

# KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



Gordon Knott - Chairman 2019/2020

## Knott's Ramblings - June 2019



Read all about it, Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers' Chairman saves Evening Hill from towering inferno. It was a bright warm evening, an evening to enjoy a glass of wine on the balcony. Before I had taken my first sip, I noticed fire from the picnic area. I jumped into action. In an earlier job I had been trained to put out fires in a dustbin lid. Trouble was, the dustbin lid was not on fire, it was the dustbin. So, I did what any Chairman would do, I picked up my phone, took a picture, rang the fire brigade. Even before my phone could connect, the fire engine burst over

the hill, lights and siren full on. These guys are good, I had not even told them about the fire and they were here putting it out. Not needed, I settled back sipping my wine while the brave firemen extinguished the blazing inferno.

We had a well had either been told our meetings are out delighted we already anyone else is were setup in a the back of many



attended May Club meeting with six guests from Christchurch. They it is safer to travel in numbers when visiting Ringwood, they had heard of this world good or they could have been plugging Dorset Knobs. I'm have 12 booked in, thanks to John Kennedy. It will be a good night, if interested in joining us, please contact John. For this meeting the tables square. This allowed me to look at faces during the meeting rather than heads, it's the Fellowship layout. However, elbow space at the tables

was at a premium and we had to head outside for the photo of the cheque presentation to Dorset Children Foundation. I know you want to know, yes Ian did climb on the furniture to take the photo and yes the ladies at the table were looking up his trouser leg. Thanks to Gerald who presented the cheque on our behalf. We had a superb speaker talking about The Russel-Cotes Victorian Mansion. I must visit this year. Regrettable Jo Bonello said his farewell to us. He is moving away to be closer to his children. Jo we wish you every happiness in your new home and don't leave it long before you visit us.

Fanfare for Spring happened during the month. It was a great day, a successful day, a day for the organisers to be proud. I think, one of the best things to do on Fanfare Saturday is to be a Marshal. It is fun, it is fellowship, an opportunity to give a little back to our community and you get the chance to wear a high vis Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers tabard. John Humphreys and I marshalled Star Lane. We looked the part in our tabards, at least that is what we thought. We had a lovely afternoon. We listened to good music, we joked, we watched the potter throw clay as happy families listened, strolled and enjoyed the day. Clearing up was a challenge. Humping the chairs and stage up to the church was hard work. If we ever needed an incentive to resurrect Ringwood Table, clearing up at the end of Fanfare is it. After the clearing up, pizza in HQ before heading home. But Fanfare had one more parting surprise The Big Band sound. It was the perfect end to a good day.



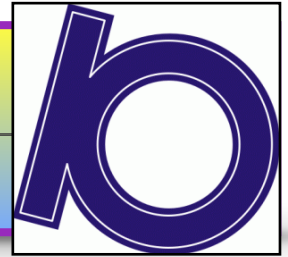
Our first BBQ this year was successfully hosted by John and Lindy Quint. It was a great barbie despite the Poole micro-climate letting us down. Saturday sunshine, Monday sunshine, but BBQ Saturday, scattered showers. The afternoon pulled us close together, we were trying to get everyone under the gazebo into the warm, out of the rain. There was a variety of food coming off two barbies, there was salmon, steak, maple BBQ pork loin steaks cooked two minutes each side, thanks for the tip Barbara and very tasty they were. There were burgers, sausages, corn on the cob and plenty of chatter. What more could we want. John and Lindy, a big thank you.

Carrying chairs, dismantling stages, putting up gazebos. Being Chairman is hard work at weekends.

**Gordon**



## TANGENT IN PARALLEL



### Anne Dyson Chair 2019/2020

Well, what a fantastic first month – time has just flown by. Unfortunately, I missed the Southbourne walk organised by Caroline Gill as we were caravanning with 4 other Tangent/41 couples at Glastonbury for a very enjoyable weekend. I understand the walk was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

May's meeting was well supported although many Club members were on holiday. Our speaker, Chris Walker, a talented musician himself, spoke about his interest in the life of Elvis Presley interspersed with some of the more popular songs of Elvis, and film clips of a young Elvis shaking and grinding his hips!!! I wonder why nobody dozed during the talk that evening!!



By the time of reading this we will also have visited Wisley Gardens with a guided tour; a place that I have wanted to

see for some time. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and the Rhododendrons and Azaleas will be in full bloom.

Whilst I am writing this it is cold and raining outside. Ann and Peter's special day on Thurs 30th will bring much sunshine and warmth to create a very special day in the Tangent calendar.

It will be lovely to see both Clubs' members dressed in their best to celebrate what is possibly our first joint Club's wedding? Certainly, the first in my membership.

We are also planning to celebrate one of our longest serving members at our June meeting. We will be honouring Joan Browne, presenting her with a Lifelong Honorary Members badge. Joan is our oldest member, still actively supporting the Club, attending as many events as she can. It will

be lovely to see as many as possible to support Joan. We have a Speaker



from the Lantern Community. Many of us use the café and shop at The Lantern, but I wonder how much you know about the Community that runs them? The June meeting will be your chance to find out more. Once again, we have chosen to hold our July and August meetings away from St Leonards Hotel.

We will be visiting a local garden that has been featured in 'Gardens of Dorset' in July. In August we have an exclusive evening at the Purewell



Cookery Theatre in Christchurch, discovering and tasting new recipes for Oriental Dishes! I will email details for both evenings, please book in directly with Sara Merrett for the July Garden visit, and Barbara Kennedy for August's Cookery Theatre visit.

A further date for your diaries – Sunday 11 August. I will be sending out invitations for my 'At Home', in the meantime please keep the date clear. This is a joint event for Tangent and 41 Club members.

I hope to see a great turn-out for our June meeting.

Apologies and bookings as usual to Sara Merrett. In the meantime, take care and enjoy your Club.

**Anne**

# Recent Club Events



There follows an important notice courtesy of Arthur. Having had the tests described below, as my mother died from an undetected AAA, please don't dismiss this as it might well affect you! (Ed)

### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) (A silent killer)**

**Gentlemen. Many of you will have heard of this medical condition but for those that have not I provide some details below**

**An abdominal aortic aneurysm is an enlarged area in the lower part of the major vessel that supplies blood to the body (aorta). The aorta is the largest blood vessel in the body, so a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm is likely to cause life-threatening bleeding with a very high fatality rate.**

**The problem with this condition is that you have no way of knowing that you have it until it bursts!**

**About 5 or 6 years ago a screening programme was put into place inviting men attaining 65 years to have a simple ultra sound to check their condition\*\*. Unfortunately the programme did not back date to those who had already reached 65 so anyone over 70 will probably not have had an invite**

**Not a problem as you can telephone your local GP/hospital/health authority who will advise how you can make an appointment.**

**If you have not had an invitation or had one but ignored it I highly recommend that you do so.**

**It's quick, painless and - important to us pensioners - FREE!**

**You are told immediately of your diagnosis and depending on the result you will either never need another scan, be asked to return for a further scan at a later date or, in very rare cases, referred to a consultant**

**I had a check a few weeks ago and pleased to report no problem although there was some debate by the medical staff that I might be 5 months pregnant.**

**Arthur Robins**

**\*\* Please note that this condition is very rare for women which is why they are not in the programme**

There are a lot of Social and Meeting events coming up so please put the dates in your diaries and even your iPhone Calendars if you know how to synch them!

### ***Diary Dates - Summary***

**12 June** - Tangent Meeting St Leonard's. Speaker from the Lantern Community

**22 June** - Irish Night @ Greyfriars see the flier below for details

**24-26 June** - St Malo Cruise

**25 June** - Dick's Oar see the detailed advert below

**30 June** - Tangent Social - details TBC

**5 July** - Tennyson Down Walk via Lymington Ferry

**10 July** - Tangent Meeting Cottesmore Farm Gardens, West Moors, book in with Sara Merrett

**14 July** - Impromptu BBQ 12.30pm @ The Kennedy's

**16 July - Please Note: No 41 Club Meeting**

**19 July** - Regional Ex Tablers Golf Competition Crane Valley GC, Verwood - Teams of 3

**2-3 August** - BSO Concert Meyrick Park

**4 August** - Impromptu BBQ 12.30 pm @ The Kean's

**11 August** - Anne's Tangent Chair's 'At Home'

**14 August** - Tangent Meeting at Purewell Cookery Theatre, Christchurch. Book in with Barbara Kennedy

**14 August** - Sherborne Golf Day

**16 August** - Round Table Golf Day in Ringwood

**23 August** - Lashings Cricket - see the detailed flier below

**19 September** - Joint Clubs Cycle Ride, Bournemouth see the flier for details.

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

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

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

*Christchurch 41 Club*  
**47<sup>th</sup> DORSET KNOBS DINNER**  
*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019*



*Captains Club Hotel, Christchurch*  
*Cost £29pp, Black Tie or Bow Tie*  
*Drinks Reception from 6.30pm*  
*Dinner 7.30pm*  
*Speaker – Denis Bundy*  
*Booking details/contact – John Spinks*  
*jrspinks@hotmail.com or 01425 673330*



**MR & MRS LOMAX FACE THE CAMERAS**

Following their Wedding on the 30 May, Ann and Peter faced the cameras at an indoor garden party at Braeside on the 8 June. The intermittent downpours forced the newly weds indoors but spirits were still high.



Our best wishes go to the happy couple 

**Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club**

Invite you to the annual fun and fellowship event

**"DICK'S OAR"**

The venue is Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton, DT11 8RX on Tuesday 25th June 2019 At 7.00 for 7.30pm

The event will include a selection of games designed for fun rather than sporting skill.

Please encourage your members to make a team(s) of 4 or more to support Shaftesbury.

The food will be £15.00 a head and please indicate within your booking the names attending and their meal choice of Bangers and Mash or Cottage Pie.

**Please book by email to;**  
**[richard@thestaddles.uk](mailto:richard@thestaddles.uk)**  
**Payment should be made to:**  
**Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club**  
**Sort code: 30-93-45 Account number: 01327500**  
**Ref: Your Club Name**

*Any question contact Richard Matthews,*  
*Tel 01258 269658. M. 07785 934561 or email as above.*

## Speakers Corner - June Meeting



As well as entertaining our new National President, Andrew Mackereth, we have a fascinating topic for the after dinner presentation. Our speaker at our meeting is the renowned aviation historian: Kevin Patience on the topic of “Aviation around Poole Bay”

He will take us on a 60 year odyssey through the important part that Poole Bay and its surrounds played in the story of the aircraft and men who flew between 1910 and 1976.

Stockers & Phelps



## THE LASHINGS WORLD XI

CHAPEL GATE, CHRISTCHURCH, BH23 6BS

FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST 2019 AT 2PM

Numbers were taken at the last Club meeting and Ringwood once again has a group attending this year's Lashings event; we thoroughly enjoyed last year when 16 of us went along. The charity supported is the new Macmillan unit. Once again we will have an opportunity to meet veteran cricketers together with special guest, Henry Blofeld.

I have been able to obtain a small discount on the advertised price for a table of 10, and, together with part of my raffle prize last year of 4 complimentary tickets, the ticket price is £25. I have 2 remaining tickets at this price. Please let me know if you are interested

please. After the 2 tickets have been taken, we can ask for a larger table but the ticket price will be more for further takers.

If you would like to join us please let me know asap.

John Kennedy

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### Subscriptions Due - Last Chance Saloon for discounted Rate!

Pay just **£31** before the end of June after which the full amount of £38 becomes due.

Save now & pay at the June meeting or send a cheque to Andrew Green - payable to "Ringwood Ex Tablers Club"

Alternatively pay by Bank Transfer to the Club's Natwest account  
Sort Code 54-30-45 Account No 14033003

Thank-you to everyone who has already paid



**LET'S GET BACK ON OUR BIKES AGAIN WITH A 41CLUB & TANGENT CYCLE RIDE**

**Starting at Hengistbury and along the prom to Bournemouth Pier**

**SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY 19th September 2019**

**Details to come, re meeting point/time; please let Keith know if interested**



**MEET AT HENGISTBURY 'BIKER CAFÉ'**



**RIDE ALONG THE PROM**



**Hengistbury Head Car Park  
160 Broadway  
BH6 4EL, UK**



**LUNCH STOP**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**LADIES NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**MIRAMAR HOTEL**

*Please contact the hotel directly to book a room. The rate for one night in a standard double room is £100.00 B & B  
Tel : 01202 556581*

## REFORMING RINGWOOD ROUND TABLE

We are progressing. I have been touch with Paul Agnew National President Round Table, Christchurch Table and Weymouth Table who are just about to reform. They all have offered their assistance and advice.



Round Table National have set up a Ringwood Facebook page, this can be accessed (if you use Facebook) by putting 'Ringwood Round Table', in the search box. All I can say is have a look, and, if you have a person who could be a potential Tabler just ask them to look at the link to Ringwood Round Table on facebook and National will pick up any interested people and send them details.

At this stage we **need names** of anybody 18 to 45 who you may think could be interested. Essentially we need a person in the age group who could head up a new Table.

We have a potential venue , the London Tavern in Ringwood who 'Mine Host' is Phillip Hoyle son of our own Graham Hoyle, known to many of you.

We all feel there is a social gap for an organisation such as Table. I will keep you all informed of progress.  
David Phelps

## An Evening of Irish Music, Dance and Humour

featuring Lord of the Dance & Riverdance

6 Irish Musicians

2 Irish Dances

£8.00pp



22nd June 7:30pm Greyfriars

The only Irish Pub in Ringwood

# The Knott Konundrum

## Bits of fun and frolics



Following the creation of the Irish Night, the Chairman has submitted some questionable Irish jokes for your pleasure and to encourage you to come to what will be, despite his jokes, a great night. There's a rumour that there will be lashings of Bushmill's but you know what they say about rumours. So here goes:

*Paddy was driving a group of lads from Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club around Ireland.*

*Paddy "Over on the left is a famous cemetery"*

*Richard "Why is it famous, Paddy"*

*Paddy "The inventor of the Crossword is buried there"*

*John "Do you know which grave Paddy"*

*Paddy "Yes that I do, it is that one"*

*John "Where? Paddy"*

*Paddy "4 Across, 2 Down"*

*Ah, it's the way you read them.*

Two men sitting next to each other at a pub. After a while, one guy looks at the other and says "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you be from Ireland."

The other guy responds proudly, "Yes, that I am"

The first guy says, "So am I and where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other guy answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first guy responds, "Sure and begora, and so am I! And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other guys says "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first guy says, "Faith and it's a small world, so did I! And to what school would you have been going?"

The other guy answers, "Well now, I went to St Mary's"

The first guy gets really excited and says "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other guy answers, "Well, now, I graduated in 1964."

The first guy exclaims, "The good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same pub tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self."

About this time, another guy walks into the pub sits down and orders a beer. The bartender walks over shaking his head and mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight."

The guy asks. "Why do you say that?"

"The Murphy twins are drunk again."

### **The Irish 999 Call**

An Irish woman is cleaning her husband's rifle and accidentally shot him.

*Irish Woman* "It's my fucking husband, I've accidentally shot him, I've fucking killed him."

*Operator* "Please calm down ma'am. Can you first make sure he is actually dead?"

Click ...Bang. *Irish Woman* "Okay, I've done that. What now?"

Last month we had a Caption Competition and have had some interesting responses.

You choose your favourite:

Benny Hill saying to Barbara :

"If you want to bathe in milk,"  
"D'you want pasteurised? Cause  
pasteurised is best"  
Says Barbara, "I'll be pleased if it comes  
up to my chest"

Anon.

Benny to Barbara:

"I'll take you all the way for ten and six"

JK



### **June Caption Competition.**

Here are a few 41ers completely absorbed, indeed riveted at last month's meeting. What are they thinking do you feel?

