

CRAWLEY GLUTEN FREE GROUP

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1. Another great meeting, with Paddy Cronin from United Central Bakeries. Paddy introduced us to a new GF bread which UCB are going to shortly launch, called GENIUS, it tasted just like real bread. He has promised to give us some sponsorship for our web site and return next year with the UCB plans for 2010. A great raffle, such a lot of food to hand out, Dodie did a great job, AJ on the door, 1 new member, Angela and AJ, thanks for the great work you both do in the kitchen and with our tea we had slices of the new bread, YUMMY!.

During the meeting we announced that The CGFG was going to receive a Council Grant, we took 2 votes. The first was again on having an overall Committee, not one person was in favour, we then voted on whether we should have a small Committee to oversee the Grant expenditure, it was unanimous that D.Tombs should use his discretion on how the grant was spent, he promised to produce a regular report on how it we being spent (when we get it!).

2. Progress report on the Master Fryer Fish & Chip shop, we are **still** waiting to hear when it is likely to commence, we keep chasing them.

3. We can report that we have been granted financial support, by the East Crawley County Local Committees-Community Initiative Fund, so we can now purchase a few administrative items, pay towards upgrading our web site and do a little bit of advertising, get better badges, pay for a few simple luxuries yet to be decided.

4. Web site has now been opened by even more countries, it now totals 98, UK is still the largest user, by a factor around 5 to 1. We hope soon to announce our first sponsor.

5. **In this awful world of doom & gloom, a really nice story!, from Julie re her son Luke.** From The Gluten Free Message Board. We have permission from Julie to print.

A lady, Julie (Luke's Mum) writes:- "Just wanted to say that in the schools in our area, the catering is carried out by the local authority (Bridgend County, Borough Council) and when Luke was diagnosed (as a celiac) he was in the primary school. I arranged to meet them and they were able to show me a menu, with all their 'safe meals' in green and the others in red. They could also provide the food specification for all the food and ingredients used. They kept a photograph of Luke behind the counter, so that he wouldn't have to constantly remind them who he was and draw attention to himself. The cook even used GF Cake Mixes so that he would be eating the same as his friends. In secondary school the story is similar although they run a cafeteria system and don't prepare set meals in advance. He takes GF baguettes and pasta in and he orders what he wants every morning, so again he can eat with his mates. They have all been great.

6. Gluten Free Lunch progress report. 18 people have put their names down to attend, so we will continue with our original, booking based on around 20.

7. **Some Gluten-Free Suppliers, who have supported us, for you to make a note of.**

7.1 Original Asian Cooking, www.ishmaelsmother.com, will be speaking at our September meeting, they also attend the Farmer's Markets including Crawley, thanks to LR.

7.2 A fairly new Gluten-Free brewery in Suffolk has secured a contract to supply Sweden with their lager type beer, they have sent samples to us, see www.stpetersbrewery.co.uk

7.3 We have made a really great contact in Goodness Direct a GF Supplier, their web site has to be seen, they have sent us lots of samples, plus a 20% off, when you order please quote **Code 33233R89**, see www.goodnessdirect.co.uk sign up for their newsletter.

News from the USA

8. A USA Company ChemoCenturyx Inc. has announced a Phase 1 trial of CCX354, an orally available novel small molecule compound, which is associated with inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune diseases. The Company is now entitled to a \$10 million milestone payment from their alliance partner GlaxoSmithKline.

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Next meeting is on 18th April 2009, with Sheona, a demonstration of Passage Foods.