

Cemetery Day in Spital Cemetery, Chesterfield, Derbyshire

19 August 2017



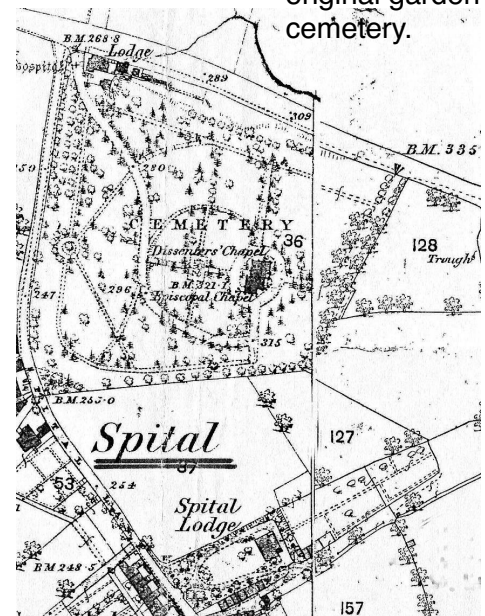
160 years ago on 19 August 1857 Spital Cemetery was opened by The Bishop of Lichfield. Friends of Spital Cemetery welcome you to share our 160th birthday in this beautiful Victorian Garden Cemetery.

Spital cemetery in 1876 showing the layout of the original garden cemetery.

At St Leonard's Mission Room, Valley Road, S41 0HQ
(doors open at 10.45am)
11.00 am opening ceremony performed by Toby Perkins
Chesterfield MP
11.05 - 11.20 Qdos Community Choir performance
11.20 am - 5pm stalls advertising the work of local conservation,
garden and history groups. Refreshments.
7:00 pm (doors open at 6.30) - 9pm Talk
Transformations: Landscape Garden to Garden Cemetery,
by Professor James Stevens Curl

In the cemetery we will be piloting new information boards.
1:00 pm Walk: General Tour of the Cemetery
3:00 pm Walk: Magnificent Cemetery Trees

Spital Cemetery is the oldest public cemetery in Chesterfield and the second oldest in Derbyshire after Derby. The newly established Burial Board had a competition to lay out the cemetery and for the design of the chapels. George Bidlake (1829/30-92) and Henry Lovatt of Wolverhampton were the winning architects and Francis Calvert Gillett (1824-1896) laid out the grounds. He will have followed the fashion of the time to make a place that resembled a garden (Eden) with trees and winding paths to give comfort to people mourning their dead.



Professor Stevens Curl has established an international reputation for scholarship and thorough investigation in little known fields of which 'The Garden Cemetery Movement' is one. Expect to be entertained and informed.

Tickets (for talk only) are available from Liz Cook, Acting Chair FoSC. Please send a cheque to Friends of Spital Cemetery for £10 per ticket to 10 Alexandra Road East, Chesterfield S41 0HF. Please enclose a s.a.e.

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PARKING. Please note that there is no parking for Cemetery Day visitors in the cemetery grounds. There is free street parking in the immediate vicinity. Both the rail station and the centre of Chesterfield are only 10-15 minutes walk away. Regular bus services to Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Clay Cross pass the cemetery gates. (80,80A,48,82,83)

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