

The Morgan Memorandum

**APRIL
2016**

The Newsletter of Ringwood & District Ex Tablers Club

DIARY DATES

APRIL

13th - Tangent AGM

19th - Club meeting Steve Rippon— Swaine
(Former Mayor of Ringwood)

21st - Tangent - Club and H M Queens Birthday tea
Compton Acres, details TBA

30th - Barn Dance see page 3.

May

1st - Newsletter copy date.

11th - Tangent meeting details TBA

17th - Club meeting details TBA

MEALS-4-1

As I am now meals Secretary please could you make your apologies or notify your attendance if you are not on the permanent diners list, to me for the next meeting at St Leonards Hotel on 19th April by 8 pm Sunday 17th April.

Tel 01202 841 644, by text to 07442 536305, or e mail davidphelps687@gmail.com.

David Phelps

Meals Secretary



Ringwood & District

IN MEMORY



DAVID COCKRAM

David John Cockram

It is with deepest regret to report the passing of David Cockram at home in Three Cross on March 21st.

He was an Honorary Life Member of Ringwood Ex-Table, a founder member of Ringwood Round Table and Chairman of both Clubs.

David is fondly remembered for his love of his family, farming, shooting magpies and as Chair of St Leonard's Hospital League of Friends.

Kathleen and David were married for 63 years and hosted many memorable Table parties at their farm. He was a dedicated supporter of his rugby and cricket and made a very capable wicket keeper for the Club

His daily 2-mile walk over Moors Valley always included rubbing his thumb on a particular gate leaving a deep shiny indent. David left his mark and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Mark Smith

The last Chairman of Ringwood and District Round Table: Mark Smith, died on March 15th after a long battle with brain cancer.

Mark chose to donate his body to medical research and as such there is no funeral but on Friday April 15th 4.00 – 8.00pm a Celebration of his Life will take place in West Sussex. Should you wish to attend please contact his wife Karen on 01342 810913 or kesmith789@aol.com

In case any of you wish to send a condolences card to Karen, the address is :-

Karen Smith, Leaf House, Bluebell Lane, Sharpthorne, West Sussex RH19 4PF

Ian Stockdale
Welfare and Membership

Ex Tablers Club AGM 2016

Council for 2016/7

Chairman	John Morgan
Vice Chairman	Mike Callaghan
Past Chairman	John Salsbury
Secretary	Colin Read
Treasurer	Gerald Carter
Sports & Social	??
Speakers	?? (Chairman John will cover pro tem)
Meals	David Phelps
Membership & Welfare	Ian Stockdale
Editor	Vice Mike Callaghan (pro tem)
Press & Publicity	Mike Fraser
Lay member	Richard Blackiston



Tangents, Pam, Sue and Lynne present John some *libation* for the year ahead.



One of John's last official tasks was to present a cheque for £460 to Dennis Hann and colleague from Ringwood First Responders. This was half of the proceeds from Gerald's Christmas Card fund.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I felt honoured when John Salsbury asked me to be his Vice Chairman last year. It was when he said 'thank you, you were my last hope' that I was worried. Having come from Christchurch I knew of the extensive social life that Ringwood have. I only hope that my forthcoming knee operation will not keep me too incapacitated. My chauffeurs now they know where I live I am sure will get me out.

It was with regret that I heard of the passing of David Cockram. Although I had only met him a few times I knew of the great contribution he made to Ringwood Table and Ex Tablers Clubs. Further details are below.

We are still searching for someone to coordinate Social for the coming year. There are a few members who are willing to help but need a LEADER. After the excellent programme put together by Andrew Green last year I hope we can maintain the momentum.

Although we have a few speakers lined up for the year we still

need a Speakers secretary to finalise the diary.

The Fortune Centre in Bransgore benefitted from our Christmas card donations.

It is hoped to have a representative at our May meeting and later in the year a visit to the establishment. This will give an insight to the great work they do.

My 'Chairman's at Home' will be either 30th July or 6th August. It will weather permitting be a weekend for "campers" and "Rustic Fair" on Saturday. Further details will follow.

Ladies Night will be at the Miramar again on 17th February 2017. Further detail from VC Mike.

I look forward to this coming year and hope that those members who we do not see very often will join us for fun and fellowship.

John Morgan

Barn Dance Saturday 30th April

C'mon down and learn (or re-learn?) how to give those Gals a good time. We have booked the

Brilliant Band Agglestone

With a caller, to guide us through those Do-si-do's and all those other steps with a Ploughman's type supper included in the price. Dress is of course casual - jeans, check shirts, comfortable shoes - anything goes.

St Mary's Church Hall, Church St. Fordingbridge. SP6 1BE Time - **7.00pm till 10.30pm** Cost - Approx. £11 per person including supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

This is the first event for New Chairman John Morgan's year so please come and support this fun event. Open of course to all - Ex-Tablers and Tangent & guests.

Book in now with Andrew Green. Email [roandrew @tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roandrew@tiscali.co.uk)

Tel 01202 825059

CAPTION COMPETITION



Who is saying what to whom ?

Entries to editor
by May 1st.



Last month's

winner

And only entrant
Lynne Callaghan.



My Year as Chairman of Ringwood Tangent is finally drawing to a close with the AGM on the 13th April fast approaching. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and it has been a privilege to have been Chairman of a super Club such as ours. I have, of course, had a brilliant Committee who have helped me throughout the year and kept the whole show rolling.

Secretary, Sue, has been a real cornerstone, making sure the Meetings ran smoothly, offering advice when needed and keeping me on track, and all with her unique form of humour. Sue's idea of emailing the Minutes of the Meetings to everyone has worked well and has meant that even the Members who we don't see very often are still kept informed of the Club's activities.

Lindy has kept the books in a very orderly and healthy manner. It's a responsible job and not one many are keen to take on. As well as collecting the money at each Meeting whilst the rest of us are catching up with friends, the end of year accounts have to balance.

Sue Anderson has provided us with some interesting and entertaining Speakers, with subjects ranging from Blue Plaques of Bournemouth to London Underground, both talks by Steve Roberts. Ian Dickens recounted some Dorset Tales and, my favourite, Martin Stewart on the History of his family's Garden Centres.

Meals Secretary, Jenny, made sure we were well fed and watered this year. She very ably negotiated with St Leonards and their meals have been excellent. Our Christmas Meal was particularly good as was the Curry Night at our Bring and Buy evening in February. Jenny organized for us to go to Prezzo in September and Sue Treleaven very kindly hosted our August Meeting in her garden and even managed to book the sunshine.

Lesley has looked after the Welfare side of the Club, keeping in touch with Members who have been unwell and also kept us all informed of their progress.

Past Chairman Gill and our lay member Lynne have both given me tremendous support. I have had to call on their expertise and knowledge on quite a few occasions and they always had the answer.

Our fantastic Sports and Social team, Caroline and Juliette, have been busy all year dreaming up a host of outings and events to keep us all entertained. We've had a walk at Mudeford followed by a meal at the Noisy Lobster, a delicious lunch at Brockenhurst College when we invited the men to join us. We've also been to the Cinema a couple of times to see two classic films and to Highcliffe Castle for an interesting tour and afternoon tea with Mr Selfridge. The Teas for the Blind was much appreciated again with Caroline, Lyn and the team all working hard to make it a success.

My sincere thanks go to my Committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm in making this a memorable year for me. Also, my thanks go to all the Tangent Members for their support and encouragement. I hope you have all enjoyed the year as much as I have. I am delighted to be handing over the reins to our new "Chairman Elect" Ann Warne and wish her the very best for the coming year.

I have enjoyed working alongside John and 41 Club this year and some of the highlights of my year have been those we have shared, Ladies Night, the Joint Meeting and Carnival to name but a few. Thank you Mike for any editing you have had to do on my Ponderings, I'm sure there were a few!! Congratulations on a great year John, and best wishes to "New Chairman", John Morgan.

See you at the AGM

Pam

Oh' WHAT a Night and what a way to finish Johns Year!! Thanks to Roger and his hard working and talented team.

These and many more photos available via this link. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xxu2whggaxdf8v/AAA3P-jpxmZkrgbJIP20U4pka?dl=0>

(Courtesy of Arthur and yours truly)



