



Monthly News from the Cemetery Friends of Spital Cemetery (FoSC) August 2018

July review and looking ahead.

The Medieval Market in the Market Square in Chesterfield on 24th July was our big event of the month and we launched our Tool House Project which will be our focus for fund raising over the coming months. Thanks to many friends and supporters for coming to the stall and for generous contributions of items which made it such a profitable event. We raised £150.



August looks set to being just as busy. Our Task Team will be getting the paths swept and the cemetery looking its best for our birthday, Cemetery Day on 19th August. This is our 161st Birthday so we hope you can make it. See the flyer below for further details and follow us on facebook and on our website to see updates nearer the date. If you would like to volunteer on Cemetery Day to welcome visitors or serve refreshments we would love some extra pairs of hands. Please email thefriendsofspitalcemetery@gmail.com for more details.

Margaret has organised a programme of themed Cemetery Circular Walks over the summer in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council, featuring some brilliant topics. The Council are keen to promote walking as a way to improve our health. They say "it is a great way for adults to get back into regular exercise - and it's free! You'll feel better both physically and mentally, and you'll meet new people". Margaret's walks are a great progression for anyone who is comfortable with the Cemetery's slopes and wants to learn more about their local history. August details below. All welcome.



The Tool House Project

The Tool House is a small stone building near the chapels in the middle of Spital Cemetery, built at the same time as the Chapels and entrance Lodge in 1857. It was used to store the tools of the grave diggers (Sextons) and gardeners. It has a water supply but no electricity. It has been derelict and boarded up for some years now.

Bereavement Service (Chesterfield Borough Council) have given the Friends of Spital Cemetery permission to seek funds to renovate the Tool House so that we can use it as a hub for our activities, promoting, researching, celebrating Spital Cemetery and where we can

- advertise our work with a notice board
- display information boards about the cemetery



- store gardening tools/materials for events
- have facilities from which to serve refreshments at events/workshops

Many individuals know and feel deeply attached to the cemetery from an emotional family connection to loving this green space where they can walk the dog.

Our varied programme (events, workshops, tours) gives local people opportunities to meet others with like minds and help promote the cemetery and assure its place as an important heritage asset and green space in Chesterfield. A hub of our own will help us in carrying out this work.

Donations for the Tool House Project can be made online through our website DONATE button. I apologise, you may have to reenter the website for the content's list to appear! We are working on it! Or send a cheque to Friends of Spital Cemetery c/o St Leonard's Centre, Valley Road, Chesterfield S41 0HQ. Many thanks in advance.

Liz's recommendation: I'm sure our readers are all aware of the beautiful village next to Chatsworth House, Edensor (pronounced Enza). I love the way the 6th Duke of Devonshire had the whole village, and church, moved by Joseph Paxton and his men so that it couldn't be seen from his house! There is a great cafe in Edensor and the graveyard is worth visiting with monuments to the Cavendish family and many who will have worked on the estate.

Conservation work has just been completed on the stone plaque commemorating the visit President John F Kennedy made to the grave of his sister Kathleen. Their stone conservator has cleaned and stabilised the surface and painted the letters to make the text more legible. Photos before and after.



CEMETERY DAY

19 August 2018, 10 am – 4 pm



Spital Cemetery,
Hady Hill, Chesterfield S41 0DZ

Walks ◦ Tours ◦ Maps ◦ Information
Refreshments

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Please note: Walks may include some uneven surfaces and walkers should be comfortable walking on slopes as Spital Cemetery is a hillside site.

Dates for your August Diary

11th August Task Team 10am - 12.30pm clearing invasive weeds and sweeping paths. All welcome. Meet at the chapels.

12th August General Cemetery Walk 1-2pm meet at the Bottom Entrance

19th August CEMETERY DAY 10am - 4pm

Progression walks are all 90 minutes with half way break for refreshments.

Starting at 2.30pm at the top gates.

12th August - Cemetery Circular Walk - Trees

19th August - Cemetery Circular Walk - Symbols

26th August - Cemetery Circular Walk - Child Mortality



FRIENDS OF SPITAL CEMETERY

In partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council

NEW FOR SUMMER 2018:



Cemetery Circular Walks

Themed walks exploring fascinating aspects of the cemetery and local history

**Sundays at 2.30 pm on selected dates
shown overleaf**

Spital Cemetery, Hady Hill, Chesterfield S41 0DZ

Meet at top entrance, some parking on site or on street, bus stops outside entrance. Walks last approx. 90 mins with a 30 min half way break for refreshments and facilities.



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