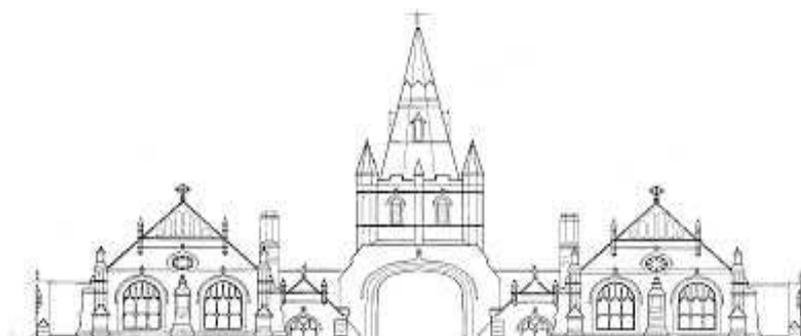


FRIENDS OF BRANDWOOD END CEMETERY



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THE CHAPELS



Negotiations are ongoing with regard to the Chapels. Several Architects have been invited to tender for an Options Appraisal which will determine the extent and cost of the repair and restoration of these beautiful buildings. Within the tenders is a requirement for a public meeting to discuss these proposals, which it is hoped you will attend to offer your opinions and support.

During the months of February, March and April a traffic and pedestrian count has been undertaken. On weekdays this count was conducted by members of the Cemetery staff and at weekends by members of the Friends Committee. If you have been

wondering why there was someone sitting in a car facing the Woodthorpe Road entrance with a clipboard, now you know. This information will be useful in supporting bids for future funding.

BOULDERS

The Friends Committee has been considering for some time the possibility of marking two of the Public Grave Sites in the cemetery with suitably inscribed boulders. Thanks to a very generous donation from Alexander Patrick and the Trustees of the Patrick Trust, this idea will become a reality in the near future and we are deeply grateful for this support. The siting of these monuments will serve to recognise that the lawned areas contain unmarked burials of adults, children and servicemen.

WEBSITE

A reminder that our website can be found at www.fbec.org.uk and is regularly updated with the latest information.

LITTER PICKS

Litter Picks continue to take place bi-monthly and the next one will be on Sunday 22nd June from 10.00 until 12 noon. These litter picks are an important part of our aim to make Brandwood End Cemetery a pleasant and restful environment to be used by the community. Please come and join us, many hands make light work. Litter pickers and black bags are provided. All you need is suitable footwear and gloves.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The third A.G.M. of the Friends was held on Thursday April 10th at St. Bede's Church, Doversley Road, Kings Heath. Thirty three Members attended with twenty five apologies received. The Officers and Committee were duly elected, as follows:

Chairman: Tom Langley
Vice-Chairman: Barrie Simpson
Treasurer: Julian Pritchard
Secretary: Jane Graham
Membership Secretary: Anne Courbet

Committee: Philip Brown, Coral Howard, Carola Klein, and Pat Workman.

Moya Smith, who has been a Committee member since the inception of the Friends, decided not to stand for re-election but has expressed her intention of continuing to assist with regular maintenance and to help at promotional activities. We are extremely grateful to Moya for her commitment.

We are delighted to welcome Pat Workman onto the Committee. Pat and her husband, Steve, were responsible for the planting in the Civilian Garden of Remembrance and they continue to give regular attention to the maintenance of this garden.

Correspondence prior to the Annual General Meeting included some very encouraging comments from members:

"I really appreciate the work done"

"How much nicer and cared for the Cemetery looks"

"Keep up the good work"

"Thanks for your hard work"

"I much appreciate the improvements that have been made and are being undertaken. The Cemetery is a much more friendly place. An inspiration and a credit to all those involved"

KINGS HEATH FARMERS' MARKET

In order to raise awareness of the Friends and attract new members, two members of the Committee attended Kings Heath Farmers' Market in April. We are indebted to the organisers for agreeing to our presence. Despite the intensely cold weather, many local people visited the community table and expressed interest in our aims. Our recently acquired display board (pictured below) afforded us an opportunity to exhibit photographs and publicise our activities.

We are hoping to attend Moseley Farmers' Market on 28th June. Any member willing to volunteer assistance for this event, if only for an hour, would be greatly appreciated. Further information can be obtained by telephoning our Membership Secretary (0121 628 1186). Information would be welcomed from anyone aware of additional local events at which we might be able to gain publicity.



If you are not a member of the Friends, are you reading a borrowed copy of our newsletter? If you would like to join and receive your own updates and information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Anne Courbet :

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