



**Welcome...** to the latest newsletter of the **FRIENDS OF HYDE PARK CEMETERY**. Here you'll find information on progress that we've made over the past few months and on events involving the Friends, along with news items that, we hope, will interest you. Please let us know if you'd like information on any other topics.

You can keep up-to-date with all FoHPC activities by visiting [www.fohpc.org.uk](http://www.fohpc.org.uk).

## GUIDED WALKS AT THE CEMETERY

A full programme of Guided Walks in Hyde Park Cemetery has been arranged for 2013 by the Friends. Most of the walks planned for this year are newly-researched. They tell fascinating stories about a wide range of the cemetery's residents, from the famous to the less well-known.

All the walks are free of charge, although donations are always welcomed. Walks begin from near the main (Carr Lane) entrance.

**Sunday 30 June, 3pm:** "Doncaster Mayors"

**Sunday 21 July, 3pm:** "Mansion House to Music Hall"

**Sunday 11 August, 3pm:** "Railways and Railwaymen"

**Sunday 15 September, 3pm:** "War Graves (on Battle of Britain Day)"

**Monday 11 November, 2pm:** "War Graves (on Armistice Day)"

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### Sponsorship Deal

We are delighted to announce that Weldricks Pharmacy has very kindly offered to sponsor the FoHPC quarterly newsletters for the next 12 months. Their sponsorship will cover the printing and postage costs for the many newsletters that we distribute in paper form. We thank Weldricks very much for their support.

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### Are You Missing Out?

If you receive your newsletter by Royal Mail then you are missing out on the regular updates and event reminders that we send by email. If you have an email account and are happy for us to send you news by that method, please send a message to:

[richardbell.fohpc@btinternet.com](mailto:richardbell.fohpc@btinternet.com)

and we'll add your details to our distribution list.

## GETTING INVOLVED

**We need your help, please!** The Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery have achieved a great deal in improving and promoting the cemetery over the past few years. We are dedicated to continuing this good work and, in fact, tackling bigger projects in future. But to do so, we need your help.

If you feel strongly that Hyde Park Cemetery is a place that is worth preserving and improving, then why not volunteer a little of your time towards helping. Here are some ways of getting involved:

- Take part in the Working Mornings on the 2nd Saturday of each month;
- Come along to Guided Walks;
- If you are interested in a particular aspect of history, research a Guided Walk based on that theme;
- Help with planning and fund-raising for our memorial restoration project;
- Research to answer Grave Finder enquiries;
- Consider taking on the role of Treasurer (see below).

See overleaf for how to contact us to get involved.

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### Friends' Treasurer Moving On

Reverend Alan Murray, Vicar of St James' Church, has been the FoHPC Treasurer since the organisation was established. However, Alan is about to move to a new parish, in West Yorkshire. He has kindly offered to see out his term of office as Treasurer up to the next AGM, later this year. However, the sooner that we can identify a new candidate for this role the better. One very direct way of helping the Friends to meet their aims (see above), would be to stand for election to this role at the AGM. The organisation doesn't have a huge annual turnover and only very basic accountancy skills are needed, but taking over as Treasurer would be a huge help to the group.



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**NOTICE CASES PROMOTING FoHPC**

The new notice cases that were installed earlier this year, following a successful funding bid to Wilkinson Stores, occupy prime locations next to each entrance / exit.

They display posters, newsletters, Heritage Circuit leaflets and other material, all aimed at telling visitors as much as possible about the cemetery and the work of the Friends. Why not have a look when you next visit the cemetery and let us know what you think.

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**Cub Scouts Survey Trees**

The Friends continue to develop their partnership with the 65th Balby St John's Scout Group. One evening in late May several Cub Scouts and their leaders came along to take part in a tree survey. The survey was part of a national initiative aimed at establishing the health of trees across the land.

Together with several members of FoHPC, the Cubs identified and recorded the details of many of the largest trees in the cemetery. The details included signs of pests and diseases. All agreed that it had been a very worthwhile evening.

**Irish Prime Minister's Family Visit**

Some time ago the Friends received an enquiry from Ireland about the burial of Denis Kenny, in 1910. Denis was a pit sinker, digging the shafts for the new Yorkshire Main Colliery at Edlington, near Doncaster. A serious accident involving a working platform resulted in the death of Denis, making him the first miner to die at Yorkshire Main. After providing the Kenny family with the details of Denis's burial, we kept in touch.

Early in 2013, three members of the Kenny family travelled from Ireland to attend a ceremony to dedicate a new memorial at Edlington to all the Yorkshire Main miners. While in Doncaster, they visited Hyde Park Cemetery to pay their respects at the grave of Denis Kenny. It was in conversation with Friends' Chairman, Richard Bell, that it became apparent that two of the visitors were brothers of Enda Kenny, the Irish Prime Minister.

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**Memorial Restoration a Step Nearer**

The proposed project to repair and restore many of the larger monuments at Hyde Park Cemetery took a step closer recently. Two members of the FoHPC committee began surveying the monuments of all the graves included in our Guided Walks, to identify those in need of repair. It is hoped that this will form the basis of a funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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**Website Review**

The Friends website ([www.fohpc.org.uk](http://www.fohpc.org.uk)) has been on-line for three-and-a-half years and we think it may be time to give it an overhaul. We would love to hear what you think of the website and what you would like to see changed. Does it provide what you would expect? Is it interesting and informative? Could it be better? Please let us know.

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**Support Our Working Mornings**

Perhaps the most effective and direct way in which you can show your support for the work of the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery is to take part in the monthly Working Mornings. They take place on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 9:30am until noon. Do as much or as little as you like, but please do something.

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**How to Contact Us**

There are many ways that you can contact the Friends and keep in touch with what's happening:  
Tel: **07777-688438** (Richard Bell, Chairman)  
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