



**KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK
NEWS**

RINGWOOD 41& TANGENT

**XMAS & NEW YEAR
SPECIAL**

Knott's Rambling – January 2020

The month started with a black-tie visit to Christchurch Ex-Tablers Club Night. I invited myself and on arriving discovered it was Past Tabler's Night, to be specific, Past Christchurch Tabler's Night. Everyone there was either a member of Christchurch 41Club, a current Christchurch Round Tabler or had been a member of Christchurch Round Table. All except, me, and hosting the evening, Round Table. It was an excellent evening, great banter between the Clubs. I look forward to us developing the same excellent relationship with Ringwood & District Round Table.

It being December, it was time for Christmas Drinks and time once again to call Ian. Roasted Chestnuts, Cava, Christmas Signpost were just a few of Ian's suggestions including a sign to "The Poker School". Ian had discovered next door was a Bridge Class.

Champagne flutes, wine glasses, a few Christmas decorations delivered to Greyfriars it was time to collect Angela from the airport then back to my place to cook the finger food. When I shared this with my passenger from the airport, she slipped into Gaelic, at least I think it was Gaelic. I had not realised how cross Gaelic sounds. Evidently, suggesting the oven when asked were all the food is going to be cooked in time for the party is not helpful. But as always, Angela was more than a match for this little challenge.



Finger food cooked and delivered, John Quint collected the 40 balloons with long curly tails to be released in the room. Jenny, Lynne, Lindy and Angela decorated the party tables before taking charge of the kitchen. "Where is the food", "here" I said, "is this all there is?". "is this it?", "is this it?" There was an echo in the room and Angela disappeared to the shops with purse. My cue to check-in with Barman Phelps. "Everything okay" I said. "Fine, more than enough drink just can't open the bottles quick enough" said Barman Phelps. Back in the kitchen popping corks I noticed Angela had returned with mince pies but no brandy butter. I decide best not to ask about the butter. Our Drinks Party went well. It was lovely to see so many at the Party from both Clubs. David and Viv collected Jimmy Gordon. It was great having Jimmy join us and he really enjoyed the mince pies. Party over, room cleared, no one would have known we had been there unless you noticed the 40 balloons with long curly tails hanging from the ceiling.

I joined about 80 Ex-Tablers and Tangent members at the Lamb's Christmas Lunch, Leadenhall Market in London. It is an annual event and a chance for fellowship with old friends. Lunch finishes 5.30ish just in time for a small pub crawl and this year a train home. Should have remembered the train strike but to be fair, I thought the reduced train service was an improvement. The evening ended at the George Inn, a pub established in the medieval period. It is



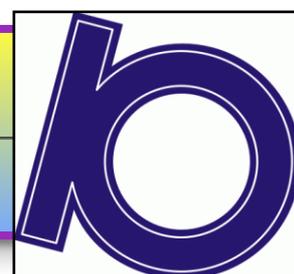
the only surviving galleried London coaching Inn and is owned by the National Trust. Where is it, Borough High Street in Southwark and is worth a visit.

Club Night in December, it gets no better than having an Entertainer, Wayne the Weird. Weird is harsh, different, entertaining, funny, most definitely. We had a wonderful evening and learnt a magic trick so we could sparkle over the Christmas period.

Christmas is over, the old year has passed, a new decade begun. From me and your Council, may we wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



TANGENT IN PARALLEL



Anne Dyson Chair 2019/2020

Another year dawns – hopefully a healthy and happy one for us and all our families. We enjoyed a great end to 2019 with a New Year’s Eve Party that was full of old-fashioned friendship and humour: Colin in a dress and wig, Ian in tights, Will in a very ‘flattering’ off-the-shoulders number that created hilarity in Peeks when he tried it on, a table full of vertically challenged dwarfs – how to explain that to friends who ask “...and what did you do for New Year’s Eve”?

Richard and I were very sorry to miss Gordon’s ‘Chairman’s Drinks’ as we were visiting new grandson Alfie in Boston, born 3 months prematurely. Alfie is doing well, and he and his parents should hopefully soon be repatriated to UK. Caroline organised a lovely Tangent Christmas Dinner that encouraged us all to enjoy each other’s company and chat with friends that we may not have seen for a while. The Christmas themed quizzes certainly encouraged loads of discussion. The newly re-established Ringwood Ladies Circle also enjoyed a Christmas meeting at The Cellar in Ringwood. I popped in at the beginning of the meeting to wish them well. Much to look forward to – our own Ladies Night and Bournemouth No 1 Tangent’s 70th Birthday lunch in February, followed by our own Birthday lunch in March, in addition to some great speakers at our monthly meetings. You’ll find all the dates for these events in the Diary column of ‘Knott the 9 o’clock News’. Of course, before then we have the Joint Meeting on Tuesday 21 January, organised by 41 Club. I know that many of you have explored your attics to find interesting pieces to be valued that evening; you never know we may discover a hidden masterpiece – *ladies, please note the change of date from our usual Wednesday.*

Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Diary Dates

10 January - StarWars: The Rise of Skywalker. Contact John Kennedy for details.

14 January - 41 Club Council Meeting at David Phelps's.

21 January - Joint Club Meeting with Tangent. See the article for details. Tangent members please note the date change.

4 February - Tangent Committee meeting.

12 February - Tangent Club Meeting, St Leonard's.

14 February - Ladies Night, Miramar Hotel see the flier for the current position.

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

11 March - Tangent Club Meeting, St Leonard's

14 March - Tangent Birthday Lunch - details TBA.

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

Speaker's Corner

January 21st Joint Meeting with Tangent



We have organised something unusual for our Joint Meeting in

January :

Antiques Road Show and Sale



Our professional antique evaluators are experts in small furniture, ceramics, Chinese objet d'art, European figures of all eras, silver and jewellery.

You might have old dusty items but never had them checked by an expert??? If you have items of interest, we would like you to bring it (or them) along on the night. You can learn more and obtain a valuation. To be included in the night please send an email photo and a little provenance to Ian (ian@isosco.com) before Christmas. We

will also auction one or two donated items to contribute to our Ringwood and National Chairmen's/President's Charity for 2019/20: the RNLI.



Christmas and New Year's Eve Photos





Christmas Card Payment **Second** Reminder

Several people have still not paid their Christmas Card money. Mike Callaghan is sure this is just an oversight but if you are one of these, Mike would be grateful if you would send Andrew your Donation (suggested £15.00 per couple or £7.50 per single) ASAP. Preferably send by Bank Transfer to Ringwood Ex-Tablers Club, Sort Code 54-30-45, Account 14033003. Alternatively send a cheque payable to Ringwood Ex-Tablers Club to Andrew Green, 3 Holly Grove, Verwood, BH31 6XA. Thanks for your help

NEXT COPY DATE - 3 FEBRUARY 2020

The Knott Konundrum

Bits of fun and frolics

Caption Competition

Chris Kean asked if this caption was appropriate.

I think the answer clearly is NO! However it was a clever play on words so don't send him any hate mail. He suggested

"Don't tell anyone but Peter has his hands on my crutch!"



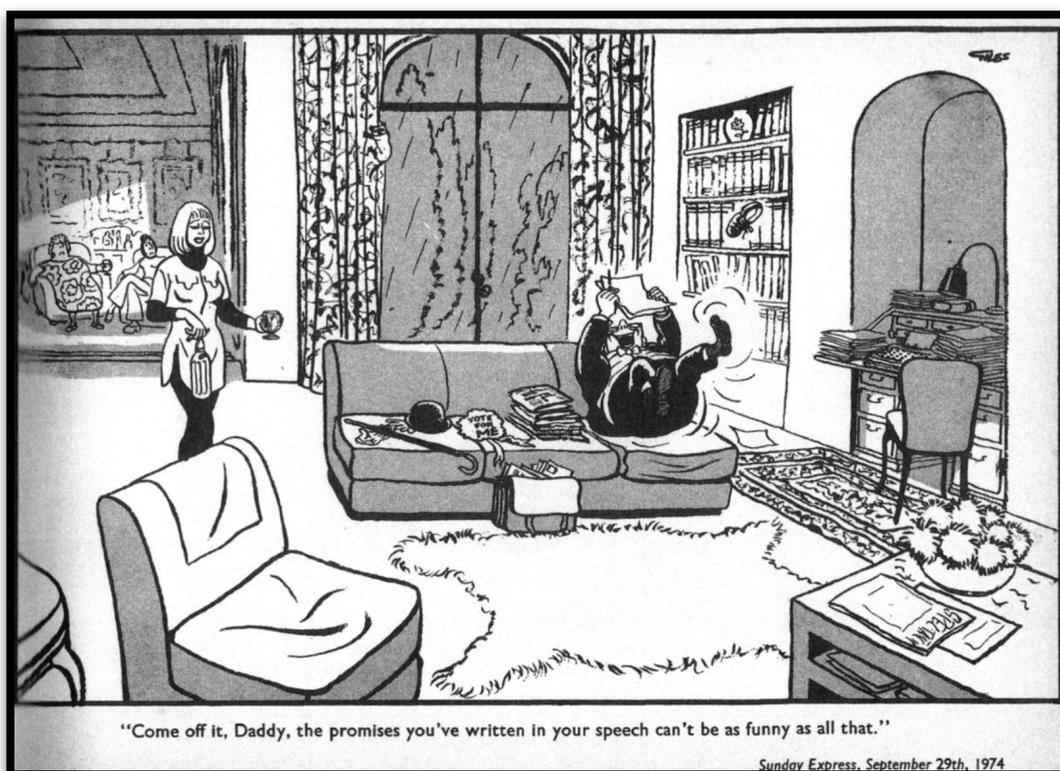
For this month we have two photos from our Christmas 41 meeting with and NYE.



Captions for the next edition please.



Lastly, Will was too late for the last edition with a cartoon from his favourite cartoonist, Giles, so here it is now. The sentiment from 1974 still seems topical.



That's all folks!