



Summer Open Day

We held our Open Day on Saturday 18th August 2018 and were amazed at the turnout. We had over 80 people on the day, which surpassed all expectations

Martin did a tour of the historical graves in the Victorian Cemetery and by all accounts did a terrific job. Whilst Dave did the crematory tour which was really well attended. We put on a lovely spread, with Purple Angel supplying beautiful homemade cakes, all finished off with a glass of prosecco. A big thank you to my team for giving up their Saturday to ensure this day went off well.

A House Through Time

In August 2018 we were contacted by the BBC in connection with a programme they were making for their series 'A House Through Time'. For one episode they wanted to film in our Victorian Cemetery. After discussion we set a date and the big day arrived. Dave went over to meet them and was greeted by the presenter David Olusoga. He then went on to be interviewed for the programme. You may have seen the episode which aired in February, but if not, take a look on www.bbc.co.uk.

2018 Christmas Memorial Service

On December 5th 2018 we held our Christmas Memorial Service, and had our largest turnout so far with over 100 attending. A choir welcomed us with Carols and also performed a medley half way through the service. Our raffle raised over £400 for chosen charity The Purple Angel and we were also able to present them with £3000 from our metal recycling scheme. A Purple Angel representative gave a moving speech on the trials of dealing with dementia, then we sang a few rousing carols and finished off the event with mince pies and sherry. Overall it was a wonderful evening.



The Purple Angel

Torbay Improvements

NEW BABY AREA - Our traditional baby graves were full so we had to make a decision as to what to do next. We decided to create an area that is maintenance free, and have flagged and chipped a bespoke area in the old cemetery. To date this has proved to be very successful.



Charity News

OUR CHOSEN CHARITY FOR 2019

This year we have chosen to support Rowcroft Hospice, a charity committed to making every day the best possible for people living with life-limiting illnesses across South Devon, and to providing comfort and support to families coping with the hardest days. Their team of doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, bereavement counsellors and support staff work tirelessly for 2000 patients and families every year. More than 70% of their funding comes from the generosity of the community, without whom they would not be able to afford to fund their services.

With the population growing & living longer, more people are likely to need help each year. Rowcroft aims to increase their provision to be able to support 1 in every 2 South Devon people with a life limiting illness by 2023, & 2 in 3 by 2030.

Most of their work is delivered in the community, in peoples homes, residential homes & hospitals. For patients with more complex needs they have specialist inpatient and outpatient units set within 22 tranquil acres of garden & woodland.

We are really excited to be able to assist Rowcroft in 2019. A high percentage of the money we raise each year for charity comes from our metal recycling scheme but we also hope to undertake other fundraising activities during the year, including our annual Christmas Memorial Carol Service.



Memorialisation Update

Torbay Crematorium are excited to announce the launch of a new memorial range giving families the opportunity for a truly bespoke and personal memorial to their loved ones. Ashes with Art are a family run business with 15 years' experience and has joined the Torbay Team to provide this high quality memorialisation. Their processes allow for ashes to be fused in to specialist glass and create either Jewellery or wall mountable art. If further information is required please contact the Torbay team who will be happy to assist you.



ASHES WITH ART

CREMATION JEWELLERY AND GLASS ART MEMORIALS



Westerleigh Group News

Torquay Cemetery & Crematorium is part of the Westerleigh Group. Westerleigh operates 34 sites across the breadth of the UK. Over the past 2 years we have opened five new crematoria at Babworth Crematorium, North Wiltshire Crematorium, The Vale Crematorium (Evesham), Aylesbury Vale Crematorium and Stirlingshire Crematorium.

We strive to deliver the very best standards of support and care for the families who come to us - and work in partnership with our Funeral Directors to be able to deliver this. Our colleagues who work in our sites, in our opinion, are the most passionate and dedicated in the industry.



Please visit our Facebook page for the most up to date news from the team at Torbay Cemetery & Crematorium.