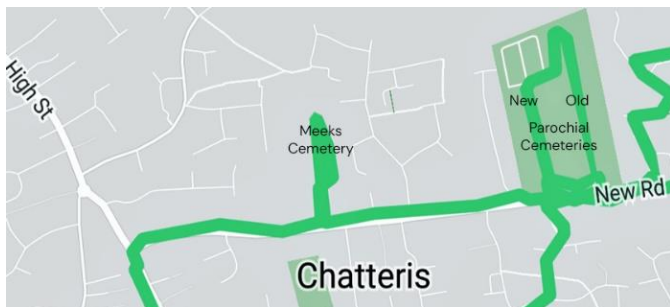


THREE AVENUES

If you walk along New Road from the town centre, in the space of about half a mile on your left, you will come across the sites of three cemeteries of which two are no longer in use.

The first of these is the *General Cemetery*, more commonly known as **Meeks Cemetery**, the surname of its keeper whose cottage still stands beside the lane to its entrance. The first burial there was in 1850 and the last in 1972.



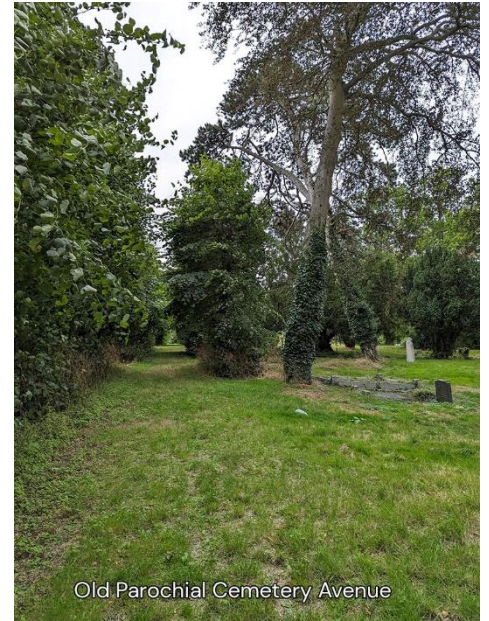
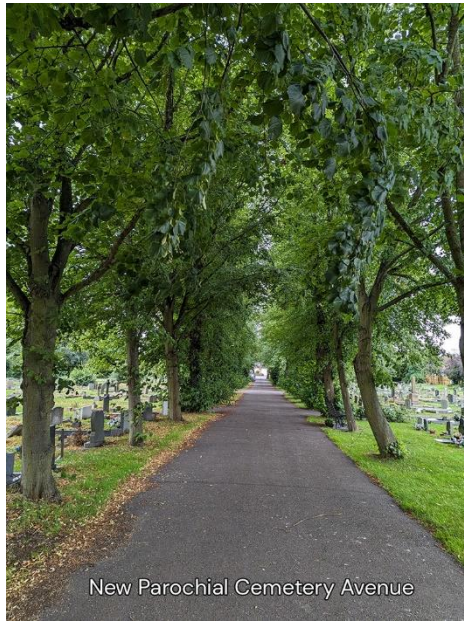
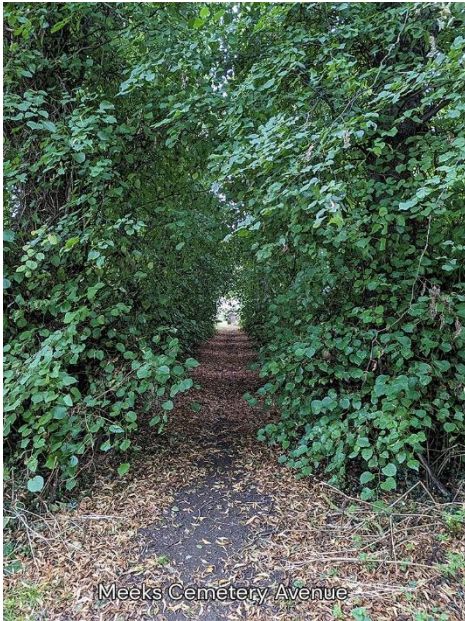
A little further along New Road you will come to the gates of the *New and the Old Parochial Cemeteries*. The **Old Cemetery** was opened in 1860 when the graveyard of the *Church of St Peter and St Paul* became full. It was later expanded to include what is now known as the **New Cemetery**.



THREE AVENUES

A feature of each cemetery is that they possess an avenue! Therefore, in the summertime when the weather is fine, why not take a "Walk Down The Avenue" of one or more. **Take Care!** *The ground under your feet may not be very even in*

areas that are not well maintained and trip hazards such as brambles may be present.



N.B. *The gates of the Old Parochial Cemetery are always locked so entry into it is via the New Parochial Cemetery entrance.*

Footnote

A fourth cemetery, the “**Old Plague Cemetery**” also once existed in New Road on the opposite side to those mentioned above. Records show that it was in use from 1800 – 1861 which included the time of a severe Cholera outbreak in the town during the 1830s. No signs of it exist now as it was built upon in the 1970s.