

# NEWLINGS OF ROYSTON

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## Summer Newsletter 2021

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THANK YOU!

In this Summer Newsletter, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the team at Newlings of Royston. I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to fellow professionals and all essential workers who have helped us to continue to provide a high level of service to the bereaved throughout the pandemic.



Thank you to the professionals with whom we liaise every day; many of you have worked tirelessly along with 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 our funeral home remained open during both lockdowns and we continued to offer our full range of services, whilst allowing clients the option to make arrangements by telephone or email if preferred. Many other funeral directors offered a reduced service or, in some cases, closed their doors completely. The focus here has been on what we *can* do and the dedication the team has shown to the bereaved has been remarkable.

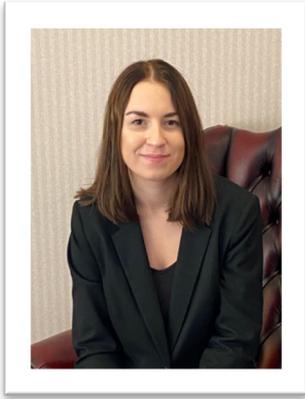
**As a Company, we have always been keen to support our local community.** Many of our usual activities have been cancelled or delayed but we have continued to do what we can to support local groups and charities. Some of our efforts are included in this newsletter. We are also busy making plans to host another 'Royston's Got Talent' which we hope will take place later this year—please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

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Sean Martin

Head of Operations

# TEAM NEWS



## INTRODUCING JESSICA

We recently welcomed Jessica Oakley to our team as a Funeral Administrator. Jessica is new to the funeral profession herself, but has grown up knowing a bit about the role as both her father and grandfather have worked as Funeral Directors. She is keen to learn as much as she can and we are taking the time to teach her all that we know.

After just a couple of weeks, she has already settled into our small and friendly team and we wish her well in her new career.



## LES IS BACK IN TOWN

Having spent much of the last year in Norfolk for family reasons, Les is now back home in Royston. He has dusted down his microphone and polished his shoes ready to resume his popular Sing-Alongs. His enigmatic and enthusiastic style is much appreciated by his audiences, so if you know a local care home, group or club that would appreciate a good old-fashioned sing-along, courtesy of Newlings of Royston, he can be booked via our Funeral Manager, Andy Mcfadyen: [andym@newlingsofroyston.co.uk](mailto:andym@newlingsofroyston.co.uk) or tel: 01763 242375

## BEAUTIFUL BARLEY CHURCH

In June, Jacqui and Jess took a trip to Barley to take a look at the recently completed Flower Tower. **The Barley Village Challenge** to create a Flower Tower began in March 2021. They had hoped to collect in about 500 flowers for the display, but managed to get 1452!

It is hoped that this wonderful community project will raise funds to help Barley Church with its regular running costs and its vision of becoming a much more usable space for the whole village. We were certainly impressed and pleased to make a donation on behalf of Newlings of Royston.



Andy didn't get the opportunity to don his Charlie Chick outfit again this Easter, but we were pleased to sell the hand knitted chicks to help raise funds for Garden House Hospice Care.

## SUPPORT FOR ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH

Our first Royston's Got Talent event in 2019 was arranged to raise funds for the Parish Church, following the fire and we are hoping to hold a follow-up show later this year. It is hoped that the work to restore the church will be completed early in 2022, when it will re-open as a modern, welcoming and friendly place for the community of Royston. A full update from Heidi can be found on our Facebook page: [@newlingsofroyston](https://www.facebook.com/newlingsofroyston)



**Revd Heidi Huntley is pictured taking delivery of the re-cast church bells earlier this year, and Andy took the opportunity to have his picture taken with Royston's recently appointed Mayor, Mark Hughes, when he kindly called in to meet the team and to offer his support for Royston's Got Talent, The Return.**