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Derelict East Lodge c 1976 Photo: Ron Woollacott (see pages 4 and 16)

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~ INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ~

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Further information about FONC and Nunhead Cemetery can be found on our excellent website managed by Simon Quill at www.fonc.org.uk

Cemetery Opening Times: 8.30am to 4.00pm daily. The cemetery stays open until 5.00pm in March and October and until 7.00pm from April to September. *All times are subject to change.* See notice at cemetery entrances and Southwark Council's website. The cemetery may be closed without notice for safety reasons, for example during very windy and stormy weather.

Publications and Enquiry Desk: A wide range of books and leaflets about Nunhead Cemetery are available for sale at FONC's portacabin from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Sundays when tours or workdays take place. If you would like to help on an occasional Sunday contact Jane Hart email: jane.c.hart@btconnect.com

FONC Meetings and Events: Meetings of the trustees take place on the *3rd Thursday of each month*. *Trustee meetings are open to ordinary members who may attend in a non-voting capacity.* If you would like to attend a meeting of the trustees please email the vice-chairman on fonc@btconnect.com for details. Occasional talks, walks, presentations and all forthcoming events are announced in *FONC News*.

Nunhead Cemetery Staff: The cemetery staff can be contacted by phoning **020 7732 9535**. If unavailable please leave a message or call the main cemetery office at **Camberwell New Cemetery** on **020 7525 5600**.

The cemetery's address is: Linden Grove, Nunhead, London, SE15 3LP



THE SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS



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ANGLICAN CHAPEL CLOSURE IMPACTS FONC EVENTS

Report by FONC Co-ordinator Jeff Hart

As reported in the last issue of *FONC News*, falling material from the interior of the chapel walls in June led to the temporary closure for use of the ruined Anglican chapel pending a survey of the building's condition. The falling friable plaster work has been attributed to the extremes of temperature experienced over a short period of time. Unfortunately, it has taken quite some time for Southwark Council to commission the survey, which was complicated by the need to obtain Civil Aviation Authority approval for the use of a drone to investigate the top level of the walls!

In the meantime, the closure has impacted on a number of events planned for the chapel. Arts exhibitions by Henryk Terpilowski and Bob Stagg planned for both the Open House and Nunhead Arts Trail had to be significantly amended to areas outside the chapel as did a dance performance organised by Ella Fleetwood with women from the Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network. We were also unable to open the chapel for Open House visitors although, fortunately, the popular crypt visits were not affected. The closure also is likely to prevent both our All Souls Service and final Remembrance Day wreath laying taking place inside the chapel. These will be held in front of the chapel gates instead.

We understand that the survey report is now with Southwark's borough officers and we await their results and recommendations for the future. Previous surveys have suggested that for the longer term stability of the structure a

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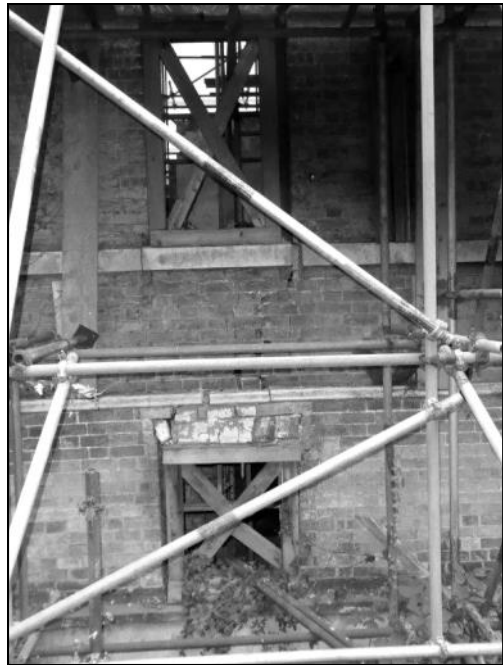
roof should be provided but obviously that has significant cost implications - although it would transform possible future use of the building. Hopefully, interim measures to prevent further falling masonry will be less complicated and costly and can be carried out fairly quickly in order that the chapel can be brought back into use as soon as possible.■

EAST LODGE FRONTAGE CLOSE TO COLLAPSE

The latest update by Jeff Hart

The project to restore the ruined East Lodge continues to be beset by difficulties and delays. Contractors Standage & Company, appointed to carry out initial Phase 1 enabling works, had reported that the Lodge portico was so close to collapse that it would be necessary to take this down immediately. However, on closer inspection it has become clear that over recent months the whole of the front of the Lodge has been gradually pulling away from the rest of the building and is now in danger of complete collapse.

FONC has been emphasising the need for urgency before the remains of the building are beyond rescue. It is now necessary for the contractors to come up with new plans to safely dismantle and store the front wall and portico. This requires further input from independent structural engineers and agreement by Southwark Council, all of which takes yet more time and money. Fortunately, additional Council financial approvals will not be necessary as the works are now to be considered emergency works. It is also now planned to provide new foundations for the whole of the building at this stage rather



Present condition of the East Lodge
Photo: Jeff Hart

than just underpinning sections of the wall which will, it is hoped, reduce some of the costs of Phase 2 of the project. It was hoped that work would start in early November and be completed by the end of the year but that is becoming increasingly unlikely as, at the time of writing, the new Construction, Design and Management (CDM) statements are not in place.

By providing new foundations now, it is hoped to accelerate the full restoration project. Design architects are expected to be appointed shortly to oversee the project. It is possible that at least a new temporary roof for the building could be provided to help tie in the walls at an early stage. This would enable scaffolding to be removed, facilitating the remaining work which might also reduce costs. Borough officers remain optimistic that the full rebuild could start in spring 2020 and that additional funding necessary for the completion of the work will be available.

In the meantime, FONC representatives met with consultants Boyd Thorpe Associates in October to explain our aspirations for the future use of the restored Lodge. They have considerable experience in developing proposals for the sustainable use of similar historic buildings, including at the recently restored entrances to Brompton Cemetery now being used as a cafe and interpretation centre. It is expected that their draft report will be submitted to Southwark Council by the end of November.



Deteriorating condition of the East Lodge

Photos: Jeff Hart

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Whilst the further delays and complications are extremely frustrating, FONC remains committed to playing a constructive role in assisting Southwark Council to deliver a viable and sustainable future for the Grade II listed East Lodge that will hugely enhance both the visitor experience and community use of the cemetery as a whole. ■

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND 2019

By Ann Coley

Open House London has been running since 1992 with the objective of promoting appreciation of architecture by the general public. It is best known for the annual Open House weekend which this year ran over the weekend of 21st and 22nd September.

In 2019 Open House London had more than 800 events covering walks, talks and building visits and they estimated that more than 250,000 people participated. The Open House guide is itself the biggest architectural publication in the UK with a print run of 100,000.

If you are interested in the architecture of London it is worth noting that Open House London also offer tours throughout the year via Open City. *See this link for more information:*

<https://open-city.org.uk/public/open-house-monthly/tours>.

(The River Thames Boat Architecture tours are led by Peckham architect Benedict O'Looney).

The Open House concept has spread around the world and in 2019 more than forty cities have participated, from Athens to Zurich so if you are visiting a city it is worth checking the list here to see if there is anything of interest: <http://www.openhouseworldwide.org/>

Whilst Nunhead Cemetery is open every day, FONC is proud to take part in Open House weekend and enable visitors to enjoy our Grade II* listed landscape as there are always a good number of new visitors who have either only heard of the cemetery because of Open House, or may have heard of it before but Open House was the trigger for their visit.

This year we had a glorious sunny day on the Saturday and a dull wet Sunday. The weather brought out more people than we had expected on the Saturday, and we expected a quiet Sunday but were pleasantly surprised. Whilst we don't track visitor numbers, the general impression is that we are

seeing more people each year at this event. In recent years we have sold hot drinks and homemade cakes which seem to encourage visitors to stop and talk to us about the cemetery and their Open House experience. This adds to our enjoyment as volunteers and hopefully to that of our visitors as well.

Over the two afternoons FONC ran four abbreviated general tours - designed to cover the essentials in an hour, and around ten tours of the chapel and crypt. Sadly, as the chapel isn't open at the moment we were restricted to looking in through the gates, but as always, the crypt proved a popular attraction.

Here at Nunhead Cemetery the publications desk runs throughout the event and if you are interested in helping in any capacity next year, please let us know. The weekend will run on 19th and 20th September 2020. ■

THE GARDENS OF LAMBETH PALACE

By Cathy Mercer

When I told my friend that I was visiting the London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace, she was most impressed. 'Have you decided what to wear?' she asked. I had to confess that I was visiting as a paying-guest, £5 including a glass of wine, part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) to visit private gardens - more commonly called the Yellow Garden Book Gardens, because the printed guides are always a bright buttercup yellow.

Lambeth Palace lies by the Thames, south of Lambeth Bridge and near St Thomas' Hospital. The palace and 10-acre garden date from the 12th century and the delightful garden are completely organic, with magnificent trees, flowers and lawns. There is an Art Deco rose terrace and the ponds were full of tadpoles on our visit. It was all very peaceful, despite the number of visitors - 10 acres can cater for large crowds. The head-gardener gave us a tour, pointing out the 16th century fig trees.

The archbishop opens his gardens in aid of lots of good causes but the NGS is the only opening for all-comers, in 2018 two evenings, in May and then June. Look out for the 2020 opening on the NGS website (see below) or in the helpful guide to London open gardens, which is usually available free at FONC Open Day May.

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The NGS is a good opportunity to visit lots of lovely gardens, not just in London but all over the country, open in aid of good causes. These are often groups of several pretty gardens in places where one might not expect them - Brixton Water lane, Camberwell Grove and Choumert Square in Peckham, to name just a few. It's also a chance to visit more famous gardens that aren't normally accessible to the public, such as the gardens of the Inns of Court, the London Charterhouse and of course Lambeth Palace. ■

National Garden Scheme - www.ngs.org.uk

Pre-order *The Garden Visitor's Handbook 2020*. The National Garden Scheme Garden Visitor's Handbook is your essential garden-visiting guide for 2020. From extensive country landscapes and romantic cottage gardens, to urban hideaways and ancient woodlands, the book opens the gates to a diverse range of exceptionally beautiful gardens across England and Wales.

~~~~**BOOK REVIEW**~~~~

**LONDON'S CRYPTS & CATACOMBS**

**BY ROBERT BARD & ADRIAN MILES**

Published by Amberley £14.99. ISBN 978-1-4456-7869-6

Paperback, 96 pages, illustrated

There has been a proliferation of new publications about historic churchyards and cemeteries in recent years, but this one is rather unusual inasmuch the authors take the reader on a tour of the crypts and burial vaults in some of London's famous historic churches, including St Andrew's, Holborn; St Bride's in the City of London; St Lawrence Jewry in the City of London; Christ Church, Spitalfields; St Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road; and St Mary at Lambeth, etc. In most instances the authors take us down into the crypts that were used for burials, some of which have been cleared, while others still contain their gruesome contents, often in a dilapidated state.

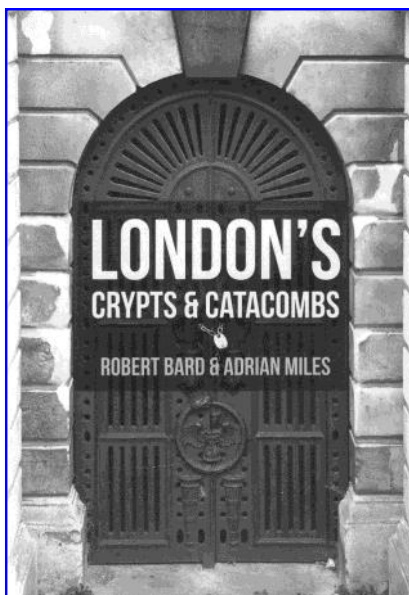
I was particularly interested in reading the final chapter relating to catacombs to be found in some London's cemeteries; six of the 'Magnificent Seven' are featured i.e. West Norwood, Brompton, Kensal Green, Abney Park, Tower Hamlets and of course, Nunhead. With regard to Nunhead Cemetery, the authors take us into the undercroft of the Anglican Chapel and to the site of the Eastern Catacombs. I would suggest that the information relat-



ing to the Nunhead's catacombs has been gleaned from *The Victorian Catacombs at Nunhead: A Short History and Description of the Chapel Catacombs, Shaft Catacombs and Eastern Catacombs in Nunhead Cemetery, Southwark*, published by FONC in 2003.

I was pleased to see that the authors have acknowledged the help of the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery along with the Friends of West Norwood and Brompton cemeteries.

This book will be of interest to anyone who enjoys an armchair tour of London's churchyards and burial ground vaults, church crypts and catacombs, and it might even encourage those readers living in London to visit some of the places described therein. *RW*



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## **NUNHEAD CEMETERY NEWS No 36**

***By Jeff Hart, FONC Co-ordinator***

### ***Monument repairs delay***

We reported in the last issue of *FONC News* that work had begun on the second batch of memorial repairs being undertaken by Southwark Council. This was because the planning had been completed with the intention of starting work at the end of July. However, this was delayed as the main contractor, Conway, sought to investigate the possibility of finding a cheaper sub-contractor for the above ground memorial repairs. This was worrying for FONC as we have been very pleased with the work of Priest Restoration previously at Nunhead and has an excellent working relationship with them. Now happily resolved, work on eight further memorials began on 21st October. One is located on the Main Avenue with the others on The Loop path and West Hill and will address very evident open vaults or dangerously leaning memorials. Their restoration

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will significantly enhance the impression given to visitors of the improved care now being given to the cemetery.

### ***Corporate clearance continues***

The cemetery benefited from another corporate workday on 20th September. This time a group of over 30 volunteers carried out a variety of tasks including a huge amount of bramble clearance in the area known as the Thirties Glade towards the Limesford Road entrance. Having such workdays really helps to supplement the work of our regular FONC workdays.

### ***Masts away!***

An application was made this summer to replace the existing mobile phone mast adjacent to the Linden Grove railings near the East Lodge with a new 20 metre high mast. FONC and a number of individuals objected to this on the grounds of the visual impairment of the vista from the Anglican chapel and the impact on the view of the East Lodge. Fortunately, Southwark Planning has rejected the application but we wait to see whether there will be an appeal against this decision.

### ***Saturday night at the movies***

Around 250 people enjoyed an open air evening presentation of the film *Harold and Maude* on Saturday, 7th September. FONC stewards helped prepare the site and manage the audience as part of the Peckham and Nunhead Free Film Festival events that ran at various venues throughout the month. Despite a couple of technical issues with the film projection equipment everyone seemed to enjoy the experience of both the film and the cemetery. A number of the FONC stewards had also run a FONC stall at nearby Peckham Rye Fair earlier in the day, recruiting a number of new members and publicising our forthcoming events.

### ***Making our thoughts known***

FONC has submitted comments as part of Southwark Council's consultation on both their new Tree Management Policy and Biodiversity Action Plan. FONC has concentrated on the potential impacts on the cemetery but also commented on the wider aspects of the effects on the Borough as a whole. We also anticipate our first sight of the long-awaited new draft Conservation Management Plan for the cemetery before Christmas and expect to be able to contribute significantly towards finalising the plan.

## ***Pillars of Doom***

During the summer winds, falling trees damaged two pillars and part of the Linden Grove boundary wall coping stones. The damage was compounded when an attempt was made to steal some of the loosened bricks (which have quite a high value) from one of the pillars, but was quickly spotted and reported by a sharp-eyed neighbour. The pillars were made secure but the very heavy original stone copings had fallen to the ground, fortunately inside the cemetery walls. After some delay, work has now started on repairing the damage and we hope to see full restoration shortly.

## ***Growing tree works***

Southwark Council are now taking a much more proactive approach to managing individual mature trees in the cemetery and are working closely with FONC to discuss and agree work necessary to be undertaken. As a result, four large but diseased poplars at the Limesford Road entrance have had to be felled, together with a large dead horse chestnut near the Anglican chapel and a badly diseased mature oak near the foot of West Hill. However, FONC has agreed a replacement programme with Southwark tree officers that will see the remaining poplars supplemented with ten new fastigiated (upright) hornbeams that will reinstate the imposing avenue of trees leading from the Limesford Road gates. A new lime will also be planted in the gap created by Second World War bombing on the east side of the Main Avenue and we hope to see a specimen magnolia fill the gap left by the horse chestnut. There will also be some supplementing planting near the chapel. Fortunately, two offspring of the diseased West Hill oak will soon fill the void left by its removal.

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## **Monument Inscription Recording - news update**

***By Garry Wiles, Monument Inscription Recording Co-ordinator***

**A**vid readers of *FONC News* may recall my article in the August 2019 issue, in which I reported good progress with recording the monument inscriptions in Nunhead Cemetery. We are now beginning to venture into some of the more overgrown areas looking for hidden graves, thanks to the support of the volunteer work team who are helping to clear the path for our forays. This will be a much more labour-intensive phase of our work, and so more volunteers to help with the task would be most welcome. Do come

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along on one of our work days to see us in action and talk to us about the work. Here are the dates for 2020 when you can find us at Nunhead. We meet at the FONC portacabin at 10am and finish by 4pm, but volunteers who can only do some of these hours are very welcome:

**Sundays:** 26th January; 23rd February; 29th March; 26th April; 31st May; 28th June; 26th July; 30th August; 27th September; 25th October; 29th November; December – no date scheduled.

**Tuesdays:** 14th January; 11th February; 17th March; 14th April; 12th May; 16th June; 14th July; 11th August; 15th September; 13th October; 10th November; December – no date scheduled.

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## MAYOR OF SOUTHWARK ATTENDS FONC'S AUGUST WORKDAY

*Text and photos by Jane Hart*



Mayor of Southwark Cllr Sandra Rhule beside one of FONC's new waste bins

Recent visitors to the cemetery may have noticed ten new waste litter bins, incorporating the FONC logo, sited at various locations around the cemetery. These were purchased with grant funds awarded to FONC under Southwark Council's 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer' scheme and provide much improved fox proof waste collection facilities on site, replacing some really rusted dilapidated bins. The bins were put in place by FONC volunteers during the August Practical workday during which we were pleased to welcome the Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, Councillor Sandra Rhule com-

plete with the Mayoral chain, who helped with the installation of one of the new bins at the top of West Hill. Councillor Rhule, as one of the Nunhead ward councillors, takes an active interest in the work of the Friends, so in addition to assisting with the installation, she spent a busy afternoon meeting practical work volunteers, learning about the work they undertake on site, discussing the many issues Southwark Council and FONC are currently involved in and, of course, having a cuppa with the volunteers during a well deserved rest break! With the balance of the award grant we also purchased banners publicising FONC volunteering opportunities and our contact details, one of which is located permanently at the FONC portacabin with 2 others which can be used on the FONC stall at events offsite. ■



Banner attached to the front of FONC's portacabin in Nunhead Cemetery

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## ARTICLES ARE ALWAYS WANTED FOR *FONC News*

This is your publication so why not write something and send it to the editor? If your ancestors are buried at Nunhead we'd love to hear about them; why not tell us about your local cemetery and Friends group if you have one? Let us know the kind of articles you would like to see in future issues of *FONC News*. We'd also love to know why you are a Friend of Nunhead Cemetery. We always need articles and letters for publication and look forward to hearing from you. The editor's address is on the back page.

~~~~~LEST WE FORGET~~~~~

**Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth's Civilian War Dead
Buried at Nunhead**

By Michèle Louise Burford and Ron Woollacott

In the last four issues of *FONC News* we have written about the Second World War civilian casualties who died and were interred in Nunhead Cemetery from the Metropolitan Boroughs of Camberwell, Bermondsey, Southwark, Deptford and Lewisham. In this issue we turn our attention to the Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth. Of all the Metropolitan boroughs researched by the authors, Lambeth's civilian war death toll was by far the greatest at 1,626, and of these only 37 casualties were buried at Nunhead.

In fact the 37 persons that were interred at Nunhead had died in Lambeth's hospitals including King's College Hospital, St Thomas' Hospital and Lambeth Hospital, from injuries sustained in the neighbouring Metropolitan Boroughs of Camberwell, Bermondsey and Southwark and as a consequence their deaths were registered in Lambeth. That brings the total number of civilian war dead so far discovered and buried at Nunhead to at least 669.

There are of course Second World War civilian casualties buried at Nunhead from elsewhere in London and even further afield; for example Ralph Hanbury and family. Ralph Hanbury was born in Victoria, Australia in 1891 and came to the UK with his parents when he was ten. He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps during the First World War and saw service with his regiment in Mesopotamia (now modern Iraq). After being demobbed he became manager of the Stoll Film Company, founded by Sir Oswald Stoll, which in the 1920s was the largest film company in the UK. He later became managing director of RKO Radio Pictures - famous for its musicals produced in the 1930s and starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Ralph Hanbury and his 20-year-old son, Ralph junior, and Mrs Vivienne Miller, Ralph's daughter and her baby daughter, were killed when the bungalow they had only recently moved into was destroyed during an air-raid on 26th September 1940. The bungalow in Elstree in which they were staying was owned by Earl St John of the Rank Organisation. The Hanburys' home address was No 59 Corringway, Mount Park, Ealing. Ralph's wife, Dorothy, and their son-in-law, Nathan Miller, were both injured in the raid. All four victims were laid to rest at Nunhead Cemetery on 3rd October 1940.

Remembering the Civilian War Dead interred at Nunhead who lost their lives during the Second World War

The low screen wall near the Limesford Road entrance commemorating armed service personnel who died from their injuries during the Second World War and were buried at Nunhead, also commemorates six civilian air-raid victims whose names are recorded on stone number 20 as follows:

THESE AIR-RAID VICTIMS ALSO REST HERE

D N BECKINGHAM 7. 9. 1940

W J FUNNELL 16.9.1940

L I HARRIS 25.9.1940

R J McQUILLAN 16.9.1940

E A WELLS 10.9.1940

C E WHITMARSH 10.9.1940

Several years ago a lady visitor from Australia was appalled to discover that there wasn't a memorial in Nunhead to commemorate the many Second World War civilian war casualties buried in the cemetery. She had also visited the nearby Camberwell New Cemetery where exists a large memorial to the civilian war dead buried there. She complained to Southwark Council and as a consequence Terry Connor, the superintendent of Southwark Cemeteries, hurriedly arranged for a plaque to be installed near what was then the Park Rangers portacabin near the Limesford Road entrance. It reads as follows:

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE
CIVILIANS INTERRED IN THIS
CEMETERY WHO LOST THEIR
LIVES THROUGH ENEMY ACTION
DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Lest We Forget

Plaque donated by the London Borough of Southwark

FONC'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7.00pm
The Function Room, The Pyrotechnist's Arms
Nunhead Green, London, SE15

A presentation by SAM BENTLEY-TOON of
the London Wildlife Trust about
THE GREAT NORTH WOOD PAST & PRESENT

followed by the infamous FONC raffle where everyone's a winner!
Seasonal food will be available



Members, their family and friends are
welcome to join us. Donations to offset costs
will be much appreciated



THE GATE LODGES IN NUNHEAD CEMETERY

Text and photographs by Ron Woollacott

Two matching gate lodges were built on either side of to the main entrance to Nunhead Cemetery in 1839/40 to the designs of James Bunstone Bunning (1802-63), architect and surveyor to the London Cemetery Company. Both lodges were constructed in the popular neo-classical style with classical ornament and chimney stack's resembling sepulchral monuments. One lodge was used as the cemetery office and the other as the superintendent's accommodation. In 1876 the East Lodge was extended at the rear and a second chimney stack was added to match the existing chimney.

Following the acquisition of Nunhead Cemetery by the London Borough of Southwark in November 1975, James Stevens Curl wrote: 'Although both lodges are now derelict, the brickwork and masonry are in good condition. Both buildings are of the first quality, and are representative of Bunning at his most inventive. Since so much of his work has been destroyed, these lodges should be restored and used.'

The West Lodge was restored in the early 1980s by students from the Lambeth School of Architecture for Southwark Council, but was later sold by the Council and is now in private ownership, but the East Lodge was allowed to fall into a state of disrepair despite it too being listed Grade II.

In 1994 Southwark Council signed an agreement with FONC allowing the Friends to lease the dilapidated East Lodge with a view to its eventual restoration and, with financial assistance from English Heritage, work on the first

phase of preparing the site began almost immediately. In February 1996 the second phase, including stabilising the building and erecting scaffolding commenced after a long period of bureaucratic delay. John Collings, architect and a member of FONC's general committee, prepared the schedule of works and the outline layout for the interior of the building, and it was hoped that one day the East Lodge would provide much needed facilities for an interpretation centre and meeting rooms, together with research and exhibition areas. In 2005 FONC commissioned Thomas Ford and partners, chartered architects and surveyors, to carry out a conservation plan. Progress has been slow, but at long last, thanks to Southwark Council finally recognising the importance of Bunning's early work and for setting aside funds for the work to be carried out, we are hopeful that the lodge will soon be restored to its former glory and a part at least will be available for use by FONC. ■



Derelict West Lodge c 1976



Restored West Lodge c 1983

FONC'S TOUR PROGRAMME 2020

All tours will start at 2.00pm*

(except Open Day and Open House Weekend or as indicated below)

The names of tour guides are shown in italics

- 12th January - Military Connections - *Jeff Hart*
26th January - General Tour - *John Turpin*
9th February - Music Hall Artistes Tour - *Jeff Hart*
23rd February - General Tour - *Tim Stevenson*
8th March - International Women's Day Tour - *Jane Hart*
15th March - Crypt/Chapel Tour - *J Partington, Malcolm Collins, Ann Coley*
22nd March - Woodland Trail Tour - *Tim Stevenson*
29th March - General Tour - *Keith Turpin*
12th April - Cemetery Symbols Tour - *John Turpin*
26th April - General Tour - *Jeff Hart*
10th May - Second World War Commemoration Walk - *Jeff Hart*
Saturday 16th May OPEN DAY 11am-5pm - General and Crypt Tours
24th May - Crypt/Chapel Tour - *J Partington, Malcolm Collins, Ann Coley*
31st May - General Tour - *Tim Stevenson*
14th June - Woodland Trail Tour - *Jeff Hart*
21st June - Waterloo Anniversary Event - *Jeff Hart*
28th June - General Tour - *Keith Turpin*
12th July - Crypt/Chapel Tour - *J Partington, Malcolm Collins, Ann Coley*
19th July - Military Connections Tour - *Jeff Hart*
26th July - General Tour - *John Turpin*
9th August - Music Hall Artistes Tour - *Jeff Hart*
30th August - General Tour - *Keith Turpin*
Thurs 10th Sept -7.15 pm - LWT Bat Sighting Walk - *Sam Bentley-Toon*
13th September - Woodland Trail Tour - *Tim Stevenson*
Sat/Sun 19th/20th September Open House 1-5pm - General/Crypt Tours
27th September - General Tour - *John Turpin*
11th October - Cemetery Symbols Tour - *Keith Turpin*
Saturday 24th October - LWT Fungi Tour - *Sam Bentley-Toon*
25th October - General Tour - *Tim Stevenson*
8th November - First World War Walk - *Jeff Hart and Jeremy Partington*
29th November - General Tour - *Jeff Hart*
13th December - Woodland Trail Tour - *Jeff Hart*
27th December - General Tour - tour guide to be announced

** Please note the earlier start time of tours in 2020 will be 2.00pm
(unless otherwise indicated)*

~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~

WOODLAND TRAIL TOUR ► *Sunday 9th December 2019 at 2.15pm.* Meet your guide for the afternoon at the flint circle just inside the front entrance to the cemetery in Linden Grove.

FONC'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ► *Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7.00pm in the Function Room of the Pyrotechnist's Arms, Nunhead Green, London, SE15. Please see the announcement on page 16.*

Please note, unless otherwise indicated, that all tours in 2020 will start from just inside the main entrance to Nunhead Cemetery at the earlier time of 2.00pm.

MILITARY CONNECTIONS TOUR ► *Sunday 12th January 2020 at 2pm.* Meet Jeff Hart, your guide for the afternoon, at the flint circle just inside the Linden Grove entrance for an interesting tour of military graves in Nunhead Cemetery.

MUSIC HALL ARTISTES TOUR ► *Sunday 9th February 2020 at 2pm.* Meet your guide Jeff Hart at the flint circle just inside the Linden Grove entrance.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TOUR ► *Sunday 8th March 2020 at 2pm.* Your guide for this special afternoon tour will be Jane Hart. Please join Jane at the flint circle just inside the main entrance in Linden Grove.

MONUMENT INSCRIPTION RECORDING ► Transcribing the inscriptions in Nunhead Cemetery is an important and ongoing task. We meet at the FONC portacabin opposite the Scottish Martyrs' memorial near the Linden Grove entrance. For further information and timings and how to volunteer please contact Garry Wiles at: foncinscriptions@gmail.com *Appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear is essential. See pages 11/12.*

VOLUNTARY WORKDAYS ► *these take place on the first Sunday in the month from 10am to 4.30pm.* New volunteers are always welcome. Meet at the FONC portacabin near the Linden Grove entrance. Stay an hour or two or all day, it's entirely up to you. *Appropriate clothing including sturdy footwear is essential.*

GENERAL CONDUCTED TOURS OF NUNHEAD CEMETERY ► *these take place on the last Sunday in every month starting at 2.00pm.* Please meet at the flint circle just inside the main entrance in Linden Grove. There is no need to book in advance - just turn up on the day. Tours take between one and a half to two hours. The publications and enquiry desk will be open, weather and volunteers permitting.

Please note all tours and events are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Whenever possible up-to-date information concerning any changes will be announced in FONC News, on the website at www.fonc.org.uk and on notice boards in Nunhead Cemetery.

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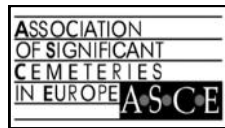
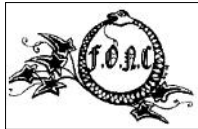
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