



May Newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of The FSA Newsletter.



FSA Members Step Up for a Worthy Cause in the Peak District Challenge

We're delighted to share that Brian Hart (SAIFINSURE), Adam Masters (Tributes Ltd), and Catherine Betley (Professional Help Ltd) are taking on the **Peak District Challenge** this **28–29 June** to raise funds for a truly meaningful cause.

They're inviting fellow **FSA members, employees, and families** to join them. With a range of distances, the walk suits all levels; a great way to connect while supporting a vital cause.



Helen & Douglas House provides essential care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions.



Thanks to FSA member *MuchLoved*, a donation page has been created under **Jade's Presidential Year** supporting **Helen and Douglas Hospice**:

Want to join?

Please contact

brian@saifinsure.org.uk

by midday this Wednesday if you'd like to be included in the group booking under the FSA name.

Let's come together to make a difference — one step at a time.

Member News!



I had the pleasure of representing the Funeral Suppliers Association, at the British Institute of Embalmers' National President's Banquet in Hinckley, Leicestershire, hosted by President Rachel Shipley. It was a truly welcoming evening spent in fantastic company.

Rachel was a wonderful host, thoughtfully gifting each of us a high-visibility jacket and first aid kit, a practical and memorable gesture that was greatly appreciated. Mine has already found its place in my car, one of those essential items we all mean to sort out, but life often gets in the way!



As for the highlight of the night, I'm still undecided; the brilliant company, the singing, and the impressive, sweet trolley were all strong contenders. My husband cast his vote firmly for the sweets, but I think it was the atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration that truly made the night unforgettable.

Fun fact! 

The evening also successfully raised a generous amount of money for Rachel's chosen charity, a cause close to her heart. It was a real pleasure to be part of such a positive and supportive event.

I even learnt something new, Leicester isn't just famous for its football team, but also for being the home of Walkers crisps. What's not to like?



Welcome to a New Member! Watson & Bell LLP

Watson & Bell LLP are a Coffin Only delivery service currently servicing the bottom half of the country. We have background within the industry which gives us a good insight into the etiquette required by funeral directors when delivering. We have already delivered over 5000 coffins with no damages.

Within the next few months we hope to open a Northern depot that will enable us to deliver nationwide and take on even more coffin manufacturers.

Member Focus: Insurance Brokers

Each month we will focus on a section of our membership, this month, we look at our members who specialise in insurance services. We encourage members to support one another where possible, so please do get in touch if you find yourself needing insurance services!



Howden

<https://www.howdeninsurance.co.uk/>

Insurance provider to the Funeral Director profession and supplying trades.



Unicorn IB Ltd t/a Saifinsure

<https://saifinsure.org.uk/>

Insurance Brokers offering scheme facilities for the funeral profession and suppliers



Wessex Insurance Brokers Ltd

<https://www.wessex-insurance.com/>

Long-term members of the FSA, we provide specialist insurance products to members and more widely to the funeral sector.

We pride ourselves on:

Our insurance industry knowledge – we can build products and suites of products specifically to meet our clients' needs

Our attention to detail – we take the time to understand your needs and to match those with the right insurances

Our personal service – no call-centre, no 'web quotes' just good objective advice!

Our next meeting is being held on Wednesday 9th July 2025.

Please see the agenda below.

9th July Meeting Agenda 2025

9th July Booking form



Member Benefits

Did you know members of The FSA can access Private Medical Cover? Avoid NHS waits, choose your specialist, and get prompt care — all part of your benefits!

[Click to find out more](#)



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Remember to use the FSA logo!

We would like to remind members to ensure they are using The FSA logo on their branding and marketing materials.

[Why the logo matters](#)



Join our member only meetings!

See our upcoming meetings for 2025 by clicking below.

[View upcoming meeting dates](#)



Citation

Citation Round Up

Members Citation have kindly sent us a roundup of services, and guides for members - please do take a look!

[Click here to see the latest roundup from Citation](#)



Join us for our AGM Book your place today!

Our annual dinner will be held at Alveston Manor Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7HP, on Friday 7th November 2025. We would love to see you there!

[AGM Dinner Booking Form](#)

On behalf of Erica Smith & The Teleshore Group of Companies

An invitation to learn about their wide range of services to the Cremation & Burial Sectors.

This is a FREE event, but we do ask that you register your intention to attend.



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Next Month

The life and times of
'Uncle Albert'

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Not to be Missed



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