

Farnham 41 Club – Presidents report

AGM – Conservative Club - 24th April 2012

Overview

I started my year with the line **‘helping each other’** as well as the objective to give full support to Round Table and their charitable activities. A really strong committee was assembled and I thank them all for their support throughout the year.

We tried to attract more members to the club for all the obvious reasons. We had some success, but this has remained patchy for the following main reasons:

- Many in their ‘pre-retirement’ years are still fighting for family survival and futures, jobs, pensions, our children etc., and 41 Club has been difficult to justify for what is seen as a largely ‘social’ organisation.
- People remain very busy and cannot spare the time.
- Many ex-Tablers are involved with other organisations and charities and have moved on from the Round Table organisation.

The objectives developed into questioning what 41 Club should stand for in 2011/2012, so we implemented a few ideas such as:

- Working closer with Round Table.
- Getting actively involved with the Bike Ride and raising money by cycling the 25 miles, over £250 raised.
- Developing the website to project the image of what we do. This has proved difficult because we have strived to find our image, and general apathy from the club about the website.
- Getting involved with a local charitable cause. I chose Woodlarks Camp Site Trust, and with £1,500 from Round Table, we helped build the Christmas Grotto. This has proved to be the highlight of the year.

The Events of the Year

The AGM presentation is also downloadable from www.farnham41club.org.uk and goes through the main events of the year.

Summary

We have made some progress this year, and I wish Keith and his team the best of luck with his year coming up.

Adopt, Adapt, Improve

Mike Ellis

2011/2012 President