



The Cartier Chronicle

The One to watch!



“For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.” T.S. Eliot

That was the Year that was! It is hard to believe now that almost a year ago Gordon and I decided that we had no choice but to cancel our AGM. We were told that we would knock the virus on the head in twelve weeks! Sadly, things were to become a bit more complicated than that. Way back in our school days we learnt about something called ‘The Plague’. Little did we ever think that we would be living through a modern version of it.

Has it been a year to remember or a year to forget? As a relative newcomer to Ringwood ex-Table I confess to having felt a good deal of apprehension and responsibility becoming Chairman of such a fantastic Club as we headed into the unknown. I shouldn't have worried, because of course so many members have in typical fashion ensured that our Club is as strong one year on in spite of everything. Specific thanks will be in my report for the AGM.

It has been a great pleasure to see the new Ringwood & Verwood Round Table develop and grow in such a difficult year. I do regret not having been able to be closer to them than would have been possible in a normal year. There is still time to develop that closer relationship and help and support them as much as we can. Despite our age differences we share the same objectives and as ex-Tablers we are just delighted that a new Table has been formed to enjoy everything that we all so enjoyed when we were their age.

Above all, I am just very proud to have been Chairman of this Club which I have loved from the first meeting I attended. It has been special to link up more than usual perhaps with Tangent and that has demonstrated the strength of the Round Table family and how fortunate we are to have that sense of family in our lives, especially this year.

Yours in continued fellowship

Richard



41 Club
EX-ROUND TABLERS



DIARY

MARCH

Monday 8th : Club Film Night. ‘Blues Brothers’ from 7.15pm on Zoom. We will be watching a recording from Freeview made a month ago.

Wednesday 10th : Tangent Meeting - 7.30 pm. Steve Roberts talking on the History, Flora and Fauna of Hengistbury Head, followed by a short business meeting. Zoom link to follow.

Tuesday 16th : Club AGM via Zoom at 7.30pm. Zoom link to follow.

Monday 22nd : Club Concert. Shostakovich 7th Symphony (The Leningrad) will be screened using a YouTube link. Join Zoom from 7pm onwards.

APRIL

Tuesday 6th : Club Council

Wednesday 7th : Tangent ‘Petit Fours’ demonstration on Zoom at 7.30 pm. See page 3 for details.

Wednesday 14th: Tangent AGM : 7.30pm via Zoom.

Tuesday 20th : Club meeting. Details to follow.



Caroline's Corner



What a success the 40th Birthday was! The Tangent ladies certainly pulled out all the stops for this event. I've never seen so many hats and posh dresses on a Zoom call! The social committee did a fabulous job as ever to provide us with an afternoon full of entertainment which culminated in our first chairman, Thelma Matthews being presented with a lifetime honorary membership. I will leave it to Lesley Sharp to tell us more about the event in her report below.

Don't forget our meeting with speaker on 10 March! And please read Jean Phelps' lovely article about Ann Pierson on the next page.

Yours in continued friendship

Caroline

Tangent 40th Birthday Afternoon Tea

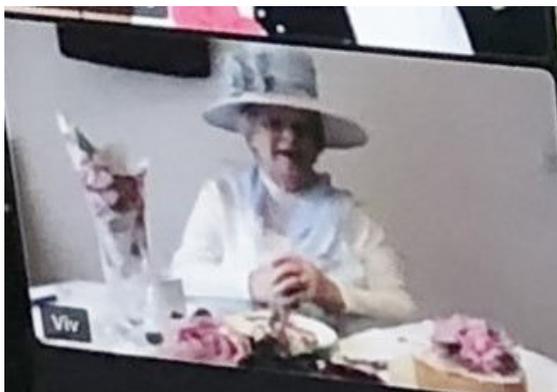
Undeterred by lockdown restrictions Ringwood members celebrated Tangent's 40th Birthday in sophisticated elegance on Zoom. Caroline welcomed the guests to the party and said that she was delighted with the beautiful flowers from Tangent brought to her that morning by Jenny and Ian. The presentation had been somewhat unconventional and had been a good start to the celebrations of the afternoon.

Tangent members had been asked to wear their best hats and posh frocks and to bring a dainty china teacup and a cake - at this stage they didn't know that the theme of the afternoon was "My Fair Lady". Anne Dyson (IT) put everyone in the picture by playing a short clip of the musical where we see Eliza charming guests at an afternoon tea at the races. And so...the tea party began!

Members had dressed their computer area with balloons, bunting, bubbly and flowers. How lovely it was to see them looking so fabulous and ready to have a good time. To add a bit of drama to the afternoon Barbara lit a sparkler candle for her cake and fortunately managed to avoid setting fire to her hat. Tea and cake were taken to the soundtrack of the musical, and Lesley, with the help of Anne Dyson's Powerpoint skills, conducted a "Mastermind" My Fair Lady Quiz. It really was quite a difficult quiz but there were two good joint winners: Monica Edwards and Lyn Wickens.

Viv Hirst, looking very regal, won a prize for the best dressed party guest and computer area. Well done Viv!

Prizes will be delivered when lockdown measures ease. It was an unusual Tangent birthday celebration but it was a happy occasion and everyone entered into the spirit of it. (LS)



Ann Pierson

I first met Ann in 1962 when I was a guest at a Ladies Circle meeting. She was warm and friendly and very welcoming, happy and smiley and her demeanour over the years never changed.

Ann lived in Ringwood, her parents owned the Nags Head public house in Moortown, Ringwood and she went to school in Wimborne. Ann was extremely fond of acting and after leaving school went to train in the acting profession and she starred in many plays on tour around the country.

Ann and Brian were married in Ringwood Parish Church with a reception held at the Crown Hotel. For many years they lived at Homestead Farm, Three Cross where many great parties were held with Ann always the perfect hostess.

Ann was a devoted mother to Mark, John and Lisa and subsequently a perfect Grandma to eight grandchildren.

Ladies Circle played a big part in Ann's life and she was a very active member serving on most committees and she was chairman to both Ladies Circle and latterly Tangent. Whilst in Ladies Circle she organised wonderful carnival floats for which she won many prizes for the club and the children all had a marvellous time. Over the years she was a member of the Art and Flower Clubs in Ringwood. She also ran wonderful fund raising coffee mornings at her home at which she raised large sums of money for Tenovus and other cancer charities. She herself had suffered from cancer for several years which she fought tirelessly and quietly.

Some of her last words were "It is not the beginning or the end, but the journey in between". She definitely filled the 'in between'.

She was a great friend to us all and will be dearly missed.

Jean Phelps



TANGENT

Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm

Join us for an evening with talented chef

Teresa Sillars

showing us the chocolate delights of Petit Fours



These are the thank you letters we received from Ringwood Junior School (where John Salsbury was Chair of Governors for many years) and the Friends of Fordingbridge Surgery following the two clubs' donations from the successful Christmas Card effort.



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Mr Richard Carter
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Dear Mr Carter,

On behalf of Ringwood Junior School, I would like to extend a wholehearted 'Thank You' for the extremely kind and generous donation of £800 from Ringwood and District Ex Tablers.

Your thoughtfulness at this time when we are unable to hold the normal fund raising events, is very much appreciated.

We have purchased a class set of Chromebooks and a charging trolley, with some of the Chromebooks already being loaned to families in need, and the others being used in school. This is an essential step in being able to provide high quality education to all of our children during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. We will continue to keep the technology requirements of the school under review as we start to ease out of the lockdown.

Your support of the school with this valued donation is very much appreciated by all who are using the technology.

Once again, thank you very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Sally-Ann Evans
Headteacher



RINGWOOD & VERWOOD ROUND TABLE AGM

David Phelps, Richard Blackiston and Chairman Richard were invited to the Table AGM. It was an impressive gathering of members and prospective members plus Area Chairman Rob Henderson and National RTBI Vice President Paul Thompson. Phil Hoyle ran the meeting in his inimitable style with much humour as well as the serious business. Ex-Tablers were thanked for their donation of £200 to assist the Club's development and the story of the first year's activities and fund raising were truly superb. Ex-Table and Round Table announced an award for 'Tabler of the Year' which would be dedicated to the memory of Jimmy Gordon, founder of the original Round Table. Ex-Table will provide the trophy and both Chairmen will jointly determine the winner each year. The first winner of the award was announced as James Marley, Table Vice Chairman, who was duly elected as Chairman during the meeting. Ex-Table Chairman Richard congratulated Phil, James and all members on their fantastic achievements in their first full year. The programme and ideas for the year ahead looked exciting and with 20 members already a great deal of typical Table fun is undoubtedly on the cards.

Dear Mike and your fellow Ex-Tablers

Many thanks for your generous donation of £300.00 to the Friends of Fordingbridge Surgery charity. I can confirm that this money has gone back into the pot that was accessed to fund the heating system in the waiting marquee at the Covid Vaccination Centre at Fordingbridge Hospital.

On behalf of the whole Fordingbridge community we really appreciate your kindness.

Best regards
Kelly

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Ladies Night is happening!!

You will now have received your invitation from VC Bob via email. Act quickly to reserve your ticket and hotel room. For planning purposes Bob needs **your reply by 31st March at the latest.** Please try to respond asap. Thank you.

Bob has sent me this advert.....is that Hengistbury Head in the background?



Richard B made a socially distanced presentation to our Melvyn's Mug winning debating team!



Another Smile for Another Month



Women's 'Arse Size'

New study reveals interesting findings

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their arse's and the results are fairly interesting

- ~ 30% of women think their arse is too fat
- ~ 10% of women think their arse is too skinny

The remaining 60% say they don't care, they love him, he's a good man and they wouldn't trade him for the world!



Gordon Knott has submitted two very late entries for a caption for this photo taken when the Club celebrated the late Jimmy Gordon's 100th birthday, but they're worth reading!

These new earmuffs don't work!

Go get the guy playing the bagpipes.

Hot off the Press Two February baby Granddaughters !!

Everlyn Rose Stockdale made her appearance on Wed February 3rd at 9 lb.8oz to Nick & Claire (Stockdale)
Emilia Florence Reece Kean safely arrived on Sunday February 21st at 7lb.1oz to Jonathan & Sarah (Kean)



We are pleased to report that all Grandparents are doing well !!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,
It has come to my attention that our elderly vulnerable members are being jabbed and are reluctant to reveal the perpetrators. This is quite understandable as they all have been threatened with a second jab. I wonder if you could help identify the perpetrators. Once identified, the Poulner Party Pod will visit said perpetrators and end the violence by delivery a single Poulner Peck. Similar to the *Glasgow Kiss* but delivered while social distancing.

Yours faithfully

V. Gill-Lantey

Or would that be the 'Dublin Decking'? Ed.

Whoops, there's a clue to the writer of this letter just there. Sorry Gordon.

Monthly Raffle

The winner in the February draw was John Harper.
Perhaps you could ponder if we wish to carry on next year as 'real' meetings are still a little way off. Thank you to everybody who joined this year. So far we have raised £119 for charity.



The Cartier Chronicle has sadly decided to stop publishing and is looking for a suitable periodical that might take over this important magazine. We hope that an edition will be published in early April but this is likely to be under a new name. Thank you for your support these past 12 months and please continue to forward suitable material before 31st March. Good luck to the next Editor, whoever he or she may be. Goodbye. Editor and sub Editor.

