

The Arts Society Ebor -Christmas Social Event - Wednesday 11th December 2019

Our venue this year will continue the theme of exploring York's less well-known buildings: York Cemetery Chapel. The Cemetery was opened in 1837, and the Grade 2* listed Chapel was completed in 1838. Designed by James Piggott Pritchett, the Chapel is in a late flowering of the Greek Revival style, based on the Temple of Erechtheus in Athens.



In 1984, a group of local citizens, concerned to see the effects of years of neglect and vandalism, formed The Friends of York Cemetery, in order to save the site and its buildings. The group became York Cemetery Trust (Reg.Charity 1075408), with The Friends of York Cemetery (Reg.Charity 701091) acting as a support, a gardening, and a fund-raising group.

Programme:

4.30pm – Meet at the Chapel. Cemetery Road YO10 5AJ

5pm - Illustrated talk about the history to be given by Clive Dawson, Chairman of The Friends of York Cemetery.

5.30- 6.30pm Refreshments (mulled wine, soft drinks, or choice of beverage, savoury canapes and mince pies) will be served.

During this time there will be an opportunity to view small exhibitions about the history of the Cemetery, and also the work of the volunteer Genealogists who offer their time each Friday at the Gatehouse.

Music will be provided by a local collective – The Chansonniers – Harp, Recorders, Lute, Violas.

Please note: until the proposed visitors' centre is built (next year) **the WC facilities are in a building alongside the Gatehouse, a short walk down the driveway from the Chapel.**

Parking: is restricted to spaces along the driveway, and in front of the Gatehouse. Blue Badge parking has priority in front of the Chapel (which has an access ramp). **Parking assistance provided at the main gate until 5pm** – look out for young groundsman Oliver in hi-vis jacket! If you could lift -share, walk, cycle, bus, or teleport to the Cemetery that would be helpful. Thank you.

Nearest car park – Kent Street (behind the Barbican)- approx. 5mins walk to Cemetery.

Cost: £12.50pp (the same as last year). Guests most welcome at same cost.(No guest fee levied).

Please send cheques made out to The Arts Society Ebor to John Pick, Close House, Kirk Hammerton YO26 8DA or online BACS to HSBC Sort Code 40-47-31 Account 54600754- use your surname and xmas as reference please.

Numbers needed for catering by 15th November 2019 please.