

### **Do you have any poems I may be able to use at the funeral?**

The Hospice has published a book of readings and poems entitled 'Beyond the Rainbow'. Copies are available at the Hospice reception.

### **What if I want donations from the funeral to come to the Hospice?**

The hospice would be grateful for any donations and have produced a leaflet entitled 'Donations in Lieu of Flowers' which should be included in this pack.

### **List of local Funeral Directors include –**

#### **A&W Goddard**

Kent Rd, Fleet  
01252 616431

#### **Alan Greenwood & Sons**

66 Send Rd, Send  
01483 210222

#### **Ayling Funeral Services**

25 South Road, Guildford  
01483 567333

#### **Camberley & District Funeral Services**

Yorktown Rd, College Town  
01276 33241

#### **Farnham Funeral Directors**

100 Shortheath Rd, Farnham  
01252 711444

#### **E Finch & Sons**

123 High St, Aldershot  
01252 322281

#### **J Gorrige & Sons**

55 Hare Lane, Farncombe  
01483 416403

#### **Co-operative Funeral Directors**

68 Victoria Rd, Farnborough  
01252 542236  
287 Fleet Rd, Fleet  
01252 623098  
2-4 Addison Rd, Guildford  
01483 564554  
91 Victoria Rd, Aldershot  
01252 320055  
11 Park St, Camberley  
01276 64641  
80 Weyhill, Haslemere  
01428 651153

#### **Ford Mears & Partners**

67 Grosvenor Rd, Aldershot  
01252 319457  
26 High St, Frimley  
01276 25563

#### **GM Luff & Partners**

84 Lion Lane, Haslemere  
01428 643524  
121-123 High St, Godalming  
01483 418628

#### **David Holmes & Sons**

20 Fleet Rd, Fleet  
01252 628600  
388 Yorktown Rd, Sandhurst  
01276 37457

#### **George Parker & Sons**

113 Reading Rd, Yateley  
01252 872297

#### **Gould & Chapman**

Headley Rd, Grayshott  
01428 604436

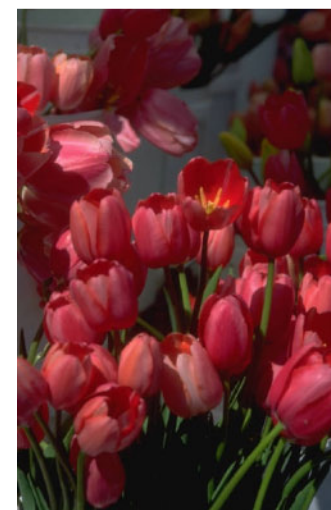
#### **J Monk & Sons**

70 Woodbridge Road, Guildford  
01483 562780

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice



# Arranging a funeral



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**The purpose of this leaflet is to answer questions frequently asked about arranging a funeral.**

### **What do I need to do first?**

Once you have collected the death certificate from the Registrar you need to contact a Funeral Director.

### **How do I find one?**

Included in this leaflet is a list of local funeral directors. Alternatively you can find a more comprehensive list in yellow pages.

### **How will I know if they are any good?**

The best way is through recommendation. You may have heard positive things about a firm from friends / colleagues.

### **Do I need to take anything to the Funeral Director?**

You will need to take the green form the registrar gave you to the Funeral Director.

### **How much does a funeral cost?**

Depending on what you want at the funeral the cost can start from £2,000. An average funeral is in the region of £2,500 - £3,000.

The Funeral Director will give you a break down of the costs.

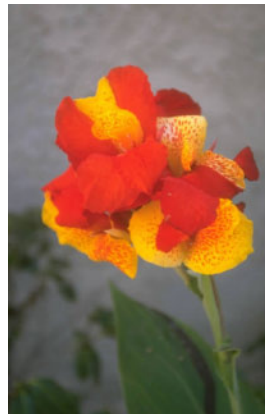
### **What if I don't have the money to pay for it?**

If the person arranging the funeral is on any MEANS tested benefits such as income support or pension credit they may be entitled to help. This would be from the Social Fund from the Benefits Agency.

There is also a benefit for the remaining husband or wife if the deceased or remaining spouse is under state pensionable age.

### **How do I access these benefits?**

Contact Patient Welfare department at the Hospice on 01252 729423. They will always try to help.



### **Who can officiate at the funeral?**

The Funeral Director can arrange for a Minister to officiate at the funeral. If you wish to have a particular Minister, contact them to find out if they are available. The Chaplain at the Hospice, Jane Walker, is able to officiate if desired.

### **What if the deceased did not follow a religion?**

The British Humanist Association (BHA), tel. 020 7079 3580, offers advice on non-religious ceremonies. Alternatively, you can speak to the local representative on 01252 716725 or ask your Funeral Director to contact them.

### **What if I want an 'eco friendly' coffin?**

Karen and Claire in the Patient and Family Services Department have some brochures on 'ecopods' and bamboo coffins. Alternatively the Funeral Director may be able to help you with this.

### **Do you know anything about woodland burial sites?**

Yes, there are two sites locally, one at East Meon in Hampshire and another in Guildford Surrey.

Karen and Claire in the Patient and Family Services Department have details.

### **What sort of things will I need to decide on?**

- Type of coffin
- Burial or cremation
- Where you are going to hold the service
- Do you want flowers or donations to a charity
- How many funeral cars will you need
- Order of service - Hymns / music
- Readings
- What the deceased will wear