

As I write this piece for our winter 2024 newsletter, I find it hard to believe that 12 months have passed since I was preparing something last year.

People who have been bereaved often say that the winter months are the hardest. It can certainly be an isolating time, when the cold weather and shorter days encourage us to stay indoors. It can also be difficult to see other people preparing for Christmas or party season when we are not in the mood to do so.

November is traditionally a month within the church calendar for remembering those who have died and of course on Armistice Day we pay tribute to those who have lost their lives during conflict.

Each year, our teams willingly give their time to attend local services of remembrance and Remembrance Day parades. We welcome this opportunity to join with our communities in reflection and remembrance and we hope that these important acts bring some comfort to those who may be feeling alone.

The funeral profession isn't an easy career choice and we have seen a few colleagues come and go in recent years. For those who stay, it is a true vocation. As this newsletter testifies, it is all about people: we are here to provide service and care to the bereaved. We also believe it is important for us to support our local communities so people get to know us and feel a little more at ease when they are in need of our professional help.

I'll let the pictures do the talking

Sean Martin
Head of Operations



Tony selling poppies on behalf of the Haverhill RBL



Our Saffron Walden team at the All Souls Service, St Mary's, Saffron Walden



Sonja from our Histon Road branch in Cambridge laying a wreath at the Histon War Memorial

Our Service to the Community

Over the summer, our ice cream bicycle proved very popular in Cambridge.

We have also put it to good use by serving popcorn to children at a church community event and to residents of a local care home who were treated to a movie night.



Claire, Jen and Stephen enjoyed trying their hand at bowling when they attended Duxford Bowls Club for the **Peasgood & Skeates Challenge Cup**. They may look the part, but they decided it was best to leave it to the experts!

Please get in touch if you would like us to provide the bicycle for your community event:
enquiries@peasgoodandskeates.co.uk



We are proud sponsors of Haverhill Golf Club and were delighted to see the team secure a win at the Curry Cup Final, at Colchester Golf Club in September. Well done gentlemen!





It was a pleasure to sponsor the **Cambourne Town FC Tournament** again this year. As the picture (taken from the Football Club's Facebook page) shows, the event brings together teams from across the region, and is a truly enjoyable day for all the budding young players. Samantha was clearly dazzled by the number of medals and had to don her sunglasses!

On Sunday 11th August Tony attended Haverhill Bowls Club for the annual **Buster Moore Charity Trophy**.

It was a great day with 12 teams from across the local area taking part. Congratulations to Castle Hedingham who were the winners on the day.



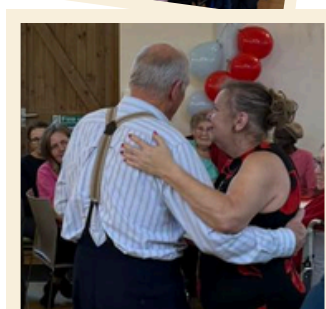
Haverhill Show Winners

Congratulations to Angie Foster (left) and Lakeisha Kicks who were the winners of our Haverhill Show competitions. Angie successfully guessed the number of beach balls in our limousine and Lakeisha guessed the weight of the cake, which was kindly supplied by Jen who works at our Duxford branch (and who happens to be Tony's partner).



Dance to Remember

The teams from our two Cambridge offices worked together to put on a 1940's Dance to Remember event. We were overjoyed to welcome nearly 100 residents and staff from various local Care Homes for an afternoon of singing (courtesy of May Blossom Vintage Songbird), dancing, delicious food and great company. A heartfelt thank you to St Andrew's Church Chesterton, and especially Rachel, for warmly hosting us in such a wonderful space. We are very grateful to be part of a community that celebrates, remembers, and lifts each other up.



A Team to be proud of



Long Service Awards were recently presented to David Peasgood and Phil Warner (30 years) and to Sam Melvin and Stephen Glasson who have been with the Company for 5 years. We would also like to mention two further employees who have given 5 years' loyal service: Funeral Operative Ryan Cirillo and Casual Driver/Bearer Peter Clark. Thank you all for your valuable contribution.



Sonja

Long Service Awards and Professional Qualifications



Samantha



Jazmine



Ben

Operations Manager, Ben Seward, was delighted to present certificates to members of the team who have recently completed courses with the Independent Funeral Directors College.

He even had one to present to himself! We are very proud to have such a dedicated team who are prepared to study for these professional qualifications.



Sue



Josh



Claire

A special mention goes to Claire Skeates-Hall (left) who has completed courses in all core subjects and has been awarded her Certificate in Funeral Practice (CertFP).

Well done everyone!

If you feel we could support your local community event, or if we can help with any funeral-related matter, you are welcome to email us: enquiries@peasgoodandskeates.co.uk or telephone: 01799 523314.