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Remembrance event 2014

Over 100 members of the public gathered with organisations and the Friends for our annual Service of Remembrance, led by Deacon David Fairbotham from St Dunstons Church. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Kings Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion, the City Council, FBEC, and several other local organisations.



Our usual Act of Remembrance was followed by a short walk to the newly erected WW1 Memorial. To mark this significant year, wreaths were also laid at this memorial.

New WW1 Memorial



Those of you that visit the cemetery regularly will be aware of the sad loss of the large Oak on the main drive due to disease, but will also have watched in interest as it was replaced by a WW1 memorial. The memorial, commissioned by Birmingham City Council, is flanked by two benches and will soon be joined by a lectern style interpretation board.

Damaged hedge repaired

Nicola Clarke, Horticultural Development Manager for Quadron Services, helped replant an area of hedge in the Commonwealth War Graves area after it was accidentally damaged. Luckily there had been some of the hawthorn hedging remaining after the recent planting and it had been 'growing on' in nearby Broad Lane Allotments.



Please contact the Friends if you feel you can assist with the maintenance of this area and also the Civilian Garden of Remembrance. We need your help.

Heritage Open Event- a success.

This was the first year that FBEC decided to take part in this national event during Heritage Week and everyone agreed it had been a total success.

The Friends lead three successful walks covering a small number of graves significant in ww1, as well as chatting to members of the public who took the opportunity to come along and 'show and tell' their family items of ww1 memorabilia, as well as view the many items on display in a marquee.



Dawn and her team from Birmingham Bereavement Services worked with the Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery to provide lots of interesting displays of memorabilia – and perhaps more importantly, tea and cakes!



Bat Event

September also saw 'Brum Bats' leading a well attended walk from Jasmin Fields via the cemetery to Brandwood Pool.