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Welcome to your newsletter

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

For many years Eric F Box has considered that bereavement education should be high up on the schools' agenda. It is currently researching recent studies in this area by The Rowntree Trust in York, and the Open University, and in this edition, we include a section on how we currently support children through bereavement.

Eric F Box is one of the longest established funeral directors in Yorkshire. It is committed to supporting individuals, families and the local community, not only with the highest standard of funeral service, but also with support for the bereavement process.

If we can assist you in any way, please contact us. We will be only too happy to help.



Here Comes The Bride

The wedding bells have been ringing for one of the Box family this summer. Eric F. Box's general manager, 29 year-old Edward, has tied the knot with his long-time fiancée, Sharon, 30, in May.

The wedding nuptials took place at All Saints Church, Batley, following which Sharon and Edward celebrated at Oulton Hall.

Tissue Donation - A Life Changer

You may have heard how donated organs, such as hearts and kidneys, save lives. However, you may not know that by donating tissues you can dramatically improve the quality of life for recipients.

Some tissues, such as bone, can be donated during life and bone grafts can restore health and mobility to many patients. However, most tissues are donated after death.

The tissues donated by one donor may enable up to 50 people to benefit from transplant surgery. For example, skin can help the lives of severely burned victims and heart valves can save the lives of those suffering from

diseased or damaged valves. Some people decide to become a tissue donor during their lifetime by joining the organ donor register and carrying a donor card. However, many people can be considered for tissue donation following death.

Tissue can be donated up to 24 hours after death and heart valves can be donated up to 72 hours after death. Tissue co-ordinators give families all the information they require at this time.

For further information in the Dewsbury area, please contact the tissue viability team at **Dewsbury District Hospital on 01924 512000.**

Funerals From Around The World: Mormonism



Joseph Smith

Founded by Joseph Smith in 1830, Mormons consider genealogy part of their mission and have the world's most extensive records.

They run over 4 000 family history centres in more than 88 countries and the Mormons have also developed the International Genealogical Index (IGI) database. The IGI contains around 600 million names of deceased individuals and is free to access via the Family Search website – www.familysearch.org Mormons believe that humans can become gods in the afterlife. They also prefer to bury their dead rather than cremate them. As Mormons believe that families will be reunited after death, the natural grief at funerals is tempered with certainty and hope of what is to come.

TV Has Grave Concerns

Do you remember the Yorkshire-based 1970's/80's series "In loving memory?"



In Loving Memory

It starred Thora Hird as Ivy Unsworth, the wife of an undertaker who dies, leaving her to run the business with her hapless nephew, Billy.

Since then, television has lost none of its grave concerns. It continues to produce programmes about death and funeral directors, which succeed in treading the fine line between

comedy and tragedy. The award-winning American series, "Six feet under," has fascinated people with the fictional life of the Fisher family who are funeral directors.

"William and Mary," starring Martin Clunes as the undertaker William, is currently hugely successful and if you wanted to watch a real-life "Six feet under," the recent six part documentary series, "Don't drop the coffin," introduced the world of the UK funeral directors, F.A. Albin and Sons.

Even the rock band Oasis has got in on the act. The video for their new single features a funeral director high-kicking his way through a New Orleans funeral procession. What next? "One foot in the grave?" Now there's a good TV programme....



A Century Of Birthdays

This year the National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD) proudly celebrates a century of service to funeral directors and their clients.

As the funeral industry's longest established trade association, the NAFD represents the interests of funeral directors who conduct 85% of UK funerals – equivalent to 500 000 funerals every year. The NAFD drives the debate on key issues affecting both the industry and the bereaved and its lion logo is acknowledged as a "kite mark" of quality assurance, guaranteeing the highest standards. Eric F Box has been a member of the NAFD since around 1930. Richard Box was President of the Yorkshire Association from 1995 - 1996 and his father, Eric, was President from 1951-1952.