



THE CREMATION SOCIETY

A monthly review of news and events from within the bereavement sector



First Greek crematorium carries out cremation services

Thirteen years after the practice of cremation was legalised in Greece, its first crematorium begins its cremation service.

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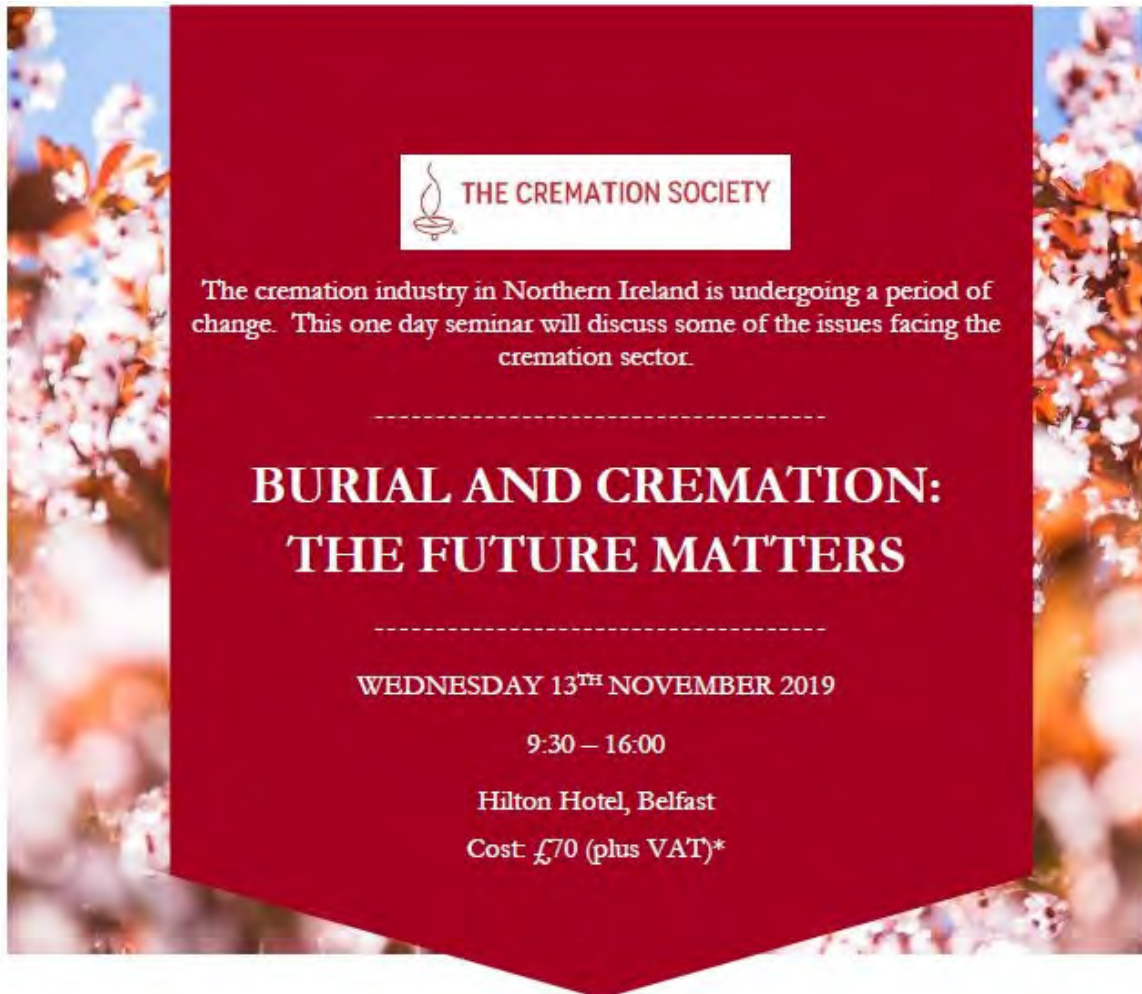
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We are delighted to announce that we will again be holding our annual **Cremation and Burial Communication and Education** event in 2020, with our colleagues at the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities. CBCE 2020 will be held at the Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July. We look forward to another successful event!





CREMATION SOCIETY NEWS



Funerals are changing dramatically, and Northern Ireland is not immune to this. Increased demands for greater choice, a gradual movement away from the ‘traditional’ ceremony, and the growing debate around the environmental impact of funerals will influence burial and cremation here in the future. As calls increase for cremation to be more widely available, we will discuss both the challenges and opportunities that this presents.

The **one-day seminar** will also cover new methods of bodily disposal entering the funeral scene; new technologies; and will address the green burial debate.

For more details on the speakers and to book your place, please **visit our website**.



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SAVE THE DATE!



**Cremation and Burial
Communication and Education
2020**

We are excited to announce that following the great success of this year's CBCE, the Federation and The Cremation Society will, once again, deliver CBCE at the Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July.



For more information, please visit our website www.cbce.org.uk or email us at info@cbce.org.uk



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NEWS REVIEW

CREMATORIA NEWS

Rushcliffe Borough Council's planning inspectorate has granted consent for plans for a new crematorium based at Stragglethorpe near **Cotgrave** despite concerns raised by locals. The planning committee had initially turned down proposals for the site in March 2019 but developers **Mercia Crematoria Developments** launched a successful appeal. For full details, please read the **Nottinghamshire Live article**.

South Lincolnshire Estates and **Lincolnshire Co-op** have lodged an appeal against **North Kesteven District Council's** decision to refuse planning permission for a new crematorium near Thurlby. The developers' appeal will now be heard by the government's planning inspectorate on 3 December. To read more on this development, please visit **The Lincolnite website**.

Grimsby Crematorium could see a new farewell chapel built as part of a new extension to the existing crematorium. Plans unveiled also include facilities for a pet crematorium. The plans follow recently submitted plans for an expansion to double the size of the existing car park. You can read more on the proposals on the **Grimsby Telegraph website**.

Dewsbury Moor Crematorium has reopened following extensive modernisation as part of a £3 million refurbishment of Kirklees crematoria. The improvements include the replacement of outdated cremator equipment, refurbishment of the chapel and improved services for bereaved families. You can find more details on the **Examiner Live website**.



CREMATORIA NEWS

Hambleton District Council have approved proposals to develop a new crematorium on land near **Thirsk**. Councillor Mark Robson said: “This project is a completely new direction for the Council but will be providing an essential service to the people of Hambleton who currently have to travel some miles out of the district, and often endure a considerable wait for appointments, before they can say goodbye to their loved ones.” For more details, please see the **Hambleton Today article**.

Belfast City Council is seeking a design team for a new £15 million crematorium at Roselawn Cemetery. The project, planned to complete in 2024, will deliver a 'modern, state-of-the-art' facility, capable of hosting 4,500 cremations a year. It will feature two 200-capacity chapels, a waiting area, coffee shop, staff accommodation, car parking and landscaping. For more details, please read the **Architects Journal article**.

Arun District Council has refused plans submitted by Landlink Estates, for a crematorium at **Yapton**, on the grounds of road safety. The plans discussed at the committee meeting on 9 October had previously been deferred pending a road safety audit. The Council has previously rejected other plans for a second crematorium near Yapton, submitted by Southern Co-op. Please visit the **Bognor Regis Observer website** for more details.

Yeovil Crematorium will see a total of £750,000 spent in making it more environmentally friendly, after refurbishment work was approved by South Somerset District Council. A Council report stated: "The council is investing £750,000 in the Yeovil Crematorium to ensure compliance with environmental standards. The new cremators...are designed such that the emissions from mercury fillings will be captured by abatement plant, along with particulate and other emissions." For more details, please read the **Somerset Live article**.



CREMATORIA NEWS

A new crematorium planned for the north-east could ease round trips of up to 120 miles which mourners currently have to make for services. **Aberdeenshire Council** have previously approved plans to build a crematorium at the site in **Crimond** but the permission had lapsed. The applicant, **The Firm of N Cowie**, has now lodged new plans with a slightly different layout. The 6.8 hectare facility would include 180 parking spaces at the former airfield. You can read more on this story on the **Press & Journal website**.

Darlington Borough Council is expected to approve a £5 million improvement package for Darlington Crematorium. A review of the facilities was started in 2010 when a feasibility study was carried out while the local authority has been working with Rose Project Management to deliver the scheme. The proposed improvements will be subject to planning permission. More details can be found on the **Northern Echo website**. (Update: the Council approved the improvement scheme in its meeting on 8 October).

Sunderland City Council is considering a £7.5 million scheme to build a new purpose-built crematorium on the site of the existing crematorium, along with extended car parking facilities. The scheme is part of the Council's £200 million 'spending blueprint'. Further details are expected but in the meantime, you can read the story on the **Sunderland Echo website**.

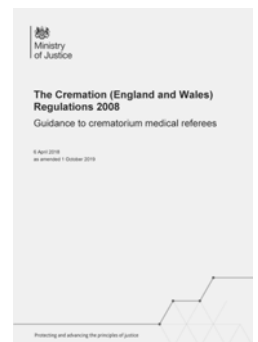
Plans have been submitted to **Eden District Council** for the conversion of a site of farmhouses, into a crematorium. Part of the surrounding land will be used for a burial ground and memorial garden. The plans to convert the site at Ash Hill Farm near Penrith, were submitted by Cumbrian funeral operator **Fishwicks**. You can read more on the **Place North West website**.

GOVERNMENT NEWS

The **Notification of Death Regulations 2019** came into effect on 1 October 2019. The Ministry of Justice has published guidance to assist registered medical practitioners in meeting their duties under the new Regulations. You can find the guidance on the **Gov.uk website**.



The **Ministry of Justice** has updated its guidance on the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 – for **crematorium medical referees and medical practitioners**. You can find both updated guidance notes on the **Cremation Society's website**.



SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

The **Scottish Government** has issued updated guidance on the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and The Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019. The updated guidance includes, amongst other updates, information on the acceptance of forms by electronic transfer. You can find the guidance by visiting the **Cremation Society's website**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thirteen years after the practice of cremation was legalised in **Greece**, the country's first facility has finally carried out its first services. The crematorium has recently opened in Ritsona, north of Athens. Speaking at the facility, the President of the Greek Cremation Society, Antonis Alakiotis hailed the operation as a 'historic event'. You can read more on this on the **Greek Reporter website**.





MEDICAL EXAMINER UPDATE

The **National Medical Examiner** has published his latest update for **September 2019** including further details on the infrastructure and funding of the new scheme. You can read the update on the **NHS Improvement website**.



The Royal College of Pathologists, the leading trainers for the Medical Examiners scheme, has announced the first of its training days for the new role of **Medical Examiner Officer**. The Medical Examiner Officer role will work closely with Medical Examiners and you can find more details on the role and the training on the **RCP website**.

INTERNATIONAL CREMATION FEDERATION NEWS

The Cremation Society was very sorry to learn of the unexpected death of **Henry J Keizer**, the Secretary-General of the **ICF Executive Committee**. Henry contributed towards the work of the ICF with dedication and brought a wealth of knowledge to the organisation. Our Chief Executive, Miriam Deacon, represented the Society at Henry's funeral on Tuesday 15th October.



RADIO, TV AND PODCAST FEATURES

The latest **Funeral Podcast** presented by Nick Britten is recorded from Scotland with discussions held with Scottish funeral directors over the introduction of regulation and the impact on the sector there. You can listen to the latest podcast on the **SoundCloud website**.

BBC Sounds recently featured the **Three Vicars Talking** series presented by Reverends Richard Coles, Kate Bottley and Giles Fraser. In the series, the Reverends discuss birth, marriage and death. You can listen to their experiences and tales about death, via the **BBC Sounds website**.

DIRECTORY OF CREMATORIA 2019 EDITION

Our annual **Directory of Crematoria** is now available to **purchase**. Please **click here to order your copy online**.

The Directory is considered to be the 'go-to' source of information on crematoria in Great Britain.

The Directory contains:

- full details on crematoria in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland including details of ownership, full contact details, chapel capacity, largest acceptable coffin sizes, disabled facilities etc.
- statistics on the progress of cremation in the United Kingdom since 1885
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- facts and figures; cremation comparisons
- table of cremations (showing number of cremations carried out in each crematoria for previous year and since opening)
- building cost, architects information
- guidance on the siting and planning of crematoria

The 2019 edition of the **Directory of Crematoria** will be available from the end of October. The Directory is produced in a clear, concise, easy-to-use A4 hard-copy format. It comes in a choice of red, blue or black binder or as an insert only. Over 100 pages of information checked and updated annually, this publication is invaluable for anyone associated with or interested in the cremation movement.

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