

KEITHS KERFUFFLES ISSUE 3 5TH FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Fellow 41 Club members


Where does the time go since my last Kerfuffle way back early October, 2012?



Olympic and Jubilee year been and gone and the UK/World economy on the up!!! Well if you invested in the stock market for January that's true, otherwise distinctly average. Conversely I have thoroughly enjoyed my first 9 months of meetings and socials and look forward to some more fun before April.

Club Meetings

The October meeting was a terrific games night with Round Table at the Frensham Legion but to be honest not quite sure who came out victors though I suspect overall it was RT, despite some notable and heroic victories in snooker and darts. Food was excellent fish and chips so the whole evening was a dieter's delight! In November we had ex MEP Ashley Mote give a fascinating talk at the Con Club on his life in Europe and to say he is a sceptic would be an understatement! We all may have a view on the plus/minus of being in the EU, I just hope it is not quite as bad as he related otherwise we are in deep detritus!

In December there was no meeting but full steam ahead in January with our resident wine expert John Hemsley  organising and hosting a wonderful meal and wine tasting at the CC. John added a twist from previous events by having a quiz on the wines and a motley selection of presenters. I really have no idea why my team lost, the bottle of Lafite I gave John obviously not enough. The meal was great and the wines even better, all in all a lot of fun and good banter – one wine expert and 23 wannabe's!!

Future Club Meetings

On Tuesday February 26th at the CC we are having a **Quiz Night**, care of another expert in his chosen field – Graham Noakes.



We are also hosting the ladies of Tangent so expect good numbers and of course prizes to the winning team. Details will be forthcoming in next few days but the meal will be usual price with a choice of main/dessert, numbers to David please, let's have a party.

March 26th will be a speaker meeting at the CC and the AGM will be on April 23rd.

You will recall the excellent talk last year from Darryl Morgan, the Head of Ridgeway School; he has invited Ian Forbes and yours truly to their open day on Friday 22nd March to see the work they do, but if anybody else would like to attend, I am sure that can be accommodated. I have spoken with RT about the possibility of a donation but this has not been discussed with Darryl.

Social/Sports In December Tricia and I hosted the joint Tangent/41 Club Christmas party with almost 70 attendees and a good time was had by all; special thanks to the ladies committee who

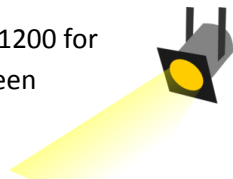
helped throughout the evening, especially Vivian, Cathy and Anthea. I hope everyone enjoyed the main dishes that Simon our caterer had prepared.

In early December a stoic group of 41'ers led by Mike Ellis and Paul Beere rebuilt the Grotto at Woodlarks including a waterproof roof this year so thanks to those guys, it was slightly easier than last year – I think! I did ask Ken to see if it could remain in place (planning issue) to save the annual dismantle/build?? Over 100 disabled young people enjoyed the Grotto and Nick Richards passes his thanks to 41Club and to RT for the £750.



Also in November, thanks to all the members who assisted Table on Bonfire night on Saturday 3rd. Fortunately, the weather was kind, albeit very cold. I think the ticket booths proved a great success so special thanks to Mike, the usual crush on Bear Lane where I was located was by and large avoided, everyone made the park and I believe RT made a profit in excess of £25k – tremendous.

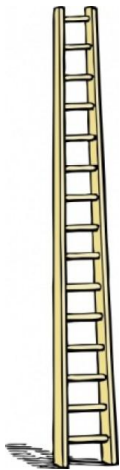
David Patience and Mike Ellis assisted RT with their Xmas float, raising over £1200 for 40 Degreez youth centre. I gather huge volumes of ale were consumed between arriving trains in Farnham!



The final social event for my year will be the annual theatre trip to the Watermill at Newbury; I had looked at Guildford, being that bit closer, but dates/numbers were more difficult and the ticket price is much more! The date is Monday 15th April and the play is The Miser by Moliere, “a satirical masterpiece, fast, funny and full of energy”. There are 18 tickets available so as of now, this is on 1st come, 1st served basis – also booked the pre-theatre meal where you can choose 1/2/3 buffet courses as required, pay on the night. Ticket cost is £12.50/head, payable nearer the time to me.

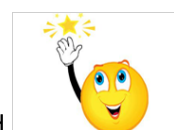
We are hoping to have a last sporty event with RT before year end, Nial liaising, so more to follow.

Vice President



By now you will all have had the notice in regard the candidate for Vice President; I was really delighted to welcome Ian Johnstone back into 41 Club about 6 months ago and even more pleased that he has agreed to stand for VP in these final months. Like many members I have known Ian for 30 years plus and I know he will be an outstanding officer.

David has sent out nomination forms for next year and while I do not wish to get ahead of the game in terms of following correct procedures, the President will need support, none more crucial than having a Vice President. As mentioned in my last note, this is ideally a member who has not been President already and I know there are a number of excellent candidates who can ensure continuity in Farnham 41 club; so please find a proposer, put your-self forward and give it go, you know it makes sense.



Finally thanks for all your support these past few months, it is much appreciated.

Keith

