



Welcome... to the latest newsletter from 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.

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Guided Walks 2017

We were pleased to announce the details of this year's guided walks, including the return of our annual Bat Walk in August. The first of this year's themed Guided Walks took place around the cemetery and was entitled "*Discovering Doncaster's Past*". It told the stories of a wide range of significant people from the town's history. Approximately 50 visitors attended this walk, making for a wonderful start to this year's programme.



Italian visitors view restored grave

Some months ago we were contacted by a Dr Gell, who was brought up in Doncaster but is a long-term resident of Italy. He was trying to locate the final resting place of Gilbert and Mary Holden. The Holdens had been neighbours in his childhood days in Doncaster and a very close friendship had developed with this surrogate uncle and aunt.

As a result of that initial contact with the Friends, Dr Gell went on to sponsor the restoration of the grave in question. Much of the restoration was undertaken by our colleagues at the Victoria Cross Trust. The images show Dr Gell and his wife during their visit from Italy, as well as showing the previous condition of the grave.



Yorkshire In Bloom

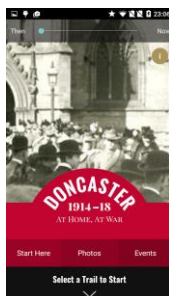
Earlier this year we were encouraged by the Yorkshire in Bloom organisers to enter the competition. Judging took place in mid July and the result should be known by September. Below are pictures of the volunteers getting the cemetery ready for the big day.



Trail App

The Friends have been working hard in partnership with Doncaster 1914-18 to create our very own walking trail through their project app!

You can follow the trail around the cemetery and discover the stories of First World War soldiers buried there, including William George Webb, a Boer War veteran and Military Cross winner. There are lots of other trails around the borough too!



More new railings

The Friends have been able to install more new railings in the New Street boundary, thanks to further generous support from benefactors. Following on from the installation of eight bays of new railings last December, we were given an additional private donation to allow three more bays to be completed. The donation also allowed us to have the pedestrian gates at New Street re-coated in black, to match the new railings. This latter work was a condition of the Listed Building Consent that we obtained before starting work.



Williamson Etches

Within Hyde Park Cemetery are buried a number of Chief Constables of the town. We were lucky enough to include the story of Williamson Etches on one of our walks, whose crime solving capabilities were the talk of the town! His story was shared with us by Williamson's descendant, Paul, at a previous walk and Paul came along to the walk to hear his story and to see the grave for the first time!



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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Pickering Grave Restoration Appeal

Following our successful project to restore the graves of famous railway locomotive engineer, Patrick Stirling and two of his sons, we have launched another appeal for support.

William Henry Pickering and his wife, Alice Mabel, were both very prominent Doncaster residents in the early 20th century. William was His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines and was killed in the Cadeby pit disaster of July 1912. His widow went on to carry out a wide range of public service duties, including running the Arnold Auxiliary Hospital, where soldiers who were injured in the Great War recuperated.

We have recently established contact with the Pickerings' great great grandson, who is keen to support the proposed grave restoration work.

Please see below for details of how you can donate to this project, recognising two of Doncaster's most selfless servants of last century.



PICKERING GRAVE RESTORATION

Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery need your help to restore the graves of two of Doncaster's most influential residents

William Henry Pickering, Chief Inspector of Mines for Yorkshire and the North Midlands, was killed in the Cadeby Main pit disaster of 1912. His wife Alice was a prominent sportswoman who also ran a hospital for wounded soldiers in Doncaster during the First World War. Help us to remember them by donating to their grave restoration fund. You can donate by;

CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery' and make it clear that the cheque is for the Pickering Graves Restoration fund.

Send cheques to:

Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery
c/o DMBC Bereavement Services
Rose Hill Crematorium
Cantley Lane
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