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### **Message from the Chairman - December 2004**

Well the year is passing by and next month will be the Drumming Out when I will be handing over to Gavin, I think that is the plan! But who knows what will happen at a Drumming Out, all I can suggest is that you book to find out.

At the AGM in September I reported that unfortunately we had been made aware that at least four of our members had passed away and it is with very deep sorrow that Eddie Ashley has now been added to that list. Eddie – Senator 28464, was a Past President of Macclesfield Junior Chamber, a Past North West Regional Group Chairman, a Past British Senate Chairman and was the current President of Senators in Europe, he will definitely be missed but we will never forget him. I would just like to thank you all for the messages and support you gave to Pauline and her family at what was a very sad time.

Since writing my last report we have had several more weekends away. In August we set off for Hampshire for what was entitled a Murder Mystery weekend and despite the chaos of Friday afternoon traffic we did eventually arrive. This weekend was organised by a group of our 'younger' Senators and they did a superb job, even arranging for us to be locked in the bar on Saturday evening, well where better for a group of Senators to be?

While we were in Lausanne for the European Conference we were told of a Senate event being organised in Norway at the beginning of September, so several of us said 'e-mail the information when it is available'. The e-mails arrived and seven of us set out for Bodo in Norway, north of the Arctic Circle. How cold will it be? No need to worry it was so warm we were able to sit outside in the sun with drinks, doing again what comes naturally. The few days we spent there were wonderful and the hospitality was great. If you have never been to this part of the Norway I strongly recommend it to you.

The next event was of course our AGM a weekend superbly organised by George Wright and his, I think, willing helpers. The Council for 2005 was elected, although I am a little concerned about the cardboard effigy, purporting to be Gavin Macpherson which was unanimously elected as Senate Chairman 2005. Time will tell.

The Senate is an individual member of the BJC Foundation and I was pleased to be able to represent the Senate at the Annual Dinner on the 25 September.

In October it was off to Worcester for a cultural weekend organised by David Grainger and assisted by Jeff and Jules Evans. This was another superb event even though the attendance was not as great as at previous weekends. The reduced number meant that we could all talk and have fun in one group and we were delighted that our lowest numbered Senator, Leon Jessel number 667, was able to join us for dinner on the Saturday evening.

Unfortunately I was not able to go to Japan for the World Congress but I hope those Senators that did go had an enjoyable time.

The final event for 2004 takes us back to Winchester for JCI UK's Awards Day. A separate Senate programme has been arranged for this weekend and I know that a large number of you have booked to attend.

Well that just leaves 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2005 the Drumming Out in Blackpool. At the time of writing this report bookings are going exceedingly well, so if you haven't already booked fill in the form and send it off.

Finally I wish Gavin and his team all the best for next year and hope they all enjoy 2005.

In Senate Friendship always

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