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Summer 2010

Welcome... to the latest newsletter of the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery. Here you'll find details of our forthcoming Guided Walks and also our Summer Visit. There is information about our regular Working Mornings and about an opportunity for those who are only available in an evening to help. Plus, there are updates on some of our recent activities.

Do let us know if you'd like information on any other topics.

Guided Walks coming up

The following guided heritage walks will be taking place over the next few weeks. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge (although donations will be gratefully received!).

Saturday 24th July, 2 pm
'WAR GRAVES'

Sunday 15th August, 3 pm
'MEMORIALS & SYMBOLISM'

And for the 'Heritage Open Days' weekend we shall be leading more guided walks on the following days:

Thursday 9th September, 2 pm
'NOTABLE DONCASTRIANS'

Sunday 12th September, 3 pm
(Theme yet to be finalised)

Our guided heritage walks have proved popular in the past, so why not come along this year and see for yourself?

Meet at the main gateway in Carr Lane (to the side of 'Adrian Welch Glass & Glazing') about 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.

[Please note that there are no toilet facilities available at Hyde Park Cemetery]. Public facilities are available at Lakeside Village shopping centre.

A Summer Visit

You are invited to participate in a visit to be hosted by the 'Friends of Sandall Park' on Wednesday 4th August, from 2:30 pm.

Your committee considered asking the 'Friends of Sandall Park' to come along to a FoHPC open meeting to tell us about the many successes that they have achieved and how they have done it, but what could be better than visiting the the Park and actually being shown around?

Although some of the challenges and opportunities at Sandall Park clearly are different from those at Hyde Park Cemetery, there are nonetheless many similarities. We can learn from their experiences and have an enjoyable afternoon in the fresh air at the same time!

Please make your own way to Sandall Park and meet outside the Café at 2:30 pm. Several bus services pass the park and there is ample car parking available, too.

This afternoon visit is free to FoHPC members and includes light refreshments. To enable us to cater for the right number of people, please contact Richard Bell beforehand to register your intention to join in the visit.

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Litter-Pick Evening

We shall be holding an 'Evening Litter-Pick' on Thursday 12th August, between 6pm and 8pm.

This will allow those people who can't assist on the Saturday Working Mornings to make a real contribution towards improving Hyde Park Cemetery. Please meet at the main gateway on Carr Lane just before 6pm.

Working Mornings: Already Making a Difference

We've now had our first four Working Mornings, where members come along to the cemetery for a few hours to carry out practical work to help improve the site. Already these sessions have made a real difference, with the area around the Lodge benefiting in particular and now looking much tidier.

There's no shortage of things to be done and you don't need any specific skills: your time and enthusiasm are enough! Volunteers so far have found it to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, so **please give it a go** and come along.

When & What?

The **2nd Saturday of every month, between 9:30 am and 12 noon**, to undertake tasks such as litter-picking, gardening duties and other general good-housekeeping activities. Please wear clothes that you might wear for gardening, including sturdy footwear and bring your own gardening gloves, if you have some.

See you on the 2nd Saturday!

Next Working Morning:
Saturday 14 August, 09:30

Do You Have Any Gardening Tools to Spare?

If so, would you like to donate them to the Friends? We'd be very grateful.

Please get in touch with us (See 'Keeping in Touch')

Our thanks go to Geoff Bennett for copying this newsletter for postal distribution.

Website (www.fohpc.org.uk)

Our website passed 1000 'hits' recently and is becoming ever more popular. Keep up-to-date with developments at www.fohpc.org.uk.

Recent Burial

A question that we are often asked is whether the cemetery is still used for burials. Well, the answer is 'Yes'. Although new plots are not being sold, burials still take place where space remains in graves already in family ownership. In fact, an interment took place in the last couple of weeks.

Let's help to ensure that the cemetery is a fit and proper resting place.

You could be the Friends' next Secretary

Do you have a little time that you could give to help the Friends with some of its secretarial tasks. The duties are not onerous, but if you fancy taking on the Secretary's role, please let us know. You can develop your own skills whilst helping to improve the cemetery.

Visitor from Down Under

One evening, a couple of weeks ago, an email arrived from an Australian lady, asking for help in tracing a grave. But she wasn't enquiring from the other side of the world; she was staying in a Doncaster hotel, on a family history research trip! We helped ... and she was extremely grateful.

CHASE's Refurbishment of Section 'O' has now been completed. It now gives a much better 'first impression' to visitors.

Keeping In Touch

Are We Addressing You Correctly?

To keep our administration costs down, we would like to send out newsletters by email to as many of our members as possible. If you received this newsletter by post but would be happy for us to use email in future, please send your email address to:

richardbell.fohpc@btinternet.com

If you wish to continue to receive newsletters by post, but we haven't got your address quite right, please let us know.

For any matter related to the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery, you can contact Richard Bell by the following means:

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