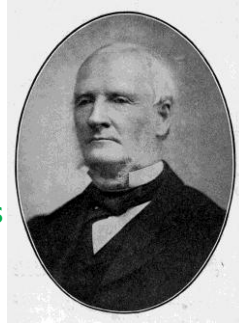


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The Rev. Philip Graham



THERE have probably been several reburials in Darwen Cemetery over the years, but the most notable must be that of the Rev. Philip Graham, first vicar of St John's whose wife Jane paid for its construction. Later a prominent Conservative and benefactor, he died in May 1887 and was laid to rest close to the church, the only burial in the large churchyard.

St John's was demolished in 1966, soon after its centenary, and in September that year the Rev Graham's remains were re-interred on the eastern edge of Section 2, just to the right of the Lark Street Entrance.

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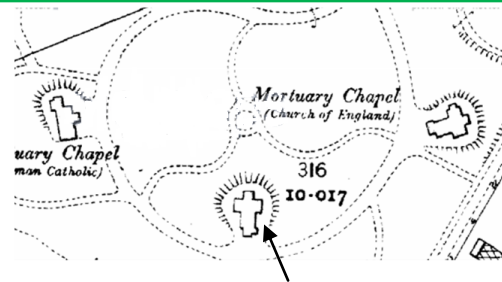
WORKING PARTY DATES

Saturday 26th March 2011,
10.00am-1.00pm
Meet in the Cemetery in Section C

Saturday 30th April 2011,
10.00am-1.00pm
Meet in the Cemetery in Section C

Saturday 28th May 2011,
10.00am-1.00pm
Meet in the Cemetery in Section C

Saturday 25th June 2011,
10.00am-1.00pm
Meet in the Cemetery in Section C



Does anybody have a photograph of the Non Conformist Chapel?

William Dewhurst



MOST folk have heard of the Lusitania, the passenger ship sunk in months of the First World War just three years after the sinking of the Titanic. One of the more than a thousand passengers who died when the Lusitania was torpedoed off the south coast of Ireland was a young Darwen lad, William Dewhurst who was coming home to enlist in the fight against Germany. He is remembered on a gravestone in Darwen Cemetery..

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The Big Lottery - Awards for All

In December 2010 we were successful in our bid to the Big Lottery Awards for All for £10,000. The bid was for several things including a Nature Memorial Garden to be built on the site of the derelict rose garden site in the newer part of the Old Cemetery. A group of our volunteers recently met up on site to discuss how we are going to tackle the garden. We will be able to purchase seating and plants to encourage wildlife and make it a place of peace and tranquillity for people to visit.

Work will be carried out refixing some of the broken memorials in the vicinity of the Nature Memorial Garden to make this area safe for use. We would have liked to refix many more but our funding is limited. (Hopefully we can raise more in the future to make a real impact in the Cemetery)

We would like to work with young people of the town who have signed up to volunteer and incorporate their ideas. We aim to run some sessions/demonstrations in the garden for all ages led by experts in their field in things such as building bird, bat boxes and insect houses, bat walks, dry stone walling, craft sessions etc

As well as running sessions in the Nature Garden we will be able to offer FODC volunteers training such as First Aid; Fundraising; Working with Volunteers; Using Power Tools, etc.

We will also be able to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Old Cemetery with events starting in June and an Exhibition in Darwen Library.

We have already been able to replace a very old laptop we were using for administration of the group and have purchased a laser printer to go with it, so this will really help with the whole project. We will be advertising all the events on our website, local press and on our notice boards, so look out for them running from June onwards. Everyone is welcome to join in and if you would like to volunteer please come to one of our meetings.

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