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# Welcome

## Peter Browning #49104

I know that some of you have been wondering 'where is my magazine – I have only received one so far this year'. Well I can only offer profuse apologies and an explanation.

Back at the scheduled time to produce issue #2 I was preparing everything I had and started to send out my first wave of reminders of the upcoming deadline date when I started to experience problems with my broadband connection, which those of you who have ever experienced such things then became a all-consuming exercise talking to help desks etc and trying to solve what was initially an intermittent problem.

Rather than the problem getting solved it actually got worse and I had no internet connection and no time to do anything much apart from talking to various help desks and wait for deliveries and engineer visits.

Three months later, a new ISP supplied router, several false hopes and 6 engineer visits (not including the cancelled and no show ones) the problem was finally fixed and I was back in the digital world – albeit with my 'superfast' rural broadband and a typical 2.3 Mb connection which means that downloading large Dropbox and flickr shared files can take for ever - but not as long as waiting for an engineer's appointment! I cannot wait for the fibre connection we have been promised to our 'local' cabinet just 1.2 km away which will make digital life much more bearable.

Being a Scot the good thing is that my ISP has refunded the rental for that period so we had 3 months of free phone rental!

Having got my broadband back I then had 3 months of emails to deal with – just think of what it is like coming back after a weeks' holiday and multiply by 10!

I was about to set to and get back on the magazine production but then I realised that fast approaching was a British Senate weekend that I had agreed to organise for the British Senate Chairman and that had to take priority over the magazine. Now normally I find organising a Senate weekend relatively easy but this time it had morphed into a much larger affair than normal with

a programme extending over 4 days and a new venture on the Sunday morning – a cooking experience for 15 people at our house which had to result in a sit down lunch for nearly 60 people! We also had 4 Scandinavian house guests due to stay for nearly a week.

I am sure you can imagine what was involved so that became my all-consuming activity for the next 3 months and again the magazine had to take a back seat.

However if you are reading this issue #2 is now out and all I have to do is get issue #3 done before moving on to the 2017 set of magazines! Do not worry you will get your money's worth in 2016 – albeit a bit late as I will be working on issue #3 over Christmas and the New Year and it will come out in early 2017 before I move on to the three 2017 magazines to the normal schedule – subject to receiving sufficient material.

I hope that you enjoy this issue which is a bit light on articles about some events but I can only print what I receive.

However it does include a new columnist – Old Grumpy! Can you guess who it is?

This year a special thanks has to go to Jon, Ady and Tris at Ruddocks for what they have done during the year and in particular getting this issue out into the post before Christmas – I did not leave them much time to do it. I also have to thank all the contributors of articles, letters and photographs without which there would be no magazine. Thanks also go to Max and Nigel who have been helping me with various aspects of the magazine and hopefully in 2017 we will develop better ways of working together. We also would be happy for other interested Senators to join our promotion and production team.

The final thank you is to YOU the readers who make the magazine possible buy paying your subscriptions and for your patience during 2016.

Have a very happy Christmas and I wish you **A guid New Year tae ane an' aa!**

Slainte Mhath

Peter Browning  
JCI Senator #49104



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Please write to us about any topic you want - send interesting stories and pictures by the Copy Dates which are:-

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
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16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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## BRITISH SENATE CELTIC WEEKEND ST DAVIDS, SOUTH WALES

31st MARCH – 2nd APRIL, 2017

Make another modern day pilgrimage to St Davids to experience the spectacular scenery, wild life and the rich colours of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

St Davids, is a place of legend and mysticism, where Christianity rubs shoulders with much older religions and the pace of life is such that there is no word in the Welsh language to convey the urgency of "maniana"!

Programme includes :- informal get together Friday evening; Saturday cliff walk; lunch at the wonderful Lower Treginnis Farm for City Children; a chance to explore the newly opened Lifeboat Station; the famous Cathedral; afternoon tea and our usual formal Senate Dinner. On Sunday enjoy an exciting boat trip followed by lunch before you commence your return journey.

You will also have the chance to hear about local sea captains, piracy and smuggling, "Poldark" style copper mining and Royal liaisons.

The whole event is based at The St Davids Cross Hotel. Extend your visit with a Friday guided tour of the Preseli Hills (source of the Stonehenge blue stones), the mysterious Gwaun Valley where Pagan customs still survive, and one or two special hostelries on the way.

It is possible to come by train to Haverfordwest and onwards travel to St Davids can be arranged.

On your way you might visit the National Botanical Gardens of Wales at Middleton Hall, Carmarthen

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## 12 - 14 MAY 2017 WEEKEND IN THE SURREY HILLS



More details Contact Barry and Sue Miller

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housed in a 18th century  
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the original features.  
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town centre.*



## Black Diamonds and Poppyheads

20 – 22 October 2017

I would like to introduce you to some of Rotherham's hidden gems. Our based is Carlton Park Hotel, in the prestigious Moorgate area on the outskirts of the town

On Friday night, we will eat at a local institution – E'Lupos Italian restaurant which is usually booked 8 – 10 months in advance.

Saturday our day starts with a visit and guided tour of Wentworth Woodhouse which is ranked as perhaps the very largest of the country palaces created by our 18th Century Whig Magnates.

Following lunch we have a tour of Rotherham Minster and the Chapel on the Bridge before returning to the hotel to refresh and then transported to Rotherham Golf Club for a delightful 3 course meal, in traditional black-tie.

Following breakfast on Sunday, anyone who has the stamina can pay a quick pre-Christmas rush visit to Meadowhall Shopping Centre, or the lovely Wentworth Garden Centre.

For anyone who wants a game of golf, I will see if I can arrange a visitor pass for the Sunday morning.

I am also looking in to the possibility of a Friday afternoon tour of the Beatson Clark Glassworks if anyone would be interested.

Full details of costs and a booking form will be available early in the New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you in Rotherham.

Elaine Senior [volvo\\_senior@hotmail.com](mailto:volvo_senior@hotmail.com)

## CCD 2017 in Varberg

CCD 2017  
High voltage, fun and wine  
January 13-15th in Varberg  
Clarion Collection Hotel Fregatten

JCI  
Senate in Sweden

Our meeting when the incoming Senate President receives the Chain from the former President. Started in 1995 by Jan-Owe Modeer and has been going on since then.  
Book it and come along Senate friends!

Friday 13 January 2017

14:00 We kick off the program with a guided tour behind the walls at Ringhals, the biggest Nuclear Power station in Sweden – complete with "fika" as energy.

18:00 Get digital or die!  
Jonas Ogvall, CEO Svensk Digital Handel

19:30 Evening meal at Clarion Collection Hotel Fregatten

Saturday 14 January 2017

08:00 Breakfast.  
09:00 Early risers - tag along to the market square

10:30 Visit to Grimeton - world heritage Radio Station  
13:00 Lunch and visit to Åstad Vineyard – We are building teams and have a wine tasting competition

16:15 "Fika" at the hotel, coffee, tea and afternoon sweets

19:00 Collection of departure to the CCD dinner

19:30 Chain Changing Dinner at Vin & Skaffereri Hus 13 at Varbergs fortress

Sunday 15 January 2017

08:30 Breakfast

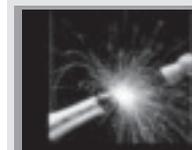
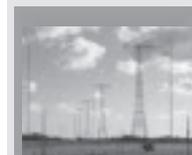
09:30 Tour around the fortress and harbour

10:45 Farewell

We warmly welcome all proud JCI Senators!

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