

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 7 MARCH 2004

Since the beginning of January things have been quieter than I had expected although I have a feeling that all is about to change.

Last weekend I attended the BJC Board Meeting in Sheffield (incidentally my first ever BJC Board Meeting).

It was rather disturbing to hear that the total number of members declared to JCI was 830. We have in excess of 850 Senators although allowance must be made for some falling into both categories.

Attempts are being made to relaunch/form chambers in Chester, Newcastle, Ipswich and Newry.

A Cambridge member, Gerla Pusey-DeBoer, has been made a Senator. There are three others in the pipe line.

A CD is being put together as part of a presentation to firms with the hope that they will encourage their staff to become members. The presentation we were shown was good but it was realised it still needed work on it before it could be used

I will be attending the Spring Board Meeting at the beginning of next month and will be in Switzerland for the Pre tour and for European Conference. I am still hoping to get to Lubeck for the German Drumming Out but am not booking until I know when I will be going in hospital

I am pushing BJC for booking details for their National Conference and Senate AGM in Hull but to date I have received no information.