



# Aviva Fellowship Croydon

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## John Ward says ...

# We need your help!

Once again we have had a full calendar with a variety of events including coffee mornings, lunches, theatre visits and walks. In addition to organising and running these events your committee have been instrumental in ensuring the 'In Touch' team have received articles, birthday cards have been sent out to some 750 members, a Newsletter has been produced twice a year, our finances are kept in order, membership details have been kept up to date and letters and e-mails have been sent out to make sure members are given up to date information about forthcoming events.

As we are coming to our year end and the AGM will soon be upon us I wish to thank all those, both committee members and others who help in a variety of ways. Without them we would not be able to operate. My thanks also go to all those who have attended various events and given us their support.

However we have reached a position where the Area cannot continue to offer the same support to our membership unless we find volunteers to join the committee in the coming year.

Unfortunately the committee will be 3 members short by the year end. We are extremely sorry that David Newman has had to resign from committee. David has organised and run many of our lunches with help from others and his contribution has already been sorely

missed. I would like to thank him for his help and support

Philip Talmage has edited and produced the Newsletter for the past 5 years. Many Areas issue little more than a single page outlining the coming events. We have been extremely fortunate in receiving an excellent publication including a great deal of information, photographs etc. which I know has taken Philip a great deal of time to produce and I would like to thank him on behalf of all of us.

Lastly, I will not be continuing as Chairman, and we need somebody to take over this role.

I would say that while I and all the Committee Members and others who help do devote their own time to the Fellowship, I have also found it both rewarding and enjoyable. I have met so many new people amongst our members and would strongly recommend that those who can devote some time to the Fellowship offer their services. If you do feel that you can help but have concerns that you do not have the experience, the existing committee will be extremely supportive as they have been in the past to new volunteers.

Finally let me just add that those remaining on the committee will not be able to continue to offer the extensive calendar we have become used to and without new blood the Area will decline. It is your Fellowship, please help to ensure that it continues to survive and becomes even stronger.

Come to the

## AGM

and the free buffet lunch  
beforehand, at the  
Fairfield Room in Fairfield  
Halls, on

**Thursday 26  
February**

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AGM at 13.30**

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**Salvete and Valet**

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## '101 Salutations?' - Christmas Lunch at The Aerodrome, 3rd December 2008

report by Chris House

The Aerodrome Hotel (old Croydon Airport Terminal) was due to greet 101 Fellowship members for our Annual Christmas lunch. Unfortunately 3 members were unable to join us on the day. However, we were honoured by the attendance of our AVIVA Fellowship Regional Chairman *Barry Summerfield*. Barry had himself worked in our area towards the later part of his career with Norwich Union and was therefore also able to renew contact with a number of former colleagues.

After obtaining drinks and renewing contacts in the Reception area we all adjourned to the newly built extension (Dakota Suite) where our multi choice Christmas Lunch was to be served. Philip Talmage, assisted by Peter Monk, had prepared a slide show of our Fellowship Events through the year to view whilst our meal was being served. We hope to include Christmas Lunch pictures at our next **Winter Lunch** on

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at the Good Companions.

After our excellent meal, our Chairman *John Ward* addressed members on the work needed to organise this event. In addition our urgent need for further support for the Committee if we are to continue to hold successful events in 2009. John also indicated that after seven years on the Committee and with increasing spells out of the country he intends to retire at the AGM. His wake up call, we hope, will encourage more members to attend our **AGM on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Fairfield Halls**.

We finished the day with our draw for Raffle Prizes which were 'called' by our Treasurer Chris House. All those who attended considered this to have been a very enjoyable event. Around 20 of our members, who had not attended a Fellowship function previously, expressed an intention to attend more in the future.

Sadly most of us look away when its time for the 'credits to roll'. However I think all those present must recognise the following contributions without which this event would not have been possible! We would therefore like to express our thanks to the following who contributed:-

Arranging (& co-ordinating) Event plus Costing & Menu selection:

*Chris House*

Preparing Invitations & Each Table Menu member choices:

*Maggie Mahoney*

Co-ordinating replies/menu selection plus receiving Attendees:

*Patricia Pegg*

Table Seating plans & Raffle prizes:

*Sheila Garratty*

Slide Show Presentation:

*Philip Talmage*

Raffle Ticket Sales & Draw:

*George & Jean Cannell*

PLUS All the staff at the Aerodrome

## Report on our survey of members in the Croydon Area

Many thanks to everyone who has returned one of last Autumn's questionnaires. This has allowed us to update our database, and also to gauge the potential popularity of different activities. As you will remember, we set out a number of different kinds of event, and asked for which of them members would like to receive invitations. Here are the results.

Everyone who ticked a box will receive invitations to those events. Others who have booked in the recent past but did not return a questionnaire will also receive invitations. After a year, if there is no response, invitations will stop until the member contacts us to confirm they wish to continue to be included.

In the questionnaire, we covered some kinds of event which we have not run in the past, and it can be seen that for some of these there was considerable interest. Happily, we have been able to include two in our 2009 programme: our friends in the Guildford area are planning a boat trip from Hampton Court to Richmond and back, which we shall be able to join, and we have booked local historian Ray Wheeler for a lecture on the history of Croydon.

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## Secretary's Notes

by Maggie Mahoney

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Thursday 26 February 2009, with buffet lunch from 12.30 pm; there's no need to book.

This year's AGM will again be held at the popular and easily accessible Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon. The FREE buffet lunch will be at 12.30pm and the AGM will start at 1.30 pm in the Fairfield Room.

The free buffet before the AGM is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones but don't worry if you cannot make it you are still welcome to join us for the AGM afterwards.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

The group holds regular informal coffee mornings, no need to book, just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome. Spouses, partners or a friend are just as welcome. The coffee at Brasted is paid for by the Fellowship, whilst funds allow, and I am working on the Treasurer to pay for the coffee at Woldingham.

Monthly coffee mornings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at The White Hart, High Street, Brasted, Kent TN16 1 JE at 10.30am.

Quarterly coffee mornings are held on the last Wednesday in February, May, August and November at the Dene Restaurant, Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham Road, Woldingham, Surrey CR3 7LA at 10.30 am.

Once a year, usually in July, we have a coffee morning at Chartwell, where in addition to meeting up with old friends there is also the opportunity to visit Churchill's home and to roam the gardens.

### McDERMOTT'S FISH AND CHIPS

On the evening of Tuesday 21 October we held our second supper

at the award-winning fish restaurant in the Forestdale Centre. Thirty members and partners enjoyed the fish and chips, and the free wine provided by the Fellowship, whilst reminiscing with old friends so much that a few had to be eased out of the door at closing time.

We have made another reservation at McDermott's for the evening of Tuesday 28th April. Please return the booking slip to me in good time, with your choice of fish.

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to everyone who has returned the questionnaire, which has helped us to update the database. For the first year we intend to send invitations to members on the old lists, as well as those who have indicated an interest on the latest questionnaire, but if there is no response the invitations will stop until such time as the member contacts us and confirms they wish to be included again. Several members have said they retired so many years ago they doubt they will know anyone now, rest assured we will not hold that against you and will still talk to you and give you the opportunity to make new friends.

*Joan Price writes:*

**On behalf of your committee I wish to acknowledge the thanks received after an event and for the birthday cards. We would like to be able to continue, so how about you giving us a hand?**

### First Aid: Strokes

**D**uring a barbecue, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics). She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital, and at 6:00pm she had passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the barbecue. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. Instead, they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours, which is tough.

To recognise a stroke:

### Remember the 3 steps: STR

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, lack of awareness can spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S Ask the individual to SMILE.**
- T Ask the person to TALK and speak a simple sentence coherently (e.g. "It is sunny out today")**
- R Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

Another test is to ask the person to stick out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms.

## Roger Capham writes ...

### Old Quotations

**W**hen my wife Jean and I were a lot younger our parents and grandparents often used some Old Quotations, which we wish we had recorded as and when they used them. It would be nice if you could dig deep into your cerebellums and let us have any contributions you can make so we can all collect and share in these gems/pearls of wisdom before they become lost forever. Jean & I would very much like to make a collection to pass onto our children and grandchildren.

To start the ball rolling we have pulled together a few of the Old Quotations we can recall and very much look forward to seeing the response. We are looking for Old Quotations, which should not be confused with Proverbs like "Too many cooks spoil the broth."

1. It's as black as Newgate's knocker.
2. My mouth is so dry I can't spit sixpence.
3. There are no pockets in a shroud.
4. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.
5. Here today, gone tomorrow.
6. It's raining cats & dogs.
7. See a pin and pick it up and all day long you will have good luck. See a pin and let it lie; you are sure to need it before you die.
8. Feed a cold and starve a fever.
9. We will all eat a peck of dirt before we die.
10. Manners maketh the man.
11. It is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice.
12. We are all living on borrowed time so make best use of it, as you don't know when the loan will be called in.
13. People don't care about how much you know as long as they know how much you care.
14. You give but little when you give your possessions. It is when you give yourself that you truly give.
15. Least said, soonest mended.
16. When the wind is from the East it's no good for man or beast.
17. Red sky at night shepherds delight, red sky in morning shepherds warning.
18. Make hay whilst the sun shines.
19. Time waits for no man.
20. What the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve over.
21. Strike while the iron is hot.
22. Revenge is dish best served cold.
23. Tell the truth and shame the devil.

### Time of your life

**W**hen things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee....

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if it was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and

poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important

your car.

The sand is everything else - the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes of golf. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the car."

"Take care of the golf balls first, and the things that really matter. Set your priorities.

The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked, it just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

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things - God, family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and

## An exercise routine for the over-50s

*from an anonymous contributor*

**B**egin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

## Aerobics classes for Seniors

*further advice on keeping fit*

**I** felt I had got flabby, and my body was totally out of shape. So, with my doctor's permission, I joined a fitness club to start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

## Do you support a charity?

**W**e have all met those energetic people who run events for charities they support.

They open their gardens to visitors, serve teas, act as guides for walks, even put on shows.

If you are one of them, why not help us, and let us help you at the same time? We are always looking for people to organise events. You could run an event in our name, which we would publicise to our members, to aid your favourite charity.

Interested? Then contact Maggie.

*Advertisement:*

**The Croydon Area needs a new Chairman, a Newsletter Editor, an Events Co-ordinator, and Committee members. If you can help, please contact Maggie Mahoney.**

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## The Producers

**Churchill Theatre, Bromley: Thursday 21st May 2009, 2.30pm**

West Wickham Operatic Society are rehearsing cult musical *The Producers*, the Mel Brooks show which recently ran for 920 performances at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Adapted from the original 1968 movie starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, the stage show was itself adapted in 2005 to create a second film.

For anyone who may still be unfamiliar with the plot, the setting is New York, 1959. Max Bialystock, once known as the King of Broadway, hasn't had a successful show in years. Neurotic accountant Leo Bloom proposes a scheme tailor-made for producers who can only make flops: raise far more money than you need, then

make sure the show is a disaster. No one will be interested, so you can pocket the surplus. To this end, they produce a musical called "*Springtime for Hitler*" written by escaped Nazi, Franz Liebken. Then they get the insanely flamboyant Roger De Bris to direct. Finally, they hire as a lead actress the loopy Swedish bombshell Ulla.

Opening night of *The Producers* draws near, what could go wrong?

We have made a group booking for the matinee performance on Thursday 21 May, at Bromley's Churchill Theatre. The (subsidised) cost will again be £12. If you would like to come, please return the booking form to me.

*Philip Talmage*

*Advertisement:*

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## Pub lunch at The Good Companions

Hamsey Green, Limsfield Road, Warlingham: 4th February 2009

Following our past successful lunches at the Good Companions (Limsfield Road, Warlingham) we have booked the restaurant again on **Wednesday 4th February**. The bar will be open at 12.15 and luncheon will be served at **12.45p.m.** The pub has a large car park, and can be reached by the 403 bus from Croydon, alighting at the Hamsey Green

### MENU

Carrot & Coriander soup *or* Paté with Crusty Bread

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Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy,  
Peas & Carrots *or*  
Trinidad Chicken with Peas, Carrots and  
New Potatoes *or*  
Fisherman's Pie with Chips, Peas and Carrots

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Apple & Fruit Crumble with Custard *or*  
Poached Pear with Butterscotch Sauce *or*  
Fruits of the Forest Cheesecake

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Tea or Coffee

shops. The cost of the Special 3 Course Meal with tea or coffee, plus tip, is **£9.00** per head.

Please confirm your booking and **CHOICE OF MAIN COURSE** with a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship as soon as possible and no later than 29th January. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

Patricia Pegg

Don't miss these

**Imminent  
events!**

## Aspects of old Croydon

Shirley Methodist Church, Monday 16 March  
7.00 for 7.40pm

**W**e are fortunate to have engaged local historian Raymond Wheeler for a talk about Croydon. He knows the area very well indeed, and has had three books published in the *Images of England* series: one on *Norbury, Thornton Heath and Broad Green*, one on *Shirley and Addington*, and the latest on *Croydon and Waddon*. We have left it to Ray to decide the content of his lecture, which he will illustrate from his extensive slide collection.

There is certainly no shortage of material. Croydon holds a special place in the history of transport: the first (horse-drawn) public railway, the first railway flyover, the world's first international air terminal, the first UK sodium street lighting, the first light-controlled pedestrian crossing, the first town in the country to be served by both canal and railway. There

were early experiments with "atmospheric" (pneumatically-powered) trains, and Croydon now boasts the UK's number one tramway, a worthy successor to its former trams and trolleybuses.

The many famous people who were born or lived in Croydon include Archbishops of Canterbury (since the time of the Conqueror), John Ruskin, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the Horniman family of tea importers and founders of the museum in Forest Hill, Derek Bentley, hanged for a murder he did not commit, and latterly Tracey Emin, whom some might think should be. (Sorry, Trace!)

Tea will be served from 7 pm, the talk to start at 7.40 and last for one hour. There will be **NO CHARGE** but we shall appreciate advance bookings so that we know the numbers to expect.

Philip Talmage

## A walk by the Regent's Canal

Angel tube, Wednesday 22 April  
10.45 for 11.00am

**W**e are going to walk, with a Guide, along part of the **REGENT'S CANAL** from Islington to Mile End. This is a less well known section but we shall see Locks & Basins as well as part of the **NEW RIVER** which brought water from the upper reaches of the River Lea, 40 miles into London.

The walk should be reasonably flat without stiles, but the path may be wet & slippery, so please wear sensible shoes, with non slip soles.

Book with *Judy Dumbrell* - first come, first served; see the enclosed booking form.

## Fish and Chip Supper

McDermott's, Tuesday 28 April, 7.00 for 7.30pm

**O**ur second visit to this award-winning restaurant in the Forestdale Centre was even more popular than the first, so we had no hesitation in making another booking. This time, though, we are asking members to make their choice of fish when they book, to avoid any disappointment on the night.

The Fellowship is again subsidizing the supper, which remains excellent value at £8.50, including drinks. Please use the enclosed booking form.

# Diary of Events 2009

Month	Date	Organiser	Event	Venue	Time
Jan	Tue 13	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Feb	Wed 4	PP	Lunch	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	12:15 for 12:45
Feb	Tue 10	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Feb	Thu 26	MM	<b>Buffet lunch †</b> <b>AGM †</b>	<b>Fairfield Room, Fairfield Halls, Croydon</b>	12:30 13:30
Feb	Wed 25	MM	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Mar	Tue 10	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Mar	Mon 16	PT	* Slideshow on Croydon's past	Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Avenue	19:00 for 19:40
Apr	Tue 14	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Apr	Wed 22	JD	guided London walk	Angel tube station, then along the Regent's Canal	10:45 for 11:00
Apr	Tue 28	MM	Fish 'n Chips supper	McDermott's, Forestdale Centre, Selsdon	19:00 for 19:30
May	TBA	JW	* Visit to nature reserve	London Wetland Centre, Barnes	TBA
May	Tue 12	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
May	Tue 19	PP	* Lunch	The Horseshoe, Warlingham	12:00 for 12:30
May	Thu 21	PT	West Wickham Operatic Society <i>The Producers</i>	Churchill Theatre, Bromley	14:30
May	Wed 27	MM	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Jun	TBA	Guildford area	* River trip	Hampton Court to Richmond & back	TBA
Jun	Thu 4	JP	Visit to gardens	Cherkley Court, near Leatherhead	14:00
Jun	Tue 9	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Jul	Tue 14	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Jul	Tue 21	Dave & Ann	* Country walk	Hogsmill Valley, near Ewell	TBA
Jul	Thu 30	MM	Coffee morning †	Chartwell	10:30
Aug	TBA	JW	* Visit to house & gardens	Losely Park, Guildford	TBA
Aug	Tue 11	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Aug	Wed 26	MM	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Sep	Tue 8	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Sep	Thu 10	PP	Lunch	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	12:15 for 12:45
Oct	Tue 13	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Nov	Tue 10	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Nov	Wed 25	MM	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Dec	Wed 2	PP	* <b>Christmas luncheon</b>	<b>Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way</b>	12:00 for 13:00
Dec	Tue 8	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30

## NOTES:

For organisers' contact details, see list of committee members and other event organisers

† No booking is required for events with the † symbol

\* Dates and /or times of starred events are liable to alteration /cancellation