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17th March 1953
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70 Years Ago Back In 1953

Tuesday 17th March 1953, 19 year old David Phelps joins Crewkerne Round Table

When I joined Table you could only get Newcastle Brown Ale



- ◆ Tuesday 17th March 1953-St Patrick's Day
- ◆ Hugh Hefner publishes first issue of Playboy.
- ◆ World Population Hits 2.6 Billion.
- ◆ Sir Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister.
- ◆ Dwight D. Eisenhower was US President.
- ◆ Number One Song in the UK : She Wears Red Feathers—Guy Mitchell
- ◆ The World of the Worlds was one of the most viewed movies released in 1953.
- ◆ The Silver Chalice by Thomas B. Costain was one of the best selling books.
- ◆ Tenzing Norgay had not reached the Summit of Mount Everest. He did on 29/05/53.
- ◆ The Income Tax exemption limit was £135.
- ◆ The dog licence was 7s 6d.
- ◆ A Member of Parliament was paid a salary of £1,000.
- ◆ 1953 saw the release of the first polio vaccine.
- ◆ Joseph Stalin had just died.
- ◆ There was only one television channel.
- ◆ A gallon of petrol cost 4s 6d (22p in today's money)

70 Years
840 Months
25566 Days
613606 Hours
36816413 Minutes
2208984819 Seconds
OF BEING AWESOME



Oh Phelpers, the Great One



February 21st Club Meeting provided a perfect opportunity to celebrate something unique. Our very own David Gifford Phelps has been in Tabling since March 17th 1953 when he joined Crewkerne. **That's 70 years in Tabling** and most of it in Ringwood!!!. Remarkable and record breaking.

Our Club meeting was dedicated to David who was accompanied by son Nick. We hijacked the meal and provided Phelps favourite Bangers and Mash with Onion Gravy followed by Apple Pie with Evaporated Milk. Hmmmm!!!

David Phelps-70 Years of Tabling



Club Night 21st February 2023



Amusing tales of his Tabling antics over the year were recounted by several Ringwood members. Our National President and National Membership Officers sent warm messages and gifts.

Photos of Phelps through the ages circulated and tale tellers were offered free framed images of David to take home!!!

Phelpers was awarded the prestigious Melvyn's Mug by Chairman John for receiving the loudest applause of any in the room after we sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The evening ended with the Old Beams pub presenting David with an enormous emblazoned fresh cream Victoria Sponge. It was totally consumed by Club Members.

A memorable night for an outstanding and much appreciated member of our Club

Ian and Will

PS: Later in the year all are invited to picnic and observe David driving a real tank and not a Volvo!!!



David Phelps-70 Years of Tabling



2017



2014—Frogham



2010

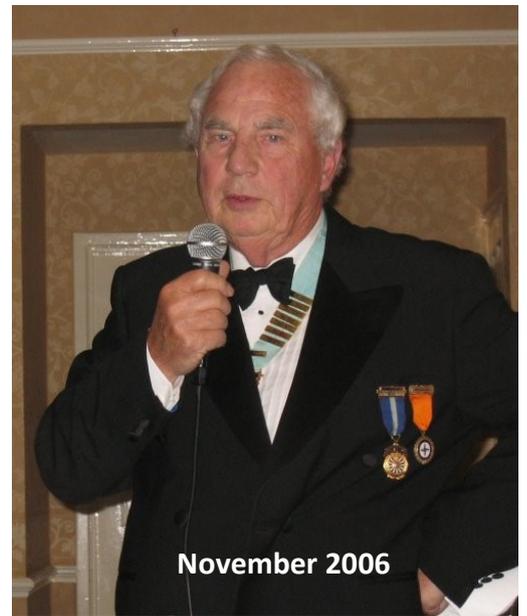
David,
It was such a pleasure to steer this great Tribute to a star! Seventy years in the Round Table Family is a real achievement. You are such a good example and still on the Ringwood Ex-Tablers Council. This year

you had a complex job as Meal Convenor, negotiating meals at a new busy venue, especially now when price rises are being negotiated and on top of that, I started an extra monthly lunch meeting.

You always negotiate and act in your respectful, professional friendly way, as a true gentleman.

Three cheers to you David. A popular well loved friend to us all!

Sincerely,
John Adams
Chairman 2022-2023
Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club



November 2006



March 2013



Phelps The Great



Chairman At Home 2006



August 2021



January 2015

David,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on 70 years of Tabling and Continued Tabling in 41 Club. On behalf of the Round Table Family, I would like to thank you for all your service, your humour and your friendship. I know the guys down in Ringwood think very highly of you and that is a glowing testament to your endeavours and commitment. Here is to the next 70 years.

Yours in Continued Friendship and Continued Tabling

Jim Conway
National President
41 Club 2022-2023



March 2010



August 2022 Proms In The Park



1974

DAVID PHELPS – FATHER OF THE HOUSE

When I first joined Ringwood 41 Club all those years ago (almost 16 years ago in fact), I was introduced to David, the Club's "go-to man".

How true that has become. We have become true friends and colleagues, sharing many interests and achievements.

Perhaps the biggest of these is our thirst for caravanning. In the warmer months, along with "the girls", we are often to be found along with a handful of other Ringwood caravanners exploring the countryside, often not far, but on one occasion to Spain. David will often refer to travelling with his "Thetford"!

One of his greatest accolades was when he was unanimously elected to the dizzy heights of Camp Commandant, an onerous responsibility not to be shunned!

David has occasionally joined me on my National role making visits to other Region 23 Clubs in the area, sharing their hospitality and fellowship, a truly enjoyable aspect attached to being a National Councillor.

His biggest claim to fame followed a heavy Bushmills session in the early morning following a Dorset Knobs Night when half a dozen Club members entertained the then National President Phil Ellis in Anne's and my lounge. We were

challenged by Phil to re-kindle Ringwood Round Table, which had folded many years previously. David led this assault with gusto, with help from me and a few others to the success we can all see today, with 35 current Tablers, the second largest Round Table in UK.

Nationally, David was one of the first of the Association's Buddy's, supporting members who were struggling mentally during the Covid period, helping them to cope with difficulties that they were encountering. This demonstrated our Association's true fellowship and care for others, and was widely praised.

David, it is an honour to be associated with you and Jean as true friends, long may that continue.

CHEERS!
Richard



November 2014



Ramsdens 2005



David Phelps-70 Years of Tabling



David Phelps 70 Years A Member of The Round Table Family
and a Ringwood & District Ex-Tabler



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