

KENT NATURAL BURIALS LTD



NEWSLETTER ~ AUGUST 2011

Dear Friends

As ever we begin with the weather! Thank you for your understanding as we cope with the drought and heavy rainfalls. This has caused an invasion of thistles which is suffocating the grasses and wild flowers. Those of you who visit and read the notice board will know that we have embarked on a cut, trim and pull policy. Now this is taking place we hope that balance will return. The ox eye daisies, newly resident, have been delightful and butterflies are back with us.

A gentle reminder!

Please remember that Deerton is a natural burial ground run on sound green principles so the planting of non-native woodland plants such as tulips, garden daffodils, cosmos are not appropriate. But, wild daffodils, wood anemones, field poppies and cornflowers look lovely and are to be encouraged. We will remove those that do not conform to the principles set out by The Association of Natural Burial Grounds of which we are members. This does apply also to other inappropriate 'things'.

Tree Planting Day 2011

Saturday 12th March saw more than 180 people at Deerton. The weather was kind and people of all ages, very young to elderly (plus several dogs) chatted, laughed, and shed a few tears as they saw their chosen trees planted on loved one's graves. One or two trees have struggled with the difficult weather conditions but we are keeping an eye on them and if any do perish they will be replaced.

Grave Markers

In keeping with the green ethos, grave markers will disintegrate with time. However, we do understand that in some cases the marker is vital. Not all visitors are local, close family or frequent visitors, so guidance is essential. We do ask therefore that inappropriate markers are not placed on graves but that a phone call is made to the office so that we can help with a replacement.

Final Bench

The new path, connecting the two outer paths, in front of the main hedge is now in place. A final bench will be installed in the centre, offering another seat for quiet reflection. Should anyone wish to make a small donation towards the cost of this bench please ring the office. And thank you to anyone who wishes to do this, in advance.

Once again our sincere thanks to all for helping us to ensure that Deerton remains a peaceful, green haven for loved ones and nature. Remember there is always help and advice available via the office or email.

Best wishes from the Directors of Kent Natural Burials Ltd

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