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# Private Client Monthly Roundup

The latest news and updates from our Private Client team

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Welcome to February's edition of the Private Client Monthly Roundup written by Jade Steel and Bella Scally. In this edition, we will be covering the following:

- Upcoming Events
  - Our Recent Events – Dementia Support
  - In The News – CILEX certification of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) documents
  - Frequently Asked Questions
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## Upcoming Events

Join us at these upcoming community events:

**Dementia Support Group Meetings - Fareham:**

Every second Thursday (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) at Trinity Church

**Dementia Support Group Meetings - Eastleigh:**

Every second Friday (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) at Holy Cross Church Hall

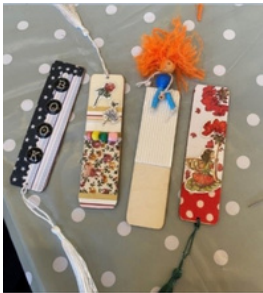
**Fareham Business Expo, Fareham Leisure Centre:** Thursday 22nd February – Come and find us at Stand 35 and take part in our competition to win a bottle of champagne!

**Warner Goodman Peace of Mind Mental Health Masterclass:** Ageas Bowl – Tuesday, 27th February (9:00 am until 12:00 pm)

# Our Recent Events

Jade and Antoinette joined the Dementia Support events in Fareham and Eastleigh. We enjoyed taking part in the crafts and engaging with members of the local community. Below are some of the bookmarks that were created at the Fareham event.

The Private Client department also donated a hamper to the Dementia Support raffle following their successful Christmas Event, which Karon, Antoinette and Bella attended. This was to show our ongoing support for their contribution to the community.



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# Trending News

Following successful campaigning by CILEX, Parliament has now modernised the process of creating and registering Lasting Powers of Attorneys (LPAs) by introducing a new law bridging the gap between solicitors and legal executives. The Powers of Attorney Act 2023 was passed by Parliament in September 2023, which now allows CILEX Lawyers to certify copies of LPAs for the first time in history.

Professor Chris Bones, CILEX Chair, said, "This latest legislative change not only brings the LPA process into the modern digital age but also finally allows our members to certify copies of powers of attorney which they can create in the first place. It reflects the Government's recognition of the important role CILEX has to play in the justice system and the specialist skills our members bring to consumers".

## Why is this important?

This is an important milestone that has been reached in our legal profession, which will undoubtedly make document certification more efficient. Our team will benefit from this development and make our certification process more streamlined.

# Private Client FAQ's

## When can a Lasting Power of Attorney be used?

There are two types of LPAs:

**Property and Financial Affairs:** This covers all decisions concerning managing finances. The Property and Financial LPA can be used in two instances: when you lose capacity or when you can authorise your Attorneys to make decisions on your behalf even if you still have capacity if it is more convenient to do so. It includes arrangements for investments, cash withdrawals, payment of bills and the sale of property.

**Health and Welfare:** This covers all health and social care decisions. Unlike the financial decisions LPA, it can only be used when you have lost capacity. It includes considerations such as where you might live, day-to-day care, consent to medical treatment and assessment arrangements.

Without an LPA, your loved ones must apply to the Court of Protection to seek permission to manage your affairs on your behalf, which is known as a Deputyship Order. This can be a costly and emotional process. Although we can guide them through the application, the best solution is to prevent this scenario entirely by making a Lasting Power of Attorney.

If you would like to speak to one of our colleagues about creating a Lasting Power of Attorney, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01329 222075 or email [PrivateClientSupportTeam@warnergoodman.co.uk](mailto:PrivateClientSupportTeam@warnergoodman.co.uk).

## What happens if a person dies without leaving a Will?

The answer to this question can be found on our website; please visit [warnergoodman.co.uk/site/planning-for-your-future](http://warnergoodman.co.uk/site/planning-for-your-future).

You can also view our helpful flow diagram to demonstrate what happens when a Will is not present in the event of a death.

If you would like to speak to one of our colleagues about preparing a Will, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01329 222075 or email [PrivateClientSupportTeam@warnergoodman.co.uk](mailto:PrivateClientSupportTeam@warnergoodman.co.uk).



[View our Intestacy Chart](#)

That's all for this month's Private Client Roundup. Thank you for reading!