

## How many different birds can you spot?

Look out for our favourites: parakeets, blue tits, coal tits and dunnocks.



You can also find squirrels, butterflies, bugs and lots of lovely trees.

Diogo

The most amazing bird spotted at Margravine Cemetery is the Peregrine falcon – look carefully for them perched high up on Charing Cross Hospital.

Julen and Hakim



Look for the goldfinch with beautiful colours. If you do see one, don't stand too close to this bird as they are shy, stay very still, be quiet and you might be able to watch as he visits the bird feeders! Josephine



## History

Established in 1869 on the site of market gardens and orchards; in an area known as Fulham Fields, the cemetery was created to serve the Borough of Hammersmith as the churchyards of central London were becoming over-crowded and unsanitary. The first burial took place in November 1869.

Following multiple bombings in World War Two, and horrendous reports of a 'large crater', the graveyard fell into a dilapidated state of disrepair. Margravine Cemetery was declared a 'garden of rest' in 1951.



# MARGRAVINE CEMETERY

## Discovery Trail

150th Anniversary



Margravine Cemetery is one of the most beautiful and peaceful open spaces you'll find in West London, a real haven in of one of the busiest cities on earth.

The Cemetery was 150 years old in 2019.

Look inside, follow our guide and discover some more about the area, its wonderful wildlife and fascinating history!

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## Discovery and Information Trail

Year 6 children from St Augustine's school enjoyed a morning with the Friends of Margravine cemetery, learning about the monuments, spotting birds and discovering the history of the cemetery. A Wild Service tree was planted during the visit! This tree is found growing wild in ancient woodland. You might spot it while out exploring the cemetery – close to Blake's memorial.



### 1. Blake's memorial

Blake's memorial marks the death of 11 women and 2 men who died in an explosion at W.E. Blake's munitions factory in Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush. The blast occurred just 10 days before the end of WWI, but was barely reported to avoid negative feelings. The friends of Margravine Cemetery have recently refurbished the monument.



### 2. J Lyons memorial

Many soldiers died in WWI. They weren't buried at home but on the unknown foreign battlefields on which they died. Memorials with the names of the dead were built at home to give relatives a place to mourn.

J Lyons was a big company that ran teahouses and made cakes. It lost 220 of its employees during the war and built a memorial for those who died in service. Margravine Cemetery was the perfect place to raise a memorial as J Lyons head office was in Hammersmith. The WWI memorial is a listed monument.



### 4. The Reception House

Now a Grade II listed building, was built for Victorian people to their dead prior to burial. Before this, the living room at home would have been the only option.



Barons Court



The Friends of Margravine celebrated the cemetery's 150th anniversary with special events for families and children.



The kids club learn about trees blossoming, buds opening and overwintering ladybirds. Many species of bugs can be found on gravestones and trees.



When the round flower bed has snowdrops in bloom it means spring is on the way!



### 3. Chapel of Rest

The church of England chapel was demolished in the 1950s, but the non-conformist chapel of rest still remains.



### Did you know?

Victorian memorials show many examples of how young many children died at that time. There is an area near the Reception House with tiny graves and is called 'Angels' corner'.

