



CHRISTMAS 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our annual Christmas Newsletter.

It's been another busy year packed full of events, and we're very grateful to everyone who's been part of them, including all of our fantastic staff and the people we work with on a regular basis.



We'd also like to let you know how we will be working over the Christmas and New Year period, which may help in your dealings with the recently bereaved, or if you need to contact us for any reason.

2017 Christmas Appeal

For our 2017 Christmas Remembrance Trees Appeal we chose Treetops Hospice to receive the proceeds of the appeal.

Due to inclement weather in December last year, our Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Greasley could not go ahead, so we took the opportunity to present a cheque for £2,000 to Tina from Treetops at the rescheduled service in January.



Brinsley Coffin Walk

In July, Joanne once again participated in the Brinsley Coffin Walk, which recreates the journey taken by Brinsley families to Greasley Churchyard in the days before Brinsley had its own Church and Burial Ground.

This year's event was dedicated to the much-missed Doreen Lockett, who led the Service at Greasley for many years, and who sadly passed away in 2017.



Christmas Remembrance Trees 2018

Our Remembrance Trees in our Funeral Homes are now in their 13th year, and every year we seem to get more and more messages – already this year we have had hundreds of messages, and dozens of people coming in for additional cards so that the whole family can place a message on the tree. Pictured is Mayor of Broxtowe Derek Burnett placing a message on the tree at Eastwood.



This year our chosen charity is our local Blood Bikes, which provide free, out-of-hours emergency transport to the NHS, delivering blood and other urgent medical items between hospitals in and around Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Gillotts Purchase Former Police Station

In September, we finally completed the purchase of Eastwood's former police station, situated next door to our Eastwood Premises.

Over the coming years we plan to expand our premises into this property to create more spaces for families to use whilst their loved ones are in our care, and to allow us to accommodate more vehicles. We are delighted to be able to safeguard one of Eastwood's important historic buildings and give it a new lease of life.

Shortly after we got hold of the keys, Mayor of Broxtowe Derek Burnett, who used to be stationed at Eastwood during his time as a police officer, came for a tour of the premises.



Danni and Amanda pass their Diploma exams

In October, we were absolutely delighted to find out that Funeral Arrangers Danni Allen and Amanda Outram had both gained their Diplomas in Funeral Arranging and Administration.

The two, who are sisters, have been studying for the qualification since last December, and were presented with their certificates by National Association of Funeral Directors President Abi Pattenden.



Danni works at our Selston funeral home, and Amanda is based at our Heanor office.

Christmas and the New Year.

Even though most businesses take a break for Christmas and the New Year, we continue to provide the same 24 hour service throughout the festive period.

Our on call team are available around the clock to give advice or assistance over the phone, to visit families who wish to discuss funeral arrangements, and to attend following a death at home or in a care home.

If you or a bereaved person you are in contact with wishes to call us when our offices are closed, please do not hesitate to do so, and we will be of assistance.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday 24 th December 2018	9.00 – 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th December	Closed
Thursday 27 th and Friday 28 th December	Normal working hours
Saturday 29 th December	Eastwood Office open 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Monday 31 st December	9.00 – 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Normal working hours



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