

### 1. ROBERT MILLIGAN

Robert Milligan died, beloved and revered, on the 21st December 1875 aged 88. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Waterloo when a Lieutenant in the 11th Light Dragoons. He later became a Captain in the 2nd Life Guards. His grave is inscribed . . .

*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was  
and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it*

### 2. ARCHIE HARRIS

The inscription on the tomb for Archie Harris is interesting  
He is not actually buried in the Vault . . .

*Lieutenant Royal Engineers  
Aged 24*

*Eldest son of Major J Harris  
Shot dead while pursuing a Pathan robber  
on the Afghan Frontier near Chaman  
on the night of 11th October 1889  
Buried at Quetta  
"Short life, eternal glory"*

### 3. LAWRENCE BROWN

*Sacred to the memory of  
LAWRENCE BROWN*

*of Newbury port USA who fell from the jib-boom of the  
Amer Brig James Gray while lying on the Motherbank  
14th Nov 1842 aged 17 and was unavoidably drowned.  
His body was afterwards recovered and buried  
in this churchyard*

*This stone is erected as a tribute of affection by his  
sisters and friends who are left to deplore his early  
death in this land.*

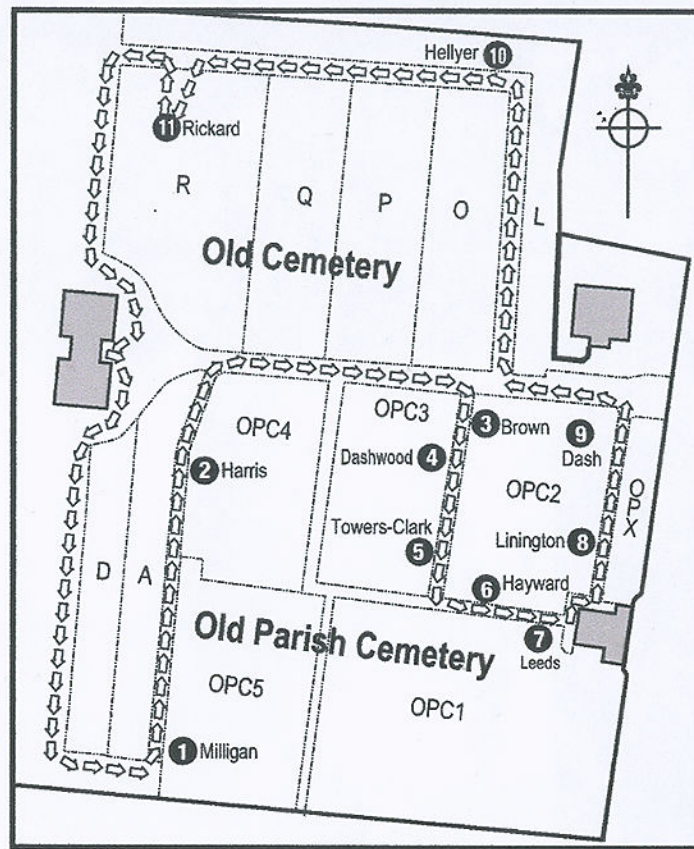
*Beloved youth adieu, forgive this tear which still must  
flow for memory cannot sleep. Thy parents, sisters and  
connections dear their last tribute pay - they weep*

### 4. THOMAS DASHWOOD

Thomas Dashwood died on July 20th 1861 aged 72. He was a builder and one of the wealthiest Tradesmen in Ryde. There are a great number of monuments in Ryde to his skill as a builder including Brigstocke Terrace, the Town Hall and St. Thomas's and Trinity Churches together with too many private buildings to mention. He also built St. Catherine's Lighthouse. He had come from Whippingham to Ryde as it was growing from a village to a town and he grew as the town grew.

### 5. TOWERS - CLARK

The grave of Mirabel Towers-Clark has on it a Pilkington-Gibbs Heliocronometer on it with an inscription in memory of John Towers-Clark, a Lieutenant in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme aged 20. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme. (Continued in the next column)



*"IN MEMORY OF JACK"  
KILLED JULY 1 1916  
UNITED IN TIME, PARTED IN TIME  
TO BE REUNITED WHEN TIME SHALL BE NO MORE  
BON JOUR, BON SOIR  
"AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN  
AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL  
REMEMBER THEM"  
CHEERIO*

### 6. S. E. HAYWARD

There are many War Graves in Ryde Cemetery, many of them with Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones as seen on the grave of Stanley Hayward. He died of wounds in the Hazelwood Red Cross Hospital in April 1915 aged 20 and was given a full Military Funeral. The men of the 2nd Wessex Regiment and the band of the Warwickshire Regiment from Parkhurst attended. He is recorded as a Driver with the Royal Field Artillery but the badge on the headstone is actually that of the Royal Artillery. The motto, UBIQUE QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT, translates as 'Everywhere where right and glory lead'.

### 7. AUGUSTUS LEEDS

He was a subscriber to the Ryde Hospital and Chairman of the Committee, Ensign of the Isle of Wight Volunteers, Vice-President of the Conservative Association, one of the Island's first Magistrates, Member and Founder of the Yacht Club, on the Committee for the building of All Saints Church and a promoter of the Ryde Amateur Musical Society. He was a very prominent citizen of Ryde, flags were flown at half-mast and shops closed during his funeral.

### 8. ALFRED LININGTON

Parts of the inscription on the grave are illegible but we do know that he passed away peacefully on May 27th 1926 aged 76 years. He survived the 'Selina' lifeboat disaster in 1907 when two other crewmen lost their lives. He was a boatman and for many years ran the Canoe Lake.

### 9. GEORGE DASH

He died on 28th December 1923 in his 100th year and is buried with his wife, Emily. The inscription records that he was 'For many years dispenser and faithful servant at the Royal Hospital, Ryde'. In 1867, the Chairman informed the Hospital Committee that George Dash was in the habit of extracting teeth and dressing wounds in the absence of the House Surgeon. The Committee resolved that he should not act in this capacity except in the presence of the House Surgeon and, in 1873, he was prohibited altogether from these functions.

### 10. THOMAS HELLYER

Thomas Hellyer was an architect and responsible for the design of many buildings on the Isle of Wight including the old Ryde Hospital and St. John's Church, Oakfield. He was buried on the 22nd March 1894. The inscription on the grave only mentions Thomas's wife Harriet but records show that he is buried there as well. For many years the grave was overgrown but was cleared enough to read the inscription and see the ornate Victorian tiles. The grave has been restored as part of the Cemetery Restoration Project.

### 11. WILLIAM THOMAS RICKARD VC RN

William Rickard served in both the Merchant and Royal Navies but he won his Victoria Cross while serving with the Naval Brigade during the Crimean War. A party of five volunteers from HMS Weser under the command of Captain Commerell set out to destroy about 4000 tons of corn and forage for Cossacks' horses. They were successful but during their withdrawal across the mud by the Putrid Sea George Milestone fell and was unable to rise. William Rickard turned back under heavy fire from the Cossacks and carried him to safety. Later he commanded the Ryde Coastguards for some time and died on the 21st February 1905.