

# Barham

## CREMATORIUM



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*Pictures throughout the year...*



### Golden Ash Trees

Since Barham produced its last newsletter which mentioned the potential loss of its Golden Ash trees we have since taken the difficult decision to remove them. The trees were affected by Ash die back to an extent they would not recover from. Due to the prominence of the trees and their importance to families who have laid their loved ones ashes to rest around the area of the trees we have decided to make a feature of the stumps.

The current plan is to have the stumps professionally carved in the shape of wildlife from our area in a similar fashion to the picture above. We hope to have the work complete for Spring 2019 and hope that those who visit us will enjoy and continue to find comfort in this soon to be unique area.



### Memorialisation Update

Barham 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 have joined the Barham Team 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 the Barham team who will be happy to assist you.



### ASHES WITH ART

CREMATION JEWELLERY AND GLASS ART MEMORIALS





## Barham Improvements

The decision has been made following the investment in the new path on the West Rockery to have the stream and pools reinstalled.

This will bring the water features back to this area which have been greatly missed. The decision was originally taken to fill them in due to their ageing state leading to leaks.

We felt that the Rockery has been missing a little something and feel the water feature will increase the tranquillity of the Rockery which overlooks the vast view of the Elham valley and Barham grounds.

## Charity News

Barham and Charing Crematorium were extremely pleased to present the Pilgrims Hospice with a cheque for £20,000. This money will go in to helping them continue the great work they do not just with the terminally ill but provide aftercare to the Bereaved.

The Cheque was handed over by Darren Daughters and Darren Caldicott and gratefully received by Sara Scriven and Sophie Douch of the Pilgrims Hospice. Barham will make further donations to Charities at its Christmas Carol Service.



## The loss of a much loved colleague.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of "Claude" the crematorium cat. Claude arrived at Barham in 1995 and enjoyed all that the site had to offer.

He became an integral part of the team and the service we provide. He was happiest when comforting those who used our services and was on more than one occasion requested to attend Funeral Services which he happily did, sitting on the laps of the family. Unfortunately for this extremely healthy boy his legs failed him and with the loss of his rear legs the difficult decision was made to relieve him of his pain.

Claude was sent for an individual cremation and his ashes returned to us and placed in his own memorial so he can rest where he belonged. There was a demand from those that visit the crematorium to have a funeral for Claude and this took place on the 6th November and taken by the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral Robert Willis at his own request.

Claude's personality and presence will be greatly missed by the team and all that knew him. Rest In Peace Claude.



Please visit our Facebook page for the most up to date news from the team at Barham Crematorium.