

# From The Anderson Shelter

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**AGM REPORT SUPPLEMENT**

## Vice Chairman's 2018/2019 Report

20th March 2018 I became Vice Chairman for Ringwood & District 41 Club, a daunting but proud moment. Looking back, I took on the post not really knowing what was expected or what to expect. I had not held high office before, not even in Table. It was time to give something back and with Chairman Keith's support, it would be okay.

I was presented with the "The VC Gong", I made my acceptance speech, it was short, I sat down, I cringed, did I really say that! Taking office has put me out of my comfort zone, I'm the new boy in an established successful Club. The support from Keith was invaluable, he went that extra mile to help and his support continued all year. We joked I was his wing-man. Truth be known, he was more like my wing-man. Note to Keith, a huge thank you for your support and invaluable advice/guidance throughout Your Year.

The start of the year, not alot to do, find a hotel for Ladies Night. I talked with Members for feedback on the venue, the band, was it time for a change. Checking out other hotels in Bournemouth, I had decided Bournemouth was a good location, the sea, the beach, the promenade and importantly, easy to get to. I had not reckoned with the delays on the A338. It soon became clear, why we were at The Miramar. On-site parking, sufficient number of comfortable bedrooms, the drawing room for the drinks reception, the dinning room with dance floor and importantly, the size of the venue suited the numbers expected at Ladies Night. Moving the date was, with hindsight, a mistake. I avoided Valentines Day but hit school term, lost a booking for a table of 10, and holidays already booked. It did mean numbers were down on previous years. Presenting Ladies Night Budget at Council caught Treasurer Andrew's attention.

Standing and reporting to Club on a Tuesday night is still daunting. Only once during the year did I fulfil the duty of introducing our guests correctly and that was only because we had none that night. If elected next year, must try harder. Sounds like my school report. That is why we have a great Secretary, Steve Wyatt, who will be steering/guiding/helping Ringwood's Chairman to get it right on the night.

Ladies Night has now been and gone. It went to plan, I hope everyone had a great time. The white table balloons could have been better. Did anyone notice the LED light shining inside the balloon? The food was excellent especially the Apple Crumble, for me it had to be with custard.

To Ringwood & District 41 Club and all who fly in her, thank you for your support and help through out Keith's Year, especially from our Chairman and his Council.

**Gordon Knott**

**Vice-Chairman 2018/2019**

## **Social Team's Report for AGM year ended March 2019**

This year's events were organised by a team so that the onus wasn't just on one or two people. And I think it worked well! I had the pleasure to coordinate a great bunch of 'Socialites', namely Jeff Wickens, Will Parke, Richard Carter, Richard Blackiston, John Harper as well as having further help from David Curle (who organised another successful Poole Dogs evening) and the famous ticket tout, Arthur Robins.

That team gave you 13 different offerings and that excludes the forthcoming handover event in April entitled.....Thanks for the Memories (a supper evening playing our favourite vinyl records).

In summary, we walked to Hurst Castle, enjoyed a glorious evening at Spinnaker Lake with a BBQ and patriotic sing song, had a tour of Andy McIndoe's garden near Romsey, walked around Ringwood looking for cryptic clues followed by a sumptuous tea in the Meeting House and about 30 of us went to Meyrick Park for a picnic and listen to the BSO perform. That was just one of 'Arthur's Attractions'. Arthur organised tickets for 7 shows and concerts and purchased 127 tickets.....which we have reimbursed! Brilliant work Arthur.

The rare wet day of the glorious summer was in late August when Richard Blackiston organised a visit to Salisbury Races for Ladies Day, but the sun shone again for trips to Avebury Manor as well as another to Winchester where we were shown around the College and after lunch the stunning and peaceful St Cross Hospital . The Parkes hosted another great Firework Party and a few members visited Kingston Lacy for their Son et Lumiere just before Christmas.

And don't forget the Chairman's Casablanca evening superbly crafted by Messrs Wickens and Harper with some outstanding background props including Rick's bar.

Our customary New Year's Eve Party had the theme Ringwood's Got Talent....and indeed it has! Our Chairman's drumming skills were splendid and so was his harmonica playing once he had the instrument the right way up! Recitations, singers (loosely phrased!), ventriloquism, magic and tap dancing all made for a fun way to greet 2019.

And all the time Richard Carter was expertly managing Picture Post, a competition of sorts to share our better photographic efforts under five different headings. This was an entirely new concept which could perhaps be presented again....as long as Arthur isn't allowed to enter!!

So, with a little help from my friends (especially Jeff W) I hope that we provided you with a varied social programme over the past year.

Peter Lomax

## **Membership and Welfare Report for year ending March 2019**

### **Membership**

Unfortunately this has not been a very successful year for finding new members. Early in the year we were optimistic of someone joining us but it turned out that his residency in Ringwood was only temporary.

It was expected that Chris Saltrick, an old Ringwood Round Table, was going to be enrolling at our March AGM. Unfortunately this has now had to be delayed until April.

### **Welfare**

Welfare has proved to be an extremely difficult year for our Club and it's members.

Late in 2018 Di Scaife (partner of David Okey and a long time member of Tangent) passed away after a long illness. Then at the beginning of January John Salsbury, a bedrock of Ringwood Round Table and 41 Club also passed away.

Both are sadly missed but will be remembered with love by us all.

On the health side it has been a troublesome year for many members or their wives with sickness or having to undergo remedial surgery. A profitable year for Ringwood flower and card sellers but not one that we wish to repeat.

Hopefully as I write this report all have recovered or well on the way to doing so.

So far as my successor is concerned I wish him very active year with regard to membership and scratching around with nothing to do on welfare

**Arthur Robins**

**Membership and Welfare Secretary**

### **Editor's Round Up**

**It's been great fun and a privilege to be the Editor of this year's Club Newsletter. I hope the readers have enjoyed it and especially made up for those who have been unable to make meetings or social events. The Editor's Award, announced at the February meeting, went to Arthur Robins for his many and varied contributions during the year. It was the first use of the old Sports Trophy, originally donated to the Club by David Curle. Can I thank everyone who has made my life very easy by producing informative, funny and sometimes poignant copy. The photos have been splendid and the contributions bring the Newsletter to life. Thank you all. I won't be at the AGM to thank you all in person so I hope this will suffice.**

**Bob Merrett Executive Editor (I always fancied having an Executive position)**

### **Speakers Corner report for 2018/19**

Our first speaker in April 2018 gave an illustrated talk about 'Wartime Airfields in the New Forest' This was followed by a 'tasting talk' from Rupert Holloway from Conker Gin with his entertaining talk about his business

Perhaps there were stars in our eyes from the Conker Gin but Bob Mizon put us right in June with Stars and Sky at Night.

In July we ventured up the River Frome to Wareham where we had fish and chips and live Football courtesy of Gordon Knott. Did England win!!!?

Who can forget Ian Stanton telling us in August how we should drive!!

In September Robbie Sprague gave us a Poetry Presentation.

Do we know now more about the Bermuda Triangle after October speaker Howard Nicholls explained or is it still a mystery.?

There was no mystery in November when Sharon Caldecott formed us into a choir to sing 'A drop of Nelsons Blood'. How well she did.

Our Christmas was an evening of self entertainment with balloons. Ho Ho Ho, and of course Martin Hardwick reciting the '12 Days of Christmas' as only Martin can do.

Our January meeting we were the guests of Tangent with their excellent speaker Ian Walker .

We finished our Speakers year with a visit from our National President Phill Ellis when we entertained him with limericks. Richard Carter was our best 'limericker' and awarded Melvyn's Mug, who we must thank also for his 'Picture Post' presentation as a background to all our meetings

That's it folks, thanks for listening.

**Phelpers and Stockers.**

### **SECRETARY'S YEAR END REPORT 2018-19**

The year started with a lot of work on the General Data Protection Regulation but then calmed down to a more normal diet of correspondence and preparation of agendas and minutes.

Although I am computer literate I found negotiating the National website to be something of a nightmare. It is not obvious from the website, but different log in details are required for different purposes and making changes to our details on the Club Administration System is not very user friendly.

I have enjoyed coming off the backbenches. It has been interesting and rewarding.

**Steve Wyatt**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Andrew reports that because of the nature of financial accounting and the need for the accounts to be prepared and examined which will only happen just before the AGM, there is not Report from him here.