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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON 2018  
for  
Annual General Meeting - Thursday 7 March 2019**

2018 was another very busy year for the Croydon Area..

We have had our usual number of lunches and suppers and also our regular coffee mornings at the Clocktower Cafe in the centre of Croydon and at various garden centres in the area. We also arranged a number of new events as detailed below:

- A visit to the National Portrait Gallery
- A visit to Chislehurst Caves in Kent
- A visit to Highgate Cemetery
- A tour of Kensington Palace
- A visit to the Postal Museum

Those who attended these visits confirmed that they were interesting and provided new information.

In order to keep our members active we have continued to have a number of walks and strolls around Croydon

At the end of December we had 697 members which is a slight increase compared with June 2018.

In November Aviva held an Act of Remembrance in the Piazza at St Helens. A number of military personnel attended and laid wreaths and the names of some of those who died in the wars were read out. Also the members of the Military Wives Choirs sang remembrance hymns. Together with Hilary Kearney, I had the honour of laying a wreath at the new memorial on behalf of the pensioners.

Our diary of events for 2019 includes some new visits as you will have seen in the latest Newsletter. I hope you will be able to join us and enjoy the events.

We will be attending a Pantomime in Purley and visiting Strawberry Hill House, the Art Gallery at Tate Britain and having a River Trip in October

Finally I would like to thank all the members of our Committee for their hard work and the time they give to plan and organise events. In particular my thanks go to Carol, our Treasurer, who has our finances fully under control, and to Maggie, our Secretary, for her excellent work in taking Minutes, preparing notices and her precise detailing of the number of attendees at our events.

Brian Welch  
Chairman, Croydon Aviva Fellowship  
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