

A.W. LYMN

The Family Funeral Service

Staff Newsletter - October 2017



On Thursday 7th September, Jackie and I along with Ben and Emma and Louise Cook and Dominic Lister attended the Good Funeral Awards in London.



I was particularly honoured to find the company had received a nomination but just as importantly if not more importantly nominations for both Louise and Dominic had also been received and we believe that these had come quite independently from a minister of religion and a client we had served.

We sat at the table with some trepidation as all three nominations were in the same category being Best Traditional Funeral Director. This meant we were “head to head”.

There were 11 other nominations that had made it through to the final for this award. I was delighted that we were awarded joint first, and therefore A. W. Lymn The Family Funeral Service coupled with Louise and Dominic won the national award.

I am immensely proud of our family firm and know that Matthew was also delighted with the award. I would like you all to know that although Louise and Dominic were specially mentioned we could not have achieved this without each and everyone of you, who as Matthew often says, “go the extra mile each and every day”.

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“Our family serving your family since 1907”

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

Jackie Lynn Rose has nominated **Dominic Lister** and **Louise Cook** for representing the company at the Good Funeral Awards.

And the winners are

****Dominic and Louise****

Ben Percival has nominated **Mick Pooley** for painstakingly adding 35 A. W. Lynn gold vinyl logos to the new holy water bottles.

Shaun Caine has nominated both **Lorraine Saxon** and **Anne Cooke** for working tirelessly to cover Keira's job for more than 2 weeks during August, whilst keeping as up to date as possible with their own roles at the same time.



Congratulations to....

- *Keira Morrison on her recent engagement to Sam Ash. Sam 'popped the question' on their recent holiday to the Isle of Man.*
- *Gary Wagstaff from Mansfield, who is now full time.*
- *Amy Hodgkinson and her partner Dan on the safe arrival of Lily, who was born on Saturday 26th August weighing 7lbs 3oz.*
- *Nigel and Penny who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 29th August.*



Clockwise from top; Nigel and Penny in 1977; Nigel and Penny 2017; Lily.



Each office will shortly receive a bottle of Holy Water.

Please make Holy Water available to Roman Catholic clients and anyone else requesting it. It should not be necessary to take the bottle out of the office excepting when a Priest is not available for, such as, burial of ashes or when cleansing a house.

It is important that the bottles are only refilled with Holy Water for which Jackie has a supplier on request.

Lesley from Clifton has the following request...

The Craft Group at St Cyprian's church (of which I am a member) have been making Twiddle Muffs for dementia sufferers. I first got the idea from Sarah at West Bridgford whose mother is a hospital volunteer and had asked for some for the hospital where she works.

A Twiddle Muff is a knitted hand muff which is made from a variety of different yarns and different stitches to produce a mixed texture surface. Once completed they are decorated with pieces of ribbon, lace or felt, buttons, buckles, or anything which will provide a source of visual, tactile or sensory stimulation for the person concerned. People who suffer from dementia or associated illnesses often have restless hands and these muffs give them a source of interest, and obviously can be used just to keep the hands warm.

We are starting to get a bit short of supplies and I wondered if anyone has any oddments of wool (any colour, amount or thickness), that they might be willing to donate to us. If anyone can help, could they please send me any bits and pieces to Clifton and I will pass them on to the Craft Group.



This wording is from a letter left by our former colleague John Buck and was read out at his funeral.

“My life had not been a bed of roses, this is until I met Vivienne and her children, Victoria & Amanda, that I started to live again. But life can be very cruel as it did on Sunday 13th June 1999 at 7:30am when I found my “soulmate” dead in her bed. This had a profound effect on me. It destroyed and crucified my whole body! A good old saying “Life’s a bitch!”



The journey of my life was beautiful as long as it lasted I have no regrets except the pain I leave behind to those dear hearts who love and care. Your strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down. At every turn of my life I had my family who stood by me. Farewell my friends and family I bid you goodbye. Do not shed tears for I do not need them all I need is your smile. If you feel sad do think of me for that’s what I’ll like. When you live in the hearts of those you love remember that you never die. Your loving step-father, grandad and friend, John xxx”

Welcome to Ben, Megan and Beth



Ben Harwood has joined the company and is based at Robin Hood House. Ben lives in Gedling and originally did a work placement through his school nine weeks ago. Outside of work Ben likes visiting the gym.



Megan Rosier will be working as a funeral arranger at Robin Hood House, she has nearly 9 years of experience, as she previously worked at Baguley Brothers. Megan lives in Mapperley Park and likes running and going to the gym.



Beth Stone has joined the City Flowers team. She has previously worked at the Old Sawley Brewery Company and White Lion Pub, which are owned by her father and uncle respectively. Beth also likes going to the gym and Zumba, and lives at home with her parents and dog.



Matthew Lymn Rose attended The Institution of The Revd Canon Mark Stuart Tanner at St Mary’s in Radcliffe. Revd Mark and his wife Sue are pictured with Bishop Paul Williams, Archdeacon Sarah Clark and church wardens Sue and Dave.



This ‘Seasons Sundial’ is a discreet way of concealing cremated remains.



Floral tribute created by Jo at City Flowers.



Russell with the black Morris Minor hearse under dramatic skies at Gedling Crematorium.

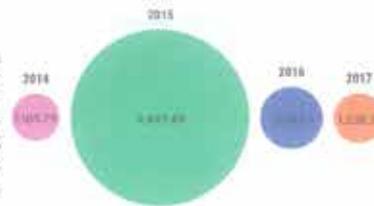
Jackie was pleased to receive this 'Donor Impact Report' from John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

Jackie is organising a trip to the Centre, if anyone is interested in attending, please let her know by 1st October.

A W LYMN DONOR IMPACT REPORT 2017

Financial reporting:

Since September of 2014, AW Lymn have kindly donated £8442 in memorial donations. This figure has been generated from 27 collections, the smallest raising £20.00 and the largest generating £1275. 100% of this funding has gone directly to support the life saving research at the Centre.



All figures are in £ and are reflective of memorial donations received directly from AW Lymn

Your continued support allows our scientists to continue with their vital research, thank you so much.

John van Geest Cancer Research Centre our Mission

Since its founding in 2008, the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre has undertaken pioneering, interdisciplinary research and accelerated breakthroughs in the detection and treatment cancer. Our mission is to save lives and speed up recovery by improving the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Our lifesaving research at the JvGCRC depends fundamentally on donations. AW Lymn's continued support means we are one step closer towards meeting the challenges of modern day cancer research and saving lives.



What your support buys.....

£80- Enables our scientists to artificially synthesise a protein or a part of a protein which is linked to cancer. Subsequently the protein is then used in further research, and its importance is tested as a target molecule for therapy.

£200- To identify future areas of research, cancer cells with specific attributes of interest are required. They are essential for testing new therapies in the lab.

£900- Microarray analysis of genes within a cancer cell determines genes of interest and scope for further research.

£1200- Enables the purchase of essential equipment, for example an additional microscope for examining cells grown in the lab.

These are examples of how donations are used at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre. The £8442 donated has gone a long way towards screening tissue and immunotherapy, allowing doctors to give the most effective and natural treatment to patients. The cost of research is high, but the results will be felt for generations to come.

Your support means tangible results



This progress is only possible because of the tremendous amount of financial support received from donors like AW Lymn. Donations like yours allow our scientists to explore new and exciting opportunities, which will ultimately improve the lives of cancer patients. This is something to be proud of, and with your continued partnership, we can offer families touched by cancer something tangible, something positive.

"We are most grateful to you for your incredibly generous support over the years. I would also like to personally thank you and extend an open invitation for you to visit us at the Centre and see for yourself, the impact your donations have had."

"Research at the centre is only possible with the support of donors and the backing of local organisations such as AW Lymn. From all of us here at the Centre, thank you!"

Professor Graham Pockley
Director John van Geest Cancer Research Centre

