ICCM South Eastern Branch Meeting Saturday 7th June 2014

An invitation from Steve Pearce, Company Director of The Southern Co-operative, SE Branch Chairman Linda Barker and ICCM President Roddy McGinley to The Oaks Havant Crematorium

One of the UK’s most recently opened crematoria, The Oaks Havant – owned and operated by The Southern Co-operative – is set in 8.5 acres and surrounded by ancient semi-natural woodland and a wildflower meadow. Sensitive designed to create a space that is relevant for all cultures, ages and beliefs it is a tranquil sanctuary inspired by its natural setting, and just 10 miles from Portsmouth city centre.

Low level oak cladding and flint walls combine with a green ‘living’ sedum roof giving the building the appearance of rising from its wildflower meadow setting whilst providing additional green habitat for wildlife. The hall can accommodate up to 200 people able to view the ancient woodland through six metre high windows across a private planted courtyard. Built to the highest environmental standards, the facility employs the latest techniques in cremation and clean technology to prevent pollution to the air and the surrounding environment.

Music is available from the Wesley system, a digital organ or piano whilst visual life tributes of video, photos and music can be shown on multimedia screens. Family and friends in the UK or elsewhere who can’t make the funeral can view the service via a securely transmitted web cast. All of the audio visual services can also be recorded.

Come and view this superb facility in the company of your professional colleagues. The meeting starts at 11.00 hrs and closes at 15.00 hrs;

• take a guided tour of the beautiful gardens, wildflower meadow and the different memorial options available,
• enjoy refreshments and a buffet lunch courtesy of our hosts,
• listen to the President’s Address to Branch by Roddy McGinley,
• guest speaker Ken Newman, a Southern Co-operative funeral director based in Portsmouth, will talk about the fascinating subject of burial at sea,
• an opportunity for lively debate on current issues, or those you would like to raise.

Numbers are limited so don’t miss the opportunity to visit this innovative crematorium. RSVP by Monday 26th May to the Branch Secretary Natasha Bradshaw; natasha@mortlakecrematorium.org