



THE FRIENDS OF BURNLEY CEMETERIES

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On Bank Holiday Monday the 7th May 2018 The Friends of Burnley Cemeteries will join with Burnley Civic Trust to provide leaflets, information and to meet people at a stall in the marquee at Towneley as part of the May Day Celebrations.

FAMILY HISTORY SEARCHES: Our website now has a page dedicated to helping family historians find family graves. It contains a link to the Parish Clerk Website with tips on using the site to find grave numbers and their approximate location in the Burnley and Padiham Cemeteries. If you need any further help contact us and we will do our best to help.



This ornately carved Smith family gravestone in Burnley Cemetery remembers Mrs.

Caroline Smith, dedicated temperance advocate who died 18th January 1931 aged 85. She was born at Ely Cambridgeshire, came to Lancashire in 1876 and to Burnley in 1886. As evidence of her strong attachment for the temperance cause she attended Charrington's Mile End Mission in London for a fortnight every year for ten years. She was vice-president of the British Women's Temperance Association for 30 years and was Burnley representative at the British Temperance League for many years. Mrs. Smith was probation officer for women at the Burnley Borough Police Courts for a number of years and rendered good service in that capacity. *Burnley Express 6th March 1926.*

Also interred at Burnley Cemetery but in a public grave, not marked by a headstone, was Owen(aka.John) Grant, a travelling stocking dealer who died on the 25th February 1886 at the age of 102. He was born in County Down and left Ireland when quite a young man. He travelled about from town to town in the North of England with his wares on his arm. He settled in Burnley where his figure was very familiar. He was fond of telling his great age and giving his recollections of the receipt of the news of the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo when he was 35 years of age. He leaves at least one son living in Burnley. *Burnley Express March 1889*



GUIDED WALKS 2018

Wednesday 25th April at St. John's Road Cemetery Padiham (ww1 walk) – Meet at the main entrance at 11 am.

Wednesday 23rd May at Burnley Cemetery (ww1 walk) – Meet at the main entrance off Rossendale Road at 11 am.

Sunday 10th June at Burnley Cemetery (notable graves walk) – Meet at 1 pm at the cemetery chapel or at 1.15 from the gateway arch at the bottom of Cemetery Lane.

Wednesday 20th June at St. John's Road Cemetery Padiham (notable graves walk) – Meet at the main entrance at 11 am.

Wednesday 25th July at St. Leonard's Church Cemetery, Blackburn Road Padiham (notable graves walk) – Meet at the main road entrance at 11 am.

Saturday 8th September at St. John's Road Cemetery Padiham (Heritage Open Day walk) – Meet at the main entrance at 11 am.

Sunday 9th September at Burnley Cemetery (Notable Graves, Heritage Open Day walk) - Meet at 1 pm at the cemetery chapel or at 1.15 from the gateway arch at the bottom of Cemetery Lane.

Sunday 16th September at St. Leonard's Church Cemetery, Blackburn Road Padiham (Heritage Open Day walk) – Meet at the main road entrance at 11 am.

TIM BOBBIN QUARRY ICE FATALITY

Boxing day Monday 26th December 1887, two related families were enjoying Christmas when there was a pounding at the door. Michael Davenport, aged fourteen, was in a state of panic shouting and screaming that two lads were drowning in the nearby quarry. The five men of the house, 2 Park Lane Ightenhill, Ezra Tattersall (19), his brother Joseph (17), Arthur Barrett (19), his father Joseph (44), and John Barrett(43) brother of Joseph, immediately made their way to the disused quarry at the rear of the Tim Bobbin Inn. The sides of the quarry were 20 feet deep before reaching the water, at nearly thirty yards deep and about thirty yards long, it could only be approached by a precipitous descent. The weather conditions at the time were icy cold and a layer of ice had formed on the water. Thomas Hewitson of Zion Terrace and Frank Hartley of Monmouth Street, both twelve, were playing with friends near the quarry and climbed down the steep incline. Thomas stepped onto the ice and, finding it bore his weight, jumped on it causing the ice to break. Hartley stepped on the ice to help but both fell into the icy water.

Michael Davenport of Greenhalgh Street, seeing what happened ran to the nearest house to raise the alarm whilst other friends went to fetch ropes and a ladder. Joseph Barrett was the first man on the ice where the two boys were struggling to keep their heads above the water. Barrett's nephew, Ezra Tattersall, followed his uncle down and cried out "come off the ice uncle, it will bear me better than you" stepped on the ice which give way, and both sunk beneath the water. Joseph Tattersall ran to the other side to assist the sinking men only to share the same fate. Then John Barrett ventured onto the ice to rescue his relatives, only to be doomed by the same fate. Lastly Arthur Barratt tried to help but he too fell into the water.

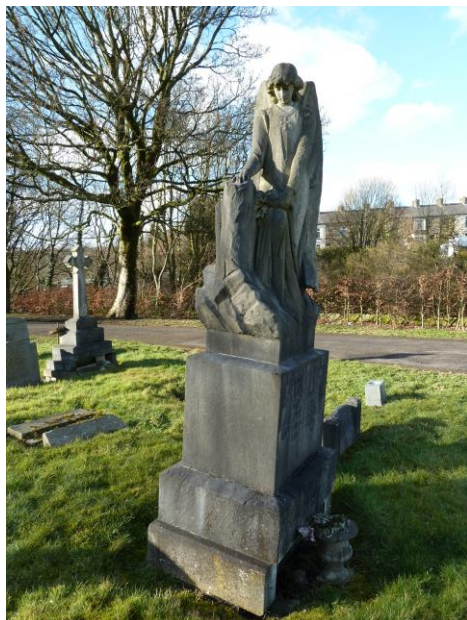
Alfred Lonsdale courageously went to the rescue of the boys, and fell through but found his feet on a shelf at the bottom, and, though up to his neck in water, threw a clothes prop to Hewitson and got him out. Both boys were very much benumbed and exhausted when recovered from the water. Hewitson was able to walk home, but Hartley was dragged out unconscious, taken to a nearby house and soon recovered. Best efforts were made to rescue the five men who had been first on the scene but to no avail. The police arriving at the scene took over to recover the bodies. James Wilkinson and James Catlow had made a makeshift raft, using grappling irons to recover the bodies.

All the deceased were highly respected men, regular attendants at Wesleyan Chapels. Arthur Barrett was a Sunday School teacher and Ezra played harmonium at Ightenhill Chapel where he was conductor of the choir, a position held in high esteem. Rev. W Willey, superintendent of the Wesleyan circuit preached the funeral service. The five heroic men were given a semi-public burial at Burnley Cemetery. The top of Accrington Road and Ightenhill were filled with people including large numbers from the congregations at Accrington Road Wesleyan Chapel and Ightenhill Wesleyan Chapel. At the cemetery were about three thousand people. At the end of the service the coffins were carried to the graveside where Ezra and Joseph were placed in one grave, John Barrett and his son Arthur in the next and lastly Joseph Barrett, all three side by side .

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James Parkinson of 13 Milton Street Padiham, an interesting Padiham personality, was buried in Padiham St. John's Road cemetery on Saturday the 16th September 1922. Born in Gargrave he came to Padiham from Broughton Hall stables Skipton to become second coachman at Huntroyde. When the old Padiham Local Board decided to have a horse of their own he was appointed as horse-keeper, a post he kept for nearly 40 years. He then became horse-keeper to Messrs Richard Thompson Manufacturer until retiring in March 1921. His is one of the more prominent grave stones.



USEFUL INFORMATION

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Next Meeting: Friday 11th May 2018, 1pm at Cemetery Offices, Rossendale Road.

Working Party: Friday 6th April 2018 11am, meet inside Rossendale Road entrance.

Events: see pages 1 and 2 and web site for details.

Bereavement Services: Cemetery Offices 01282 477148 & 477232,

www.burnley.gov.uk, Email:

bereavementservices@burnley.gov.uk

Cemetery and Crematorium Grounds

Opening hours: every day 9 am to 8 pm (or sunset whichever is earlier) **Please note**

that at times vehicle access may be restricted

Family History Burial Records:

Cemetery Office holds Registers for Burnley Cemetery/Crematorium and for Padiham Cemetery. Please Telephone to arrange to view. Burnley Central Library hold basic burial records on microfiche.

The Parish Clerk Website is also a very useful on-line source of information for family historians. In addition to church registers it contains information about Burnley and Padiham Cemeteries.

www.lan-opc.org.uk/Burnley/index.html

See our website for more information about using this website.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Why not come along to one of our meetings, join one of our walks or try one of our 'working parties' – bulb planting, bench painting and tidy-ups.

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