

2022 British Senate Chairman's report

As the Chairman of the 2022 British Senate council, I will start this report by thanking my council for their help, support and advice.

The Council sadly lost its Treasurer, Martin Rickerby 62918, to cancer on the 2nd October 2022. He made an outstanding contribution to the British Senate council in his many years as Treasurer.

British Senate is a Fellowship Organisation. We encouraged this by keeping members informed, communicating by magazine, relaunched by Mark Riddell 60908; Website managed by Stephen Eccles 66009; emails, weekly Zoom meetings and social media. We invited your active participation by organising British Senate events and encouraging you to widen your horizons through participation in International Senate events.

My year started still under the shadow of Covid, forcing the deferment of Janice's Drumming Out till April. As the year progressed the shadow receded. At British Senate events Senators met up again and explored London, Leeds, Eastbourne, Cheshire and Jersey. For the more adventurous we had a week touring the German Rhineland. Finally, I handed the chain of office over to Penny Gill 61930 at my Drumming Out in Reading this January. My grateful thanks to David Grainger 30164, Nick Hawley 64299, Chris Read 50259, Phil Spring 40459, Lynne De La Cour and Nicola Perkins 59954 for leading the organisation of these events, and to all those who helped them.

Internationally, British Senate was represented at events in Germany, Norway, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. In turn British Senate events attracted Senators from Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, the USA and Canada.

JCI UK had 4 active chambers in London, Manchester, Belfast and Derry. Senate provided support when asked and I attended their annual dinner in Manchester.

Like JCI UK, British Senate has membership challenges; but British Senate have Senators who want to lead this organisation. The organisation has administration, finance, merchandising and communication skills to service its members. We have Senators who relish the challenge of organising events. With your fellowship and participation Senate can be a force for good for many years to come.

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