

Welcome to the first Forest of Dean Crematorium Autumn Newsletter.

This letter provides a bit of news and information on what has been happening at the Forest of Dean Crematorium and any up and coming events.

Site Improvements

As you are all well aware since the start of 2017 there has been some changes that have happened on site that I would like to inform you all about.

In July 2017 after speaking with the landlords for 5 months, we were given the go ahead to tarmac the large carpark situated at the front of the site, this was funded by Westerleigh. It was seen to be in the best interest of all visitors having a stable parking area and also to be white lines in September for more parking spaces.

With this project we decided to also get the small rear carpark tarmacked, new pathways put in the memorial grounds , dropped kerbs in the GOR for wheelchair access and also new fencing around the GOR.

Along with a brand new relined cremator; which was also done in the 10 day timescale, these improvements have already been the subject of approval and dedication to the standard in which we thrive to achieve.

In the near future, we are hoping to continue the progression of the site and maintain our high standards.

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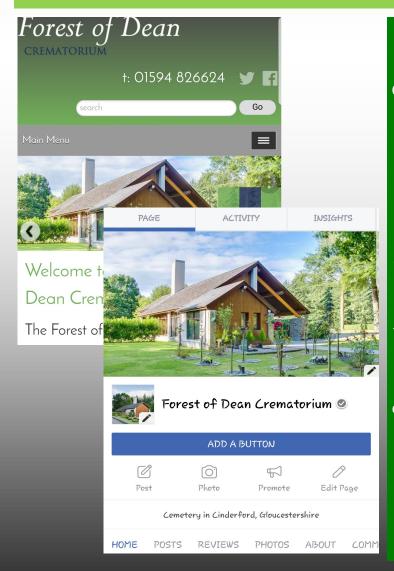
Staff Changes

As you know for 8 months now the site has been operating with just Myself and Gerald, but from the 4th September we will have a new member of the team in the form of Jeremy Roach. Jed has come from the Funeral Industry being a Bearer with TJ David & Sons in Newport for 8 years and with this has lots of experience under his belt in this industry. He has recently moved to the Monmouthshire area and is very much looking forward to starting with us.

Also with our new sister site Langstone Vale in Newport opening up at the end of the year, we have been given the opportunity to train the team. Mike will be starting his training with us on the 29th August. Mike is joining us from Barry Crematorium, he also lives 5 minutes away from our sistering site so perfect location for him.

So id like to say a big hello and welcome to the Westerleigh Family!!

I would also like to wish Gerald a Happy Westerleigh 1st Birthday!! For the 24th October



Website and Facebook

As of December 2016 The Forest of Dean Crematorium Website was given a revamp. It is now updated regularly with snippets of news and other events.

With the new revamp of the website, a lot of interest was being show to all Westerleigh Crematorium and the work involved. It was decided upon this information to create a Facebook page for all Westerleigh Crematoria to showcase all the community work we do, to give daily updates if needed on important information and to be a general quick support to whom ever needed it.

With all that I have mentioned above families can see what the Crematorium looks like inside and out and what kind of services and information we can provide.

Please feel free to like our page on Facebook and thank you to all the support to which has currently been given.

Annual Remembrance Service

The Forest of Dean Crematorium in partnership with Mid Counties Co- operative Funeralcare invites you to the Annual Remembrance Service to be held at the Forest of Dean Crematorium on Friday 1nd December 2017 at 7.00pm. It is a chance for you to remember loved ones you have lost and to place a tag on the Remembrance Tree.

Light refreshments are provided after the service.



Site News—5k Race for Life



In June our part time organist Andrea Williams set herself a challenge.

The challenge was to join and complete a 5k Race for Life in Cheltenham to help raise money for Cancer Research.

Andrea trained every day after work, the school run and even before work.

All this hard work paid off on June 2017 when she completed the Race for Life and was greeted by her smiling children at the finish line.

Andrea raised a total of £270 for what we think is an amazing cause, and she said this couldn't have been done without the support of everyone who sponsored her.

So thank you to everyone that helped push Andrea to achieve her challenge and for all the kind support given to the charity.

Seeing Andrea achieve this challenge......

She has committed herself into doing the 10k Race for Life next year.....

And has also volunteered myself to join her!!!

Best get training!! - Hannah



Opening Times

Office	Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm
Grounds	Winter 8.30am – 5.00pm
	Summer 8.30am – 8.00pm





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Directions

Please select Yew Tree Lodge on a Sat Nav if prompted

From Gloucester

Head towards A48 towards Chepstow through village of Westbury, turn right at petrol station towards Cinderford on the B4226 through village of Littledean at top of hill take left fork signed Coleford B4226, stay on road for 2 miles past the Dilke hospital on the right hand side 150 yards just over bridge the crematorium is on the left hand side.

From Chepstow

On A48 towards Gloucester head in to lydney town take the B4234 towards Cinderford / Speech House hotel, follow road until main cross roads turn right on to B4226 towards Cinderford stay on road for 2 half a miles past the Speech House hotel, crematorium is then on the left hand side 1 mile past the hotel.

From Monmouth

Head towards Gloucester an the A4136 from the Monmouth bridge, stay on road until a set of traffic lights take the right turn signed Coleford. Once in Coleford and 4 way lights turn left straight on for half a mile take right turn signed Cinderford stay on road for approx 5 miles past the Speech House hotel and crematorium is on the right.