

THE NEWSLETTER OF RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS' CLUB

Diary Dates

January

- **Wednesday 14th Joint Meeting Please note the date.**
It is a Joint Meeting with the ladies, who have arranged the speaker. Chris Evens from Bournemouth Parks and Gardens who is going to tell us how he spends our money on preparing and presenting a display at THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW.
- Tuesday 22nd. Tangent - Blind Club Christmas Party.
- Wednesday 28th Team Go-Cart Racing.

February

- **Sunday 1st PPP copy date.**
- Tuesday 17th is a debate to decide who will be the next holder of THE MELVIN HESELTINE TROPHY
- Wednesday 18th Guided Tour of Wimborne Minster and the Chained Library
Limited numbers check with Ian.
- Friday February 27th Ladies Night at Elmers Court, Limington.

March

- Friday 6th Dorset Knobs
- Tuesday 18th is the AGM, volunteers for all post will be most welcome!!

April

- Tuesday 15th there will be a talk by Dr Ian Dickens, subject :- Tales from Dorset's past. This covers interesting tales and information from the Roman times to the 20th century.



Ringwood & District 41 Club
Ladies Night Friday 27th February 2015



A few moments from
2014

Come and join Chairman David for a special Ladies evening. The party begins with reception drinks followed by a 4 course dinner. Joanna Gray & Heart-beat will get you dancing to your favourite tunes and the evening will have a few surprises.

All this for £38.00 per person and if you would like to stay the night, the hotel is offering a concessionary rate of £109 bed and breakfast for one night or £99 per night for two nights. Come and enjoy your Ladies Night party.

To book your place contact John Salsbury either by telephone or email. johnsalsbury@publishingworks.co.uk

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Chairmans Jottings January 2015



Welcome to 2015.

We have had a very busy December, with our Club Meeting with Tim Laycock. A very amusing and talented person, we will always remember 'Bells of St Marys' played on the squeeze box.

My /our at Home took a slightly different theme this year as we were unable to hold it, in the summer and took the form of an old fashioned Christmas Party, thank you all for coming and joining in the Christmas spirit and a special thanks to all the helpers especially Ian, David C, Roger and Lynne and Jenny and of course Andrew on the piano.

New Years Eve ,who would ever think of holding a summer garden party in December!! 'The Great Ringwood New Year Bake Off' what a great success, all those superb cakes, congratulations to Pam Caddick and Gilly Curle winning the ' Mary Berry Trophy and a great big thank you to the three other competitors. Thank you again to 'Stocurle' Productions for organising a superb evening to see the New Year in.

That was followed by 'the annual left overs' New Years Day Walk, a slippery, sliding walk around Pamphill and Kingston Lacy followed by a little sustenance at our house.

Looking forward we have our Joint meeting with Tangent on Wednesday 14th at St Leonards, Go Karting later in the month and may I make a plug for Ladies Night on Friday 27th February at Elmers Court, Lymington. Full details are in this PPP so get your names in to the Vice Man John Salsbury as soon as possible if you have not done so already. Room reservation lists at Elmers Court are filling up.

May Jean and I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year

David Phelps

Gills Musings



Firstly a big "Thank you" to David and Jean for giving us such a splendid Christmas Party. The food and company was great and it was a brilliant start to the Christmas festivities.

Tangent and I are very much looking forward to welcoming 41 Club to our meeting on Wednesday 14th January. This will be a joint meeting and the speaker is Mr. Chris Evans from the Bournemouth Parks Department. I understand he is a very entertaining speaker so I hope we will have a good attendance. Tangent Members on the permanent dining list unable to go to the meeting should contact Jean as usual please.

I am very sorry to report that Elaine Penny has had an accident and broken her leg. Elaine, we send you our best wishes and hope you will not be out of action for too long.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a "Very Happy New Year."

Gill

A CHANGE IN TANGENT WELFARE AND MEMBERSHIP

Ladies, From now until the end of our year we (Lyn Wickens & Jenny Stockdale) will be taking over Welfare & Membership from Jackie as she will be away on her many "mystery" travels.

So will you PLEASE contact either of us if you hear of any one in our Tangent group that might benefit from a card , flowers or just a natter.

A Very Happy & Healthy New Year from both of us .
Jenny & Lyn

Stocurl Vitality Social Productions

Dear Exhausted Friends in Ex Table and Tangent.

Praise the Lord that we survived December and can now lurch forward into an unsuspecting 2015 which hopefully will hold some calm interludes for us all.

Talon - Eagles Tribute band concert: Eight club members spent a great evening at this concert at the Tivoli,. Our unanimous view was that the original band could not have improved on the Talon Eagles. From the reception the full house audience gave the band this would appear to have been their view too. They will return next December and I will circulate details as soon as they appear. Watch this space. Arthur Robins.

Teeth and Food: December didn't start well for Rufus,(Nick's Jack Russell) having 22 teeth removed in the first week. They do have 44 apparently!!!

A combination of special Stockdale, Sharp and Read birthdays resulted in incessant gorging followed by our Club Christmas meetings and two dates for Ian as Santa in Ringwood (Brownies) and Fern-down (Sailability).

Our Chairman's Christmas Party on December 19th was a great popular success but demanded vast quantities of fuming opaque and toxic Gluwein resulting in both Curly and Ian being seriously compromised before the guests arrived. A smashing time was had by all.

Christmas with our friends and families came and went all too swiftly and then we were into **THE Great Ringwood Ex Tabler New Year Bake Off.**

Thanks to all of you who contributed to converting Ebenezer into a summer setting with daffodils, lots of greenery branches, cake images, Mary Berry, gazebo, light and bunting. The inflators of balloons seemed to have as much fun as did Colin and David C did in creating their spectacular Sangria!!!

The evening was noisy, delicious and funny but also a bit chilly..... mention has been made to senior management at Greyfriars.

The Victoria sponges were amazing, not just for taste and texture but startling creativity...just look at the photos...so much work went into each one.

Our judges Jean Phelps and Richard Dyson followed their criteria with results as follows:

Overall Supreme Champion	Cake 3: Gill Curle and Pam Caddick
Outstanding Runners Up	Cake 1: Ro Green and Glynis Robins
Best British Fruit Décor	Cake 4 : Pat Morey
Outstanding Commercial Themed	Cake 2: Dick Sheerin

As hoped several well rehearsed revellers spontaneously entertained. Has anyone seen Roger's rubber egg and bottle of Limoncello????

Big Ben chimed, ABBA did their thing, fizz flowed, we all danced to YMCA (over and over again) and the doors were locked at 1.15am!!!! Phew.

New Year Day Walk and Left Over Lunch

Thanks to Jean and David for hosting a warm and cosy luncheon for about 20 hardy souls. No one stayed late but it made a perfect ending to the holiday celebrations.



NEW YEAR BAKE OFF



Pending Stocurl Productions for 2015

An Evening of High Speed, Team Go-Cart Racing 28th January

Bring your friends (even family) for an evening of team racing indoors. We each get 30 minutes of exciting fast track time for £35.00 per driver including medals. Really good fun for Tangent too!!

Important: We need 4 more drivers to go ahead

Those of you signed up will be contacted shortly. Thanks.

Guided Walk of the Minster and the Chained Library: Wimborne

Originally set for January 21st we will now be moving this visit to February 18th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

More dates for March and April shortly.

Letter from Peter Lomax

Dear Friends,

Many of you very generously made a donation to Cancer Research UK in memory of Anna and I thought you ought to know that a magnificent donation of £2,300 was made to the local branch. Can I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support these past few months. You are great pals! Thank you very much.

Peter

Is it on the trolley?

Victoria Wood sketches are being performed for just three nights at Studio Theatre Ashley Road Salisbury, Jan 29-31 at 7.30 pm.

Is It On The Trolley? promises laughs, witty one-liners, several soups and probably the greatest gathering of female talent ever assembled on the Studio stage. Anyone looking for a great night out to beat the post Christmas blues in January is in for a treat as we plunder the sketchbook of the fabulous Victoria Wood.

On the menu is a delicious smorgasbord of classic comedy featuring old bats, daft waitresses, gormless girlfriends, shifty shop assistants, ladies who lunch and outraged matrons. The cast of 20 includes Sue Bale, Lesley Bates, Sheelagh Browne, Camilla Burgess, Jill Cocovini, George Cotterill, Sandra Desfontaines, Rachel Fletcher, Rowena Greenaway, Linda Hayman, Claire Jacobs (nee Martin), Sarah Kirkpatrick, Sally Marshall, Jackie Pilkington, Theo Ross, Sue Tranter, and Emma Young.....plus a trio of token blokes.

They will be whipping in and out of costume and character at top speed to deliver an evening of guaranteed merriment and invite you to join them from January 29-31.

If you would like tickets please phone Salisbury Information Centre on 01722 342860. You can pay by card and the reserved seated tickets will be available for collection on the night of the performance. Tickets will sell fast!



Who is saying what to whom?

CAPTION COMPETITION



Last months winner: Colin Read

Chairman's Christmas Party





From our Australian correspondent

"Will" gone native and dressed for the hunt !!



Image cropped to avoid offence

Hello, its your Colonial Cousin reporting in again.

We have heard that its typical English weather (cold and wet) up where you are in the frozen North. Here it is sunny and warm but with occasional rainstorms off the ocean.

A week ago we had 8" in 24 hours at one campsite near Gladstone.

This is just one of the ports for exporting coal to China. 3 huge ships were being loaded simultaneously with others waiting out to sea. They are also building facilities for the export of liquefied natural gas that will come into operation in a couple of years. The investment is staggering as other ports are doing the same. We counted 23 ships at anchor outside Mackay, another port about 200 miles north of Gladstone that also exports coal and mineral ores.

We have visited numerous National Parks, some of which are dark impenetrable rainforests, others are forested but more open, We even saw a wild Platbilled Duckypus in one of the forests. Like an otter in size and shape but a Monotreme. Not exactly rare but shy and retiring; so we were lucky.

Kangaroos, wallabies and multi-coloured birds all over the place, but no emus since we arrived in this coastal region.

The Great Dividing Range which runs down the whole east side of the country is up to 100 miles wide in places; some places near the coast, at others from it by a level plain.

Originally mountains as high as the Himalayas, but eroded over millions of years to about 4,000 ft. Caused by Australia moving north-eastwards after splitting from Antarctica. It is still moving at about 1-1.5 inches per year towards Indonesia and New Guinea.

Christmas is with us now, but we noticed that New Year is much more of a festival/holiday. We shall be with Daughter and grandson next week, south of Brisbane.

Then off to the Red Centre of western Queensland and the Northern Territory for mid-summer in a caravan. The locals think we are bonkers !

Next month's instalment of these ramblings will reveal how we get on.

Will P.

