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COWGATE CEMETERY and the Lock-Down

Jeremy Cope

Sheila and I have walked around the Cemetery several times since the start of lock-down. The grasses and greenery



Glorious Cowgate 2020

have grown with their usual vigour, resulting a verdant panorama with a golden laburnum shower, to my eye rather beautiful. It's well worth a walk round. The photograph lacks colour but gives an idea of how it looks

Homeless folk are absent, housed because of the lockdown, leaving the cemetery tentless and virtually litterless. I guess - hope - they are in a better situation as is the case with the cemetery.

Once the rules allow groups to work then we shall be back. If you would like to join us please give a call me on 01304 211348 or email jeremycop@willersley.plus.com

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and 14/6d costs for taking the law into his own hands and using more violence than was necessary. Smith afterwards told Gambrill that he would take him to County Court if he did not compensate him for the damage to his hat.

During the court proceedings it was reported that Mrs. Every would guarantee that 'no interruption to the passage would occur whilst the matter of ownership was being looked into' but it can be seen on an 1872 map that the road still went through the farmyard and had not been altered in any way as a result of this violent protest. Therefore, one can assume that either Mrs. Every's ownership was not proven or that all the protagonists got together one evening in the Dublin Man 'O War and settled the problem over a pint or two of real ale.

Note: Research for this story was undertaken by Joe Harman.

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wider and navigable in Roman times and continued to be so until the Norman period when the estuary began to silt up. The site was in probably in use from about 475 until c800AD.

It would be wrong not to mention St. Andrew's Church, the oldest building in



St Andrews Church Buckland Dover

the parish, which appears to have some Saxon work in its fabric. I wonder if the first church was built by the descendants of those warriors up on the hill? In 1880 the old yew tree was moved to make it possible to extend the church of St. Andrew and many Bucklanders have a small wooden cross made by Mr. Yarrow from a branch of the yew which broke off in a storm. Now, near those Saxon graves, there is a daughter church dedicated to St. Nicholas and that may be a link with those Saxon seafarers.

Much more could be written about Buckland and I know some will say he did not mention this or that, but I believe I have proved my point: there is plenty of interest in Buckland!

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