

IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH
AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY
OR NIGHT, CONTACT US AT:

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Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to this first edition of **Eric F Box News**, a newsletter written for you by people who know the funeral industry inside out.

Death touches us all at some time in our lives and it is nothing to be ashamed of to understand more about the procedures involved and the aftermath for the bereaved.

This bulletin will try to take the mystery out of the funeral industry, by giving you the facts together with informed professional comment.

Please let us know what you think. Your views are valued and will be acted upon.

Edward Box
Manager



Andrew Box, Richard Box and Edward Box outside the Ossett office

Open in Ossett

Ossett families have a branch of Eric F Box on their doorstep with the opening of a satellite office at Station Road.

Ideally located in the pedestrian area of the town centre, next door to Kendall estate agents, the office is open weekdays and will be staffed by a member of the Box family.

Seminars explore the funeral industry

Eric F Box offer a range of educational seminars for a variety of audiences. These valuable sessions are aimed at increasing understanding of the funeral industry and how to deal with bereavement.

Many workers in the health and care sectors have benefited from attending presentations, which last around two hours.

For more information on these courses please contact us on:

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Box's celebrate crematorium victory

Eric F Box has been at the forefront of the fight to keep open Dewsbury Crematorium.

Local people were outraged last year when it was announced that councillors had placed the crematoria at Dewsbury and Huddersfield under review. But following a six-month campaign headed by the region's funeral directors, councillors have voted to invest £100,000 into Dewsbury Crematorium, securing its immediate future.

A delighted Richard Box said: "We welcome the decision to spend more money on the crematorium. This is long overdue. Amalgamating the two towns' crematoria would have resulted in funerals being delayed and problems for local families having to travel further."

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS...

Civil Funerals

During the last year a new funeral ceremony has been performed across the UK. The Civil Funeral offers an alternative to religious and humanist ceremonies, reflecting the beliefs of the deceased.

A handful of local authorities are able to perform the ceremony – suitable for either a cremation or burial – which can be held at locations other than churches or religious buildings.

The ceremony is designed to express the 'personal spirituality' of the deceased, incorporating favourite readings and music, and can be arranged through a funeral director who will contact a trained celebrant.

Andrew Box said: "This is an ever changing world where we also have civil weddings and baby naming ceremonies. As funeral directors we must be aware of what the public want and do our utmost to meet their needs."

Have you made a will?

It is vital to make a will in order to have control over who should be entitled to your property after your death.

A will is particularly important if you have children or other people who are dependent on you. You can make provision in your will as to who should care for them and to provide for them financially to avoid any dispute or uncertainty that could arise when you die.

It is also very important to remember that if you have a partner, but are not married, the law at present does not attribute to partners the same rights as spouses. If you do not leave a will then on your death your partner may not be adequately provided for.

A will can be useful in mitigating any Inheritance Tax that may be payable in respect of your estate on your death. And your will can make clear any particular wishes you have in respect of your funeral arrangements, such as indicating if you wish to be buried or cremated.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

EDUCATION COURSES:

30th April Ings House, Liversedge

13th May Medico, Dewsbury

15th May Woodlands Care Home, Mirfield

20th May Tri-care group of care homes

3rd June Sunnyside Care Home, Dewsbury

12th June Snapethorpe Hall, Wakefield

13th Sept Eric F Box Open Day