

## Chairman of the Education Committee

My grandmother owned a pub, she was the first Licenced Vittler in Plymouth. Following the death of my grandfather, my mother was serving behind the bar on New Year's Eve 1957, and went into labour, I was born at 4 am on New Year's Day 1958, so I came into the world on a day that no one could forget.

Having passed the eleven plus I attended an all-boys school with masters that still wore gowns and carried canes.

When I was 21 I saw an advert in our local newspaper for a driver/bearer, which I applied for and got, the only thing against me was that I was too young, but they would give me a trial period, 38 years later I'm still here, so I guess I'm still on trial.

I qualified as an embalmer in 1984, gained my diploma in 1985 and became a Director of our Company in 1997. I got involve with education in 2006, supporting students who were being trained by Ron Holland, and enjoyed it so much that I spoke with Ron about how I could become a tutor myself. With his encouragement, I trained as a tutor qualifying in March 2010, Shelia Dicks being my mentor, not an easy task for anyone. Since 2010 I have successfully trained over 50 students.

I had great pleasure in helping to write the BIFD Textbook, something I found most interesting, and it was my privilege to receive a Fellowship of the Institute in 2013. My involvement with the Education Committee has deepened my interest in education within the BIFD and I have made some wonderful friends within the Institute but particularly on the Education Committee.

I lecture on a regular basis to first year medical students at the Peninsular Medical School here in Plymouth who are training to become doctors.

Outside of work I have a wife and three daughters, and a dog called Benji. I continue a lifelong involvement with the Boys' Brigade, where I have served as President of the Plymouth Battalion as well as being a serving officer for over 35 years

*Kind regards, David Parslow*

