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THE CHAPELS



Almost 25 years have passed since the Victorian twin terracotta Grade II Listed Mortuary Chapels at Brandwood End Cemetery were last used. Time and vandalism have left their own marks and the Friends have pursued the task of possible restoration with much passion and vigour. Security has long been an issue and recent planning approval (as reported in our last Newsletter) has led to the commencement of further much needed work on this wonderful building. Vegetation has been removed from the exterior of the building and the roof; the boarding to windows and doors has been re-painted and further work will be taking place. The Friends have secured permission from Birmingham City Council to pursue an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and this process will commence during the current year.

SECURITY AND VANDALISM

Please ensure that you lock your car and hide all valuables when visiting the cemetery.

There has recently been evidence of vandalism in the cemetery, if you have any information or witness such acts please contact the police. In the interests of your own safety do not confront the perpetrators.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LODGE

The Superintendent's Lodge, which was rendered uninhabitable by flooding in December 2010, has been refurbished by Birmingham City Council. It is hoped that work will shortly commence on the Lodge garden. It is envisaged that the garden will become a community project. Amongst other uses, consideration is being given to the Lodge eventually becoming a Visitors' Centre and for it to be used by community groups. Schools in the area will be actively encouraged to participate in projects both at the Lodge and within the cemetery.



LITTER PICKS

The dates of the Litter Picks for the remainder of 2012 are as follows:
Saturday 1st September
Sunday 2nd December

The Litter Picks start at 10.00 a.m. and last for one and a half hours. Litter pickers and rubbish sacks are distributed at the Superintendent's Lodge at the beginning of the Litter Pick and all you need is suitable footwear and gloves. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventh Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery was held on Thursday 19th April at The Brandwood Centre, Kings Heath.

The Chairman and Committee were duly elected as follows:

Chairman: Anne Courbet

Committee: Philip Brown, Sarah Courbet, Jane Edwards, Angie Ellames, Adrian Harris, Coral Howard, Carola Klein, Julian Pritchard, Brian Rai, and Barrie Simpson.

Following the formalities of the Annual General Meeting, Pat Franklin gave a very interesting presentation of the work of the Friends of Arnos Vale Cemetery near Bristol.

At the first Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting the following duties were allocated:

Vice Chairman:	Barrie Simpson
Treasurer:	Julian Pritchard
Secretary:	Jane Edwards
Membership Secretary:	Anne Courbet
Newsletter Editor:	Coral Howard

NEW VISION COMMUNITY EVENT

This event will take place on Sunday 12th August from 11.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. The aim is to make local people aware of their surroundings. Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery will be distributing leaflets on behalf of all the groups taking part, encouraging people to take our Tree Walk. Visitors can also go to Brandwood Pool before heading back to the Broad Lane Allotments for a Produce Sale and BBQ. There will also be a Teddy Bears Picnic and sports/games on Jasmin Fields. In addition, there will be demonstrations from craftsmen and representatives from local Police/Ranger Services will be in attendance. Please come along and join us.

TELEPHONE BOX

The red telephone box on the left hand side of the main drive as you enter the Cemetery by the Woodthorpe Road gate is now operational and is intended for use by those visitors to the Cemetery who wish to contact the offices at Kings Norton Cemetery.

Instructions for use are inside the box.

WORK IN PROGRESS



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you wish to contact Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery with a query, idea or article for this newsletter please use one of the contact methods below.

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