



Message from the chairman – British Senate So Far this Year



Welcome to the second news-sheet of the year and here is a roundup of events:

Saltaire was founded by Victorian industrialist Titus Salt and after our guided tour, enhanced by two local ladies in period costume and character, we understood a lot more about the man and the era. He was quite keen to look after his employees and improve their working and living conditions and an environmentalist trying to persuade other mill owners to use more expensive less polluting chimneys. However this was only if you did it his way, imposing quite strict rules and regulations on what people could and couldn't do in his town. Everywhere you turned was his image or initials carved or engraved into stonework, railings or pews, as if naming the village after himself wasn't enough!

One enduring memory of our day has to be of John Eaton 19170 when we initially met for coffee. His protestations of 'but I don't want a coffee' being met with 'but you've paid for it, so you've got to have one to get your monies worth' All very Yorkshire! A grand day out by Janice Hadfield 48902.

Helens' Lakes Weekend at Portinscale

near Keswick involved us having the hotel to ourselves and provided options for walking or local sightseeing/shopping in Keswick. It is clear that Iain McFarlane 64241 has taken over the big walk mantle from Wilf Shaw 13232, Iain's tired group not getting back till some time after the others much to the concern of Helen 38926 who after many unanswered mobile phone calls was all set to call mountain rescue! Many stayed on Sunday for a short walk and boat trip on Derwentwater.

My trip to Nantes for the ASE Board and Open forum was an Association Française des Sénateurs JCI 3 day event with Friday including tour of airbus manufacturing facility (OK, I did have to make a quick exit off the coach before we set off to retrieve my passport to get me in) and a visit to the mechanical machines of Nantes. 16 British

Senators and guests took part. The ASE Open forum is being developed for National Senate leaders and deputies to meet, get to know each other and exchange idea on what they do and do with their JCI national organisations. Unfortunately only 5 Senate presidents/chairmen were there but it should grow in the future. Saturday night was held in an excellent French restaurant and even Scooby-Doo became centre of attention for a while.

Jersey. Well for starters it is on the way to Nantes! I really am struggling to find a highlight but Friday afternoon by the coast at the Noirmont bunkers in the bright sunshine with magnificent views and a cheese and pickle sandwich is close. It was very windy, as my full champagne flute found out when I put it down and it blew over. We had an entertaining quiz Friday night and given the quizmaster was also our DJ for later, Julia Lea 63407 lost no opportunity to drag our cheat-free winning team and the few remaining Senators on the dance floor. The 'Teenage Kicks' didn't continue right through the night as the disco closed at 12:30 when the rest of the pub was strangely empty. Saturday

night at the Royal Yacht hotel was a swish venue and even had a pianist to accompany our pre-dinner drinks. Of course we had gone over for the Liberation celebrations on Friday morning where there were parades, singing, speeches and the commemorative raising of the Union Jack over the Pomme d'Or hotel. We learned a lot about life under Occupation from the visit to the War Tunnels, it being something most of Europe experienced but not mainland Britain. It was clear that the Churchill saw the Channel Islands as expendable from the word go, being too close to occupied France to defend and, unlike Malta, of no strategic value.

Whitby brought together good mix of older and newer Senators at Sneaton Castle all of whom enjoyed local hostelry, an open-top bus tour to the Abbey, the fascinating St Mary's Church and a sea voyage round the harbour. The outstanding evening gala dinner brought out the vampire in many Senators and the whole event was master-minded by the Greenfields and Julia Lea.



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I am often asked about the organising of a Senate weekend and what happens to the monies. The individual organisers take personal responsibility, putting it on on behalf of the British Senate and I think that focusses the mind quite considerably. The British Senate does pay for Public Liability insurance on the events run on its' behalf, paid for out of your subscriptions. Events should break even, normally if there is any surplus extra drinks can put on at dinner. As a case in point, Helen Headley has returned £15

per person attending the Lake District weekend, making that weekend even better value at £165 for two nights b&b, Friday meal, Saturday drinks reception and gala dinner and a packed lunch for walkers.

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Chairman Elect

I am pleased to report that my Deputy will be Peter Duffy 44100 and Sara Gledhill 64461 will be the treasurer. Events planned include:

Workhouse and eco-wood experience - Feb.
Including visiting Southwell Workhouse, Southwell Minster and Hill Holt Wood.

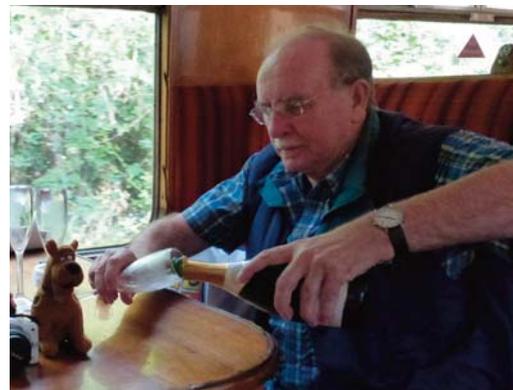
Buxton / Chatsworth Weekend - March
Saturday's programme includes a guided tour and light lunch at Chatsworth followed by a stroll round the estate and returning in time to prepare for a formal dinner in a private room at the Dome built by the 5th Duke.

Steaming through Snowdonia - May
Staying in the leading Porthmadoc Hotel Saturday's highlights include travelling to Caernarfon on the Welsh Highland Railway with Snowdon as a backdrop, a Caernarfon walking tour and a visit to the Castle.

Epernay weekend - June
A welcome return visit to Epernay visiting a variety of Champagne Houses, presented by our own French Senator, and staying in a traditional small French Hotel while enjoying some splendid French cuisine.

Ironbridge World Heritage site weekend - July
The main accommodation will be in Wrekin College, Mike Ashton's old school, with Saturday spent in some of the 10 Museums in the Gorge.

Dead King and Space weekend - September
Staying in central Leicester the weekend will include visiting both the National Space



Centre and the newly opened King Richard 3rd Museum as well as the Senate AGM.

Barnsley - November
Just down the road from the infamous Dearne Valley 1981 World Congress Senate Bar (since rebuilt) this weekend is at the same time as the JCI UK National Convention. A full Senate Programme is being organised where we will enjoy full Yorkshire Hospitality.

Other weekends being planned include:
Londonderry
Newcastle / North East
Northamptonshire / Bedfordshire
The Isle of Wight
Senate vintage car rally

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Forthcoming Events

15 - 18 January	Nigel's Drumming Out, Knutsford
Late February	Forest Experience, Southwell
27 - 29 March	Chatsworth Weekend, Buxton
17 - 19 April	Scottish Conference, Aberdeen
1 - 3 May	Steam Trains in Scenic Snowdonia, Porthmadoc
3 - 7 June	European Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
27 - 29 June	Champagne Weekend, Epernay, France

Visit www.britishsenate.org.uk/events for details of events

Book Early

Chatsworth

What the Duke of Devonshire's guests enjoyed

Bill Preece 38649 is organising a weekend based at our old haunt - The Old Hall Hotel, Buxton.

The Programme is that we will assemble for meal and socialise on Friday evening.

Saturday includes a guided tour of Chatsworth, a light lunch at Chatsworth and a stroll round the estate returning to the Hotel in time to prepare for a formal dinner in a private room at the Dome - the largest unsupported dome in Europe built by the 5th Duke of Devonshire.

The weekend will conclude with a Sunday Walk.

Join the Cheshire Set

Its not too late to book for Nigel's Drumming Out with Aladdin featuring a feisty Kung Fu fighting princess and a deranged, slightly psychotic, panda named Tyson on the Thursday evening.

Contact Veronica Robinson at veronica@rsquared.co.uk

Help Needed

Internship

Ronand Desarthe, the son of French Senator Christophe Desarthe 59986, is currently doing business studies in Nantes and seeking a 2 month internship as an obligatory part of his first year.

At the request of his school, the Internship takes place from January 26 to March 20 and Ronand is particularly interested in a commercial role as he would like to develop his interpersonal and sales skills.

Christophe is happy to support his son during the internship.

If anyone can assist Ronand or would like to know more about him please get in touch with Peter Browning peter.browning@virgin.net