



Friends of Hartwood Paupers Graveyard

Winter Newsletter

Upcoming Events

As it's winter, our Saturday visits to the cemetery are limited, but nothing to stop others going up to visit, potter about or tidy up.

As you will all have seen William and Laura have been busy unearthing the numbers of the once lost graves, so all help welcome

Thank you to everyone who has supported, volunteered, followed and encouraged us to keep going, to the National Lottery, NLC, MP's & MSP's and not forgetting Rab the postman for his deliveries.

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Our Aims & Ethos

The aims of The Friends are:
"To preserve and protect the former Lanarkshire, Hartwood, Paupers Cemetery site and enhance the site as a public amenity. To maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct the Cemetery site as a place of historical merit and to advance public education in the history of the mental health and the cemetery".



Reminders

If you are planning on planting bulbs or plants, please remember to bring your gardening gloves and a bottle of water.

All tools are in the tool shed and compost is in the bag at the entrance.

If you have any books, our library would love to store them for others to read

If you are taking in your dog, please remove their dog waste and take it home, we do not have a waste collection, bags can be found in the wee library box

What Have We Done So Far

As many of you have read on the FB, website and Twitter pages, we have made new friends from across the globe and amazingly we have discovered many groups who are similar to ourselves, their goal also to maintain and save old asylum paupers cemeteries which have been forgotten about over the years.

Thank you for all your support

Receiving the call from the National Lottery Heritage Scotland Fund was a call I'll never forget, as all I heard was "Hello, this is the National Lottery' my brain went into over drive and I thought I'd won the lottery only to remember I didn't have a ticket ... but it was to be one of the best 'wins' we could have wished for, resulting in FOHPC being showcased within the Scottish Parliament, at the National Lottery Heritage reception.

All the funding we have received has allowed us to move our project on, to achieve amazing outcomes.

1. Additional seating, as more and more are visiting, and often just come to ponder life, sitting in the now peaceful sanctuary of the cemetery.
2. A website and license for the next 5 years, which has allowed us to upload all the files, documents and information. This has empowered some of our supporters to maintain and upkeep the website, and for that I'm thankful.
3. Lottie, the greenhouse joined us. Welcomed with open arms, she has been much needed, allowing us to pot, nurture and grow our own plants for the barrels and hedge rows. Turns out Lottie is one of many National Lottery Heritage Greenhouses across the land. She has a family!!!
4. The purchase of the high tech metal detector has allowed for more gravemarkers to be uncovered by William and Laura. This is allowing us to build a map of the graveyard and allow us to renumber the graves, so the the names of our souls on the boards can be matched to a location, for all to pay respect and give our 1255 souls their names back.
5. Our poor postman, Rab, must see the FOHPC on the labels and think oh my what have they got now!!.. 635 metal stakes, 3000 screws, 10m of vinyl and 10 cans of varnish, (not including all of Rhonda's soil) which will be used to construct the new 635 grave markers
6. Our new shiny tiller, which will help us turn the soil, before our backs give out with all the digging and help with our wildflower meadow
7. A secure fenced area to house our little environmental saviours, the Firemen's' bees, which be coming in March, so watch out for our honey and candles in the coming months.
8. Raised beds abound the signs and trees, which will allow us to bring more colour to the cemetery all year round, and a metal storage box for all our tools and PPE



"Where flowers bloom so does hope."

LADY BIRD JOHNSON



Bald Campbell Clark, FFPSG
Medical Superintendent, Lanark Asylum, Professor of Biological Medicine St.Mungo's Row, President of the Londonian Medical Society
1901
Large plaque at Mackinnon House (Royal Edinburgh Hospital)

James Neil Campbell Clark, MA, PhD
Rector Peterhead Academy
President SSTA
1897-1975

Archibald James Campbell Clark, B.Arch
Architect, Engineer, Planning Supervisor



COVID 19.

In the past 3 years, even though they have been the strangest years in my memory, it has made us stop and take notice of those around us and our surrounding area.

COVID 19 may have stopped us in our tracks, some have lost loved ones but if anything COVID 19 has made us realise what and who is dear to us and that we treat everyday as if it was our last.

Live your life to the full and try not to worry what others think, as those who care don't mind and those that mind don't matter.



What's Next?

- Preparing the barrels and tubs for summer
- Renumbering all the graves
- To begin the process of listing the cemetery within the historical books, ensuring it's protection for the future.
- Welcome the buzzy bees and new volunteers
- Upkeep the website with additional information as we find out more

Highlights of the Year

- Being awarded National Lottery Funding and NLC Environmental Grants to allow us to grow
- Meeting new volunteers and visitors, who have come along to help, uploaded photographs to our social media platforms and the thousands who have visited our website.
- Connecting and forming friendships with other similar groups across Scotland and the Rest of the UK. With the latest one being Kevin, who is Chair of the Horton Cemetery, which spookily mirrors Hartwood in many ways. A friendship which will bloom
- The well attended Remembrance Sunday event, where Kerry beautifully bagpiped the 'Fleurs o' the Forest', which was heard for miles and brought a chill down many a back.

Thank you to Alex and Carol Paris for the kind donation of the poppy wreath.

Lest We Forget

- Recognition from the Scottish and UK Governments, on bringing awareness to Mental Health and honouring the once lost souls.
- Reuniting families with long lost relatives from across the globe, we met a lady from Virginia, USA, who toured around the grounds, in her search for her relative.
- Not forgetting the TV appearances and the fact that people across the globe have contacted us after it was aired, my achieved was that I didn't have subtitles!!
- Being contacted by Archibald Campbell Clarke's great grand daughter Libby and then his grandson, Archie Campbell Clarke, who were once concerned that the superintendent grave would be lost

***The living must tell the story of the dead and ensure they are never forgotten,
As one day someone will be telling your story***