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Mr Don Tombs

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Dear Don

Thank you for inviting both my husband and me to attend a the Celiac group Meeting on Saturday 20th February. I was very honoured to be asked to speak as I must confess I, like many other people, know very little about this disease. I used to think it was an allergy. After attending your meeting I now know better.

It was a real joy to meet your members. What a great group of people and so determined. Some of them related how they had been diagnosed. It seems to be the luck of the draw dependant on whether or not you have a knowledgeable Doctor on the subject.

I will definitely do what little I can to push the awareness of this disease. I have already started by mentioning the group in my Diary in the Crawley Times. When I return to the Garden Centre, which I had opened that same morning and buy some of their home made cakes as promised, I shall certainly encourage them to think about creating home baked cakes which are gluten free.

I shall also mention the group on my blog and say something about the disease. Thank you also for the gluten free gifts of food which you gave to me. I have already tried many of the items. The bread makes delicious toast and I love the savoury biscuits.

I wish both you, your wife and the group every success for the future in raising awareness and offering much need support for those with Celiac Disease.

Yours sincerely

**CLLR BRENDA BURGESS**  
Mayor of Crawley