



PRESS RELEASE

On Easter Sunday, the **Friends of Northwood Cemetery** will celebrate its 5th birthday, the inaugural meeting having taken place on Monday 31st March 2008.

To mark the occasion, an Open Day will be held at the Cemetery (in Newport Road, Cowes, PO31 7PT) from 10:00am to 4:00pm when visitors will have the opportunity to see some of the achievements of the past five years. These include:

- (i) the restored East Chapel;
- (ii) the results of Yew trees being trimmed back so that they can re-grow and be maintained at a more sensible height; and
- (iii) the progress of sympathetically enhancing the grounds after over 100 years of invasive undergrowth enabling the ground flora to regenerate.

There will be opportunities to talk to the Trustees of the **Friends of Northwood Cemetery** (now a Registered Charity, no: 1143917) - and other related organisations (including IW Council Bereavement Services). Searches for individual Graves can also be undertaken.

There will be exhibitions of wood carving and stone masonry - as well as professional advice on (i) writing Wills to include Legacies; and (ii) how to maintain graves and headstones.

There will be guided tours around the Cemetery visiting graves of historical interest.

At 2:00pm there will be an Organ Recital by **Andrew Pellow** and at 3:00pm there will be more music from **Chris Ely** and **Christopher Parsonson** performing as "**Duo Sospiro**".

Entrance is **free** and tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available - and there is also on-site toilet. Car parking is available in the adjacent Cowes Medical Centre car park.

For more information, please contact Jon Matthews (07802 401365).