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THE TRIANNUAL VOICE OF THE FRIENDS OF BROADWATER AND WORTHING CEMETERY

YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Your Editor is delighted to report that the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery have had yet another successful year and continued to meet the objectives contained in our Constitution. During 2019 the Friends conducted seven Saturday and one Sunday tour, in addition to a number of private tours and in total over 500 members of the public attended our events. Also, in addition to complimentary copies of old publications, we sold some 450 of the FBWC produced and published thematic booklets. In eleven out of the 12 months of the year Friends working parties tackled the onerous task of maintaining the cemetery outside of the local authority's normal parameters. Membership figures were maintained at about 100 Friends. Refreshment sales/income increased over the previous year by 4.56% and donations were a staggering 42% higher than in 2018! We had mentions in the National Federation of Cemetery Friends newsletter and our activities received wide coverage in the local press. Our Researchers produced mountains of information for our booklets, our Media Officer bombarded press offices, our marvellous book producer worked wonders and our book sellers really sold the product. Our head of Maintenance and his assistant organised clearance sessions, the Treasurer kept us on the straight and narrow financially and our famous cake baking ladies did a super job. Our Facebook coordinator beat the drum for modern media and our Secretary kept us all informed as to what was going on. Eight general meetings were held, three Broadsheet magazines were published, roses were put on graves on tour days and tours were led by another Friend. Our Chairman and Deputy Chairman oversaw the whole operation, attended meetings with the Council and other organisations. There were many other Friends who helped along the way and all gave their time and money (by way of motoring costs etc.) in many other areas. Many members of the public at home and abroad were assisted with finding the graves of long deceased relatives and we even made some wooden crosses for those with unmarked graves. There was only a modicum of vandalism, including graffiti, but the Friends also had an input, with the Council, in rectifying any damage. All in all the Friends have done a miraculous job in 2019 – **THANK YOU ALL!** Crowds swarm across our cemetery. [All photos by your Editor unless otherwise credited]



DON'T FORGET YOUR 2020 RENEWAL

The very existence of the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery depends on your support and if you haven't already renewed your membership NOW is the time. At a modest £3 per annum the membership is not only a good deal but these funds are all directly and indirectly allocated to cemetery maintenance and enhancement. We generate other income from our activities but we hope to finance a number of projects in 2020, including significant improvements to the main entrance to the cemetery around the Typhoid memorial. The membership fee has remained unchanged since 2008, a very rare event these days! So, in accordance with the renewal invitation from our Membership Secretary and her recent reminder, please send your membership fee to Mrs Mary Pickett at 91 Upper Brighton Road, Worthing, BN14 9HZ and continue to receive this scintillating publication (!!) three times per annum and have the satisfaction that you really are supporting a worthy cause.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

There was a large turnout for the 2019 Remembrance Day service held at Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery on Saturday 9 November. In addition the Mayor of Worthing, Mrs Hazel Thorpe and other civic dignitaries, the service was attended by representatives of the armed forces, Beavers, Cubs, Explorers and Scouts of the 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts, Friends of the Cemetery including Chairman Mrs Debra Hillman and members of the general public. The FBWC Patron Major Tom Wye had a significant input to the event and the entire proceedings were led by the Reverend Keith Smith, featured on the centre right of the photograph below.



The Reverend welcomed everybody before the proceedings started, which included prayers, the Last Post, two minutes silence, the Reveille, Exhortation, the laying of poppies, crosses and a wreath. There were also readings by young people from the 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts.



There was a long and meaningful message delivered by the Reverend Keith Smith about conflicts past, conflicts present and a balanced view about the future, laced with learned teachings that should result in a world of harmony. At 10.59 there were a few spots of rain, with not a single person flinching at what could have been a soaking. Happily it was a brief and light shower, in stark contrast to the afternoon when the whole area received a lengthy drenching; divine providence indeed. The image below shows the general scene around the Cross of Sacrifice with the Sea Scouts left, dignitaries middle and public and Friends right.



Below we see some of those who planted a commemorative cross beside the Cross of Sacrifice – including on the left the FBWC Chairman and on the right the Mayor of Worthing, with armed forces representatives and related organisations in between.





FBWC TREASURER FUNDS A NEW SET OF WHEELS FOR A 'FRIEND'!

FBWC Treasurer authorised a new set of wheels for Norman Manning, one of our Friends. No, not a new car but a new set of caster wheels for the FBWC refreshments trolley, which had partially seized-up and had become difficult to push. The cost was a staggering £13.80; which is somewhat cheaper than an Aston Martin Vanquish that has an RRP of £199,950.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019: PARLIAMENT COSTS FBWC £21.00 !

This statement is non-political but in an outrageous move the House of Commons voted for a General Election (not that there was much choice!), which resulted in our normal Town Hall Gordon Room meeting venue not being available for our AGM, due to preparations for the election. Therefore our resourceful Secretary and Chairman had to find another venue. This was to be the Offington Park Methodist church hall, which at late notice were prepared to accommodate us, at a cost of £21. We thank them but the fact remains that allowing for profit margins we will to have to sell 42 booklets to recover the said sum! It simply isn't fair!

A total of 21 Friends and guests attended the AGM, which started later than usual at 18.45. The agenda was issued prior to the meeting and the minutes will follow in due course and so there will not be a comprehensive summary here except to record the result of the democratic vote for Committee Members in a range of posts. The results were as follows:

CHAIRMAN: **Debra Hillman**

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: **Sally Roberts**

TREASURER: **John Vaughan**

CIVILIAN RESEARCH: **Sally Roberts (Coordinator)**

MILITARY RESEARCH: **John Stepney**

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: **Mary Pickett**

BROADSHEET EDITOR: **John Vaughan**

PUBLICITY OFFICER: **Carole Manning**

MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR: Paul Robards

DEPUTY COORDINATOR: **Frank Ffitch**

The AGM was lively and lasted 2.5 hours. Each committee member present delivered a report and those absent sent reports to the Secretary for presentation at the meeting. There were lively discussions on a wide range of subjects, including a 'Wish List' of possible projects for 2020. The same above officers as last year were elected with the exception of Civilian Research, with Sally Roberts coordinating a new system of cemetery tour responsibility.

CHAIRMAN'S 2019 ANNUAL REVIEW

FBWC Annual Report November 2019

I have to start by thanking all members for their continued support and hard work in the past year. I'm not going to single out any individuals as the list could get rather long but please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated regardless of the role you perform in the group. Thank you, of course, to all of the committee without whom we could not operate.

Overall 2019 has been another positive year for FBWC. During the course of the year we have faced a few challenges, from vandalism and tents pitched in the cemetery, to the growing pile of green waste awaiting collection but these have been outweighed by the achievements. Membership has hovered around a hundred, tours were yet again extremely well supported (both by members and visitors) and our finances are very healthy. In fact, our accounts are in such a good position that we are able to consider financing a couple of projects in 2020. Research into the potential redesign of the Typhoid Memorial Garden and the repair and improvement of the William Hudson grave are already under way.

It is important to recognise that the funds coming into the group come from various sources and we are not reliant just on membership subscriptions to keep running (if we were, we would have to raise the fees!) The money brought in from our tour day booklet sales, donations and refreshments not only covers the costs of the booklet production and the supply of drinks and cakes but also significantly tops up the coffers to make money available for other projects. The hard work put into these tours from all involved is invaluable. Added to this income are the various donations that come in throughout the year from private tours, talks and research. We also receive donations from relatives grateful for the work we do on the maintenance of the cemetery. I think we are all inclined to underestimate the impact of the clearance work we carry out. It is a large site and the work involved can seem, at times, overwhelming, but we are making a difference. Keep up the good work!

Worthing Bonfire Society kindly donated 2 bird boxes this year to be placed in the cemetery. These were a thank you for welcoming them to a specially themed Skeleton Army Sunday tour in August. Our thanks go to Chris Hare for his assistance on this tour.

It was great to welcome back 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts to the cemetery for the Remembrance Service in November. It was good to see Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all represented on the rather damp Saturday morning. The Mayor was also in attendance.

We are looking forward, in 2020, to forging a strong new relationship with Bereavement Services as they are now our main point of contact at the council. This will be for all aspects of cemetery whether it is reporting of issues such as vandalism and arranging grass cutting or working together on improvement projects. I would ask members to, wherever possible, come through me and not to contact them directly as it makes it easier for everyone concerned if we have one point of contact on both sides. They have already started on a project to produce a detailed plan of the cemetery showing every grave and who is buried in it. This will ultimately be available online. I will be helping out with this where I can and will keep members informed of progress.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and health new year.

Debra

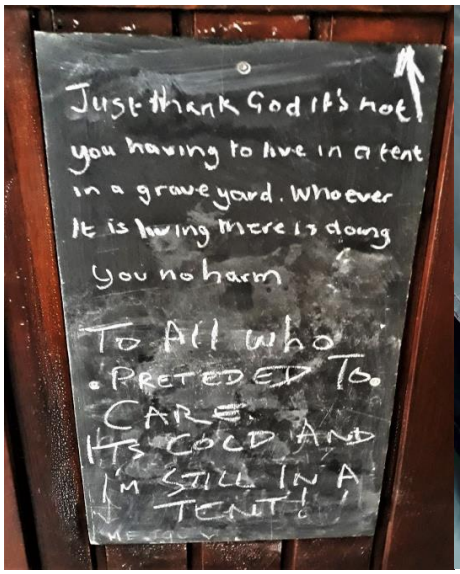
All AGM reports will be incorporated in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, which will be prepared and distributed by our Hon. Secretary, Fran Dingwall shortly. We welcomed Representatives of the Council's Bereavement Service who were in attendance at our AGM.

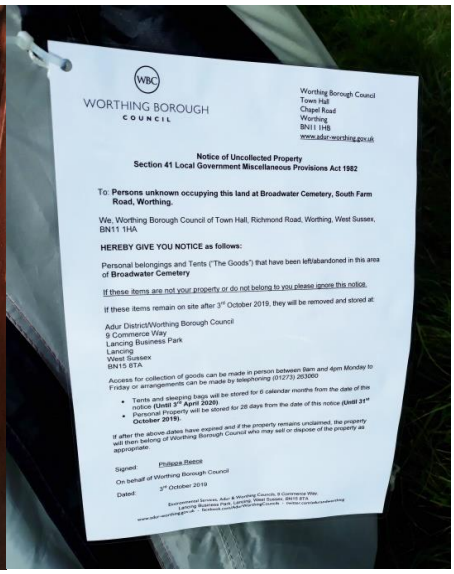
THE SAGA OF THE TENT

Several months ago the Friends became aware of somebody living in a small tent within the cemetery grounds. Looking inside the tent was a sleeping bag and a few personal belongings but certainly during the day there were no sightings of the tent owner/dweller. For several weeks the tent was in situ but authorities had been notified of the situation. Below is a view of the tent pitched between the headstones.



Without knowing the tent dwellers personal circumstances it is difficult to be judgemental about the homeless status but it is easy to feel sorry for an individual who has fallen on hard times through circumstances beyond his control but on the other hand there could be reasons of his own making. However whether one has sympathy or not tent dwelling cannot be permitted in the cemetery because it could lead to a precedent resulting in perhaps dozens of tents being pitched. Not only would this be totally inappropriate but there are of course no sanitary provisions in the cemetery and a whole range of problems would emerge. We have to be careful about drug takers and alcoholics as it is. Consequently the Council took action and this notice, below right, was pinned to the tent. This was followed by a very poignant posting on our chalk board by the tent dweller; rather sad really! After the tent dweller vacated the cemetery we now have another tent pitched in the cemetery. [Photos below: Paul Robards]





OUR WONDERFUL CEMETERY TOURS

Our tours up until the end of July were fully reported and illustrated in the Summer issue of The BROADSHEET, Issue No.37. The first tour featured here took place on Saturday 3 August 2019, featuring 'Interesting Inquests', which was conducted by our Chairman Debra Hillman. This tour proved to be the best attended tour of 2019 with 88 participants. Book sales amounted to £75 and total takings including refreshments amounted to £114.80. Below is the pre-tour scene beside the cemetery chapels as the crowds arrive. Rosemary Pearson and Anne Powell are manning the bookstall. In the second image Debra Hillman delivers her carefully prepared script to the multitudes on a delightful summer day.





Here is another view of the popular 'Interesting Inquests' tour. With the crowds spread right across part of the cemetery. The tour was enjoyed by all.



Our only Sunday tour took place on 25 August 2019 and a bizarre affair it was. Conducted by Debra Hillman, supported by Chris Hare, the tour was joined by several members of the Worthing Bonfire Society. The tour included the story of the 'Skeleton Army' relating back to the days when the Riot Act was instigated following skirmishes with members of the Salvation Army. Members of The Worthing Bonfire Society were 'suitably attired'! Below, they seem to have left one of their members behind!



There were some scary sights to be seen in the cemetery on 3 August, as seen below.







In addition to the tour guides, the general public and the Bonfire folks, the Worthing Town Cryer Bob Smytherman also appeared in full regalia, as seen below.



Debra Hillman heads the substantial crowd of participants on the Skeleton Army tour.



On Saturday 7 September 2019 it was the turn of Pauline Reed to perform the tour guide responsibilities to lead a tour titled ‘Epitaphs’, showing the cemetery visitors a wide range of interesting and amusing inscriptions on headstones within Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. Again the day was fine and in common with most 2019 tours about 50 people turned up for the free tour. Again thanks must go to our researchers for their meticulous work in researching the life and times of all those interred who were included on the tour.


'Epitaphs Tour'.


Tour guide Pauline.



A substantial crowd.

The last official tour of the year took place on Saturday 5 October 2019. Originally allocated to John Vaughan, due to his temporary incapacity Sally Roberts kindly offered to conduct the tour and yet again the tour was well populated. Although a 'retold' tour a new slant was put on the subject of 'Centenarians' and the following facts were researched by John in tour guide preparation and incorporated in the tour. These facts are of general interest and your Editor has decided that they are worth including in this issue of the BROADSHEET.

At the present time in the UK there are 14,430 Centenarians.

At the present time there are 579,776 people over the age of 90.

Over the past 15 years the number of Centenarians in the UK has increased by 85%.

In 2002 there were 8 female Centenarians for every male.

In 2017 there were 7 Centenarians for every 100,000 of the population.

The oldest man to have lived in the UK was Henry Allington 1896 – 2009, aged 113.

The oldest UK person was Charlotte Hughes 1877 – 1993, aged 115.6 years.

In 1900 the average life expectancy in the UK was men 47 and women 50.

In 1950 the average life expectancy in the UK was men 66 and women 72.

In 2010 the average life expectancy in the UK was men 79 and women 83.

Children born today compared with 1931 are 8 times more likely to reach 100 years.

Below we see Sally in full flow with her attentive audience. [Photo: Mary Pickett].



The only male buried in the cemetery who achieved the status of 'Centenarian' was Henry Thomson Irvine and it was therefore essential that he was included in the tour. Not only that but one of his relations, Great Great Granddaughter Sheila Burden, attended the tour and for the occasion our carpenter extraordinaire John Stepney made a new wooden cross for the otherwise unmarked grave. Sheila is seen beside the cross. [Photo: Mary Pickett]



FOCUS ON SUPERB REFRESHMENTS

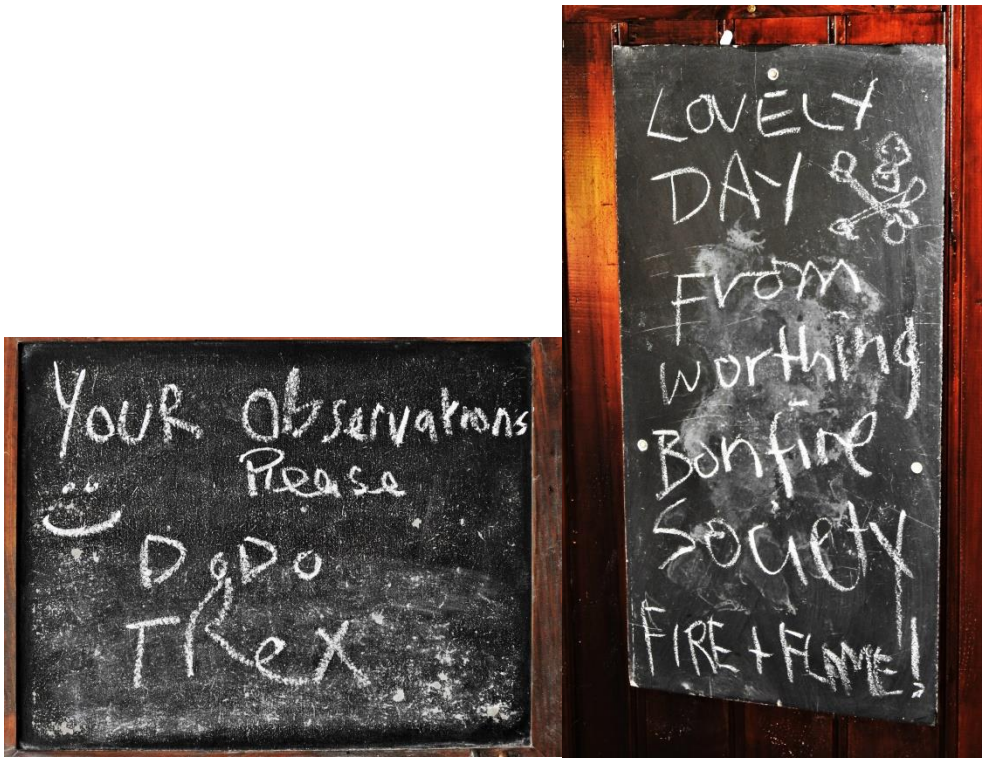
The combined efforts of many of the Friends have already been extolled but here special mention must be made of the refreshment services provided for every cemetery tour by Carole Manning, ably supported by husband Norman Manning and Karen Foster. Carole and Karen are famous for their cake making. The service they provide is exemplary and in total their contribution has netted the FBWC a grand total of £251.77 during 2019, a remarkable effort. The girls do not take money for their cake making raw materials and I will encourage them to change that policy during 2020. Many thanks to the girls for their efforts, which also included the provision of drinks in the form of tea, coffee and juices.

OUTRAGE AT BBC/NETFLIX FILMING

Relatives of people buried in Henley Road Cemetery, Caversham have been outraged because Hartswood Films have been filming in the cemetery over three nights, from 20.00 until 05.00, for a new BBC and Netflix 'Dracula' drama. Local residents were informed of the event because large cranes and lights would be used in the filming. Protesters said that filming on such a site was 'totally disrespectful' and that the location should at all times be 'peaceful'. Others professed to be 'extremely angry'. The film company said that filming was being undertaken in a very small area of the cemetery and individual graves could not be identified. Film crews would show great respect for the cemetery. The film company also said that they were sorry for any upset. Reading Borough Council who granted permission for the filming said that filming was outside of opening hours with zero impact on any visitors or activity.

CEMETERY BLACKBOARD MUSINGS

The FBWC blackboard located between the north and south chapels is for recording mainly wild life observations but during the past few months it has been used for both humour and for sincere messages. Anybody with even a trace of a sense of humour could not resist a chuckle at the wag who observed both 'T-Rex' and a 'Dodo' in the cemetery. It was also used as a note of thanks by the Bonfire Society for our Skeleton Army tour (see Pages 8-10).



MAINTENANCE STALWARTS



The Clearance Gang 31/8/19.

During 2019 there have been a number of regulars who have turned up at the cemetery at 10.00 on the last Saturday of the month to tackle maintenance tasks throughout the cemetery as largely indicated by our Coordinator. Most tasks tackled are outside of the standard Council grass cutting and include tree branch trimming, bramble removal, ivy removal from headstones and pruning unwanted saplings, which can completely 'smother' an area incorporating many graves if not controlled. The numbers attending range from 8 to 16 but **we do need more friends to help** for a very convivial and sociable 2 hours of work. There is no pressure and plenty of banter, with individuals working at their own pace. Do come and join the team because the exercise will do you good, combined with a sense of achievement.



The 28 September Team.



Just a moments rest!

During the past year the dates for Council cemetery grass cuts were agreed and our reserved areas for the benefit of birds and insects, as well as wild life, were respected. The idea for the interim grass cutting of cemetery paths by a private company has been rejected.

ADUR & WORTHING MAINTENANCE

In addition to the efforts of the Friends credit must be given to the local authority in difficult times financially for their maintenance efforts. In addition to the usual cemetery grass cutting and strimming, the removal of mountains of rubbish and dog waste put into bins by the general public and all of our pruning, cutting back and undergrowth removal material that the Friends have produced. They also re-acted immediately when graffiti appeared, their 'Graffiti Removal Team' springing into action to restore everything to an 'as new' condition.

Andy Edwards, Head of Environmental Services has sadly moved on to take up the post of Assistant Director, Environmental and Commercial Services at Reading Borough Council. He wrote to your Editor saying "I've really enjoyed liaising with the Friends Group during my nearly 6 years with the Council and I am full of admiration for all the excellent work and passion that you all show voluntarily within the cemetery". Good luck in the new post Andy! Below we see Council workers strimming and attending to the chapel roofline.





PRIVATE TOURS AND TALKS

Throughout the year 2019 the Friends have been only too happy to arrange cemetery tours and illustrated talks to a number of organisations who are either interested in our work or needing to fill their events calendars, or both. As said the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery have been pleased to accommodate such requests. The attendance at these private tours normally ranges from 10 to 20 individuals and the subject matter is normally left to us to decide, based on entertainment value. These social groups normally make a contribution to our cause, in the region of £20 -£25. Photographs of some of the groups entertained appear on the next page.

Earlier in the year the Friends gave talks, general and illustrated, to Worthing and District Diabetic Club, the Silver Threads Club and Goring Methodist Church. In terms of private cemetery tours the most recent examples have been:

Broadwater Walking Group	by Debra Hillman
St Lawrence Walking Group	by Debra Hillman
The Grumpy Old Men (Offington Methodists)	by John Vaughan
Worthing Highdown Alternative Trefoil	by Sally Roberts

Below is an image of the Broadwater Walking Group. [Photo: Debra Hillman]



Below, John Vaughan entertains 'The Grumpy Old Men' (and boy). [Photo Mary Pickett]



Overleaf we illustrate the Worthing Highdown Alternative Trefoil group who enjoyed a 'Centenarians' tour and tour guide Sally Roberts. [Photos: George Roberts].





The Friends were flattered by an item that appeared in the Offington Methodist 'Spotlight' magazine, which also provided us with some free publicity (sent by Carole Manning).

GRAVE MATTERS

"In August the Grumpies had a private tour of Broadwater Cemetery, courtesy of the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. We had one of their experienced guides, John Vaughan, who showed us the very first grave to be occupied (1863), the tomb of a former mayor, and a grand edifice in the centre of the cemetery about which little is known or can be found (except that the occupant is rumoured to be buried in a glass coffin). We also heard the sad story of a road worker who was crushed by a steamroller wheel (a wheel is on the grave) as well as the gruesome tale of one of Worthing's first murders in around 1899. It sounds odd to say 'you've had a great time' visiting a cemetery but we did. John was very knowledgeable and there is a wealth of history to be explored amongst the 25,000 occupants. Go along to one of the cemetery tours (they're all different) and see for yourselves. We're prepared to bet that you won't be disappointed."

WALKING GROUP TOURS by Debra Hillman

In July and August I had the pleasure of guiding two private tours for the St Lawrence and Broadwater walking groups. The first on 30 July didn't get off to the best start. As we gathered by the chapels so did the rain clouds and by the time we set off raincoats were the order of the day. However the rain was short-lived, fortunately.

The second tour on 21 August got off to a much better start and it was warm and sunny for a group photograph [see Page 17 – Ed.]. We embarked on a 'Scandal and Controversy' tour. However, yet again some ominous clouds were getting closer and sure enough, about half way through the tour we were heading for shelter under the trees. Luckily it was a fleeting and light shower and within a few minutes the sun was breaking through again. Around 20 people attended each tour and both tours were well received. Many thanks go to all who came along and for the donations to the Friends, which amounted to £47 (and for my tea and biscuits afterwards).

RECENT AND RANDOM IMAGES

There is always something to see in 'our' cemetery and many subjects are worth a photograph. The images on this page are all by Friend Paul Robards.



A very unusual cloud formation.



Appalling litter problem beside our bench.



A new bird box erected by Paul Robards.

Two new bird boxes were kindly donated to the Friends by the Worthing Bonfire Society and risking life and limb Paul Robards has installed these at strategic points within our cemetery. Paul placed a small chrome disc on the boxes with the Society's name on them.

The images on the next two pages were taken by your Editor, some of them seasonal.



. A type of Garden Banded snail.



An amazing carpet of catkins.



A very busy wasp nest.

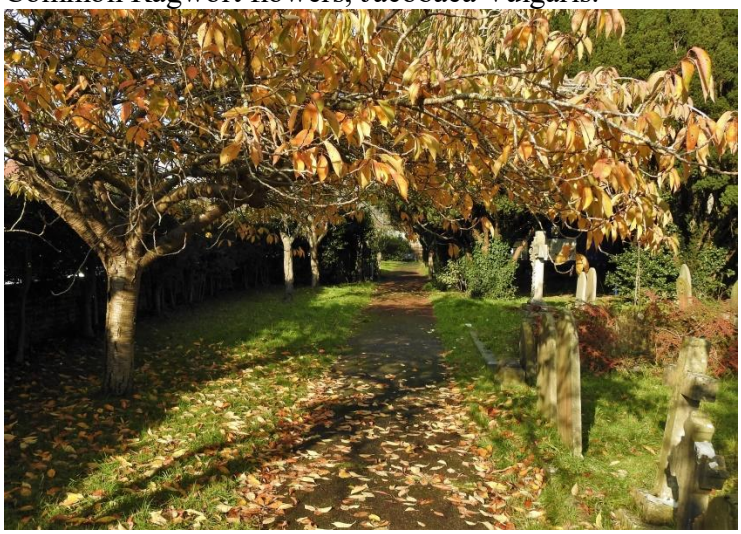
Now we can't let our Clearance and Maintenance Coordinator have it all his own way and so here are some Flora rather than Fauna pictures from the Editor's camera!



Butter and Egg flowers, Linaria Vulgaris.



Common Ragwort flowers, Jacobaea Vulgaris.



A last glimpse of autumn, courtesy of a cherry tree.

THE FRIENDS' CEMETERY BENCHES

During the past few years the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery have purchased two high quality cemetery benches for the use of the general public, whether they are locals or visitors from afar. These popular resting places have been used by all and sundry, ranging from young people, dog walkers and even those with nowhere else to go. Below we see two of our senior and well-established Friends Colin Reed (left) and Ian Entwistle having a pause and a natter on the first of our two benches beside the chapels, during one of our tour dates.



The young man featured here is probably in a world of his own with his 'mobile' and earpieces, regarding the cemetery as a quiet oasis in the midst of a busy built-up area.



DEFIBRILLATORS FOR CREMATORIUM

A brand new life saving defibrillator is set to be installed at Sussex and Surrey Crematorium. Dignity, the operator of the facility, has raised funds for a defibrillator through its charity partner, the British Heart Foundation. In the past six months there have tragically been two deaths at crematoria in the UK when visitors have suffered heart attacks when attending a funeral. It has been stated that every minute without CPR or defibrillation reduces a person's chances of surviving a cardiac arrest by around ten per cent. Staff at the crematorium have been trained in the use of the defibrillator. In total, over time, Dignity has raised more than £450,000 for the charity. This policy will be expanded and the charity have stated that "Defibrillators need to be available in the areas of greatest risk, such as where crowds gather; a location where people are naturally anxious or under stress or possibly somewhere that an ambulance may take time to reach due to traffic congestion or distance from a hospital and so a crematorium meets all of these requirements." [There are 294 crematoria in the UK. Ed.]

FBWC MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

For the whole of 2019 our fully paid-up membership has hovered around the 100 Friends figure, sometimes just over the 'ton' and occasionally just below that figure, which is all very encouraging. As of the date of publication of this edition of The BROADSHEET the renewals process is in operation and you should have received an invitation to pay the modest £3 per annum fee and if you haven't paid a reminder has also been issued. In addition we have asked you to kindly renew on Page 2 of this tome. If you still haven't paid then the next stage is to **'send the boys around'**, so please part with your pennies. Nearly 80% of our members have already paid and that is without threats! You are important to us!

The FBWC has had another successful year financially. Last year, 2017/18, with an annual turnover of £1,572 our income exceeded expenditure by £19.44, after the procurement of a £1,000 cemetery bench. This year, 2018/19, we have made a profit of £498 based on an annual turnover of £1,102, however this year there were no really 'big ticket' procurements and if our refreshment income is included our turnover would have been £1,354 and our 'profit' £751, however monies received after our accounting year end date, in this case 21 October 2019, must be incorporated in the 2019/20 accounts. Wish list procurements are under consideration for delivery in 2019/20, which will reduce profit and gross asset value. Although still buoyant, gross book sales at £447 were down by 14% in 2019 compared to the previous year while refreshment income in the current calendar (as distinct from accounting) year was up by 4.6%. In net terms membership fees were stable; although accounts show a decrease because some of those fees were accounted for in the previous year (fees are banked as received and often span two accounting years). Top of the income list was donations, which were very encouraging, increasing from £338 to £481, a massive increase of 42%. However a word of warning; in 2018/19 there were a couple of extraordinary 'one-off' donations, which boosted the total. Strange to relate that special donations were large and welcome but donations 'in the bucket' on tour days were derisory.

At account year end the FBWC had bank deposits of £5,991.14 and cash floats of £29.90, resulting in a total net worth of £6,021.04. There are no fixed assets of value. Full accounts of trading for 2018/19 were made available at the AGM and can be supplied upon request.

PAUL'S PAGES

Paul's Pages have now become a regular feature in The BROADSHEET, where our Clearance and Maintenance Coordinator displays two pages of his Flora and Forna photographs and provides informative captions to encourage interest in all of the various plants, animals and insects that are resident in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery. [Ed.]



There has been a profusion of red berries in the cemetery this Autumn, including Rosehip, Cotoneaster, Yew and Holly, which we are informed may predict a hard Winter to follow.



There are various Toadstools and Mushrooms that start to appear in October once the ground starts to dampen with the rain. Lately we have indeed had plenty of rain, ideal for a good show of Toadstools. It is advised not to attempt to eat any found in the cemetery, unless they are positively identified as an edible variety.



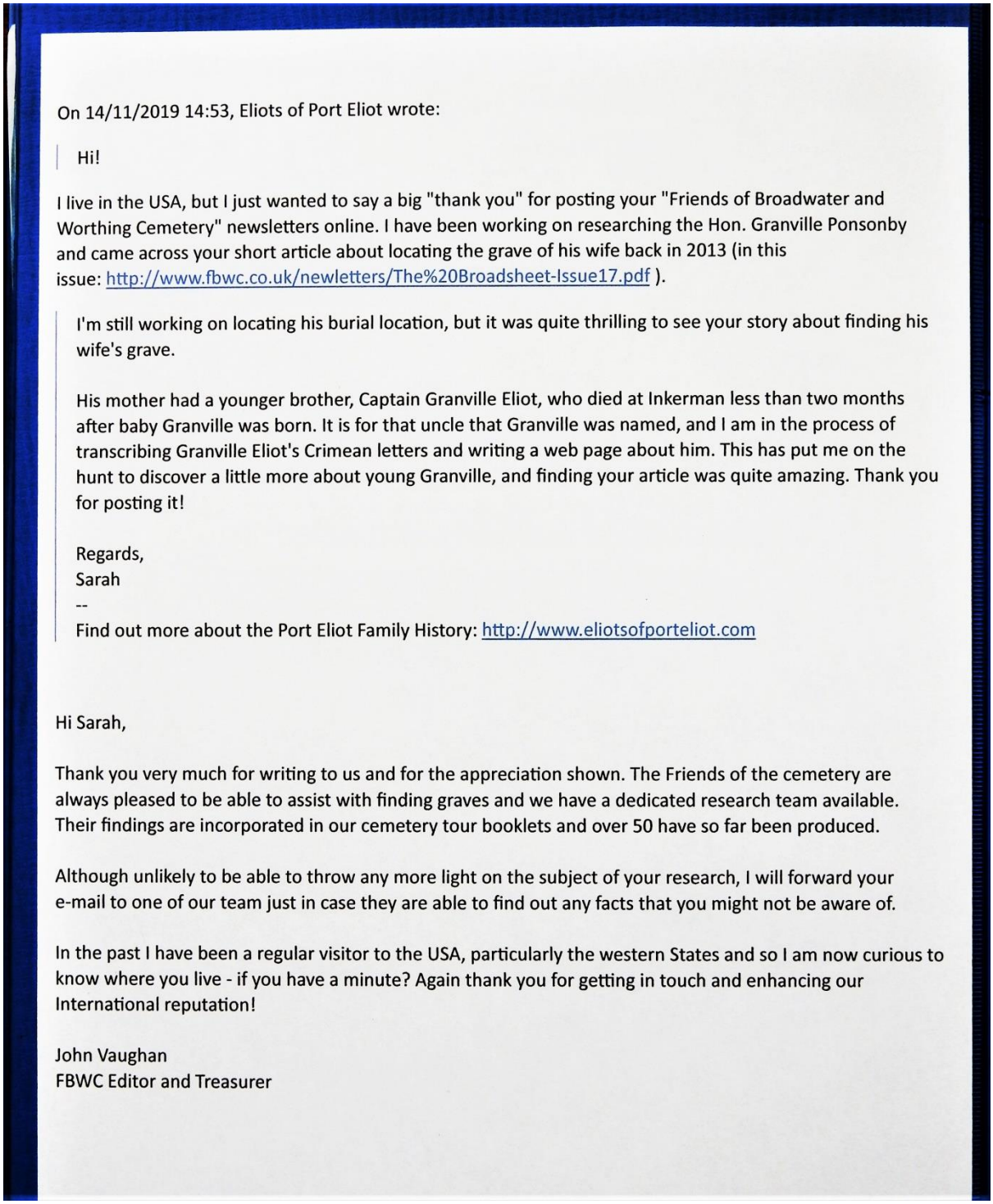
The Robin's Pincushion (also known as Bedeguar Gall) is a gall caused by the larvae of a tiny gall wasp (Dipoloepis Rosae). The gall is widespread and common and can be found developing on the stems of Dog-roses during late Summer, acquiring its reddish colour as it matures in Autumn. [More details can be found on the Wild Life Trust's website].



To end Paul's Pages for this issue he features what has become a seasonal 'symbol' on Christmas cards – the common but pretty Robin. Our Robins in the cemetery often join us on Clearance days on the last Saturday of every month and keep us amused by their antics. Come and join us on Saturday 28 December 2019 – you'll enjoy the experience!

THE FBWC INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery regularly receive communications from an immense variety of sources, many of them overseas, especially English speaking nations. Sometimes we assist with research and our 'find a grave' service. On occasions we receive simply a vote of thanks for what we do. Below is such an e-mail exchange from a lady, Wendy Ford, who lives in Ohio, U.S.A. who is writing an article for The BROADSHEET!



On 14/11/2019 14:53, Eliots of Port Eliot wrote:

> Hi!
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> I live in the USA, but I just wanted to say a big "thank you" for posting your "Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery" newsletters online. I have been working on researching the Hon. Granville Ponsonby and came across your short article about locating the grave of his wife back in 2013 (in this issue: http://www.fbwc.co.uk/newletters/The%20Broadsheet-Issue17.pdf).
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> I'm still working on locating his burial location, but it was quite thrilling to see your story about finding his wife's grave.
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> His mother had a younger brother, Captain Granville Eliot, who died at Inkerman less than two months after baby Granville was born. It is for that uncle that Granville was named, and I am in the process of transcribing Granville Eliot's Crimean letters and writing a web page about him. This has put me on the hunt to discover a little more about young Granville, and finding your article was quite amazing. Thank you for posting it!
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> Regards,
> Sarah
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> Find out more about the Port Eliot Family History: http://www.eliotsofporteliot.com

Hi Sarah,

Thank you very much for writing to us and for the appreciation shown. The Friends of the cemetery are always pleased to be able to assist with finding graves and we have a dedicated research team available. Their findings are incorporated in our cemetery tour booklets and over 50 have so far been produced.

Although unlikely to be able to throw any more light on the subject of your research, I will forward your e-mail to one of our team just in case they are able to find out any facts that you might not be aware of.

In the past I have been a regular visitor to the USA, particularly the western States and so I am now curious to know where you live - if you have a minute? Again thank you for getting in touch and enhancing our International reputation!

John Vaughan
FBWC Editor and Treasurer

STOP PRESS – 30 NOVEMBER 2019 !

At the risk of unduly inflating the size of this issue of The BROADSHEET your Editor has decided to include three images taken today, 30 November 2019, at our monthly Maintenance session. Photographed between the cemetery chapels are eight of the regular maintainers, plus your Editor/photographer and three later arrivals, making a dozen troopers in all.



How wonderful it was to see a youngster at work in the cemetery and here Alex is seen in 'before and after' shots beside a memorial that he personally cleared, without assistance. Well done young man – oh and your Grandmother Sheila who did a splendid clearance job as well.



Before – a tangle of ivy – plus Alex.



After – the memorial revealed – well done!

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, this issue commemorates the end of our 11th year of operation and it has been as busy as ever (see Page 1 and our Chairman's annual report Page 6). There have been no problems encountered in filling a total of 28 A4 pages with text and photographs. Enjoy the issue.

It always amazes me how there can be so much to report in terms of the activities of the Friends and in respect of the cemetery generally. Except for Paul's Pages there have been no contributions by way of articles for this magazine but several people have contributed in an indirect way. Also, as often said by your Editor, much of the day to day news in respect of (by way of example) rubbish collection, cemetery security, third party cemetery path cutting and maintenance and a whole lot more are recorded in the minutes of our general meetings, compiled by our wonderful Secretary Fran Dingwall. The next minutes will be lengthy, recording the various reports and discussions arising from the Annual General Meeting

All Committee members give a great deal of their time and indirectly money to our cause and for example our Media Officer, Carole Manning simply gets on with the job of spreading the word regarding our cemetery tours and other activities to the local press, including newspapers, trade magazines and various periodicals. The Worthing Journal runs a monthly feature on 'our' cemetery. Mary Pickett handles all membership matters and from her printing works, or rather den at home, where she magically produces hundreds of FBWC booklets, consuming hundreds of hours of her life annually. All committee members and many Friends are also contributors, ranging from book selling, tour leading, guiding tours, maintaining the cemetery, not to mention catering and cake making. The list is endless but not so long as to forget our Chairman who has led the group throughout the year and dealt with a wide range of issues and attended endless meetings. **On behalf of all the Friends "Thanks Debra"!**

WE NEED YOU – reads the poster but we truly do and I encourage you to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. This winter the committee will be building a full programme for 2020, all of which will be reported in three issues of The BROADSHEET and detailed on the FBWC web-site and on Facebook. Your Editor hopes (below) that you have a happy and joyful festive season but if you want to get away from the relatives or remove some of those Christmas calories come to our Clearance and Maintenance morning on **Saturday 28 December 2019** for a couple of hours; meeting at 10.00 by the South Farm Road cemetery chapels. You never know Santa may have left us some mince pies.

It was agreed at the FBWC Annual General Meeting that the grand FBWC festive season celebration 'get together' will take place **at The Cricketers public house in Broadwater at 19.00 hours on Thursday 19 December 2019.** The next Maintenance morning is shown above and the next FBWC general meeting will be at 18.00 on Friday 31 January 2020 in the Gordon Room of the Town Hall. I wish all Friends and readers a joyous Festive Season and above all a ***Happy and Healthy New Year.***

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