

## Barton Woodland Burial Ground Newsletter

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### MEET THE TEAM ON WEDNESDAYS

Liz Matthews, Barbara  
Segrave and Hilary Jack-  
son are at Barton every  
Wednesday morning.

Drop by anytime between  
10am and 12 noon

## Alternative transport?

The downpours at the beginning of the year caused us all sort of problems. The mud was horrendous, which meant it was treacherous underfoot and more than one vehicle got stuck. A four-wheel drive was used to both provide a tow, and be a coffin transporter more than once.

However, on a rainy day in late January we had our first horse and cart funeral. Rather than the bearers carrying to the glades in very slippery



mud this was a much safer option and when other families were asked, many were really interested in the idea of horse drawn transport.

We are seriously looking into this for future use, and not just for muddy winter months.

I'll keep you posted. Hilary

# Glebe Notes

April 2014

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Hello everyone. Welcome to the seventh edition of my twice a year newsletter

I always try to write the text in the same month as the issue date but it can often be a challenge because of how busy we get. Looking at the statistics I see we have just had the busiest 3 months ever with 42 interments [both burials and ashes] taking place between January and March.

There were real problems too because of the rain Bluebell glade was closed to all burials apart from those with an existing reservation because it is our wettest glade. Still, everything's dry now so come and admire the wonderful cowslips



### Headlines

- North Glebe— future plans
- Ash dieback - we have it
- Horse and cart option?

## Open event Saturday 9th August

After all the excitement of last year's event with lunch for the Bench Benefactors, tractor rides, ice creams and a jazz band serenading you over the tea cups, this year will be more low key.

Come in the afternoon for a walk and a chat and afternoon tea from 3-5pm, with I hope, piano accompaniment this time!

Hilary Jackson, Administrator

### What's been going on?

- In December last, Hilary was on the Wednesday afternoon chat show on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire [very exciting] and someone who heard me came to visit!
- The Lodge entrance floor has been industrially cleaned and a special coating applied so it's much easier to clean now
- The Lodge emergency lighting wasn't working properly in March so 10 fittings had to be replaced hence the green glow
- The car park entrance has more potholes again so we plan to resurface it, probably with asphalt
- Carole's spring plants, for sale whenever the Lodge is open, have proved very popular. Summer flowering plants and wildflower seeds now on sale
- Additional notice boards are planned. There'll be more room then to explain and inform all our many visitors about such things as what types of bird have been seen. Great tits are nesting in the eaves!
- And with so many visitors on Wednesdays, tea & coffee will be on offer until 2pm. The urn and all the makings will be there for you to help yourselves for a small donation

*“Creating natural woodland for future generations to enjoy”*

### Gentle reminder of our policies

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Random planting	straight lines
Wild flowers from your garden	PLEASE—NO POTTING COMPOST
Cut or florist's flowers	cellophane & paper
Wild garlic & periwinkle	ornaments, pebbles or vases
Weeds and brambles	labels & cards
<b>GREEN WASTE ONLY IN THE GREEN WHEELIE BINS PLEASE</b>	

### North Glebe: future planning



Looking towards the north glebe

The glades in the south glebe are filling up. Honeysuckle glade is closed and Sweetbriar glade is just about to join it for the same reason. All the spaces have been fully committed.

This means we have to start thinking now about what will need to happen before we can open the North Glebe to burials.

The trustees have identified the open event of summer 2016 as the time to invite Bishop Stephen to conduct the consecration ceremony. We also need to consider such things as access paths, a shelter possibly, space for hearse parking, and how can we best enable families and visitors to get to the glades at the top of the hill? The more you think about it, the more issues are raised. Quite a task.

### Ash dieback: an update

We had a Forestry Commission visitor at the end of last year who took some samples. Very sad to say, though not unexpected, the lab tests have confirmed that we DO have the disease.

The damage so far is minor and it is hoped the longer established trees in the south glebe will be more resistant. The saplings in the north are more of a worry because they are smaller and more vulnerable. The working group of Trustees discussed it at a recent meeting and we have decided to watch and wait for the time being



Forestry Commission image