

What connects
President Franklin D Roosevelt
Cecil Rhodes, T. S. Eliot
Richard d'Oyly Carte
& William the Conqueror?

Answer:

The churchyard of St Andrew's
in Fairlight, East Sussex!

Read about these prominent people and
some of their families both in this leaflet
and on their gravestones.

Use the map overleaf to find your way
around the churchyard.

St Andrew's Church was built in 1845/6 on the site of an older building. See the booklet in church for details. Some of the more interesting graves to be found are:

- 1 Richard d'Oyly Carte and his parents. Richard founded the d'Oyly Carte Opera Company and the Savoy.
- 2 The earliest legible gravestone dated 1740, in the name of John Gorham.
- 3 Thomas Farncomb & family. Thomas was Alderman of the City of London for many years and the Lord Mayor in 1849.
- 4 Thomas Attwood Walmisley M.A., Mus.Doc. was a Professor of Music at Cambridge, a musical prodigy and master player of church organs. He composed church music and madrigals.

5 The Lucas-Shadwells of Fairlight Hall. William Lucas-Shadwell was MP for Hastings 1895-1902. His wife, Florentia and her daughters are also commemorated on the Lych gate.

6 Sir Woodbine Parish KCH. British Diplomat. Best known for his work following defeat of Napoleon and in Buenos Aires recognising Argentina as a state in the 1820s. He was buried at Fairlight in 1882 along with other members of his family.

7 Joanna Burdett third daughter of Sir Francis Burdett MP for Westminster for 30 years. Connected to the Coutts banking family.

8 General Sir Charles Menzies aide-de camp to Queen Victoria and founder of Newcastle, NSW, Australia.

9 William 8th Earl Waldegrave, a direct descendant of William the Conqueror via Henrietta FitzJames, the illegitimate daughter of King James II. His widow gave the largest donation for building the current church (£1,000) and laid the foundation stone.

10 The parents and sister of Sir Cecil Rhodes, pioneer and statesman who gave his name to Rhodesia. Cecil Rhodes loved walking in Fairlight Glen. He did not marry.

11 Frederick and Mary Ann Ticehurst. JP and surgeon 45 years in Hastings. Also Mayor 5 times & surgeon to the 4th Cinque Ports volunteers. Son Richard has a ward named after him at the Conquest Hospital, Hastings.

12 The Sankey family. Percy gave land to the church in 1926 as a Rose Garden at the eastern end of the churchyard, now a graveyard extension. His son, Reverend John Sankey founded the Old Hastings Preservation Society.

13 The Martineau family. A prominent family from Fairlight Lodge connected to the Whitbread brewers. The family includes the wife of Cyril Edgar Martineau, Muriel Delano Martineau, first cousin to US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

14 Sir James Roberts, Baronet JP, LLD. He made his fortune as owner of Saltaire, a working town near Bradford. TS Eliot referred to 'a silk hat on a millionaire' in the poem, 'The Waste Land' after meeting him.

There is a booklet about our churchyard which you can purchase in church. If you have any information and can add to our knowledge of any of the graves, we would be glad to hear from you. Please contact our Archivist: Paul Draper at paulwpdraper@gmail.com
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We hope you have enjoyed visiting our churchyard and will encourage others to visit. Have you climbed our church tower? Ring the bells and view France (in fine weather). See noticeboard or website for details. **Donations in the wall safe, please.** Thank you!