



THE CREMATION SOCIETY

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



Competition and Markets Authority

The CMA has published updates on its Funerals Market investigation.

For more details, please see page five.

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The Christmas season is upon us and we have a brief round-up of news from across the sector for you this month.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing what the New Year has in store!





CREMATION SOCIETY NEWS

In January, we will be posting out our **annual cremation statistics form** and questionnaire to crematoria. Your assistance with this is really appreciated and if the forms be returned as soon as possible, that would also be very helpful. If you have any feedback on the forms, please do let us know as we would like to try to make the process as easy as possible for you.



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Could you please complete these forms and return to the above address or e-mail to info@cremation.org.uk

NATIONAL CREMATION STATISTICS 2019

Name of Crematorium: _____

Number: _____

NUMBER OF CREMATONS

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31 st December 2019	(a)	_____
The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31 st December 2018	(b)	_____
TOTAL CREMATIONS for the year 2019	[(a) – (b)]	ic _____
How many of the cremations for 2019 were 'direct/unattended' cremations (if known)?		_____

DISPOSAL OF CREMATED REMAINS FOR THE YEAR 2019

1. Strewn in the grounds of this crematorium _____
2. Interred in the grounds of this crematorium _____
3. Placed above ground at this crematorium _____
4. Removed from this crematorium _____
5. No collectable remains obtained _____
6. Awaiting instructions for disposal _____

TOTAL [Should agree with **ic** above] _____

OTHER CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2019

(Not to be included in the above figures)

1. The number of individual fetal cremations that you carried out at your crematorium during the the last calendar year (2019) _____
2. The number of shared coffins containing fetal remains that were cremated at your crematorium during the last calendar year (2019) _____
3. The total number of individual fetuses (if known) that were contained within the shared cremations (Question 2) that you carried out at your crematorium in the last calendar year (2019) _____

This is essential for us to be able to accurately record the number of fetal remains cremated each year and to compare this figure with the total fetal losses occurring in the UK during the same period.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and position of Signatory (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE): _____

Telephone number in case of any queries: _____

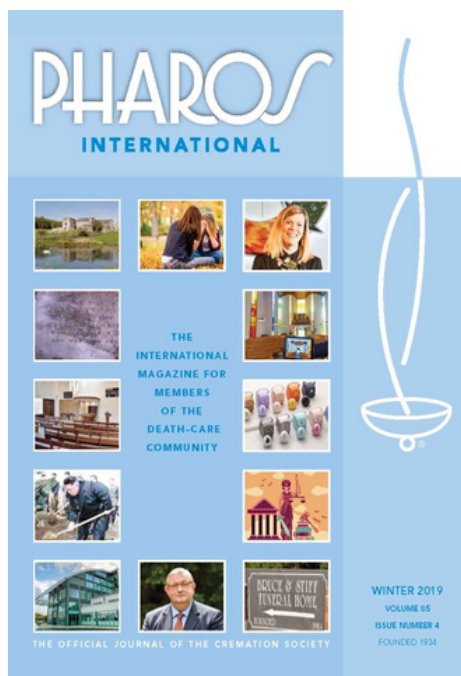


CREMATION SOCIETY NEWS

The Winter issue of *Pharos International* is now available to purchase. This issue's articles include:-

- 'Who was Mrs Pickersgill, the first person to be cremated at Woking?' - article by Brian Parsons
- CBCE 2019 speaker presentation - Steven Wibberley - Chief Executive of Cruse Bereavement Care - '60 years of supporting bereaved people'
- CBCE 2019 speaker presentation - Update by Judith Bernstein OBE, JP, MA (Oxon), LL.M - Joint Head of the Coroners, Burials, Cremation and Inquiries Policy Team, Ministry of Justice
- National and international cremation news
- Crematoria planning updates

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NEWS REVIEW

CREMATORIA NEWS

New Milton Town Council's Planning Committee has agreed to recommend New Forest District Council approve the proposal to build a multi-million-pound crematorium on green belt in the New Forest. **Westerleigh Group** has applied for planning permission to construct a 130-seat facility on farmland off Stem Lane in New Milton, which will hold about 1,200 services a year. The Planning Committee voted unanimously to support the application, which is soon to be decided by New Forest District Council. For more on this development, please read the **Daily Echo article**.

More than £1.5m is set to be spent on overhauling **Whitley Bay Crematorium** after North Tyneside Council gave its approval to the upgrade. A report from the Council's Department of Environment Housing and Leisure said the two cremators at the crematorium are almost 20 years old and "approaching the end of their economic life". An extensive programme of works costing more than £1.5m is needed with two existing cremators being replaced with one larger 'mercury abatement' cremator. A new vehicle exit will be built in the cemetery to create a one-way system for traffic. For more on this story, please visit the **Chronicle Live website**.

A Government planning inspector has given the green light to a crematorium in Lach Dennis but says landscaping plans require a rethink. **The Birches Remembrance Park and Crematorium** was rejected by Cheshire West and Chester Council in 2012 but later approved on appeal. In 2016, a landscaping plan was approved – but the Council and residents say this and other approved aspects were not adhered to. However, Planning inspector Hilda Higenbottam concluded: "The building as built, and the car park layout are acceptable and should be approved. However, the changes to the levels, the hard and soft landscaping are unacceptable and so the relevant conditions remain unchanged." For more details, please read the **Northwich Guardian article**.



GOVERNMENT NEWS

The **Competition and Markets Authority** has published a number of updates on its **Funerals Market Investigation**. The administrative timetable has been updated and the CMA has released its summaries of hearings/roundtable meetings, together with its approach to the valuation of crematoria land. Please visit the **Gov.uk website** to read the updates.



INTERNATIONAL CREMATION FEDERATION

We are delighted to report that The Cremation Society's Chief Executive, Miriam Deacon, has been elected as Vice-President of the **International Cremation Federation** on 22nd November at their General Council Meeting held in Paris. Miriam succeeds Rick Powell, former Executive Officer of the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA). For more details about the ICF please visit their website

www.int-crem-fed.org





AND FINALLY...

How much do you know about **Dr William Price**, the Welsh Druid pioneer of cremation? Without a doubt a fascinating character and now one brought to life in a 'musical odyssey' by Jon Tregenna, creator of '**Hail Cremation!**'

Advertised on the **National Theatre Wales website**, 'this psychedelic fusion of live music, dance and video, will take you on a riotous journey to celebrate the life of one of Wales' most visionary radicals – Dr William Price'.

For more information on the production which will take place from 23 March - 4 April 2020 at Newbridge Memo, Newbridge, please visit the **National Theatre Wales website**.



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