

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON 2025
for the
Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 18 March 2026

We are now in our 24th year of existence and I am pleased to be able to report that 2025 continued to be a relatively successful year for the Croydon Branch of the Fellowship. For those of you at the New Year Lunch (which by the way was very successful) you will have heard me observe that a number of other local areas are struggling due to lack of support.

It is pleasing to note that currently this is not the case with Croydon which over the last year continued to offer a varied programme of events. This was due in no small way to the efforts of your committee and event organisers - but especially to Maggie Mahoney who keeps all of us "on our toes".

There is already in place a list of events for the remainder of this year so do please refer to the Website which is regularly updated. .

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Committee for giving freely of their time, and to the Event Organisers. In particular my thanks must go to Jackie Husain for her extremely interesting London Walks which she led last year.

I think it worthy to make special mention of the recent visit to the Royal Courts of Justice. Over the last few years our visits to places of interest have been reasonably well attended so when the RCJ visit was first mooted it was felt that we could expect 20 - 25 attendees (25 being the maximum number the RCJ could accept on a single tour). In reality, to our surprise, the actual number of applicants approached 50 so I would like to publicly express my special thanks to Hilary Kearney for quickly arranging an additional tour on the same day in order that everyone could be accommodated. WELL DONE HILARY!

All organisations are subject to budgets and the Fellowship is no exception. The Company is currently reviewing the Fellowship Budget but we have no details yet of what changes the Company will impose. In this respect your committee has striven very hard to keep expenses to an absolute minimum and by holding our AGM after our splendid lunch we contribute further to reducing our overall expenses.

Rob Hall
Chairman, Croydon Aviva Fellowship
12 March 2026