Forthcoming GPR Survey of Fenstanton Cemetery



As extensive searches over the last two years for a suitable plot of land for an additional burial ground in the parish of Fenstanton have so far proved fruitless, Fenstanton Burial Board has made the decision to carry out a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey of the present cemetery. As the graveyard around the Church is a closed graveyard, this area will not be included.

The cemetery is almost full and there are currently only about half a dozen known unused plots available and more plots are needed as a matter of urgency.

A GPR survey is to be carried out across the cemetery to attempt to establish the extent of unused plots. Historical records held by the Parish Council indicate the names of individuals who purchased plots, as well as those known to be buried in the cemetery. However, many individuals who purchased burial plots in advance may move away and be buried elsewhere, leaving their plots in Fenstanton cemetery unused. The Burial Board needs to establish where the unused plots are located.

The Parish Council's Burial Board assures residents that GPR is a totally non-intrusive method of locating unused graves. There is no need to dig or probe the ground. GPR detects only where the ground has been disturbed in the past, it does not show images of what is under the ground.

If you have concerns about the GPR survey please contact Jo Perez, Clerk to the Parish Council Tel 01480 465300 / Email clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk