



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.

You can keep up-to-date with all FoHPC activities by visiting www.fohpc.org.uk or at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FoHPC

Guided Walks 2018



We are pleased to announce the details of this year's guided walks, including some new themes and also the return of our annual Bat Walk in August. Please take a look and then come along if you can, to find out some surprising facts about Doncaster's past. All walks are on Sundays at 3pm except for the Bat Walk which will be on a Saturday at 9pm. Further details can be found on our website.

That's Entertainment 13th May

World War One 17th June

Law and Order 22nd July

Bat Walk 11th August, 9pm

Extraordinary Women 9th September

Around the World 16th September

Family Grave Found

Following a telephone call from a lady from Guiseley we were able to meet her and her cousin at the cemetery to show them the graves of two family members. They were delighted to finally be able to pay their respects and we were equally delighted to facilitate the visit.



AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM/Open Meeting in January. Our guest speaker, Lynsey Slater, gave an illustrated talk on *The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry: Stories from the First World War*. It was followed by a look back at our achievements over the last year. We were delighted to have many people attend with some joining our committee! With the addition of more members, we hope to be able to tackle more projects this year that would have been a challenge without more hands.



Wildlife Corner

In a great start to 2018, we were very happy to announce that we had been given a grant by the Greggs Environmental Fund for our 'Wildlife Corner' project. It will transform a corner of the cemetery into a wildlife haven, working in partnership with The Conservation Volunteers - TCV. Work took place in February, with litter and rubbish being cleared and the 120 square metre slope being dug over. Over 100 new wildlife-friendly shrubs were planted. If the new plants have a good spring and summer, we should see much of the slope covered in wildlife-friendly vegetation by the end of this year. Our grateful thanks go not only to TCV, but especially to Greggs Foundation, who funded the project.



Pickering Grave Restoration



We are pleased to announce that the restoration on the Pickering Grave is nearly completed! Our friends from Victoria Cross Trust and Stone Revival continued their work on the memorial to William and Alice Pickering by firstly fixing the stone base and then reconstructing the cross. After this, cleaning of the stonework could commence. The restoration will be completed very soon.

Milestone Achieved

Our Working Morning on Saturday 10th March was a special event as it was our 100th volunteer working session!

We started these sessions in April 2010 and we have not missed a single month since then. Additional to this the Friends have held four other volunteer litter picks that we have done during those years. An amazing achievement!!



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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International Women's Day

On this day (8th March) we remembered three of the many extraordinary women buried in Hyde Park Cemetery whom we have featured on our guided walks. Abiah Higginbottom, Alice Mabel Pickering and Harriet Vernon. We are currently developing a new guided walk to be run later this year focusing specifically on the extraordinary women buried in the cemetery including Alice, Abiah and Harriet. To find out more, please visit us at our website (see below).

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018



A Beautiful Sight!

Below are photographs taken when we had the significant snow fall in March. The cemetery looked stunning and postcard perfect in white!

