ICCM South Eastern Branch Meeting Saturday 14th November 2015

The only way is Essex - an invitation from Linda Barker, SE Branch Chairman

Our first stop is Ashes Into Glass, Barleylands Glassworks, Barleylands Road, Billericay, CM11 2UD.

(For directions and those using Sat Navs, please link to www.maps.google.com or www.multimap.co.uk and use the postcode CM11 2UD.)

Then on to South Essex Crematorium, Ockendon Road, Corbets Tey, Upminster, RM14 2UY.

Ashes into Glass is situated in Barleylands Craft Village. There are more than 60 individual craft workshops, beautifully landscaped courtyards and a children’s adventure playground.

The Ashes into Glass story dates back to 1979 in North London when founders James Watts and Bill Rhodes met at school, aged 12. They shared a love of craft and making things and, in 1996, founded their own specialist workshop.

Ashes into Glass was born in 2006 when a client enquired as to the possibility of incorporating her mother’s ashes into glass as a memorial to her life. The company has a simple ethos: provide the very finest products and quality to their clients and their good name will spread.

After the tour of Ashes into Glass we travel to the London Borough of Havering’s South Essex Crematorium, which is about 10 miles away. The Crematorium opened in 1957 and visitors are able to wander freely through the peaceful grounds where the tasteful architecture provides a welcoming atmosphere.

A buffet lunch will kindly be supplied by South Essex Crematorium before we are given a guided tour giving us all a chance to look at the memorials on offer. At the Branch Meeting we will hear about the authority’s income-raising ideas.

Natasha Bradshaw, from Mortlake Crematorium, will also speak about other new ways to improve your income.

Timetable

10:00 Members and guests assemble at Ashes into Glass, tea and coffee
10:30 Tour of Ashes into Glass
11:30 Leave to travel to South Essex Crematorium
12:00 Lunch kindly supplied by South Essex Crematorium
12:45 Tour of South Essex Crematorium
13:45 Branch meeting and presentations
15:30 Close of meeting

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