



A.W. LYMN
The Family Funeral Service
**Staff
Newsletter**



Harrod House, Church Street, Carlton.

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Harrod House Open Day

from **Emma Percival**

Mark, Mark, Nigel, Jackie and Sheila were delighted to be joined by the Harrod family, NAFD President Alison Crake, Vernon Coaker MP and Father Joe Wheat at the official opening of Harrod House.

There was a steady flow of visitors though out the day, with everyone seeming impressed with the new facility. Alison unveiled a plaque dedicated to Gerald, and Father Joe dedicated an altar which has been donated from St Bernadette's Chapel.



Youngertakers

Some of the youngest members of the team featured in a BBC documentary and the additional media coverage.

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Congratulations to Steve Upton on collecting his "Most voted for employee of the month 2017" trophy from Jackie



Youngertakers from Emma Percival

Jackie has been working with Ben Mundy from the BBC's Newsbeat programme on a documentary called 'Youngertakers'. The programme focused on Ben Harwood and Ellie Saric, but Ellie Carr (and Beryl) were also filmed. The show is available on the BBC iPlayer and if it gets enough views, should be transmitted on BBC2 in March or February.

The media coverage for this, has also meant that Beth has appeared in the Daily Mirror and on www.littlethings.com



Breakfast Stop

from Matthew Lynn Rose

On a recent trade hire to North Wales, the drivers were provided with a complimentary breakfast.



Legs 4 Africa

from Dominic T. Lister

I have been in contact with the charity Legs4Africa with a donation of a prosthetic leg,

If any branches have any prosthetics in their care that have been left in a mortuary after being removed I can include them in the donation.

If anyone has any prosthetics please email me and we can arrange for them to be added.



Congratulations

to Joanna and Paul



Congratulations to Joanna and Paul Widdowson on their wedding, which took place on Friday 16th February in West Bridgford.

Fire training

from **Emma Percival**



Staff at Robin Hood House, getting down to the serious business of fire safety.

Cancer Research donations email

to **Anne Cooke**

I think you are probably aware that our financial year ended on 31st January and I am pleased to be able to tell you that our total net income for 2017/18 was £33,958.10. Added to this amount was a small balance left in our bank account from the previous year and this enabled us to send £34,001.80 to Cancer Research UK Head Office in Oxford. This money will be ring fenced for use by CRUK staff who work in Nottingham at the University and will be used to cover a wide range of research.

Our main income is the “In Memoriam” donations and totalled £30,238. This is a large sum of money and everyone at CRUK are very grateful to have received it.

Film Stars

from **Pete Jeffery**

Blink and you may miss our driver bearers in the new ‘Lies We Tell’ film.



Coincidence from **Steve Wakeling**

The following story is from a funeral that Julia asked me to officiate from the West Bridgford office. As usual Julia had wanted to fit the right celebrant with the family and as I had served in the Royal Navy and the deceased lady had also served as a WREN during World War II, she decided we would be a good match.

I arranged to see the family and helped to put the lady’s service documents in chronological order, my understanding of naval terminology helped with this. We then starting talking about the eulogy, I asked about the deceased lady’s family, including her father and his occupation, and the family recalled he (Albert) was a tradesman painter and decorator who had served in the British Army during World War I, in the Royal Engineers and was in battles including Ypres and the Somme. I thought this was a coincidence as my grandfather, John Alfred Hutchinson, by trade was also a tradesman painter and decorator who served in the British Army during the War, with the Royal Engineers. During the visit the family showed me a photograph of Albert with six men from the Royal Engineers with a cross marking him, on the front left-hand side.

When the Celebration of Life took place at Wilford Hill, the family handed me the copy of the photograph on a folded piece of A4. I kept the paper leaving it on my desk at home. The next morning, I was clearing up, when I notice another picture on the back, this one, with four Royal Engineers, Albert with a “Cross” below him - on the front left and to my surprise - on the right front, was my Granddad - John Alfred Hutchinson...

None of this could have happened without Julia, another example of her being a true professional and matching the right officiant to the right family.



Best Practice of the Month

chosen by **Nigel, Jackie and Matthew Lynn Rose**

Congratulations to Gary Wagstaff who has won this months Best Practice award.

Gary was nominated by Jackie Lynn Rose for...

‘On arrival at a cemetery we realised that the grave had not been excavated to the requested length, the groundsman was completely fazed and ran off for a shovel (eventually came back empty handed). Gary retrieved a shovel from the hearse and, in front of mourners and priest, extended the grave with dignity and prowess. The rest of the team held the coffin securely whilst he did so.’

Also nominated this month are...

Ben Percival by Beth Hand and Mary Haynes

‘We would like to nominate Ben for keeping the office going whilst Sharon has been off. He has made sure that all orders have been completed as well as keeping a smile on both of our faces. He actually deserves this for putting up with us two!’

Angela Knight by Pete Clarson

‘Please can I nominate Angela? Between tenants at the flat in Littleover, I asked Angela if she would find a cleaner to prepare for the next tenant. Without hesitation Angela volunteered to clean it herself at the weekend’.

Mary Haynes by Beth Hand

‘I would like to nominate Mary as I think she is excellent at her job, she has always got time for me and teaches me new things every day!’

She has really taken me under her wing and made my time in the office fantastic!

Pete Jeffery by Kerry Bishop

‘City flowers would like to nominate Pete for helping with making the foundations for these wonderful designs ‘The Flying Scotsman Train’ and ‘BMW’ ’



Forever Stars

from **Emma Percival**

Since Donna arranged and conducted the funeral of Emily Daniels in 2013, Emily’s parents, Richard and Michelle have worked tirelessly to raise money for stillbirth bereavement suites in the Queen’s Medical Centre and the City Hospital.

They have recently announced plans for a memorial garden at Highfields Park and I was pleased to be invited to the launch. I am pictured here with Richard and his fellow trustee, Nicola. Nicola has also had to use our services and was very complimentary about Julia.



Our donations on lieu of flowers window at Beeston currently has Forever Stars literature in it.



Marching Band

from **Dominic T. Lister**



Paging with a difference!
This quartet played ‘When the Saints Go Marching In’ all the way down the drive at Gedling Crematorium and into the Chapel, giving the gentleman a unique send off.

Hand painted Mickey Mouse on granite.



The A.W. LYMN Centenary Foundation

The A. W. Lymn Centenary Foundation was formed and is continually financed by the Company to mark its first 100 years of service. Its aim is to help those in the communities the Company serves.

Here are some letter of thanks, received over the past six months



Dear Mr Lymn Rose,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £251 which we will use to buy a much needed smart tablet for our learners. This will help to make a difference to the lives of the disabled students here Portland College.

As a registered charity we have to raise thousands of pounds each year to support the work of the college and this would not be possible without the kind help from organisations such as A W Lymn.

Once again on behalf of all the students, volunteers and staff here at Portland College I would like to thank A W Lymns for the supporting Portland College, it is truly appreciated.



Dear Miss Lymn Rose

On behalf of the trustees, staff and visitors I would like to express grateful thanks to the Trustees of the A W Lymn Centenary Foundation for your continued support and for the generous gift of £500 for the Friary, towards funding the welfare project.

Gifts such as these are vital to help the Friary provide services that are devoted to empowering homeless and vulnerable adults to rebuild their lives by offering practical services, advice and emotional support.

With many thanks and much appreciation for your kind donation. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.



We have now received the results of the East Midlands in Bloom and the Britain in Bloom competitions. We achieved a silver award in both competitions.

On behalf of Littleover in Bloom I would like to thank you for your generous donation. It is only because of your support and the support of other businesses in Littleover that we were able to enter.



Dear Mr Lymn Rose

Further to the kind donation we received in May 2016 of £1,138.80 and our letter of 24th November 2016 informing you how the money was used.

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you with further feedback, but I have been away from work for a while, caring for my wife who broke her hip several months ago, and I am catching up on all administrative matters.

We have received some feedback following the performing arts experience that took place in January 2017, and I have enclosed some copies art work, thank you letters and our monitoring form for you to see how successful the show was.

This experience will help their sensory awareness and improve their social and communication skills, plus the fun and laughter and educational value. This activity has enabled them to take part in an activity more often enjoyed by the wider community.

All the experiences we arrange are designed to help the children with their future development as they move forward into adulthood with renewed confidence.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your kind support in helping these children to experience what life has to offer.

Catholic Church Of the Holy Spirit West Bridgford, and Our Lady of Grace Cotgrave



Thank you for Sponsorship for The Holy Spirit Christmas Fayre

Dear Mr Lymn Rose,

On behalf of Fr. Michael Brown, thank you once again for donating £100 to our Parish Christmas Fayre which took place on Saturday 18th November.

We are extremely grateful for your support and highly appreciate your sponsorship.

We would like to inform that we raised £3,150 at our Christmas Fayre. All proceeds from the Christmas Fayre including donations benefitted Emmanuel House, Nottingham Children's Hospital Appeal, and ' Building a school in Bunkpurugu, Ghana Project'.



Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

To you and your team

Thank you so much for supporting our summer fair, we raised over £800 (our best year yet). The clients will be deciding how this money will be spent. Maybe more games for the games systems or outings in the hired mini bus.

Once again thank you so much for donating, donations are getting harder to source, but it's thanks to people like yourselves that we can continue running this long standing event.

Kindest regards

Julia Barker (Mrs)

Dear

As you are aware Mr John Ragsdale has kindly been helping to raise funds to build a wooden gazebo at Clipstone Hall and Lodge Care Home and also other very kind donations to our home.

Mr Ragsdale's wife Linda has been diagnosed with dementia and has been a permanent resident at Clipstone Hall and Lodge since January 2017. John has been helping raise fund for some time now and his help is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank you on behalf of Clipstone hall and Lodge and our residents, for your very kind donation. We feel the donation will be of great benefit to our residents now and in the future.

If you would like to visit Clipstone Hall and Lodge at any time to see how your kind donation is helping our residents you are very welcome.

Dear Nigel

On behalf of all at St Mary's Church, Arnold I wish to thank you for the donation towards the Christmas Prayer Tree. Looking forward to working with you in the coming year.

May the peace and love of Christ
Be with you and all your colleagues

This Christmas
And for 2018

Rev. Margaret Caunt
&
All from St Mary's Church, Arnold

Anyone wishing to make an application for funding can do so in writing giving a brief description of what is required, who is to be helped and why it is thought that the Foundation should assist. Applications should be sent to The A. W. Lymn Centenary Foundation, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham, NG3 1GF or centenaryfoundation@lymn.co.uk .

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