

# From The Anderson Shelter

The Magazine of the Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club and Ringwood Tangent Club



Keith Anderson, Chairman  
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A smaller edition this month but reports in the special Supplement

look out for the Council

## KEITH'S FINAL CAPERS

We had an amazing kaleidoscope of fabulous jollies this Club Year. Peter Lomax, and his team, really pulled the stops out to produce loads of superb 'get-togethers' Peter will refer to them in his detailed year-end report. The Grandest Culmination of jollies, was Vice Chairman Gordon's fabulous production of Ladies Night. A *'Flash Mob of our own Chap-Choristers'* suddenly gathered, after dinner, singing an Ode of *beautifully arranged* musical harmony & verse, to the delight of everyone.

Arthur Robins, gave a deafening shout "*Lights Camera Action*", for me to begin my *'Screen Test'* for his next movie *'TARZAN RETURNS'*. I called for an **immediate halt** to that caper, because I could not remember my lines. To avoid disappointing everyone, I proceeded to begin my speech about *'This and That'* with prompts along the way from Steve Wyatt (*my Puppet Master*), Chris Kean (*MC par excellence*), Mike Callaghan, with my Sue nudging my leg. After about 10 minutes of that, I sat down and raised my eyes to Heaven!



The two Chairman's highlights began with Sue Treleven's fabulous summer garden party, held in her beautiful garden on a brilliant sunny day. Mine was *'CASABLANCA NIGHT'*, fabulously produced by John Harper and Jeff Wickens, ably supported by David Phelps the Barman, at Rick's Café Americaine; Will Parke & Jeff's Snake Charming Caper, and Sheik Quint & his beautiful *'Belly Dancers'*: Lindy Quint, Barbara Kennedy and Sue Anderson. Chris Newman was on piano as *'Sam'* and he did play it again.

**Father Christmas** briefly popped in to **Chairman's Christmas Tipples & Nibbles**, he rang his hand-bell and shouted "**What do you want for Christmas?**". nobody wanted anything, so he jumped back on to his

sleigh and flew away; I fancy, to 'Spearmint Rhino' to see what they wanted for Christmas. Jeff and his team had organised the table layouts, Sue and her team served up the nibbles, Gordon was barman, he shifted all of the wine but only shifted **one can of beer** (the remaining 35 cans were a raffle prize at Ladies Night), David Curle looked after the free prize draw; all in all, a super kick-off to Christmas! Ian & David arranged many speakers for our Club Nights at St Len's. Let's forget that '**Driving**



**Instructor talk**'. Clearly our '**Ladies Night Flash Mob**' were groomed to perfection by the Choir training Caper, a few months ago, led by a professional trainer of choirs. The other speakers were a delight to listen to. Ian Stockdale, imaginative as ever, had us all getting involved in some Caper that I just couldn't understand but the other chaps loved it. Steve Wyatt (Secretary General) always had his hand up my back trying to keep me to his meeting agenda, not an easy task but fortunately for him, a proliferation of hearing aided chaps could not hear what I was saying anyway so it didn't matter! 'Lock Pockets Andrew Green' had done a great job in his role as '**Robin Hood**' '*never had so much been taken from so many for so few*'.

Arthur has had a very stressful year, with so many of our members being poorly, it was tragic that Lynne lost dear John, in early January. John Salsbury was a very special chap to all of us, many tributes to John were included in our recent Club magazines. I am so grateful to Arthur for the sensitive way he undertook the WELFARE role of our club, and for two years in succession. Editor Bob Merrett produced masterpieces of our monthly Club magazine, a delight to read and particularly informative with diary dated events. Meals Secretaries, John Quint and Mandy Read, have done a first-class job in retaining our overall satisfaction with the facilities and services of St Len's, after all is said and done, we have an ideal meeting place that is convenient for most of us, with no hassle to park our cars.

John Adams made a noticeable effort to promote our Club, and raised many recommendations to enhance our visibility generally and the local community in particular. Mike Williams got the Booby Prize of 'Lay Preacher' he didn't have a choice in the selection process but had a keen eye for detail in 'Risk Assessment', a job well done.



Last but not least is Mike Callaghan, our 'Past Chairman', Mike attended every Council Meeting except my first meeting, when custom has it, that he had to go fishing! He would gently push his hand up my shirt until he was sure that Steve Wyatt had Control, Mike then politely sat on his hands to let me get on with it!

We are now about to install Gordon Knott, as Chairman, at our 19 March AGM. Gordon has been a brilliant support to me, as my Vice Chairman, the rapport between us has been superb, as it also is with his delightful Angela. I wish Gordon, and his proposed Council, every success in looking after our Club for 2019/20.

My thanks to all of our members for their support, **and especially my Sue**, who has been **absolutely amazing** in her support for me this club year!

Keith



# Sue's Tangent News



At our club meeting on 13th February we were entertained by an excellent speaker from the Southampton SeaCity Museum. I am sure that Andrew Skinner is inspirational when it comes to communicating with young people in the education department of the Museum because he fascinated us all with his presentation. His talk was called "Titanic and Heroes, Villains and Mail Sacks" an intriguing title. He comes well recommended by those of us who learned about the connections hinted at in his title.

Our next meeting on 13th March at St. Leonards, will see Sandra Simmonds return, by popular request, to do her second talk about life as an Iranian wife.

A highlight of my year will definitely be Ladies Night held at the Miramar hotel on Friday 1st March. The ladies and guests who attended, in their finery were treated to a sumptuous meal with lots of jolly interruptions and dancing until dawn (well not quite)



In my response to the Chairman's toast to the ladies, I referred to my first ever introduction to Ex-table (little did I know!) at a New Year's Eve party in 1983/4 at David Cockram's farm. I found this photo of that very party.



I also talked about all the fun and silly things we have enjoyed together over the years and this photo shows Shirley Thornton as "Lady of the Manor" and inebriated judge at the Flower and Produce show Extravaganza.

As my year winds down I have been thinking about all the things that make our Club special. I said at

Ladies Night that my life has been enriched beyond words by being part of this wonderful Club and I have been so lucky to share all the fun, laughter and warm friendships with you. Long may we continue.

Meanwhile, Spring is nearly here!



## Events dear boys, Events.....

### What's On in Brief

**12 March** - 41 Club Council, Keith's

**13 March** - Tangent Meeting, St Leonard's with Sandra Simmonds talking about life in Iran Part 2

**19 March** - 41 Club AGM at St Leonard's

**4-7 April** - National Conference, Torquay

**13 April** - Vinyl Night at Braeside, more details below

**19 May** - Fanfare for Spring across Ringwood. Jeff Wickens's email gives all the details.

### Speakers Corner March Meeting - The AGM

The next meeting is the AGM at St Leonard's on the 19 March. Please see our report on the year's events in the Shelter AGM Supplement.

### Stockers and Phelpers

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

Drinks Reception from 6.30pm

Dinner 7.30pm

Speaker – Denis Bundy

Booking details/contact – Trevor

[trevorlangford@mac.com](mailto:trevorlangford@mac.com) or 07738 291038



## Picture Post

The photos make a huge contribution to the Newsletter and I have been especially pleased to include just some of this year's inaugural Picture Post entries. The results were announced at the last meeting and the photos all of which were displayed on a loop during the dinner, demonstrated a huge variety of themes and skill. Congratulations to the theme winners and here they are:

**Family & Friends : Ian Stockdale "A Classic First Step" 🖱️**





**Diversions/Pastimes/Fetishes:  
Richard Dyson "Having Fun on the  
Water"**



**Seascape: John Quint "Fishing  
Fleet at Rest"**



**Wildlife & Landscape: Ann Warne "Sacred  
Valley, Peru"**



Finally, the winner of the Transport and Motion category, but more importantly the overall Picture Post winner was Arthur Robins and here it is:

**The Picture Post Winner: Arthur Robins "The Mekong, Laos at Dusk"**



Richard has indicated: "All Picture Post photograph entries have been collected on my computer. I shall now delete them all but have saved them to a flash drive (usb stick). This stick contains the following:  
A folder for each of the 5 categories with all entries named including the photographer's name.

A folder of the 5 winning category entries.

A slideshow of all 175 photos.

A slideshow of the 5 winning photos.

I shall retain the flash drive and if anyone would like to borrow it to look through the photos at any time please just ask"

Richard Carter

**More News from our intrepid Foreign Correspondents Will & Julie still lost somewhere Down Under:**

Good day, you good people of Blighty. We have seen the mountains and pasture land of the South Island and are now in the North. The geology is absolutely fascinating as New Zealand is split between the Australian tectonic plate and that of the Pacific. These plates move in different directions giving rise to earthquakes, as in Christchurch in 2011, volcanoes and hot springs. Quite amazing, compared to the stability of UK. By the miracle of Mr Marconi's invention of Radio Waves and its conjunction with moving pictures, we were able to hear and watch Chairman Keith's speech at Ladies' Night. What an achievement for him to be received so far away from the Miramar Hotel. Is this a record for any Ex-Table Chairman in England as our GPS tells us that we are 11,534 miles from Alderholt. Our daughter, Diane and her partner Mark, said that they enjoyed Ladies' Night and were made most welcome, in our absence. Thank you all for that The temporary Antipodeans. (NB This is the Australian spelling - Ed)

**Social Team news**

The team's sabbatical is now over and we have regrouped to bring you one final event where your new Chairman (assuming he is elected) will host an evening entitled .....



Please let me know if you have a vinyl collection and wish to take part in a Desert Island Discs style evening where we will play perhaps your favourite track, a track that brings back specific memorable times or maybe just a rare and unusual track. We can probably play about 20 tracks during the evening allowing for some time for you to introduce your chosen track.

**Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**The evening will start at 7.30pm with a Fish and Chips supper plus dessert.**

**Crockery and cutlery will be provided.**

**Please bring your own drinks but tea/coffee will be provided later on.**

**Cost approximately £10 per head.**



Please let me know if you are attending and particularly if you wish to play a track or two from your collection. Ideally, we can produce a wide ranging style of music to suit everyone's choice. A tick list will be circulated at the next meetings of 41 Club and Tangent.

Peter Lomax

### **Club Directory 2019-2020**

Vice Chairman Gordon has asked me to produce the Club Directory for the coming club year. Would all Ex-Tablers please check their entry in the current issue and confirm that it is still correct or advise me of amended details.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Gerald Carter

**Copy Date for the April Edition of the New Newsletter: 1  
April - No this is not an April Fool**

### **Our February Club meeting - A Night of Fun and Fellowship**

The February meeting was packed with awards, presentations and a very special visitor. I speak of our most senior member, Jimmy Gordon of course, although 41 National President Phill Ellis was also there.



Here are some photos of the happenings on the night. Richard Carter, getting two accolades, firstly for the splendid Picture Post competition and secondly, for winning Melvyn's Mug for the second year in a row. This year the Award was

for the most inventive Limerick, on topical Club themes but without straying into smutty innuendo. Clearly some of the entrants had not read the rules and modesty forbids me repeating their contributions here, suffice to say they did get some laughs. The event was judged by using a Clapometer devised and operated by John Quint. The claims that the scoring was rigged were quickly dismissed when the Clapometer was shown to be operating without improper human interference, apart from JQ singing in his off key tenor to try and calibrate the device. There was no mistaking the quality of Richard's winning entries and here they are in their entirety:



We went to a bar name of Rick's  
Somewhere in the Moroccan Styx  
Chairman Keith as Bogart  
Was superb in his part  
As he loves the film it depicts

What Social event can we plan  
To satisfy Ex Table man  
A party, a walk  
An interesting talk  
No, No an MRI scan

Lastly, yours truly was able to present the Editor's Award for the first time. With the very kind permission of David Curle, his old Sports Trophy went to the member who contributed most to the Newsletter over the year. There were lots of splendid contributions, not least from the two Club Chair's, but the Editor had decided that given they were required to deliver their copy, the winner ought to be from someone else in the Club. So after a very difficult period of deliberation the Award went to Arthur Robins for doing so much for the Mag from photos to puns, his output was just great. The £20 seen in the photo had no bearing on the outcome.



**Big Phill meets Special K - "Hasn't he got a big one!"**

I had to finish with the meeting of the big wigs, not that I'm suggesting that either are wearing their toupees, not on this occasion at least.

# BUM TREE

**NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THAT OTHER ON-LINE MARKET PLACE WITH A SIMILAR NAME**

This is where you can get hints and tips on DIY, Equestrianism, Horticulture, Art & Civilisation, Fetishes as well as the more mundane things in life like how to ensure your garden gnome is in tip top shape for the summer. So look here first for advice and bargains.

Please note that although these are genuine offers of help or articles for sale, the Editor can take no responsibility if they turn out to be crap.

If you are looking for a local builder then try [MyBuilder.com](http://MyBuilder.com)  
You post on the site the work you want carried out and builders who are hopefully reasonably local to you and can carry out the project will contact you. A number of Club members have used this site and it works well.

**An alternative to the MyBuilder site is the Buy With Confidence scheme run and vetted by the Trading Standards teams in the local authorities near you. This site allows you to find a tradesperson for a huge range of activities all of whom have been vetted by the local Trading Standards team and rated by the users. Again this has been used by Club members and it provides a way of getting hold of someone for some work at home and provides confidence that the trader is competent and legitimate.**

## Finally

A kind and genuine offer from Ann Warne. She wishes to give away - yes that's give away - a very handy device for keeping children or more likely grandchildren in their beds. It's a bed rail and looks like this:



# Compost Corner

The place reserved for a little light humour, irreverence and unattributed gossip

Some more blasts from the past

## History Boys Take 2

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### ROGUES GALLERY



ROGER BETTLE - Aged 33 - Architectural Designer. Community Service, Welfare Chairman. Former community service Chairman, Secretary and Editor. When not playing with his Children he is either organising furniture sales or looking for a new boat.

Useful Bowler, but he could do with some Table Tennis lessons from his Wife.

EDWARD BROWN - Aged 29 - Market Gardener and Tree Surgeon. Former Area Delegate. Has recently been building Motorways and also turns his hand on occasions to leg surgery.



RAYMOND BROWN - Aged 41 - Site Clearance Contractor. Former Chairman, Extension Officer Speakers Secretary, Area Delegate, Community Service Chairman and at present Hon. Member. Also worked on motorways and the M.5. now runs in four directions. For the benefit of Guests don't play cards with this fellow. Could do with some Golfing lessons. Retired from Cricket, resting on his laurels after a brilliant catch at St. Leonards in 1872.

DAVID CADDICK - Aged 34 - Photographer - Area Delegate and Film Committee Chairman. Well known fire bug. Isn't this the chap you ought to see about your boat Roger? National reputation for Stag Nights.



COLIN REED - Aged 28 - Accountant - Treasurer. Star Bowler. has a great voice First record out next week. Tables Film Star. Collects chastity belt keys.

MIKE RYAN - Aged 32 - Accountant. Former Treasurer. Area Delegate Ext. Officer. Community Service Finance. Previous Community service chairman. Handled the finances of Swimming Pool well. Recently bought new car. Delights in taking old dears for a ride. Has slipped disc from carrying furniture.



JOHN SALTMARSH - Aged 35 - Local Government Accountant. Former Treasurer and present extension officer. Likes to visit Jersey. Saints supporter. Star Batsman. Brilliant orator. Known to like late Council Meetings. Table Gourmet. Wine Taster

BILL SMITH - Aged 40 - Warden at Training College. Former Sports and Social Chairman and Area Delegate. Morris Dancer. Austin Dancer and Flamenco Dancer. Needs watching at Autocrosses. Brilliant after dinner speaker.



DEREK MATTHEWS - aged 36 - Insurance Representative. Former Community Service Chairman, Secretary and now Secretary of Ladies Circle. Prize winner in Carnival Flots and always dresses well for the occasion. Recently lost his voice.

DAVID PHELPS - Aged 37 - No fixed abode. Present Chairman. Former area Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary. Transferee from various Tables. Saints supporter. opening batsman. Definite candidate for Area Chairman. Scratch golfer with his Hickory shaft clubs. Dealt well with a national crisis. Last seen at the Isle of Wight pop festival and has a good line in soups.



BRIAN PIERSON - Aged 31 - Landscape Contractor. Sports and Social Chairman, Master of Arms. Pig Keeper. Has a handicap of 100 at Golf and has for sale 40,000 Christmas trees. Has farm in green belt and keen supporter of the party. Has recently changed his hairstyle - Ducky!

BARRY PRICE - Aged 34 - Motor Trader. Editor. Impresario. Keen sportsman. Secretly smokes pot. Ambition to become a millionaire. Last seen sitting on Alan Franklyn's knee. Never stands when speaking at Table Meetings.



PS.....

**My teacher pointed  
a ruler at me and  
said "At the end of  
this ruler is an idiot"  
I got a detention for  
asking  
"Which end?"**