

FODC News Bulletin



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STORIES

Rev. Philip Graham
First Vicar of
St. Johns Church



Our first Public Meeting of 2011

Which includes our very first AGM
The meeting will be held on
Wednesday 23rd March 2011, at
7.00pm at the Bolton Road United
Reformed Church, Bolton Road,
Darwen.



Working
Party Dates

A Message from the Chairman

"As we emerged from hibernation and into Spring the "Friends" are now planning various projects and programmes ready for the 150 anniversary of the opening of the Cemetery in June. A small group is organising events and the next Cemetery trail and walk of several prominent people who are buried in the cemetery.

The Award for All Nature Garden grant will involve children and residents and the Memorial Garden will shortly be started.

The weather has badly damaged the paths with several burst drains and collapsed paths and in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen we will try to resolve them.

Finishing Section C and starting on Section B will be a priority of the working parties and we look forward to lots of Friends coming along to help. Get your cameras ready for the Civic Society Photo

competition on the theme "Darwen Cemeteries throughout the year."

Our trees that we planted will start to take root and the Friends themselves will become stronger in their resolve to improve, restore and develop the Cemetery to its former glory.

Please invite your friends and relatives to come along and join this community activity."

John East.



Our First Working Party of 2011

Our first working party of 2011 was held on Saturday 29th January in freezing temperatures and once again it was the Rhodis that kept us entertained! As at the end of last year the Rhodis in Section C of the Old Cemetery have once again

taken up all our time, removing barrow after barrow of chippings and trimming back the Rhodis still left standing.

No doubt the Rhodis will keep us busy for months to come.



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Bird Count 2011

Rosemary conducted a RSPB 1 hour bird count on Saturday 29th January



The Birds counted in the 1 hour were: 3 blackbirds, 12 blue tits, 7 carrion crows, 1 chaffinch, 4 great tits, 2 magpies, 7 robins, 8 woodpigeon and 1 wren.



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