

# THE CRAWLEY GLUTEN FREE GROUP

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1. On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 we had our second all day fry up at The Master Fryer, 1 Pound Hill Parade, Worth Road, Crawley, thanks again to Alex the shop Manager, who does a really splendid job, if you haven't tried them yet then come along on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, his GF Sausages cooked in GF Batter are also worth a try.
2. All those who came along to The Master Fryer on the 1st August at 1pm, received one of our new all in blue Gluten Free Pens, they look great and we hope that they will help to advertise the awareness of the disease and how to contact us via our web site.
3. A few members have recently asked why we do not work closer with Coeliac UK. So we sent them an email letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> July, (see attached copy), but so far no response at all, any suggestions from our members how to get a reply?.
4. We had thought that no more countries would be looking at our web site, but we were wrong, the number of countries looking at our web site has now reached 118, with Saint Vincent & Grenadines and Macua being the latest countries.
5. Yes great news, The CGFG have received another small grant from East Crawley Funding, so we have designed and had printed, special curvy blue pens, as mentioned in item 2 above, also we ordered and have just received a new small PA sound system, from [www.gear4music.com](http://www.gear4music.com), which should be a major improvement for the sound, at our future meetings.
6. Good news from our local Tesco's Superstore, Hazelwick Road, Crawley,, we nearly obtained a Tesco Customer Relations speaker for our September meeting, instead they are giving us £50 to spend on GF food, which we shall do in September, all will be included in our September 19<sup>th</sup> raffle, lots of treats!.
7. Dietary Specials have sent us some leaflets which offer 50p off their items at Sainsbury's, these will be handed out on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## **8. News from Canada, can celiac disease be mistaken for autism?.**

A 5 year old boy diagnosed with autism, was cured when he was treated with a gluten free diet and nutritional supplements. Genius and Bouchard, researchers at the University of Alberta, recently published this case, they recommend that all children with neurodevelopment problems, be assessed for nutritional deficiency and malabsorption syndromes.

## **9. News from New York, Prometheus to use DNA Genotek Kits for Celiac Disease Risk Test.**

DNA Genotek, said that Prometheus will use its sample-collection kits for a saliva-based genetic test for the celiac disease, this DNA based test is designed to detect variations in the DQ gene, that are specific to the celiac disease, in order to estimate individual risk. The MyCeliacID test is currently available in the US, Canada & Mexico.

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