

Staff Newsletter - March 2017

Bishop Robert William Willson

Robert William Willson was born in Lincoln in 1795 to an Anglican father and Catholic mother. On leaving full time education he worked on a farm and was engaged to be married. However, he realised that God was claiming his heart and decided to train in the priesthood entering Oscott College in Birmingham in 1816 and was ordained in 1824. His first parish was in inner city Nottingham, the very first Roman Catholic Church where he proved so popular with the community that it soon outgrew the building and in 1828 a new chapel, of St John, was completed. His humility and concern for the sick and suffering continued to increase his popularity and he was made a Freeman of the City of Nottingham. In 1842 an even larger church, that of St Barnabas, (now Cathedral) was commenced to the design of Pugin. That same year he was called to Hobart, Tasmania to become first Bishop of Hobart town. Local people and the Mayor of Nottingham protested, to no avail. He was ordained Bishop in St Chads, Birmingham in October of that year.

Bishop Willson commenced the long journey to Hobart ministering to the sick and the poor on the way and was horrified, on arrival in Australia, to find so many British people imprisoned and shackled for minor offences. Bishop Willson crossed the world several times lobbying Australian and English Parliaments, with some considerable success, to treat convicts with more humanity. He left Australia for the last time on 27th February 1865, suffered a stroke en-route from which he did not recover and died in Nottingham on 30th June 1866. As there was no funding available to return his body to Hobart he was buried in the Crypt at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.

In 2005 the Archbishop of Hobart contacted the Bishop of Nottingham and a delegation visited us to discuss the possibility of exhuming Bishop Willson remains and repatriating him to St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart. A procedure called Radar Stratascan was used to accurately determine the precise location of the remains. I met with the delegation a number of times gathering together sufficient information to apply to the Registrar General for a copy of Bishop Willson's death certificate which would be central for applying for all other documents. Sadly, the exercise soon



stalled due to the death of our then Bishop McGuinness along with changes in the Archdiocese of Hobart.

Fast forward 11 years to 2016, the 150th anniversary of Bishop Willson's death, and the same delegation recontacted me with the earnest desire to pursue the intention of 2005. I had retained the death certificate and set about completing application to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for Licence to Exhume. As Bishop Willson had no known descendants the MoJ allowed me to make the application direct with written permission from the Bishop of Nottingham, to exhume, and from Archbishop of Hobart for the reinter, simultaneously I obtained the, standard, documents for repatriation as I did not wish to encounter problems and delay once the exhumation was complete. The application for the Licence to Exhume determined that permission from the carrier i.e Qantas the national airline of Australia, be granted, agreeing to carry exhumed remains, I wrote to Qantas and received permission by return.

Applying for an Out of England acknowledgement, 150 years after a death occurred, was the only document to which my request was challenged !

Once I had submitted Application to Exhume MoJ with all supporting documents the Licence was issued in a matter of a few days. The MoJ gave priority because of the interesting nature of the case.

Once I was in receipt of the Licence to Exhume a Statutory Notice was issued by Nottingham Diocese Trustees, as no objection was received over 35 day period a faculty permitting the excavation was issued.

A local building company commenced excavation, over a three day period, to expose the coffin. The coffin was in

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three layers wood outer and inner with lead in between.

The exhumation of Bishop Willson took place early on the morning of February 14th, present was Canon Hunton, Canon Dolan and two curates ministering Morning Prayers for the Dead, two representatives from Nottingham City Council Environmental Health Department and the builder responsible for the excavation.

Nigel, Chris Twells and I dealt with the transfer of the remains to a temporary coffin. The event, by design, was discreet and spiritual but was recorded on film for the benefit of the two Diocese.

The Bishop's remains will be leaving England, by air on Saturday and by complete coincidence will arrive in Australia 152 years to the very day that he departed those shores.

Jackie

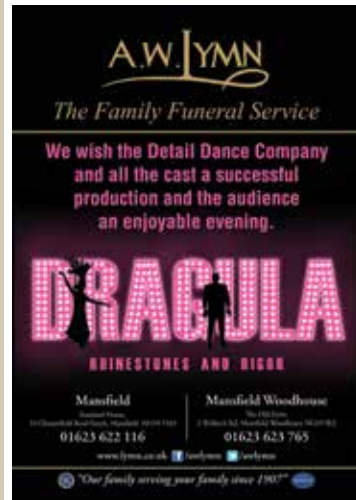
Welcome to Joanna Rawsterne



I worked for Nottinghamshire County Council as their Complaints Manager for 12 years before redundancy in 2012. Prior to starting at Lymn's, I worked as a Funeral Service Arranger at Baguley Brothers in Sherwood, which is part of the Dignity Group.

I like in East Leake, South Nottingham, with my three cats and my partner Paul (notice the cats come first!). Paul and I are engaged but no date is set as yet. I also have two daughters - Holly, who is 23 and lives in Bristol and Steph, who is 20 and lives in Manchester.

Since starting at Lymn's at the end of January, I have found everyone so helpful and friendly, which has made settling in to the job so much easier – thank you everyone for making me feel welcome!'



Jonathan taking part in the Detail Dance production of Dragula

Caretaker Wanted

We have a place available in the Robin Hood House flat for anyone wishing to take on ¼ of the caretaking duties. For more information, please speak to Matthew Lymn Rose.

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

Catherine Broome has nominated **Andy Askew**, **Karen Horton**, **Jonathan Baker** and **Deanna Dale** for their help in delivering the pre-paid leaflets in Mansfield (also thanks to the two teenagers who helped Adam & Mark)

Pete Clarson nominated **Gary Phipps** for his work over the last two weeks clearing out the new premises at 'The Willows' in Carlton, which has enabled us to get contractors in sooner and will mean that the branch will be up and running as soon as we can.

Nigel Lymn Rose has nominated **Catherine Broome** as she would not be beaten when the Royal Mail told her it would not leaflet drop part of Mansfield, as it was already contracted to another funeral directors. Instead she organised a team to do it ourselves.

Pete Jeffery has nominated **Gary Phipps** for stepping

in and helping with the refurbishment and decorating at Robin Hood House and the new Carlton branch. He also goes back to driving at short notice when needed.

and the winner is

****Catherine****



Out and about

Clockwise from top left.

Driving team on a trade hire to Abbotts; Cars on a trade hire in Northampton; Marcus and Robin pruning the garden in Carlton; Mark, Ian and Nev at Highfields Funeral Service, Huddersfield; Rolls-Royces arriving at and leaving Wilford Hill; The new horses get a run out to Wilford Hill; Prav teaching Luke to weld.



Certificate in Education & Training

Between June 2015 and November 2016 I attended a series of workshops with the NAFD. The eight workshops each focused on a different area of teaching and each session had a written assessment to complete. As part of the assessment along with the other three funeral directors training for the qualification, I had to complete 30 hours teaching practice, with three hours observed by Nick Round, the NAFD National Training Officer. To complete the observed sessions I had to write and complete lesson plans, for this I wrote the plans and using volunteers (not all volunteers knew they had volunteered). My first observed session took place at NAFD national office and came as quite a surprise when I wheeled a coffin from the back of PUX1 and into the main office for a teaching session about how to fit a coffin. As a first session with other funeral directors it was quite nerve racking but went well, with requests for more information.



The second session was with Nick Round and was entitled 'Funeral Home Awareness', for this session we toured Robin Hood House and spoke about the 100+ years history of A. W. Lymn The Family Funeral Service.

The third session was also with Nick and took place in Bingham Cemetery. The session was about memorial inspections for clients and involved methods for finding, identifying and inspecting memorials for any necessary work or additional inscriptions. The variety of the three sessions was used as an example for the NAFD to show the diversity of the funeral directors role. Upon completion of the course I was awarded the Certificate in Education and Training (Level 4), this now enables me to teach the Diploma in Funeral Arranging and Administration and the Diploma in Funeral Directing.



The Diploma in Funeral Arranging and Administration (Dip. FAA) takes approximately 15 months and involves regular classroom sessions to cover the 14 units followed by a written exam and an oral exam where you arrange a funeral with a set scenario with an examiner. The Diploma in Funeral Directing (Dip F. D.) can only be taken once the Dip. FAA is completed and has 13 units followed by a written exam. Any unqualified Funeral Director / Arranger who wishes to be considered for the next set of classes should contact Jackie Lymn Rose

Dominic

The redevelopment of the old Willow's GP Surgery has got off to a flying start. Penny and Chris have spent two days gardening and sorting the outside, whilst Gary has been clearing the inside to make way for the contractors to start next shortly.



The refurbishment at Nottingham continues.



Stroke
association

Fiona Hall and her friend Lisa are taking part in the Stroke Association's Resolution Run in Markeaton Park on 26th February.

You can sponsor them at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-togher>



Drivers wanted on Sunday 12th March 2017 to take part in a photoshoot which will include recreating this photo from the 1940's / 1950's.

If you would like to take part then please speak to Matt Winman.

Rolls-Royce Quiz

For your chance to win one of three Marks and Spencer vouchers (all kindly gifted to us by Just Digital), please send your answers to Emma by 17th March 2017. In the result of a tie, names will be drawn out of a hat.

- 1) What are the first names of Mr Rolls and Mr Royce?
- 2) Why will you never open an ashtray in a modern Rolls-Royce and find a cigarette end?
- 3) How many Rolls-Royce's were built in 2016?

- 4) What year was the Rolls-Royce radiator registered as a trademark?
- 5) True or False. Toyota currently manufacture about the same number of cars in a week as Rolls-Royce have in their entire 104-year existence?
- 6) What is the registration number of the original Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, (60551)?
- 7) Where and when did the founders of Rolls-Royce first meet?
- 8) In what year did Rolls-Royce acquire Bentley? And in what year did they part company?
- 9) Who now owns the Rolls-Royce name?
- 10) What name is given to the famous flying lady mascot adorning the radiator grill on a Rolls-Royce?