# Summer 2014



Welcome... to the latest newsletter of the FRIENDS OF HYDE PARK CEMETERY. Here you will find information on progress that we have 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 would like information on any other topics.

You can keep up-to-date with all FoHPC activities by visiting www.fohpc.org.uk.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 18 November 7:30pm Club 39, First Floor, 39 College Road, Doncaster. DN1 3JH

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery will take place at the new venue of Club 39, First Floor, 39 College Road, Doncaster. DN1 3JH. The Club is located opposite the multi-story car park at the junction of College Road and Queensgate leading to the Waterdale Shopping Centre.

As well as the formal business, there will be an interesting illustrated talk by Symeon Waller - an excellent local speaker.

The world famous Club 39 pie and peas will be available at a reasonable price.

The meeting is open to everyone, but only members will be eligible to vote.

Nominations for the Committee and Officers are welcome. Please advise the Honorary Secretary in writing two weeks before the Meeting.

Contact details: Robert Wise mobile: 07552 764300 email: robert@wiseowls.org.uk

Please come along and take part in this very important event in the Friends' calendar.

EVERYONE WELCOME



### 2014 GUIDED WALKS

#### Halloween Walk

Plans are well advanced for the next Halloween Guided Walk that will take place on the evening of Friday 31 October from 6.30pm. The theme will be "Horrible Endings". Seven graves will be visited including those murdered and killed in horrendous accidents.

Meet at the main entrance for what should be a very popular event. Please bring a torch and wear appropriate warm clothing including stout footwear.

#### Railways and Railwaymen

Attracted by the Doncaster St Leger Festival publication, on Sunday 14 September no fewer than 40 people attended this walk which is the highest number ever.

The walk visited many graves of those who had died working on the railway or in the famous Doncaster Plant Works. Their stories were sometimes amusing but often tragic.

#### Bat Walk

On the evening of Saturday 19 July, Robert Bell from the South Yorkshire Bat Group escorted 15 Friends around the cemetery from 9pm onwards. Many common pipistrelle bats were identified and noctule bats were heard flying overhead. This bat walk attracted three times the numbers compared with last year. Hopefully the 2015 Bat Walk will prove even more popular.

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#### Headstone of the Month

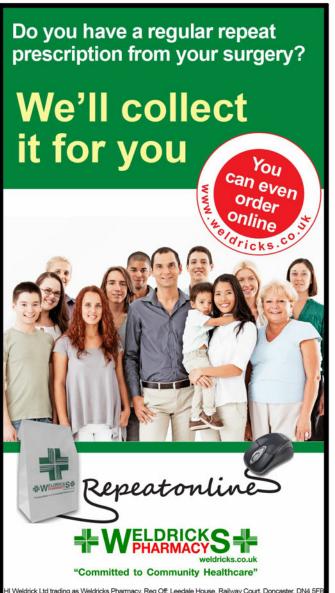
Headstone of the month continues to be posted on the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery Facebook page.

Nominations for Headstone of the Month are always welcome so suggest your favourite to Robert Wise on 07552 764300 or email robert@ wiseowls.org.uk

#### Hyde Park Cemetery Lodge

Visitors to Hyde Park Cemetery cannot help but have noticed that work is being undertaken to renovate the Lodge near the main entrance.

The Lodge has been sold by Doncaster Council to Adrian Welch - a long time Friend of Hyde Park Cemetery - who intends to renovate the Lodge as offices for his workshop opposite. The Friends wish him well restoring this cemetery icon.



## Rosie Winterton MP inspects the work of the National Citizen Service

Over the summer, two groups from the National Citizen Service, which is a personal and social development programme for those aged 15 to 17, worked at Hyde Park Cemetery. They improved the environment by pruning trees and helped wildlife by building a bug hotel.

The MP for Doncaster Central, Rosie Winterton, inspected their work on Friday 28 August 2014. She was impressed by the work undertaken by the young people and the improvement in the cemetery since the Friends became involved.



#### Cutting Costs

Friends are anxious to reduce the costs of serving the members wherever possible while maintaining the quality of service demanded.

One way is to minimise postal costs by emailing the quarterly Newsletter. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a flyer asking you to get in touch if you still wish to receive the Newsletter by post.

If you do not respond to the flyer then you will no longer receive the Newsletter by post but you can continue to receive the Newsletter by advising us your email address.

#### How to Contact Us

There are many ways that you can contact the Friends and keep in touch with what is happening: Tel: 07777-688438 (Richard Bell, Chairman) Email: info@fohpc.co.uk Web: www.fohpc.org.uk Twitter: @HydeParkCem Facebook: www.facebook.com/FoHPC