

**The Cemeteries Committee** of St. Pierre du Bois is responsible for the care and administration of the two parish cemeteries, De Beauvoir and La Croix (see map overleaf). The former is full, except for re-openings and it is **La Croix which is currently in use.**



*Entrance to La Croix Cemetery*

As well as traditional burials, there is provision for wall niches, memorial plaques & shrubs. All St. Pierre du Bois parishioners and those having close associations with the parish are eligible to use these facilities without regard to sect or religious persuasion.

Arrangements for a burial, placing of headstones, inscriptions, photographs, ornaments, benches, plaques and shrub plantings should be made through your funeral director. They are aware of the cemetery regulations and can advise on any restrictions. Nothing is to be placed in or on cemetery grounds without that prior clearance, scattering of ashes by prior arrangement. Any queries arising will be referred by them to the Cemeteries committee for clarification.

**The Rector and Church Wardens** have care of the oldest cemetery surrounding the church itself. This cemetery is now closed except in very exceptional circumstances.

## Regulations

The aim of the committee is to preserve in the cemeteries a tranquil place of record, peace and dignity for families and friends whose loved ones are buried there.

To that end it is necessary to have regulations concerning headstones, ornaments and memorial plantings etc. Full details are available from your funeral director and will in the future also be on the parish website at [www.stpierredubois.org](http://www.stpierredubois.org) Some key points however are:-

1. Funeral directors must give the Records Officer (see page 5) 48 hours' notice re date and time of burials.
2. The records officer must be given name and age of the deceased, together with the date of burial and next of kin details.
3. Size and materials of headstones/wall plaques and photographs etc. must meet certain requirements.
4. Plot owners and or next of kin are responsible for upkeep of the headstone and plot –the cemeteries committee reserving the right to restore and re-charge any item deemed unsafe and to remove any item deemed unsuitable.
5. Only cut flowers, or potted plants may be put on the grave, no planting in the earth is permitted.
6. To preserve tranquility, visitors are respectfully requested to keep animals on leads and not to use radios.

## Planting of trees & shrubs

To accommodate as many memorial plantings as possible and to give fair and equal space to all, shrubs should not exceed a maximum height and width of roughly four/five feet (1.5metres) at maturity. Due to limited space, small ornamental native trees only, such as crab apple, may be planted at La Croix cemetery under the direction of the committee

A new memorial garden area is being created at La Croix. Analysis indicates that the soil is acid, so to have the best chance of success shrubs happy in acid soil should be selected. These would include **smaller** varieties of the following. (Many of these plants have larger forms so the labels should be carefully checked to meet the above size restriction):

*Abelia*

*Azaleas*

*Camellias*

*Ceanothus*

*Choisya Ternata*

*Cytisus Burkwoodii*

*Deutzia*

*Kalmia*

*Magnolia Stellata*

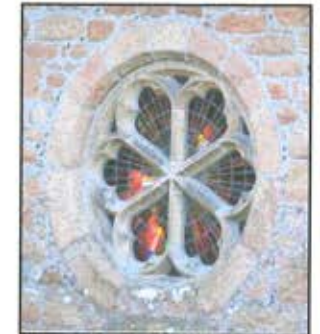
*Philadelphus*

*Pieris*

*Dwarf Rhododendrons*

*Spirea*

*Viburnum Burkwoodii*



*Rose Window in Church*

The above list is not exhaustive and other plants are welcome provided that their ultimate size does not exceed the above. There is a watering point near the new garden area and compost bins for removal of weeds and dead flowers. Pruning, weeding, and watering is the responsibility of the family concerned.