

P & S Gallagher – Haywards Heath, West Sussex

We had a steady stream of people in throughout the day (about 40 in all?) and so we think it was quite a successful exercise.

As it was on the day before Remembrance Sunday and we are involved with the local branch of the RB Legion, We centred a poppy day appeal stand around a 'British & Proud' coffin loaned to us from colourful coffins. We also had some crazy coffins from Vic Fearn's in Nottingham, who are our regular coffin suppliers, as well as some of their traditional coffins on display. These were a major talking point throughout the day

As well as the coffins we also had, a cremated remains casket/containers display with a DVD playing about firework ashes disposals!

A slideshow showing some of the more unusual funerals that we have conducted, was playing in our arranging area on a continual loop.

It included in that, pictures of memorial works (both before and after refurbishment in some cases) and newly fitted memorials.

We had our solicitor here to answer questions about wills and probate and also, a number of vicars, civil funeral celebrants and cruise bereavement counsellors were on hand

Our letter cutter worked on an inscription and answered many questions from interested people as they watched the demonstration of his skills.

Some of the attached pictures were taken as we were setting up, and one is of a couple of staff from one of our local nursing homes.

We had the usual finger buffet, teas/coffees and wine and also asked people to complete an attendance card when they arrived.

The cards were then put into a draw at the end of the day and one lucky winner received a meal for 4 at a local hotel to us, with us providing a limousine for their transport to the hotel.

Two other lucky people won a basket of flowers each.

We had 2 or 3 serious enquiries about funeral plans and so let's hope they come to fruition?

