



Daniel Robinson & Sons
Independent Family Funeral Directors

Newsletter

Summer 2021

In this Summer's Newsletter, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to my staff and to all the colleagues we have worked with throughout the pandemic. So many people have shown dedication and durability, during what has been the most difficult year that I have experienced in my 33 years as Managing Director of Daniel Robinson & Sons.

Thank you to the professionals with whom we liaise every day, who have worked tirelessly; hospital teams, GP surgeries and crematoria staff, the clergy, our suppliers and all the people and agencies who have pulled together to adapt and continue to provide services during this extremely challenging time.

I am particularly proud that the whole team at Daniel Robinson & Sons have continued to work and offer our full range of services, throughout the pandemic. Many other funeral directors reduced their services or in some cases, closed their doors completely. The dedication the team here have shown to those who have lost loved ones has been remarkable.

So many charities and good causes have struggled due to fundraising activities that have had to be cancelled or delayed. Our own 2020 Charity Golf Day was a prime example, however, we are now planning to hold the event this September, seeking to raise funds for six local children with Cerebral Palsy. The funds raised will be used to continue to help them to improve their mobility through physiotherapy and, ultimately, to achieve greater independence in their lives as they grow older.

As mentioned in our Winter Newsletter, as we were unable to complete all of our usual community activities, we were able to donate £5k to both St Clare Hospice and Isabel Hospice. They both provide excellent care for people locally and, like all Hospices, they have struggled financially due to their fundraising activities being curtailed.

The first half of the year has brought about new developments, we now have a funeral home in Old Harlow and will soon be opening another on Chapel Hill, Stansted. We are looking forward to 'going home' to Stansted, where Daniel Robinson originally started the business in 1892. We are sure that the late Bart Robinson, who passed away last May, and who was extremely proud of Stansted and our company's heritage, would have very much approved of this return to our roots.

Gary Neill, Managing Director



*Thank
you*



Out & about in the local community

A new rabbit proof fence for Stansted Cemetery

We have recently paid for a rabbit proof fence to be installed around Stansted Cemetery. This gesture was made in memory of the late Bart Robinson. Bart used to visit the grave of his late wife, Doris, at the cemetery. He was always very concerned about having to negotiate the rabbit holes and the fact that he could never leave real flowers as they were always quickly nibbled away! Hopefully this will solve the problem, but please, if you are visiting the cemetery, don't forget to shut the gate!!



Chocolicious!

At Easter, Jo from our Loughton funeral home, hopped down to Chigwell Row to 3Food4U with some chocolate treats.



Pam goes walkies for a guide dog for the blind



When Pam Allen sets her mind to do something there's really no stopping her! At 82 years young and with failing eyesight, many of us might be taking life a little easier, but always thinking of others Pam embarked on a 20km sponsored walking challenge in Great Dunmow.

Pam still helps out at Daniel Robinson & Sons when she can. Managing Director, Gary Neill, says 'this challenge is in true Pam style, she has always been full of energy and enthusiasm. Pam came to work with us in 1989 and entered our profession, which was in those days very male dominated, at the age of 50. She took it all in her stride and did a fantastic job managing our Great Dunmow funeral home for many years and helped a great number of local people during that time, including those in the Braintree area. We are extremely proud of her determination and her desire to contribute to the local community'.

Pam raised over £2,000 and the company have doubled this figure, which means that she will be able to name a guide dog puppy. Well done Pam x



Phil takes a stall on the Waltham Abbey market!

Phil Clegg went along to show our support for the Waltham Abbey Market, this was a special opportunity organised by Waltham Abbey Town Council, to boost the market and promote the town.

Phil really enjoyed meeting everyone who came along to support the event, thank you to the Town Council for making this possible.

New Developments—Old Harlow

In January we purchased the long established and highly respected Masterson Funeral Home in Old Harlow. Owners, Elizabeth and Patrick Masterson have retired, after managing the business since their son, Funeral Director, Jerome, very sadly passed away. We are proud to be able to continue to provide a quality, traditional service, as an independent family business, for the bereaved in the local area.



The funeral home is currently in the process of being fully redecorated and our Funeral Directors Phil Barrow (right) and Derek Oakley (left), have settled in well.

A picture of Jerome remains in the reception area as a mark of respect for all his hard work and dedication in building the business.

Blooming lovely

We asked our team to brighten up a very wet and dull spring, here's what they came up with...



Castle Hedingham Bowls Club Open Day



It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to support this event in May, encouraging new Members to join the Club. Derek Holmes from our Halstead branch took along DRS goody bags which were very well received.

Bocking Bowls Club



Louise Griffiths popped along to Bocking Bowls Club to unveil our new banner and present them with a sponsorship cheque. We wish them well for the Summer season.





Thank you and congratulations to Seamus Setterfield, who has just celebrated 25 years of loyal service with Daniel Robinson & Sons, not to mention wearing some fantastic charity fundraising outfits!



The Harlow team congratulated Derek Oakley on achieving 20 years of service with the company this summer.

Team News

Welcome

A warm welcome to members of staff who have joined the team over the last six months...



Donna Lodge
Receptionist/
Administrator



Jazmine Woodhouse
Assistant Funeral
Manager



Tom Riches
Funeral Operative



Wayne Dawes
Funeral Operative



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