

**The British Institute of Funeral Directors**

**Annual General Meeting  
& Conference  
2008**

Friday 24th October ~ Sunday 26th October

The Hilton Hotel  
Purley Way  
Croydon

# Welcome to Croydon

**Q.** What do composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)  
and Captain Sensible have in common?

or

Ronnie Corbett and Kate Moss?

**A.** The answer is simple...

*They have all chosen to live in Croydon!*

We look forward to welcoming you to Croydon and hope  
that you will enjoy your stay.



Adrian & Diane Pink

*Adrian K Pink*  
National President

Only 10 miles from the centre of London, Croydon is a great place to visit. With plenty going on over the Conference week-end sadly you won't have much time to visit many of the great places of interest that the town has to offer, but it is worth remembering that the town centre is only 10 minutes away from the Hotel. Boasting a wide variety of shops and restaurants to suit all tastes, it is an ideal place to have an early lunch and spend Friday afternoon shopping for all those things you forgot to pack!

If you are able to add an extra day to the week-end you will almost certainly find something of interest to see at the Clock Tower museum in the heart of the town centre.

The Fairfield Halls just across the road have some terrific shows, the Beatles played here ~ but so did Bucks Fizz!

The Hilton Hotel is situated on Purley Way, just opposite the famous Croydon Airport which had its last scheduled passenger flight in 1959. Today there is an aviation museum in the old departure lounge and the RAF Battle of Britain memorial is located on the edge of the runway, now part of the playing fields and walking area with spectacular views right across London.

Next to the Hotel is a Bowling Alley in case you feel in need of some exercise, or you could use the superb leisure facilities that the Hilton has to offer. Try waking up to a swim in the heated indoor pool or relaxing in the sauna and steam room. Beauty treatments and hairdressing can all be booked through the Hotel reception.

To find out more about Croydon why not visit the website, [www.croydononline.org/visiting](http://www.croydononline.org/visiting), you can also find out about other hotels in the area and travel information.

## *Friday 24th October*

3.00 p.m. Registration desk opens

7.15. p.m. Join us for an evening of suspense and intrigue  
'Murder Mystery Dinner'  
*kindly sponsored by Intelligent Software*

## *Saturday 25th October*

9.00 a.m. Funeral Vehicle Show opens

10.00 a.m. Annual General Meeting opens

*Partners and guests can take advantage of the Hotel's  
Leisure Club, or enjoy a visit to the Town Centre to  
discover the delights that Croydon has to offer.*

2.15 p.m. Funeral Vehicle Grand Parade

4.00 p.m. Vehicles return

6.30 p.m. VIP's reception

7.15 p.m. Banquet and Ball

2.00 a.m. Carriages

## *Sunday 26th October*

10.00 a.m. Educational session  
Dr Bill Webster  
*kindly sponsored by Golden Charter*

11.00 a.m. Annual General Meeting resumes

11.30 Installation of new officers

12.00 Newly Elected President's Address

NB. Timings are intended as a guide only to the weekend's activities and may alter slightly; further information will be available nearer to the date.

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# *Invitation*

*Adrian Pink*

B.I.F.D. National President

invites you to display your vehicle at

## *The Funeral Vehicle Show 2008*

Modern, Classic, Vintage, Horse drawn,  
Motorcycle or Hand Bier

at

The Hilton Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon

Saturday 25th October 2008

9.00 a.m. ~ 4.00 p.m

Grand Parade  
through Croydon  
starts at 2.15pm

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Places are limited, to ensure your place please register your interest by returning the  
Booking Form as soon as possible to: Adrian Pink, National President B.I.F.D,  
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# *The Funeral Vehicle Show 2008*

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## BOOKING FORM

Make of vehicle

Age of Vehicle

Vehicle Registration

Name and address of owner

Date of arrival:

Date of departure:

Tell us about your vehicle, what makes it special?

*You might find yourself reading about it in the Funeral Service Journal*

Please return your form to: Adrian Pink, National President B.I.F.D., 344 Limpsfield Road,  
Hamsey Green Surrey CR2 9BX. T: 020 8657 9922 E: [adrian.pink@bifd.org.uk](mailto:adrian.pink@bifd.org.uk)

The charity I have chosen to support and promote throughout my presidential year 2007-2008 is Marie Curie Cancer Care



Cancer is the UK's biggest killer. Every year it claims the lives of more than 150,000 people, with a further one million living with the disease at any one time.

Research has shown that 75 per cent of people seriously ill with cancer would like to be cared for at home. Every year, Marie Curie Nurses make that wish possible for thousands of cancer patients in cities, towns and villages across the UK.

Established in 1948 – the same year as the NHS – Marie Curie Cancer Care is now one of the UK's largest charities.

Employing more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, we provide care to around 25,000 people with cancer every year, along with support for their families.

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