

CAWS CONVENTION 2012...

# NEWSLETTER

...IS COMING TO THE UK

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## THE NEXT BIG THING

After Conference 2011 in Los Angeles the World Convention is our 'next big thing' - especially for the UK Area in The European Region who has the honour of hosting this event.

We have sourced a great hotel in Birmingham, England's second city, which is literally in the heart of our beautiful country. The hotel has recently been refurbished and is located next to a stunning lake. The good news is many members have already shown their intent with action from the get go and the rooms are selling well.

The rooms are competitively priced and include bed and breakfast, a two course meal, the Gala banquet dinner on Sunday night and brunch on Monday when

purchased as one of the fantastic package offers!

There are various deals to be had which are all inclusive and we have two days before and the day after priced at the same discounted rate! This is good value indeed and we have worked (*and continue to work*) with the Hilton in Birmingham to bring our members the best inclusive bundle we can.

Hotel bookings can be made direct using the dedicated number for the hotel

**For reservations call the hotel directly on 0121 780 4242 from within the UK or  
Call Central Reservations on 00 800 444 58 667 from outside the UK**

**Dont forget to quote 'GCAWS' when booking your room to take advantage of our special reduced rates!**

To find out details for CAWS2012 'Keys of the UNITED Kingdom' visit our website [www.cawsconvention.org](http://www.cawsconvention.org) and see the fabulous array of events and entertainment we are putting on in and nearby the hotel.

We are getting ready to welcome you at this fabulous venue.

Join us – Be there – Get a room - Today!

Further information is available

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**Only NINE months to go!**



### A Diverse Bunch!

CAWS Convention Marches into the UK in May 2012

The excitement is electric not only within the committee - but in the fellowship as a whole.

We believe this convention will be one to be remembered for many years to come. All program committees have been proactive for some time now and we, as the workshop committee, plan to stage fifteen workshops presented to you by

a diverse bunch of speakers male and female from all around the world.

Topics will be taken from, or directly related to, the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are encouraging you wherever possible to register now.

This one is gonna be a road block!

Watch this space...

**CAWS2012's GOT TALENT**

Get in touch so we can start planning for the Friday Night now

Please email: Paul B - [turnedup@gmail.com](mailto:turnedup@gmail.com)

**IF YOU HAVE A TALENT WE WANT TO SEE IT**

We are busily planning the entertainment schedule for CAWS2012 and have a whole host of ideas and acts up our sleeves. DJs, Bands, Singers, a Bill & Bob stage production, Karaoke and a Late Night Cinema however there are plenty of things happening where WE NEED YOU.

On Friday the main show will be C.A.'s Got Talent! - A live showcase of Cocaine Anonymous' finest, funniest, freakiest and downright talented members.

We are looking for members with a hidden talent to get involved. Singers, songwriters, comedians, musicians, whatever your talent is we want you to step up and entertain.

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### Is your passport ready?



### Applying For United States Passports - It's not a struggle

You may have heard from travelling friends some complaints about applying for a passport. It can be a bit of a timeconsuming endeavour, but when the result is the world it's well worth it. There are a few requirements that need to be met before you can get your passport, such as filling out the US passport application and presenting it and other necessary paperwork to a local acceptance facility or passport agency.

[www.caws.convention.org](http://www.caws.convention.org)

## PUTTING THE SPECIAL INTO EVENTS

Special events for the 2012 World Convention to be held in Birmingham England and places for the special events are now available. Don't miss out! Secure your places when you register.

The events start on the Thursday with a ghostly night walk beneath the surface of modern, bustling Birmingham, be thrilled by stories plague, public execution, hauntings and murder most foul. The evening will finish with a visit to one of Birmingham's celebrated Curry houses.

Friday brings the opportunity to play golf at the Belfrey, the Derby course offers golfers a true test of golf on a parkland design. Featuring strategic bunkering, several water hazards and well designed risk and reward holes, The Derby is perfect for players of all levels.

If medieval history is more to your liking, visit the finest medieval castle in England and experience one thousand years of jaw-dropping history; great battles, ancient myths, spellbinding tales, pampered princesses, heroic knights and the dark castle dungeon. Perched on a rocky cliff above the River Avon in the town center, a stately late-17th-century mansion is surrounded by a magnificent 14th-century fortress.

## Outreach for the Cocaine Anonymous World Service Convention **NEED YOU**

We are currently looking for active members that are willing to give their time to reach out and raise awareness for C.A.

This would involve:-

- Collating email addresses for hospitals, institutions, public companies etc
- Helping out in email shots
- Generating ideas that would develop and raise awareness for C.A.
- Translate letters into other languages such as Dutch, Swedish,

Iranian, French, Spanish, Russian or any other language to assist us in overseas outreach

Members from any country in the world are welcome, if you are willing and active. **WE NEED YOU.**

Please contact Sarah T on:  
outreach@cauk.org.uk



On Saturday enjoy a trip to Winchester Cathedral, the volume Alcoholics Anonymous describes Bills visit:

*'We landed in England. I visited Winchester Cathedral. Much moved, I wandered outside. My attention was caught by a doggerel on an old tombstone.'*

(Alcoholics Anonymous 2007)

Journey to Winchester by coach to visit the tombstone of Thomas Thetcher the grenadier that is never forgot, in the grounds of one of the great churches of England, Winchester Cathedral. The present building, the longest medieval cathedral in Britain, dates from 1079, and its Norman heritage is still in evidence. While in Winchester we will meet up with local fellowship members for a meeting in the Cathedral grounds.

Alternatively visit Shakespeare's Country. Enjoy a morning walking tour along the historic spine of ancient Stratford, walk in William Shakespeare's footsteps from cradle to grave; your guide will unravel the Shakespeare story. During the walk hear fascinating tales of plague, flooding and fires, medicines to kill or cure, the origins of sayings and Stratford's history. In the afternoon time is given for you to explore Stratford's array of historic places, theaters and shops at your leisure.

All these events are designed to add to your enjoyment of the 2012 C.A. World Service Convention, we hope that you will find something to your liking and step on board a coach or two. All costs are detailed in the registration document so pick one up today or visit [www.cawsconvention.org](http://www.cawsconvention.org)

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## YOURS FOR THE CAWS...

Dear Fellows, the countdown is now on, its only NINE MONTHS left till CAWS 2012, Keys of the **UNITED** Kingdom..

**WE ARE - YOURS FOR THE CAWS!!!**

The programming committee have been hard at work for many moons now, securing what we believe to be the best C.A. has to offer in terms of entertainment, workshop facilitators, speakers, DJ's, artistes, and general all round movers and shakers to ensure your attention is held & CAWS2012 goes with a **BANG!**

We are aiming to bring you a busy programme of events that is not TOO claustrophobic and with an emphasis on quality not quantity thus giving your mind, body & spirit and all encompassing recovery experience!!

Our Speaker Committee have finalised and approved a truly inspirational line up of International orators whose dynamic message and its delivery will form the backbone of this event and our Marathon Meeting committee are working hard to connect all the corners of the C.A. global community and thus ensure that all geographical aspects and diverse elements of our beautiful fellowship are represented...

In conclusion we do hope this article leaves you informed and with a sense of the same excitement that we have had and continue to have in anticipation of what will arguably be the best CAWS event ever!!

Yours sincerely  
The CAWS2012 Programming Committee!

## Don't forget the date

### 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May 2012



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