



KNOTT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS



Gordon Knott - Chairman 2019/2020

Knott's Ramblings - September

Ringwood, one of those towns where only three things happen every day – morning, noon and night. (complaints to Ed). But things are changing, Round Table is returning this month. When I say only three things, I'm conveniently forgetting such delights as FanFair and Carnival. Which leads nicely to this year's Carnival. We are entering a float. Well, not a float, a ferry, Sandbanks missing Ferry found in Ringwood. Jeff is lead on this, but since we decided on the ferry, Jeff also has gone missing, are we sure he is on holiday?

Inadvertently, last month, I called not having a meeting in July our summer recess. My mistake, I now know it was not a recess but prorogation. Apologies, I hope no backstop was caused.

Our August meeting, our Colin Williams, our speaker. Colin treated us to an interesting enjoyable voyage covering the first 125 years of Williams Shipping and informed us they now have the fifth generation working in the business. The early barracking Colin swore off, oops typo, saw off.

Having weathered the early storm, Colin shared the history of his family's business with pictures of the early fleet on the big screen. I could not help noticing, everything in the old days was black and white.

The Frogham Adventure Group Sunday arrived. It was a lovely morning, a morning for driving, a morning to enjoy the Dorset countryside. I was enjoying it so much I missed the scrap yard and therefore the entrance to the camp site. Turning the car round was a "FAG" but that was the only downside to the day. The music gods were smiling upon us as we walked onto the camp site. Ian was busy, so not ready to whistle us on board. But this being Ian, the whistle was a hunting horn. Now when Richard and Susie arrived, Ian and hunting horn were waiting. Strange, but after Ian finished playing, it started raining. Coincidence, I think! The AGM held in a crowded O2 was 'fun'. Another word would have been more appropriate but, my vocabulary can't find it. A new Commandant was installed on the throne, a clean Twyford white plastic seat with lid. We wish David Phelps good luck.



Cricket has featured this summer. England winning the World on BBQ Sunday at the Kennedys'. The last six balls, what a Super-Over. Until the final day, England were losing to Ireland on their first Test at Lords. I saw my last days in Ireland flash before my eyes. I was sure I would never drink at McSorly's again. The third Ashes Test, England skittled for 67 but then a 'once-in-a-lifetime' performance powered England to an unprecedented, unthinkable one-wicket victory

over the Aussies. We were still in the Ashes.

But the highlight, easily Lashings Friday. John organised a table and then charmed the organisers to upgrade us to VIP. Same food, same drinks, same table but Chris Schofield joined us. Chris, an English cricketer who played Tests and Twenty20 Internationals. Chris was man of the match and ensured the Lashings World XI beat the younger Invitational XI. It was a wonderful day.

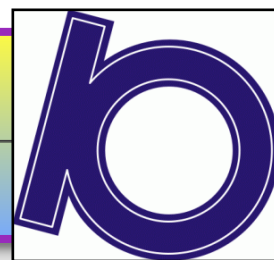
Chauffeured there by Cathie, ~~fine food~~ good food, great company on a sunny Friday. It was a day

of cricket and had to end with more fine food, a BBQ. Thank you Paul. What a way to start a weekend.

On the 10th of this month, it is the first gathering of Ringwood & District Round Table. To the Steering Committee and all facilitators who have brought it this far, a big thank you. To Ringwood Round Table, we wish you, every success.



TANGENT IN PARALLEL



Anne Dyson Chair 2019/2020

We've had a very full and enjoyable August, thanks to the efforts of our Tangent Committee. The first weekend of August saw us dancing the evening away to the Hits of the 80's in Meyrick Park courtesy of the BSO, culminating in a stunning 'son et lumiere' laser, lights and pyrotechnics. Thanks to Arthur once again for organising this.





78 Tangent Ladies, Partners joined me 'At Home' for Full Afternoon Tea on the following Sunday. Entertained by the Skittle Alley Strummers (our local Ukulele Band) we enjoyed a few hours of chat, laughter, and delicious sandwiches, scones and cakes. It was a wonderful afternoon – thank you all for coming. My biggest thanks must go to the many Tangent Ladies and 41ers that 'pulled all of the stops out' to ensure that it could go ahead in spite of the horrendous winds, as well as all of the bakers – 'Bake-Off' is nothing compared to the talents of our Ladies!! And, last but not least to 'hubby' Richard, who turned devastation caused by the winds into an immaculate garden looking pristine for our Pop-up Tearoom.

Our monthly meeting was held at the Cookery Theatre at Purewell in Christchurch. 30 of us enjoyed a demo of Asian cookery by Young, a Korean living in Burley and known for her 'Pop-up' Korean Food Evenings. The following day a few of us headed off to Shaftesbury in our caravans and campervans for our annual 'Frogham' weekend. Ian and Jenny had as usual arranged a weekend packed full of fun and frivolity, with an element of culture with our visit to the UK's first Brush Museum in Mere. You may laugh – but we now know more about putting the bristles into brushes than the average punter!!

And so, to September – we have a visit to what is described as one of the most beautiful sculpture parks in the UK - a haven of peace and tranquillity near Dorchester. We return to St Leonards for our monthly meeting on Weds 11 Sept. In October Sue Hill, our National President, is joining us for our October meeting on the 9th, and a tour of the RNLI training facility in Poole on Thursday 10th. We have invited members from several neighbouring Tangent Clubs to join us for our October Wednesday meeting, so a chance to refresh old friendships, and make new.

Diary Dates - Summary

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 Council meeting prior to the Club 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 with National President Sue Hill.

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 & Dinner at the Tyrell's Ford Hotel

31 December - New Year's Eve Party, Greyfriars - See flier for more details.

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.

41 Club New Year's Eve

(Unusually same date as previously!!)

Ebenezer Hall, Greyfriars

This Year's Theme: It's the Season for Panto

So gather your table groups together, ideally 8-10 people and, nominate a spokesperson for future contact. If you wish contact me or David Curle and a Table will be found for you.

Further details for the evening and arrangements will be in the October magazine and will require a response from each of the tables' spokespersons. So eyes down and watch this space.....

Oh yes you will.....oh no we won'toh yes you will

Colin Read

LADIES NIGHT - 14 February 2020

**YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO LADIES'
NIGHT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY**

**THE PLACE : THE MIRAMAR HOTEL, EAST OVERCLIFF,
BOURNEMOUTH**

**THE COST : £43.00 PER HEAD WITH FULL
PAYMENT DETAILS TO COME IN YOUR
PERSONAL INVITATION**

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

It was so good to have one of our own, Colin Williams, to tell us about the fascinating history of Williams Shipping at our last meeting. Thank you Colin.

For our September meeting, we have Tom Amery MD of The Watercress Company speaking about the early days of watercress when it was sold in bunches with a stick through to the modern day operations and growing techniques used to supply the UK supermarkets.

Each person attending will receive a free bag of watercress. There's an incentive to attend Chaps!!

Phelpers and Stockers

Joint Speakers Secretaries

PICTURE POST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019/2020

Last year's Picture Post produced a phenomenal number of entries. This year's competition has now produced some entries, but we need lots more.

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

Some recent photos.....

**Photos from Lashings and
Anne's At Home....**





Thanks to all the photographers for waiving their copyright and allowing me to 'doctor' them as necessary. Sorry couldn't use them all - Ed.

NEXT COPY DATE - 1 OCTOBER 2019

Reforming Ringwood Round Table

By the time of our next Ex Tablers Meeting we should have a reformed Round Table up and running in Ringwood under the charge of interim Chairman, Philip Hoyle.



ROUNDTABLE

The first meeting is set for Tuesday, September 10th at the London Tavern.
At this moment in time, we have some 15 potential members attending the meeting. and I wish to thank Philip for his enthusiasm and work in getting this far reforming Round Table. Also, I must thank my Committee of Richard Blakiston, Mike Fraser, Jim Stride and our own Chairman and Vice Chairman for their time and advice.
We were hoping to have the National President of RTBI , Paul Agnew to attend but unfortunately he has other appointments, however we hope to get another RTBI National Officer attending.
I will give a full report at our September meeting
Onwards and upwards
David Phelps.

The Cycle Ride Reminder - 19 September

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'.



Christchurch 41 Boules Evening

Wednesday 2 October

Secretary Steve has received the following missive from Christchurch 41 Club. Steve points out that he doesn't know how many 41ers make up a team, but if you are at the next meeting he will circulate a tick list. Here are the details.....

At the Three Tuns, Bransgore starting at 6pm with the usual format and, I suspect, the usual meals choice between beef and fish, with apple pie or ice cream. Costs are mounting and I have yet to confirm this but I will do my best to maintain the price at £20 per head provided you don't mind the prize wines being at the more modest end of the market. But the wine gums will be the real McCoy!

Guy Fawkes Night Extravaganza

**Tuesday 5th November Bonfire Party at Will & Julie's.
Lighting up at 6:00 pm."**

Full details will be in the October Newsletter.

STAR WARS – THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

This is advance notice that the next instalment of the Star Wars saga will be released in UK cinemas on Thursday December 19, and it's fair to say that Star Wars Episode IX is one of the most anticipated films this year with the story set to close the Skywalker saga, which began back in 1977.

The consensus is that Club Stormtroopers view this on the Odeon I-sense screen #10 which has an enormous screen plus superb audio.

Tickets are not yet on sale but our interest as been registered. However, let me know if you are interested on johnjk.kennedy@btinternet.com, and I will draw up some options for consideration, and ascertain a date/ time that suits the majority before agreeing with you individually whether to proceed with purchasing tickets.

May the Force be with you!!

Chewy

With the kind permission of our movie supremo, Keith...aka Jabber.



The Knott Konundrum

Bits of fun and frolics

Chairman Gordon was on one of his frequent visits to Dublin and he thought he would treat Angela to a special meal

He walked down to Paddy's Plaice and asked for " Fish and chips twice please"

It's alright" said Paddy "I heard you the first time!"

Caption Competition

This photo of our National Councillor Richard at Anne's At Home is in need of humorous title.....No prizes but your name in lights next time.



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Photo Bombing as spotted by Chairman Gordon.....



Spanish waiter Manuel from Faulty Towers bombing Keith's Casablanca Night



Buster Keaton bombing John's Lashings World XI Friday

And finally.....



That's all folks