

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Spring 2006

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Our subs (£6 single, £10 for joint members living at the same address) have not increased for 10 years. There can be no better value for money since annual payment accesses three newsletters, two speakers at most evening meetings and a wide choice of outings and other entertainments. Equally valuable is the credibility that its 446 members provide for the Society in trying to meet its objectives.

Gift Aid is one of the means by which we are able to maintain our bargain prices since it enables the Society to claim back from the Inland Revenue nearly a third of the value of the subscriptions of members who have agreed to it. Providing that you are a taxpayer, a once and only signature on the membership form is all that is required. So if you are eligible, please sign up if you have not already done so.

Fortunately our gains in number just exceed our losses over the past year. We welcome our new members :- Mrs A & Mr I Fagg, Mr R & Mrs J Walkden, and Mrs K Quigley.

We send our condolences to the families and friends of members who have died:- Mr W G King, Mrs R Storm-Torstensen, Mr B Cockerill, Miss E Grocock, Mrs G Dobby, Mr M Wilson, Mr A Goodburn, Mr G Henshaw, Mrs W Cope, Mr N Willis.

Sheila Cope, Membership Secretary

SOCIETY PROJECTS

COWGATE CEMETERY

Report by Jeremy Cope

YOU WILL, I AM SURE, have heard of the serious concern arising from the acute shortage of rainfall this winter. As an example that most clouds have a silver lining the weather has given us dry grass and undergrowth. Dry grass is easy to cut and rake whereas wet grass tests our volunteers and if they were not gentlemen would cause their verbal expressions to be of the coarser sort, quite shocking to our sole lady worker. Needless to say we have maintained good progress on our maintenance of the cemetery.

The dates for our meetings are set out below. Society members would be most welcome to join us. If you are at all interested please phone 01304 211348 or e-

mail (address on the inside cover of this newsletter). Please note that the dates may be changed because of the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Meeting Dates for 2006

| <i>Thursday Meetings</i> | <i>Saturday Meetings</i> |
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| 9th March | 18th March |
| 6th April | 15th April |
| 4th May | 13th May |
| 1st June | 10th June |
| 6th July | 15th July |
| 3rd August | 12th August |
| 31st August | 16th September |
| 5th October | 14th October |
| 2nd November | 11th November |
| 7th December | 16th December |