

## Staff Newsletter - February 2017

### First funeral at Gedling Crematorium

On Monday 9th January Mark Ridout conducted the first funeral at the new Gedling Crematorium. The crematorium, which is sited on Catfoot Lane in Lambley is still awaiting some finishing touches to the grounds, but Matthew and Nigel, who were attending as driver / bearers were impressed.

Clockwise from top left, Matthew, Kevin Brown, Mark Ridout, Revd. Keith Williams and Nigel; Mark in front of the new chapel; inside the chapel; the outside; the catafalque; Mark paging in front of the hearse.



# Welcome to Angela Knight and Ian Richardson

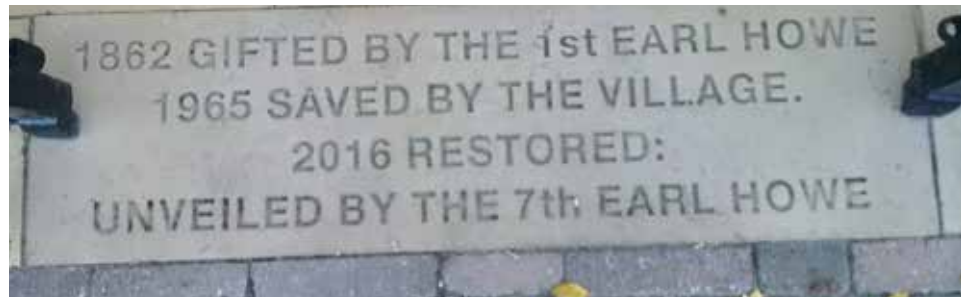


'Hi, I am Angela, I live in Littleover, Derby and as a fresh chapter in my Funeral career now begins with A. W. Lymn I will be working in the new branch in Littleover. Eleven years ago I accidentally 'fell' into arranging and my funeral adventure began! I have had a few different roles over the years, Arranger, Senior Arranger and Funeral Fleet Driving Assessor. I had completed my Dip. FAA when I decided to take a break from funerals in January 2016. I have had a few weeks training with Jules at Nottingham and Jane at Wollaton and have now moved to Osmaston Park until Mark returns.'

'Hello, I am Ian. I have started working at RHH as a casual Driver / Bearer. I have recently retired from Nottingham City Homes where I was a Learning and Development officer. I live in Arnold with my wife and two children. Prior to working for the NCH, I worked for British Gas as a Work Planner in the central heating Department. I have spent 32 years with the TA and Army Cadet Force where I was company commander for D Company Derbyshire ACF. My main interests are music and all outdoor pursuits including pot holing and high level camping'



Congratulations to Kim and Calvin on the birth of Sophie Louise Nichols. Sophie was born on 5th January, 5 days into Kim's maternity leave.



Sharon was pleased to be able to help villagers from Gotham who brought this stone into the stone masons to be lettered. Ben fixed the stone in front of the band stand in Gotham Square.

## The 'Best Practice of the Month Award' nominations for February are:

**Matthew Lymn Rose** would like to nominate **Mark Stone**.

Mark arrived at BHX on the New Year Bank Holiday for a flight to Dublin but the handling agent did not arrive. Without any issue he drove the body to Holyhead to ensure he made the funeral in Dublin!

**Ben Percival** has nominated **Dean 'Spud' Spencer**, whilst on the way to fix a memorial in Willoughby on the Wolds he pulled a lady out of the car after she spun it and ended up on the roof. He then waited for her family to arrive whilst comforting her.



and the winner is

**\*\*Mark\*\***





# Out and about

**Clockwise from right top left** - Stuart Stemp with the Mirage Hearse on a recent trade hire in Llandudno; Horse hearse outside All Saints, Cotgrave; The Rolls-Royce Phantom Hearse outside Doncaster Minster; Wayne, Ady, Matthew, Ian and Eugene, having a well deserved break; Pete sets up the grave canopy at Tithe Green; Graveside canopy at Walesby; Tradehire to Porthcawl; Floral display for a fire fighter.





## We can do black cars!

Matthew arranged for a fleet of black Rolls-Royce and Bentley vehicles for a family who did not want our silver fleet. The 16 cars were sourced from all over the country and were complemented with Irish flags.



Matthew and Pete took PO and YYE after they were hired for a film.



The refurbishment at Nottingham has started. The two smaller arranging rooms have been painted and have new furniture and the Chapels are being modernised.

# The A.W. LYMN Centenary Foundation

Firstly, may I thank you for the generous donation the Centenary Foundation has made towards the Clipstone World War I memorial project.

The memorial is now nearly completed, and we wish to unveil it on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 12noon.

Just a note to say thank you very much for the cheque of £50 which you have donated to Wysall and Thorpe Village Hall Fund. It was very unexpected but gratefully received.

**Re : Nottinghamshire Hospice – Family Fun Day**

Further to recent correspondence I confirm receipt of your kind donation of £50 and confirm that payment has been forwarded to Nottinghamshire Hospice.

We greatly appreciate your support of the event which was in aid of the fantastic work that Nottinghamshire Hospice does in the local community, and look forward to working with you again in future endeavours.

I am writing to give you an update on how the very generous donation you gave to Happy Days Children's Charity has been spent.

58 children and 47 carers from Mansfield are having an in school production of Peter Pan by M&M Theatrical Productions on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The children have various disabilities i.e. Cerebral Palsy, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Global Developmental Delay, Battens Disease. The total cost of the production came to £1,138.80.

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

On behalf of Fr. Michael Brown, thank you once again for donating a raffle prize of Pantomime tickets to our Parish Christmas Fayre which took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

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

We would like to inform you that £3,146.31 was raised at the Fayre, the proceeds of which will be donated to The Briars Youth Centre in Crich, Derbyshire, Building a School in Ghana and L'Arche Nottingham.

On behalf of Nottinghamshire Area Cruse Bereavement Care, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your very generous donation of £500 to help towards the telephone training of one of our volunteers. As you know we provide free counselling to any bereaved person and, although all our counsellors also provide their services free, we have considerable overheads and any donation is most welcome.

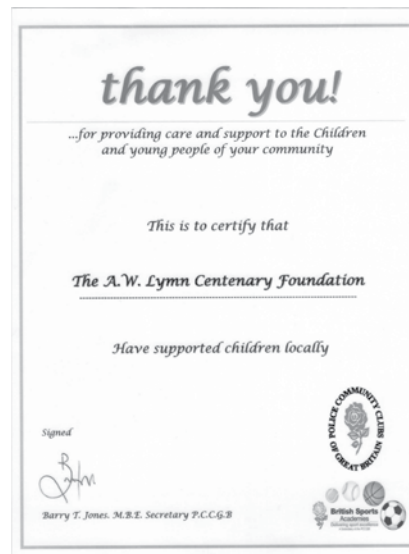
## **Closure of Central Fire Station**

I am writing to thank you for the donation towards the closing event at Central Fire Station on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

On behalf of the trustees, staff and visitors I would like to express grateful thanks for the generous gift of £500, awarded by your Trustees towards the Friary Welfare Project.

On behalf of the Town Mayor & members of Ollerton & Boughton Town Council, I would like to thank you for your most generous donation towards the Christmas Lights Switch On Event. This year we were able to help Santa to provide a free gift for over 200 children who visited him in his Grotto and a cuppa and mince pies or biscuits for the older residents visiting the Town Hall.

Thank you for supporting  
Draycott - Bloom 2016!  
Best wishes



*I write as chairman of Keyworth United Community Football Club*

*You recently, through your charitable trust, donated £50 to help us raise money during our charity football match on Sunday last.*