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FBWC PASSES 50 BOOKLET MILESTONE

It hardly seems possible that in addition to all that has been achieved during the past decade, with an amazing and diverse range of activities that the FBWC has emerged as a major publishing house within its sphere of operations, producing over 50 booklet titles containing carefully researched material commensurate with the thematic cemetery tours that we conduct. The entire production process has been attributable to a single Friend of the cemetery, our Membership Secretary and Publishing Department supremo Mary Pickett.

To mark this remarkable milestone, in the capacity of Editor, I asked Mary to pen a few words describing the background and process for inclusion in The BROADSHEET. Mary would have been too modest to include certain facts in her contribution but once she is given the research material she has, single handed, produced over 4,500 booklets, each comprising on average over 40 pages, 184,000 A5 pages in total from 46,000 sheets of A4 paper, with 4,500 laminated covers held together with 9,000 staples. The books have contained research on 750 individuals and booklet sales at £1 each have generated over £4,500 of gross income.

This massive production effort has been executed in Mary's little office at her home, not some large printing works, and is a truly remarkable achievement. Every single booklet has been deposited with the British Library by your Editor. Very well done Mary and on behalf of the whole Friends community, THANK YOU for all of your hard work, consuming many hours of your life! Mary's publishing story is featured on the next page of this issue.



THE FWBC PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

By Mary Pickett

Fairly soon after joining the Friends in late 2009, I became part of the research team, having a great interest in family history. At one of the meetings the burial register was passed around for us to see and, not long after that, one of the members commented on how many centenarians they had noticed in the records; not so unusual today but in late Victorian times it was certainly less common to achieve that grand old age. The discussion progressed into possibly researching the lives of those who lived for 100 years or more and who were buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery.

The idea was then formulated to perhaps run a tour and produce an accompanying booklet to go with the commentary. I hadn't previously dabbled with the Publisher programme (part of the Microsoft Office package) but decided to put myself forward to compile and produce a booklet. From this humble beginning and inexperience I am now producing booklet No.51! Mastering the Publisher programme took me many hours and, looking back now, I can see why it took so long to get the first few booklets to look like anything that I considered presentable. At first, in order to get the text to look right, I put each paragraph into a separate text box. Then I learnt how to get the text to flow from page to page without having to juggle getting it lined-up and looking right, using endless individual paragraphs and consuming huge amounts of time in the process.

Initially I was using my school employer's photocopier (with their kind permission) to print but this was time consuming and I experienced regular paper jams. However later a duplex printer was acquired and at home I can now insert and recolour photographs and images and print out the booklets in double sided form. I can also press a button once the documents have been prepared and proof checked and sit in comfort in my home office whilst they roll out ready for the finishing touch of adding the laminated covers. The first covers were on coloured card before I progressed to using coloured paper, which is laminated before stapling, with the finished effect being much more attractive. [Below is our booklet collator, designer, printer, binder, distributor and overall publisher, Mary Pickett.



[All photographs in this issue are by your Editor unless otherwise credited.]

After the success of the Centenarians tour, the next publication was 'The Mayors of Worthing' as several holders of that post also had their final resting place in the cemetery. This was closely followed by a booklet on the 'Typhoid Epidemic' and three other subjects in 2011, the first year of themed (rather than general) tours. Ten booklets were produced in 2012 with the researchers working late into the night on subjects such as the 'Nurserymen of Worthing', the 'Publicans' and 'Seafarers' who played an important part in the town's history. Later books with well attended tours included 'Unusual Deaths' and a year later 'More Unusual Deaths'. The attendees of tours seemed to appreciate having a related booklet to take away with them after each event and at the modest cost of £1 who could blame them!

With each year the research team came up with various ideas for new tours and the momentum has continued with at least five new titles produced every year. As there are only a certain number of colours available it became difficult not to have repeat covers and so subtle changes in design, with particular reference to borders, have been employed and sometimes, as with 'Upstairs Downstairs' two tone covers have been produced, which while effective is time consuming. I do spend many, many hours in the production process and I have been offered help by various members of the Friends over the years but I have politely declined as the booklets have become part of my life and I am a bit possessive over them!

It would be impossible to calculate exactly how many booklets we have sold altogether and had I known that it was going to become almost a cottage industry I might have kept a tally from the start. As a rough estimate I make 60 to 70 copies of each new booklet and then keep replenishing stock as the numbers get low. I do a stock take at the end of each season making a note of which titles I need to make more of. If the volume of work and the number of books in stock continues to grow I may have to move house to accommodate them! Nine years ago I never dreamt that I would still be producing booklets in 2019 and certainly not 50+ titles! Finally if you have any bright and novel ideas about subjects that might make an interesting tour then do let our research team know; from the FBWC Publishing Department staff – me!

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE QUERY

A couple of months ago we received an enquiry from the Treasurer of the National Federation of Cemetery Friends asking the FBWC about for information regarding our arrangements for public liability, injury and damage or theft insurance policies. They also mentioned whether the FBWC would be interested in any deal the national association might be able to negotiate for all Friends groups at a highly competitive rate.

After consultation with our Chairman I replied saying that "The Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery do not have any insurance whatsoever because the cemetery is local Council property. We had a risk assessment approved by them and as a consequence we have been assured that we are covered by the Council's public liability cover. We have not separately insured our maintenance tools etc. because in our accounts their written-down value is nil."

As you all know we take every care to ensure that visitors are warned before every tour of the potential hazards around and about the cemetery and to take great care. Similarly we do not own any power tools that might cause injury if operatives are not fully trained in their use. We have a First Aid kit available for minor cuts and scratches received during maintenance.

TIMBERRRRR!

During the last ‘big blow’ that the weather gods arranged a substantial branch (in itself the size of a large tree) on one of our most mature trees in the cemetery, located in section A13, crashed to the ground, fortunately during the ‘dark hours’ and no injuries were reported. Although there was some infrastructure damage certain headstones miraculously escaped damage as the photographs reproduced herein demonstrate. How safe are the other branches?



[Photo: Paul Robards]



The massive branch.



The lucky headstones.

OUR 2019 CEMETERY TOURS BEGIN

The FBWC tour season began on Saturday 6 April 2019 with the thematic subject being 'Upstairs, Downstairs' which needs no explanation. The tour guide was no lesser person than our esteemed Chairman Debra Hillman. Including a number of Friends a total of just over 50 people joined the tour, which was conducted on a dry day with a few sunny periods. Book sales totalled £37 and a good time was had by all, despite the normal April temperatures. Below we see the crowd gathered around our tour guide and a picture of a cluster of our new colourful grave marker roses on the Thwaytes family grave. [Photos: Mary Pickett]





The May 2019 tour (and the accompanying booklet) was called and featured “The Residents of Ambrose Place” in Worthing, capably conducted by experienced FBWC tour guide Pauline Reed, again on a dry, sunny but cool day the tour attracted about 50 participants, including a handful of Friends. In the photographs below we see Pauline in action in both the shade and in the sunshine, with attendees still clad in their warm springtime clothing!





For our ‘Men of the Sea’ tour on 1 June 2019 our seasoned tour guide and stalwart of the Friends group Colin Reid was in charge of a large group of between 70 and 80 participants. It was the most splendid day weather-wise and the large crowd enjoyed their visit, especially being shown the way by John Stepney in his famous ‘follow me’ red shirt. Book sales were excellent turning the scales at £77. The photographs below show the cemetery ‘bursting at the seams’ or so it would appear. As usual many Friends contributed to the success of the tour.





Considerable effort went into organising the special tour on 6 July 2019, a task undertaken primarily by Friends Sue Nea and Karen Foster but with the usual background and tour day assistance by a large number of people. Our thanks go to all concerned. Similar to such tours in previous years local youngsters dressed up in the clothes and uniforms of the occupation or profession of the deceased persons they were talking about at the relevant grave sites. Eight graves were selected for inclusion, which filled the overall tour time frame with an estimated duration of about an hour. On a quite delightful summer day, in fact too warm for some, the children performed well and the event was much enjoyed by the crowd of up to 90 participants, including a number of Friends. Book sales at £47 were a trifle disappointing but Carole Manning, assisted by Karen Foster and others did a roaring trade on our refreshments stall, selling hot and cold drinks and delicious cakes, resulting in gross takings (in the form of donations) exceeding £55. Below is a charming picture of the eight youngsters who participated in the tour. Each of them was awarded a certificate and a £10 Amazon gift voucher. There was a thunderous round of applause at each grave when every youngster finished his or her delivery. The award giving ceremony was conducted by our Chairman.



Left to right we see Buster Cooper, Glen Cooper, Oscar Messingham, Amy Hack (top), Emily Lemon, Ellis Marchant, Kalili Levins and Lucie Pandit, just before the awards ceremony. See **Appendices 1 and 2 on Pages 28 and 29** for more pictures of the youngsters in action.

Overall the event was a great success and was totally commensurate with our Constitution in increasing awareness of our cemetery and involving the local community in our work. The press turned up in the shape of the Worthing Herald and also the Worthing Journal.



Above, Catering Manager, Carole Manning, is tempting the visiting crowds with goodies.



Above, children and adults pose beside the chapels for the Worthing Herald photographer.



Above, a small section of the 90 strong crowd gather around the young speaker.

GOODBYE TO CRACKED PAVING SLABS

In late March 2019 the local authority thankfully replaced the entire pavement frontage to Worthing and Broadwater Cemetery, ripping up broken and uneven paving slabs and replacing them with smooth tarmac. Some pundits never consider cost or ask the question 'where is the money coming from' for such work and there is no doubt that tarmac is the cheaper option but for old people and those in wheelchairs there is a significant reduction in the risk of tripping or jarring bones. This was the scene at the height of the working period with one of our neighbours, in the shape of the Fire brigade, passing by for good measure!



A LAST GLIMPSE OF SPRING

Below is a last glimpse of the truly delightful spring blossom in our cemetery on 20 April.



ANOTHER GRAFFITI ATTACK

It is sad to have to report that towards the end of the month of June 2019 there was yet another graffiti attack in our cemetery by brainless idiots who, notwithstanding their mental deficiencies, nevertheless have the comfort of knowing that there are no policemen on the beat, that only 8% of reported crimes in the UK result in any further action being taken (because your Editor has 'O' level maths that means 92% of crimes are either not acted upon or are not investigated or that there is no likelihood of getting evidence sufficient for prosecution) and that even if prosecuted they will be at the receiving end of a totally impotent judicial system, which offers no deterrent, such as removing these people from our streets.

There is no proof that this was a single act of vandalism but briefly there was written graffiti applied to the outer walls of the north chapel, scratches and shallow carvings on our pride and joy, our new cemetery bench, and the Mary Hughes grave concrete marker post was uprooted and placed elsewhere in the cemetery. Our Honourable Secretary took the bull by the horns (as they say) and contacted the Council, with our Chairman also meeting Council officials, and the response was truly impressive. The daubed paintwork was covered or rather obliterated with fresh paint; the marks on our bench were sanded down and disappeared completely 'in a flash' and Friend John Maskell replaced the Mary Hughes sign in the appropriate place – and had time to take the photograph below.

Your Editor has no intention of reproducing images of the vandalism thus feeding their 'Banksy' type aspirations. Again **WELL DONE TO THE COUNCILS GRAFFITI REMOVAL TEAMS** for re-acting so quickly and so professionally.



We are far from being the only Friends group who have seen acts of vandalism within the cemeteries they look after. A few weeks ago the headlines in Bradford read “D-Day Gravestones Smashed in Bradford cemetery in the Run-up to Normandy Landings”. There was also vandalism to a war grave at Hirst Wood burial ground in nearby Shipley. The damage was described as ‘callous thoughtlessness’ and it was mainly Commonwealth War Graves that were affected. Police were seeking witnesses. West Yorkshire Police said that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have confirmed that all of the gravestones affected will be repaired or replaced. One lady said that “It makes you despair”.

Even famous graves, such as that of Karl Marx in Highgate Cemetery are not immune. His gave has been vandalised twice in a month with the words ‘doctrine of hate’ and ‘architect of genocide’ daubed on the memorial in red paint. The latest attack comes just weeks after somebody took to the marble plaque on the tomb with a hammer in an attempt to remove Marx’s name from the memorial. Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust feared that the memorial would never be the same again. There is something sick within our society when final resting places are attacked and vandalised in this way. We must all be vigilant.

OUR NEW BENCH ‘PRESERVED’

Your Editor had undertaken, or rather promised, to apply some form of wood preservative to our new bench situated in the approximate centre of the cemetery. The hardwood looked rather bleached and a couple of coats of light coloured stain would assist in keeping the bench in good shape for decades to come. The job would have been done but the task became one of those ‘I’ll do it tomorrow’ projects that we are all familiar with. I happened to mention it to our Maintenance Coordinator Paul Robards and like a greyhound out of a trap he tackled the job the very same day! Needless to say the task was completed to a high standard and although the vandals have since ‘had a go’ at the bench the wonderful facility installed for the benefit of the public and Friends is looking good, as seen in the photograph below.



FLOWERS: NEW AND ARTIFICIAL

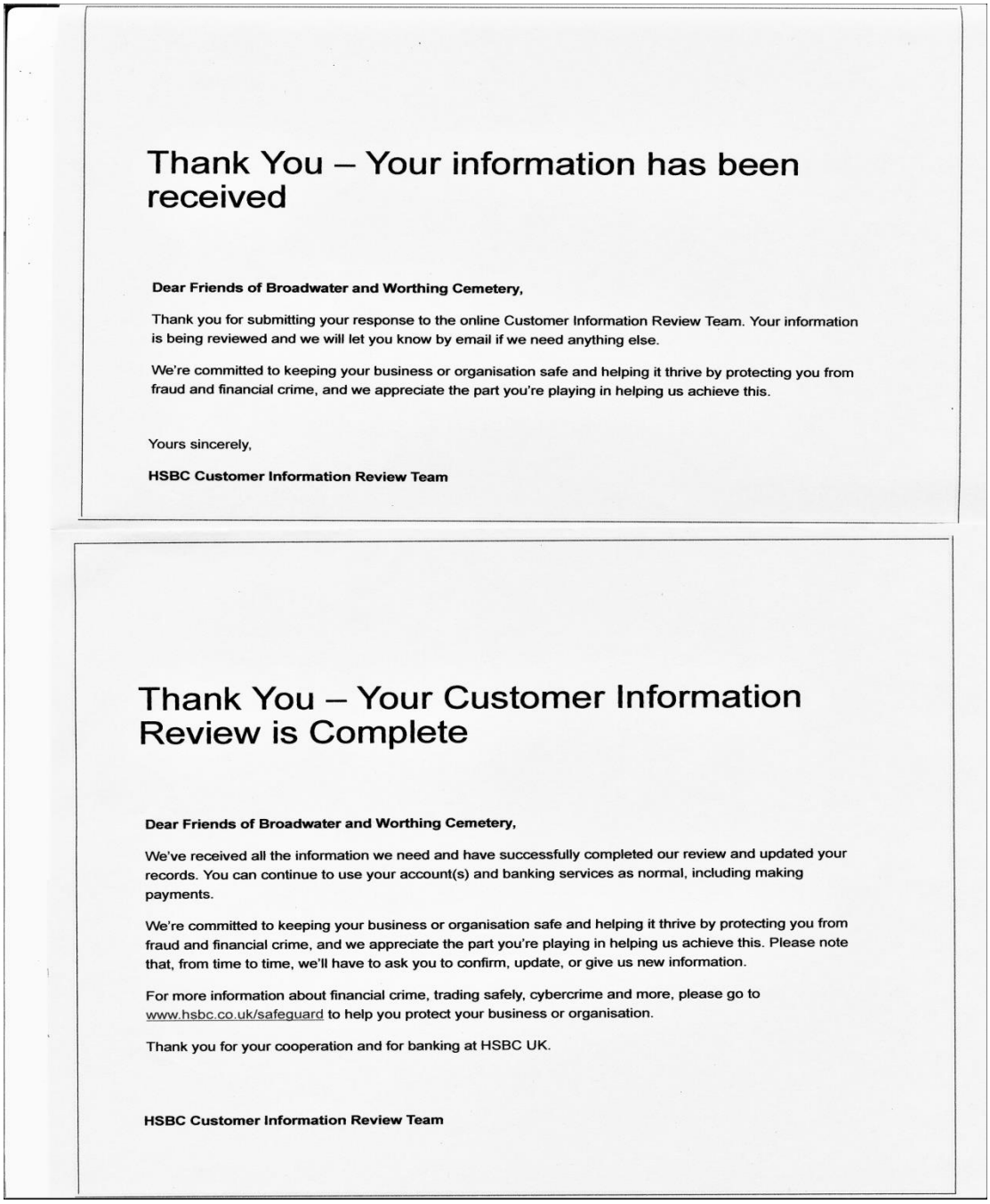
Back in April 2019 (and now again in July 2019) Paul Robards purchased as a ‘job lot’ bunches of new flowers for planting around what should be our ‘piece de resistance’, the Typhoid Epidemic Memorial just inside the main entrance to our cemetery. Several attempts have been made in the past to improve and maintain this important memorial, sponsored by Cooperative Funeralcare. Below are illustrations of the procured basket of flowers before planting. By July 2019 the exercise needed repeating, again overseen by Paul. However a more radical and permanent solution is required and is presently under consideration by the committee. The other picture shows new artificial roses procured for use as grave markers during cemetery tours by Gill Heasman, who performs that task on every tour date.





TREASURER COMPLIES WITH THE LAW

There are many Friends who 'do their bit' for the FBWC but I thought you might be interested to know that the role of Treasurer involves more than controlling finances, balancing the books every month, recording every outgoing and item of income and producing annual accounts. What follows are two examples, one complying with HSBC bank conducting International exercises to combat money laundering and financial fraud and another in complying with HMRC legal requirements for small Unincorporated Organisations such as ours. After filling multifarious forms for HSBC, including questions about what you all had for breakfast; we have passed this difficult test, witness the attached evidence.



Thank You – Your information has been received

Dear Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery,

Thank you for submitting your response to the online Customer Information Review Team. Your information is being reviewed and we will let you know by email if we need anything else.

We're committed to keeping your business or organisation safe and helping it thrive by protecting you from fraud and financial crime, and we appreciate the part you're playing in helping us achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

HSBC Customer Information Review Team

Thank You – Your Customer Information Review is Complete

Dear Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery,

We've received all the information we need and have successfully completed our review and updated your records. You can continue to use your account(s) and banking services as normal, including making payments.

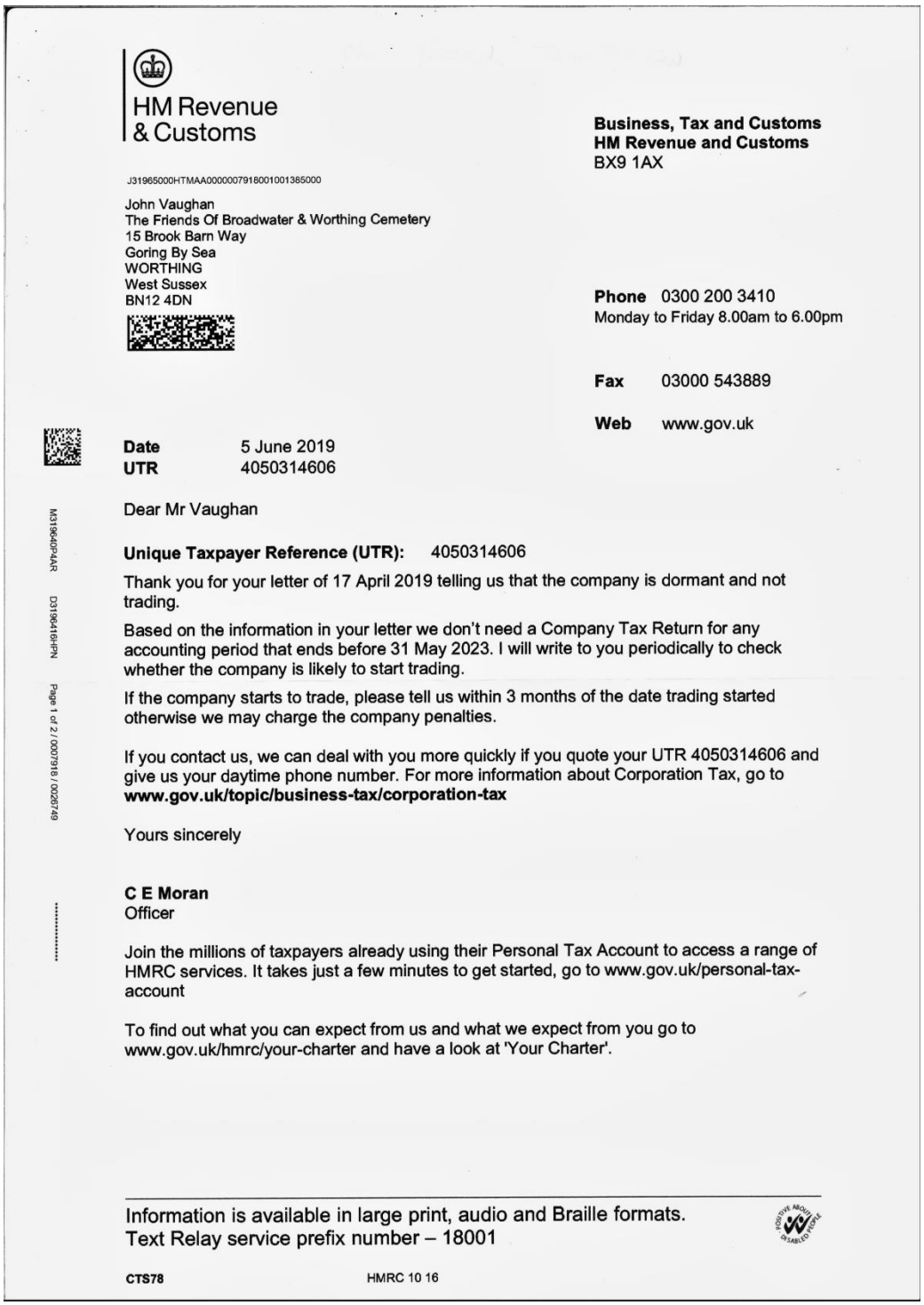
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Thank you for your cooperation and for banking at HSBC UK.

HSBC Customer Information Review Team

Now we come to the good old Inland Revenue, now of course HMRC. Every five years we have to present documentation to demonstrate that we have not made profits large enough to attract Corporation Tax, that there have been no changes to the nature of our business, that our Constitution has not changed etc. Well, your conscientious Treasurer complied with all of the very time consuming requests only to eventually get a reply noting that we were **dormant and had ceased trading!!!** After many telephone calls I was informed that they had 'sent out the wrong stock letter'! The correct one was issued without an apology. See original below.



HM Revenue & Customs

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Date 5 June 2019
UTR 4050314606

Dear Mr Vaughan

Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR): 4050314606

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2019 telling us that the company is dormant and not trading.

Based on the information in your letter we don't need a Company Tax Return for any accounting period that ends before 31 May 2023. I will write to you periodically to check whether the company is likely to start trading.

If the company starts to trade, please tell us within 3 months of the date trading started otherwise we may charge the company penalties.

If you contact us, we can deal with you more quickly if you quote your UTR 4050314606 and give us your daytime phone number. For more information about Corporation Tax, go to **www.gov.uk/topic/business-tax/corporation-tax**

Yours sincerely

C E Moran
Officer

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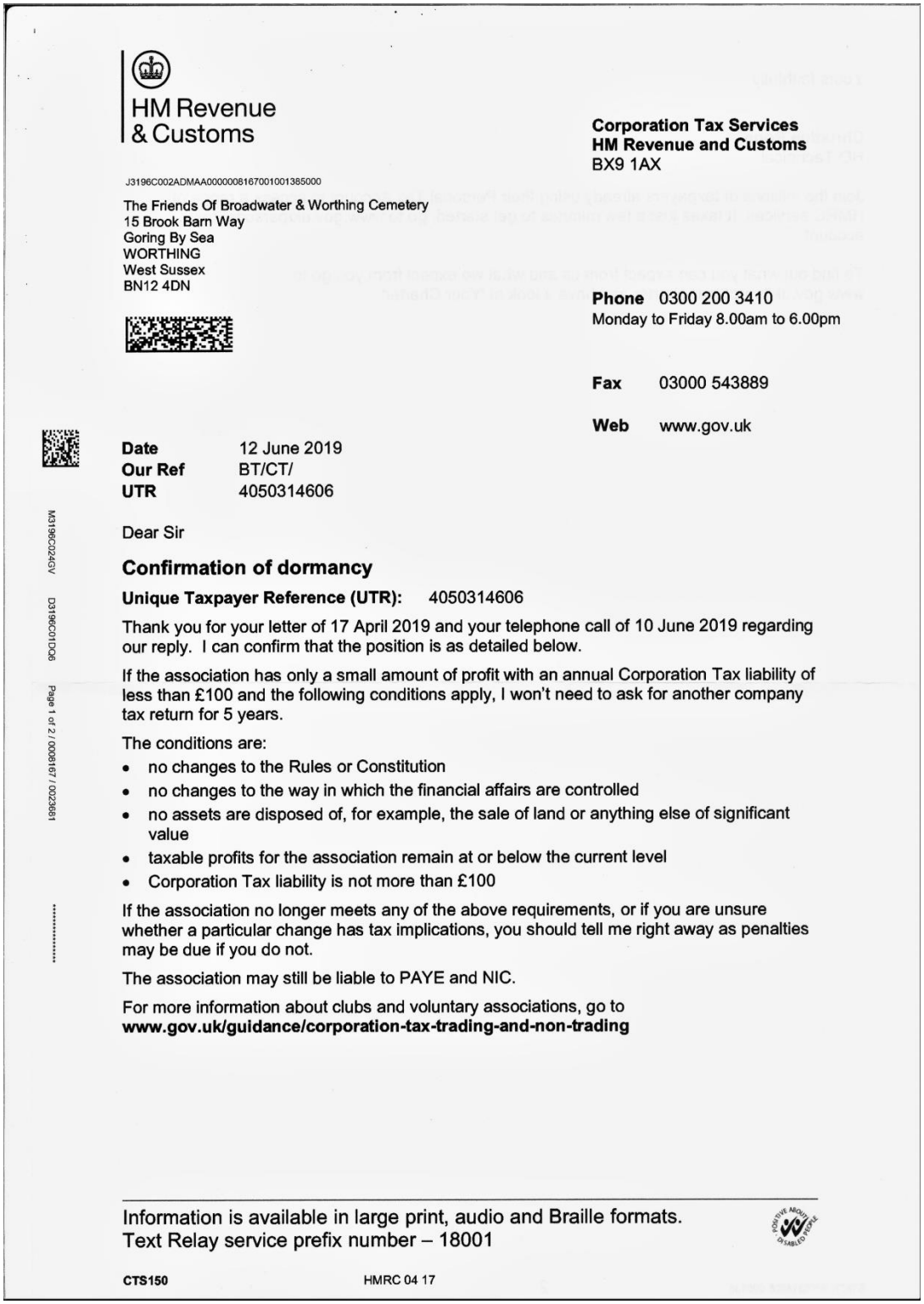
To find out what you can expect from us and what we expect from you go to www.gov.uk/hmrc/your-charter and have a look at 'Your Charter'.

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The correct stock letter was duly received and is on permanent file just in case their permanent records have not been corrected. This really was maladministration and one wonders if we never wrote to them again whether anybody would notice. However we must remain squeaky clean and comply with all legal requirements because we are all respectable! I attach the second correct letter containing all of the conditions. Roll-on 2024!!



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Date 12 June 2019
Our Ref BT/CT/
UTR 4050314606

Dear Sir

Confirmation of dormancy

Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR): 4050314606

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2019 and your telephone call of 10 June 2019 regarding our reply. I can confirm that the position is as detailed below.

If the association has only a small amount of profit with an annual Corporation Tax liability of less than £100 and the following conditions apply, I won't need to ask for another company tax return for 5 years.

The conditions are:

- no changes to the Rules or Constitution
- no changes to the way in which the financial affairs are controlled
- no assets are disposed of, for example, the sale of land or anything else of significant value
- taxable profits for the association remain at or below the current level
- Corporation Tax liability is not more than £100

If the association no longer meets any of the above requirements, or if you are unsure whether a particular change has tax implications, you should tell me right away as penalties may be due if you do not.

The association may still be liable to PAYE and NIC.

For more information about clubs and voluntary associations, go to **www.gov.uk/guidance/corporation-tax-trading-and-non-trading**

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PAUL'S PAGES

A couple of months ago I contacted our Maintenance and Clearance Coordinator Paul Robards inviting him to contribute a couple of pages of every issue of The BROADSHEET with his excellent photographs of Fauna and Flora **taken within the boundaries** of our 14.5 acre cemetery site. He has always been a real wildlife enthusiast and has developed a strategy in balancing the primary function of our cemetery with the promotion of trees, plants, grasses, animals, birds and insects by creating areas of natural environment where maintenance is minimal and where all living things can flourish. His photographs and brief captions follow. All photographs were taken by Paul and only mildly edited.



Above is an example of Goats Beard, a robust plant and a member of the daisy family. The erect stems produce a white clock of feathered fruit heads, similar to a dandelion.



The cones of the Corsican Pine, introduced to Britain from Corsica in 1799. The wood of the mature tree is used in plywood manufacture and is also a good habitat for insects and birds.



Above is a common Meadow Brown butterfly seen mostly in urban parks and cemeteries.



Below is a Painted Lady butterfly, a handsome migrant from North America, now common in many parts of the UK. Above is an Ivy Mining Bee, relative newcomers in the UK having first been spotted in 2001. They are normally seen on flowering ivy in the autumn.



FBWC MAINTAINERS ILLUSTRATED

Attendances at FBWC maintenance sessions, which take place on the last Saturday of every month of the year between the hours of 10.00 and 12.00, have become erratic and to some extent predicated by the weather and perhaps seasons. However while we sometimes find as many as 16 Friends turning up for work, on a very warm 29 June 2019 a record low of only four people, including your Editor, Frank Ffitch, Mary Pickett and Ken turned up, although Debra Hillman and Sally Roberts also put in an appearance on tour grave clearing.

Maintaining the cemetery is a primary function of the Friends and so we hope that there is a far better turnout on the remaining 2019 clearance days. The advantages of attending have been mentioned many times in past issues in the BROADSHEET but in terms of friendly banter, working as a team or if preferred solo, plus the benefits of exercise and in self-satisfaction, make attending well worthwhile. Some typical illustrations follow. On this page we see a happy band of maintainers on 30 March 2019. [Photo: Mary Pickett] Also reproduced is a picture of a slow worm discovered in the cemetery!





Below we see a sample of our lady maintainers. Janet Green is almost hidden by a bundle of brambles. Centre Gill Heasman tackles the undergrowth, while Debra Hillman is raking.







It is 27 April 2019 and here are a group of happy maintainers photographed by the chapels. Why not join them on the next maintenance day, Saturday 27 July 2019 at 10.00?



And here is another group captured by the camera on 25 May 2019. Well done guys!



Finally this pictorial tribute to regular maintainers shows your Editor (left) and Frank Ffitch returning from the tip and before and after shots of a cleared area. [All Photos: Mary Pickett]







NEWS IN BRIEF

As always stated these random items are not meant to compete with the comprehensive minutes of meetings prepared by our extremely efficient Secretary Fran Dingwall.

Discussions are being held with the Council regarding the restoration of the Hudson grave in our cemetery, the condition having deteriorated in recent years. The Museum has agreed to supply the Friends with electricity from the south chapel on tour dates. Consideration is being given to employing outside contractors to mow cemetery paths between Council cuts, the main questions being what will it cost and is it really necessary?

Our Chairman has updated our website and she has also recently met with Council officials to discuss a wide range of subjects, a report to follow in due course. A single Sunday tour is being arranged for 25 August 2019 starting at 14.00 hours, the subject being the Victorian 'battle' and riots between the Skeleton Army and the Salvation Army, a contribution being made by Chris Hare. More details will be issued via e-mail in due course.

The Secretary of the National Federation of Cemetery Friends, Gwyneth Stokes, has asked if pictures from The BROADSHEET can be used in their handbook publication 'Saving Cemeteries', in particular pictures of Friends at work and also of butterflies. You Editor and Paul Robards have agreed to the proposal. The NFCF have also included in their latest newsletter an item regarding our cemetery finds, as featured in Page 2 of our Issue 36, Spring 2019 edition of The BROADSHEET.

There has been mild chaos regarding the opening times and days of the Carnegie Road entrance to our cemetery. The entrance should only be open at weekends and since that decision was made some years ago vandalism hugely declined. There was also a recent case of a young lady being locked in the cemetery late evening by security staff. Apparently the Commonwealth War Graves Commission inspects their headstones every three years and any deterioration discovered made good. Below, Council staff are seen mowing the grass in April.



DURRINGTON CEMETERY EXPANSION

There is growing concern about the rapidly reducing spare capacity of cemeteries nationwide. The same situation would have applied to Worthing, however a £900,000 expansion of Durrington Cemetery has commenced, which will alleviate the problem for about 30 years.

The cemetery is being expanded in the south west of the present site and it is estimated that the released land will provide 2,500 burial plots and 1,200 cremation plots. Durrington Cemetery already has 20,000 burial plots and this extension will make the whole site equal to Broadwater and Worthing cemetery in size. In addition to the extension there are plans to purchase 10 hectares of land, adjacent to Worthing Crematorium, for use as a 'natural burial ground' where woodland and a wild flower meadow will become the place of rest for many. There will need to be an impact assessment and a review of environmental issues, which will cost some £100,000.

A natural burial is where the body is returned to the earth as naturally as possible, so it does not involve embalming, cremation, caskets or coffins, or a gravestone. It is claimed that there is public demand for such a service, which although no doubt 'green' will not suit a large number of folks who are more inclined towards conventional burials. The setting is said to be 'serene'. As the proposed land is adjacent to the Crematorium it is said that it could be managed efficiently. The nearest similar site is 11 miles away at Woodingdean in Brighton. Your Editor photographed 'work in progress', which was considerable and impressive.
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A GLIMPSE AROUND 'OUR' CEMETERY



A charming little grave.



A sea of late spring daisies.



What a load of old rubbish!

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

Our membership Secretary Mary Pickett has confirmed that as of the date of publication of Issue No.37 of The BROADSHEET we have 99 fully paid up members of the FBWC.

At the date of distributing this issue of the BROADSHEET the FBWC bank balance stood at £5,808.42 with £61.28 held in our two cash floats, resulting in a net cash worth of £5,869.70. There are no assets of value and there are no debts or liabilities. The Treasurer can report that the finances of the FBWC are in a healthy state and that all is well.

Below is the smallest participant in last Saturday's tour; fancy bringing your own water!



FORTHCOMING CEMETERY TOURS

Don't forget that the cemetery tour season is far from over and we would be very grateful if you give us your participative support and swell the numbers by attending one or some of the following tours. All tours are on the first Saturday of the month starting at 11.00; the Sunday tour commences at 14.00. Refreshments available

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST Interesting Inquests Debra Hillman

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST The Skeleton Army t.b.a.

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Epitaphs Pauline Reed

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER Centenarians John Vaughan

The next general meeting will be held at the Gordon Rooms of the Town Hall on 26 July 2019 and maintenance sessions are on the last Saturday of every month starting at 10.00 – all are welcome. See you there.

BURY THE DEAD NEXT TO ROADS, RAILWAY LINES AND FOOTPATHS !!

With no fewer than 500,000 deaths in England and Wales each year it is estimated that burial plots in many areas will simply run out within the next 5 years. Professor John Ashton, former President of the Faculty of Public Health, has called for 'green' (or natural) burials alongside Britain's Motorways (which have never been life-affirming), other roads, railway lines and country public footpaths, to free-up room in cemeteries.

Even the managers of the famous Highgate Cemetery in London have stated that there will be no more space for full size graves within six years. There are plans afoot to reclaim empty plots that were purchased more than 100 years ago but never used and also to add new remains to existing graves where the occupant lies so deep that there is room for another burial on top!

As reported elsewhere in this issue, thought is now being given to future internments not being in 'full coffin burials' and arrangements made for cremation burials. It would seem that in accordance with the feature on Page 24 that this situation need not be a worry for Worthing and area residents for at least three decades.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

The last four months have certainly been busy ones for the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery, witness the many items contained in yet another bumper issue of The BROADSHEET. Again I draw your attention to the contents of the minutes of our regular general meetings where many additional items are featured.

Attendances at our seasonal thematic cemetery tours continue to hold up well, book sales are buoyant, not only generating valuable income for the Friends but, through painstaking research, providing a permanent record of those interred within the cemetery. Lump sum donations from individuals have been most encouraging in 2019 however donations made on tour days have been derisory. Carole Manning has been very busy on the refreshments scene consistently taking between £45 and £55 by way of donations for tea, coffee and cakes on each tour date; yet another one of the Friends who does so much behind the scenes.

On the downside attendances at our monthly cemetery maintenance sessions have, after a promising start to the year, been decreasing. Only four bodies turned up on 29 June, later joined by two others, but that was so disappointing even though the temperature was getting on for 80F! So on Saturday 27 July 2019 it would be great to see you at the chapels just before 10.00 for a couple of hours of fun and frolics, plus a bit of clearance work.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. The next issue will be published at the beginning of December 2019, following our Annual General Meeting and annual election of officers. Enjoy the issue and if you find any errors don't write to me, contact Boris. See Appenices Pages 28 and 29.

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APPENDIX 1. THE YOUNG GENTLEMEN



Our four young men on our ‘Children Bringing History Alive’ tour, on 6 July, see Page 8.



APPENDIX 2. THE YOUNG LADIES





Our four young ladies on our ‘Children Bringing History Alive’ tour on 6 July - see Page 8.





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