

## Churchyard Puzzles.

These days , maintaining the Churchyard and its walls is an expensive business , but our forebears found much simpler methods . Bill Hill 's tractor and Stuart Palmer 's mower in recent years were only the last vestiges of a time when local farmers and residents took responsibility for their own sections , with their initials [ and their commitment ] carved into the stones of the wall. Close scrutiny as you walk around Back Lane and Vicarage Lane still reveals some of these marks , though many have been lost , either through repair or the banking of soil. HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND ?

Three such inscriptions appear also on the wall of Vicarage Lane just up the hill from the ginnel to Prospect Bank. WHY ARE THEY TO BE SEEN HERE ?

When Bramham College was closed by an outbreak of cholera in 1869 , some of the pupils died and were buried in the churchyard. CAN YOU FIND THEIR GRAVES , AND THAT OF THEIR HEADMASTER ?

If you do , close by are what are thought to be the foundations of the earlier , wooden , Saxon church ; these were turned up when the present pathway was being renewed in 1998 .

One further puzzle . Have you read the Latin inscription by John Lloyd Wharton MP within the Lych Gates he donated in 1902 ? CAN YOU TRANSLATE ?