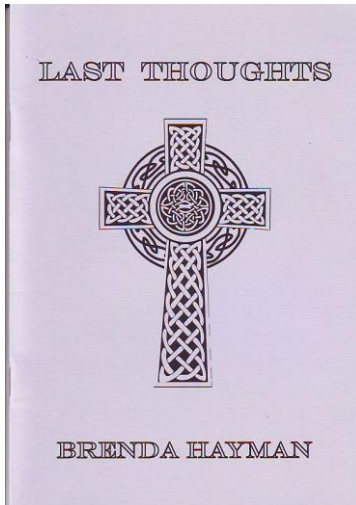




THE FRIENDS OF BURNLEY CEMETERIES

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LOSS AND TRAGEDY

*Her form was fair, her manners mild
And truth bedeck'd her mind
Her kindness did each circle cheer
Did friendship closely bind;
But sickness hover'd o'er her frame,
Her body drooped yet then her spirit
Breathed a purer frame*

From Padiham St. John's Road Cemetery

The Friends have published this fund raising booklet created by Brenda. It takes a light hearted look at epitaphs in Burnley Cemeteries and those further afield. It is available at limited places locally and can also be obtained by post from the secretary (see back page) by sending £1.50 plus postage (payable to The Friends of Burnley Cemeteries) or a stamped addressed A5 envelope.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Why not come along to one of our meetings, join one of our walks or try our newly established 'working party' – bulb planting, bench painting and tidy-ups shown below. Take a look at our website www.fbc.btck.co.uk for more information.



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In Memory of James Hacking, organist at Padiham Parish Church from 1864 to 1884. Padiham Blackburn Road Cemetery

THE HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD:

Holy Trinity Church was built on Accrington Road 1835-1836 as part of a national initiative to build new churches (known as Commissioners churches) and was consecrated by Bishop Sumner on 10th November 1836. The architect was Lewis Vulliamy, who was also responsible for designing St. John's in Worsthorne.

The graveyard was closed in 1965 and the headstones preserved by being placed around the perimeter of the church which closed in 1989 and has now been converted into flats. The landscaped graveyard which is maintained by Burnley Council now forms a pleasant green setting for the building. It is normally opened for viewing although a notice at the site entrance states that the owners should be contacted for access to the graveyard and gives contact information.



An article in the Burnley News in January 1919 about local graveyards gives information about the headstones of many Burnley 'worthies' buried in the graveyard – the Veevers and Smirthwaites of Coal Clough House, the Artindale family of Green Hill, the Holgates of Healey Hall and the Hindle Rawcliffe family landlords of the Cross Keys.

Holy Trinity Memorial Cross was erected in the churchyard to honour the men of the congregation who fell in the war. At the unveiling ceremony in December 1921 the wives, mothers, children and sweethearts of the men honoured filed past the monument, each laying a floral tribute at the foot of the cross as shown right.



The men are not named on the cross but a plaque in the church showed their names. This plaque disappeared from the church but was later saved from destruction in a Wigan scrap yard and is now displayed in St. Matthew's Church Burnley.

Accident at St Peter's Church - Burnley Advertiser 17th February 1866



An inquest was held at the Mitre Inn, in the presence of Mr U Hargreaves and foreman of the jury Mr Salisbury.

Rachel Broxup and Mary Jane Kippax , Rachel was killed at the time of the accident and Mary Jane died the following day.

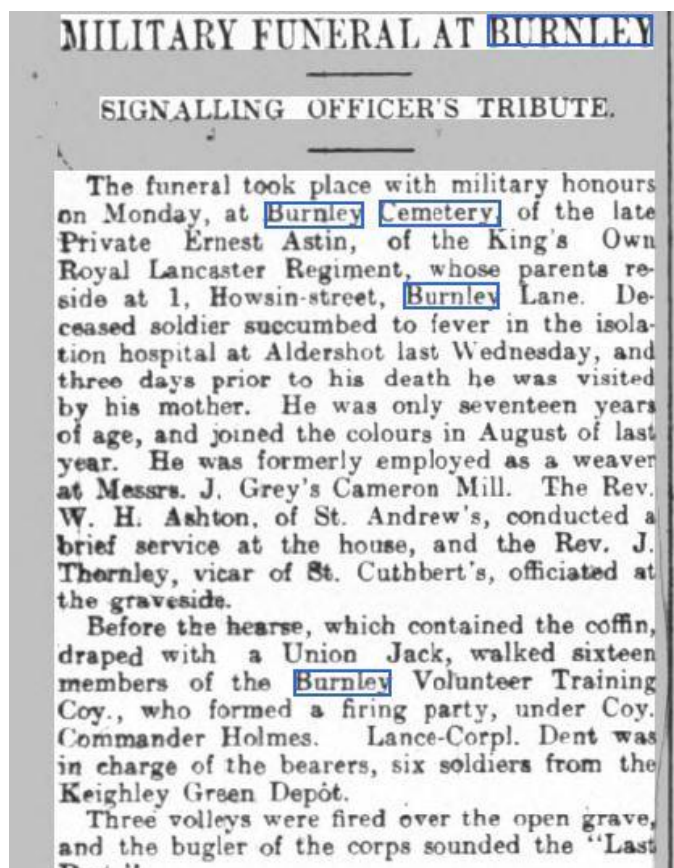
On February 17th 1866, the funeral cortege of Lady Caroline Henrietta Towneley age 62 yrs, wife of Charles Towneley of Towneley Hall Burnley were assembling at St Peters churchyard. As the coffin was being removed from the hearse a large number of people rushed forward to get to the wall close to the entrance gate. Men and children were jumping up onto the wall and grabbing hold of the railings to get a better view of the coffin

when the coping stones holding the railings toppled over and the men and children fell with it , bringing a large portion of the wall about 23 feet down and falling into the school yard . Tragically two children died as a result of the coping stones and railings falling on top of the children and a number of other people were injured. Rachel Broxup aged seven years died instantly from the wall falling on her head and the other child Mary Jane Kippax aged twelve died the day after from crush injuries when she was trapped by the wall landing on her back. At the inquest several people stated that men and children were clinging to the railings to get a better view of the funeral of Lady Towneley, the rail was quite sufficient as a wall but it was never intended to bear the pressure it had to encounter on that day.

The Coroner Mr Hargreaves addressed the jury who at a conclusion returned a verdict of Accidental death.

In the 1871 census William was a widower living on Whitehart St with his five remaining children. The gravestone pictured above records that William Broxup lost his seven year old daughter in 1866, he had lost his wife Catherine age 37 years the previous year and his 12 year old son in 1864. And if that wasn't enough bad luck his son Robert died aged 35 years in 1855. William died age 64 years in 1888.

9TH March, 1916



SPORTSMEN OF THE PAST

On the 5th December 1928 the Burnley Express and Advertiser reported on the death from pneumonia of 'one of Burnley's oldest and well known football celebrities' – 'Little Walter'.

Walter Place, a native of Burnley, was 56 and Lived at Richard Street. He was cousin of his namesake-known as 'Big Walter' who was a well known all round sportsman and Director of Burnley Football Club. He was the youngest professional player on his first game for Burnley on 8th November 1890 against Aston Villa. He is described as a good player of the tricky order who did excellent service for 10 years until he was enticed away by Woolwich Arsenal. He returned to Burnley two years later and later played for Workington, afterwards assisting Padiham. On returning from Service in the Great War he was under-groundsman at Burnley Cricket Field. He left a widow, one son and two daughters and at his funeral at Burnley Cemetery four of his old football associates – W. Bowes, J. Hillman, J. Taylor and J. Nash acted as bearers.



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USEFUL INFORMATION

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Next Meeting(AGM): 13th July 2016, 1pm
at Cemetery Offices, Rossendale Road.

OPEN DAY: Sunday 7th August, 2016 1 to 3.30pm Walks, stalls, displays, books, plants, raffle, light refreshments.

Heritage Open Day Walks at various cemeteries 8th to 11th September, 2016.

See web site soon for more details.

Bereavement Services: Cemetery Offices
01282 477148 & 477232,

www.burnley.gov.uk, Email:

bereavementservices@burnley.gov.uk

Cemetery and Crematorium Grounds

Opening hours: every day 9 am to 8 pm (or sunset whichever is earlier) **Please note that at times vehicle access may be restricted**

Family History Burial Records:

Cemetery Office holds Registers for Burnley Cemetery/Crematorium and for Padiham Cemetery. Please Telephone to arrange to view. Burnley Central Library hold basic burial records on microfiche.

The Parish Clerk Website is also a very useful on-line source of information for family historians. In addition to church registers it contains information about Burnley and Padiham Cemeteries.

www.lan-opc.org.uk/Burnley/index.html