Ken starts Frome Selwood Rotary Club's jubilee year

THE Rotary Club of Frome Selwood installed Ken Fricker as its President for the coming year.

Married and the father of two sons, Ken is a keen sportsman and was one of the founder members of the Frome Selwood Rotary Club in 1990. It is therefore very appropriate for him to oversee the Club's 25 year Jubilee.

Ken said "I am looking forward to taking the Club into the next 25 years. One of the highlights when I was last President in 2001/2002 the Club undertook the organisation and production of the book - 'Frome Past and Present' which generated £12000 for the Friends of Victoria Hospital Appeal".

The Club has had a very successful year under Terry Candy, the past President. During the last few months alone it organised a challenging Gastro Quiz (If you'd think you'd know all the answers you'd be much mistaken) with proceeds going to "Kids Out". Frome Selwood Rotary members were deeply involved in the organisation of "Kids Out", a day when Rotary, with the welcome support of the Longleat Estate, gives 800 plus special needs children of this region a fantastic day out at Longleat, as they have been doing for many years.

Frome Selwood Rotary also seeks annually an outstanding young person of high achievements and community work in the Rotary spirit of 'Service before Self' and awarded Frome College student Adrianna Seviour with its 'Young Citizen Award' last month.

With events such as the hilarious Race Night in May, and the much more serious street collections, concert and many others during Terry's year a few pounds short of £12 ,500 was raised and distributed mostly to the local youth (YMCA), sick (Dorothy House) and elderly, with the remainder going to national causes and international disaster relief, including Rotary's xampaign to eradicate polio.

For those wanting to know more about the growing Rotary Club of Frome Selwood, where and when we meet, listen to inspiring speakers and plan visits to interesting places, its website is www.frome-selwoodrotary.org.uk .

Pictured: The 'three wise men' photo is of fltr: Andrew Walsh-Waring (who will be President in 2016/17), Ken Fricker (President) and Dick Collins (President Elect).