

## Company Secretary of The British Institute of Funeral Directors

Alun Tucker is delighted to have been elected as Company Secretary of the BIFD at the Annual General Meeting held in Maidstone in October 2017.

As a retired Funeral Director, this role will enable him to help guide the Institute through the many challenges facing the funeral profession and maintain contact with the very many friends and acquaintances made in a career going back over 40 years, at the same time sharing the vast knowledge I have gained in that time.

He started in funerals at the age of 14 by helping his father, Eddie Tucker of Swansea, within his own business. He passed his Diploma in Funeral Directing in May 1981 while working at Attree & Kent in Brighton.

His career in management started within Co-operative Funeral Service, firstly in Leicester 1986-1989 then with Ipswich Co-operative Society (later Ipswich & Norwich) from 1989 – 1995.

He was Managing Director of H L Hawes & Son Ltd in Ilford, Essex from 1996 until his early retirement in August 2016.

Having joined the SAIF Executive Committee in 1998, he was elected National President for 2004-2005.

After a previous spell as Acting Chief Executive Officer he became Executive Chairman in September 2012 and stepped down from that role in March 2017.

As far as Education is concerned he was Chairman of the Independent Funeral Directors College from 2005 to 2008.

His career was based on sound knowledge and listening and learning from those around him.

I hope many new, and not so new, to the profession will enrol on the courses available to them which will only serve to enhance their careers.

*Best wishes, Alun*

