



## KEITHS KERFUFFLES

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Dear Fellow 41 Club members

Well, the first 5 months have flown by, probably because the summer was so warm and sunny! To quote the local Water Authority back in March when we had the hose pipe ban "it will last from now until at least the end of summer, probably beyond, unless we get rain like we have never seen for over 100 years" A prophet or what!!

#### Club Meetings

We have had 4 excellent speakers so far, with Darryl Morgan talking about the Ridgeway School last week; I recall my days in RT when we did a lot of fund raising, bought a new kiln and did some decorating!

In addition we were recently invited to the Tangent meeting at the Bush Hotel where an excellent turnout listened to General Sir Hew Pike talk about his family history – generations of ancestors with a dedicated military background at the highest levels of the Army and RAF.

#### Future Club meetings:

October 22<sup>nd</sup> (note this is **MONDAY** as venue not available usual Tuesday) at Frensham British Legion with RT – games night with darts, snooker, dominoes (for less active). Food to be sorted



November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Con.Club, speaker will be Ashley Moat, ex MEP and from my conversations with him so far, a bit of euro-sceptic. Questions on EU funding welcome!

December – no meeting, see social list later

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Gourmet food/wine at CC courtesy (though not free!) of John Hemsley, wine critic to the French, Italians, Spanish et al.

February 26<sup>th</sup> - Joint meeting with Tangent at CC – the great and glorious quiz night from Mr University Challenge himself, Graham Noakes

March 26<sup>th</sup> – speaker meet at CC

April 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM

## Social/Sports Events

On the social front, we have had 2 excellent events; first a tremendous turn out for the President's Party back in June, well over 70 folk spread all over the house. Best laid plans to have marquee in garden thwarted by strongest winds for months 3 days before which left me with ok tent but lot of bent poles! Thanks to my good lady and members of Tangent for wonderful grub. Recently had lovely late summer party at Chris & Glenda Powell's house with great food and terrific entertainment from husband/wife musicians Rajko and Andrijana – guitarist/singer and classic pianist respectively – I think the ladies liked Rajko and Andrijana was pretty good looking too !! Thanks to Graham especially for all assistance, he is a keeper!

On the sporting side, we have sadly been beaten by Round Table twice, but great early evening events for golf in June at Oak Park and then usual bowls venue in July – many thanks John and Nial.

The Farnham RT charity bike ride on 1<sup>st</sup> July provided the opportunity for the really fit guys to show their prowess and cycle 25 miles around Farnham, including myself ! I swear we went up more hills than coming down but it was highly successful event, not too difficult in hindsight, and personally pleasing as I raised almost £800 for Parkinson's/Alzheimers.

A great night of culture followed end July with our annual trip to the Royal Albert Hall (thanks Graham) to hear a number of powerful composers including Walton's Balthazar.

### Future social/sports events;

November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the annual RT Fireworks night and as usual, they very much appreciate ALL the support we can muster for gate duty so we will be circulating a tick list fairly soon; we are trying to get more tickets sold in advance/on the night (have stations to sell in central car park and before Bear Lane to avoid the inevitable crush at this entrance in particular, plus Park main entrance). Basically get as much cash as possible.



November 10/11<sup>th</sup> a number of members will be required to assist Woodlarks in re-building the Grotto that we did so successfully last year – Ken will be in touch !

Finally, the next social event will be the Xmas Party on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. (See below)

In the New Year there will be a theatre trip to either Guildford or the Watermill at Newbury, just depends on the production, plus some sporting activity and maybe an outside event – more later.

\*\*\*\*All the above information can be found on the Farnham 41 club website which Mike Ellis very kindly continues to update [www.farnham41club.org.uk](http://www.farnham41club.org.uk) \*\*\*\*

## 2012/2013 President/VP

You are all aware we have no VP this year and there are many reasons why the members I approached to be VP declined which we must respect. However, rather than bring this matter up at a Club meeting I thought it opportune to write in my current missive. This means all members will hopefully read the paragraph, given the fact that about 50% of the full list regularly attend meetings and also saves potential awkward moments if I raised the matter in an open meeting – that may well come later.



It will allow potential candidates to contemplate in privacy whether they are willing to stand, either past Presidents – always welcome but appreciate been there, done it, and of course only Ian has done 2 years – or members who have not been President, a far more likely route. There are at least 12 members on the members list in this category and I would ask that you seriously consider being VP now so that we can move forward in April, plus be able to choose your own VP for 13/14. 41 Club is a great organisation, Farnham especially, and we have all enjoyed at various times, meetings with excellent speakers, great sporting and social occasions with the friendships that result, so now is the time to put something back into the Club as President.

I am half way through my year, it is an honour and privilege; ask any previous President, not too onerous or time-consuming and you always have a 1<sup>st</sup> class team as back up! You are out there and your 41 Club really needs you, we simply cannot wait until the AGM to confront this office!

Thanks

Keith

### Going Dutch at Christmas



This year's Club Christmas Party for members of 41 Club Tangent will be at the President's house on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

On the evening we would like to revive memories of some of the great times we have had over the years with our friends from Zwijndrecht Round Table and 41 Clubs. So if you have any photos or other memorabilia (gifts presented to our RT or 41 Club for example) then please let Graham know over the next few weeks and he will put a display together for the evening. These may be in albums, or just loose photos which he can mount on display boards (like his infamous quizzes!). These may be from your trips to Holland as a Tabler or 41 Clubber, hosting the Dutch or simply attending twinning weekends here in Farnham – all will be welcome. Just mark up the albums or photos etc with your name and the (approximate) year of the event. The results should bring back some fun memories for us all!

Cheers

Graham

## On yer bike!!

( A gentle reminder from Hon Sec.)

Having been given the incentive to 'get on my bike' by Table and the annual Farnham Charity Bike Ride - as part of a team I am doing a 46 mile route as part of a Santander round Britain 'Flame relay' by any chosen transport method (I am biking it !). It is part of a much wider effort going all round UK and the charity is the 2012 selected charity by Santander - this year it is Marie Curie Cancer. One great thing about this sponsorship is that Santander will match the contributions made..... Ie, if the team raise £1000 - Santander will add another £1000..... and since we are part of a much broader relay going on all over the UK all sponsored by Santander . Eg. If we raise £50,000 in total, Santander will match this.

If 41 Club, Table or any members would be interested in kindly donating to the cause - using JustGiving.com means tax gets added, and Santander will match the contributions raised. It seems a great opportunity to raise funds for a worthy cause - many of us have seen the devastating effects of cancer on friends and family... so this is a small effort to make a difference by supporting Marie Curie. The link to the site is below - any sponsorship would be welcomed..

<http://www.justgiving.com/tourdewiltsandberks>

Nial



Hon Sec's Bit...

Delighted to hear that Ian Johnstone will be joining us as a Diner.

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