

**DEVELOP YOUR VOICE:
INSPIRE OTHERS**

I was overjoyed to be able to attend this year's conference (like most since my first one in Swindon - was it 1994?) despite all obstacles, especially as it took place at The Friars again as it did two years ago, a wonderfully 'atmospheric' venue.

Like all of the GB State Conferences I've attended so far it was run expertly and offered something for everybody. It was a great joy to see all my friends again - many thanks to all of them for making me feel so welcome! I'm looking forward to next year's already.

Yours in friendship,
Brigitte Wichmann



Aylesford 'revisited' was a great success – altogether an excellent conference.

Kate York



Kevin Sewell



Kate York & Dr. Lace Brogden

Organising speakers for a conference is a real challenge. Trying to make sure that the speakers you chose deliver the topics you asked for and that the topics you asked for come together as a seamless theme may sound easy, but it isn't! At this year's GB State conference Diana managed to do just that. We had a seamless theme of speakers starting with the after dinner speaker on Friday night and flowing all the way through the main topics on Saturday. Every speaker gave a different perspective but there was a clear and strong link between each topic.

It is rare for me to come away from a conference of any kind feeling that I had learnt something from each session but the 2014 GB state conference achieved that aim. Thank you to Diana for organising it and for all the speakers who gave interesting, thought provoking and challenging sessions.

Dorcas Rogers



Dr Lesley Hendy



Johnny Marsh & Pat Robson

I really enjoyed seeing our members again and meeting Lace. When I was at college, some 50 years ago, all we were given about the voice was a book on the subject. I can remember nothing being said about using the voice effectively, and found it interesting to see how times have changed.

Unity Harvey



I had a wonderful time in GB, seeing all of you again, enjoying the program and the conference location at Aylesford, visiting Rochester and afterwards London.

Trijny Schmitz Du Moulin

I thought the whole Conference, from start to finish, had a super atmosphere—lots of opportunity to mingle and chat with other members.

Evelyn Goodsell



I enjoyed the conference enormously. It was a very special ‘family’ atmosphere, which included all the guests. Zumba was fun.

Bettina Kulsdom

And, of course, there was time to appreciate the many talents of our wonderful members—those of the relatively sedentary occupations.....



.....exploring our mental agility through 'Brain Gym'



.....or showing we have the stamina to 'strut our stuff' during a Zumba session—kindly hosted by Dorcas Rogers. How did Carole Stirling and Lavinia Soul have the energy to dance and talk at the same time?!



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