# Introduction

The aim of the project was to record for posterity the inscriptions on the memorials. This information has been assembled into a database, which it is hoped will prove to be a useful resource for local historians and those investigating family histories, as well as being of general interest to village residents.

The results of everyone's hard work are presented here in a 'How-to' guide, two indexed lists and a plan. All of these may be downloaded, saved and viewed using Acrobat or similar software:

- 'How to use the Database'
- 'Alphabetic List of Persons'
- 'Memorial Inscription List'
- 'Churchyard Plan'

## Your feedback

We would welcome your feedback about the way we have presented the results. We have tried hard to transcribe memorial inscriptions correctly and to cross-check names and dates with the church's burial records, to eliminate, as far as possible, any errors. Should you find an error or inconsistency in the information, please let us know by emailing your comment or correction to web@olveston.com. The query will be passed to a member of the project team.

Many, but not all of the memorials have been photographed. If, on your visit to St Mary's graveyard, you take a photograph of a memorial that you think is particularly clear (the position of the sun and strength of sunlight are important factors) then, by all means, submit it by email to the above address. We ask that you waive copyright when doing so. At some point in the future we should like to include photographs of all the memorials on the website.

## Acknowledgements

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