

CRAWLEY GLUTEN FREE GROUP FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER No.23

1. We opened the year, in January 2009, with another great meeting, with Barry Reynolds from Lifestyle. The meeting was quite well attended, nobody went away empty handed, infact it looked like people leaving Tescos, bags of everything. Thanks as usual to Dodie for the raffle, AJ on the door, Angela for the tea, with help from AJ and Zoe. Pictures of the meeting including Barry and his Lifestyle Van, are on our web site, under this newsletter.
2. We are still making plans for our second anniversary. At the moment Sheona of Drossa is scheduled to talk, with of course our usual raffle, tea & Coffee, with time to chat about the remainder of the year.
3. Still having discussions with a Crawley Fish & Chip shop, they are considering selling gluten free fish & chips, on the first Saturday of each month, from 12noon till 6pm, then they will see how it goes, but they are prepared to offer it more frequently, if successful, hope you will all support it.
4. More and more countries are still opening our web site, the number has now reached 83, full details are on the web site.
5. We have had preliminary discussions with a Voluntary Support Officer from the Crawley Council, about the possibility of some financial support. We hope that this would allow us to advertise our group more and perhaps add some interesting features to our web site. We have a meeting planned with them in February 2009.

News from around the world. Some news from the USA

6. The credit crunch has hit the Biotech Company Alba, who are developing a treatment for the Coeliac Disease. The Company has reduced its work force by 22 employees (20% of its work force). Maryland, where the Company is based, has been hard hit by layoffs in many industries.

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