



Welcome... to the latest newsletter of the **FRIENDS OF HYDE PARK CEMETERY**. Here you will find reports on progress over the past few months, events involving the Friends and other items of interest.

Please let us know if you would like information on any other topics.

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2015 AGM

**Tuesday 17 November, 7:30pm at
Club 39, College Rd, Doncaster**

All members as well as guests are invited to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 November at 7:30pm, in the Meeting Room at Club 39. There will be a talk by Pat McLaughlin, a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. Free light refreshments will be provided also.

With our current Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary standing down, decisions taken at this AGM will be vital in securing the future of the group.

If you would like to help in the future running of FoHPC by joining the Committee please contact us using the details overleaf. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Club 39 can be found at 39 College Road, Doncaster, DN1 3JH and shares its entrance with Sticky Mits Childcare Centre. The entrance is at the junction of College Road and Queensgate. Parking is available in the Civic Quarter multi-storey car park across the road.

Stirling Graves Completed



The restoration of the graves of Patrick Stirling, locomotive engineer, and two of his sons has been completed. We thank everyone whose generous donations to the appeal made this work possible.

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Young People Create New Garden

A group of young volunteers, taking part in the Government-backed National Citizen Service scheme, has created a new garden from an unloved corner of the cemetery.



In August the 16-year-olds cleared the overgrown north-east corner of the site and planted shrubs donated by FoHPC, Stonecrop Nurseries and NCS itself.

Meanwhile, the Memorial Meadow commemorating those buried in Public Graves in Section H & I came into full flower this summer.



War Memorial Bid

The Friends have submitted a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to provide and erect a war memorial. It will record the names of all 109 men who lost their lives as a result of military service in the two world wars and who are buried in Hyde Park Cemetery. We are awaiting the outcome of our bid.

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New Street Boundary Improvements

As reported in a previous FoHPC Newsletter, the cemetery's western boundary, alongside New Street, is to be improved.

Doncaster Council will soon begin repairing the stone wall, where it has been damaged by ground heave caused by tree roots. The wall used to have railings built into it, similar to the existing ones along Carr House Road (see picture below).



The Friends are planning to begin reinstating railings, as funding allows, beginning with a generous donation from a local benefactor. We are currently in discussion with the Council's Conservation Officer regarding the proposed design for the new railings. Planning permission and Listed Building Consent are likely to be required before installation can start.

Guided Walks Well Attended

Our 2015 Guided Walks have been attended by lots of people, many of whom had not previously visited the cemetery. We were delighted to welcome many children to our annual Bat Walk in July. They were able to spot several common pipistrelle bats and one noctule bat.

Our most recent walk was titled '*Discovering Doncaster's Past*'. It took place in September, coinciding with both Heritage Open Days and the St Leger Festival. Once again, excellent feedback was received.

More Guided Walks will be held in 2016.

Lodge Looking Good

Restoration work on the cemetery's former Lodge is progressing well, with the external work substantially completed.



The Lodge was bought by Adrian Welch Glass & Glazing in 2014. Since then, they have invested a significant sum in returning the Grade II Listed Building to its former glory.

Footpath Re-surfacing

Doncaster Council has recently carried out extensive re-surfacing of the footpaths in Hyde Park Cemetery. Some of the paths were becoming very uneven and potentially hazardous, so this re-surfacing will help to avoid any safety incidents for the pedestrians who visit the cemetery, as well as the many people who use it as a thoroughfare from Hyde Park to Balby Bridge and beyond.

How to Contact Us

There are many ways that you can contact the Friends and keep in touch with what is happening:

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