



# KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



**Gordon Knott - Chairman 2019/2020**

## **Knott's Ramblings - August**

With no meeting in July and our summer recess nearly over, I look forward to welcoming you all, ballot papers in hand, to our August meeting on the 20th. We have an excellent speaker, our own Colin Williams talking about Williams Shipping.

Vice Chairman Richard, Regional Councillor Richard and I attended the second meeting of Clubs in Region 23 at St Leonards Hotel where we had an excellent meal. It was good to meet the others again, share experiences and encourage fellowship between clubs. Again, we discussed which month to hold Dorset Knobs. It is in November this year, should it now be moved to November or keep it in March? If anyone has a view on this change, please let me know.

We had our second successful and much enjoyed BBQ kindly hosted by John and Barbara Kennedy. The weather was kind to us, the sport, cricket and boules, was competitive and that was before watching the cricket. You could cut the tension with a knife, would the electricity come back on in the house in time, would cricket or tennis be on the TV, could England score 15 off the last over and what is a "super-over". With Ringwood Ex-Tablers support, England rose to the challenge and won the World Cup. Having an Irish man as our captain had Ireland behind England, another first.

David Phelps, Richard Blackiston, Mike Fraser and Jim continue doing a great job to reintroduce Tabling in Ringwood. Plans for the first gathering on 10th September are well advanced. While more potential Tablers are required, numbers are looking good. Peter and Ann organised the very successful Tennyson Down Walk. This involved a ride on the Lymington Ferry before an invigorating walk, with splendid views, which surprisingly finished at a pub and no doubt a well-deserved long cool refreshing lager. The weekend just gone, saw us attending the BSO's Proms in the Park. Arthur was back at it again organising a resounding successful evening of music, fireworks and lightshow, with a little help from the BSO and many Lightsabres. This year it was music from the 80s which went well with our dancing from the 60s.

Sunday saw the last of our planned impromptu BBQs successfully hosted by Chris and Tricia. As with all BBQs, our hosts made us more than welcomed. It was a wonderful day, greatly enjoyed by all. Sharing food and drink with friends in yet another lovely setting, it does not get any better. A lovely day but taking down the gazebo while trying hard not to spill my red wine was not the easiest of tasks.

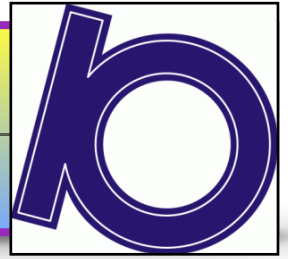
During the month Roger and his bride Gill celebrated a big Anniversary.

From us all,

Happy Anniversary.



## TANGENT IN PARALLEL



**Anne Dyson Chair 2019/2020**

July has seen Tangent ladies enjoy the hottest day on record, as well as watch in amazement the suffering of the people of Whaley Bridge waiting to see if the Reservoir Dam will hold. We are so lucky living in the south of England where we see few weather extremes.



On a more parochial note 22 ladies enjoyed an evening outing to Rob and Valerie Guppy's beautiful gardens at Cottesmore Farm, West Moors. Rob originally farmed sheep in 1996, as his sheep numbers dwindled, he started to fill the pastureland with exotic foliage and sizzling colours reminiscent of botanical gardens much nearer the Equator. As we strolled around the gardens with Rob he took us on a whistle stop world tour – he not only knew the country that each plant originated from but the precise location – a deep valley in Nepal, a mountain in South America, South Africa, Australia, Europe... Rob's wife has contrasting tastes developing a passion for Phlox, many of which we purchased for our own gardens. What a gem we discovered on our doorstep!!

Many thanks to Arthur for, once again, organising a great outing to the BSO open air concert in Meyrick Park. We danced the night away to all the 'golden oldies' from the 80's – "Come on Eileen", "Eye of the Tiger", "Vienna", a David Bowie medley... it took me back 30+ years to the days of dancing on the tables at the local disco!! A great fun evening, with warm weather, and plenty of Prosecco!! Unfortunately, we had to miss the Impromptu BBQ at Chris and Tricia's but I understand that a lovely afternoon was enjoyed.

August 11th will see Tangent ladies and partners enjoying Afternoon Tea at my 'At Home' – hopefully, great weather again – fingers crossed. Our monthly meeting will be to the cookery demonstration theatre in Christchurch on Weds 14 August to expand our repertoire of oriental dishes. Hopefully, I'll also see many of you visiting the annual 'Frogham' camp at Shaftesbury (!! ) on Sunday 18th. A month packed full of fun and friendship.

## Dorset Knobs - 15 November 2019

Don't forget, contact John Kennedy if you want to attend and haven't yet booked in. Numbers are limited!



## Speakers Corner

Our speaker at our August meeting is our own Colin Williams.

Colin having qualified as a Chartered Accountant joined his family business, Williams Shipping, as Finance Director in 1976.

Colin is 4th generation and after 43 years with the Company still remains actively involved, although the day to day running of the business is now in the hands of the 5th generation comprising his 2 nephews and son.

This year the Company is celebrating its 125th Anniversary and Colin is currently in the final stages of writing its history which he looks forward to sharing with his fellow members of 41 Club.

I am sure we will look forward to his talk.

In September we have a talk from the Watercress Company. Reading the local press they are very actively promoting their products and as we all know it is an 'aphrodisiac'.

Stockers and Phelpers.

### **ORIENTAL COOKERY DEMONSTRATION WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2019**

**6pm to 8pm (arrive from 5.30pm onwards)**

**We now have reached the maximum of 30 people (£12pp) and this  
is fully booked.**

**There will be tea and coffee on arrival. The demonstration  
includes a taster menu, including recipe sheets and discounts in  
the cook shop will also be available.**

**Barbara**

**Barbara Kennedy**

**Purewell Showroom, 2 Wilverley Road, Christchurch, BH23 3RU**

## ***Diary Dates - Summary***

**11 August** - Anne's Tangent Chair's 'At Home'.

**13 August**- Ex-Table Council meeting at John Quint's.

**14 August** - Tangent Meeting at Purewell Cookery Theatre, Christchurch. Now fully booked. Book in for reserve list with Barbara Kennedy. See Flier for details.

**14 August** - Sherborne Golf Day

**16 August** - Round Table Golf Day in Ringwood

**20 August** - 41 Club Meeting at St Leonard's - See Speaker's Corner for details

**23 August** - Lashings Cricket - Contact John Kennedy for details.

**8 September** - Tangent outing to Sculptures in the Park, Dorchester. Details from Liz Fraser.

**10 September** - Ringwood Round Table inaugural meeting at London Tavern

**11 September** - Tangent Meeting at St Leonard's.

**17 September** - 41 Club meeting St Leonard's - Watercress the green Viagra?

**19 September** - Joint Clubs Cycle Ride, Bournemouth see the flier for details.

**21 September** - Ringwood Carnival - Something to do with a lost chain ferry? Contact Jeff Wickens for details and to volunteer.

**9 October** - Tangent Meeting at St Leonard's

**9 October** - Prof Alice Roberts speaking - Regent Centre, Christchurch. Speak to John Kennedy or Keith Anderson for details.

**10 October** - Tangent tour of RNLI College - details from Susie Carter.

**16 October** - Region 23 Quiz, Hoburne Caravan Park, Christchurch

**29 October** - Tangent outing to Poppy Factory, Richmond. Details to follow.

**13 November** - Tangent Meeting at St Leonard's

**15 November** - Dorset Knobs - see the flier for more details

**11 December** - Tangent Xmas Meeting at Tyrell's Ford Hotel

**14 February 2020** - Ladies Night, Miramar Hotel see the flier for details

**28 March 2020** - 7 Day Cunard Cruise to Hamburg, Bruges & Amsterdam. Contact Keith Anderson for details. All members of the two clubs are invited.

# SUNDAY AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

## A FROGHAM DAY OUT FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

Lunch, chat, drink and revel in the madness of the 2019 Frogham AGM. Who will win the Innovation Trophy this year?? .....

You are invited to come and join our Chairpeople Anne and Gordon at our Frogham Adventure Group campsite near Shaftesbury for a fun and relaxing Sunday in the countryside.



A warm welcome awaits you at Lower Liston Farm. It is on the main Warminster Road, just north of Shaftesbury at SP7 9AG. The sign post is on the left just before the railway bridge in Semley Bottom.

If you plan to attend, please send an early warning to Ian on 07930 340624. Just

bring some food for the BBQ lunch and a drink or two. We've got plenty of chairs. Sorry but no children.

Any questions please give me a call

Looking forward

Ian Stockdale FAG Secretary

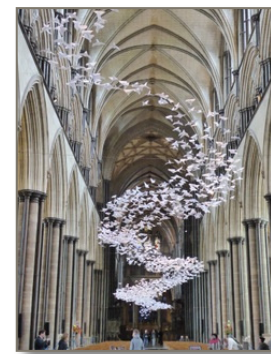
## PICTURE POST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019/2020

Last year's Picture Post produced a phenomenal number of entries. This year's competition has also been phenomenal:

**We haven't yet had a single entry!**

Here's a reminder of the 2 elements:

THE CLUB CHRISTMAS CARD - entries in landscape please



CLUB PHOTO OF THE YEAR - directly related to Club events in this Club year



So please put fingers on the trigger and send your entries to Richard Carter

## Tennyson Down Walk Friday 5th July

There were 17 of us on this wonderful walk, a favourite of John Warne's.

When we boarded the ferry at Lymington and went onto the top deck we were treated to live music all the way to Yarmouth. I had of course laid this on. Hm Hm!!

The walk from Yarmouth along the Yar estuary out to Freshwater Bay was delightful and we stopped for some water and some even had an ice cream! The long climb up Tennyson Down to the monument needed a steady stride to enjoy the views as glorious along the south coast of the



Isle of Wight as they were back across to the mainland.

When we arrived at the monument I took the opportunity to read The Charge of the Light Brigade. I couldn't read it as well as John would have done but

hope he didn't mind me having a go!

We took the short walk to the Highdown Inn (a little longer than it should have been as we took the wrong path!!) where a sumptuous meal was had by all washed down by local beers from their beer festival.



Onwards and upwards after lunch to The Needles viewpoint then round the top of Alum Bay just in time to catch the bus back to Yarmouth in time for a cream tea (or otherwise!) before the 6pm ferry back to Lymington.

Ann and I have enjoyed this walk each year on the anniversary of John's death and it was great to share it this year with other friends.

**Peter**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LADIES NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**MIRAMAR HOTEL**

Please contact the hotel directly to book a room. The rate for one night in a standard double room is £100.00 B & B  
Tel : 01202 556581

## Some recent photos.....

The annual BSO bash at Meyrick Park was well attended as usual. Here are some pics courtesy of Keith Anderson....



## More Photos from BBQs and Social Gatherings.....



Thanks to all the photographers for waiving their copyright and allowing me to 'doctor' them as necessary.



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## Reforming Ringwood Round Table

We are well on the way on reforming our own Round Table. An inaugural meeting is being held at The London Tavern on September 10th and with the help of Jim Stride and mine host at the London Tavern, Philip Hoyle.



**ROUNDTABLE**

My Committee of Richard Blakiston, Mike Fraser, Richard Dyson and Jim Stride with the help of Philip Hoyle have done sterling work and we are hoping some 12 or so prospective members will be at this inaugural meeting.

We fully appreciate that many of our own members would like to attend but we have discussed this at length and we would not want to outnumber them with may I say 'grandfathers'.

At this early stage, they must form their own identity, we will have plenty of opportunities in the future of visiting them.

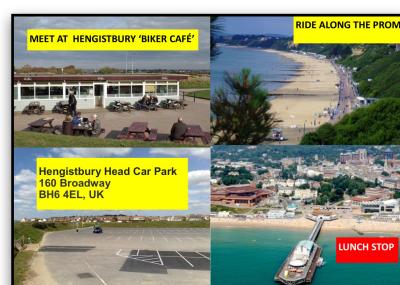
The future of our own Club is Ringwood & District Round Table.

May I personally thank not only my Committee but you all for the help and interest you have shown to get us this far which just a few years ago was just a pipe dream.

Please direct any names for a follow up to either David Phelps, Richard Blackiston or Mike Fraser.

### *The Cycle Ride Reminder*

Keith has asked me to remind all those taking part in the ride that the rendezvous at the Hungry Hiker Cafe at Hengistbury Carpark will be 11.00 for a 11.30 'Wheel Roll'.



# *The Knott Konundrum*

**Bits of fun and frolics**



Last month the photo prompted one caption:

**“I know he is National President, but am I really supposed to kiss his hand? (Anon)”**

We also had from Stockers:

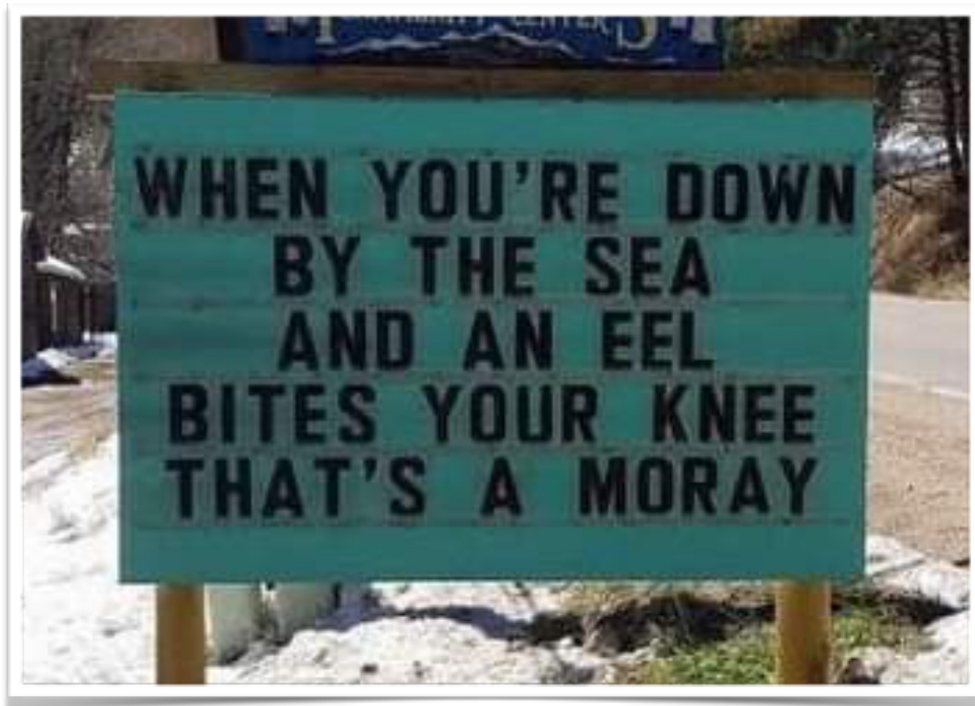
**“Through gritted Knott teeth ‘If you give me the Pennant I won’t break your wrist Mr Pres OK.....OK?’”**

And from our Chairman:

**Gordon thinking “Where did he get that manicure?”**

**Or Andrew says “Yes, they are lovely and soft, I use mild green Fairy Liquid”.**

**Now something for the week-end. A tune you won’t get out of your head. Just remember Dean Martin singing....**



**That’s all folks**