters, Ellen, joined her aunt on 4 June 1936. Jemima Twine was laid to rest on 30 April 1896. Although unmarked, she was interred in the Isted plot at C4-10-7, surrounded by members of her loving family.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, another four months have past and the triannual BROADSHEET seems to have settled down into its new and logical pattern. Although the Editor needs to be marginally inventive, and alert to events, it never ceases to amaze that so much is happening that filling the newsletter with content is never particularly difficult (especially for an 'old hand') as most major events are now photographically recorded.

Following a load of old footballs discovered in the cemetery during a maintenance day late last year (see Page 11 of the last issue) a load of golf balls have now been unearthed adjacent to a specific single grave, as featured in the photograph below. Let's hope it was a 'birdie'!



Our forthcoming tour dates were published on the front page of the last edition but just to remind you all that there is a Sunday general tour at 14.00 on 20 July at 14.00 hours and a World War 1 tour and north chapel window viewing on Saturday 2 August, plus a Town Hall meeting at 18.00 hours on Friday 25 July as well as a maintenance day on Saturday 26 July. Finally, below is the scene that greeted your Editor on 5 July. Who do you recognise and who has spotted the photographer? Enjoy the issue – have a great summer – and look out for the next issue after our AGM but before 1 December 2014.



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