



Dear Member

RE: Eastern Branch Meeting, Saturday 27th April 2019

I am pleased to invite you to the next meeting of the Eastern Regional Branch. It will take place on Saturday 27th April 2019 at Westerleigh's Cam Valley Crematorium, Field Farm Drive, Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, CB10 1FE. For directions and those using Sat Navs, please link to www.multimap.co.uk or www.greenflag.co.uk.

The Cam Valley Crematorium is set "discreetly into the natural contours of the land", with stunning views over the surrounding countryside and is conveniently situated just off the A11. The chapel seats 100 people with enough standing area to accommodate large numbers of mourners, when required. There is parking for up to 90 cars and the facility is set amid large areas of lawns and planting. Planning permission was granted by Uttlesford District Council in April 2016, with work on the site commencing soon after, and completion in late 2017 – the opening took place in January 2018. The Chapel is light and airy, offering long views across the countryside beyond and has been equipped with a state-of-the-art digital media system giving access to an infinite choice of music as well as a traditional organ. "A webcast is available for those who cannot attend, with a live on-line screening possible for anyone across the world." Service times are at hourly intervals allowing adequate time for a personal funeral to commemorate loved ones. The crematory is equipped with the latest cremator and filtration equipment to ensure the crematorium is one of the cleanest facilities of its kind and meeting the latest emission Regulations.

The Westerleigh Group manages 30 crematoria around the UK located from Scotland to Cornwall and in 2017 carried out over 40,000.00 cremations.

I have arranged for members and their guests to receive a tour of Ashdon Village Museum, which houses an early hand bier and coffin – an item of interest for some, I'm sure! On our return to the Crematorium Alan or his representative will show you round their facility, followed by a buffet lunch, kindly sponsored by James Crossland (MD) of Obitus music, who is also the keynote speaker, talking about how to get the most out of your AV. The day will conclude with the regional meeting, chaired by Alan Jose (stepping in), due to the recent departure of Steve Kemp. We look forward to receiving any topics you wish to be placed on the agenda and look forward hearing the sharing of our experiences and future ideas...

Please RSVP by Friday **15/04/2019** to the bereavement services team via enquiries@nenevalleycrematorium.co.uk or 01933 229660.

We look forward to hearing from you and will circulate the agenda prior to the meeting.

With very best regards

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