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NEWS

Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to this second edition of Eric F Box News

Our Professional's Corner focuses on the coroner's office which kindly provided us with so much important information that we will feature Part Two in our next edition.

We've seen many changes in the way that funeral directors work and, in keeping with the times, we are pleased to announce the launch of our new website. You can find us on www.eric-box-funerals.co.uk

Many people feel uncomfortable thinking about death so please take some time to visit the website as we think you'll find it very informative and reassuring. As ever, we welcome your comments.


Edward Box

Manager

FOR YOUR DIARY

EDUCATION COURSES:

- 7th Aug** Dewsbury Hospital
- 19th Aug** Kirkgate Surgery, Birstall
- 9th Sept** Tri-care group of care homes at Eric F Box
- 10th Sept** Dewsbury Hospital nursing auxiliary course
- 13th Sept** Eric F Box Open Day
- 25th Sept** Inwood Residential Home presentation
- Sept. - Dec** Dewsbury and Batley district nurses training



Richard Box

Who's who 2003

Eric F Box, this year celebrating 150 years in business, has been named as one of Britain's most successful companies in the prestigious Who's Who of British Business Excellence 2003.

The Box family was surprised and delighted with their accolade as it was completely unexpected. Director Richard Box said of his inclusion: "We were amazed when the book arrived.

We had no idea anything was to appear. Someone who knows us has obviously put our name forward. It's a great honour to be mentioned alongside some of the country's foremost businesses."

Who's Who books are recognised for their accuracy and editorial independence. The book of *British Business Excellence* contains some 10,000 names from all walks of business life.

150...Not Out!

To celebrate our 150th anniversary an open-day will be held at the funeral home on Saturday 13th September, with a display from Victorian times to the present.

A Testimonial

From Joanne Qureshi, Home Manager, Snapethorpe Hall, Wakefield.

I wish to express my thanks to Edward Box for his time and support with regard to seminars held throughout the year for staff of all levels at Snapethorpe Hall. A number of staff have expressed an increased confidence when caring for a resident who is dying or deceased and in particular feel able to communicate with families in a more confident manner.

Information was provided in a very sensitive manner and in an informal setting by way of information and discussion groups which enabled staff to feel relaxed. Most attendees expressed one of the main benefits of the seminar was to dismiss the myths associated with funeral services and explained all concerns and queries in a sensitive but very factual manner.

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS...

Green Funerals

Green - or Woodland Burials - are slowly becoming more popular in our increasingly environmentally conscious society and offer an alternative way of saying goodbye to a loved one.

Instead of the familiar wooden casket, the deceased is buried in a biodegradable coffin made from bamboo, wicker or cardboard and laid to rest in a designated woodland site.

A Minister of the Faith conducts the service where friends and family can choose to sing favourite hymns and songs and read personal poems.

Andrew Box said: "When it comes to funerals people are very uneducated about being environmentally friendly. A person who has been looking after the world while they were living would surely want to be looking after the world when they are gone, so that their children and grandchildren would benefit."

There are nine of these natural sites registered in our region, including York and Skipton.

PROFESSIONAL'S CORNER...

The Coroner

A coroner has legal authority under the Coroner's Act 1988 to order a Post Mortem Examination. The evidence enables the coroner to determine whether a death resulted from natural or unnatural causes. If the latter - or if no cause can be ascertained - the coroner is required to open an Inquest.

An inquest is a fact finding exercise undertaken by the Coroner, in open court, to determine the deceased's identity, and the circumstances surrounding the death.

The coroner will deal with identification evidence at the opening of the inquest and then release the body for the funeral if he is satisfied there is no good reason for its retention. Further evidence is then gathered into the circumstances of the death. Once all the facts have been collated the coroner resumes the Inquest at a later date in order to return his verdict or conclusion. Details are then submitted to the Registrar and the death can be registered.

Dewsbury Coroner's Officers

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