

18th January, 2012

Dear Colleagues

I wish you all a very belated but nevertheless **'Happy New Year'**. Many thanks to those who kindly donated money for 'Hospice Care' after my successful completion of the 'Great South Run' (jog in my case!) in October. **'Tempus fugit'** as that clock in Leeds City centre continues to reminds us, as we are already thinking of Spring, especially with the weather deceiving us with relatively mild conditions in this part of the U.K at the moment, anyhow.

I understand that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the recent helicopter crash in Salisbury was caused by the pilot being unsighted by considerable cigarette smoke from a premises in Churchfields!

Thankfully no one was seriously injured in that incident unlike the capsizing of the cruise liner 'Costa Concordia' in Italian waters last week. As you might guess, Carole and I were more than interested in developments with that tragedy. Life goes has to go on though, despite such tragedies, as we all are patently aware of, in the professional work we do.

Anyway back to Institute matters. Clearly you are receiving information but there are others who are not, for what ever reason, so if you know of anyone who is in that position could I respectfully ask you to tell them to contact the **National Office (0800 032 2733)**. It may be that an email or postal address is incorrect causing information not to be received.

Our next regional meeting is at **'Kenyons International' U.K Headquarters at 1 The Western Centre, Western Road, Bracknell RG12 1RW on Saturday 10th March at 10 00hrs.**at which I am sure, **Alan Puxley** (providing he has not been despatched elsewhere!) and his colleagues, will give us a very interesting, informative talk and visit on the work they do in 'Emergency Services'

May I also remind you that our **A.G.M.** has been arranged for **Saturday 10th June,2012** in the **National Lifeboat College at Poole(more details later) and our National President: Clive Kirk has confirmed his attendance.** Then it is hoped that the following meeting, either very early or late in **September(1st or 29th)** will be in the **Shepton Mallet** area. I had better not mention that Carole and I will be on another cruise in the Adriatic at other times in that month though. Nevertheless, as ever, it is hoped that as many of you as possible will set aside these dates and avail yourself to attend at least one of the meetings, during which promises to be a very interesting and exciting year for the Institute

I do hope that I will have the opportunity of seeing you at some stage this year. I am also sure that on your behalf you would want me to pass on our best wishes to any member who is not enjoying the best of health at the moment too. .Do take care, and above all keep smiling.

best wishes

Roger Clark



Meeting of the British Institute of Funeral Directors (Wessex Region) to be held at Kenyon's International U.K Headquarters, Western Road, Bracknell RG12 1RW on Saturday 10th March,2012 at 10 30hrs (Drink refreshments from 10.00hrs)

Agenda

1 Chairman's Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Roll Call

4 Minutes of last meeting

5 Matters Arising

6 Treasurer's Report

7 Board of Directors' Report

8 Correspondence

9 A.O.B

10 Talk and Tour of Premises.

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I/We am/are able/unable to attend the meeting

Name(s) Please print

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Please return to Regional Secretary or email (cstuttgart@ntlworld.com) if more convenient.

Many Thanks