



**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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## Yorkshire In Bloom



# WE DID IT!!!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Hyde Park Cemetery has been awarded a Silver Medal in the Yorkshire In Bloom 2017 competition. The Yorkshire In Bloom judges, who visited the cemetery in mid-July, recorded the following citation alongside our award.

*“Due to its age, this Victorian era cemetery retains a unique charm and value in the area. It is clear the group are extremely passionate and knowledgeable about the site and this shines through in their work. As this is a very long-term project with regards to restoration the group are sensibly doing small projects at a time. It was good to see and hear about the engagement with the National Citizens Service, and the Tree Trail is a nice touch, plus there is useful interpretation for wildlife. It was also encouraging to see efforts in place to create a wildflower meadow.”*

Through the efforts of Doncaster Council’s grounds maintenance team supplemented by the wonderful input from our own volunteers, we were able to achieve this prestigious Silver award. We thank everyone who contributed. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the efforts of many people and shows what can be achieved.



## Guided Walks 2018

This year’s guided walks were a great success!! The Friends have already started compiling next year’s events including new walks on different themes. Next year also is the final year that coincides with the WW1 centenary and so the friends will be hosting newly written walks regarding this throughout the year. Keep an eye on our website for more details.



## Family History Fair

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October the friends attended the annual family history fair held at Doncaster School for the Deaf. The event as always was well attended and the friends were busy on their stall promoting the Pickering Restoration Project.



## AGM Mon 22nd Jan at Club 39

Our annual AGM will be held at Club 39 in Doncaster at 7.30pm. A talk will be given by Lynsey Slater on the First World War and entitled 'The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry: Stories from the First World War'. Light refreshments will be provided by the friends so come along if you can! Further details will be available on our website. Club 39 can be found at 39 College Road, Doncaster DN1 3JH and shares its entrance with Sticky Mits Childcare Centre. Parking is available in the Civic Quarter multi-storey car park across the road.

## NCS

The friends were delighted to receive an enquiry from NCS who help us annually at the cemetery during the summer. Students from Club Doncaster's Sports College spent two days in late October tackling another of the neglected shrub beds. Not only did they complete that, but they tidied the gardens near the main entrance and behind the cross of sacrifice, too. We are extremely grateful to them for all the hard work that they put in. The result is wonderful.



## 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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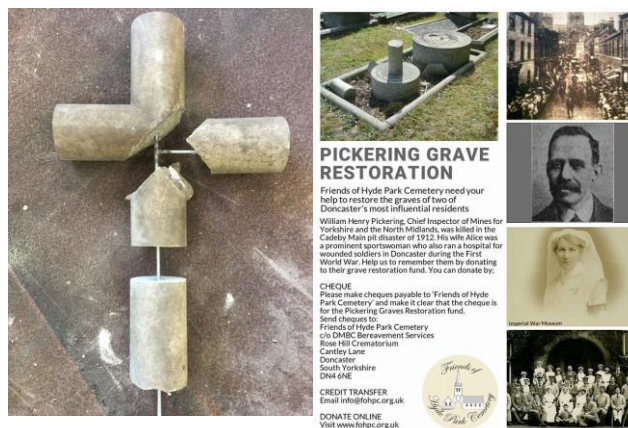
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## Pickering Grave Restoration

What a transformation! Work is ongoing on the restoration of the Pickering grave, but much is still to be done and we still need to raise more funds. If you think you could help please get in touch. Thank you for your help!



## XP School

The Friends were contacted earlier this year from an independent secondary school in Doncaster. The XP School are very keen on teaching their students about their local community and the history of Doncaster in general. Their focus this time was on the railway industry and so the Friends led the students around the cemetery on a guided walk, visiting the graves of people who worked on the railways and also highlighted how the railways had an impact on Doncaster. The students were able to take grave rubbings and ask questions regarding the cemetery. Due to the success of the visit the XP School have asked if they can be more involved in the Friends group in the future, to which we are delighted with! We'll keep you posted on any further involvement.

