

# Flaybrick Looking Good

Since the start of the New Year, reports have been coming in constantly from member Brian Sinton about how well Flaybrick is looking. Brian should know, as he spends a great deal of time on site helping with grounds maintenance.

The improvements are due to the efforts of the grounds staff who are now working far more effectively and enthusiastically than in the past.

A letter has been sent to them from the Friends thanking them for the improvements that they have brought about.



*Brian Sinton on the main drive*



## Euro Routes Project

Flaybrick is now part of this major project thanks to financial backing from Wirral Borough Council. Flaybrick joins only a handful of UK cemeteries that have made it into a project which will see a significant enhancement to the way Flaybrick is marketed as a visitor attraction.

All of this can only strengthen our bid to the Lotteries Fund for the restoration of Flaybrick's chapels. The first development you will see will be a major enhancement to our website.

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# Wirral Award for Flaybrick Founder

At a recent presentation and dinner at Wallasey Town Hall, Mayor Councillor Alan Jennings presented John Moffat with The Wirral Award as civic recognition for founding the Friends of Flaybrick.

Mayor Jennings said, "If we listed all that John had done we would be here all night. From founding the Friends in 1993, every initiative at Flaybrick has had John behind it, turning the former vandalized and neglected cemetery into the well manicured and cared for place it is now."

"In 1975 he won the Wirral Environmentalist Award and then in 2008 he organised the European Cemeteries Conference as part of the Capital of Culture Year." He said, "This event brought in 98 delegates from 16 countries, which when you think about it, must have done a lot for local tourism income and we thank you for that. He has recently set up the Great

Trees of the Wirral website which is really very good and has wonderful photography."



*John Moffat with Mayor of Wirral, Cllr Alan Jennings*

## Before and After



Brian Sinton has obtained a photograph of the Morgan family grave which commemorates the loss of Charles F.

Morgan who lost his life on the Titanic. The lower image shows the memorial as it is today. During the 1960s the Council removed gravestone kerbing in order to make mowing easier.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends of Flaybrick will take place on

16th April 2011

at 10.30 a.m

Tam O'Shanter Urban Farm.

**All Members Welcome.**

Please come along and have your say in the running of the Society.