

## journal abstract

## **Member Photocall 1**

Is there an interesting or unusual WWI memorial, monument or individual headstone in your cemetery or garden of remembrance – or for which you have responsibility but is sited elsewhere, that commemorates and honours those who lost their life, military or civilian, as a direct result of the hostilities of 'The Great War'?

The editor hopes to feature a selection of images in the Summer issue of *The Journal*, to be published in June prior to the anniversary of the outbreak of this horrendous conflict which began on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1914 and lasted until 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

Please send your image with details of the name of the site where it stands, brief details of the inscription if not legible on the image and any interesting facts that you may know about the memorial **by Friday 28**th **March to rncoates@aol.com** 



This memorial stands under the Docklands Light Railway on North Woolwich Road, London. Erected by Brunner Mond Chemical Works it commemorates the employees who were killed in the Silvertown Explosion. The factory originally produced caustic soda. After the outbreak of the first world war and with pressure from the government it switched production in 1915 to TNT for use in high explosive bombs, despite the fact it was in a heavily built up area.

On 6.52pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1917 the factory exploded. Heard 100 miles away, the expolsion devastated the area damaging thousands of homes. The factory itself, the local fire station and other local factories were completely destroyed.

69 people died in the explosion with 4 others dying later. Had the explosion not occurred after many workers had already finished their days work the death toll might have been much higher.

## **Member Photocall 2**

Would you like to win a prize for image of the year 2014?

An image taken by you could appear on the cover of a future edition of *The Journal*. The image must have been taken in a cemetery, crematorium, churchyard or natural burial ground. The Board of Directors will choose a winning entry. The winner will receive a £50 gift voucher.

To enter the 2014 competition email maximum of TWO unique, generic images – which does not identify individuals – to the editor at rncoates@aol.com in HIGH RESOLUTION jpeg format. Colour images will be converted to black and white for judging. **Closing date is 30**th **June 2014** 



John Pratt, Winner 2013 Howff Cemetery, Dundee City Council

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