

# In memoriam



Salford Bereavement Services and Friends of the Cemeteries newsletter

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## Lancaster Bomber memorial service 2010

On 30 July 1944 Lancaster Bomber PB304 crashed near Littleton Road playing field. All seven crew members tragically died along with two civilians.

On Friday 30 July this year, The Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust organised a memorial service at Agecroft Cemetery, where there is a large and beautiful commemorative stone. The Reverend Kevin Ball from Manchester International Airport conducted a short open air service and Northwich Air Training Corps mounted a guard of honour while their buglers played the Last Post. Friends and relatives of the victims along with the Mayor and Mayoress of Salford and members of the Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust attended the service. The Mayor and Joseph Bamford, the grandson of one of the civilian victims, laid commemorative laurel wreaths to celebrate the people's lives.

## Schools go wild

In May 600 plant plugs, consisting of 15 different types of wild flowers, were planted by pupils from Wentworth High and Lewis Street Primary schools. This has created a beautiful wild flower area in Peel Green Cemetery. Next year there are plans to extend the area by repeating the wild flower and bulb planting programme, and again local schools will be invited to take part.

## Green Flag status for Peel Green Cemetery

After many months of hard work, Peel Green Cemetery has received the prestigious **Green Flag Award**.

The award encourages organisations to manage and utilise green space carefully. To meet the required high standard, the council's grounds maintenance team worked hard planting colourful displays of bedding plants while a local blacksmiths provided new chain link fencing for some of the borders.

Many of the paths and large areas have been resurfaced and the works yard was completely reorganised to provide recycling and storage bays for organic material. The official presentation will take place later this month at Blackleach Country Park. This is the city's fourth Green Flag accredited open space. Well done Peel Green Cemetery!



Councillor Alice Smyth, lead member for Neighbourhoods, greets the arrival of the Green Flag.

## Major improvements at Agecroft Cemetery

A programme of improvement and refurbishment work has begun at Agecroft Cemetery.

An open day recently took place to allow the public to view the plans for the major new works.

The project will include a new waiting area at the front of the chapel, a new memorial walkway to the floral tribute area and a small extension to the crematorium building.

In addition, equipment will be installed to remove mercury emissions and ensure the cemetery meets new legislation.

Work commenced on Saturday 7 August and is expected to last for ten weeks.

### What this means:

- Disruption to funeral services will be kept to a minimum and the council will work closely with the contractors to minimise noise resulting from the construction work.
- The chapel will not be available for burials or cremations from Saturday to Wednesday.
- The crematorium will only be open for funerals on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Burials will continue as usual from Monday to Friday.
- The cemetery will be open as usual for visitors throughout the refurbishment period.
- The Book of Remembrance will be temporarily moved to the office building by the cemetery's main entrance.

For more information on the planned improvements please call 736 2512 or email [agecroftcemetery@salford.gov.uk](mailto:agecroftcemetery@salford.gov.uk)

## Bug hunting fun

Lewis Street Primary School recently joined the council's team at Peel Green Cemetery to take part in an exciting day of bug hunting. Pupils were given jars to collect specimens and were then sent to investigate the vast grasslands, hedgerows and wild flower meadows of Peel Green. Ranger Gill Tyson carefully identified all the weird and wonderful bugs - but don't worry, they were all returned to their natural habitat. The children also took part in educational life cycle chasing games and learnt about the symbolism of carvings on headstones. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all!



## Future events

We have some exciting dates for your diaries. . .

- **Sunday 12 September** 11am and 1pm, Heritage Day guided tours at Weaste Cemetery. Please meet at the Angel war memorial on the main road in the cemetery. Booking is not required. For more details contact Peter Kilvert on 748 3123.
- **Sunday 19 September** 11am-4pm, come and see a display about Weaste Cemetery Heritage and Ecology Trail at the Salford Local History Day, Salford Museum and Art Gallery, Peel Park.
- **Thursday 11 November**, 11am. Remembrance Day open air services at Agecroft and Peel Green cemeteries.
- Advent services will take place in early December at Agecroft and Peel Green cemeteries.

For further information please contact Peel Green Cemetery on 789 1901.

## Get in touch.

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