

# FRIENDS OF DARWEN CEMETERY

SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

## History in the Community



Well here we are, the summer holidays seem to be a distant memory. At the cemetery we have been very busy over the summer with various working parties and volunteers groups helping us.

### **Educational Visits**

We are still running educational visits to the cemetery led by our volunteers who have a wealth of historical knowledge about the cemetery and can help you use the cemetery to enhance your pupils learning.

*General Tour* – Treasure Hunt

*History/RE* – What does Darwen Cemetery reveal about the Victorians?

*History/Art* -Memorials what they tell us about attitude to death?

*Science* – Mini-Beasts and their Habitats including a hands on maintenance experience if you wish. If you want more information or to book a tour please don't hesitate to contact me.

### **Effects of War on Darwen**

As we move nearer the anniversary of the start of WW1, 1914. We have updated the tour of the cemetery that examines the '*Effects of War on Darwen*' researched by our historian Tony Foster. This tour, using a small area of the cemetery, incorporates both World War 1 and World War 2 graves. These interesting stories of both officers and privates who are laid to rest in Darwen are an excellent resource to help educate children about what life was like for families during this difficult period of history. [dianedavies@darwencemetery.org.uk](mailto:dianedavies@darwencemetery.org.uk)

### **Working Parties**

To help keep the cemetery looking as good as we can we have regular working parties on a Saturday mornings between 10 am and 1pm at Western (old) Cemetery

There are jobs for all abilities and any time you can spare is very much appreciated

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013

All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for Health & Safety reasons. Please could you advertise these events on your schools newsletters and websites.

### **Date for your Diary** - Friday 8th Nov 2013 10.30am

Friends of Darwen Cemetery Schools Remembrance Day Service at Darwen Western (old) Cemetery. This event is becoming more popular each year, arrangements will be sent out in the next few weeks.

