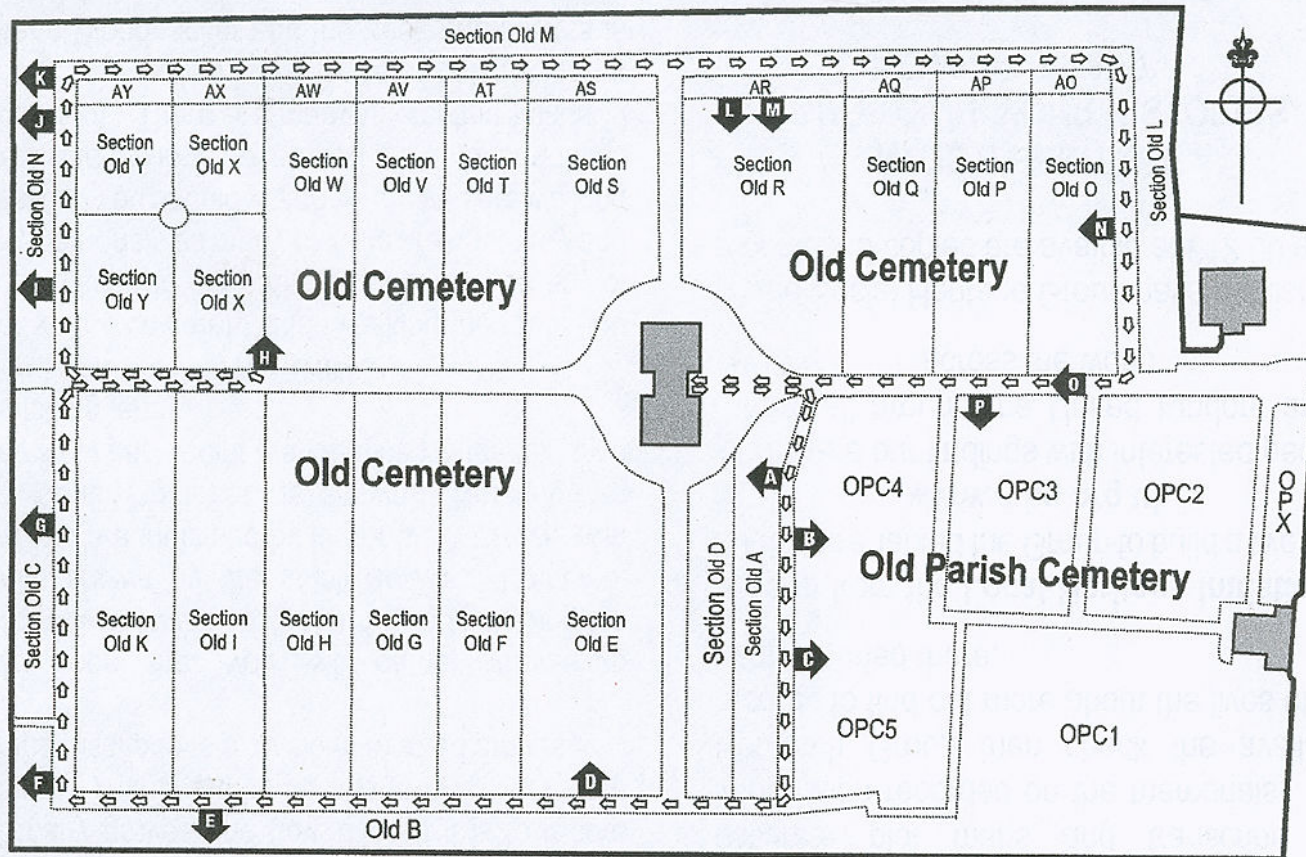


INSCRIPTIONS AND MEMORIALS WALK



All the areas covered by this Walk have been mapped and transcribed by the Ryde Social Heritage Group and thirty Plot Maps and Alpha Indexes are available from the Group's Website at

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which can be used to locate specific graves of interest. There is also a Map which indicates where each of the thirty Maps are located in the Cemetery and a Legend explaining all the symbols and markings used on the Maps.

H continued - The headstone under the tree is believed to have been damaged by German cannon fire during the Second World War.

I - The grave with the Cross against the wall has the words "O Crux, ave, spes unica" in Latin. This was translated for us by Sister Eustochium of St. Cecilia's Convent as "Hail O Cross, our only Hope".

J - The white graves at this point are regularly tended by a member of the Valvona family. One has very fine carving on the headstone.

K - The grave with the small cross that of Charles Fairall whose father, Henry, drowned on the SS Titanic.

L - The grave of Peter Stephen Grundy who was killed by a booby trap bomb in Northern Ireland. Peter was awarded the Elizabeth Medal posthumously in 2010.

M - The Carter Vault has been refurbished as part of the Restoration Project and a large tree previously growing on it has been removed.

N - Look across towards the large Bay Tree and you can see the recently cleaned headstone on the grave of Ebenezer and Bessie Hartnall. This was in poor condition and Ebenezer's great-grandson had it cleaned.

O - In Victorian times there were flower beds on each side of the Main Carriageway which have now been replaced by two rows of graves on each side.

P - Looking south into the Old Parish Cemetery you can see that it has been declared a Conservation Area and will only be cut and cleared once a year.

This Walk starts by walking south along a pathway where the graves and vaults to the left are known to RSHG as Millionaires Row.

A - One grave at this point is almost covered by a Yucca Bush and is that of Himalaya Strange and her husband. One of the more unusual names in the Cemetery.

B - Many of the memorials in this row are actually vaults with entrances under the path. The inscription on the vault of Archie Harris is unusual in that it records his death at the hands of a Pathan robber on the Afghan Frontier.

C - The tomb of Henry and Sarah Fosbery. A fine stone tomb in the shape of a coffin with fine oak and ivy leaf decoration. Unusually the names are only on the base at ground level and are almost always hidden.

D - The grave under the tree is that of William Rogers but only 'WIL' can be read now and shows had badly stone can be eroded.

E - Two headstones here were designed by the father of Mary and Margaret Bloxam and are of a very unusual design and colour.

F - The grave of Oliver and Hannah Butler shows very clear lettering in an unusual style on a rather striking headstone.

G - The headstone for Louisa and George Bridle erected in 1888 is an example of how good quality stone and fine carving can remain clearly legible for over one hundred and twenty years.

H - The low square stone at this point marks one corner of the section of the Cemetery reserved for Roman Catholic burials.