

WORKING PARTIES

THURSDAYS 10—1

- OCTOBER 12TH
- NOVEMBER 9TH
- DECEMBER 14TH

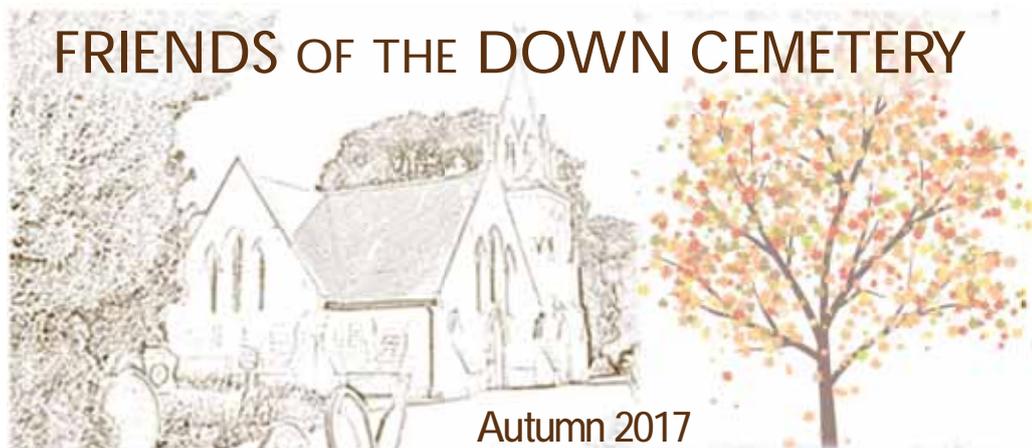
SATURDAYS 10—1

- OCTOBER 21ST
- NOVEMBER 18TH

NO SATURDAY
WORK PARTY IN DECEMBER

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Autumn 2017

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Chairman's Ramblings

Welcome to the third newsletter for the Friends of the Down Cemetery. Firstly, I must apologise that this newsletter is a little late, but I have been away in Canada.

Whilst I was there, I visited a Victorian cemetery. This may not seem unusual, but as Canada was celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, Victorian cemeteries are few and far between.

The most interesting thing of note was that all the gravestones were upright. This was mainly due to the use of steel rods, which were driven into the ground with a band attached to the gravestones. The same idea was also used to strengthen broken stones.

This may well be something for us to look into for the future.

Since the last newsletter, we have had a display at the Trowbridge Carnival Fair, which was a great success with many people showing an interest in our project.



We also opened the consecrated chapel for Heritage Open Day. We had many visitors and are looking forward to doing this again next year.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to find someone to use a drone to give us aerial photos of the cemetery. We will keep you posted.

See you at the Cemetery...

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Wildflower Meadow

We are slowly making progress with Wiltshire Council over the siting of the test areas for the wild flower trials and we are looking to plant up some graves with shrubs and plants.

We are looking for suggestions of suitable plants that may attract wildlife and are low maintenance and drought tolerant. If you have any ideas, please email us.



DETAILS OF LISTED MONUMENTS & MAUSEOLEUMS



BROWN MAUSOLEUM

ROGER BROWN (d.1902), was a Trowbridge Clothier, and the donor of Trowbridge Town Hall. The original bronze gates of the mausoleum were reported stolen in 2012.



TAYLER MONUMENT

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TAYLER (d.1912), was the Medical Officer to the Melksham and Trowbridge Union; he worked at the Cottage Hospital and was the Churchwarden at St Thomas's Church.



CLARK MONUMENT

THE CLARK FAMILY were wealthy clothiers, who owned Stone Mill. Maj. Thomas Clark built St. Thomas's Church, in memory of his father.



KEMP MONUMENT

JOHN KEMP, Trowbridge Clothier (d.1896), was a partner in Kemp & Hewitt, owners of Innox Mill, later the site of Bowyers Factory.



KINGSTON & HASTINGS MAUSOLEUM

THE REV. J.D. HASTINGS (d.1860) was the Rector of Trowbridge, and built the Alms House on Union Street. His connection with Rev. Thomas Kingston, originally of Dublin, is not recorded.

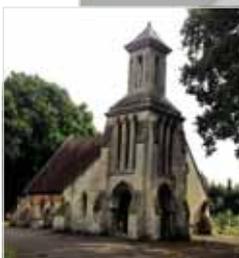
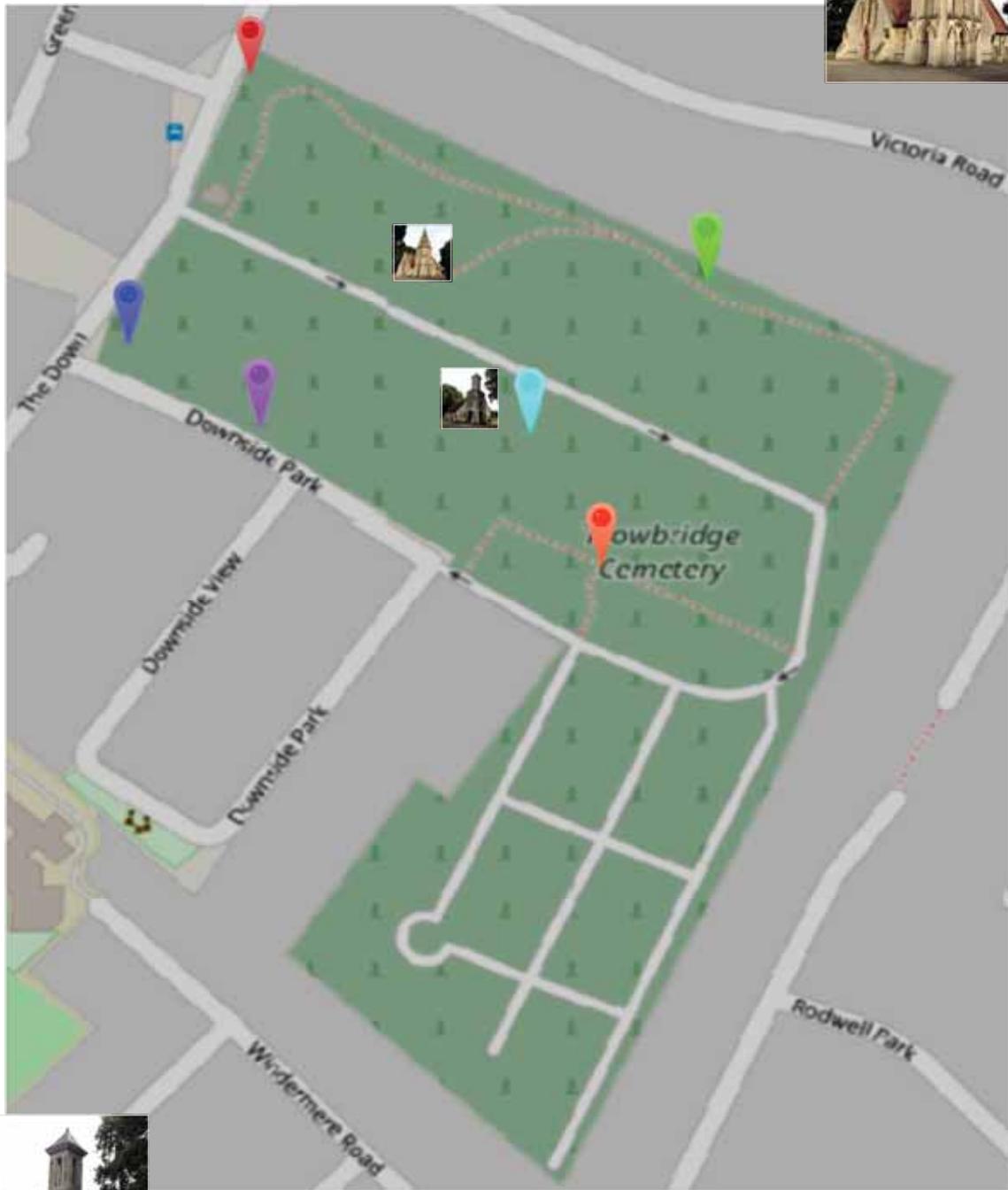


RODWAY MAUSOLEUM

There seems to be no record of the incumbent of this mausoleum. It may be the solicitor, **ROWLAND RODWAY**, whose father built Adcroft House (c.1853), which later became the Trowbridge Hospital.

MAP SHOWING LISTED MONUMENTS & MAUSEOLEUMS

NON-CONFORMIST
CHAPEL



ANGLICAN
CHAPEL

Map developed from www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/

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Wildlife in the Cemetery

I would like to thank all of you who have provided us with bird food and feeders. We still need these generous donations, so please keep them coming in.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the feeding of the birds. Please contact us if this is something you may be interested in.

We hope that we will have news on our nest boxes this spring.

We are now setting up a system so that members can notify us of the birds that are visiting the cemetery.

You can help by emailing us with the birds that you have seen at the cemetery, with a date.

If this is successful, we may expand the recording system to encompass insects, mammals, reptiles and plants.



Down Cemetery Heritage - Research & Conservation

We have completed the transcription of gravestones in Section 1, and now have a few people who are starting Section 1a.

We have also started transcribing details from the Burial Books which are held in the Swindon & Wiltshire Records Office. If you are interested in helping with this part of the project, please contact robertw@fotdc.org.

This can be done when you have the time, and does not need to be done on scheduled workdays. I am happy to meet you at the cemetery or the Records Office to help you get started. We will provide you small sections of dates to be completed, and I will show you where the information is.

It is free to join the Records Office, and if you have never been there before, it is easy to join. All of the necessary information can be found at www.wshc.eu.

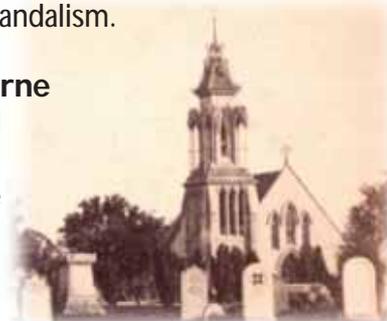


We are also starting a project on the servicemen buried in the war graves, as well as those who are remembered on civilian gravestones and monuments.

If this is something that you may be interested in, please get in touch by email at: robertw@fotdc.org.

It has been noted that there is some external damage to the consecrated chapel. This does not appear to be vandalism.

Robert Colebourne has contacted Wiltshire Council, so we wait to see what they have to say.



Detail from Postcard (1840-1860)
Trowbridge Postcards & Ephemera on flickr