

Launch of New Pooja Room

Great Glen Crematorium conducts many services and of these about 1 in 4 are Hindu Services. The Hindu Tradition is that the deceased is taken home one final time where a Pooja ceremony takes place with the Priest and close family members. During this time the coffin is opened and food and other offerings are made to the deceased with prayers before the coffin is closed again. However more and more now this service is being conducted in the Crematorium Chapel.



Following consultations with the community a decision was made to create a purpose built building for the Pooja Ceremony to take place in. This not only gives a more private venue for the families and better washing facilities, but keeps the main chapel free for more services.

Following the Pooja ceremony the family will now carry the coffin from the Pooja Building over to the main Chapel for a committal service before they witness charging the coffin.

The mourners will then at this point vacate the chapel and go back over to the Pooja building where the family will receive the mourners and pray and give offerings to Lord Shiva. Again this frees up the main chapel for another service to continue.



GIFT OF LORD SHIVA STATUE

Local businessman Mr Raja has kindly donated a White Marble Lord Shiva to sit outside the Pooja building.

The main launch for this new facility, which is the first of its kind in the UK and Europe, was on Saturday the 2nd of February.

Many hundreds attended on the day for the blessing of the building and of the Statue of Lord Shiva.



Our chosen charity for 2019 - The Laura Centre

Although we live in a protected society in the sense that childhood death is no longer a common occurrence, the fact still remains that some children do die. The lives of the families left behind are shattered and relatives are left with thoughts such as... "why has this happened to us; why didn't I die instead of him; I'm so frightened, life has no meaning anymore; I feel so alone-nobody understands; I feel as though I am going mad; what would they be doing now; I just ache to hold her in my arms".

Children grieve too. Bereaved children and young people can experience an array of feelings which can impact on their general emotional and mental health wellbeing. The Laura Centre is a professional bereavement service providing a safe, friendly and inclusive environment, with a mix of qualified and trained visiting counsellors. We will donate to the centre with money from the recycling of metals again this year.



New Digital Book of Remembrance

Great Glen has recently taken delivery of a new digital version of the Book of Remembrance. This is situated on the wall of the waiting room. For the first year entries into this book will be free of charge. So if you make an entry this year then you will not be charged next year. To make an entry into the book please visit the main office at Great Glen and we will be happy to make the entry with you.



Christmas Memorial Service

On Saturday the 1st of December Great Glen Crematorium held its first Memorial service in the chapel. Invitations went out to families that had lost loved ones and had held services at Great Glen and to Families that had purchased Memorials. The service was well received and involved readings, poems and Carols and a young lady Sophie sang two solo songs for us with her angelic voice. The congregation were invited to light a candle and say a private prayer.

Everyone that attended was very moved and they are looking forward to the next one.

Memorialisation Update

Great Glen 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 Great Glen Crematorium 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 us and we will be happy to assist you.



ASHES WITH ART

CREMATION JEWELLERY AND GLASS ART MEMORIALS



Westerleigh Group News

Great Glen 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.



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