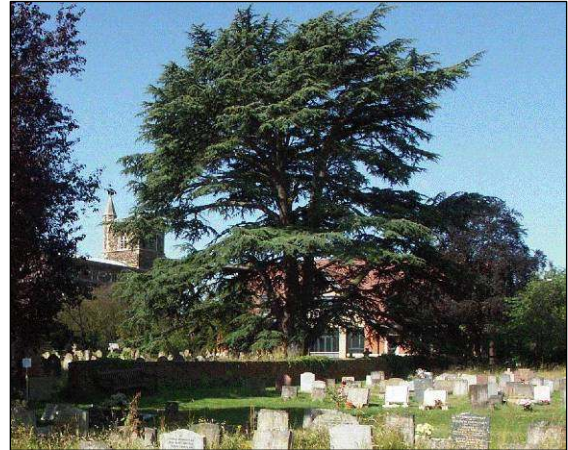


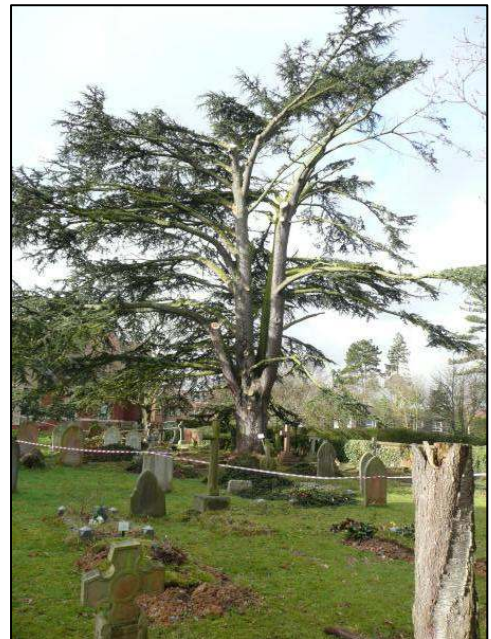
## **CEDAR OF LEBANON (MRN 4119)**

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOKINGHAM**

John Harrison, Tower Captain of the All Saints Church Bell Ringers, has sent us some lovely photos of one of the cedars of Lebanon in the churchyard. Sadly the heavy snows of January 2010 have left it badly damaged. The two photos below show the tree in its prime in 2006 (one was taken from the church tower)



.and these photos show the snow damage and the tree after pruning.



There is very little that can be done to protect these trees from snow, apart from pruning (which can be very costly) and propping up the branches (which is not very attractive). Coralie Ramsay, WDVTA member, has pointed out that Cedars of Lebanon need snow for long periods in their natural habitat to proliferate. She suggests, and others concur, that when these trees grow in the usually mild climate in the UK, they fail to become 'snow trimmed'. This being so, the occasional heavy snowfall can prove too much for them.

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