

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON 2024  
for the  
Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 25 March 2025**

During the last year we managed to hold 38 various events which included our main event of the year, our New Year Lunch at Croham Hurst Golf Club. I think it is fair to say that as far as the holding of events is concerned, we are now more or less fully recovered from the effects of lockdown, indeed we saw a modest increase in the number of members attending our Coffee Mornings and attendees at our various lunches have held up very well.

None of these events would happen without the hard work put in by Maggie Mahoney (Fish 'n' Chips and Coffee Mornings), Viv Murray (Horseshoe Lunches) and Viv Murray again along with recently retired Committee Member Judy Dumbrell (New Year Lunch) and, lastly, walks and visits to places of interest (Jackie Husain and Hillary Kearney).

Other people working behind the scenes include John Gibbons our Treasurer who keeps us financially stable and Chris Hall (you may know who she is!) our Website Manager who has done a remarkable job over the last year or so in improving the Croydon Fellowship Website and also supporting me in my various endeavours.

Following the retirement of Dave Newland you may be aware that we have been unable to recruit a new Newsletter Editor and as a result we have had to cease publication of a printed Newsletter. However, not all is lost as the Croydon Fellowship Website now contains a feature called the "Chroydon Chronicle" which contains details of our recent activities so please do refer to it if you wish to keep up to date on our activities.

The Croydon Fellowship has struggled financially over the last few years and as a result certain actions have had to be taken to address this position, details of which we have publicised in our various event invitations. As you will all be aware, all businesses are currently under extreme financial pressure and, as a result, all of the venues we currently patronise have been forced to increase their prices. Please be assured that your Committee works very hard to secure the best possible prices that are available to ensure that we continue to obtain excellent value for money but at the end of the day it is what it is!

Lastly, I wish to thank all of the Committee for the hard work they have put in to ensure that all of our events ran smoothly. However, we are now only a committee of 6 and none of us is getting any younger! New volunteers to serve on the Committee would be warmly welcomed. If you do not feel ready to be a committee member perhaps you could assist by volunteering to be an occasional event organiser. Any assistance that can be rendered would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention.

Rob Hall  
Chairman, Croydon Aviva Fellowship  
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