

RECENT NEWS

Penlow Field throughout 2016 - Welcome to our second newsletter

Christmas Amnesty

It has become usual practice at burial grounds throughout the country to have an amnesty at Christmas. We are allowing biodegradable wreaths on loved ones' graves until 5th January. *(Please do not put plastic or glitter in the wreath.)*

We welcome to rest..

2016 has seen nine new residents move to Penlow, Richard, Malcolm, Stephen, Michael, George, Iris, Tony, Frances & Ashley. Chris & Eliza's ashes have also been laid to rest. It has been a pleasure to meet all family members and to have been able to help a little at such a difficult time.

Open Day

As you may know - we held an open day in September. Thank you to all who came, it was lovely to see you again and also lovely to show others around to whom the 'concept' was very new.



Award winning...

In April of this year, Tom and I attended a bi-annual burial ground operators meeting in Berkshire. At the end of the day the Association of Natural Burial Ground People's Awards were presented by region.

We were thrilled to be awarded Runner Up for the South West region - this covers 12 burial sites who are also ANBG members, from Dorset & Oxford down to Cornwall.

These awards are based on the feedback given by those of you who filled in feedback forms and sent them to the ANBG.

We can't really put into words what this award means to us, especially to have received it just two years after opening. We have also been asked to host next year's spring meeting which is quite an honour.

- A very huge heartfelt thank you to you all.





a new addition....

We have expanded our prospective staff numbers for the future with the addition of Meredith Rose Rosser who arrived rather swiftly on 22nd October weighing 9lb 7oz.

We didn't plan to have a home birth BUT that's what we got! Tom had to deliver Meredith all on his own whilst being talked through what to do by the 999 operator!

Trees & Wildflowers

We are really pleased to report that the trees at Penlow are all thriving.

Those who are waiting to plant memorial trees - I will contact you individually and we can arrange a convenient date.



With the help of the seed supplier, we've fine-tuned the wildflower mix and hope to see positive results in the spring.

Plaques update

As you know we started to supply plaques in this last year. We are having to tweak them slightly because they have not lasted (visibility wise) for as long as we would like. The plaques will be in the same format but the wood is being treated to seal it for longer, thus delaying the fading process. Those who purchased plaques at the beginning of the year will shortly see that they have been replaced to ensure that they last the expected length of time.

Progress in the woods

Pete has been very busy (as always) with the seating area in the woods. He has stone walled around the recess that he dug in the path. We now have a lovely bench where you can sit and enjoy the woods while seeing and hearing the stream.



We have also linked up the path beyond the seat, it is yet to be surfaced with bark so please do take care when using it as it could be slippery under foot.

We will be making progress on the steps down to the woods from the small gate in the new year.

Rustic benches

It feels like it has taken forever to get some benches to Penlow but we hope you'll agree that it was worth the wait? (there are 3 more yet to come!)

*with warm wishes from
Tom,
Sheridon,
Sophia &
Meredith x*

