



Merretttable



Times



July is nearly over and we have had our first face to face Club meeting when we met at the Three Tuns, Bransgore. We couldn't have the planned Boules match as the pub had managed to erect a marquee on the piste, so we socialised before the meal. There was a brief meeting after the highlight of which was our esteemed VC John Adams introducing Malcolm Lee a 41'er who has moved into Verwood and who survived his first meeting.

In the middle of the month we were due to hold our Ladies Night, but instead some of us met at the Miramar Hotel to have a meal in memory of what was to have been. The weather of course was unbelievably good and enabled us to sit in their beautiful garden and watch the hordes descend on the beaches. Talking of hordes, the Ladies Night Cabaret was to have been 'a heist' when a bunch of unruly ruffians were going to stage a hold up and steal a haul of possibly fake 'Cartier' watches said to have been circulating in the Bournemouth area. Well, thanks to Peter the watches were given to the ladies at the dinner and they then had a competition as to whose 'Cartier' watch would stop first!



before we meet again properly in September. Of course before then we will have had some brilliant BBQs and thanks to the Stockdale's, Kean's, Kennedy's and Quint's for hosting the impromptu BBQs that have become a feature of the summer.

It was good to see the old faces at the 3 Tuns but some sad news about Paul Thackray, who was there on the night but next day had a fall and is having a hip replacement in Poole Hospital. That op will have happened by the time this is out so we all hope, Paul, that you are now well on the way to recovery.

Round Table were due to celebrate its Re-Chartering with a black tie dinner at the Ageas Bowl in September but sadly numbers are insufficient for it to continue at that venue. So, at the moment, the event is postponed and we await further details of a revised venue. Watch this space!

That's all for now. See you at an event near you soon!

Bob

We were not going to meet in August, but there was rebellion at the 3 Tuns and a unanimous clamour to go back there and this time play boules as the tent will have gone. Look out for the details in this edition of the MT. So I hope you can join us for another relaxed evening (there were shorts at the last meeting) and then have a chance to get over our first get togethers





Finally, a year or so after we last met, the Tangent ladies were able to meet again in July not once but twice!!



First off was walking netball on the courts at Poulner Junior School. Sara Merrett brought along her coach, Jenny and so ensued a quite exhausting and competitive hour and a half. Jenny eased us in gently with some passes to a partner. Fine so far, then we moved up a gear and passed the ball up and down the line moving along the court as we did so - think country dancing but more competitive - this was as much a mental challenge as a physical one, remembering who to pass to and which way to run! Once warmed up (not that that took long as it was a very hot evening) we played a proper match and I am pleased to say we were all

pretty good and actually looked like we knew what we were doing!!! We obviously remembered something from our school netball days. To say each side wanted to win would be an understatement, Sian Elen took a tumble in her efforts to get the ball and as for Ro and Anne (see above) well, I'd quite like to see who gets the turkey wishbone at their Christmas dinner. It was a great evening and something I think we would all like to try again.

(Do you remember 'Spot the Ball'?
Well, now it's called 'spot the bum' Ed)



Only 2 days later came our Tangent BBQ at John and Barbara Kennedys house. Again the weather was super and the courtyard looked wonderful.

Ian had cooked pulled pork with all the trimmings and was ably assisted in serving by Jeff.



Thanks to everyone who made this such a great night. It was a perfect combination of setting, food and friendship and the ideal opportunity to belatedly present Thelma Matthews with her honorary member's badge.

August is generally a quiet month but the committee will meet again soon to devise another fun packed programme of events for the autumn.

Enjoy the summer holidays.

Yours in continued friendship

Caroline

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?.....



Impromptu BBQ'S

22nd August Sunday - John & Barbara Kennedy at 12.30

3rd September Friday - John & Lindy Quint at 12.30

Please book directly by email with hosts asap who will contact you before the day with arrangements.

As our garden development is stuck in the Planning system, we now feel able to host a Bonfire Party in the usual way. Date: Friday 5th November Venue; It is still our garden at 58 Ringwood Road, Alderholt (not a building site).

Bonfire & Fireworks depend on the wind co-operating with its direction.

We look forward to seeing everybody.

Will & Julie Parke



I know what you're thinking. Why are you being told right now that Bonfire Night is on 5th November? I was asked to include this by your Social Secretary and I quote..... "Include in next magazine please, under Social, to make it look like I am actually doing something!!"

Ed. I will say no more!!

FROM THE MEAL SHACK



EXTRA! EXTRA! By popular demand we are holding a Club meeting on **Tuesday 17th August.**

We are meeting again at the 3 Tuns, Bransgore with a slightly different format.

The boules court will be available so we will commence the evening at 6.30 pm for boules.

That will be followed by a meal to be served in the Barn at 8pm. I have arranged the menu, which will be Pie and Mash followed by Apple Crumble and Custard and Coffee.

We are not being charged for the use of the boules court so the cost will be approx £20 per head. I will send out an e mail around nearer the date for numbers.

David Phelps
Meals Monitor

Arthur Robins writes..... Glynis and I have been holidaying in North Wales for over 50 years and usually travel into the area via the A5. A few miles south of Oswestry on the Welsh border are signs for the village of Nockin. Despite making the journey many times we have never actually visited it but, with time in hand, we decided to take a look this year. It was with great delight to find that the village store is called The Nockin Shop!

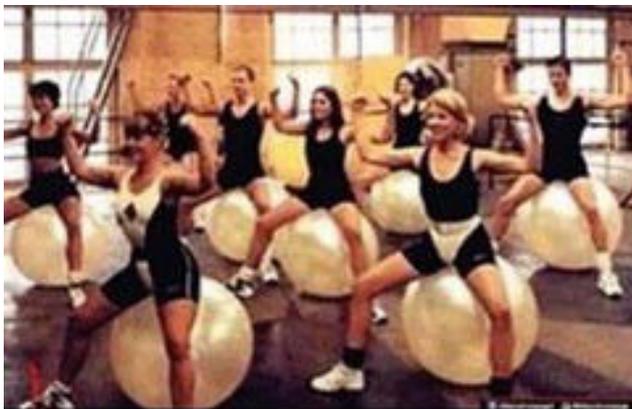


Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

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My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



This picture was given to Class II Children and they were asked to suggest a headline. The winning entry was:

'Never swallow your chewing gum'.

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!" The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Look what I found on our computer! John Warne was 41 Club Chairman in 2000/01 and his monthly piece for the newsletter was aptly entitled 'From the Study'. It seems appropriate to show you his offering for the August edition of the newsletter 21 years ago. Beautifully crafted. Ed.

FROM THE STUDY

Sports Day was a great success thanks to the hard work of many people. Thanks to all who fetched, carried, catered, cleared or just turned up and had fun.

The spirit of high standards, fair play and old-fashioned competition for which we stand was evident throughout the afternoon. Although I have to say that Mrs Wickens seemed unable to control one or two of her more forward young lady swimmers who tried to interfere with my member(s) during the inter-staff, breast-stroke relay. Maid Marion, one of the domestic staff I think, seemed intent on grabbing the baton. What she intended to do with it I simply cannot imagine!

Lynas Major performed heroics during the sack race and in the ensuing melee mislaid his sunglasses (really). It seems likely that they have been taken away by mistake by another pupil. Sadly they were not named but we should be grateful if parents could search at home and return them if located. They are his bowling glasses and without them he can only "feel his way up the green" as they say in his native island.

It was good to hear Colonel Kennedy, a distinguished school governor, talk of his recent safari in Africa. His speech entitled, "Elephants Round The Horn," will no doubt be a revelation to many boys (and quite possibly to the girls as well). We were also delighted to see young Green who has been playing truant lately.

My predecessor 'Barnacle' Bill Parke was present participating in cerebral pursuits like draughts. Do ask him to tell you about his recent experiences. His discourse about sailing in the Channel Islands is entitled "Lifeboats Round The Horn (or Herm)".

There's an important, or even impromptu, BBQ at the home of our chemistry master soon. We also have the ever popular field study at the girls' school on making patterns in the hay as well as a mathematical exercise on the laws of probability at Greyhound College, Poole, where I may be tempted to risk the staff salaries on a capricious canine.

Then I'm off on the French Exchange leaving the Senior Master to supervise the school camp at Frogham. Bonnes Vacances!

John

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- Friday 6th.....Round Table Children's Wish Charity Golf Day at Dudsbury GC
- Tuesday 17th.....Club Meeting at 3 Tuns Bransgore. Boules from 6.30pm (see page 3)
- Friday 20th.....Lashings cricket at Burridge
- Sunday 22nd.....Impromptu BBQ hosted by the Kennedys from 12.30pm
- Wednesday 25th...Copy date for Merrettable Times

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 4th.....Round Table 60th Anniversary Dinner **NOW POSTPONED!**
- Tuesday 21st.....Club Meeting (venue to be advised) with speaker

COPY DATES

Due to holiday commitments please submit September copy by Wednesday 25th August.

Thank you

Arthur writes again....."In the spirit of Wimbledon fortnight I bought a punnet of strawberries and looked to the internet for the best way to serve them.

It suggested that I halve the strawberries, dust with icing sugar, and pile cream on top.

A word to the wise - pile cream tastes disgusting."