

The Cartier Chronicle

The One to watch!



"I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter." Walt Disney

Complex is quite a good word for September as we tried to understand the social distancing and meeting restrictions. Looking at the Calendar in the September Cartier we had been cautious and two Regional events, the Boules and the Quiz, had to be cancelled and our own three planned get togethers, two at Greyfriars and Will's bonfire night, are no longer possible. Nevertheless, all remaining ten events listed have happened or will happen. That is a credit to our resilience and my thanks to all who have arranged and participated in those activities.

In addition, the bikers have been riding, the golfers swinging and the walkers have a date with Will on 8th October. We continue with a Club Film night each month (5th October and 9th November) and Club Concert (19th October and 30th November) and many thanks to Keith for his planning for those evenings.

Caroline and I have been discussing putting additional joint events into the calendar as we are unlikely to be able to meet face to face. We have pencilled in two dates, Monday 2nd November and Monday 23rd November so watch out for details. There is no truth in the rumour that plans are afoot for a masked ball.

Susie and I have reached over 450 miles each on our 500+500 mile challenge and we thank you for your sponsorship to Dementia UK. We expect to reach 500 in October and a report of our completion of the walking will be in the November Cartier.

"In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision." Dalai Lama

Stay well and stay positive.
Yours in Continued Fellowship,
Richard



DIARY

OCTOBER

Thursday 8th : Will Parke's non event walk. Meet at Godshill Cricket Club car park at 11 am.

Wednesday 14th : Tangent Musical Quiz via Zoom. 41 Club invited. See page 2 for full details.

Wednesday 14th : Council meeting on Zoom 7.30pm.

Tuesday 20th : Club meeting. 4.30pm on Zoom. Speaker Mike Fraser and another. It could be YOU! Please contact Richard Blackiston NOW if you would like to be a co speaker (just 10 minutes). Topic....your choice!

Monday 19th : 7.15 pm Club Concert Night: Saint-Saens (Symphony No.3 in C Major) and Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture). Zoom details and You Tube links to follow.

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd : Joint club event. Details tba.

Monday 9th November : Club Film 'Murder on the Orient Express' : 7.15pm Zoom

Wednesday 11th : Tangent meeting at Greyfriars with speakerConnock Oil & products. Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tuesday 17th : Club meeting on Zoom 4.30pm. Talent Show. See page 3 for details.

Monday 23rd : Joint club event. Details tba.

Monday 30th November : Club Concert. 'The Nutcracker' 7.15pm Zoom

DIARY..... CANCELLATIONS!!

Message from Will Parke:

On the direct instructions of the Prime Minister, who I would have thought had other things on his mind, it is necessary to cancel the annual Bonfire Party at Chez Parke this year.

No cheery blaze, no fireworks and no Julie's O'Flanagan's Sausage Supper. November 5th looks like being quiet this year. Perhaps, the neighbours will be pleased.

And another social bites the dust:

Sunday 18th October : Greyfriars lunch time drinks and nibbles

As Richard says: Stay positive....there's more in the diary than in cancellations!



Caroline's Corner



We finally held our first committee meeting in September, only 5 months late! It was a productive meeting and plans were discussed for the coming months including arranging a speaker at Greyfriars. Well, that lasted a couple of weeks before it became clear that it would not be possible but we remain hopeful that some form of Christmas 'do' might be achievable by December.

On a more positive note, we held a successful treasure hunt in Burley on 22 September. Nine of us (in smaller groups) walked round the village to find clues and solve the mystery of where the pirate captain had buried his bounty!! It was good fun and took us to some of the more unexplored parts of the village. Most importantly, it was lovely to meet face to face

with those we hadn't seen for some time.



Speaking of forest walks, did you know its pannage season in the New Forest now - the practice of releasing pigs into the forest to eat the acorns - a management technique started by William the Conqueror in 1079? Of course you knew that but have you ever taken part in another forest tradition – leaf peeping? I had never come across the term before but it's an American expression given to the activity of visiting wooded areas in the autumn to view the changing colour of the leaves.

Fun Fact: Leaves change colour because the dropping temperatures and lack of sunlight cause chlorophyll (the green pigment) to break down. As a result, the green colour fades and the yellow carotenes that we can't usually see become visible.

A super place to see the pigs and the changing leaves is the Lyndhurst Road between Burley and the A35. Fun Fact 2: The best autumn colours occur when temperatures remain above freezing, and when the weather is dry, bright and sunny. Lets hope the sun returns! Happy leaf peeping!

YICF Caroline



Calling All Musical Maestros!

Don't forget our musical quiz on **Wednesday 14 October at 7.00pm.**

Martin Green will be entertaining us for the evening with his music themed quiz. The quiz will be on the screen. There are four sections TV, radio, films and theatre with 50 questions in all. Each slide plays a piece of music, and on the screen you see one or more questions based on that piece of music. It could be the name of a programme or show, who was in it and so on.

Participants need to write down their own answers and then we mark them at the end. There might be a small prize for the winner!!!!

Everyone from Tangent and 41 Club is welcome (although the gentlemen might have to sit through a few minutes of Tangent business)

It would be helpful to know who to expect on the night so we don't start without you, or lock you out, so if you could let me know if you would like to take part, that would be great. Don't worry if you're a late entry though, that's the benefit of Zoom, you can just turn up!

The link for the night is below:

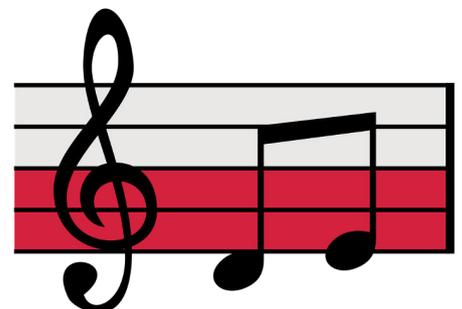
Martin Green is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting of Ringwood Tangent

To join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86088300136>

Meeting ID: 860 8830 0136

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Caroline



RINGWOOD'S GOT TALENT !!



**YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE AT OUR OWN SPECIAL CLUB EVENT ON NOV 17TH.
NO AUDITIONS REQUIRED AND PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS. DON'T BE SHY.**

**YOU COULD SING, TELL JOKES, PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, DANCE,
TELL US A LIMERICK, DO SOME MAGIC, DO AN IMPERSONATION,
OR TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE ELSE, DO A DOUBLE ACT.**

***PLEASE MAKE THIS A ZOOM MEETING TO REMEMBER
CONTACT EITHER JOHN ADAMS OR RICHARD BLACKISTON TO BOOK YOUR PLACE.***

OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS CARD.....a message from our Chairman

We will be producing our Christmas Card as usual this year. This is not only a seasonal greeting between us, it also enables us to raise some money for local charities. As we are unable to make the normal personal contacts this year please excuse this means of checking that you do wish to be included and asking for your contribution.

The cost remains at the same standard price of £15 for a couple and £7.50 for a single entry, and you are of course welcome to send more if you wish to do so.

Many thanks to Mike Callaghan who will produce the card for us. Please send photographic entries for the front cover to him for consideration. He will begin production immediately after the November 17th Club meeting and he will use last year's entries as the base for this year. Therefore, please let me know by then if you do not wish to be included or if you wish to make any amendment to your entry.

Would you please send your money to Andrew Green as follows:

Preferred method of payment is by Bank Transfer to the Club account

Sort code **54-30-45** Account No. **14033003** & Reference it with **XC2020**. Alternatively, please send a Cheque to Andrew.

We continue to discover former Round Table exploits and this month I was pleased that Steve Mursell agreed to tell us about not one, but four Round Tables that he once belonged to!

Thank you Steve for this great article. Ed



Round Tabling with Steve Mursell

My introduction into Round Tabling came early in 1979 when as a newly appointed manager with Nationwide Building Society I was introduced into Cullompton Round Table by my manager. Being in rural Devon it sounded like everyone spoke a foreign language but the main focus was to support a recently started charity, The Anthony Nolan Trust. All fundraising was directed to that charity with the highlight being a sponsored camel push from Exeter to Exmouth; not a real one but a life size model. Lynne having newly passed her driving test was in the support car with a keg of beer in the boot for the thirsty pushers!

One year later we moved down the road to Brixham Round Table which was old fashioned tabling at its best! There were many highlights with the aim being to extract the maximum amount of cash from tourists for local charities.

With two theatres in Torbay there was an annual charity cricket match with the stars of the shows, such as Russ



Is that really Steve at the back in the middle? What happened to that hair?

Abbott, Roger de Courcey and bear, Bella Emberg, Bobby Crush etc. A laid back event where a Tabler who was headteacher at the Secondary School opened up his school field, the ladies supported us by selling ice creams, tea and cakes and spectators paid an entrance fee. A great fundraiser for no real effort. So laid back that one year the treasurer almost left the takings behind on the cricket pitch after we all shared a few beers on the cricket pitch. Other highlights were our annual charity auction where we collected people's tat in a van and sold it off at a public auction with all profits going to local charities. In hindsight a lot of hard work going out every evening moving wardrobes down three flights of stairs; doing the householder a favour by getting rid of it; but we did raise some useful money!

Our annual highlight was a two day Steam Rally with steam engines etc. on a scale not like the Dorset Steam Rally but it would always raise about £10,000 each year which wasn't bad for a Table of

about 15 members and helpers! We ran it for a number of years until we had an exceptionally wet weekend and cancelled the event with no pluvius insurance. We resourcefully covered our debts with helpful "donations" from local businesses but didn't take the risk again.

My job then took me to Waterlooville where I teamed up with Mike Edwards at Nationwide and I had two years in the club where the emphasis was on community service and having fun. One highlight was an auction of promises providing Tablers as unpaid labour for a day for the lucky winners. I distinctly remember together with another Tabler going over to West Sussex to clear a garden of trees that had been blown over in the hurricane.

I then moved over to Chandlers Ford to meet up again with one Mike Edwards joining Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford Round Table. The big highlight was our annual beer festival jointly organised with Camra, a big money spinner and although hard work with the long hours was great fun. The principle was simple, Camra looked after the beer and made sure that it was well stocked and together with Ladies Circle we took care of the "catering", in the loosest sense before the days of food hygiene etc etc.

All we had to do was make sure there was copious supplies of vegetable and meat samosas, ham rolls and cheese rolls. Brilliant fun with everyone getting happier as the day went on and hungrier to soak up the beer.

And of course there was Carnival, notable entries include the Monty Pythons knights sketch and dressed up in model Spitfires. (see picture right)

As with a lot of Tables, Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford was on a gentle slide down until it eventually folded.

Happy days.



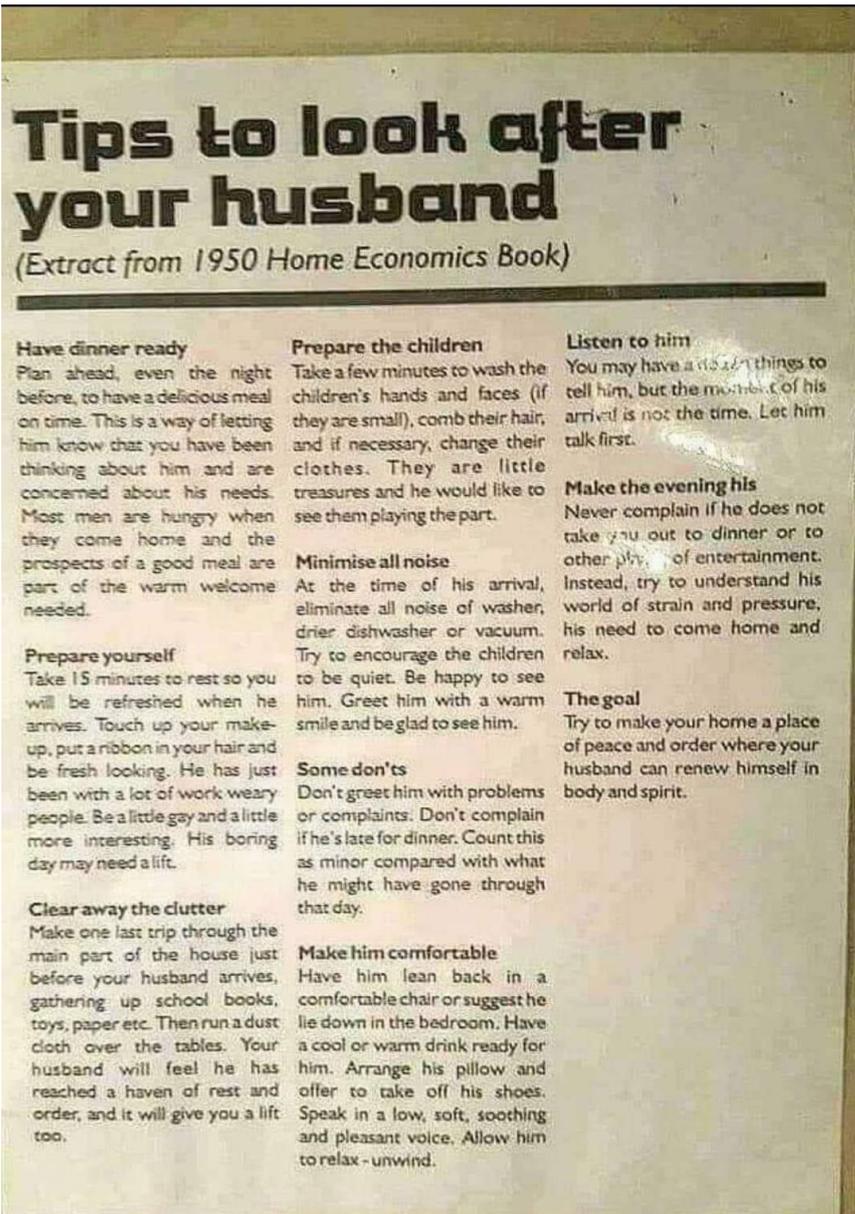
The Golf Society has managed to meet on just four occasions this year. Fortunately, this sport of golf lends itself quite well to social distancing especially as I never seem to walk the same way down the fairway (or rough!) as my playing partners. A most enjoyable Sunday afternoon (6th September) saw sixteen of us play at Ferndown GC for a mixed game called a Texas Scramble. I won't bore you with the format but trust me, it was a fun game and the winning team was David Darts, Brian Kinch and Lindy Quint.

The photos below show us all socially distancing quite well apart from when our Captain, John Quint, awarded the first prize to his wife!!



A good day was had by all. Chairman Richard and wife Susie played with John Quint, another team was Gerald Downer with Sue Treleven and guest Steve Rippon Swaine. I played with Chris T, Lynne Downer and Jacqueline Darts and the final team comprised Bill Field, Chris Kean and Sue Taylor. We enjoyed socialising afterwards over a meal and look forward to our Mixed Texas Scramble next year. We also had an outing at Moors Valley GC on 16th Sept and conclude this week at Ferndown GC. (Ed)

Kindly submitted by Mike Callaghan under the heading
'How times have changed'
(So...what's changed? Have I missed something?!!! ...Ed)



Another Smile for Another Month

I saw a guy on his motorcycle and the back of his shirt said "If you can read this the wife fell off."

I saw a sign in a shop window that said, "Watch Batteries Replaced." I went in and watched but it was really boring...

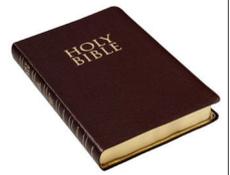
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This is a picture of an asteroid crater in Arizona...

Look how close it came to hitting the visitors centre...



Biblical School Test



- Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the bible were written by children.
1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
 2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
 3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
 4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
 5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
 6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
 7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
 8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
 9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
 10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
 11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
 12. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
 13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
 14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
 15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
 16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
 17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraction.
 18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
 19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
 20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
 21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
 22. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
 23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
 24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
 25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Letters to the Editor

You are a very shy set of readers as once again I have only received two letters this month. You may recall that I chose to make up some letters last month with anagrams of the 'so called' writers. Here are the answers:

Alias Dock Net....Ian Stockdale
Scaly Drinker.....Derrick Lynas
Randy Orchids.....Richard Dyson
Jay Oilcheek.....Jackie Hoyle

There were two other letters from Mr Tale Expo (Peter Lomax) and Dr. Rich A Crater (our illustrious leader)

Please feel free to join in as the editor's desk isn't exactly busy right now!

Dear Editor,

I need some advice on a problem I have with my grandson and perhaps you know of a suitable course or action which would solve the problem.

For a recent birthday I sent a really nice book which I thought would be very attractive for a four year old. However, in his thank you WhatsApp he says he needs help as he doesn't know where the batteries go and I didn't send the batteries or say what battery size was needed. He also needs to know what the password is when he has the right batteries. I have tried to explain what a book is but he WhatsApped back to say that was helpful but without a joystick, mouse or keyboard how could he turn the pages.

Yours sincerely,

A Reader

*I am sorry but I can't help you either but perhaps our readers can?
Editor*

Dear Editor,

On doing some research into pandemics I have discovered that in the middle ages the end of the plague was celebrated with wine and orgies. Men gave themselves over to the most disordered and sordid behaviour than ever before. As they wallowed in idleness, their dissolution led them into the sin of gluttony, into banquets, taverns, delicate foods and gambling. They rushed headlong into lust.

I am therefore enquiring if our social team has considered this for next year and if so I would be delighted to join the planning team.

Yours sincerely,

D Based

I am hoping that Mr Wickens will take this onboard. Sounds good to me. Editor

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