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TOP GEAR FOR 2010

Following the tremendous success of the efforts of the Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery in 2009, their first year of existence, when significant progress was made on a number of fronts (as reported in the last Broadsheet), activities are set to make a quantum leap forward during 2010 as the Friends 'machine' selects top gear following the grant of Heritage Lottery funding and receipt of the first instalment of the grant.

One of the first priorities will be signage, whereby such items as interpretation boards and cemetery section identifying signs will be put in place. Already well advanced are a number of important publications, which have been funded as a result of our bid, including a definitive in-depth history of the cemetery, an 'A-Z' of the graves of many of the more interesting people buried in the cemetery, including mini-biographies, a detailed publication of military graves with particular emphasis on the First World War and even an information sheet handout. Details of grave and headstone restoration courses run by Tribes, the well known firm of local undertakers, are presently being finalised and special 'kits' are to be procured. The scope of cemetery tours is being extended and in addition to general tours, guides are being trained on thematic visits focussing on specific sections or aspects of the community.

Furthermore, educational courses are now being planned and organised that between April and December will have wide appeal and cover a multitude of subjects, all of which are detailed under a separate item in this issue. It is hoped to continue involving local schools and they will assist the Friends with recording the content

of memorials on headstones throughout the cemetery. When all of this activity is combined with ongoing research, cemetery maintenance and the proposed 'drop-in' days, when working parties will provide further 'hands-on' activity, this promises to be a busy year, continuing the excellent start made by the Friends in 2009. To facilitate these activities Debra Hillman has circulated an 'interests and skills' list where Friends have been encouraged to record their specific sphere of interest and any practical skills they could offer, resulting in a 'something for everyone' approach to ongoing projects. All Friends are encouraged to get involved in one or some of the planned activities to help meet our objectives.

COMMITTEE ENLARGED

The important roles of Paul Robards and Chris Hare have been recognised in our post-lottery grant activities and they have been voted onto the main Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery committee. Paul is heavily involved with writing a cemetery history and various restoration projects and Chris is heading-up important educational seminars, with sessions covering a multitude of relevant subjects.

AGM SUCCESS

There was not a sign of apathy at a very proactive Friend's AGM at the end of October. There were 36 attendees including one of our local Members of Parliament, our President Tim Loughton. This represented a turnout of over 80%, a remarkable achievement! All of the existing committee members were successful in being retained in their present posts by formal nomination and popular vote and all decisions were unanimous. The minutes have already been circulated by

our Secretary Alan Rice and will not be repeated here, suffice to say that there was an air of excitement following the news that our application for Heritage Lottery Funding had been successful and, additionally, that our membership continued to grow.

LECTURES WITH PARTICIPATION

Part of our lottery bid included Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery related heritage training courses that focussed on the history of the cemetery and its place in the local community. These sessions will be educational and there will be opportunities for audience participation. Local Historian Chris Hare will be heading these courses between April and December 2010. He has identified eight distinct subject headings for the series of seminars (these are not formal session titles):

A Global Introduction to the Subject
Notable Individuals Interred in the Cemetery
The Typhoid Epidemic
Military Campaigns
Local Trades People
Religious Groups
Literary Personalities
Curiosities and Conclusion

All Friends have been encouraged to sign-up to the course sessions and at the time of going to press about 30 (the optimum number) of the available places have already been booked. It seems probable that each session will be repeated subject to resources and other circumstances. Chris is presently working-up course content but he is determined to incorporate attendee participation with the opportunity being afforded of producing old photographs and other ephemera for viewing and discussion by all. It's now a question of 'watch this space'.

SCHOOL DAY WASHOUT

Full marks to Worthing High School pupils for turning out on 13 November 2009, which developed into the

most atrocious day weatherwise. Up to 70 young people attended Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery to undertake the primary task of recording monumental inscriptions. Despite the climatic conditions good progress was made before proceedings had to be terminated at lunch time. A group photograph appeared in 'The Sentinel' paper. Hopefully the weather will not have deterred these enterprising youngsters from again visiting the cemetery and continuing their interest in its history. Congratulations to the school, pupils and staff for the effort they have already put into this initiative.

MORE GROUP HELP

Following the past efforts by local HSBC (Invoice Finance) staff the World's Local Bank staff again visited the cemetery on 4 November 2009 and half a dozen cheerful and willing ladies cleared a large number of graves in the Molly Corbett grave area and removed voluminous amounts of undergrowth, as well as 'polishing' some of the work done last time. Thank you ladies – and HSBC Management.

In addition to the Bank the members of the Church of Latter Day Saints were on site in some numbers on 24 October and judging by the enormous pile of cuttings, seemingly sufficient to fill a couple of lorries, they were extremely productive during what was, no doubt, a very hard but hopefully fulfilling day. Again the Friends offer their thanks and gratitude to the Church for their enormous goodwill.

FRIENDS AT THE BAR

No, nobody has decided to join the legal profession, it was Sally Roberts who organised a seasonal 'get-together' on 4 December, where Friends could meet on a social basis to celebrate the festive season and reflect on all that had been achieved during the past year, while washing down any accumulated dust with a drink. With a number of Friends having prior appointments and others seemingly having joined the Temperance movement a total of nine Friends turned up at 'The Cricketers' public house and a merry time was had by all.

HEENE HIJINKS

Prior to the Remembrance Day services and parades at both Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery and at the Town Hall Memorial in November our Chairman asked for assistance in cleaning up part of the old Heene Cemetery in Worthing, particularly in the vicinity of the eight military graves contained within the boundaries. There was a tremendous turnout and the group of Friends set about clearing much of the surrounding undergrowth and clearing 'paths' to the relevant graves. Only a large fox complained about the proceedings as his slumbers were disturbed.

Away from the usual meeting tables your Editor, your Military researcher and one of our newer members, John Stepney, discovered that they had all attended the old Worthing High School for Boys in Broadwater Road during the 1950s and shared several reminiscences. As they say, 'its a small world'! The event turned out to be an extremely sociable occasion and plenty of undergrowth was removed during a single mornings work, your Editor failing to realise the strength of some of the female Friends!

Following our visit is seems that the group of folk who are paying their debt to society via Community Service moved into Heene Cemetery and reports indicate that they are doing some fine work at the site. However from a selfish perspective it is hoped that they will return to Broadwater to help us when their short to medium term

objectives are finished. We would not want the Friends to think it was only they that were performing services within the community!

BERRIES AND BALLS!

Recent curious goings-on at Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery include a couple seen removing bags full of holly (presumably only that with berries) from the cemetery grounds and loading it into a Peugot car, obviously for commercial reasons. The Jury is out as to whether this activity is tantamount to cemetery maintenance or grand theft!

Also Friends have discovered a number of golf balls in the cemetery and it seems that we must have a mystery golfer who enjoys the tranquility of the cemetery to practise with his 8-iron or sand wedge. He must either be a rotten golfer or filthy rich – have you seen the price of golf balls? This comment presumes it is not 'bird theft' from Hill Barn?

THE REAL DEAL

A Friend of the Borough of Barnsley (Yorkshire) cemeteries (known as the Dearne Memorial Group), Peter Shields, has nearly completed a six year task of indexing all of the burials in the 20 cemeteries in the area amounting to 176,000 records. Each record includes surname, christian name, date of death, date of internment, age, occupation, grave number, place of death and address, well over 1.5 million data fields! An on-line search facility is being developed with a charge of £3.50 for 50 searches being levied.

BURIED UNDER A BOEING 747? NO THANKS

There has been a great response to a petition by the 'Cherry Lane Against Development' group to prevent the destruction of Cherry Lane Cemetery by a Heathrow third runway. BAA have now confirmed that they will only develop schemes that avoid the cemetery and similarly the Highways Agency have ruled out any plans that affect the cemetery. Presumably the various 'Rest in Peace' inscriptions on headstones were decades ahead of their time and that even in the 21st century the wishes of loved ones have (perhaps by chance) been observed. It seems that on this occasion People Power has won the day!

WORTHING MERCHANTS

BY CHRIS GREEN

During the clearance of the War Graves in Heene Cemetery (see above article - Ed.) another area was cleared, which revealed the grave of William Wenban Smith, the founder of a Worthing timber merchant which continues to trade to this day. In 1881 his company employed 37 men and 6 boys.

At the time, I mentioned to certain Friends that his grand-daughter Helen married one Ken Strange, who was a respected French Master at Worthing High School for Boys. Like myself some of those clearing the undergrowth were Old Azurians (old boys of WHSB). This resulted in a lively discussion, when we were able to reminisce about our schooldays – a most enjoyable experience, so that time passed quickly.

There was another link in that Ken's father, George Nevill Strange is buried in Broadwater Cemetery (Plot C21). George was a partner in the Worthing drapers Smith & Strange which traded in South Street. George died in 1919 aged 47, and in due course he was joined in the same grave by his wife Emily, who died in 1968, aged 100.

A sister of Ken's, Joan Strange, kept a diary during the Second World War, which has been published as 'Despatches from the Home Front'. If you know Worthing, then you will find this book very interesting, which is obtainable from public libraries.

SALLY ARMY RIOTS

by TOM WYE

During a cemetery tour I was approached by a Mr and Mrs Cheal of the Salvation Army to help find the grave of Capt Sarah Jane Broadhurst, a Salvationist. She played an important part in the Salvation Army riots that occurred in Worthing and Shoreham during 1884. Capt Sarah was a leader of the Shoreham Salvation Army and on 12 October 1884 she was attacked by a mob from Worthing and it was reported that she was “battered to the ground by a hail of stones and brickbats”.

She died in Worthing on 6 February 1892 at the young age of 43 and it was said at the time that she had never recovered from the beating handed out by the mob. Mr Cheal remembered being taken to her grave by his father but after many months of searching he had been unable to locate the grave.

An initial search by Mr and Mrs Cheal helped by yours truly drew a blank and I decided to carry out a little more research in the burial records, especially the register of 'purchased graves', amongst other things to confirm the row. I discovered the names of those buried in the same plot and row as Capt Sarah and continued the search. Having located the graves of others in the same row I measured out to the spot where the lady should be, but where there was no evidence of any headstone. This was confusing because Mr Cheal was convinced that it had a large headstone when he visited it with his father many years before.

I decided to do a little digging and after a very short time discovered that there was a large headstone under about 3 inches of soil and vegetation. This was quickly uncovered but it was necessary to return home for some tools and get the help of a family member to help with the lifting. This was quickly executed and once cleaned clearly showed that I had indeed discovered the long lost grave that was duly shown to Mr and Mrs Cheal.

The Salvation Army riots are an important, if not the most honourable, part of Worthing's history and it is hoped that the headstone can be refurbished and re-erected for the benefit of future generations of our town. It has been hidden for many years but thanks to the work of the 'Friends' it is again visible.

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS

by SUE NEA

It is intesresting to compare the first two burials that took place at Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery on 16 May 1863. The first was one Joseph Hardy aged 74, a 'Gentleman' of 10 Warwick Street and the second was that of Henry Lelliott aged 44, a Cordwainer (Shoemaker) of Field Row. The graves are at C5-1-1 and A1-10-1 respectively.

How appropriate it seems that one was a wealthy gentleman whose plot was purchased and whose grave is in a prestigious position, very close to the Chapel main entrance, whereas the other grave is very much an 'ordinary' working class husband and father who is buried in an unpurchased grave a considerable distance from the chapel.

In view of the perceived social status it seems strange that I was able to find only a little information about Joseph Hardy, in contrast to the Lelliott situation. Hardy was born in 1789 in 'St Andrews', London. By 1851 Joseph and his wife Mary Clarke Hardy were living in Hampstead, his occupation is shown as a 'Proprietor of Houses'. By 1861 they had removed to Worthing and were living at 24 Warwick Street and his recorded occupation had not changed.

Joseph Hardy died in May 1863 and his funeral was held on 16 May 1863 in St Mary's Church, Broadwater. Mary Clarke Hardy died in 1868 and she was buried on 16 September that year in the same grave as her husband. No other information is readily available.

Henry Lelliott was born about 1819 and he was baptised at St Mary's in Littlehampton on 30 January 1820. His parents were Lancaster and Lucy Lelliott. He had three sisters Mary Ann, Emily and Louisa who were baptised at St Mary's Broadwater on 10 October 1818 and 15 April 1821, with Louisa being so dealt with in the Dorset Gardens Wesleyan Chapel in Brighton on 13 October 1822. Henry married one Mary Churcher, also in Broadwater, on 7 July 1845. They had seven children (with baptism dates) Henry 1847, William Lancaster 1849, Nicholas 1851, Frederick 1852, Kate 1854, Joseph Henry 1856 and Alfred (d.o.b. 1860). The first born died aged 7 years and he was buried at St Mary's Broadwater on 15 September 1854.

Henry (the Father) died in 1863 and his funeral was held at St Mary's. He left his widow Mary and 6 children aged between 4 and 13 years of age. The widow took in washing and by 1871 her children were shown as William Lancaster (unemployed carpenter), Nicholas (unemployed plasterer), Frederick (unemployed bricklayer), Catherine {Kate}(laundry assistant), Joseph (scholar) and Alfred (scholar). How difficult life must have been for this family. Henry's widow Mary died on 20 January 1882 aged 66 years and she is buried at Broadwater in purchased grave A4-11-19.

I have determined that all of Henry's family are buried in Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery except for the daughter Kate who cannot be traced. Alfred died aged 21 in 1880 the records showing he was a grocer of Field Row, William Lancaster died aged 31 in 1881 when a carpenter of Field Row, Joseph died aged 57 in 1914 the records showing he was a builder and lived in High Street (his wife Susan died in 1929 and they are buried together) and Nicholas died aged 75 in 1927 when a bricklayer in Becket Road (his daughter Annie who died aged 15 is buried with him). The grave numbers are A4-10-3, A4-10-16, A11-4-6, A6-22-24 respectively.

A discrepancy has shown up in the cemetery register relating to Frederick Lelliott, Henry's final son. Frederick's wife was Kate W Lelliott who was buried on 24 June 1886 in grave A2-15-24, a grave that was purchased by her husband Frederick Lelliott of Gordon Road. Also in this grave is Frederick Lelliott, a bricklayer of Gordon Road who died on 31 January 1910. We know that Frederick died in January 1910 aged 58 years but the register shows him as aged 81 years. It would seem that an error in his age has been made in the register?

I guess the moral of the story is that even though Henry was not as wealthy as Joseph Hardy, at least he is buried close to his wife and most of his children.

BATEMAN AND COPLEY

by CHRIS ALLEN

JAMES BATEMAN: 1811-1897
and
ANN COPLEY formerly BATEMAN: 1849-1930
with
JOHN ROBERT COPLEY: 1843-1923

John Bateman's grave is in Plot C16 of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery, close to the path

leading right from the main (west) entrance. The gravestone is now legible following our restoration of the stone and reads:

In
Tender Memory of
My Husband
JAMES BATEMAN F.R.S F.L.S. F.G.S.
Late of Biddulph Grange
And Knypersley Hall, Co. Stafford
J.L. And D.L., M.A. Oxon.
Died November 27th 1897
Aged 87

"And even to your old age I am He, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you"

This gravestone is actually packed with valuable biographical information, a further testament to the value of their restoration and preservation. If you knew absolutely nothing about him, you could practically reconstruct his life by pursuing all the clues it contains. They would lead you to his origins in a very wealthy family; his role in horticultural and garden history, and to his move to Worthing late in his life. Finally there is an enigma of his second marriage here to the wife who erected this stone to his memory.

The Bateman family of Knypersley were very wealthy. They came from the Lake District but moved south to take advantage of the business opportunities arising during the industrial revolution. James Bateman's grandfather went into iron manufacturing in a big way. Suffice it to say that in the late eighteenth century at one point he is said to have been the largest importer of Swedish and Russian iron in this country. He progressed from this to the manufacture of steam engines, which were literally driving the industrial process. He also built cotton mills in Manchester.

It is an astonishing observation on his drive and the times he lived in that in one generation sufficient wealth was created for the next two generations not to have to work at all, but to live comfortably and pursue other interests. James Bateman evidently developed an interest in horticulture at an early age. He was particularly interested in orchids, at this time a newly discovered plant. He used his wealth to sponsor a number of orchid hunting expeditions around the world and in his glasshouses he nurtured and propagated the specimens he was sent. These new plants were lavishly described and hand illustrated by an artist in two of his publications, limited edition volumes which were only affordable by royalty, aristocrats and other wealthy individuals who took up gardening as a hobby.

Bateman's place in Garden History is not just based on his role in orchid collecting, but also in his work in Garden design. After his marriage to Maria Sybilla Egerton-Warburton, who came from another gardening family, he moved to Biddulph Grange. Together with Edward Cooke, an artist and garden designer, they landscaped the grounds of the house.

Plant hunting had in effect 'globalised' gardening, so what could be more logical than to create a sequence of gardens in which to show off plants in their 'natural' settings. The garden at Biddulph Grange is in effect a series of skilfully designed gardens each themed in a different way, for example, a 'Chinese' garden with its own temple, lake and 'mini' Wall of China, and landscaped to be concealed until entered, often via a small building, maintaining an element of surprise as the garden is toured. This garden survives and is in the care of the National Trust who are in the process of restoring it.

In the 1860s James and Maria Bateman moved to Kensington, London where he became a Justice of the Peace. This enabled him to participate fully in the activities in organisations he now belonged to: the Royal Horticultural Society where he lectured, the Royal Society, the Linnaean Society, the Geographical Society, and doubtless others.

In the 1880s the Batemans moved to Worthing, purchased Home House (11 Farncombe Road). The move is ascribed to his wife's poor health. Here they created an 'alpine' garden which was apparently also remarkable. This is now sadly lost, but fortunately it was recorded and fully described in an 1890 edition of the *Gardener's Chronicle* which included a photograph, plan and full list of planting. At the rear he constructed a massive rockery to protect the garden from the prevailing wind. Amidst this were winding paths planted out with alpine plants leading down to a grass lawns and other beds.

His wife Maria died there in 1895, but curiously she is not buried in Worthing but in Brightlingsea in Essex, where their eldest son had established himself as a landowner and pillar of the community, living in 'Brightlingsea Hall'. It is possible that she had been there for a little while.

Now there is a little known twist to the Worthing story. James Bateman went on to marry again, in 1896 aged 85, to Annie Goss who was some 38 years younger than him! Her identity was not known until the puzzle of the gravestone led me to investigate. They married at the Baptist Chapel, Christchurch Road. The census return for 1891 reveals her to previously have been his wife's lady's-maid. Clearly they had become fond of each other, but beyond that it is difficult to comment. Was there any impropriety during his wife's lifetime? Her possible absence and burial in Brightlingsea suggests that all may not have been well, but against that both James and Ann were deeply religious people.

They evidently moved from Home House at this time of the marriage to 'Springbank', Victoria Road, and James Bateman died there in 1897. Ann Bateman lived on in Worthing for many years. Evidently James had provided well for her because in 1901 she was living in Northcourt Road 'on her own means' in a property named 'Knypersley'.

The story does not end here however. In 1908 Ann married again, to a John Robert Copley, in 1911 he was described as a Church of Ireland clergyman. They lived in a house they called 'Eblama' in Highdown Avenue (off Littlehampton Road). John Copley had in fact been Dean of the Cathedral of Kilfenora, County Clare, Ireland. He had retired that year and came to Worthing, where he died in 1923. He was buried in Broadwater Cemetery in Plot A15-4-13.

Ann lived on at Highdown Avenue, no doubt visiting the graves of her two husbands, until 1930 when she died, aged 81. She died at 'Caer Gwent', a nursing home in Wykeham Road. She died intestate and her remaining estate went to two cousins. I wonder if her passing attracted any comment or if she might even have been remembered by older members of the town.

She was buried in the same plot as John Robert Copley.

{Ed's note: Chris provided lengthy cross reference notes supporting his detailed research but space prevents their inclusion here. Also Chris pointed out that even this full article is but a precis of the total information available}

TOURS AND 'DROP-IN' DAYS

IT IS HOPED TO HAVE UP TO EIGHT TOUR GUIDES TRAINED FOR THE START OF THE 2010 SEASON. FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER IT IS PLANNED TO CONDUCT TOURS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL TOURS THERE WILL, IN ADDITON, BE THEMATIC TOURS. ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS HAVE YET TO BE FINALISED AND INCORPORATED INTO VIABLE PACKAGES, THESE TOURS MIGHT INCLUDE MILITARY GRAVES, VIP GRAVES, LITERARY FIGURES, THE TYPHOID EPIDEMIC ETC. THERE WILL ALSO BE SCOPE FOR SPECIAL TOURS FOR CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS THAT WISH TO VISIT 'OUR' CEMETERY. ALSO IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT 'DROP-IN DAYS' WILL BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY ON ALL TOUR DATE SATURDAYS. THESE SESSIONS WILL BE 'HANDS-ON' AND ADDITIONAL TO THE VARIOUS 'ADOPT A GRAVE' PROJECTS THAT ARE PRESENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN. ALL FRIENDS CAN USE THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER, AWAY FROM THE MEETING TABLE, FOR SOME MAINTENANCE AND CLEARANCE WORK IN A PLEASANT AND SOCIABLE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WHERE TEAMWORK WILL BE PARAMOUNT. THIS WILL FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR COMMON GOAL BY MUTUAL EFFORT AND OUR

ACTIVITY SHOULD IMPRESS TOUR VISITORS! AFTER THE LONG WINTER MONTHS THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY (WEATHER PERMITTING) FOR ALL FRIENDS TO WORK TOGETHER. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF 'THE BROADSHEET'.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS BUMPER ISSUE, THE LARGEST SO FAR PRODUCED - TO GIVE ALL FRIENDS - AND ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS WORLDWIDE (AS IN 'WEB') - SOME WINTER READING BEFORE WHAT WILL BE, WITH OUR MANY POST LOTTERY GRANT ACTIVITIES, A BUSY AND CHALLENGING YEAR. THE SPRING ISSUE WILL BE SLIMMER!

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL FRIENDS AND READERS A ***VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR***.

John Vaughan
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