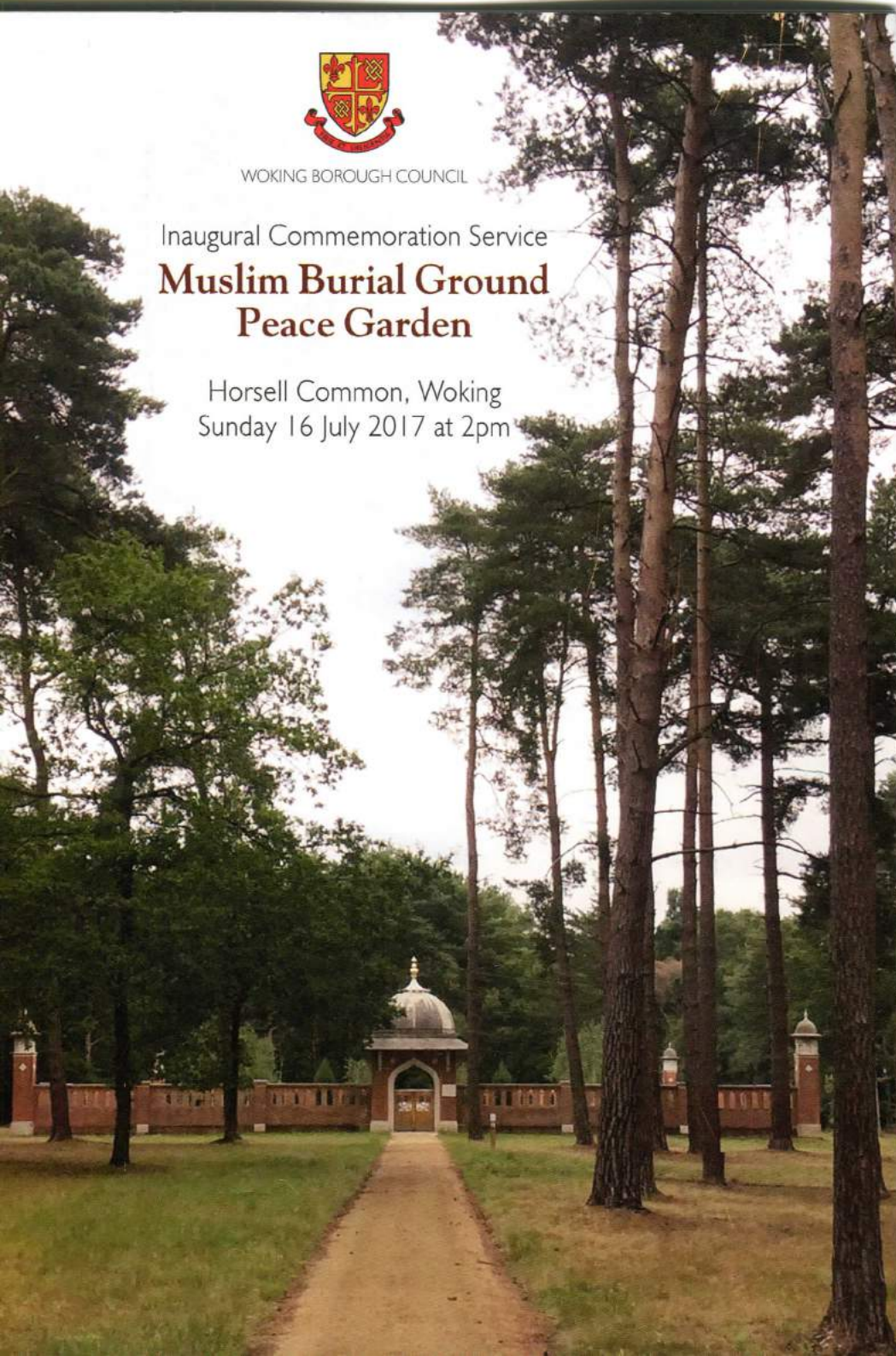




WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Inaugural Commemoration Service
Muslim Burial Ground
Peace Garden

Horsell Common, Woking
Sunday 16 July 2017 at 2pm



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In the name of God the most merciful the most kind

Muslim War Cemetery - Peace Garden

Opened by

HRH The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO

on

12th November 2015

Horsell Common Preservation Society

Woking Borough Council

Inaugural Commemoration Service at the Muslim Burial Ground Peace Garden

The Woking Muslim Burial Ground was completed one hundred years ago in 1917. It was commissioned by the India Office of the Ministry of Defence. The site at Horsell Common was chosen because it was close to the Shah Jahan Mosque.

The site first became the final resting place of 19 Muslim soldiers from the Great War 1914-1918. Later, a further eight soldiers from WWII were also buried at the site.

In 1969 the bodies were moved to Brookwood Military Cemetery. Then, after a period of disrepair and neglect, the site was restored to its original Indo-Saracenic architectural splendour.

As a mark of respect in commemoration of the soldiers once buried here, the Peace Garden was installed and formally opened by HRH the Earl of Wessex on 12th November 2015.

The service today will mark the anniversary of the first soldier who lost his life and was buried here on the 16 July 1915.



Welcome

The Mayor of Woking, Councillor Graham Cundy

Prayers

Imam Hafiz Hashmi, Shah Jahan Mosque
The Bishop of Guildford, The Rt Reverend Andrew Watson

Address

Councillor John Kingsbury, Armed Forces Champion,
Raja Rab Nawaz, Representing the High Commission of Pakistan,
Mohammad Monirul Islam Kabir,
representing the High Commission of Bangladesh,
Colonel Andrew Wood TD VR,
Deputy Brigade Commander (Reserves) HQ 11th Infantry Brigade

The Exhortation

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.
All: we will remember them.



Kohima Epitaph

When you go home tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Last Post

One Minute Silence

Reveille

Laying of Wreaths

The Mayor of Woking, Councillor Graham Cundy

Colonel Andrew Wood TD VR,

Deputy Brigade Commander (Reserves) HQ 11th Infantry Brigade

Others

*Music provided by The Band of The Royal Yeomanry
(Inns of Court & City Yeomanry)*



Blessing

Father Stephen Sharkey,
Senior Chaplain from ATC(P)

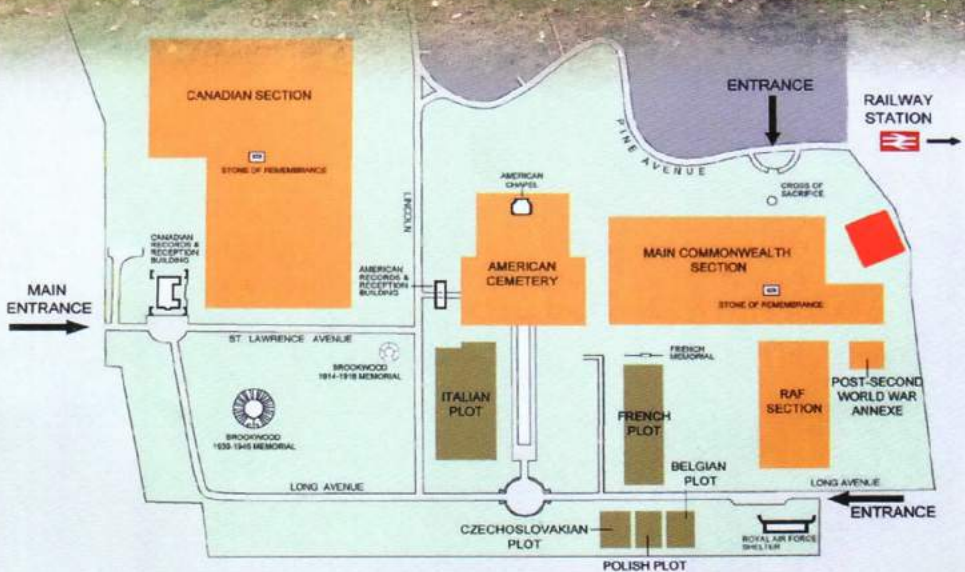
Imam Azim Hafiz MA OBE
Islamic Religious Adviser
Ministry of Defence



National Anthem

God save our Gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.





The Muslim Graves at the CWGC Brookwood Military Cemetery

The Muslim Graves are now looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. They can be visited every day. You'll find them in the area shown above in red, alongside the Main Commonwealth Section.

The cemetery can be accessed on foot from Brookwood Station (*through Brookwood Cemetery*) or by car from Dawney Hill, Pirbright, Woking, Surrey GU24 0JB