

Main Index

This index holds the records of all persons who have been cremated or buried at Lytham Park Cemetery and Crematorium since the opening of the cemetery in 1927 and the opening of the crematorium in 1958. Information for the index has been taken from several sources and is still in the process of being cross checked to ensure accuracy. Whilst every effort is being made to ensure this index is as accurate as possible no liability can be accepted for any errors or omissions.

Cremation Number

The first column relates to the individual cremation number which is allocated to each cremation at the time the service takes place. It is under this reference that all other paperwork in connection to the funeral is stored.

Date

Unfortunately the date of death is not recorded in the burial registers, only the cremation registers.

Hence if a person was **buried** the '**DATE**' column will refer to the **date of the funeral service**.

In the case of a **cremation** the '**DATE**' will be the **date of death**.

If a person was cremated at Lytham Park Crematorium and their ashes buried in a grave in the cemetery there will be two entries for that person. The cremation entry will show the date of death and the cemetery entry the date the cremated remains were buried.

Surname

This is the name usually taken from the Registrars \ Coroners certificate. Where a person was known by more than one surname these will be recorded as separate entries. If that person was cremated there will be two different surnames with the same cremation number.

Forename

This column has the given first name(s) usually taken from the Registrars \ Coroners certificate. On occasions a person was known by a name other than the name on their birth certificate. Sometimes the difference is minor, for example many persons called John were often referred to as Jack, Margaret was often shortened to Peggy etc. We usually only record the official names as given on the formal certificates. Where the first name differs significantly and this is recorded on the certificate two entries will appear for that person.

Memorials

This column records any **cremation memorials** at the Lytham Park Crematorium. At present there are **no records** in respect of **memorials on graves** (headstones, kerb surrounds or other monumental erections) within the cemetery.

If nothing is recorded in this column there is no formal memorial for that person in the crematorium grounds or Book of Remembrance.

Where a person was buried and the reference 'CR' appears in this column this indicates that the burial was of cremated remains. Where the single letter 'V' appears this indicates that the grave was a vault and where the words 'Bricked Shape' appears this indicates that there is a brick chamber in the grave. For further explanation about these terms please contact the main office.

Maps of the grounds can be printed from the links on the right of the main page.

There are 5 main types of memorial within the crematorium grounds.

Book of remembrance.

E.g. Book 22nd Dec

The book is situated in the dedicated remembrance room by the entrance gates on Regent Avenue. There is a page for every day of the year, if a person has an entry in the book it will be shown in this column, for example, as 'Book 22nd Dec'. This means there is an entry in the Remembrance Book on the page dated 22nd December. Where more than one date appears there are entries on each date. Each page is displayed once per year on the given date. It should be noted that, to preserve the book from excess wear and tear, the pages cannot be viewed on any other date. A digital copy of the book can be accessed at any time using the links on this page or by accessing: -

<http://217.37.28.57/lytham/>

White Headstones

E.g. White Headstone Left Side No. 65

These were the first stone memorials at the crematorium and form a path leading from the main road up to the original garden of remembrance. The above refers to the 65th memorial on the left hand side of the path as you walk down the path towards the crematorium from the original garden area. These memorials, in common with all cremation memorials, are not numbered individually.

Memorial Kerbstones

E.g. Bed G Kerb 46\47

These are the small Westmorland slate memorials that line the edges of the paths and borders in the Garden of Remembrance. If the word 'KERB' appears in the memorial title then it refers to these memorials. A location map can be downloaded from the links on the right of the main page. The kerbstones are not numbered individually but key points are indicated on the map.

The example given above refers to a memorial on the path of Bed G and will be the 45th & 46th kerb from the starting point on the bed as marked on the map. This kerb will be a double memorial.

Memorial wall Plaques

E.g. Wall Plaque M 1851

References to Wall Plaques relate to the slate plaques affixed to the memorial walls overlooking the Garden of Remembrance. These can be located via the map of the garden. The reference above refers to a plaque on Wall M. The individual plaques are not numbered but once the wall is located the plaque can be found from the names in the inscriptions.

Niches

E.g. Single Niche Block D No. 7 & Double Niche Block D No. 7

There are two types of niche, single chamber and double chamber. In most cases the cremated remains of the deceased are resting in the niche. The single niche memorials are the original style constructed in the 1960's and can hold one set of cremated remains. The niche wall is situated at the rear of the main crematorium building.

Double niche memorials are more modern starting in 1994. The niches can hold two sets of cremated remains and can have a maximum of two inscriptions on the cover plate.

Age

This is the age recorded from the Registrars \ Coroners certificate.

Grave Number

E.G. A67C A67R A67U A67HB

This is the number of the grave where a person is resting.

The reference consists of 3 main parts: -

The first letter (E.g. 'A') relates to the section where the grave is located. Care must be taken as there can be up to 4 areas of the cemetery with the same section number.

The numbers (E.g. 67) refer to the grave number on that section. The graves are numbered in order (generally from right to left and from the area nearest the main office to the boundary) and these numbers can, often, be found on the side of the headstones or the foot of any kerb surround.

The final letter relates to the notional denomination of the section.

The four notional areas in the cemetery: -

Church of England	'C'
Roman Catholic	'R'
Non-conformist /	
Un-consecrated	'U'
Hebrew	'H'

Care should be taken when consulting the cemetery map to make sure you are visiting the correct area. In a few cases a second letter appears in lower case (E.g. A67Ca) this occurs when an extra grave has been excavated at the end of a row after the grave numbers for that section has been allocated. In this case the grave will be at the side of grave A67C. These graves are always towards the edge of the path.

Cremated Remains

This column relates to the last information we have recorded in regards to the disposal of the cremated remains of a person. Ashes can be scattered, released, placed in a niche or grave or are being retained pending further instructions from the family.

Scatter

E.g. Scatter Scatter Lakeside

Detailed records of where ashes were scattered were not recorded until the early 1990's. Prior to 1982 the majority of ashes were scattered in the old garden of remembrance. In approximately 1982 the garden of remembrance was extended to cover Beds F, G, H, and the front of the lakeside. In 1994 the whole of the lake area was opened up to allow the scattering of ashes.

Where the reference is 'Scatter' it is likely that the ashes were laid to rest in the old garden area. Where further information is added (E.g. scatter back border) then the ashes were recorded as being laid to rest in that area.

Release

E.g. Release

The ashes were collected from the crematorium to be held by the family or to be laid to rest elsewhere.

On occasions ashes have been brought back and scattered in the garden of remembrance outside office hours. If we were not informed of this the last record we hold would be of the ashes being collected and we would have no record of the scattering.

Retain

E.g. Retain

The ashes are being retained at the crematorium pending further instructions from the family.

Other

E.g. A157C Double Niche Block B No.11

Where ashes have been laid to rest in a grave or niche this will be stated.