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## **UNDERCLIFFE CEMETERY CHARITY**

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**Grade 11\* Listed Site registered by English Heritage**

Registered Charity No: 519751

**Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.**

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### **NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER 2019**

#### **Message from the Chairman,**

Welcome to our January 2019 Members' Newsletter. I hope you will find its contents useful, informative and relevant to you. It is the Charity's intention to produce a newsletter every 3 months. We realise that it is essential to ensure that our loyal members and supporters be kept informed of the Charity's progress.

2018 proved to be another busy and successful year with an increased number of exciting events taking place and many new contacts made. Our newly updated and interactive website [www.undercliffcemetary.co.uk](http://www.undercliffcemetary.co.uk) and the use of social media has proved most valuable in raising the Cemetery's profile to a much wider audience. This has enabled the Charity to recruit many more valued volunteers acting in various capacities eg. research and guiding tours but especially those joining our voluntary work force who maintain the Cemetery environment on a weekly basis. This increase has made such a difference during the last year especially in reinstating many new areas of interest and accessibility throughout the 26 acre site.

I thank you for your continued membership but would be extremely grateful if you could inform others of the importance of our Charity which is keeping a former private cemetery and a valuable 'History of Bradford in Stone' alive. We are also attaching a membership form in line with new GDPR regulations and hope that, with your permission, we will be able to communicate more widely and effectively with our membership through email, the website and, of course, by post as appropriate.

**Mr. Allan Hillary, Chairman.**

#### **NEWS:**

##### **We are open for business!**

You may already have a family grave at Undercliffe Cemetery, but if not, did you know that we have recently made plots available in the historic area, just off the main boulevard. Various locations are available. The Lodge with its kitchen and toilet facilities is also available

to hire for gatherings at very reasonable cost. If you are interested, please come and have a chat with us.

Alongside the essential ongoing maintenance of the Cemetery, for which we hugely thank our regular volunteers, two significant events highlighted both the past and the future in Undercliffe Cemetery.



In September 2018 the launch of the QR codes, ably researched, developed and installed by Steve Lightfoot and Deb Stirling and linked to our six Listed Monuments, was a great success.

**This is the QR code linked to the Swithin Anderton monument, which can be accessed on your smartphone.**

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice we held a weekend of events in November starting with the Annual Service of Remembrance and ending with a drama 'Words, Women and War' performed by Irene Lofthouse, a local historian and writer. Tours accompanied by the Friendly Brass Band and Bradford Voices Choir honoured the 275 WW1 soldiers buried at Undercliffe. Thanks to Marjorie Hopkinson, Stuart Firth and Andy Tyne for their extensive research.

Creative writing groups ran in the Lodge during 2018 and the anthology, 'Stories from Stone', by local writers and poets is available from the Lodge. More courses will be held in 2019.

Poetry evenings, an artistic installation from Artist in Residence Debbie Sharp, a Christmas wreath making workshop ably led by Christine Edmonds and a Christmas lunch for volunteers added to the variety and creativity of this busy period.



**Volunteers enjoying a Christmas lunch together, December 2018**

## Research Volunteers

Welcome to the three new volunteers who have joined our research group. Helen Clappison, Gaynor Halliday and David Broomfield. That brings our number up to seven. Throughout the year we will be researching 'Bradford's Worthies' and lots of other well-known people who are buried at Undercliffe Cemetery. Find out more by coming along to one of our themed tours scheduled for 2019.

**Spring 2019: Military Heroes Tour. Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, 11am.**

**£5 per person. The Café in the Lodge will be open from 10.30am.**

A tour of the Cemetery, meeting at the Cemetery Lodge on Undercliffe Lane at **11am** will reveal some of Bradford's bravest men in history who were awarded the Victoria Cross. Matthew Hughes was one of the first men to be given this award by Queen Victoria who leaned down from her horse and pinned it to his chest. He risked his life to save his comrades during the Crimean War where many also died from neglect and disease.

## The Undercliffe Cemetery Calendar 2019.

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January   |                                                      |                     |                                                                      |
| February  | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>                             | 12.30pm             | Volunteers' Lunch                                                    |
| March     | Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | 11am                | Themed Tour 1 (Military Heroes)                                      |
| April     | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | 11am<br>12.30pm     | Themed Tour 2 (Bradford Artists and Innovators)<br>Volunteers' Lunch |
| May       |                                                      |                     |                                                                      |
| June      | Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 11am<br>12.30pm     | Themed Tour 3 (Cudworth's Bradford)<br>Volunteers' Lunch             |
| July      |                                                      |                     |                                                                      |
| August    | Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 11am-4pm<br>12.30pm | Family Open Day & Family History Day<br>Volunteers' Lunch and AGM    |
| September | Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 11am                | Themed Tour 4 (Bradford Worthies)                                    |
| October   | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>                             | 12.30pm             | Volunteers' Lunch                                                    |
| November  | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>                               | 10am                | Service of Remembrance                                               |
| December  | Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>                                | 12.30pm             | Volunteers' Christmas Lunch                                          |

This Calendar provides an initial outline of our planned events. For confirmation and information relating to all additional events during the year, for example creative writing workshops, additional tours or Bradford Literature Festival events, please visit our [interactive website](#).

**UNDERCLIFFE CEMETERY NEEDS YOU!** Why don't you attend the regular Volunteers' lunch to find out more about the wide range of activities you could get involved with? If grass cutting or leaf clearing is not for you, then historical research, local history and conservation might be. You would be warmly welcomed and supported by staff, trustees and volunteers.

Please return the attached form with your Annual Membership subscription. Thank you for your continued support for 2019. We look forward to another exciting year as we care, maintain and develop Undercliffe Cemetery, a unique and special place within Bradford.



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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

I enclose £10.00 as my membership subscription for the year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

I enclose a further donation of £..... as a donation towards the work of the Charity.

Please make any cheques payable to ‘Undercliffe Cemetery Charity’ and send to the address above. Thank you for enabling our work to continue.

In order to save on postage we will not acknowledge receipt unless specifically requested by you.

Name..... (PLEASE PRINT)

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