

WELCOME TO THE LEWES ROAD CEMETERIES



The tombstone epitaphs speak with greater detail and eloquence than is possible in a brief guide.



- 1 Brighton Borough Mortuary was built in 1962. This carriageway was lined with mature Elm and Ilex trees until October 1987.
- 2 The Revd John Nelson Goulty, Minister of Union Street Chapel from 1824 to 1860, was a co-founder of the Extra-Mural Cemetery Company.
- 3 Author Mary Elizabeth Alder wrote her own epitaph, “God made the world a garden, You made it paradise.” Stone angels were generally imported from Italy.
- 4 The Revd F. W. Robertson’s Egyptian pylon is decorated with the winged solar disc of the god Horus and two bronze bas-reliefs by E. W. Wyon.
- 5 The Extra-Mural chapel was designed by A.H. Wilds who laid out the cemetery grounds. The chapel which has bats in its belfry and kestrels nesting beneath the portico is opened for guided tours and school visits.

ABOVE Circa 1907, the family of Arthur Tidman Gill, Vicar of West Wittering. Centre rear are sons MacDonald, co-designer of the W.W. 1 British army headstone and Eric who designed his parents’ memorial.
(JOHN SKELTON COLLECTION)

THE LEWES ROAD CEMETERIES ARE OPEN DAILY

Winter Months (October - March)

Monday to Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday and public holidays 11am - 4pm

Summer Months (April - September)

Monday to Saturday 9am – 5.30pm

Sunday and public holidays 11am – 5.30pm

GETTING THERE

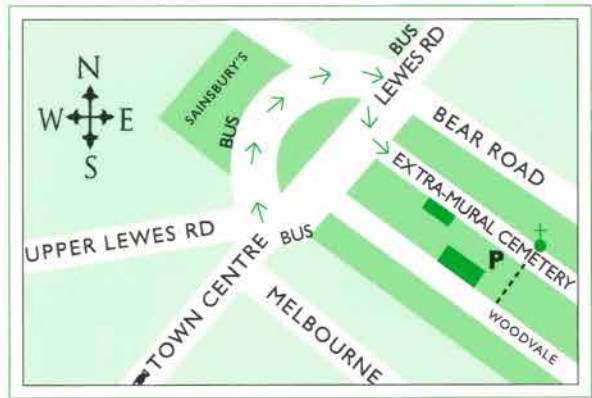
On Foot: what3 words ///shine.green.smart

By Train: Brighton or Moulsecomb stations.

By Bus: Routes 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 37B, 38, 48, 49, 78, 81A.

By Car: enter Extra-Mural Cemetery Drive, Lewes Road.

Free Parking (up to 2 hours) beyond Brighton and Hove City Mortuary.



BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Woodvale Lodge, Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3QB

Open Monday to Friday 9:00 to 16:30

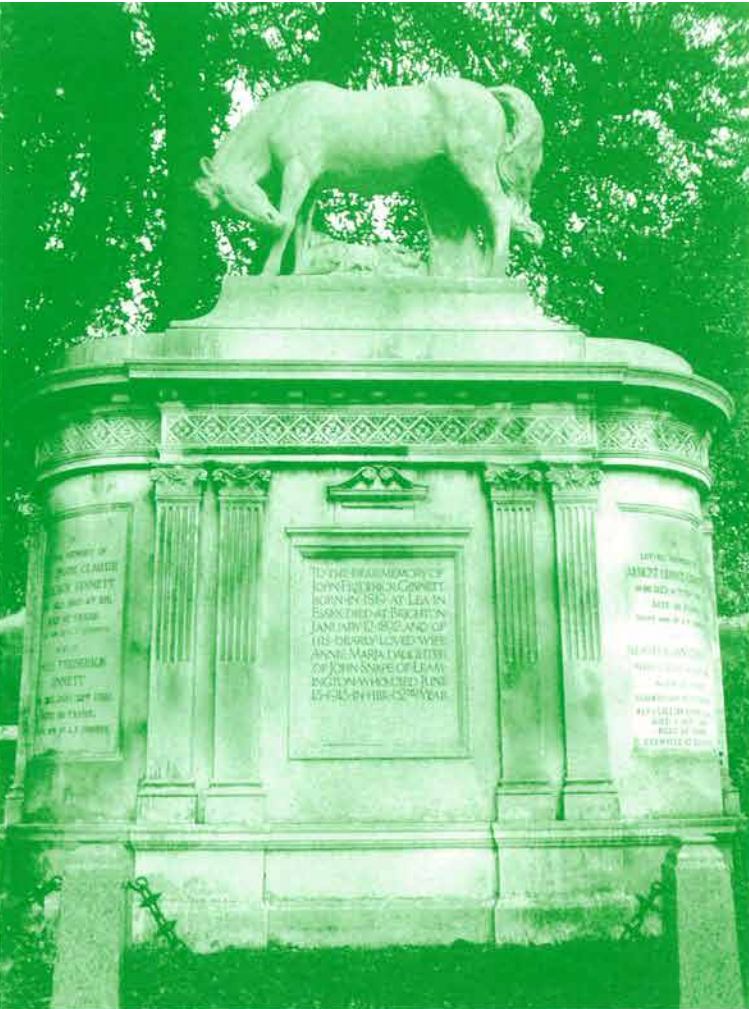
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A WALKER’S GUIDE BY MAÏRE McQUEENEY



ONE OF THE MOST DELIGHTFUL SPOTS IN BRIGHTON

DEATH, HEAVEN AND THE VICTORIANS

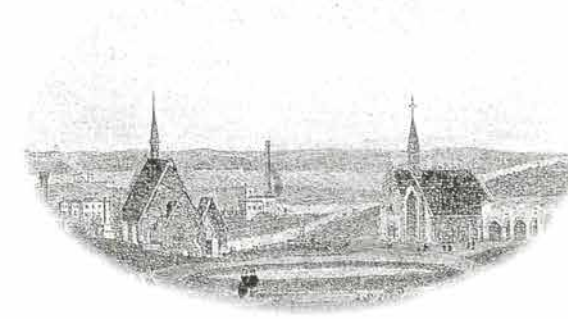
The Lewes Road Cemeteries are hauntingly beautiful. 70 acres of Victorian burial grounds are still in regular use as the home of Woodvale Crematorium.

Phoebe Wells was buried here on December 2nd 1851 in the private Extra-Mural Cemetery. 145,000 souls have followed her, among them Hablot Knight Browne who signed his illustrations “Phiz”, and Thomas Hughes QC, author of *Tom Brown’s Schooldays*.

In the 1860s J. G. Bishop of the Brighton Herald published his *Strolls in the Extra-Mural Cemetery* with a journalist’s eye for passion, sacrifice, celebrity, murder and monumental grandeur. Now the graves of Henry Ratty, toll collector on the Chain Pier, and the shipwrecked fishermen of 1856 are lost to sight. “Nature’s pleasant robe of green enwraps their monuments and their memories.”

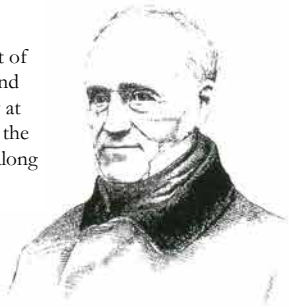
Lost, too, is the stone inscribed from England’s champion bare-knuckled boxer, Mr. Thomas Sayers, to his mother Maria. A great storm smashed the tombstone of educator, E. J. Marshall and puerile vandalism has defaced the Celtic cross of Sussex cycling pioneer, John George Harrison.

The memories swept into this corner of town and preserved among the ivy and weathered scones are our inheritance from polite society and paupers alike. Historian, John Ackerson Erredge’s archive at Brighton Reference Library is better preserved than his truncated monument. But, the moving story of Tom M.S. High flyer, rescued from a slave dhow is still clear to read on his sheltered cross.



ABOVE Frederick Ford’s view, of Brighton Extra-Mural Cemetery circa 1852. Amon Henry Wilds’ remaining chapel, the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross (map ref. 5) is on the right. The Non-Conformist chapel and castellated gateway survived into the 1960s.
(JOHN CARDEN COLLECTION)

A circular waymarked trail arises to the left of the chapel. The paths are steep in places and include seeps as shown on the map. Allow at least one hour for this route and listen for the call of Woodpeckers and Song Thrushes along the way.



- 6 Lt. Colonel T. Trusty Trickey's classical broken column signifies mortality, the support of life being broken.
- 7 Dr. William Russ Pugh's gothic marble marker was renovated by the Society of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland and also of Australia.
- 8 A vast granite railway turntable marks the family vault of John Urpeth Rastrick, railway engineer. Its iron railings were removed during the Second World War.
- 9 Francis Edmund De Val was the first curator of the Royal Pavilion 1854-1867.
- 10 Cecily Gill, aged 13, died in Brighton in 1897. She is buried here with her parents the Revd and Mrs Gill (see photo). The lead lettering added in the 1930s is in a sans serif style.

Here the trail enters the old Brighton Borough Cemetery founded in 1857. In summertime the wildflower meadow and pond encourage a dazzling display of butterflies and dragonflies. The sloping lawns, thick with chalk downland grasses and flowers, are dotted with an unrivalled collection of ornamental trees and shrubs which shelter badgers, foxes, and squirrels.

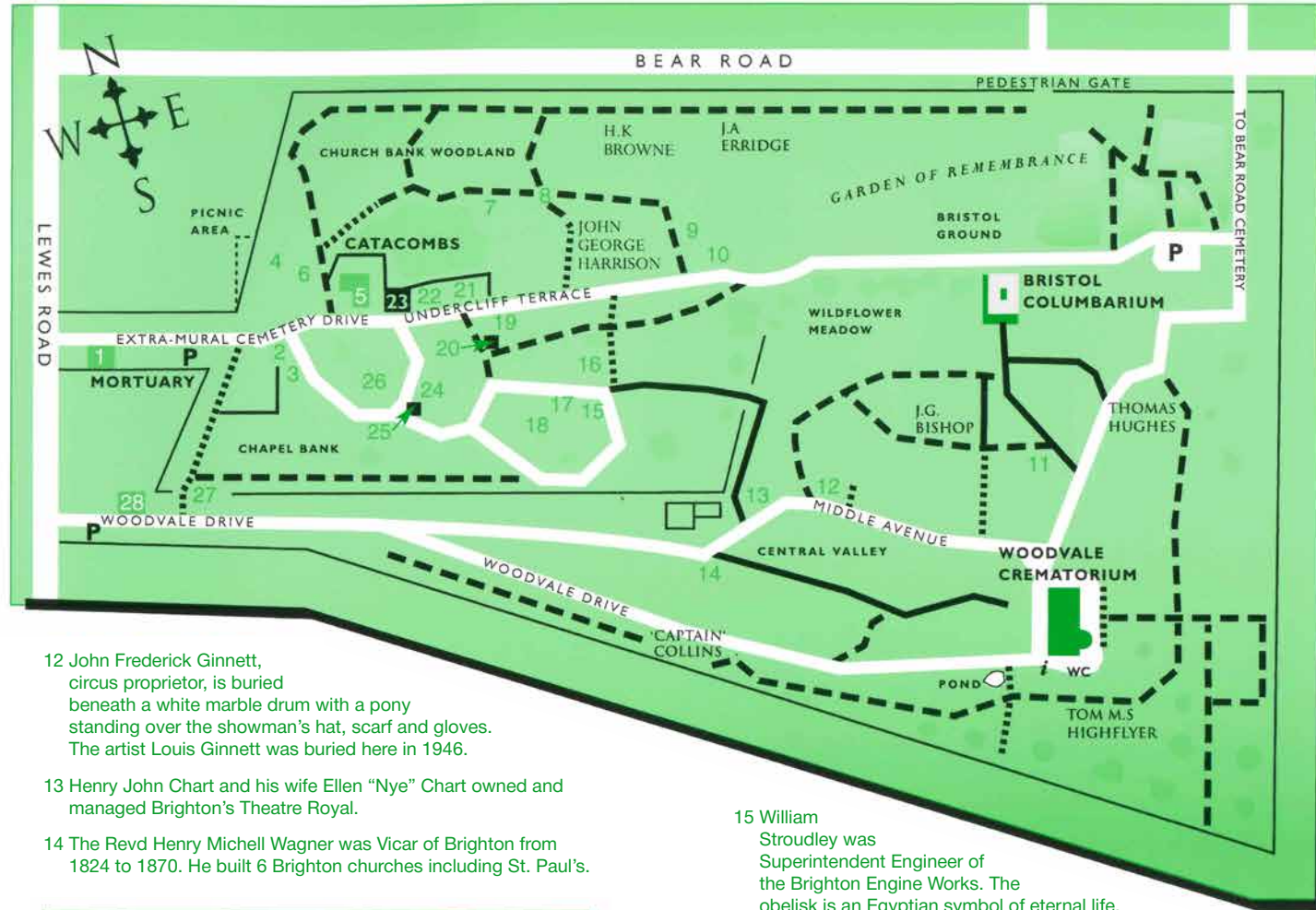
- 11 The Revd Arthur Wagner built St. Bartholomews Church. His white marble cross with the prayer "Jesu Mercy" is the style favoured by followers of the Ritualist Movement lampooned as "The London Brighton and South Coast Religion".



The two Victorian Gothic flint chapels with their central carriage port were adapted to create Woodvale, Sussex's first crematorium, in 1930. The Woodvale Chapels are closed co visitors during services. The magnificent Copper Beeches in the central valley include "the champion" specimen on the UK tree register.

ABOVE H. M. Wagner
BELOW J. F Ginnett
(CHRIS HORLOCK COLLECTION)

"All that Art and careful cultivation can do has been done to improve Nature." J.G. BISHOP, STROLLS IN THE EXTRA-MURAL CEMETERY. (1865)



- 12 John Frederick Ginnett, circus proprietor, is buried beneath a white marble drum with a pony standing over the showman's hat, scarf and gloves. The artist Louis Ginnett was buried here in 1946.
- 13 Henry John Chart and his wife Ellen "Nye" Chart owned and managed Brighton's Theatre Royal.
- 14 The Revd Henry Michell Wagner was Vicar of Brighton from 1824 to 1870. He built 6 Brighton churches including St. Paul's.

- 15 William Stroudley was Superintendent Engineer of the Brighton Engine Works. The obelisk is an Egyptian symbol of eternal life.
- 16 Samuel Laing was chairman of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway. His plot is marked by a tall cross and iron railings.
- 17 George Duddell made his fortune in the Crown Colony, Hong Kong, where a street is named in his memory.
- 18 Marie Pattie Jackson's numerous grandchildren included the writer Virginia Woolf. Maria was a sister of the famous photographer Julia Margaret Cameron.
- 19 Dorothy Stringer OBE was Mayor of Brighton in 1952.
- 20 Gerard Ford's mausoleum built in 1888 is surrounded by a fence fashioned of wrought iron flowers, dragons, Masonic emblems and flaming torches which symbolize immortality.

✦ THE CEMETERY CODE ✦			
Show respect to a funeral in progress			
Avoid disturbing birds, animals and wild flowers			
Respect the monuments			
Use the picnic area provided			
No dogs allowed • No ball games			
i	WOODVALE WAITING ROOM		GRASS PATH
WC	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES		CINDER PATH
P	VISITOR PARKING		STEPS

Undercliff Terrace near the main path has fine classical facades on vaults built into the hillside. Catacomb burials begin here and continue behind the chapel.

- 21 Sir John Cordy Burrows, a co-founder of the Brighton Extra-Mural Cemetery Company, is buried beneath a polished blue granite plinth. A statue of Burrows stands on Old Steine.
- 22 Smith Hannington, founder of Hannington's Stores in 1808 is buried beneath a white tabletomb opposite the horse trough .
- 23 The Ray family own an exceptional mausoleum of knapped-flint with pointed stone arches, sculpted biblical scenes and allegorical statues of 'Religion' and 'Hope' near the massive metal doors. 28 burial shelves remain for the family's use.
- 24 A white marble headstone marks the family grave of William Moon LLD, inventor of an embossed alphabet for the blind. Moon's grave is tended by the Brighton Society for the Blind.
- 25 The Chaplin Baldwin memorial by John Denman was built in the 1930s as a domed Byzantine cenotaph with stained glass windows. The bronze door is decorated with Christian emblems signifying peace and God's eternity.
- 26 The Bevan Family of Barclays Bank relocated burials from St. Nicholas' Churchyard to this ornate tabletomb.
- 27 Sir James Knowles KCVO, a prominent architect and editor, is buried near the flint wall which bears his memorial tablet decorated with fossils.
- 28 Woodvale Lodge, the Registrar's office, was originally a gardener's cottage.



ABOVE Fred Collins, *Captian of the famous pleasure boat 'The Skylark' which flew the Blue Peter during his funeral in 1912. His memorial has a stone anchor and lines from Tennyson's Crossing the Bar.*
(BRIGHTON FISHING MUSEUM COLLECTION)