

CAWS CONVENTION 2012...

# NEWSLETTER

...IS COMING TO THE UK

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Wow, I have come a long way since I found Cocaine Anonymous in 1994: I was hiding in AA and failing to be honest, not really telling anyone what had been going on in my life. I talked about crack one day in A.A. and after that meeting the message of C.A. was carried to me! I have been here ever since; blessed to take part in my own recovery. Right now we are 2 years out from the first ever CAWS Convention in Europe. CAUK gets to host one of the C.A. events of the year and I get to take part in the process.

Planning for this started a while ago; and since Conference gave the UK the thumbs up -The Few are starting to become The Many. The Steering Committee of 6 began to meet and plan liaising with the World Service Office and the relevant Trustees. The next stage was to source a possible

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### We Need Your Support

The committees are hoping to reflect the "Great fact for us" is that we (C.A.) are now a worldwide fellowship and are hoping to have speakers from all four corners of the globe carrying "the message" at this "Great" event!

**Please get your story recorded and send to the Speaker Committee**

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and join us" at Keys of the  
(United) Kingdom CAWSC 2012!**

venue, which they did and narrowed it down to a hotel of preference. A contract is being negotiated to get the best possible prices with access to all the hotel facilities to enable CAWS2012 to be a fantastic unifying event for the Fellowship as a whole.

Meanwhile posters/emails were sent out in search of sub-committee chairs and resumes were requested; we had a healthy response - CAUK loves a challenge! The Steering met, discussion ensued and after many hours we had a list. The Chair made the phone calls and informed the successful candidates: all these efforts culminated in the first meeting in a community centre down by the sea on the south coast. The Chair spoke first - "Welcome everyone to the first general meeting of CAWS2012 "my name is Jackie and I am an addict and I am Chair of the Convention. You could cut it! We were on the way - we were going to make this happen!

Several members had tears in their eyes - this was an historic moment not only for the people in that room but for Cocaine Anonymous as a whole! Members went round the room one by one stating their name and why they were there and totally expressed deep love and gratitude and what they hoped they might achieve. After that meeting the body went their separate ways to recruit more help, more bodies and more love. The process had begun in earnest.

There will be challenges along the way - time zones to master, currency and banking issues come to the forefront. CAUK has met most challenges while I have been around and with the help and guidance of those who have gone before we will overcome.

We are waiting for you to come and join us at this historic event - CAWS2012 held in the UK.

*Nicolas L*

European Regional Trustee



I hope you are all aware by now that the World Convention in 2012 will be in the UK. I have watched as members here formed the idea - built the bid and then successfully saw that bid through to the reality that will be CAWSC 2012.

I am fortunate to be involved in the service structure behind the convention and I have helped in the process of choosing the theme, now I hope to help guide the fellowship in the design of a logo. Back in the Spring a call went out to the whole membership to come up with suggestions for the theme- it has been an inspiring process. I have had calls from the US, suggestions from Europe and emails from many members worldwide. In April we met as a General Committee and narrowed the suggested themes down to just one, it was beautiful to stand back and watch this 'spiritual entity' at work - The theme for the convention CAWS 2012 will be **Keys of the (United) Kingdom**. I am convinced that the theme chosen will set the seal on what will be a momentous convention and a milestone in CAUK history.

NOW we need your help again, we have to design a logo that reflects the theme chosen. This will in effect become the brand for the convention and will be a very important symbol for the event. The image may refer to the title, reflect the host nation or be something entirely of your own imagination! Remember though the message we all strive to carry. It will be central to the marketing and be printed on a huge diversity of memorabilia- it will be integral to the printed programme and feature large on the main stage. Please submit sketches (2D) in any media you choose and in any colour you wish - it is going to be prohibitive to return the artwork so please scan the sketch and send it to us digitally. Ideally the image should be around the size of a CD cover but larger if you wish and try to remember that we shall have to scale it up and down- so keeping it simple will be useful. Please send all images to [theme\\_logo@fastmail.fm](mailto:theme_logo@fastmail.fm) to reach the committee early in July. The final design will be chosen and developed by the committee and we will award a selection of memorabilia featuring your logo to the winner. We look forward to seeing your images and meeting you ALL in 2012.

*David J*

Theme &amp; Logo Committee

## CAWSC 2012 Speakers

Keys of the (United) Kingdom!

From the spark that was to flare at the first C.A. meeting in 1982 during a talk between a group of addicts, twos and threes and fives of us began to spring up in other communities.

The C.A. fellowship is now worldwide and in 2012 (some 30 years after that first C.A. meeting) The Cocaine Anonymous World Service Convention comes to the United Kingdom.

*The purpose of the World Service Convention is to promote enthusiasm and unity within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous and financially support World Services' effort to carry the message to the addict that still suffers.*

### We Need You To Support This Extraordinary Event!

The CAWSC 2012 Speaker committee are requesting that the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous step "into action" and submit your recordings for selection in "Carrying the Message" at the 2012 C.A. World Service Convention.

## CALL FOR LOGO DESIGNS

*United*  
**Keys of the Kingdom**

Any graphic designers out there?

The CA World Convention is coming to the UK - help us design the logo to best reflect this momentous event.

Please email scanned sketches with your logo ideas by early July 2010 to: [theme\\_logo@fastmail.fm](mailto:theme_logo@fastmail.fm)

The member providing the chosen logo will receive merchandise featuring the selected logo.

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We are proposing to have 8 fantastic speakers at CAWSC 2012, so may we request you get your story recorded and send it to the speaker chair committee (by which ever means suits you) for us to critique, debate and reach a general consensus as to who "we" believe will fulfill our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict that still suffers...

"Give freely of what you find and join us" at Keys of the (United) Kingdom CAWSC 2012!

In Love and Service  
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### That time of year... again

As I write this its only 4 weeks from the 26th C.A. World Service Convention being held in Milwaukee, how exciting.

It really doesn't seem like it but 2½ years ago CAUK's 'Bid Committee' were in the final throws of putting together their bid document for the CAWS Conference. It's with that past experience of the hard work that goes into simply putting a bid together, let alone the mammoth task of the actual convention planning, that I have both respect and gratitude for the Wisconsin Area of C.A.

During the 2009 CAWS Convention in Denver there was a meeting of all current active CAWS Convention Committee members, all coming together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. At that meeting the Chair of 2010 reached out to 2012 members and gave encouragement and practical support. Members of the 2012 steering committee were invited onto the 2010 email group, with full access to the large amount of files, to observe and if we needed to ask for

help. What may seem like a small gesture has proven the attitude and actions of our C.A. service members across the world, the gesture of 'how can we help you'.

I'd like to thank the 2010 Committee for all their hard work they've put into organizing the CAWS Convention and for taking the time to still think of those who need a bit of help. The 2011 Committee have also taken time to reach out to us, thank you...as the 2010 Convention finishes on Monday in Milwaukee the Committee in Arizona will then step into their 12 month lead in...then its our turn in the UK.

If you're new around or have been a member for a while please don't miss the opportunity to get involved, service at all levels is rewarding and helps us carry the message of Cocaine Anonymous to the addict that still suffers.

In loving fellowship,  
*Russell S*  
2012 Vice Chair

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