

## WORKING PARTIES

### THURSDAYS 10—1

- OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>
- NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>
- DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

### SATURDAYS 10—1

- OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>
- NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

### NO SATURDAY

WORK PARTY IN DECEMBER

**ALL WELCOME  
JUST COME ALONG**

## FRIENDS OF THE DOWN CEMETERY



Autumn 2017

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## Chairman's Ramblings

**Welcome to the third newsletter** for the Friends of the Down Cemetery. Firstly, I must apologise that this newsletter is a little late, but I have been away in Canada.

**Whilst I was there,** I visited a Victorian cemetery. This may not seem unusual, but as Canada was celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, Victorian cemeteries are few and far between.

**The most interesting** thing of note was that all the gravestones were upright. This was mainly due to the use of steel rods, which were driven into the ground with a band attached to the gravestones. The same idea was also used to strengthen broken stones.

This may well be something for us to look into for the future.

**Since the last newsletter,** we have had a display at the Trowbridge Carnival Fair, which was a great success with many people showing an interest in our project.

**We also opened** the consecrated chapel for Heritage Open Day. We had many visitors and are looking forward to doing this again next year.

**I am pleased to report** that we have been able to find someone to use

a drone to give us aerial photos of the cemetery. We will keep you posted.

**See you at the Cemetery...**



## Trowbridge Garden Centre



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## Wildflower Meadow

**We are slowly making progress** with Wiltshire Council over the siting of the test areas for the wild flower trials and we are looking to plant up some graves with shrubs and plants.

**We are looking for suggestions** of suitable plants that may attract wildlife and are low maintenance and drought tolerant. If you have any ideas, please email us.



## DETAILS OF LISTED MONUMENTS & MAUSEOLEUMS



### BROWN MAUSOLEUM

**ROGER BROWN** (d.1902), was a Trowbridge Clothier, and the donor of Trowbridge Town Hall. The original bronze gates of the mausoleum were reported stolen in 2012.



### TAYLER MONUMENT

**GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TAYLER** (d.1912), was the Medical Officer to the Melksham and Trowbridge Union; he worked at the Cottage Hospital and was the Churchwarden at St Thomas's Church.



### CLARK MONUMENT

**THE CLARK FAMILY** were wealthy clothiers, who owned Stone Mill. Maj. Thomas Clark built St. Thomas's Church, in memory of his father.



### KEMP MONUMENT

**JOHN KEMP**, Trowbridge Clothier (d.1896), was a partner in Kemp & Hewitt, owners of Innox Mill, later the site of Bowyers Factory.



### KINGSTON & HASTINGS MAUSOLEUM

**THE REV. J.D. HASTINGS** (d.1860) was the Rector of Trowbridge, and built the Alms House on Union Street. His connection with Rev. Thomas Kingston, originally of Dublin, is not recorded.



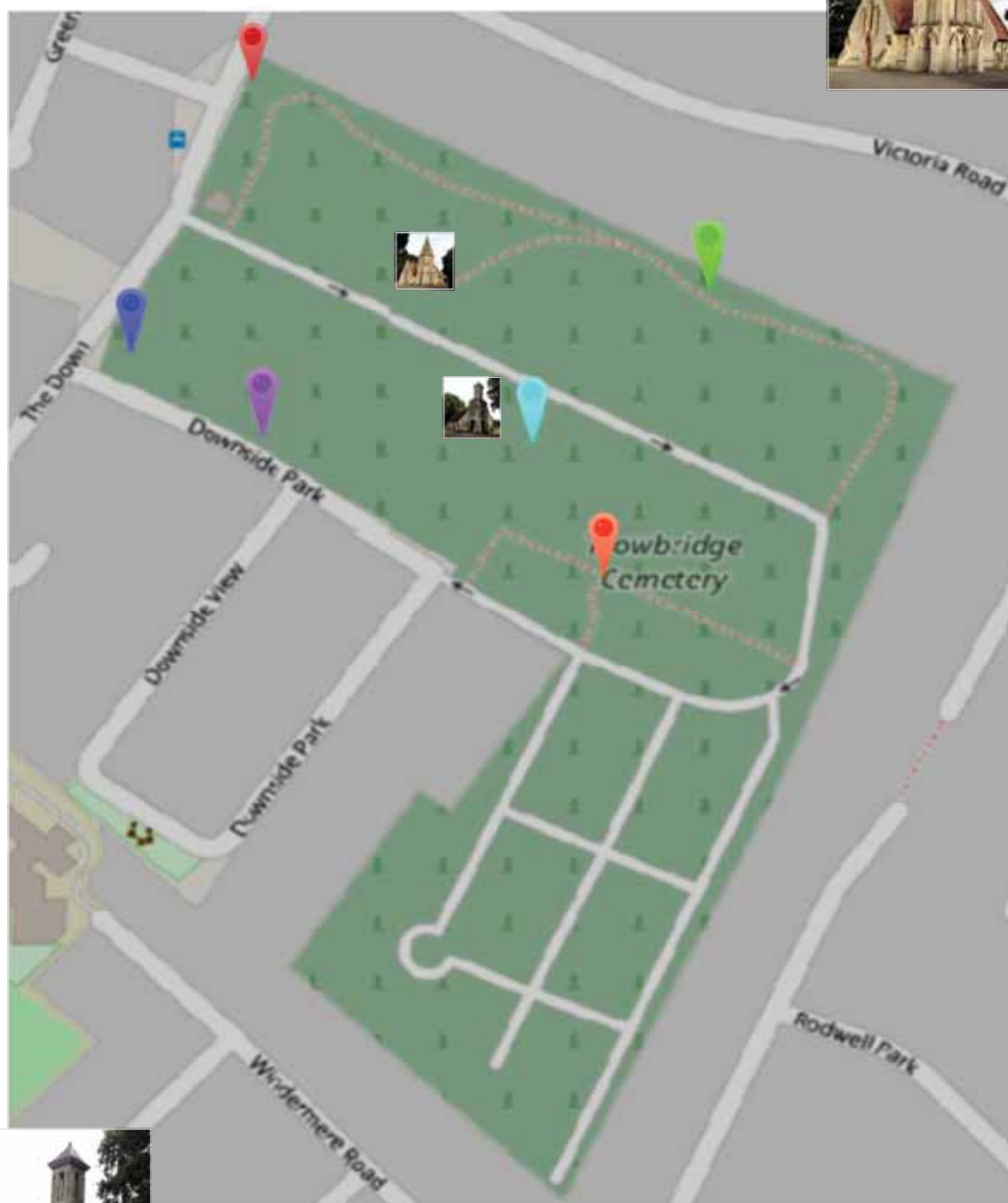
### RODWAY MAUSOLEUM

There seems to be no record of the incumbent of this mausoleum. It may be the solicitor, **ROWLAND RODWAY**, whose father built Adcroft House (c.1853), which later became the Trowbridge Hospital.



# MAP SHOWING LISTED MONUMENTS & MAUSEOLEUMS

NON-CONFORMIST  
CHAPEL



ANGLICAN  
CHAPEL

Map developed from [www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/](http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/)

# FRIENDS OF THE DOWN CEMETERY

[www.fotdc.org](http://www.fotdc.org)



## Wildlife in the Cemetery

**I would like to thank** all of you who have provided us with bird food and feeders. We still need these generous donations, so please keep them coming in.

**We are also looking for volunteers** to help with the feeding of the birds. Please contact us if this is something you may be interested in.

**We hope** that we will have news on our nest boxes this spring.



**We are now setting up a system** so that members can notify us of the birds that are visiting the cemetery.

**You can help by emailing us** with the birds that you have seen at the cemetery, with a date.

**If this is successful**, we may expand the recording system to encompass insects, mammals, reptiles and plants.



## Down Cemetery Heritage - Research & Conservation

**We have completed** the transcription of grave-stones in Section 1, and now have a few people who are starting Section 1a.

**We have also started transcribing** details from the Burial Books which are held in the Swindon & Wiltshire Records Office. If you are interested in helping with this part of the project, please contact [robertw@fotdc.org](mailto:robertw@fotdc.org).

**This can be done when you have the time**, and does not need to be done on scheduled workdays. I am happy to meet you at the cemetery or the Records Office to help you get started. We will provide you small sections of dates to be completed, and I will show you where the information is.

**It is free to join the Records Office**, and if you have never been there before, it is easy to join. All of the necessary information can be found at [www.wshc.eu](http://www.wshc.eu).



**We are also starting a project** on the servicemen buried in the war graves, as well as those who are remembered on civilian grave-stones and monuments.

**If this is something** that you may be interested in, please get in touch by email at: [robertw@fotdc.org](mailto:robertw@fotdc.org).

**It has been noted** that there is some external damage to the consecrated chapel. This does not appear to be vandalism.

**Robert Colebourne** has contacted Wiltshire Council, so we wait to see what they have to say.



Detail from Postcard (1840-1860)  
Trowbridge Postcards & Ephemera on flickr