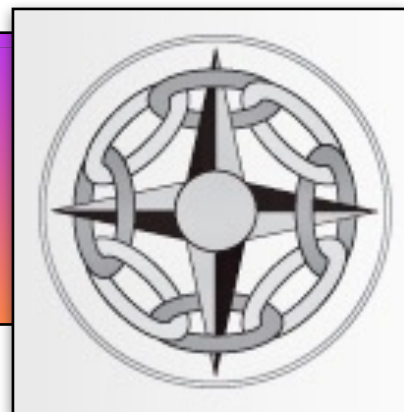
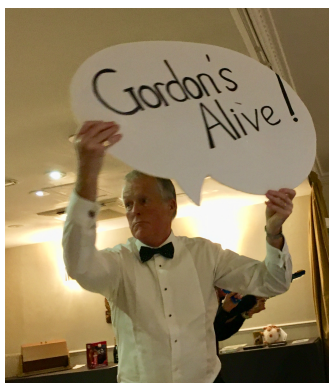




KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



Knott's Rambling for last time - March 2020



KT9N has run its course. The year has Flashed Gordon by. I fly a lot, but wow, so does time. It caught me by surprise as did the interruption on Ladies Night. Angela and I were fortunate to have two Ladies Night during February, The first in London but, this was just a warm-up for the main event, our Ladies Night on 14th February, organised to the last detail by our own Richard Carter. He and his team put on a wonderful evening, a night to remember. It's an evening I won't forget. How can I? I'm the proud owner of the Anderson Video Production "Ladies Night 2020", the Interruption Sound Track of Flash Gordon and a reassuring Interruption Prop, a speech bubble saying "Gordon's Alive". Think I'll display it at the AGM when I

become the Immediate Past...



During the month I joined a vibrant well attended meeting of the Ringwood Community Network. It was good to see so many there and interesting to hear initiatives planned for the year, R.A.C.E. hope to plant 20,000 trees in 2020, a local Rugby Club is aiming to sponsor a "refugee" family to help them settle in the area. Ringwood has an energetic

and active community, I'm delighted our Clubs want to be and are part of that community. It is also pleasing to see Ringwood Verwood & District Round Table (note name change) are already active in the community.



At our February meeting we inducted three new members. I'm delighted Mike Edwards, Steve Mursell and Jim Stride have joined us, not to mention Jim's jacket. I'm sure it will grow on me, eventually. Gentlemen, welcome to Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club.



The second part of the evening was to find a new home for Melvyn's Mug, with the help of our judge for the evening, Naomi Heseltine. A few years back, Naomi had presented Club with the Mug to honour the memory of Melvyn. Over the last two years, Vice Chairman Richard Carter had won the Mug. To ensure he would not win for a third year, he was made Master of Ceremonies. I know, you've also spotted it. RC, our VC was MC.



The competition this year was to share stories about Tabling. The speaker delivering the most enjoyable talk would become the new proud holder of Melvyn's Mug. Derek Matthews started proceedings by sharing a few enjoyable memories about Melvyn. I was interested to hear Derek and Melvyn bought a laundrette "for the girls". Definitely not PC now days.

David Phelps started the competition with his early memories about Tabling in Ringwood. Colin Read shared memories about the 1979 Horse Show while showing a film of the event. Attempting to win favour with our guest judge, Colin casually mentioned Melvyn's involvement in running the first Horse Show. Jeff Wickens was next, sharing memories of Ringwood Carnival. He decided witty tales supported by pictures would give him the win. His plan stumbled when the pictures



failed to show on screen. To claim it was computer operator error was harsh, clearly a dodgy memory stick was the problem, honest. Last, hoping this would give him a winning advantage, Richard Blackiston shared tales of Jailbreak while Children-In-Need footage was projected on screen. It showed Ringwood & District Round Table presenting a cheque for £73,000, the largest single donation in the South that year. Surely this would clinch Richard the win. But no, Naomi's winner, Jeff Wickens. Congratulations to Jeff and all competitors.

I've had a wonderful year and it is due to our members and the fellowship we have in Club. To you and Council, thank you for all your support. I will miss being Chairman but know Club has a great year ahead. How do I know? I selected this year's Vice Chairman. Richard, I wish you, your Council and Club a wonderful year.

Time flies when you're having fun but It is now time to sign off.
Gentlemen, please be upstanding, jackets on.
"May the hinge of friendship never rust."

Ex-Tablers Club Directory 2020/2021

Gerald Carter has asked that everyone review their Directory entry and let him have details of any additions or alterations as soon as you can so that he can produce the new Directory in good time. Thanks



TANGENT IN PARALLEL



Anne Dyson - Chair

2019/20

It was lovely to be able to don 'posh frocks' 2 days running in February for Ringwood & District's Ladies Night on Valentine's Day, and for Bournemouth Tangent No 1's Platinum 70th Birthday Lunch the following day.

I'm still not sure how our gent's managed to arrange a Ladies Night on Valentine's Day excusing them from needing to make individual efforts?! A neat trick!! Richard and Susie Carter organised a fantastic evening, and their 'attention to detail' included placing a tiny red heart on each serviette, and hand-made chocolates for the ladies. We welcomed National President Sue Hill and her husband Ray, along with 41 Club National President Andrew Mackereth and his wife Mildred. All of them commented that it is rarely that they enjoy such a well organised and 'traditional' Ladies Night. Thank you Gents.



Bournemouth Tangent No 1 celebrated their 70th Birthday the following day with lunch at Didsbury Golf Club and Hotel. 11 ladies from Ringwood Tangent joined 100 ladies from Tangent

Clubs from all around the country for a 3 course meal – plenty of time to catch up with old friends, make new friends and once again enjoy posh frocks.

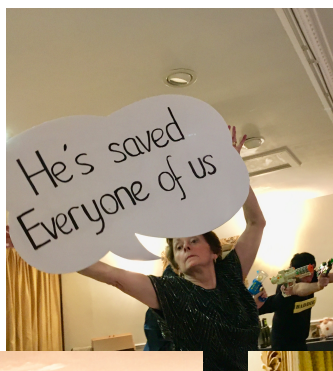
We will soon be enjoying our own Tangent Birthday Lunch at Hyde Hall, Frogham on 14 March. Young, the Korean chef who wowed us with her skills when we visited the Purewell Demo Kitchen in the summer, will be cooking us a 4-course meal!! Many of you know that Richard and I often visit the Far East and really enjoy Asian culture and cuisine, so I'm really looking forward to bringing a little bit of Asia to the New Forest.

At our Ladies Night I spoke about the unique group that makes up the Round Table Family. My father was a founder member of Banbury Round Table 379 in the early 1950's. Little did I realise then as a young toddler, as Dad went out to monthly Table meetings, that I would be following in his footsteps 65 years later as Chairman of Ringwood & District Tangent Club; how proud he would have been. When we met Young, the Korean chef, in the summer she was curious about our organisation saying that we seemed to be like one large extended family – and that is just what we are...

This year is a very significant one in the history of the Ringwood Clubs as we return to a 4 Club family following the re-establishment of both Round Table and Ladies Circle. Ringwood has bucked some of the national trend of falling membership with both 41 and Tangent (2 of the largest Clubs in the country) continuing to attract new members. Everybody in both Clubs should be justifiably proud of this tremendous achievement.

As I enjoy my last couple of few weeks in the Chair, I'm looking forward to our March meeting when Rupert Holloway will share with us his inspirational journey from Chartered Surveyor to establishing Conkers, the first Gin Distillery in Dorset.

A Few More Ladies Night Photos



Important Notice

Joan Brown had a fall a couple of weeks ago whilst going outside late at night to turn off an outside light. She tripped & spent the night on her front door step till a neighbour discovered her at 6.00 am & called an ambulance. She spent a couple of days in hospital & would really welcome some visitors now she is at home.

Ro Green

Ladies Night Thanks

My thanks to all who helped to bring Ladies' Night together on Valentines' Night:

John Harper (gourmet expert); Gerald Carter (programme adviser); Tricia Kean (florist exceptionelle); Keith Anderson (Anderson TV Ltd); Andrew Green (Treasury and Operational adviser); Colin Read (Absolute Master of Ceremonies)



The Flash Gordon players:



Will Parke (Saviour of the World); Peter Lomax (Flash Helper); Ann Lomax (Flash Helper and choreographer); Ro Green (Flash Helper); Jeff Wickens (Chief Baddie); Richard Blackiston (Baddie); Andrew Green (Baddie); Lynne Salisbury (Director)

Susie Carter (General Adviser and Patience)

Above all, my thanks to everyone who came and appeared to enjoy the evening in typical Ringwood Ex-Tablers fashion.

Impresario Richard Carter

Our National Councillor Richard Dyson has written to let us know about the following event:

Wareham 41 Club have asked me to circulate details of their forthcoming Beerex Festival on 10 th & 11th April. This year's festival will feature over 40 fine real ales and ciders, live musical evening entertainment, and on-site food. Last year they raised over £4,000 donated to local good causes, and are hoping to surpass that target.

Click on the link for details of timings and prices. In anticipation of a weekend of good traditional 41 Club fun, why not plan to make this a Club Easter outing <http://41club.org/events/1680>.

Diary Dates

- 6 March** - Tangent visit to Ringwood Rotary Fashion Show. Details from Lynne Salsbury
- 11 March** - Tangent Club Meeting, St Leonard's. Speaker from Conkers Gin.
- 14 March** - Tangent Birthday Lunch - Hyde Hall, Frogham. Details from Caroline Gill
- 14 March** - Bournemouth 41 & Tangent Presidents Night
- 17 March** - 41 Club AGM, St Leonard's
- 24 March** - RSPB Franchises Lodge Guided Walk and lunch at local Hostelry - see flier
- 25 March** - Tangent trip to ballet at the Mayflower. Fully booked but contact Liz Fraser to go on the waiting list.
- 28 March** - 7 Day Cunard Cruise to Hamburg, Bruges & Amsterdam. Contact Keith Anderson for details. All members of the two clubs are invited.
- 3 April** - Royal British Legion Spring Quiz - see flier
- 8 April** - Tangent AGM, St. Leonard's
- 25 April** - Animal Racing & Supper, Ibsley Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 May** - Ringwood Town Council VE Day Celebrations, Ringwood Market Square

**Walk on the Wild side in Franchises Lodge Woods at
10.00 am on Tuesday March 24th.**

We had to cancel in November due to high winds but we are back calmer than ever!!



Space for just a handful more for this guided walk through the RSPB newly acquired 1000 acres in No Man's Land. It's a level, sticky, wellie job and maximum 2 miles. Bring binocs.

Call or email Ian to book in for the walk and lunch.

Our 12.30pm lunch will be at the King Head, Redlynch.

What food is available? A pre order menu will be sent by email to all who book in along with directions to the site Car Park.

**The Royal British Legion
Ringwood and District Branch
Annual Spring Quiz**

Friday 3rd April 2020

7.15pm for 7.30pm



**Carlton Room, Conservative Club
Christchurch Road, Ringwood**

Tickets £8.00 (*inc refreshments*)

from Members or Tel: Ges Brown, (01425) 673525

Max Team of 4

In support of the Ringwood and District Branch

AGM MEALS

As John Quint is far away for the AGM and, may not be able to pick up any messages, it falls upon me David Phelps (Meals Secretary in waiting) to take apologies and bookings from non-diners for the AGM meeting on Tuesday 17th March 2020.

Please let me know by 8 pm on Sunday 15th March if you wish to apologise or attend as a non diner.

Please **digest** this notice or you will not be able digest a meal or you may get indigestion through being charged for non-attendance.!!

It up to you chaps. My contacts are

e mail davidphelps687@gmail.com

Tel [01202 841644](tel:01202841644) or mob [07442 536305](tel:07442536305) or text.

David Phelps

(Ps I already have apologies from Chris Kean, Arthur Robins and John Quint)

SPEAKERS CORNER

Speakers Corner: The review of 2019/20

We commenced our year in April with a talk about Cyber Security from Alex Douglas from Barclays. It is not a very nice world out there.!

In May we were entertained by David Beardsley on the exotic and somewhat bizarre history attached to the Russell Coates family and their cliff side villa in Bournemouth.

In June we had Kevin Patience talking about Aviation in Poole Harbour. It was quite some centre for flying in wartime and immediate post war days with Sunderland Flying Boats.

In July instead of our usual monthly meeting we attended an impromptu BBQ at the kind invitation of John and Barbara Kennedy. Stockers sadly missed that one!!!

At our August meeting we heard about the fascinating history of Williams Shipping presented by our very own Colin Williams.

Who said watercress was boring.!? In September we were entertained by Tom Amery from the Watercress Company near Dorchester. Another very informative meeting being told how watercress is grown and how the Watercress Company has grown in size with farms not only in Dorset and Hampshire but in Spain and Florida and, to make the evening were all presented with a bunch of watercress. Delicious and so good for us.

The famous Green Carrier bag with name Harrods used by us all to impress. In October Robin Cook told us about the history of Harrods and its workings. With its old-time customs.

Tim Price OBE gave us a fascinating insight into the annual Royal Air Show Tattoo for our November meeting.

Here was a man who never took no for an answer and with his negotiating powers seemed to be able to persuade anybody or country to attend the Show with any types of aircraft.

Our Christmas meeting, who will forget Wayne the Weird or to give him his full name Wayne Shakespeare who entertained us with zany magic. We hated those staple guns!!!!

Our turn in January to entertain the Ladies of Tangent. Our own version of the Antiques Road Show with two expert presenters and at least two of our ladies went home with big smiles. Will Parke is still distressed by his truncheon review!!

To conclude our year the annual competition for Melvyn's Mug. This year it was a stepdown memory lane with stories about events and happenings in early Ringwood Round Table days. Jeff Wickens with his Carnival memories won the Mug and this year it was presented by Naomi Heseltine the original donator of the Mug.

Something for everyone in 2019/2020. We hope you enjoyed the speakers

Stocker and Phelpers wish you all a fond farewell or, to be topical, *SPEXIT*



Anyone for Kippers?

The Editor has seen another leaked email from that secret society within the Club which practices some sort of fetish involving smelly fish of the Kipper variety.

This group, which occasionally meets at the Loch Fyne restaurant and has graced the pages of Newsletters in the past, is resurrecting its passion for this piscatorial delicacy and will soon be trying to infiltrate its wares onto the menu of next year's Ladies Night. Be Warned!

The emails, which have had to be redacted to protect the more sensitive reader, are copied here so that you can see the extent of their ambition.

KIPPERMEN,

Now the excitement of Christmas and the New Year celebrations are but a distant memory and xxxxxxxxxx every day of February has sapped our strength, we need to regenerate our minds and xxxxxxxxxx with the power of the KIPPER! Those healthy tasty morsels of yellow fish (not from China!) are still to be found at our regular restoration restaurant, Loch Fyne, so how about a xxxxxxxxxx on Thursday at 7:30pm? If we have time we can have a group xxxxxxxxxx too! If you can make it let me know and I will book us in.

Happy Kippering. K1

This brought about this troubling rejoinder

Good morning K1

Having just enjoyed an excellent Ladies Night when all things seemed to go swingingly and having thought that it would be difficult to improve on the offering, your invitation to Kippers arrived. I think you should xxxxxxxxxx next year's Vice to suggest that a starter of kippers would be an xxxxxxxxxx way to xxxxxxxxxx the evening and I'm sure that our ladies would feel that they had been xxxxxxxxxx in a way they had never imagined!!!???

Sadly though, I am unable to join the kipper xxxxxxxxxx but I'm sure it will be an excellent evening of xxxxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxx as ever.

Best wishes K2

Stockers models the Kipper Club Coronavirus Prevention Kit



Join us for the second 2020 Social Event of our new Chairman's Year



Animal Farm Race Night with Modest Supper

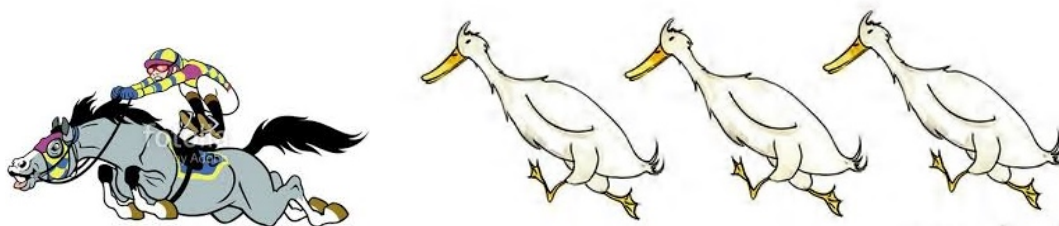
Saturday April 25th 7.30pm till 11.00pm

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

- A lively evening with friends to include a variety of fun animal races, a delicious rustic supper and a chance to bet a little but not, necessarily, to win!!!
- Bring your own race going hats, crops, binoculars, drinks and glasses please.

To book in you can sign up on the Tick lists at the next Tangent and Ex Tabler meetings or phone/email Ian with names.

Numbers are limited so sorry no guests at this stage.



And finally a few photos which amused the Editor. No captions this last time but I'm sure you can think of a few and here are some suggestions.....



England 24 Ireland 12

Never mind Derrick, Ireland might still beat Italy....well....



**Paul & Cathie
Chappell find
Gordon's speech
really riveting!**



**"You're the IT
expert, why
have we got all
these coloured
lights but no
pictures?"**

**That's all folks for the last time, thanks to all the contributors they have
made this job a pleasure.**