



See inside for photos of our recent talent show

# Winter Newsletter

2019



This year marked a special anniversary for **Funeral Director, Andrew Fuller**, who has worked for the Company for 20 years.

Andrew joined as a Funeral Operative and was promoted to Funeral Manager after obtaining his Diploma in Funeral Directing.

He is now working part-time, but is still keen to give his best to the families who turn to us for help, and he is very much at the heart of what we do.

## A Message from our Head of Operations

I am a man who is known for his high standards, and I can honestly say that I am very proud of our team, all of whom work very hard to provide a professional, caring and efficient service day and night, all year round.

It is always a privilege to serve those who turn to us and we strive very hard for perfection in everything we do. We also like to engage with the community in which we serve as we believe it is important for people to get to know us so they are comfortable to turn to us at their time of need. This year Andy pulled out all the stops to put on a local talent show. The result, "Royston's Got Talent" features very highly in this newsletter, and rightly so, as it brought the people of Royston together to showcase their talents, and to raise funds for the Parish Church following last year's fire.

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 care to the bereaved ~ GP's, hospital staff, care home staff, members of the clergy, funeral celebrants, the local police, the list is very long, and my apologies if I have missed anyone. You know who you are, and our thanks, as always, is sincere.

*Seán Martin*

We were very sorry to have to carry out the funeral for our dear friend **Iris Newling** who passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019, aged 82. Iris was the wife of the late Norman Newling, whose father founded S Newling & Sons, now Newlings of Royston.

Iris had an amazing community spirit, she was very giving and would always be ready to lend a hand. She was a keen Rotarian, volunteer at the town's Garden House Hospice shop and an active member of the congregation at St John the Baptist Church. She will be very much missed by the team at Newlings of Royston and the local community.

The winner of Royston's Got Talent was awarded the Iris & Norman Newling Award in their memory.





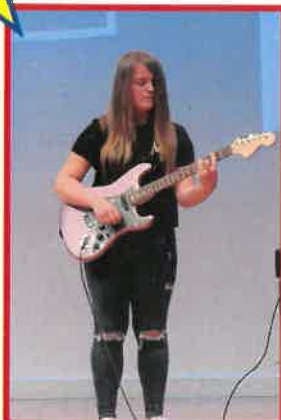
# Royston's Got Talent

Here are just a few of the photos we took on the night which will give you an insight into the evening.

More pictures can be found on our Facebook page.



The idea for a community event to raise funds for the parish church after last year's fire came from Assistant Funeral Manager, Andy McFadyen. After months of careful planning, some generous help from Gordon Farquhar and staff at King James Academy, Revd Heidi Huntley and her team, Robert Inwood Mayor of Royston, and Johnson Matthey who kindly supplied the prizes, his dream became a reality. The 11 young contestants were just super and a joy to watch. They had clearly been rehearsing their acts and all gave a very polished performance on the night. The winning act was Freya Gordon, aged 11, with her singing and dancing routine from the musical Anastasia. Callum Constant, a 24 year old self-taught dancer was runner-up and Ruby Traylen and Emma Brett aged 10 were awarded 3rd place for their original play. We hope that everyone who took part enjoyed their moment on the stage - judging by the applause, the audience on the night certainly did!





Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported this event in some way, it was a great community effort with many people playing their part. £1000 was raised for the church restoration fund, which Andy presented to Rev'd Heidi Huntley.



Thank you and very well done to everyone involved – you did yourselves, and Royston, proud. *Andy is already thinking about RGT 2020 .... watch this space!*

# In other news...



## Royston Bowls



On an extremely hot Bank Holiday Monday in August, Newlings of Royston were proud to be sponsoring the annual bowls tournament for the second year. All the bowlers contributed a minimum of £1 to participate with the proceeds going to the Presidents Charity, which is the Dialysis unit at Addenbrookes. After well deserved refreshments, Andy presented prizes to the winners and runners-up.



## Exam Success for Jacqui

Our congratulations to Funeral Arranger, Jacqui Gordon, who has successfully completed her Funeral Administrator course with the Independent Funeral Directors College.

Well done Jacqui!



## In Remembrance



November is traditionally a time of remembrance, and we were pleased to pay our respects with our poppy window display. Jacqui attended the Royal British Legion Service in Royston and laid a wreath on behalf of the Company.



Winter can be a lonely time for the bereaved and acts of remembrance can bring some comfort at a time of year which is traditionally focussed on family and friends.

We are currently looking after the **Book of Remembrance for St John's Church Royston**. Anyone who would like to view it may call into our funeral home to do so. We would be pleased to provide a quiet space for you to reflect, with a hot drink if you wish.

**This year, we are also hosting the church's In Memory Tree.** Please call in at any time if you wish to dedicate a bauble - you will receive a warm welcome and are invited to join us for a complimentary glass of sherry or a hot drink and a mince pie. If you are unable to visit our premises, please give us a call or drop us an email - we would be pleased to put a bauble on the tree on your behalf.

Families who have used our services are able to access **free professional, bereavement support**, through SAIFCare. The helpline is open from 9am-9pm Monday to Friday: 0800 917 7224.

Email support and information available: [help@saifcare.org.uk](mailto:help@saifcare.org.uk)

## We are recruiting Casual Driver/Bearers

Please talk to us if you, or someone you know, is interested in working for us on a casual basis.

No previous experience necessary, but applicants must have a clean driving licence, a smart

appearance, and be physically fit, as some heavy lifting is required.

For more information, please call in to see us or contact Andy McFadyen: 01763 242375

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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.newlingsofroyston.co.uk](http://www.newlingsofroyston.co.uk)