Life and death in Hampstead
About the Church and Burial Grounds
Key Dates

• 986 King Ethelred’s Charter giving Hamstede to the Abbot of Westminster
• 1551 Hampstead Manor passes into lay hands
• 1745-7 Old church pulled down and present building erected dedicated to St John
• 1812 Additional Burial Ground created from pasture land
• 1830s New cemetery companies start to form to bury the increasing number of London’s dead
• 1855 Burial Act led eventually to local Councils being made responsible for the maintenance of closed churchyards
Key Dates (continued)

• 1876 Hampstead Cemetery Fortune Green opened
• 1884 Cremation legalised
• 1961 Hampstead Borough Council becomes responsible for maintaining churchyard
• 1965 London Borough of Camden created and takes over responsibility
• 2007 Heritage Lottery awards £324,500 to London Borough of Camden to repair and refurbish the two burial grounds
Earlier Views
Former church and a print of 1822

View of the Old Church at Hampstead.

View from Hampstead Parish Churchyard, looking towards St John's Wood, by T.M. Baynes, 1822.
Map

Additional Burial Ground

Main Burial Ground
Overview
Speaker: Roger Bowdler
Aims of the Project

• Retain the informal landscape - site of nature conservation, borough importance Grade 1
• Create better access
• Repair graves (inc a number of the 20 Listed tombs), walls etc
• Create interpretive tools on the history and ecology of both sites
Further Actions

• Discuss with St John at Hampstead inc. Faculty
• Discuss with nature conservation team and conservation planner
• Appoint conservation architects and a 5 year nature conservation action plan from London Wildlife Ltd
• Apply to Heritage Lottery Fund
Details of Lottery Award

• £230,000 award for physical works
• £90,000 award for nature conservation and interpretation – 2 year appointment of nature conservation officer
• Money to work with schools
• £5,000 for sound trail
Actions

• Apply for Faculty
• Appoint architects
• Appoint nature conservation officer
• Recruit and train volunteers

Columbarium
Education & Volunteering

• Increased volunteering opportunities
• Guided walks - nature and historical
• School visits – sensory garden and bug hotels
• 6 interpretation boards
• Sound trail
John Lloyd -1794
Body snatched (almost) Speaker: Ruth Richardson
Llewellyn Davies - Lost Boys
Tom Sneddon
Rough Sleeper                  Speaker: Judy East

TOM SNEDDON
1936 - 1997
SOMETIMES RESIDENT
OF THIS PLACE

IN EYVER LOVING MEMORY
OF
MY DEAR HUSBAND
HUBERT A THOMPSON
DEC. 22nd 1953
John Constable 1776 -1837
Artist
Speaker: Anne Lyles
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Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965
St John’s Junior Choir
Available Funding

- Heritage Lottery Fund has the following:
  - Sharing Heritage £3,000 to £10,000
  - Our Heritage Up to £100,000
  - Heritage Grants over £100,000
  - Parks for People (joint with Big Lottery Fund) £100,000 to £5 million
Website

http://gis.camden.gov.uk/geoserver/SoundTrail.htm