



IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH
AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY
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NEWS

Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of Eric F Box News, the newsletter put together by some of the country's leading experts from the UK funerals industry.

Eric F Box is now in its 151st year with the sixth generation of the family continuing a tradition that stretches back to 1853. As a company we remain dedicated to the principles, values and benefits of the traditional funeral, values that first took shape with the company's founder Edwin Box himself.

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult times in anyone's life, which is why the firm devotes much of its time to providing a full aftercare service including bereavement counselling and support groups.

If you are struggling to come to terms with a loss, please do contact us. We will be only too happy to help.

Edward Box
Manager

DID YOU KNOW?

Many people think we only bury the dead but most of our time involves dealing with the living – visiting, consoling, counselling, advising and organising. A funeral only takes a few hours but every death accounts for 45 working hours on average.

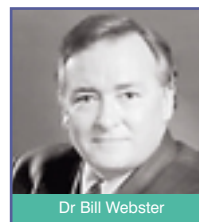
Expert Help In Times of Need

Internationally acclaimed bereavement counsellor, Dr Bill Webster visited Eric F Box this autumn as part of a whistle stop tour of the UK.

The bereavement expert led a presentation for local people whose lives had been affected by grief. Using a unique blend of personal experience and academic education, Dr Bill Webster, who has conducted seminars and

educational programmes worldwide, fascinated his audience.

He produces and hosts a television programme in Canada, entitled 'Living with Loss'; is the founder of the Centre for the Grief Journey and the author of books, articles



Dr Bill Webster

and videos. Richard Box of Eric F Box said:

"We were delighted by the visit. It was a chance for families who needed help to meet one of the world's leading grief experts."

Dr Webster's visit inspired the formation of the START bereavement group (Support for Today And Reassurance Tomorrow) in North Kirklees.

A Landmark Day At Eric F. Box

Nearly 200 people visited Eric F Box's bereavement home when it opened its doors to visitors recently in celebration of 150 years in the business

Displays of funeral effects and memorabilia from Victorian Times, through to the present day, went on show to a curious public, a horse drawn hearse and a motorised version from the 1930's being just two of the more unusual items on display.

There were also archives from the local area and a few eyebrows were raised by the display of bamboo coffins, which are becoming increasingly popular among environmentally conscious people eager to have 'green' funerals.

Manager Edward Box said: "It was a very successful day. People could have their questions answered and learn about the way death was perceived in a bygone age.

"It also gave people the chance to meet and question staff and find out about the more unusual aspects of our service including pre-paid and green funerals."

START To Help



We are pleased to announce that people in North Kirklees suffering the loss of a loved one now have a major new facility to help them through their sorrow.

Support for Today and Reassurance for Tomorrow (START) Bereavement Group is a brand new initiative for the local community. It runs specialist courses for anyone who is struggling to come to terms with a bereavement. Providing a safe and caring environment where people can express and share their emotions and pain, START is totally voluntary, free of charge and open to anyone in North Kirklees.

Managed by Eric F Box, the courses, led by Polly Bennett, who is highly qualified in bereavement support, are held in the evenings in comfortable surroundings at the Oakwell Centre at Dewsbury and District Hospital. Refreshments are provided.

If you would like to book a place on a future course or for further information contact Polly Bennett on **01924 465402**.

PROFESSIONAL'S CORNER...

The Coroner

(...Part two).

A Coroner may order a Post Mortem when a Doctor is unwilling or unable to issue a Death Certificate.

A Doctor is required to state to the best of his knowledge and belief the cause of death. If he is unable to, has not treated his patient in his last illness (within the preceding fourteen days) or seen the patient after death, then the death must be referred for investigation to The Coroner.

Deaths in hospital are referred when a patient dies less than 24 hours after admission to hospital, whether cause of death is known or not.

The Coroner is also contacted when a patient has been in hospital for longer than 24 hours, dies and the cause of death is unknown or when death follows recent surgery or other procedure.

This detail has been prepared by The Dewsbury Coroner's Office, with the full approval of The Coroner for West Yorkshire (Western) District.

Dewsbury Coroner's Officers

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