

"The help, advice and service we received from Peasgood & Skeates was extremely useful and well presented"

The Chesterton Indoor Bowls Open



This competition took place over the weekend of 12th and 13th October. Sponsored by Peasgood & Skeates, it attracted 64 competitors, including former World Indoor champion, Ellen Faulkner and Mark Royal. They were joined by family, friends and supporters from all over the UK including support from the local bowls club community in Cambridgeshire and the Chesterton Bowls Club.

Funeral Director Ben Seward is pictured with the winners.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November is traditionally a time of remembrance, and we were pleased to pay our respects by attending Royal British Legion Remembrance Services in Saffron Walden, Thaxted, Duxford, Haverhill and Cambourne. We were also pleased to provide service sheets and refreshments for the All Souls services held at our local churches. This year, we went along to St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden and the Parish Church in Thaxted.

We have also supported and attended the following local Services:

Arthur Rank Hospice Light up a Life Service.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices
Christmas Carol Concerts, Saffron Walden and Milton.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to attend these services of remembrance with those who are bereaved and to support the organisations who have cared for people at a time of illness or during their final days.

Richard, Jeff, Jenna and Claire (with Charlie the dog) pictured at the Arthur Rank Hospice Service.

Turpins Indoor Bowls Fun Day

Phil, Sue and Hayley from our Saffron Walden branch went along to support this fun and friendly afternoon, in which bowlers entered some rather unusual competitions in order to win one of two seasonal Hampers provided by Peasgood & Skeates.



In Memory Trees

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who have been bereaved and, with this in mind, we will be offering people the opportunity to place a message on our **Memory Tree at our Haverhill Funeral Home**. The office will be open on the late night shopping evening to give people the opportunity for some calm reflection, and to enjoy a glass of wine and some company if wished.

Nicki Hickford (left) with the Haverhill Memory Tree.



We are also the sponsors of the Saffron Walden Town In Memory Tree which takes pride of place in the town's Market Square during the festive period. Baubles can be dedicated in return for a small donation to the Mayor's Appeal, and are available at both our Saffron Walden offices. Dedications can also be made on our website: www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk/charity-fundraising

On Wednesday 29th January at 7pm, our Cambridge Funeral Home will be holding its annual Memorial Service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury.

All families who have engaged our Cambridge Funeral Home this year will receive a personal invitation but all are welcome to attend. Please call Jenna for further details: 01223 415255.



Coming soon ... we are in the process of developing our website, which will be launched early in the near year. Please take a look: www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk



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Winter Newsletter

2019



This year marked a special anniversary for our General Manager **Phil Warner** and Funeral Consultant **David Peasgood** as they have both worked for the Company for 25 years.



In fact, David's funeral career goes back a further 15 years, as he started in the family firm at the tender age of 16, when he would help to make the coffins and dig the graves, as well as running errands for his father and uncle, Jack and Alan Peasgood. Phil joined the Company as a Funeral Operative and has gradually worked his way up to the position he holds today. Since working together at Shire Hill, Phil and David have overseen a number of developments as the Company has grown and progressed. They are both very much at the heart of Peasgood & Skeates and their dedication to the profession has been greatly appreciated by the Management, staff and the families we serve.

It has been a personal pleasure to work with Phil and David, for whom I have the utmost respect. I am also proud of the rest of the Peasgood & Skeates team, who all work very hard to provide a professional, caring and efficient service day and night, all year round. As a Company, we like to reward loyal service and hard work, and each year certificates are presented at our Annual Staff Meeting.

It is always a privilege to serve those who turn to us and we strive very hard for perfection in everything we do. This year we have been requesting feedback from our clients in the form of a post-funeral questionnaire and we have been very humbled by the thanks we have received; you will see a few of the comments at the top of the following pages and I think they speak for themselves.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped us in some way to provide the care to the bereaved ~ GP's, hospital staff, care home staff, members of the clergy, funeral celebrants, the local police - the list is rather long, and my apologies if I have missed anyone. You know who you are, and our thanks is sincere.

Our newsletter will give you an insight into our recent community engagement and I hope you will find it of interest.



Lee Wilkins, Assistant Funeral Manager at Duxford receiving his 5 years' service award.



Arthur King, casual Driver/Bearer receiving his 20 years' service award.



Leigh Burdett, Funeral Operative at Duxford, receiving his IFD College Certificates.



Nikki Saydraouten, Funeral Administrator at Saffron Walden, with her IFD College Certificate.



July & August

"I could not have got a better service anywhere. Thank you."

Buster Moore Charity Bowls Day

Over £1000 was raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity at Steeple Bumpstead Bowls League's annual Buster Moore Charity Day. Peasgood & Skeates were delighted to sponsor the event which took place at Quendon Bowls Club on Sunday 11th August. 22 teams from Haverhill, Cavendish, Quendon, Birdbrook, Castle Camps, Clare, Stoke by Clare, Radwinter and Castle Hedingham took part in a friendly but competitive triples tournament.



Buster Moore Trophy winners pictured above, with Nicki Hickford attending the cheque presentation (left) with President of the Bowls League, Yvonne Lawrence and Simon De Laat of the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity.



Flower Festival

We were delighted to be the principal sponsors of the Flower Festival at Saint Mary's Church Saffron Walden which took place over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. It was a spectacular display within the beautiful setting of the parish church which raised just over £9,000 for the church's current building project.

Phil Warner and Georgie Peach are pictured with the tribute for St Joseph of Arimathea, who was responsible for the burial of Jesus.

Inter Village Bowls

We sponsored the much-awaited annual Inter Village Bowls tournament which took place in Elsenham this year. The hosts beat Radwinter in a close final, with Thaxted taking 3rd place. Peasgood & Skeates provided cash prizes for the winning clubs and individual prizes for the players. It was good to catch up with our bowls friends again and we look forward to seeing them all next year.



Soapbox Derby

3....2.....1...and they're off! The Peasgood & Skeates racing team took to the streets of Duxford for their first ever appearance in the Duxford Soapbox Derby. Raising money for Cancer Research UK, over 20 soapboxes took to the streets in a fun and exciting (and what looked to be very tiring) race around the village.

Peasgood & Skeates were represented by Leigh Burdett and Tom Warden and supported by Jeff Hall, Claire Skeates-Hall, Lee Wilkins and Georgie Peach.

We finished in a very respectable 4th place.

Tom and Claire are shown on a practice lap with Jeff 'assisting'.



"At this difficult time after losing my mum, it was wonderful to have such help and care from all the staff at Peasgood & Skeates. I cannot thank you all enough."

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Peasgood & Skeates held their second Macmillan Coffee Morning and it was another successful event, attended by around 25 people. We had a wonderful morning chatting and laughing, the cakes supplied looked and tasted fantastic and were very much appreciated by our visiting guests! £130 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Bubble Fun

We entered a team in this year's Saffron Walden Bubble Rush in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices. The team ran, walked and hobbled around the 5k course and finished looking like smurfs (due to the blue dye!) but delighted to have raised £550.00 for the charity.



Haverhill Rovers Football Club

We are continuing to sponsor the U13 Boys, U13 Girls and Ladies teams. All three teams turned out to say thank you to Phil Warner and Nicki Hickford. All team members were also given a Peasgood & Skeates sports bag and water bottle, which very nicely match their team colours!



Race Night Success

We supported the race night at Haverhill Golf Club, organised by Haverhill Citizen's Advice Bureau by sponsoring a race and some horses. Funeral Arranger, Nicki Hickford, was pleased to attend and was rewarded with a trophy for her winning horse!

