



KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



THE EXCITEMENT OF WAITING TO SEE THE NAME OF THE NEW CLUB MAGAZINE IS NOW OVER. HIGHLY ORIGINAL I THINK YOU'LL AGREE AND THANKS TO ANNE WARNE AS IT WAS HER GREAT SUGGESTION. OTHER CONTENDERS, GORDON'S KNOTT (GEDIT?), KNOTT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN, KNOTT ON YOUR LIFE AND KNOTT'S LANDING FAILED TO HIT THE SPOT BUT THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS - ED.

Gordon Knott - Chairman 2019-2020

Knott's Ramblings

Edition 1 - April 2019

The AGM over, a new Council voted in, the start of a new Club year, my first post in the Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Mag and at the time of writing, I still don't know what it is being called. The AGM and the handover to the new



team went smoothly, the advantage of having a strong Secretary. Sue T and Juliette's interruption was a lovely surprise. I know it is tradition but with Angela in Dublin during the week I had not expected it. Thank you to the Ladies of Tangent.

I'm delighted with this year's Council. Joining Council we have new Club Members, establish Club Elder-Statesmen, some on Council for the first time and others making a welcome return. A great mix to ensure we embrace the traditions of Ringwood while looking forward and planning the continuing success of our Club. I and your Council look forward to your support throughout the year.

This year I hope we can encourage and continue fellowship with other local 41 Clubs. Visiting them on their Club Night, inviting them to join us on our Club Night or maybe having joint meetings. I'm excited by the possibility of resurrecting Tabling in Ringwood. David Phelps and his team of two are exploring the possibilities. A huge challenge which I know David and his team are more than able to tackle.



Diary Dates

- 4-7 April** - 41 & Tangent National Conference, Torquay
- 9 April** - 41 Council meeting
- 10 April** - Tangent AGM, St Leonard's
- 16 April** - 41 Club Meeting, St Leonard's
- 21 April** - Easter Sunday
- 8 May** - Tangent Meeting, St Leonard's
- 19 May** - Fanfare for Spring with Ringwood Rotary
- 21 May** - 41 Club Meeting, St Leonard's

An easier task is our web site. We are already exploring the way forward and hope to have news soon.

Anne Dyson, Tangent's incoming Chair at the time of writing, and I have already met. We had lunch for two on Valentines Day. Anne and I were putting on our glasses and sharing papers, other couples were raising glasses and sharing glances. I look forward to working closely with Anne and her Team.

And of course, the all important fun and fellowship that comes from being members of Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club and The Round Table Family. Despite not having a Social Secretary we are well on the way to a full social calendar. We have, Chairman at Home but not at the chairman's home, planned impromptu BBQs, a Halloween bistro night with a difference but not on Halloween, this year we must have an Irish Evening but in England. However, our New Year Eve Party will be on New Year Eve, some traditions should be kept.

I'm looking forward to my year as your Chairman. Gentlemen for the opportunity, thank you.

May the hinge of friendship never rust.

Gordon

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Copy Date for the May Edition of the KT9N: 1 May

Here are some pics from the AGM





It is hard to believe that a year has almost passed since I came into the chair in 2018. The saddest part of my year has been losing two really good friends whom I shall miss immensely. They have left a big hole in our lives and it will take a long time to adjust to being without them.

It is also with a sense of sadness that I sit down to write my final edition of Sue's News.

The time seems to have gone too quickly. I have had a wonderful time during the last twelve months and I give my heartfelt thanks to all of you for supporting me along the way. We all do our best when invited to be Chairman, to keep Tangent fun and interesting, and I have had a brilliant Committee of enthusiasts to see that this has happened. They have been great. We had loads of social events too many to list but two that stand out are my At Home, when we were blessed with lovely weather and, of course, Ladies Night when we were treated royally by the gentlemen of Ex-table. Thank you again Gordon.

The last four weeks have been quiet ones for me. Quiet, but busy, as the garden has demanded much attention as we come out of what has seemed a long winter. I have been weeding for England this last week and have the back and knees to show for it!

However, this photo shows some beautiful rhododendron flowers that a friend and I saw at Exbury last week. Early glories of the Spring to come, so it has not all been shovelling Winter to the tip.



I wish Ann all the very best for her year to come and she knows that I will be there to help in any way she wants.

- HASTA LA VISTA -

Speakers Corner 2019: April

Do not come to the April Club Meeting if you are of a Nervous Disposition!!!

Stockers has asked that a scary picture be included to alert the Club to the subject matter for this meeting. So here it is in true Knott the 9 o'clock News fashion:



Our speaker is Alex Douglas a cyber specialist with Barclays Bank. His inspiring and somewhat scary after dinner talk will be on the subject of:

Cyber Crime and Security Awareness.

Complete all emails, bank transfers and Amazon purchases before dinner!!!

The New Club Council 2019-2020

Chairman: Gordon Knott

Vice Chairman: Richard Carter

Immediate Past Chairman: Keith Anderson

Secretary: Steve Wyatt

Treasurer: Andrew Green

Social: Currently Vacant

Membership/Welfare: David Hurst

Speakers: Ian Stockdale/ David Curle

Meals Secretary: John Quint

Editor: Bob Merrett

Press/Publicity: John Adams

Lay Member/H&S: Paul Thackray



Reforming Ringwood Round Table.

As most members know we are looking at the possibility of reforming a Table in Ringwood.

I have formed a small Committee with Richard Blakiston and Mike Fraser.

Both Richard and I attended Bournemouth RT AGM last Monday 1st April at the Connaught Hotel and for me it was like going back in time!.

Bournemouth Table nearly closed about a year ago with only about 4 members but they have revived with 6 or 7 new members and appear to be going from strength to strength.

They are very keen to support a possible revival of RT in Ringwood.

However at this very early stage I am asking if within our own membership you have any contacts with any potential people you may know in the area who may be interested in joining Round Table. and if so, perhaps you would contact Mike, Richard or myself.

Thank you and it would a great achievement for us all if this could possibly happen.

David Phelps



VINYL EVENING



Saturday 13th



April

7.00pm

Fish & Chips and Dessert from 7.30pm

Thank you for the terrific response as so far 52 are booked in!

I will be sending a last minute email to all attendees just before the event so that we have the correct number of fish and chip orders!!

Venue: St Leonards and St Ives Village Hall in Braeside Road, St Leonards BH24 2PH

Crockery and cutlery will be provided. **Please bring your own drinks** but tea/coffee will be provided later on. Cost approximately £10 per head.

I am currently compiling a suitable eclectic playlist for the evening from the various suggestions that you have sent me. If you have a particular favourite then it is not too late to let me know.

Should be a very different evening!

Peter Lomax

Keith's K'EXIT:

The AGM on the 19th March 2019, was, *K'exit*, the ending of my year in The Chair to our amazing 41Club; it marked the beginning of Gordon's year as Chairman. I was enthralled by the kind words and The Capers from you guys. The meeting progressed to the personally proud moment, of installing Gordon as our new, and extremely worthy, Chairman. He has been a fantastic 'Wingman' to me during my year, nothing was too much trouble for him, his '*Magnum Opus*' was to deliver a superb and memorable Ladies Night; thank you Gordon. The composition of our next Council, has much strength from having so many chaps continuing to be in Council for another year. I look forward to doing my bit, it will include a few 'Jollies' which might excite the imagination for some Club Members, hopefully sufficient for them to sign up to join in the fun. In conclusion, The Chairman's Award Trophy to Gerald Carter, was a great pleasure to me, in special recognition of his continuing, extremely modest, hard work over so many years in Editing/Publishing our Club Members Directory, as well as his masterful annual task, of producing our Charity Fund Raising Christmas Card. Thank you Gerald!

I am deeply sad that Steve Bolter has passed away, Steve was a great friend to many of us, he will be missed by our Club. Further tributes to Steve are included in this Edition. Thank you all for your kind support during my year of office.

Keith

RINGWOOD ROUND TABLE & EX-TABLE GOLF SOCIETY

Yes, the golf society is still trundling along after 46 years and we start our new campaign on Monday April 8th at Ashley Wood GC, near Blandford. New members are always welcome especially as our numbers are lower than previous years with an average of around a dozen at each of the six fixtures from April through to October.

Last November Ferndown GC hosted the annual dinner, AGM and presentation evening where past chairman Keith Anderson was hosted by Captain Bill Field and President Gerald Downer. Gerald congratulated Bill for his fine captaincy and announced that I would be taking over as captain for the forthcoming season. I was aware of this before I had left for a wonderful holiday to South America and Chris Kean read out my letter of acceptance and apologies for my absence! Chris was a busy bee that evening as he won no less than 5 awards (that meant many bottles of wine) which included the prestigious Presidents Trophy for the best four scores for the year.

Gerald has passed on the role of President to David Darts, a founding member of the society. He has only had to wait for this honour for 47 years! Well deserved. The standard of golf may have declined over the years but the friendship and camaraderie remains as strong as ever befitting the ethos of Round Table.

Peter Lomax

Some Photos from the National Conference, Torquay 2019



The President's Ball Post Fire Alarm 🙌

That's All For Now Folks