

## Daniel Robinson & Sons—a brief history

The business was first established in **1892** when Daniel Robinson bought a building company at Stansted where he began to make coffins and to arrange funerals.

In 1912 he bought another building company at Bishop's Stortford where he also arranged funerals and supplied memorials.

In 1966 a branch office was built in Wych Elm, Harlow and in **1976** new premises were acquired at 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford. It was here that the Company developed its Head Office.

In 1987 a new funeral home was built at Great Dunmow and in **1989** the Company bought a funeral director's business in nearby Sawbridgeworth.

Daniel Robinson & Sons amalgamated with the respected, established family business of H Peasgood & Son of Saffron Walden in **1994** and members of the Peasgood family are still employed in the business.

In **1998** a new funeral home in Epping High Street was opened.

In 2000 Daniel Robinson & Sons purchased the old-established firm of funeral directors W C Brown & Sons in Manor Street, Braintree. Ivan Brown still works for the Company.

The Harlow office was the subject of a major extension and refurbishment programme in **2001**, providing the Company with a superb purpose-built funeral home to serve the community of Harlow and its surrounding area.

In **2003** the Company achieved the coveted Investors in People standard.

During 2004/5 the funeral home at Bishop's Stortford was also extended, refurbished and modernised to provide superior facilities for both clients and staff.

In **2007** we opened our office at Halstead in conjunction with Derek Holmes Funeral Services.

In **2009** our sister company, H. Peasgood & Son, opened an office and memorial showroom in the High Street, Saffron Walden.

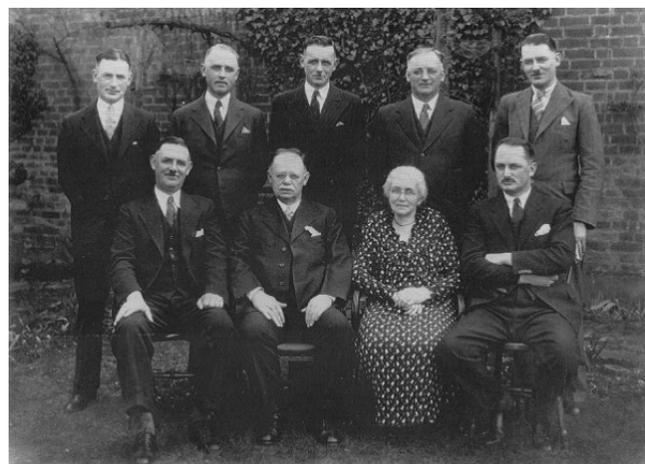
In **2010** the Company achieved the Investors in People Silver Award, which recognises our commitment to our staff, for whom we maintain a regular training programme to ensure the highest level of professional service.

In **2011** we opened our funeral home in Loughton. The premises, previously Bosworth's in Church Hill, has been transformed whilst keeping the original shop front. The courtyard and outbuildings have also been transformed in to a private chapel of rest and chapel reception area.

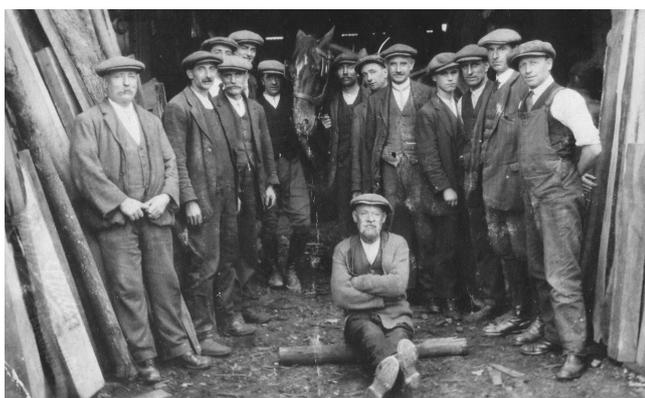
In **2016** we opened our funeral home in Waltham Abbey.

We take great pride in our funeral homes and our vehicles. All the Company's funeral homes are decorated and furnished tastefully throughout to provide a comfortable, dignified and welcoming environment for clients and visitors.

Today the business is owned mainly by the third generation of the family founder, Daniel Robinson. Gary Neill MBIE is the Managing Director of the Company and is based at the Head Office at Bishop's Stortford.



Daniel Robinson & his wife, with seven sons (circa 1939)



Daniel Robinson's Sawmill in Stansted, Circa 1925



Staff of Daniel Robinson & Sons at its centenary, 1992



Board of Directors 2017, left to right back row, Grahame Smith, Mark Robinson, John Parkin & Alan Akers.

Front row: Gary Neill, Bart Robinson & Robert Robinson.