



KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



Gordon Knott - Chairman 2019/2020

Knott's Ramblings - October 2019

It happened! Tabling has returned to Ringwood. A wonderful tribute to the memory of John Salisbury. He talked with David of re-establishing Tabling in Ringwood, this has come to fruition and his son Ben is active in reforming Table. We wish Chairman Elect Phil Hoyle and Vice Chairman Elect Ben Salisbury every success and offer them our full support.

Who would have thought a talk about Watercress could be, would be, entertaining. Fortunately, Ian and David. When the intrepid duo, our Speaker Secretaries, shared we were very lucky to have this speaker and Watercress can be interesting. I was concerned. When told "trust us" I became worried. Reading the diary entry for Club night in our September Mag, "Watercress the green Viagra", I was troubled, swallowing this I'd get a stiff neck, it must have been all the tension, concern, worry. Flash-back to the Advance Driver talk, we were heading for another car crash. How wrong. We were entertained by Tom Amery telling us the story of The Watercress Company, informing us of the health benefits of watercress and how they can order watercress from their farm in Florida, have it cut shipped and in the shops in the UK within 24 hours. And to finish it all off, we all got a bunch of watercress, lovely.

Back in July some friends from the Reading Area popped down for a boy's day out. You know, stop off at Ringwood Brewery on way down, a few drinks on arrival, see local sights, more drink, lunch with wine, more sightseeing, another drink. It was late afternoon when we arrived at the Banks Arms in Studland, a pint of Studland Bay Wrecked is highly recommended. However, to get back on track, the lads wanted to know if the Studland Chain Ferry was still in the garage being repaired. As far afield as the Royal County of Berkshire they knew the Chain Ferry was missing. You can imagine my delight to be able to tell them Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers had found the ferry and it was to be driven round the streets of Ringwood on Carnival Day. If I had only known then we would win 3rd Place in Category, we could have celebrated with another pint of Wrecked.

Congratulations to Jeff and his team of marine engineers for doing a grand job.



During the month Andrew, Ro was not with us, John Adams and I, presented the Fanfare cheque of £750 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service. We had an interesting visit. Evie introduced us to her colleagues, all involved in fund raising. To keep the Service running they need £7.5 million per annum, all raised from public donations. However, the Doctors, all who work part time in the Service, are employed by the NHS. The Paramedics are employed and trained by the Service. The helicopter, its maintenance and the flying crew, all ex-military, are leased from Babcock. In August the Service was called-out to 189 missions. Air Ambulance attended 99 emergencies while their Critical Care Team Vehicle responded to 90 emergencies. I to

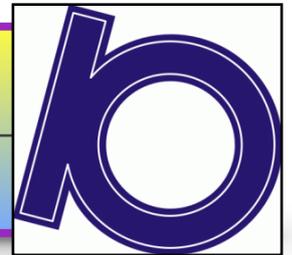


checked, it does add up to 189 missions. Reassuring to have such a wonderful service on the doorstep, unless you live in Dorset. This month we look through the ellipse window to the Rugby World Cup 2019. England have started well in their Group but have hard games ahead, Argentina and France before they move on to the knockout stages. While England play to full stadiums in Japan, your Club's Boules team travel to Christchurch to take on all-comers and defend the Cup won last year. We wish our highly tuned athletes every success travel to

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TANGENT IN PARALLEL



Anne Dyson Chair 2019/2020

OCTOBER 2019

“Time spent in nature heals your body, mind and spirit”, this is the quote on the picture frame sculpture, one of the many beautiful sculptures at ‘Sculpture by the Lakes’. On display are over thirty of Simon Gudgeon's large sculptures, with his smaller works shown in the Gallery Cafe and Studio. We were so lucky to be able to enjoy a glorious sunny day when we visited this magical place in September.



At our September monthly meeting we discovered that we can boast that Wimborne provided Rome with the only female Pope in history!!
‘A woman Pope? From Dorset?’
 ‘Pope John VIII, better known as Johannes VIII, Femina ex Anglia, or just Pope Joan.’
 Malcolm Angel, our speaker explained, ‘Back in Anglo-Saxon times, the Dorset town of Wimborne had a huge “double convent” – a nunnery and a

monastery, with literally hundreds of

nuns and monks. In AD 740s St Boniface, one of the patron saints of Europe, wrote to Wimborne to ask for help in his work to convert the pagan tribes of Germany to Christianity. Wimborne duly sent thirty nuns. The story goes that Pope Joan, though born in Germany, was the daughter of one of the Wimborne missionaries. No – we hadn't been drinking too much Pinot Grigio!! On 7 November Lyn Wickens is organising the tea for the Ringwood 'Young at Heart Club' – if you can help with baking or sandwich making please contact Lyn.



For our October meeting we look forward to our speaker Martin Green talking on 'Life with Hospital Radio'.

We'll be joined by National President Sue Hill and members from 4 other Tangent Clubs. Could you please wear past officers jewels for this meeting. Many thanks again to the social committee for arranging 2 interesting visits in October to the RNLI Training College, and to the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory. Another exciting month.

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ONCE AGAIN, WILL & JULIE INVITE YOU TO

A BONFIRE & FIREWORKS PARTY



TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

Lighting at 6:00 pm

Make your own Guy and watch it burn.

Alderholt has been warned.

Mulled Cider on arrival & supper provided.

Please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glasses & drinks.

Tick lists will be circulated at the October meetings for a rough idea of numbers. Don't worry if you haven't booked in.

Just come anyway.

All are welcome.

Diary Dates

9 October - Prof Alice Roberts speaking - Regent Centre, Christchurch. Speak to John Kennedy or Keith Anderson for details.

9 October - Tangent Meeting at St Leonard's with National President Sue Hill. Members from Bournemouth, Isis, Salisbury and Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford attending to hear Martin Green talk on "Life with Hospital Radio".

10 October - Tangent tour of RNLI College - details from Susie Carter.

15 October - 41 Club Meeting at St Leonard's See Speaker's Corner for details

16 October - Region 23 Quiz, Hoburne Caravan Park, Christchurch

29 October - Tangent outing to Poppy Factory, Richmond. Details to follow.

5 November - Bonfire Party at Will & Julie Parke's, Alderholt

7 November - Tangent 'Young at Heart Club' tea

13 November - Tangent Meeting at St Leonard's

15 November - Dorset Knobs - see the flier for more details.

20 November - 41 Club Night - **Please note the Date Change**

5 December - Tangent outing to Christchurch Regent Cinema - 42nd Street

9 December - Boscombe Rotary Carol Concert see details below.

11 December - Tangent Xmas Meeting & Dinner at the Tyrell's Ford Hotel

31 December - New Year's Eve Party, Greyfriars - See flier for more details.

14 February 2020 - Ladies Night, Miramar Hotel see the flier for details

15 February 2020 - Bournemouth No 1 Tangent 70th Birthday Lunch at Dudsbury GC

28 March 2020 - 7 Day Cunard Cruise to Hamburg, Bruges & Amsterdam. Contact Keith Anderson for details. All members of the two clubs are invited.



Boscombe Rotary have their Annual Carol Concert planned this year on Monday 9th December.

Many Club & Tangent members have supported this most generously in the past, same arrangements and format as in the past.

Back to the Reads afterwards to socialise with a glass or two in hand with a mince pie.

LADIES NIGHT - 14 February 2020

**PLEASE BOOK IN NOW WITH RICHARD
CARTER FOR THIS SPECIAL CLUB NIGHT**

**THE MIRAMAR HOTEL, EAST OVERCLIFF,
BOURNEMOUTH**

£43.00 PER HEAD PAYABLE TO ANDREW GREEN

**ALL THE TRADITIONAL FUN OF THE EVENING
AND DANCING TO 'ABOUT TIME'**

41 Club Xmas Card - 2019

We are producing a Club Xmas card again this year and thing is to collect names of those who wish to participate. The donation remains the same as last year, ie £15 for couples and £7.50 for singles.

Mike Callaghan has kindly agreed to help me produce the card this year so can I ask you to advise him as well as me that you wish to be included. E-mails are best. mike_callaghan@talktalk.net and geraldcarter123@hotmail.com

Please send your donation directly to the Treasurer, Andrew Green, preferably by Bank Transfer to Ringwood Ex-Tablers Club. Bank Sort Code 54-30-45, Account 14033003

Alternatively pay by cheque to Ringwood Ex-Tablers Club and send to Andrew Green or pay at Club Meeting.

I look forward to another highly successful year. Ideas for good causes to benefit from this years donations would be appreciated. Many, many thanks for your anticipated support.

Gerald Carter & Mike Callaghan

Speaker's Corner

We really enjoyed our excellent September speaker: Tom Amery, MD of the south coast based Water Cress Company.

He enthusiastically described the remarkable development and diversification of the business into salad leaves, wasabi and links to Dorset Beers with manufacturing now in the USA and Spain.

We don't have to worry about the notorious Liver Fluke anymore thanks to irrigation by only spring water . The bonus of a free bunch (or bunches) of water cress to take home was much appreciated and tasty too!!. Great stuff.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15th

The speaker for our next meeting on October 15th is Robin Cook (from Wimborne) with a presentation entitled:

'My Life and Times at Harrods'

He has spent many years working in the globally famous shopping emporium and he will lift the skirt to reveal an array of new and amusing tales about Harrods.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20th...note change of date

Our Club meeting in November has moved from Tuesday to Wednesday_so we can all enjoy an evening listening and talking with Tim Prince OBE.

From 1971 to 2014 he was the main man behind the organisation of the annual Royal International Air Tattoo in England and brings a wealth of fascinating tales and images from the largest of the military airshows. He also happens to really know the Red Arrows and is also Jenny's cousin!!! Be there.



Phelpers and Stockers
Joint Speakers

NEXT COPY DATE - 4 NOVEMBER 2019

The Knott Konundrum

Bits of fun and frolics

Caption Competition

Last month we used this photo of our National Councillor Richard at Anne's At Home and provoked a number of comic captions.....

Chairman Gordon proposed:

Richard - "I've just finished scattering pellets round the garden to keep the elephants away from Anne's At Home"

Gordon: "But there are no elephants in Ringwood"

Richard - "I know, aren't the pellets good"

Peter Lomax thought:

Dyson tries out his new Dyson after he sold his Hoover because it was just collecting dust.

Will Parke has two options:

"Now I am ready to fly across the Channel"

Alternatively

"It was a blow dry that you wanted, Madam ?"

Arthur in his inimitable style:

"..... and you thought the New Forest ponies were well hung?"

Colin Read suggested:

So Richard, are you going hovering, or hoovering,.....or just showing off the original model of your now famous vacuum.



Some recent photos from the Bike Ride, Ringwood Carnival, Arthur belatedly receiving the Editor's Award and the Ringwood Round Table Inaugural Meeting



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And Finally.....it will soon be 2020 and what do we do on the last night? Well here's a clue.....

New Year's Eve 2019
Greyfriars Ebenezer Hall

Arrive at 7.00pm for your welcome drink
Sit down at 7.45 for your own table's dinner and drinks

At Midnight toast the in the New Year 2020

The way it will work, hopefully, is that you will gather your own table of 8-12 people and nominate a spokesperson who should contact Colin Read ASAP after receiving this edition of the magazine. This is to 'negotiate' a popular pantomime theme for your table. Please note Colin is away from 29 October for one week. Colin hopes there will be no duplications but some latitude might be given if anyone has a tantrum.

If you wish to come and are not at this time on a table let David or Colin know and they will find one for you.

Each table and its partygoers, with table decorations and dressing up, should reflect their panto in whatever manner they choose, whether traditionally or with a modern interpretation (**Isn't that a bit risky? - Ed**) It is hoped that those tables who wish, will then at various times in the evening, put on an interpretation of their panto..... max 10 minutes for our entertainment!!!

Our idea is that the tables will entertain rather than individuals having to perform, thus exercising the modern fashion for inclusivity.

It is hoped when phoning Colin, the spokesperson can give the names (thus number) of those on his/her table.....as far as is known at this time.

It is anticipated that later in the evening, if we have survived the entertainment, there will be music, dancing and frolicking into the New Year.

Any helpful and practical ideas will be much appreciated.

Costs are not known at this stage and also depends on how much of our Club budget Council allows 'to go in the pot'!! In any event our party will be the best value of any NYE around.

Colin 01202 422685 with answerphone

David 01202 291352 (presumably without answerphone)