



# Merrettable Times



Well the roller-coaster Covid ride, that this year has become, is at last back on the up. It was really heartening to read of Table's Christmas activities. Their sleigh with FC collecting serious sums of money and foodstuffs for the Food Bank as well as Christmas Tree collection shows that Ringwood & District Round Table is really doing some great stuff. It's no wonder that our National organisations are looking at Ringwood as the brilliant example of how to make Table Great Again. I think that has the making of a slogan, though there is something worrying familiar about it, so perhaps not.

After the Christmas and New Year cancellations, 41 Council met to see if the January Joint Clubs' event which was 41's turn to organise, was likely to happen. The conclusion we reached was a unanimous 'Yes'. This year the meeting took the form



of a 'Call My Bluff' quiz, along the lines of the old TV programme. Two teams of three, led by the respective Chairmen, defined and dissembled definitions to incomprehensible words chosen by Quiz Master Mike Edwards ably helped by Monica who doubled as the 'Digital Display Board'.

Each team member defined an exotic word not part of our usual vocabulary with only one being true. The other team then tried to detect who was providing the true definition and the competition with audience participation, was keenly fought. Given that the words were not only difficult to pronounce but even more difficult to define, the result was more of luck than judgement. Great fun was had by all but modesty prevents me revealing the outcome and all the participants were presented with prizes.

It was also so good that we were able to meet at the Old Beams, Ibsley, our potential new venue

and perhaps that was the best outcome of all. The food was plentiful and the setting just right for our needs, so let's keep our fingers crossed for our future meetings.

Talking of future meetings there are only two meetings to go and then this year and my Chairmanship will be over. 'Thank Goodness' I hear you say, but before then you will have to put up with me at the next meeting. This will be the Debate for Melvyn's Mug which this year the two teams will debate the very topical and controversial motion "This house opposes mask-wearing". I can see more fun will be had so hope I will see you there.

But before that meeting we have our Ladies Night at the Captain's Club, Christchurch on February 11th. The 41 National President, Peter Good with his wife Lesley will be joining us together with other members of the National and Region Glitterati. Vice Chairman John has organised a splendid night and Sara and I are looking forward to welcoming you.

*(Please see the important information about that evening on page 3. Ed)*

That just leaves the Race Night on the 4<sup>th</sup> March for which Ian has allegedly bred and trained an exotic range of animals. I am assured that no animals have been harmed in the preparations, I just hope they survive the night.

Assuming we haven't been struck down with some strange animal borne disease from the Race Night, the AGM will be held at Ibsley on the 15<sup>th</sup> but I'm getting ahead of myself, so more of that next time.

Best wishes

Bob





# The Tangent Telegraph



January has been a full on month for Tangent with two 'in person' events! The joint meeting with 41 Club was a wonderful evening – thank you to Bob and Mike and the rest of the team for giving us such an entertaining evening of 'Call my Bluff'. I was perhaps a bit presumptuous with my claims of Tangent taking all the glory when we lost so decisively - but there again we had to give them a chance didn't we?! It was a lot of fun and has certainly upped the stakes again for the joint meeting next year.

Later in the month Tangent hosted a tea for Ringwood Blind Club at Greyfriars. Goodness knows how many years we have been doing this since taking over from Ladies Circle. Certainly long enough that we had got it down to a fine art on Thursday. Sherry on arrival, sandwiches, cakes, raffle and goodie bags to go home with – all sorted thanks to the army of Tangent makers and helpers. The Blind Club were very appreciative and a good afternoon was had by all.

Our next meeting will be held at The Old Beams, Ibsley on 9 February. If it's as good as our meal for the joint clubs we should be very pleased. Its 7.00pm for 7.30pm with apologies to Jean as usual. We have a speaker for the evening – Jan Deiterman who will be entertaining us with stories of her career as a registrar.

A final admin point. Capitation is not due until June so we will not be collecting it yet to ensure we get the full benefit of the free year. It is likely our subs will then revert back to £20 for the 22/23 year. We also need to send a list of members to National and update our directory so please let me know if your contact details or address have changed. (This is for our own club use only)

I look forward to seeing you on 9 February. Please take a Lateral Flow Test that day. Thank you.

YICF

Caroline



**Ex Tabler and Tangent members,  
don't miss this wild social event**



## **Ibsley Park Animal Race Night with Rustic Supper**

on Friday March 4th 7.00pm till 11.30pm

Ibsley Village Hall, Gorley Road ( in the Forest) , Ringwood, BH24 3NL

A colourful and slightly smelly evening with wacky animal races (some betting), good food, outrageous prizes and a warming pre-race Stirrup Cup

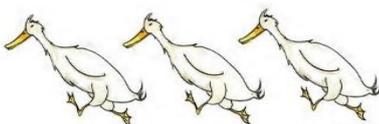
To stimulate a racing mood we will include 2 cash bets in your Race Night ticket.

Total cost is likely to be about £10 to include bets, supper, welcome drink and the Car Parking is free.!

Just bring along your drinks and glasses and let your hair down!!! You might also want your own race going hats, binoculars, shooting sticks and crops,

**Book your places on the Tick Lists at the February Tangent or Ex Tabler meetings  
or phone/email Jan 01425 838826 [ian@isosco.com](mailto:ian@isosco.com)**

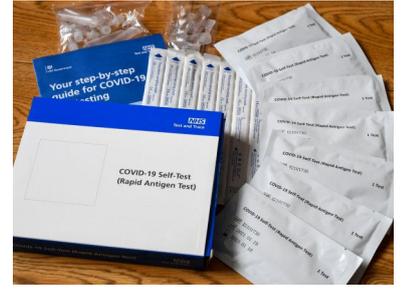
P.S. Live Garden Snails needed so please start lifting stones in your garden and begin training !!!



**If you are coming to Ladies Night on Friday February 11th then please read the following important information**



- Please bring a good supply of CASH to purchase raffle tickets.
- It is paramount that you will have taken a Lateral Flow Test shortly before your arrival at the Captain's Club.
- A negative result would help too!
- Pre dinner drinks will be from 6.45pm.
- Please remember that car parking is only free for those staying overnight.



**OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING will be at**

The Old Beams Ibsley on Tuesday 15th February at 7 for 7.30pm.

For those who were not at the Joint Meeting in January you will be pleased to hear we were very well looked after and the food portions were very generous.

I know our Chairman will be very pleased to welcome some of our members who we have not seen recently at our change of venue.

Please let me know by Sunday 13th Feb if you are wishing to attend if you are not a permanent diner and with usual apologies by permanent diners please.

**Please remember to take a Lateral Flow Test that day!**

David Phelps  
Meals Monitor



**AND AT THAT MEETING.....**

**It's Fellowship night and Melvyn's Mug, the big debate between two teams who will go head to head with the motion**

**THIS HOUSE OPPOSES MASK-WEARING**

The Teams are.....

Andrew Green with Tim Airey who are in favour of the motion and Will Parke with Ian Stockdale who will oppose the motion

plus a surprise Judge on the night!

The running order will be explained to the audience on the evening and the following might come into the equation, but we will see!!

- Keeping to time - going over time or seriously under will be penalised;
- Humour - present rather than absent;
- The strategy adopted for arguing for or against the motion - i.e. having one would help;
- Using arguments that bear some resemblance to the motion;
- Quality of insulting the opposing arguments, team members or both;
- Erudition or semblance of scholarship may result in points being deducted.
- If all else fails, bribing the judge may need to be considered.

*(Sounds good to me! As David Phelps has said, it would be great to welcome members who we have seen less of these past two years..... Ed)*

**AND LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR MARCH MEETING.....**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Ringwood and District Ex-Tablers' Club will take place at The Old Beams Inn (or Zoom, depending upon circumstances) on Tuesday 15 March at 7.30 pm. Normal apologies and booking-in arrangements apply.

**AGENDA**

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Apologies           | 6. Chairman's Report                |
| 2. Guests              | 7. Election of Chairman for 2022-23 |
| 3. Notice of Meeting   | 8. Incoming Chairman's Remarks      |
| 4. Minutes of last AGM | 9. Election of Officers             |
| 5. Council Reports     | 10. Any Other Business              |
|                        | 11. Final Toast                     |

Please see the following page for the list of nominations for Officers which should be completed and handed to Chris Kean.

## Nominations for Officers 2022/23

Nominations for the following Club positions, duly proposed and seconded, should be forwarded to the Hon Sec, Chris Kean, by 1 March 2022

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Signature of Nominee
Chairman				
Vice Chairman				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Social				
Meals' Secretary				
Membership				
Speakers' Secretary				
Editor				
Press and Publicity				
Lay Member / Health & Safety				

Incoming Chairman John Adams (subject of course to a secret ballot on the night!!) has already received some nominations but is anxious to welcome new faces to Council, in particular to fill vacancies for the role of Speakers Secretary and Press and Publicity/ Membership. Don't be shy now!

***Would all Council members please note that you should submit your annual report to Chris Kean (cc to the Editor) no later than 28th February so that the final edition of the Merrettable Times can include the reports and members can read the verbiage in advance of the AGM!***

### Have you looked at the Club website lately?

[www.ringwood-extablers.org](http://www.ringwood-extablers.org)

Gordon Knott has done a great job and it really is worth a look. Richard Carter's Year Book is available to read too.

The members' area needs the password.....

letmein

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...



"Thought of the Dirty Dibber for some reason" - Arthur

## DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 9th.....Tangent Meeting at Old Beams 7 for 7.30pm. Speaker (see page 2)

Tuesday 15th.....Club Meeting at Old Beams 7 for 7.30pm. Debate for Melvyn's Mug (see page 3)

Monday 28th.....Copy date for Merrettable Times

### MARCH

Tuesday 1st.....41 Club Council

Friday 4th.....Ibsley Park Race Night with Rustic Supper from 7pm at Ibsley Village Hall. (see page 2)

Wednesday 9th.....Tangent meeting. Details to be advised.

Tuesday 15th.....Club AGM at Old Beams 7 for 7.30pm