

Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery Newsletter



Summer/Autumn 2018

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

*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*

NCS at the Cemetery

This year we were delighted to have groups of young people volunteering at Hyde Park Cemetery. who have been taking part in the Government sponsored National Citizen Service scheme (NCS). In the challenging hot and sunny conditions, the groups that we hosted achieved excellent things, with the cemetery looking much tidier now. Their tasks have included rejuvenating several shrub beds, cutting back plants, weeding, mulching with wood-chip, clearing path edges and litter-picking.

A huge thank you to the youngsters and also to our volunteers for helping supervise the project.



Guided walks off to a good start!



Earlier this year we were pleased to announce the details of this year's guided walks that include some new themes.

We kicked these off with 'That's Entertainment' where we found out about the entertainers of Doncaster including organists, music hall singers and opera singers!

With our next two walks we visited the graves of WW1 personnel and soon after led a walk relating to Law & Order in Doncaster.

We still have more walks to hold so if you would like to come along!

(see details opposite)



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.

Bat Walk

11th August, 9pm

Extraordinary Women

9th September

Around the World

16th September

Sir Charles Norris Nicholson Restoration Appeal

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2018 GRAVE RESTORATION PROJECT Sir Charles Nicholson

Charles Nicholson was a Liberal MP for Doncaster for over a decade, until his sudden death from Pneumonia in 1918.

"It was doubtful whether anyone could have represented the life of the town and neighbourhood for the last 13 years as well as Sir Charles had done."

Charles was a supporter of women's suffrage and worked tirelessly for the rights of disabled ex-soldiers during and after the First World War. On the day of his funeral, Doncaster businesses closed for two hours to allow the townspeople to attend.

We want to restore his grave. Will you donate?

DONATE ONLINE

Visit www.fohpc.org.uk

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Email info@fohpc.org.uk

CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery' with cover note marked Nicholson Grave Restoration. Send cheques to:

Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery
c/o DMBC Bereavement Services
Rose Hill Crematorium
Cantley Lane
Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN4 6NE

For more information
see www.fohpc.org.uk



2018 is celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. To coincide with this milestone the FoHPC have raised an appeal to have the grave of Sir Charles Norris Nicholson restored.

Nicholson was a Liberal MP and a supporter of votes for women. He backed a Bill in the House of Commons in 1908 and 1912 and also alongside this, was a tireless supporter for the rights of disabled soldiers both during and after the First World War.

If you would like to contribute to this project please visit our website or contact us via the information on the back of this newsletter.



International Enquires

One of the lovely things about being involved with Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery is when we help people to find the graves of their loved ones. This often also leads to revealing information about their family history that they were unfamiliar with.

This year we have had a few requests from overseas and one of the graves was of Anthony Steel Caldwell (pictured right). Anthony was from Australia and was killed alongside his pilot in a flying accident at Doncaster Aerodrome.

Anthony's relative contacted the Friends to confirm his place of rest and we were able to send pictures of the grave, alongside the information we had on Anthony at that time.

The family were delighted and subsequently sent us more information on Anthony, including his photograph and a picture of his plane. The family are keen on having his grave restored and are hoping to visit the UK in the near future so hopefully we'll be able to show them around the cemetery and help them with the restoration.



In July the cemetery was visited by a lady who now lives near Nashville, Tennessee, whose grandmother is buried at Hyde Park Cemetery.

We had the privilege of showing her the grave, where not only her mother was laid to rest, but also her infant sister (d.1931, aged 2yrs).



XP School

Earlier in the year the XP School contacted the Friends regarding a project they were doing on the Railways and how they impacted Doncaster's development. The Friends were delighted to help the school and after a few meetings and correspondence our Chair, Andria, met and led groups of children around the cemetery where they visited a number of graves relating to their topic.

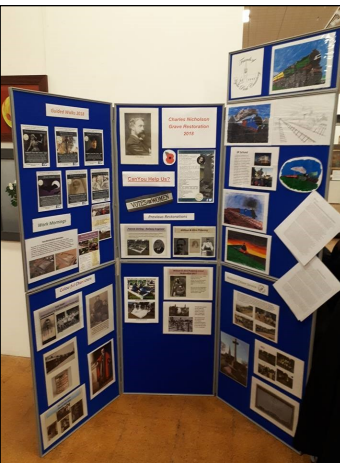
Stories were told to the children and they in turn asked Andria questions about the railways and about the life of the people who worked there. The school was able to get a lot out of the visit and they were able to use this knowledge in a number of subjects including English and Art (some of which are shown below).

Due to the success of the project the school are wanting to run another walk, this time on the subject of WW1 & 2. This project will be run in September so we'll let you know any developments in our next newsletter.

Alongside the walks, the school are keen on improving the wellbeing and fitness of their students and so gardening is one of the things that they have included in their plan. They are passionate on being able to deliver this to students in a community setting rather than just within the school and so we are working alongside DMBC and the XP to find a permanent plot for them to develop. This in turn would then be maintained by their own Duke of Edinburgh gardening club and would be a great opportunity for the Friends to involve the younger generation in maintaining the cemetery.



Doncaster Local History Fair 2018



In April the Friends attended this years Local History Fair which was held at Doncaster Museum. This is always a lovely event to be involved with and a good opportunity for our members to meet other local organisations at the same time. Alongside this it's a great way for our group to advertise ourselves to the wider public and in turn learn more about Doncaster.

The event was well attended and we were able to meet people who had relatives buried in the cemetery, some of whom had very interesting stories to tell!

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