

## St Edmund's Church Graveyard Survey

The Graveyard Survey was undertaken by Castleton Historical Society in 1981. It can be a very useful aid for those undertaking family research or trying to locate an ancestor's grave.

Some of the inscriptions are very worn indeed, and some were barely discernible back in 1981. Therefore complete accuracy of the inscriptions as recorded in the survey cannot be guaranteed. This should be borne in mind if you are undertaking research or planning a visit.

The churchyard also changes with the seasons, resulting in foliage sometimes obscuring what remains of any lettering on the graves.



By no means do all those buried in our Churchyard appear on the Graveyard Survey – the survey is just that – a survey of the graveyard and what information was discernible at the time. You may consider looking at the Parish Registers to gain more information, which should contain all burials.

The main bulk of the Parish Registers are held by the Derbyshire Record Office in Matlock, with contact details/information on their website. You are advised to consult the Derbyshire Record Office in the first instance to check which registers they hold and dates they cover.

The current/in use Registers are held in St. Edmund's Church. If you wish to view the Registers held in the Church, please contact the Rev Josephine Barnes – tel. 01433 621443.

***We regret that Castleton Historical Society and the Rev Josephine Barnes do not have the resources to undertake research requests.***

The Graveyard Survey consists of three parts;

- 1) A plan/map of the Churchyard showing location of graves lettered A to Z.
- 2) Surnames listed A to Y.
- 3) Graves (as listed on the plan) A to Z, with inscriptions.

**It should be noted that old gravestones by their very nature are potentially dangerous (that is why some are now laid flat). Great care should be taken around the graves.**

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