

FODC News Bulletin



Edition No 4 – Spring 2012

STORIES

Back to its Best,
Our Soldier and Anzac Day,
Red Earth Road Methodist
Chapel War Memorial Stone.

Can you HELP?

Can you spare some time on a
Saturday Morning every couple
of weekends?

We need help to bring back the
Cemetery to its former glory.

Our Website
has just passed
its 10,000 visit, if you would
like loads more information
on F.O.D.C. why don't you
visit our website.

A Message from the Chairman

"Well Spring is now upon us and the working parties have already made a substantial start in removing much of the soil from around the Ashton Memorial with the help of BwD "Your Call" Having said that the Thursday working parties headed up by Mick Walsh and his team having been working relentlessly in the Awards for All Nature Garden which is almost complete. I have estimated that over 500 hours have been put in over the winter - commercially this would cost at least £10K in man power cost alone. The Bird and Bat boxes are now up on Lark Street and encouraging wild life. Most of paths have had some attention and make access to the cemetery much safer. Seven wedges on the Ashes Garden have now appeared and several new headstones have been erected by local families. The Cemetery is certainly being used more and many visitors have commented on the revival, restoration and general spruced up state. We now look forward to sustaining the work completed so far and ask for more volunteers to join our enthusiastic working parties. A new war graves trail is being planned to add to our three other heritage walks, plus planning ahead for a Heritage Lottery bid to commemorate the centenary of start of the First World War in 2014. Thanks for these volunteers so far and please do come along and admire, complement and make a difference to our community led project."

JOHN EAST CHAIRMAN FODC



WILDLIFE GARDEN

Photograph by Alan Walton

You are invited to attend the opening ceremony of the refurbished garden in Darwen's Western Cemetery (Lark Street entrance) by **the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn with Darwen BC** Cllr Mrs Karimeh Foster and Mrs Samira Jane Al-Obaidi on Saturday, 28th April 2012 at 11.00am.

The opening of the Wildlife Garden marks the end of the Awards for All Darwen Memorial Garden project. The garden has been built particularly with young people in mind to learn about and enjoy the wildlife in the cemetery.

RSVP Rosemary Jackson, Secretary on 01254 708828,
Email: rosemaryjackson@darwencemetery.org.uk
For further information visit www.darwencemetery.org.uk



Dates for your diary

- Saturday 7th April 2012
Working Party 10am in the Western Cemetery.
- Saturday 21st April 2012
Working Party 10am in the Western Cemetery.
- Wednesday 25th April 2012 AGM
7pm at Darwen Aldridge Community Academy.
- Saturday 28th April 2012
Wildlife Garden Opening Ceremony 11am in the Western Cemetery.
- Saturday 5th May 2012
Working Party 10am in the Western Cemetery.
- Saturday 12th May 2012
Bat Walk. Time to be advised, in the Western Cemetery.
- Saturday 19th May 2012
Working Party 10am in the Western Cemetery.
- Saturday 2nd June 2011
Working Party 10am in the Western Cemetery.

Find us on
Facebook

Visit: www.darwencemetery.org.uk

