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Award winning sports writer compiles tales from the press box bestseller in memory of stillborn son

Award winning sports writer and bereaved Dad, Brian Marjoribanks, has found himself topping Amazon's bestselling football book list in September, with the publication of 'Henrik, Hairdryers and the Hand of God: Extraordinary Tales from the Press Box'.

With exclusive articles by leading sports writers and broadcasters, Brian's idea to compile and edit the book came as a tribute to his baby son Andrew, who was stillborn at 39 weeks in September 2011.

Funds raised from the sales of 'Henrik, Hairdryers and the Hand of God' will be donated to Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity.

Following Andrew's tragic stillbirth, Brian was moved and inspired by the flood of letters and cards he received from the sports writing fraternity and decided to put together a book in honour of his son.

Brian says: 'My idea was to create a book brimming with fantastic sports stories first and foremost, whilst at the same time offering a unique insight into a career that fascinates many and enrages even more.

'I was overwhelmed at the generosity of my fellow sports writers as each and every journalist I approached kindly donated an article free of charge. Their passion, professionalism and exceptional writing makes the book a worthy tribute to Andrew and all monies raised will go to Sands, which my wife Jennifer and I, sadly, know provides such invaluable support to parents who suffer the death of a baby..'

Contributors include Patrick Barclay, Graham Hunter, Ton English, Graham Spiers, Pat Nevin and many more leading sports writers and broadcasters.

Brian continues: 'We are delighted that sales are going so well and it just so happened that the launch of 'Henrik, Hairdryers and the Hand of God' coincided with a happier time for our family; with the safe arrival of baby Fraser, a baby brother for two-year old Alexander.

'Having the boys is going a long way to healing some of our hurt, but both Jennifer and I remain committed to fundraising for Sands to help them support the unfortunate parents who have to go through the hellish experience we endured.'

'Henrik, Hairdryers and the Hand of God: Extraordinary Tales from the Press Box' is out in paperback in all good book stores and available online.

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Key Information about Sands:

Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity, was established by bereaved parents in 1978 and obtained charity status in 1981.

Sands core aims are to:

- Support anyone affected by the death of a baby;
- To work in partnership with health professionals to improve the quality of care and services offered to bereaved families; and
- To promote research and changes in practice that could help to reduce the loss of babies' lives

Sands is a national organisation, with over 100 regional support groups across the UK.

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