

Dear Senators

BOOK NOW for my Drumming Out!

As November draws to a close and before the Christmas preparations take over, I wanted to extend a final invitation to my Drumming Out and Nigel's 'drumming in' dinner to be held on Saturday 18 January 2014 in Sheffield. Please book now! We are preparing a bit of traditional sparkle and some novel activities for some fun together. We would love to see you for the whole weekend but if you can't make that then you can book for the Saturday evening and/or Senate breakfast only. It would really help with our planning if you could let Bill Preece (07836 747226) or me (07810 756489) know that you are coming ASAP.

For those who need a quick reminder – we have booked for the Thursday performance of Oliver at the Crucible Theatre; Friday will take us into the Peak District for Bakewell Tart cookery – our celebrity Senate bake-off; Friday evening we visit ICE Sheffield and try our hand at curling; Saturday evening is our black tie dinner 30's style. Further details and booking form are available on the Senate Web site <http://britishsenate.org.uk/event/drumming-out-2014/>. It is a great opportunity to meet old and new Chamber friends and to welcome some of our newest senators. We have quite a number of Senators coming from the US, Canada and a number of European countries – let's give them a hearty British welcome. Offers of help to meet and greet are most welcome.

JCI National Convention, Oulton Hall November 2013

This was a very interesting and lively conference where senators were invited to join some of the business sessions of JCI UK. A great opportunity to mix and meet. There were two sessions that I found particularly interesting – Andy Clarke, CEO of ASDA spoke about his own career journey and more personally about the challenges of work life balance. He also talked through the breadth of challenges for new customer service initiatives – from partnering with TFL in London (collect your order on your way home) and web ordered deliveries to the Scottish islands.

Even more challenging was the session lead by Mike Ryan, Futurist - who predicted developments ranging from 3D printing to personal health monitoring and replacing mid-career crises with 'no career' crises. This helped scope the discussion session on JCI UK 2030 – with increasing value placed on good human relationships (vs. virtual interactions).

Big thanks to Stephen Gill, Janice Hadfield and Angela Chapman for organising the Senate programme for us.

There was a great atmosphere and much jollity at the senate breakfast on Sunday morning (but where were the eggs!?). Senators Tendlow and Shaw vied for the lowest senate number and we welcomed two new senators Richard Tong, past president of Manchester and Claire Evans, past president of Leeds. Kate Senter JCI UK National President 2014 joined us briefly before leading a working session for incoming local presidents. Emma Eastwood our National President 2013 breakfasted with us and was clearly still partying from the previous evening!

All the best

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