

December 2012: SIX MONTHS UPDATE

Our book 'See You Soon' was published in June this year.

Since then we have had 930 books printed and 700-800 have been sold to this point. The book has received a warm welcome from many and several national charities dealing with bereavement and drug issues have added it to their recommended reading lists. The book has also been selling in Kindle format. The book has been sent to many countries around the world. We have sent off nearly £5000 to the 2 charities the book supports.

We also have a Facebook page (type in 'Facebook See You Soon Skinner') and Twitter (@SeeYouSoon8) if you would like to 'like us' or 'follow us'.

We have been invited to speak at various events on issues linked to the theme, from school 6th forms to Compassionate Friends groups to church groups. Through the book we have formed links with many people on an individual basis who have experienced loss, often related to drugs.

2012

- Jun- Book launch: Heswall bookshop
- Jun -Book launch: Emmanuel Didsbury Manchester
- Jun- Book launch: St Marys Sale Cheshire
- Jul -Interview: Sundays at Seven: St Marys Upton Wirral
- Aug -Radio: TWR interview Manchester
- Oct- Host and speak: DrugFam annual conference High Wycombe
- Oct -Talk: Compassionate Friends local group: Church Lawton Cheshire
- Oct -Women's Breakfast: St Andrews' Clubmoor Liverpool
- Oct -Talk: Chester Diocesan Committee for Social Responsibility, 'Shameful death'
- Nov -2 Sermons: St Michael le Belfry York, 'Battle scars'
- Nov -3 Talks: Sale Grammar School
- Nov -Sermon: Commemorative Service St Marys Upton
- Several of these talks are available on this website.

All in all, it has kept us quite busy, outside of all our usual activities. We already have a few book related engagements lined up for 2013.

Articles have appeared in several publications

- Woman Alive book review
- Inspire Magazine article
- New Wine Magazine article
- Liverpool Echo article
- War Cry Salvation Army magazine article
- Grieving Dads website article
- Chester Diocese website
- Desertmum blog
- ...and there are more in the pipeline.

Emotionally demanding though it has been, we are of course very pleased about all of this, as we have been able to share a message of hope and at the same time be real about facing up to some very hard issues.

Through it all, Jim's legacy lives on in a number of ways. It is our very small way of making sure he didn't die for nothing and we have been able to bring something positive out of something bad.