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I decided I had the skills to handle funerals

BUSINESS

Mum talks to **Rob Virtue** about her entry into male-dominated world

As a woman looking to break into a new sector, the funeral industry might be way down the list of ideas.

Firstly because it's a male-dominated world and secondly, well, it's about death.

But for Hasina Zaman, a 46-year-old mother, it felt the perfect fit for her relationship skills and she established Grace Funerals late last year.

"Before it became industrialised at the turn of the 20th century it was women who carried out the funerals," said Hasina.

"It's a time for compassion and during this period so many strong feminine qualities are needed. Men have it as well but I'm not sure it sits as easy for them as it does for women."

Hasina's background is in training but she had a desire to start her own company.

Spending eight years of her life as a working single parent gave her strong organisational skills and she wanted to work in an industry focused on problem solving.

With her new husband's experience working at the City of London crematorium, a role as funeral director seemed to fit.

A range of practical concerns arise following a death and Hasina sees her role as taking the extra worries away from families already beset by grief.

Burials can be complex, especially when different faiths and cultures are involved.

"I was looking to do something serving communities and solving problems so this seemed ideal," said Hasina.

W Why choose this career?

"I was looking to do something serving communities and solving problems."

Hasina Zaman
Funeral director

"When you solve problems like these you make a big difference."

One minor drawback was helping her children overcome their squeamishness. There are six in her family.

"At first they banned us from talking about work around the dinner table," said Hasina. "We'd discuss coffin



Hasina Zaman, 46, tries not to discuss work around the family dinner table

sizes and they would find it a bit morbid. Now it's not so bad. It's a family business.

"From my husband's time at the City of London crematorium he has the operational skills and I am CEO of the company. It's what we're both good at. We've got a totally different skill set."

After eight months of business, Grace Funerals is now well-established in Tower Hamlets and Hasina is looking at breaking into Canary Wharf. One way is by offering to visit the workplace of those recently bereaved.

"We are very flexible with times," she said. "It's a difficult time and this is all about making it as easy as possible for the relatives."

"That involves visiting them - whether at home or at work - and putting their minds at rest about the process."

Go to eastlondon@funeralserver.com

NEWS IN BRIEF

What's on

Evans adds fifth date to O2 run

GREENWICH The O2 has gone Lee Evans crazy after the madcap comedian added a fifth show to his run.

Tickets for the date on Thursday October 14, will go on sale from this Friday at 9am. Back in 2011 Evans performed six nights at the venue.



The other dates for the latest tour are on September 26 and 27, as well as October 3 and 4. Go to theo2.co.uk for tickets.

Get in saddle for guided bike ride

EAST LONDON In a bid to get more women on their bikes, The Big Breeze Bike Ride is coming to east London.

The initiative aims to see like-minded women setting up bike rides to share the two-wheeled fun. Cycle over to Mile End Stadium on Saturday at 12.30pm for a guided group ride around Tower Hamlets. British Cycling aims to get a million more women on bikes by 2020. Go to breezebikerides.com



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Shaping beautiful minds

A WOMAN whose beauty product range fills the shelves of John Lewis visited students in Newham to offer an insight into setting up a business.

Entrepreneur Maleka Dattu, who launched her Merumaya Integrative Effective Skincare firm last year, shared her experiences with 120 beauty, hair and business students at Newham College.

A former Clinique employee, she was voted Cosmetic Executive Women's Achiever of the Year by her peers in 2006.

"Passion for the beauty industry has to be coupled with drive, discipline, customer service, customer loyalty, branding and sales," said Maleka, who now has her sights set on the global market for her range of products.

"I applaud the approach this college takes in combining vocational training with commercial reality."

"It is brilliant that the college has a working salon both on campus and on the high street."



Maleka Dattu



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Elena Rowland's picture of Boris Johnson and officials

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Boris visit raised flagging spirits

FOLLOWING the sad events in Woolwich last month we have all been left shocked by such a vicious attack on a military personnel.

I was standing by the window on May 23, the day after the event.

The road was closed, the police were walking around, everything was deserted. It seems that all life gone from Wellington Street.

Suddenly, I was awoken. I saw a group of officials with a blonde man in the centre.

'No, I can't be wrong,' I said to myself - it's Boris Johnson!

I have never seen him in real life.

I always saw him only in papers. I ran into my cupboard to get my camera. I put the batteries inside with incredible speed. Obviously, in the meantime the group

disappeared behind the corner. I waited patiently hoping they would come back.

The rest you can see from my pictures.

Boris was talking to men and leaving.

I hope that the readers will enjoy my story which happened in such a sad circumstances.

**Elena Rowland
Wellington Street,
Woolwich**

Refuse collection policy is rubbish

HAS Lewisham dumped on its residents? Apparently. In May Lewisham council published a new set of rules for refuse collection, and residents in my area have just received a letter outlining these changes. I'm sure we all agree with the sensible rules and those concerning incorrect recycling. However, I do not appreciate being treated like a wayward schoolboy, particularly as a standard "naughty you" letter alleged that I had not conformed to new rules that I knew nothing about. When making these new rules, did the council take into account the fact that six or eight weeks ago they started collecting general refuse a day early, but continued to collect recycling rubbish on the correct day, without sending a notice of intention? So, before penalising people, Lewisham should get its act together and confirm the right days for collections - details

on the internet or in the press will not suffice. Also, wasn't the big selling point when having these big wheelie bins forced on to us that GARDEN WASTE would be accepted? But, now when they thought we weren't looking, they've changed the rules and banned garden waste. Presumably, the suggestion is that every week I take my two carrier bags of grass cuttings on a four-mile round trip to the reuse/recycle centre. This will really be very helpful in cutting carbon emissions! Anyway, what's so bad about putting garden waste in landfill, it rots down naturally, doesn't it? Oh, and before the council suggests I use a compost bin, let me say I'd love to, but the limited space available is taken up by two large wheelie bins, one black, one green. Any sensible suggestions, Lewisham?

Pensioner Fred of Catford

We will harness volunteer habit

LAST WEEK, Scouts from across Lewisham set out to volunteer in local communities as Scout Community Week returned for a second year. Over the week Scouts from 12th Lewisham Scout Group were encouraged to do one thing to help their community. The week saw young people getting involved in projects such as bag packing and planting flowers. The group raised more than

£1,100 for camps and activities to maintain a church garden. The group also dug out a stream in order to stop a footpath from flooding so it can be enjoyed by the public all year round. Scout Community Week gives Scouts the opportunity to bond with their community and showcase the activities that take place all year round. Research shows that Scouting develops a volunteering habit

for life among its members: 36 per cent of former youth Scout members volunteer for two hours a week, compared with 26 per cent for the general population. At a time when local authorities, public services and charities are feeling the pinch more than ever, The Scout Association intends to harness this volunteering habit up and down the country.

Name and address supplied

Hearse handed a parking ticket

THIS morning, a funeral limousine was given a parking ticket while the shocked mourners were still outside the church in Lewisham. The coffin was still on the hearse, which was next to the limousine.

A traffic warden put the ticket on the car as the family were going into church, after it had stopped for nine minutes to let them exit the car. She said it was in breach of loading conditions. Staff from the funeral directors,

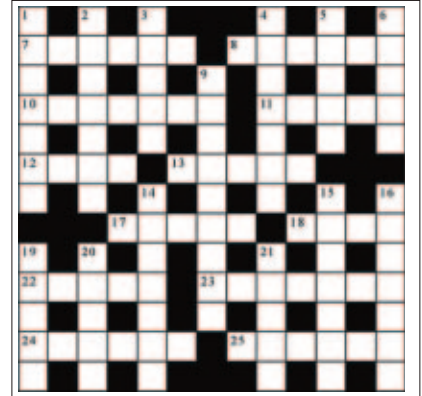
the family and other passers-by questioned the traffic warden but she insisted on issuing the ticket. Is anybody else as outraged as me?

**Nicki Dunphy
Brockley Road
Brockley**

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS:** 7. A poser in entertainment? (6)
8. Using drill without any excitement? (6)
10. Quarrel over radioactive contamination? (4,3)
11. Father to avail himself of a break (5)
12. Music of the seaside (4)
13. Some of them are obviously lying in a cunning way (5)
17. Long to make youth leader work for money (5)
18. It is, of course, intended for use in solution (4)
22. Cry of woe about one other name (5)
23. Survive till the tenth wicket? (7)
24. To finish, I have a salad plant (6)
25. Behind which film-makers hide? (6)

- DOWN:** 1. Bear out 100 have places with the company (7)
2. To which a couple have the key? (7)
3. Clearly a more significant officer (5)
4. Make up outrageous polemic (7)
5. Moor association? (3-2)
6. Maybe eager to get on together? (5)
9. Yet there is space in the drinks store (9)
14. Writers I have taken to be thoughtful (7)
15. Intelligent about a chopper (7)
16. Half the brides have small fortune (7)
19. Went white as father went ahead (5)
20. Adherent of religion having some faith in duty (5)
21. A bloomer taking farm animals? (5)



QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS:**
7. Merchant (6)
8. Sullen (6)
10. Thoughtful (7)
11. Extent (5)
12. Near (4)
13. Freight (5)
17. Inn (5)
18. Increase (4)
22. Correct (5)
23. Chopper (7)
24. Tie (6)
25. Grab (6)
DOWN:
1. Clergyman's salary (7)
2. Slaughter (7)
3. Danger (5)
4. Valour (7)
5. Climb (5)
6. Cut (5)
9. Deterioration (9)
14. Touch (7)
15. Personal (7)
16. Dark-skinned (7)
19. Anger (5)
20. Repeated (5)
21. Creature (5)

Last week's solutions

CRYPTIC, ACROSS: Across: 1 Poles; 4 Romantic; 5 Account; 9 Clear; 10 Tie; 11 Romantic; 13 Sups; 14 Flan; 16 Liberate; 17 Oder; 20 Edict; 21 Isolate; 22 Treadle; 23 Fleet.
DOWN: 1 Practical test; 2 Lucre; 3 Snug; 4 Ration; 5 Social; 6 Uneaten; 7 Direct current; 12 Operated; 13 Sublime; 15 Stripe; 18 Drake; 19 Toff.
QUICK: Across: 1 Demur; 4 Frantic; 8 Clamber; 9 Passim; 10 Note; 11 Nauseate; 13 Seem; 14 Stay; 16 Inexpert; 17 Magi; 20 Audit; 21 Service; 22 Earthly; 23 Dummy.
DOWN: 1 Decontaminate; 2 Meant; 3 Robe; 4 Format; 5 Apposite; 6 Therapy; 7 Consecutively; 12 Despatch; 13 Slender; 15 Frisky; 18 Axiom; 19 Prod.



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St Mary's win it by a whisker Capital haul for Tigers

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and Benjamin Luxford of Wyborne winning it for the boys, the first of two gold medals for him.

Katelyn Lai won the Year 4 freestyle for Meridian, while Oliver Crowley won it for St Mary's in the boys event.

Eddy Binns, of James Wolfe, produced a fine performance to win the Year 5 backstroke, while Ellen Stepan won the Year 6 event for Halstow.

All evening the parents in a packed public gallery never failed to cheer on all the kids, despite the heat.

In the Year 5 freestyle, a thrilling finish saw Kirsty Moore of Gordon just pip Lulu Pennicott-Banks of Meridian - by just 0.12 of a second!

Jamaal Francis won the Year 5 freestyle for Our Lady of Grace, while Sameera Naqvi won the Year 6 race for Invicta, and Oscar Cotton won it for St Mary's boys.

Alice Hickson took the Year 5 breaststroke for Halstow and Eddie Brown won the boys event for James Wolfe.

Maddie Skinner put in a great swim to win the Year 6 breaststroke and Luca Di Fabio did equally well to take the boys' event for Gordon.

The relays were really impressive. The Halstow girls' team just pipped

Meridian's side in the medley relay, while in the boys section Gordon won with a fine swim.

St Mary's boys and girls won both freestyle relays by huge margins thanks to fine swimmers from all eight pupils.

Gordon School won the overall girls' trophy while St Mary's won the overall boys title.

Organiser Suzanne Philpot GLL aquatics manager, said: "I was so proud of the swimmers. The standard was even higher than last year."

The evening was all the more impressive bearing in mind recent publicity surrounding the number of children who leave primary school unable to swim properly. Greenwich is bucking the trend with over 60 per cent of primary school children heading to secondary school able to swim at least one length of the pool.

Staff at the Eltham Centre and those from Greenwich Royals Swimming Club, their coaches, volunteers, parents and senior swimmers helped make sure the event went smoothly. Greenwich Mayor Angela Cornforth, who presented the medals to dozens of beaming children, said: "It was wonderful to see so many people, swimmers, parents and officials enjoying a really special evening."



THANKS FOR COMING: Mayor Angela Cornforth receives flowers from Rachel Davis at the end of a great evening's swimming

A TEAM of 29 competitors from Taekwondo Tigers, based at Greenacres primary school in Eltham, came away with no fewer than 21 medals at the Capital Cup London competition.

That gave the team fourth place in an event that attracted more than 600 competitors from all over the UK as well as from France and Holland. Medals for the team from Eltham included eight golds, 10 silvers and three bronzes. Chief instructor and former Team GB member Davoud Etmnani, said: "I am very happy with our team performance. We worked very hard towards the Capital Cup, a competition for all age and ability

groups. "I think everyone involved - parents, competitors and coaches - enjoyed the weekend, which was a stepping stone to great success for us." Medal winners - gold: Sophia Javid, Essam Monir Ammanoel, Payam Ghobadi, Nikki Etmnani, Yasmin Habibullah, Jordan Ashley, Ashley Armoordon, Ajan Surenthran. Silver: Javeed Habibolah, Hector Moya, Wrigglesworth Julia, Rania Javid, Mona Samirne, Pouriya Ghasemi, Dylan Armoordon, Thomas Miambanzila, Bojinko Vlahov, Tokoni Cindy Oeidi. Bronze: Serena Miambanzila, Larib Lasharie, Berhany Thomas.

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