

# Friends Of Hyde Park Cemetery Newsletter

**Summer/Autumn 2019**

**Welcome to our latest newsletter!**

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## **Anthony Steel Caldwell Family Visit**



In our last newsletter we reported that the family of Anthony's were hoping to visit Doncaster from Australia. We are delighted to say that the family visited the cemetery in August.

Committee members gave the family a tour of the cemetery before showing them Anthony's resting place. Anthony was an Airman who was killed in a flying accident at Doncaster Aerodrome in 1917 and this is the first time in over 100 years that any family members have visited the site. The family have kindly shared more information about Anthony and the wider family for our research files including more photographs and stories.

We are very grateful for the family to take time out to visit us and hope that they will be able to visit us in the not too distant future.

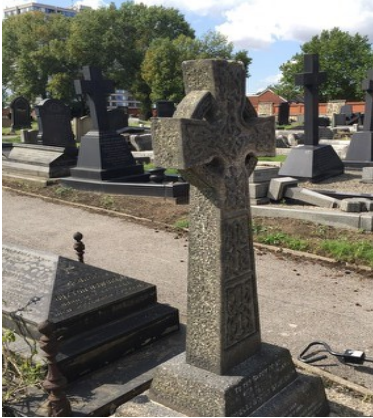


## **Guided Walks 2019**

2019 has been a successful year in regards to the guided walks held at the cemetery. We have seen many new faces attend our events this year and enjoy seeing regular attendees still coming along to support us and learn about the wonderful history within the site. Sadly this year due to poor weather, we had to cancel our annual bat walk held by South Yorkshire Bat Group. We hope that we can deliver this popular walk next year. Again this year we have delivered new themes with the walks including In Name Only and Hidden Meanings and have had positive feedback from these.



## ***Sir Charles Norris Nicholson Restoration Up-Date***

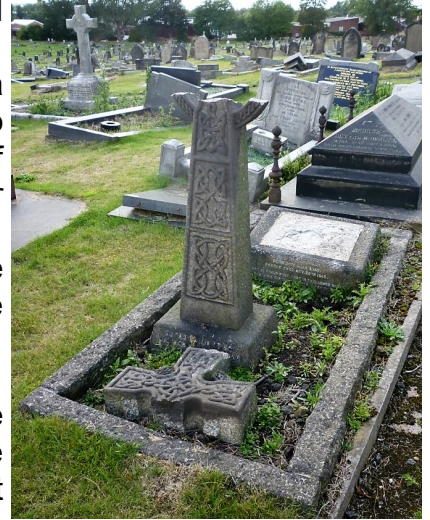


In 2018 an appeal to have the grave of Sir Charles Norris Nicholson restored was launched.

Nicholson was a Liberal MP and a supporter of votes for women and also a tireless supporter for the rights of disabled soldiers both during and after the First World War.

Since the last newsletter, we are delighted to share with you that the restoration is nearly completed!!

The photos here show the grave before the works were started, alongside the most current stage. We are hoping that soon the Nicholson family will be able to visit again to see the grave and of course, we will update you in our next newsletter.



## ***Railway Housing Association 100th Anniversary***

In May the friends were invited to attend an event, celebrating 100 years of the Railway Housing Association. The event was also important to promote Hexthorpe and its links to the Railway and was attended by Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster, Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Rosie Winterton MP, amongst others. One of our committee members contacted Patrick Stirling who is the gt gt grandson of Patrick Stirling and who's family graves were restored in 2012. We were all delighted that Patrick agreed to come along to the event from his home in Cornwall in which he was given the royal visitor treatment!

During his visit in June, he visited Patrick Stirling Court, then onto Wabtec mid afternoon and then was given an excellent tour of the Plant Works by Kristina Bark and Shane Hurley (see photos).



## Suez

Earlier this year we were made aware of a funding opportunity via the Suez Environmental Fund. This is the first time that Suez has run this in Doncaster and our committee members were keen on possibly obtaining some monies to transform the entrance way to the cemetery by using railway sleepers. We were delighted to be successful in our application and committee members attended an award ceremony in Doncaster. The project is well underway and we hope to have this project finished very soon.



## Lots and Lots of Trees!!!



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Another opportunity this year presented itself which again the friends applied for and was successful with. The Woodland Trust are keen on wanting individuals and groups to plant trees in their open spaces and we were delighted to find out that our application for over 200 trees was successful!! These trees are being delivered in November and we are hoping to place them around the cemetery around this time.

We will be needing help with this project so if you can spare an hour or two to help, then please contact the friends on any means shown opposite.