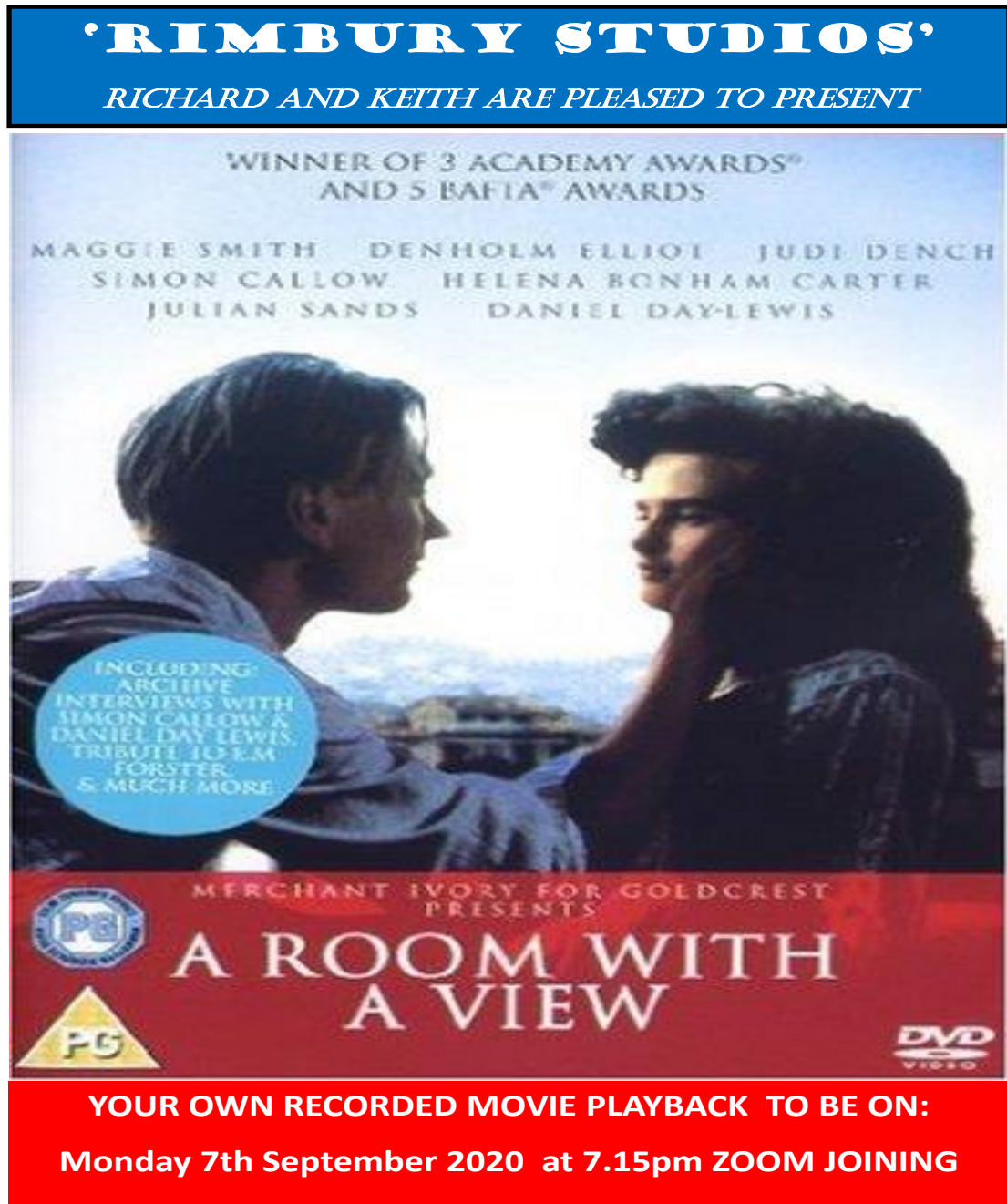


SEPTEMBER 2020

On Monday 7th September the Club Film was 'A Room with a View':



The September Cartier Chronicle was published the same day:



The Cartier Chronicle

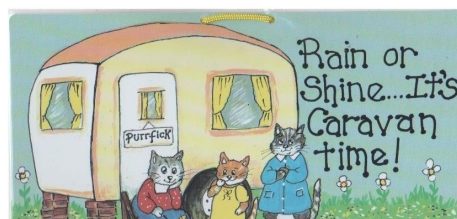
The One to watch!



This has been an active month for the cyclists at Keyhaven, the walkers at Hengistbury, the golfers at Bramshaw and the caravanners at Semley. It is a sobering (possibly the wrong word) thought that while many of us were sheltering indoors watching the rain bounce off the patio, some of our friends were in caravans near Shaftesbury. Regrettably, the normal invitation to join them for their "AGM" had to be curtailed this year so Susie and I were privileged to be there and can confirm that it seemed to be business as usual with everyone enjoying themselves which was great to see, and good to see the real people!

The month ahead sees more action for the walkers, cyclists and golfers, the return of the Club Film and Club Concerts after a break and no doubt a queue for the flu jab. The diary seems to have plenty going on. We have a long planned trip to Northumberland for the last week of September which, is still on Covid permitting.

Susie and I have managed to walk everyday of August and on 31st passed the halfway 250 mile mark of our 500+500. Google maps inform us that the walking route from our home to Aviemore (where the 41 Club National AGM is due to be held next year and the basis of the original challenge) is 520 miles so we will aim to reach that rather than take a bus for the last 20 miles! It's a challenge which we are enjoying with the bonus of fundraising for a very worthy cause.



*(Our Chairman is too modest to remind you of his fundraising page which is as follows:
Google "VirginMoneyGiving Peter Good" You will see 2 donation sites. Select the 500 + 500 site.
In the message box when making a donation put "Carterwalk"*

Any donation would be good. The National President's target is £30,000 and so far £9500 has been raised. To remind you, our President is raising money for Dementia UK.....Ed)



Thoughts are with those members who are coming to terms with new adverse circumstances in their lives and best wishes go to them especially as well as to all of you.
Yours in Continued Friendship,

Richard

Please put these dates in your **DIARY** now.

Loads of dates!! The 'New Normal'? Almost.

Monday 7th September : Club Film, "A Room with a View". Chat first at 7.15pm on Zoom.

Tuesday 8th September : Club Council 4.30pm on Zoom.

Wednesday 9th September : Tangent committee meeting 7.30pm on Zoom

Monday 14th September : Club Concert, Sibelius and Rachmaninoff. Zoom details to follow.

Tuesday 15th September : Club Meeting on Zoom, 4.30pm.

Tuesday 22nd September : Tangent Treasure Hunt, 2pm Burley.

Monday 5th October : Club Film, "6 Days 7 Nights".

Wednesday 7th October : Boules with Christchurch, 3 Tuns Bransgore 6pm (Chris Kean coordinating).

Wednesday 14th October : Club Regional Quiz (Will Parke coordinating our team).

Wednesday 14th October : Tangent Musical Quiz via Zoom. 41 Club invited.

Tuesday 15th October : Club meeting. Details to follow in due course.

Sunday 18th October : Greyfriars lunch time drinks and Nibbles (details to be revealed).

Monday 19th October : Club Concert, Saint-Saens and Tchaikovsky.

Thursday 5th November : Bonfire Night at the Parke's home in Alderholt. More details next month.

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



Caroline's Corner



Last time I wrote, the summer holidays were just beginning, as I write now there is a definite cooling which not only traditionally evokes that 'back to school' feeling and the smell of polish on the shiny hall floor, but also the arrival of spiders! My neighbour has literally just been climbing on my table trying to get a whopper out for me!

I am sure most of you would agree that it's been a funny sort of summer, lots of staycations and day trips and certainly lots more people on holiday here, but who can blame them? With the lovely weather we have enjoyed our little bit of the world which has looked amazing and I am certainly grateful to live so close to the sea and forest!

Recently we have enjoyed a juicing demonstration from our latest speaker. I have made the orange and carrot juice, it was delicious although a few seconds of juicing led to 20 minutes trying to clean the juicer! Worth it though!

I am looking forward to meeting with the committee soon to arrange some autumn events, so until we meet up again, virtually or otherwise, enjoy the rest of the summer and stay well.

YICF

Caroline

P.S. Our Christmas meeting will hopefully take place at Greyfriars on Wednesday 9th December with entertainment to be confirmed.

We are also planning Christmas Carols via Zoom (jointly with 41 Club) in December. Details to follow.

As a former bank manager I received many humorous letters from customers but fortunately not one quite like this !! Ed

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my Pension, an arrangement, which, I admit, has been in place for only thirty eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, but when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Solicitor, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, I will issue your employee with PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

1. To make an appointment to see me. 2. To query a missing payment. 3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there. 4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping. 5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature. 6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home. 7. To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorised Contact.) 8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through to 8. 9. To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client

Life in Round Table

Wokingham 831 – Paul Thackray

I discovered Round Table in 1969 when we moved to Wokingham. We knew no one in the town but a neighbour Ian Siffre invited me to a meeting of the recently formed RT 831 which had spun out of the neighbouring Bracknell table. It had a full membership at the time and a waiting list of potential members due to the rapidly growing commuter population of the town.

Membership ranged across the whole range of professions and comprised locals, commuters and international travellers. I was lucky and jumped the queue as the only member of the profession of Chartered Secretary to apply. We were a very active table meeting fortnightly in the Bush Hotel in the town centre.

Occasionally we had a guest speaker but usually we were entertained by a member giving a talk about his job many of which were worthy of a stand up comedy act. Ladies Circle was very active and in the summer months they organised progressive suppers when we moved between selected members homes each hosting one course of a meal. For this we paid 10 shillings (50p) a head to participate. They were a great way to get to know our spouses.

The highlight of the year was the town carnival which we organised with some thirty or so floats parading through the town, followed by a fair with many trade stalls and amusements on the Jubilee fields (now built on) just out of the town centre. It was always a great success and raised several thousand pound for charity as I can testify from my years as treasurer and later auditor.

We were a table of many talents and each year put on a music hall comedy show for

the entertainment of members. We were fortunate in having some very talented script writers. They could get a bit smutty, but would be regarded as tame by today's standards.

Area were very active and we competed in best comedy act competitions and debating competitions in both of which we were winners. We didn't do so well in 7 a side soccer, 7 a side hockey or a rowing race on the Thames when our boat almost sank.

A number of joint events were held with other tables of which there were several in the surrounding area. The table was active in the local community with regular visits to the local disabled children's hospital as volunteer helpers, organising the annual bonfire for Barnardos and taking pensioners Christmas shopping.

Another innovation was a visit to the Weize beer festival in Belgium. While it would be nice to say we had happy memories of the visit, most of us could not remember very much except that we drank a lot of beer.

Our member waiting list grew to such an extent that we had sufficient applicants to form a new table and so West Forest Table was born with thirty members at the outset.

In line with the general decline in Table membership the two tables have now amalgamated to become Wokingham and West Forest Round Table.

Long may they flourish and carry on the legacy of fellowship.

On behalf of all readers, thank you Paul for yet another insight into our former RT days. Ed

You never know.....we might be able to continue with Ladies Night

Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club
Ladies Night 12 February 2021
The Miramar, Bournemouth

The Ladies are getting ready
So get the date in your diaries.
It's going to be a great night



Letters to the Editor

I would like to say how grateful I was for all the letters that you have submitted. However, you may have realised that last month I received absolutely NONE! I therefore decided to write to myself!
I have now received two contributions! Spot the real ones!
Some of the 'subscribers' names are in the form of an anagram.

Sir,
I was delighted when the kind people at the Inland Revenue wrote to me recently telling me that my tax return was 'outstanding', particularly since I can't even remember sending it in.

Alias Dock Net

Sir, I wonder if any of your readers has any advice for dealing with rude caravan drivers.
About a week ago I was driving back to Ringwood from the Shaftesbury area behind three caravans that, quite frankly, shouldn't have been on the road.
I consider it usual to follow the dotted white line marking on a road just to the right of my offside front wheel. I understand that is normal. However, these three drivers (I use that word in the loosest sense) chose to weave in and out of the gaps in the white line as if they were on a slalom ski slope. Was this bad eyesight, loose steering wheels or the effects of large intakes of alcohol over a number of days?
The drivers all appeared to be well into their seventies and totally oblivious to the long trail of traffic behind them.
When I did eventually pass them (due to enforced toilet breaks for the drivers) I scowled at them only to receive abusive remarks such as "b***er off, we do this every year" and "haven't you ever seen Froghammers before?"
I don't know what a Froghammer is but I certainly don't want to meet them again.
Your advice would be appreciated.

Mr Tale Expo
Editor *A Froghammer is a dangerous breed of caravaner seen around this part of Dorset every August. Not a lot you can do about them. I suggest stay well clear.*

Sir
Is it me but these wind farms are ridiculous. As if this country doesn't have enough wind of its own without wasting electricity making more of it running those big fans. It's a waste of tax payers money.

Randy Orchids

Dear Editor
Was Cilla Black?
Was Barry White?
Was Marvin Gay?

Its just that Stevie Wonders.
Just asking.

Jay Oilcheek

Dear Sir,
As an ageing Ex-Tabler reflecting on my past in these serious times I came across the picture below. I thought your readers would be interested to know that I have spent a lifetime looking for this in a whole variety of different ways and was very surprised at my age to discover that it has been on a roundabout not far away all this time.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Rich A Crater



Sir
Never in a thousand years did I ever believe I'd walk into a bank wearing a mask and ask for money.

Scaly Drinker

Dear Sir,
I have read enthusiastically all the pieces from the Dirty Dibber and followed the instructions diligently. Sadly, the results have not been as promised and before writing to complain to Boris I wondered if the Dirty Dibber could offer an explanation.

Yours faithfully,
Dr Notomato

Ed.
The Dirty Dibber was unavailable for comment.

Typical, eh?



**Did you spot the six names of the letter writers?
(Ignore Dr Notomato)**

Send me an email with your answers or ask me for clues!

A Film Buff who shall remain nameless (but there is no prize for guessing who it is!) has donated the attached list of DVDs to the Club. As the darker nights are approaching and many of us are not gallivanting as much as we normally would do these DVDs are available for you to borrow or buy. To do so please contact Chairman Richard and he will arrange distribution. It is suggested that any payment is entirely discretionary and would best be added to the Christmas Card donation when we come to that later this year.

There is also a Camera Tripod available to buy on the same basis.

FILM SELECTION

James bond movies: (individual dvds)

The World is Not Enough (Pierce Brosnan)
 The Living Daylights (Timothy Dalton)
 From Russia With Love (Sean Connery)
 Goldfinger (Sean Connery)
 You Only Live Twice (Sean Connery)
 Diamonds are Forever (Sean Connery)
 Dr No (Sean Connery)
 Licence to Kill (Timothy Dalton)
 On Her Majesty's Secret Service (George Lazenby)
 The Man with the Golden Gun (Roger Moore)
 Quantum of Solace (Daniel Craig)



Sean Connery James Bond Set: (containing)

From Russia With Love
 Goldfinger
 You Only Live Twice
 Diamonds are Forever
 Thunderball
 Dr No

The Dark Knight (Christian Bale as Batman; 2 disc special edition with the Movie and a Special Features disc)

Hama Profil 70 Camera tripod (for purchase)

Frogham 2020 goes ahead

Under the powerful leadership of Kommandant Phelps the Frogham annual camp went ahead for 6 days in August at Lower Liston Farm just north of Shaftesbury. Frogham has been going now for just shy of 50 years!!!

A great turnout with 9 vans, almost like a combined Ex Table/Tangent social breakout from the blasted "lock down" imposed by Covid 19. Set up by the Phelps and Dysons then swiftly joined by the Stockers, Lynne the Sals, the Carters, Parkes, Blackistons, Wyatts and the neonatal Smethers. The Curlies came along with us for three days from the relative safety of the Bennett Arms in Semley. Did Gilly ever find those sausages??

We missed the Matthews and Moreys but look forward to them joining us in 2021.

Our caravans and mobile homes provided safe islands from which we socialised in the open air or under cover in a selection of canvas shelters. This allowed us to maintain sensible social distancing in moving fresh air. Sensible ...a word not often associated with Froghammer gatherings. We didn't share cars or go inside each other's caravans but we did eat and drink together as a full group of up to 23. It was great to be together in person and not via Zoom.

Rotten, wet and windy "hold onto that awning Dierdre" weather did not deter us. We played much boules, managed daily G&T sessions, loads of BBQs, visited the home of Blue Vinney, explored local antique dealers, organised our own caravan boot sale, gathered sloes and blackberries as well as much chat, repairing and drinking. Vast quantities of alcohol based gel were consumed.

To take full advantage of the fresh breeze Will Parke and Ian maintained a competitive flag duel all weekend sporting many country and county flags plus the historical Ringwood Ex Tablers Cruising Club (RECC) Battle Flag that was plundered from the roof of the Horlicks building in Slough back in 1968.

On Sunday our outrageous AGM was conducted under cover with a fresh breeze in the capable hands of Phelps assisted by Treasurer Gerald and Hon Sec Ian. Guests unfortunately had to be limited to four and we welcomed Chairman Richard and Susie with Mike and Liz Fraser. Separate cars!!!

The 2020 Innovation Trophy Challenge of a Self Portrait was won by the incorrigible Helen Blackiston with a close runner up from Ann "HB" Dyson. It was great to induct new FAG (Frogham Adventure Group) members Richard and Helen Blackiston and Steve and Maureen Wyatt. The latter have yet to purchase a caravan so received a colourful and incessant flow of advice!!! They still seem keen. We were also able to welcome for their first Frogham Sue and Martin Smethers sporting an enormous Satellite dish that could provide TV for the whole of Shaftesbury.

As usual everyone pitched in to make Frogham 2020 what it always has been....a great time in great company.

Roll on 2021

Plenty of pictures on the next page!!

Ian Hon Sec FAG (Frogham Adventure Group)

FROGHAMMERS 2020



This picture on the right looks as if it needs a caption!

What about David saying "I think its easier to pull it rather than push it" or.....

"Yours is bigger than mine" or.....

"I haven't pulled for a long time"



Another Smile for Another Month

Apparently it's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club.

The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.

**I hate that feeling after surgery
when you're not sure if you're
awake or asleep...**

**Or if you operated
on the right patient?**



My friend said that a hanging basket would look good in the garden. Personally I can't see the attraction

Our intrepid bikers take on the salt marshes around Pennington and Keyhaven on August 18th. I am told it was sunny, but blowy!



And not to be outdone, a small but select band of walkers went to Hengistbury Head just before the storm blew in!

Ian tells me that he must try and improve his 'selfie' skills!!



Club Council met on Tuesday 8th September:

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS CLUB

COUNCIL MEETING held at 4.30pm on Tuesday 8 September 2020

Present

Richard Carter (Chairman), John Adams, Richard Blackiston, Andrew Green, David Hirst, Chris Kean, Peter Lomax, Bob Merrett, Steve Mursell, David Phelps, Ian Stockdale, Jeff Wickens.

In attendance - Richard Dyson.

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 4 August 2020 were taken as read.

Matters arising

Jeff didn't have much to add to the proposed NFDC boundary changes.

Correspondence

A letter from Julia's House reminding us that we are highly valued for our support, and outlining the crucial work they are able to do in helping extremely vulnerable children thanks to the donations they receive, albeit that this has become more difficult over the Covid period.

Chairman's comments

Richard talked about Remembrance Day (Sunday, 8 November). John Harper had confirmed that there would not be a service this year nor a gathering of wreath laying, but that this could be done privately. JH is arranging a 41 Club wreath (cost circa £20). RC would like a few to attend together with perhaps John Adams and his bagpipes.

Xmas Cards – Part of the money raised last year has been kept in abeyance awaiting a need following Covid-19; One proposal is Ringwood Day Care Centre; Gordon is content for others to make suggestions.

Council agreed to run the card again at the same minimum donation level as last year (£15 per couple and £7.50 for a single, but more if members want); Mike Callaghan is happy to prepare and distribute. Richard C to sanitise the distribution list in conjunction with Caroline. Club members to be invited to submit Xmas photos for the front of the card.

Next Year – Richard Carter's view is that he will hand over to Bob as normal allowing Bob the time to get on and organise his council.

National (per Richard D) are going on for 2 years.

500 + 500 Walk – Richard and Susie have both reached the 300-mile point; they are planning on 520 as that gets them to Aviemore! £100 raised to date – there is still time to make it more. The chairman will need a little help if he is to surpass Captain Tom's achievements (*secretary's observation!*).

Vice Chairman

Still planning to go ahead with Ladies Night but this will be kept under close review as (Covid) events unfold.

Secretary

Chris is taking names for teams of 4 for the Christchurch Boule evening on 7 October although this will need to be kept under review depending on how Government restrictions develop (**post meeting**: this looks now extremely unlikely). Names at present are Keith A, Richard Dyson and Richard Blackiston. CK to check on security arrangements for the event with Christchurch.

Treasurer

A cheque for £200 was approved as a financial starter for Round Table. This has never been handed over. Richard C to speak to Phil Hoyle to see whether it is still needed.

Given there have been very few outgoings this year the treasurer expects to be able to reduce the fees next year.

Social

Much of what was discussed will be affected by, and subject, to new Government restrictions.

Greyfriars – Sunday 18 October - there will be nibbles and drinks between 11.30 and 13.30 for 30 people (mixed) on a first come first served basis. Steve M would like a copy of the Greyfriars risk assessment but we do need to write our own.

Car treasure hunt; one is organised and ready to be rolled out. On 22 September Tangent are having a walking treasure hunt in Burley.

Xmas drinks and NYE are probably not going to happen in the normal party sense but ideas for something different are welcome.

John Adams suggested a progressive supper which might get round any restrictions.

Jeff is talking to the guy behind Ringwood TV who could make a DVD/mini film from members' photographs; the cost would be circa £350.

Welfare

David updated Council on the health issues faced by a number of members.

Speakers' secretaries

At our next Club meeting John Adams has organised Chris College who is a vicar and was previously with the paras. His talk is entitled "More Travel Vicar?" He is deputy chairman of Bournemouth 41 Club. We agreed to give him £50 for his nominated charity.

For October, 2 volunteers (victims?) are wanted to speak for about 10 minutes on a topic of their choice whilst for November Richard B is hoping to organise a "talent show" with various members doing brief slots.

December's meeting is already lined up, about which we will learn more later.

Meals secretary

Thoughts on St Leonards Hotel, Greyfriars and how other clubs are managing were kicked around. In these uncertain times it is difficult to move forward safely (and legally).

Editor

September's newsletter went out as usual; next copy date is 4 October.

Membership and Press

The internet connection in "Lower Hangersley" made it difficult for both Ian and Richard B to stay with us during the meeting. Ian sent through the following notes after the meeting.

Unfortunate resignation of newly returned Jim Stride. He is apparently now residing in Warwickshire although maintaining a Ringwood interest on Facebook. A message has been sent to Jim.

Tim Airey, a potential new member, continues to express his interest in joining. Ian and Jenny have had coffee mornings with Tim and his wife Julie and now plan to arrange an outdoor meal (for 6!!) in early October hopefully with Chairman Richard and Susie. It was decided to postpone Tim joining our next Club Zoom meeting until October.

No activity with the Media in the past month.

Lay member/Health & Safety

Nothing much to report.

Website

Gordon is looking for ideas as to how we might put the website to better use. The magazine is on the site for those who didn't receive their copies due to the recent distribution problems.

Immediate Past

Nothing to report.

AOB

Richard D to make further enquiries re the National 41 Golf tournament which is scheduled to take place at the Forest of Arden on 2/3 October. This is now open to all clubs, not just the winners from the regional tournaments.

Next Club meeting – Tuesday, 15 September at 4.30 on Zoom.

Next Council meeting – Thursday 8 October at 7.30 on Zoom

On Monday 14th September the music aficionados enjoyed the Club Concert:

MUSIC NIGHT CONCERT Monday 14th September 2020:

Beginning at 7.15pm on ZOOM

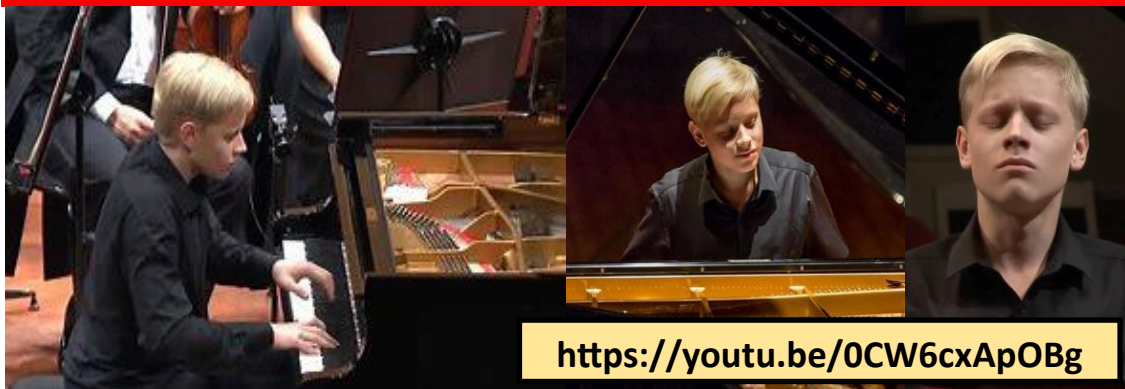
*ZOOM PRESENTATION RICHARD CARTER : ADVISORY JOHN KENNEDY
HOSTED BY KEITH and SUE ANDERSON*



https://youtu.be/iXU8EXL7a_4

SIBELIUS 2nd SYMPHONY (Frankfurt HR)

CLICK ON LINK BELOW AFTER WATCHING SIBELIUS 2nd Symp



<https://youtu.be/0CW6cxApOBg>

Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No2. Alexander Malofeev

As we battled the various ever-moving lockdown and social distancing requirements thoughts had been developing for social activities and events. Social man Jeff had sent this to Chairman Richard at the beginning of September and it had been discussed at the Council meeting:

1 – I have booked Greyfriars Hall for Sunday 18 October 11.30 – 1330 I have asked that they set out tables to accommodate 30 which should be OK for distancing without face masks - We will need to tell the troops that this will be a quick get together to say hello in person etc (not a usual social event) - bring your own drinks and nibbles - maybe folks can make their own arrangements for afterwards - we will not be using the kitchen - We will need to tell Greyfriars what we intend to do and have a risk assessment and we must comply with their conditions but we can do that. Need to have an arrangement to see who will be attending.

2 - Will Parke will be in touch with you re a walk in the woods - around Frogham – The Foresters etc (as we spoke about) around early October - same as we did for the Hengistbury walk ie no arrangements - meet at x time - walk in groups of 6 – go to pub (? liaise with pub) - ?? eat/picnic - leave

3 – 5 November Will is OK re bonfire night when will set fire to the remains of the oak tree in his garden - details TBA

4 – Ian has a ready made car treasure hunt which he will update – He is OK to arrange for date in November - details TBA

5 – Christmas Drinks / Chairman's at Home - Suggest talk to Carrie (I will mention) re maybe a joint arrangement – several sessions - maybe outside somewhere (gardens limited to 30)

6 – NYE – needs some more thought – see what Council think – maybe PODs can do something and have Zoom links etc but Zoom maybe busy !!

7 - Ahhh now - the Biggy – As said I think it would be nice to have video memory of this year and what we have been doing etc etc - I know you were thinking of a scrap book and I think a professional video could fit well with it . Jay Cox is the Ringwood TV man and did a great job with the VE Day commemoration. The suggestion is to gather all the photos and video clips we have and send them to him. We could ask every member to send something so that we are all represented – He can edit them together with a suitable sound track – Talking to Ian it could be put on YouTube so it is available to all and/or on DVD – It could be a Club project which we could all be involved with and provide a bit of fun which could be sent to National and even local media. Now to the problem – it would cost about £350 which sounds a lot but it does take time to make. We have not spent much this year and maybe we could dig into reserves and even each chip in a bit - It would be a lasting unique way of what has been happening – Obviously I have not committed us to anything and maybe we could see what Council think – We will need to talk to Jay in detail if we go ahead – What think You ???

I think with the Tangent events, bike rides, film night etc this would probably do until the end of the year

Within a couple of weeks it was clear that only the walk was possible in terms of face to face stuff and the Treasure Hunt also had to be abandoned in due course. However, plans for a video of the year were to make excellent progress with Jeff and Gordon and New Year's Eve did happen on Zoom.

The Club meeting on 15th September proceeded as usual on Zoom:

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS' CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB
Tuesday 15 September at 16.30 via Zoom

The Chairman opened the meeting with grace.

Apologies were received from Richard Dyson, Ian Stockdale, Jeff Wickens, John Harper, Paul Chappell, Steve Wyatt, John Kennedy and Colin Read, although Colin who is on holiday in Turkey, joined us and ordered a nifty G&T so he could remove his face mask!

Bob welcomed our speaker guest.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toast.

Speakers

John Adams introduced The Rev Chris Colledge, our speaker for the meeting. Chris is a man of many parts and was talking on this occasion under the strap line "More Travel Vicar!". He is an ordained minister and amongst other exploits is Chairman of Bournemouth in Bloom, Watchkeeper at Hengistbury Head, Wimborne Rotary and, although he made no mention of it, he was involved with the paras. He talked about having made the decision to go into the church at the age of 18 whereupon he was encouraged to go out and see something of life; they despatched him to Freemantle with the Seafarers' Mission. He also outlined his adventures in supplying aid to Poland through the Iron corridor and his 3 years as a minister in Bermuda with its attendant drug problems.

John A thanked Chris for an entertaining talk.

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Matters arising

Christchurch Boule – Chris in contact with Christchurch but every chance it will not go ahead.

Regional Quiz – cancelled.

Ladies Night video – with the band.

Correspondence

An email from Jim Stride sadly informing us that he has now moved to Warwickshire and hence is resigning his membership of Ringwood 41 Club.

A letter from Julia's House confirming that it is very much business as usual but they are in need of funds and thanked us for our previous support.

Chairman's remarks

Remembrance Day – A service will not be taking place this year but we intend to lay a wreath, which John Harper is organising, with a maximum of 6 attending (possibly including John Adams with his bagpipes). John H is advising on our involvement.

Xmas cards – Mike Callaghan is kindly organising again this year. Donations will be kept the same as last year, which is a minimum of £15 per couple, £7.50 for singles but some members do pay more.

Next year – It has been agreed that the reins of chairman will be handed over to Bob in March next year.

500+500 Walk - Richard and Susie have now walked 340 miles each and to date have raised £325 plus gift aid.

Vice-Chairman

Bob is hoping things will be better for members next year (presumably he was talking about the effects of Covid rather than a change of leader!!).

Ladies Night is still in the calendar; a decision as to whether we are able to proceed safely will need to be taken later in the year.

Treasurer

Enjoying 0% interest on our funds!

Social

Jeff was not able to be with us. It should be possible for the *Forest Walk* to go ahead on 8 October. Will to send details to Peter for the magazine and Arthur for distribution.

Bonfire party will not be possible.

Bike ride for a number of friends will go off in 3 groups, at least one starting from a separate place. Riders either to take lunch or eat at The Harvester – personal choice.

Greyfriars – Sunday lunch nibbles and drinks are on ice – the event that is, not just drinks!

Car Treasure Hunt – more from Ian in the future.

Welfare

David H gave an update on John Morgan who had his big operation that day.

Editor

Copy before 4 October, please. Peter thanked Paul for his article on his exploits with Wokingham RT. Others may be invited/volunteered to produce something similar.

Speakers' secretaries

For the *October* meeting we will have 2 members talking on a subject of their choice. One will be Mike Fraser; the other has yet to reveal himself.

November's meeting will be a variety show given by members of the club whether they be singers, musicians, comedians, conjurers, poets or whatever; Keith A will be playing the drums and doing a chopsticks duet with Sue, Richard C will morph into Tommy Cooper whilst Peter Lomax will do something (but he's keeping it close to his chest!). Members were asked to look at what they might be able to present.

December's meeting will be a fun event.

January is normally a joint meeting with Tangent. Richard C has spoken to Caroline who confirmed that they do wish to host the meeting, as in normal circumstances it would be their turn.

Meals

David entertained us with a fine flying display with a model fighter aircraft (as it was the 80th anniversary of The Battle of Britain) but it was heavily disguised as a glider until he "unmuted" himself.

He has spoken to St Leonard's, but not Tara. They are operating the function room with tables of 6.

Publicity and membership

Ian was away but Richard C confirmed that Ian and Jenny have had coffees with Tim and Julie Airey and Ian will be organising a dinner to include Richard and Susie C.

Lay membership/ health & safety

Nothing to report.

Webmaster/immediate past

Nothing to report other than the challenge for members to come up with different ways of using the website.

It was suggested that members could upload photos and it could also be a possible place for our archives.

Any other business

Concern was expressed that Roger and Gill Bettle were not able to join in on Zoom. Chris T confirmed that they had plenty of contact with members.

Next meetings

Council – Thursday 8 October at 7.30 via Zoom

Club – Tuesday 20 October at 16.30 via Zoom

Final Toast given by The Chairman

On Monday 21st September Keith organised another bike ride, this time along the front at Bournemouth:



On 24th September Mike published the latest Dirty Dibber showing that there is gardening stuff to do in the Autumn apart from leaf collection:

BACK TO THE PLOT with THE DIRTY DIBBER
24.9.20

ISSUE 6 on

And Now, The End Is Near

Now it is not really light now until 0645, and dark soon after 1930, a loss of about 5 hours growing light compared to the longer summer days. With cooler night temperatures it makes a big difference to what we can harvest over the next few weeks. The lowest night temperature here last night was 7.7C, that was inside the greenhouse. No sensitive plants will grow in those temperatures and it is likely to be below 6C tonight. So time to take drastic action if we are to get any more harvested from our summer crops.

All Year Round lettuce

These can grow to a useable size in only a month but unless already well under way any late sowing is now going to struggle. Cut losses by using young leaves now and making sure you cut plants young too. Another 2 weeks and lettuce is done for.

Runner Beans

To be honest mine ended up as a bit of a disappointment. Loads of flowers I expected to be giving them away by the bag load, but it hasn't happened. Fed and watered them, think my canes were a bit too close together, plus the very hot spell in July caused a lot of the bees to take a holiday, and the flowers dropped without setting. Cut mine down two weeks ago but if yours are still up unless keeping them going for seed (ready when the pods have turned light brown but make sure they are dry) then take any beans of a reasonable size now, as they will not grow much longer. If you are trying for more fruiting pods then remove as many leaves as you can so the plants focus on pod production.

Climbing French Beans

A late triumph more on this in next year's issues, but they have so much going for them I'll grow these next year instead of runner beans. If you did try any, give them the same treatment now as for runners. I have just taken down two wigwams that did well from seed planted only on June 24th and still have one lot up planted July 7th.

Courgettes

Carried on their merry way, we have never had less than 6 fruits in the fridge, and despite my biggest mistake this year of cutting a stem on my 4th plant instead of the fruit I was aiming at, and thus losing my (at that time) most productive plant. I have therefore learned that three plants are more than enough. However I forgot that often they produce more than one fruiting stem, and my other three are actually 6 fruiting plants between them. Next year maybe two will do, Defender variety brilliant cropper. They are very temperature sensitive, there are 10 fruits on them now but will be lucky to get more than 5 normal sized fruits this coming weekend. Again take all leaves off between the root and the first fruit on the stem. In this week's Gardener's World Monty Don was growing squashes on a vertical frame, might try that next year as they take up an enormous amount of room.

Tomatoes

Also very sensitive though my 6 outdoor plants are giving the best crop I have ever managed. Greenhouse all but finished, again take off all the leaves to within about 6" of the by now pinched out growing tip. Take off all and any fruit that has started colouring, certainly when they are 50% plus ripeness and bring them inside to finish off on a warm window sill. Not much you can do with the green ones you're left with, maybe make chutney? I heard Clay Jones on Gardeners Question Time Sunday 2pm about 55 years ago saying you could have green tomatoes fried. Never tried it, maybe this year is the one I can persuade the Lady Dibber to try some for me!!

Ian the charity plants you sold me were all Alicante, and I owe you a big thank you which I'll explain separately to you. But no letter to the Cartier Chronicles editor, or the local trading standards office!!

Raspberries

Again take off all fruit that looks like ripening and sacrifice the rest, they won't turn in these temperatures. Leave any strong canes that did not fruit this year, (Ian the three Autumn fruiting ones you kindly sold me but we thought would not fruit until next year have done brilliantly) all those that did fruit this year cut the cane back to at least an inch of the ground and, if there are no tiny shoots showing at the base, right down to ground level.

Butternut squashes

Not too temperature sensitive in the fruits but the plant itself is. Soon as they are a nice fawn colour remove the fruits, they store brilliantly anyway.
Keeeeeeeeeeep digging!!

Richard and Susie had continued with their 500+500 walk challenge and Richard sent an update to members on 27th September:

First of all, our thanks for your generous contributions to the fundraising for Dementia UK.

The update on our progress is that we have now reached 400miles each so we feel as if we are on the last leg (literally!) We've managed to walk every day from 22nd July when we started (I can hear you saying we should get out more) and had hoped to reach the 400 milestone whilst on holiday for a week in Northumberland. Unfortunately, that had to be cancelled because of local lockdowns so a New Forest walk benefited from that experience.

We have walked together much but not all of the time and kept in step (I must stop doing this) in terms of miles We therefore expect to complete the challenge next month.



OCTOBER 2020

On Monday October 5th the next edition of the Cartier Chronicle was published:



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!

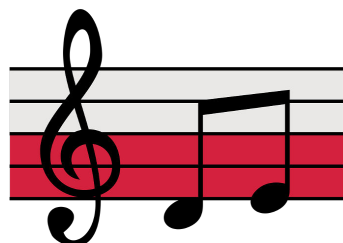
The link for the night is below:

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 Waterloo 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.

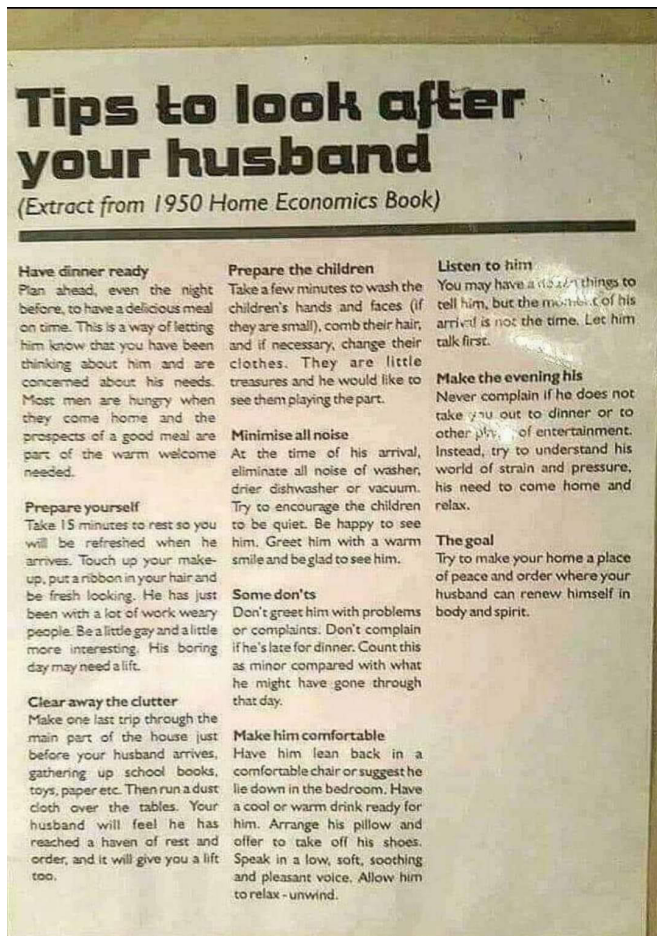
The photos below show us all socially distancing quite well apart from when our Captain, John Quint, awarded the first prize to his wife!!



A good day was had by all. Chairman Richard and wife Susie played with John Quint, another team was Gerald Downer with Sue Treleaven 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

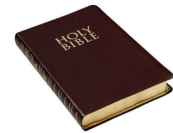
I saw a guy on his motorcycle and the back of his shirt said "If you can read this the wife fell off."

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

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 contraption.
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 opossums 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.

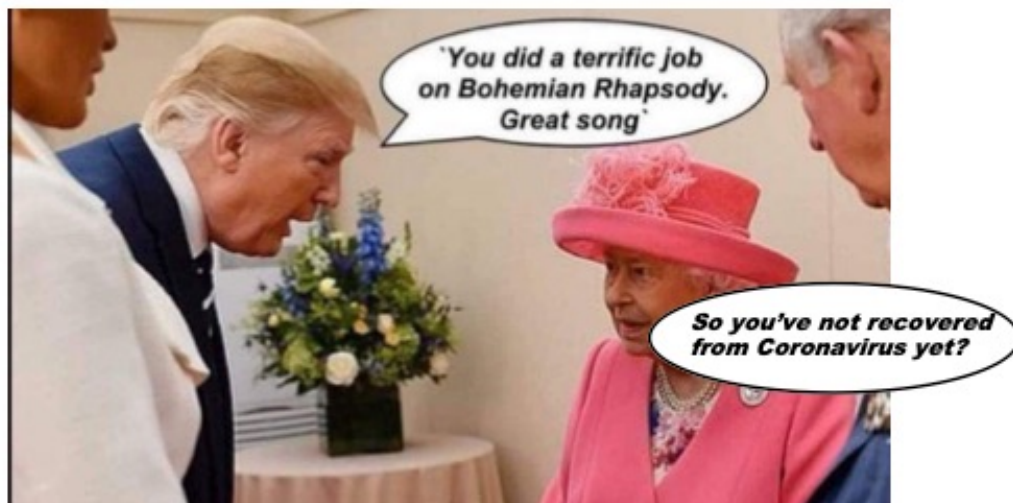
I am therefore enquiring if our social team has considered this for next year and if so I would be delighted to join the planning team.

Yours sincerely,

D Based

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

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WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**



The Club Film on Monday 5th October was 'Six Days Seven Nights':

'RIMBURY STUDIOS'

RICHARD AND KEITH ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

HARRISON FORD

ANNE HECHÉ

SIX DAYS SEVEN NIGHTS



DON'T MISS THIS FABULOUS ADVENTURE

YOUR OWN RECORDED MOVIE PLAYBACK TO BE ON:

Monday 5th October 2020 at 7.15pm ZOOM JOINING TIME

Meals Secretary David Phelps felt it was time he did something as the likelihood of meeting at St Leonards in this Club year was receding fast. Here was the plan which was sent out by Chairman Richard on 5th October:

CLUB MEETING RAFFLE

Our Meals Secretary David is feeling somewhat redundant and so to remind us of how our Club meetings used to go he has suggested setting up a monthly raffle at our Club Zoom Meetings. Council has agreed that we should do this.

We have six meetings left this year and so he is proposing a raffle of £1 per ticket for each meeting. Multiple tickets are available. The prize fund would be one third of the entry fund for each meeting. The prize each month will be a voucher (John Lewis or Waitrose) which can be sent to the winner.

The money retained will be available for a charity donation at the end of the year.

Each ticket entry will be allocated a number and the draw will be done using a random number generator on the computer.

To enter the raffle for the six remaining Club meetings (£6 for one ticket for each meeting) please register your entry with me as soon as possible. Entries for each draw will close at midnight on the day before the Club meeting, so Monday 19th October for the October meeting.

Please send your raffle money to Andrew Green.

With thanks, best wishes and good luck.

30 members entered the raffle and the winners each received a £10 voucher. They were:

October : Graham Hoyle;

November : Derrick Lynas;

December : Gerald Carter;

January : Jeff Wickens;

February : John Harper;

March : Bob Merrett.

On 6th October Richard attended the monthly Zoom Round Table meeting and sent the following very encouraging notes to Council:

- They have 12 full members + 3 prospectives one of whom was at the meeting. They target 20 members by April.
- They are very appreciative of the £200 from us and have asked us to hold that sum for them at present while they continue to sort out the Bank account.
- Activities include the Tree Planting, a Santa's Sleigh and litter picking. I offered our help and asked to be informed of dates etc and would see if any of us could help. Santa's Sleigh plans are being developed by a small group and this year may focus on food bank collections rather than door knocking and house to house.
- They have established great links with Milford RT and Area 48 through a member there.
- They have not given up on a 60th RT celebration for next year. They also want to celebrate their Charter and have ideas about a food festival perhaps around Easter time depending on the situation at that stage.
- I asked about Remembrance Sunday and we will dovetail with them as well as Rotary on Sunday 8th before the formal event.
- Having just played our last Golf Society match yesterday afternoon I did say that if they had any golfers we would be delighted to see them next year and that the Society had been formed by RT in 1972.
- Overall, I was very pleased to get an update and everyone seems very positive and wanting to do stuff. They have also had to submit to Zoom for meetings as Phil is obviously having to be very careful business-wise. I was confident they will succeed and will try to keep us closer going forward and hope they do call on us when help is needed.

On 8th October, Will organised a walk close to Godshill in the New Forest. Unfortunately, he had a hospital appointment so was unable to take part. Julie arrived with maps for the four intrepid walkers and then left to collect Will but not before watching the walkers head off in the wrong direction! The route was re-discovered and after a dull, damp start an enjoyable walk enjoyed by all.



The October Council meeting was also on 8th October.

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS CLUB

COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 October 2020

Present

Richard Carter (Chairman), Richard Blackiston, Andrew Green, Chris Kean, Peter Lomax, Bob Merrett, Steve Mursell, David Phelps (intermittently), Ian Stockdale, Jeff Wickens, Mike Callaghan (standing in for David Hirst)

Apologies

John Adams (*who thought it was yesterday!*), David Hirst and Richard Dyson.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8 September 2020 were taken as read. (*The secretary hadn't appreciated hitherto what a thoroughly decent, intelligent and insightful chap Steve M is (although probably lacks judgement!) in saying that the minutes of the September meeting were great!*)

Matters arising

Richard C logged into the Round Table Zoom meeting and had a chat with Phil Hoyle; they are thankful for our £200 but would like us to hang on to it until their bank arrangements are in place.

Correspondence

A letter from Ringwood Town Council confirming the arrangements (or lack of them) for Remembrance Day.

Chairman's comments

Remembrance Day – There is not a booked slot so we and Tangent will go for 10.00, or shortly before; Richard C is liaising with Rotary and Round Table so that we all get the benefit of the bagpipes of John Adams. In the absence of any further edicts from the Government, Richard will be joined by Caroline, Anne Dyson, John Adams, Ian Stockers and one other, yet to be determined.

Xmas Card 2019 donations - £500 has been allocated to the Ringwood Day Care Centre. After discussion with Derrick Lynas a proposal will be put to the Club to donate the balance of some £315 to MHA in the New Forest.

500+500 walk – A number of members have kindly sponsored Richard and Susie in their quest, which to date has raised circa £800. Susie actually finished her mileage on the day of the meeting and was roundly congratulated for her efforts; Richard is close but will have to wait for his applause!

Vice Chairman

It was agreed that the February event should be postponed to a later date, probably for July. Bob will discuss with The Miramar and the band to find suitable dates and revert to Council before going to The Club. The revised date, whenever it is, should be published as soon as possible in order to get it into members' diaries.

Secretary

Nothing of note.

Treasurer

To date, Andrew has received £96 for the raffle and £395 for the 2020 Xmas card.

Social

October's diary is reasonably full; Jeff is talking to Ian re a car treasure hunt in November.

Caroline wants to do a carol service somehow but logistics are still to be worked out. Somehow Jeff would like to combine the Chairman's At Home and Xmas drinks; again logistics to be resolved.

Desert Island Discs is still on as 6 submissions have been received, but more would be helpful; possibly for New Year's Eve.

Suggestion of 2 Clubs "get togethers" with dummy runs on 2 and 23 Novembers.

The Burley Cider Festival is on over the weekend of 17 and 18 October. We could push something out to the troops so that some members could meet up.

(Subsequently cancelled)

Ian proposed a car meeting with drinks (*cars and drinks - have the potential to go horribly pear-shaped!*).

Peter L suggested an on-line quiz app which we could all download.

Jeff has a possible London Quiz (in place of the usual Wickens Wander) event, maybe for December.

The Secretary suggested a Pumpkin carving competition. It was thought that it would clash with Round Table's plans (*subsequently there has been a change of heart and hopefully should now take place*).

A video of the year/social history will not now be pursued with an external professional organisation but will probably be produced using software to which Gordon has access.

Welfare

Mike, standing in for David, updated Council on David's health. He has been through the mill but is now making a slow recovery.

After an 8-hour operation, John Morgan is at home, cheerful and, in his new slimmed down form, looks well.

Mike Fraser's treatment is going according to plan.

Speakers' secretaries

For October, 2 volunteers (victims?) will be speaking for about 10 minutes on topics of their choice. The first is Mike Fraser; Richard B has strongarmed himself as the second. At the next Club meeting Richard B will be asking for volunteers to show their skills at the "talent show" which is to be put on at the November meeting.

December's meeting will be something different, about which we will learn more later.

Meals secretary

Having declared himself redundant from the day job, David P now wishes to pursue a new career in gambling and has introduced a monthly raffle to liven up the proceedings at Club meetings (*not that they aren't lively already!*). David and the treasurer to co-ordinate.

Editor

Peter will include a reminder to get Christmas type photos to Mike C for the Xmas card which will be printed in late November/early December to allow time for posting. Members to be encouraged to send spoof letters to the Editor.

There will be a reminder that those members who are due to be on their own this Christmas might like to get together (subject to Government restrictions).

Gordon K volunteered (?) to write another article about tabling in Wokingham.

A record of what members did during lockdown is still on the cards.

Membership and Press

Tim Airey, a potential new member, is still keen.

Jim Stride, although he has resigned from 41 Club, is still involved with Ringwood Round Table and was in the recent Table Zoom.

The Chairman appeared in the press in the last month.

Lay member/Health & Safety

Another risk assessment - for Will's Walk, but unfortunately Will couldn't make it due to an eye problem and anyway the group couldn't see where they were going and walked off in totally the wrong direction.

Website

Gordon to organise a meeting of webmasters, possibly a lunch date. After that it deteriorated into ribaldry with talk of life drawing models and watching the Carters' TV through the window.

Immediate Past

Nothing to report.

AOB

The Book and Pen is held by Gordon who would like to pass it on before the end of the year – he feels that finding people to attend at Gordon's might just be a bit tricky!

Next Club meeting – Tuesday, 20 October at 4.30 on Zoom.

Next Council meeting – Tuesday 10 November at 4.30 on Zoom (*but we'll tell John Adams that it's the next day!*)

On 14th October Tangent held a very successful Music Quiz on Zoom which was instructive for the plans being prepared for Joint Club meetings in the weeks before Christmas.

Round Table had organised a Pumpkin Carving competition and our creative Secretary suggested we did the same. Richard was uncertain at first in case we stole the entries from Round Table but as theirs was aimed more at children (of the younger age group) he changed his mind and the event was launched with results pictured in the November Cartier Chronicle:

ROUND TABLE AND EX-TABLE PUMPKINS!

Ringwood & Verwood Round Table have launched two competitions for Halloween and I copy below the details published on their Facebook page.

First of all could we please help to publicise these competitions and encourage local family and friends to take part.

Secondly, our Secretary Chris has suggested that we have our own Club competition for the best Ex-Table Pumpkin Artist. Ian Stockdale already has the Stanley Knife sharpened! To enter please photograph your entry, giving it a name if you wish, and send the photograph to Chris Kean and to Peter Lomax for the magazine and they will judge the winner. Entries to be received no later than Saturday 31st October.

No prizes for the worst Pumpkin joke:

Why was Cinderella so bad at football - because she had a Pumpkin for a coach

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a Pumpkin by the diameter - Pumpkin Pi

Stay well and no carving injuries - Mike, Gordon thinks we need a risk assessment!

Best wishes, Richard

"In view of the current COVID-19 restrictions, its clear that children aren't going to be able to go out Trick or Treating this Halloween, or at least certainly not in the same way as usual. Rather than allow this to spoil all of the fun of the event, we're proud to announce The Great Round Table Halloween Competition!

The Best Dressed Front Door

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in Poulner, we're asking for photo's of peoples front doors/front of their houses all dressed up for Halloween! The spookier the better, we want to see cobwebs, cauldrons & things that go bump in the night. Top prize is a Family Sunday Lunch at the London Tavern, with the Runners Up receiving a £20 Voucher to go towards a meal at the pub.

The Best Carved Pumpkin

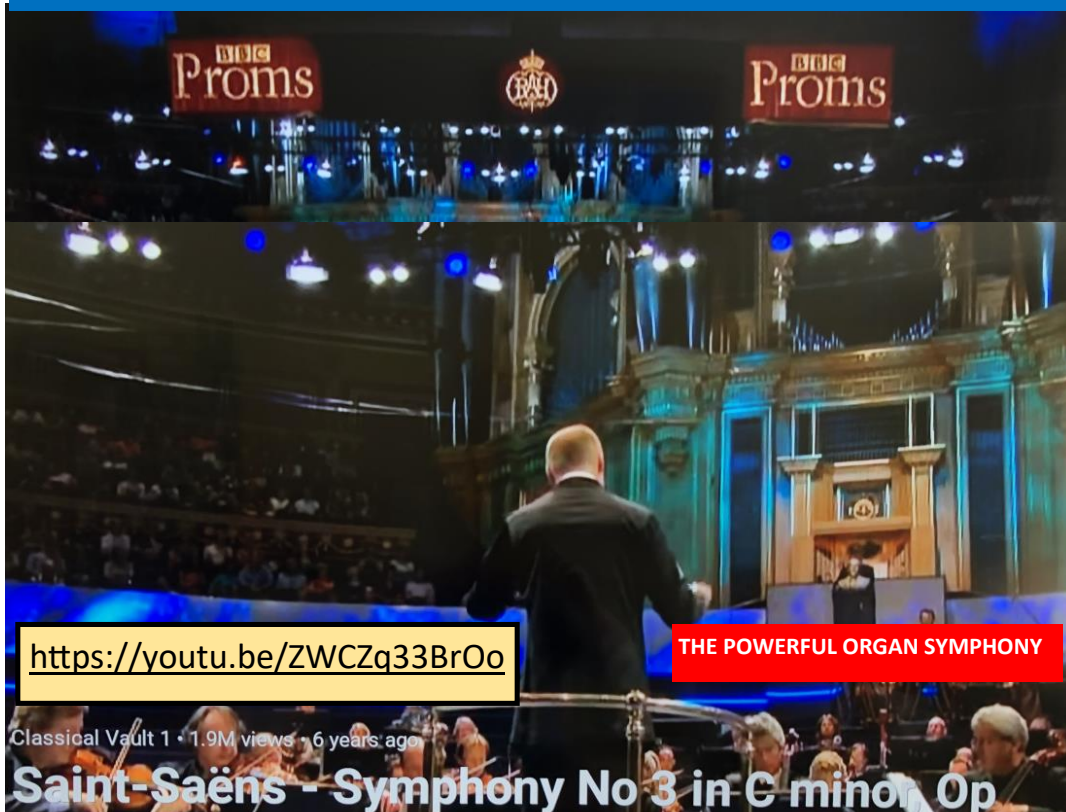
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in Ringwood , we've got prizes on offer for the best Carved Pumpkin! There are 2 age groups - Under 10s & Over 10s, with the Winner of each category receiving a £40 Amazon Voucher, and the Runner-Up getting one for £25. We want to see the children's creativity on display, with our judges looking forward to seeing some hauntingly brilliant carvings!

The October Club Concert was on Monday 19th:

MUSIC NIGHT CONCERT Monday 19th October 2020:
Beginning at 7.15pm on ZOOM with Richard, Keith and Sue



The Club meeting On Tuesday 20th October featured two members, Richard Blackiston and Mike Fraser who both spoke to great effect:

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS' CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB
Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 16.30 via Zoom

The Chairman opened the meeting with grace.

Apologies were received from Stephen Butterfield, Steve Mursell, Gordon Knott, Richard Dyson, Arthur Robins (meal apology!), Derrick Lynas. Chris Treleaven and Dick Sheerin are likely to be early escapees unless of course the Chairman can get us through the agenda with even greater efficiency than usual.

Bob welcomed our guest, and prospective member, Tim Airey.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toast.

Speakers

John Adams introduced our two esteemed speakers, our very own Mike Fraser and Richard Blackiston.

Mike spoke first and had thought about talking on the riveting subject of half shafts but decided against that as being just too exciting for the members present. Instead he showed his softer side and regaled us with his love of poetry explaining that it expresses the maximum information in the minimum of words. Whilst he quoted from well-known pieces, he also read one of his own.

Richard chose a totally different topic and gave us details of some engaging incidents from his many years of scuba diving both in the UK and abroad. His first story was how he and his crew rescued 4 Londoners who had gone sea fishing for the first time but really didn't know their bow from their stern (or to put it another way their **** from their elbow). His second tale related to the discovery of a bomb cunningly disguised as a wheelie bin, close to the pier!

Paul Thackray gave a fine vote of thanks.

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Matters arising

All items were on the agenda.

Correspondence

An exchange of correspondence between Richard C and the Mayor of Ringwood in connection with Remembrance Day.

Bernard Elwen (National) had written saying that although there would not be an AGM this year, 2 items needed approval, these being the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2019 and the other being the budget for 2021. We were asked to nominate a voting delegate who would join in a Zoom video conference on 21 November. This will be discussed at our Council meeting on 10 November.

Chairman's remarks

Remembrance Day – There will not be a service, but prayers will be said at The War Memorial. We will send 6 people to lay a wreath. Richard C has written to the Mayor of Ringwood setting out our plans. Richard expressed thanks to John Harper for his help.

Xmas cards – Club agreed to the proposal (seconded by Richard Blackiston) that £500 of 2019 monies should go to the Ringwood Day Care Centre, the balance going to MHA. Derrick Lynas will give the contact details to Andrew Green.

500+500 Walk - Richard and Susie have now finished their walk and in the process raised over £1000. Richard C thanked all those who had contributed.



Pumpkins Members were encouraged to get out the Stanley Knife and turn their pumpkin into a “creation”. Photos of the work of art, together with the artist, to be submitted to Peter Lomax and Chris Kean by 1 November.

Vice-Chairman

Ladies Night has been moved to Friday 16 July 2021 (hopefully!); details to be published in The Cartier

Treasurer

Raffle – 29 tickets sold, generating a profit of £114 but there is still time for others to join.

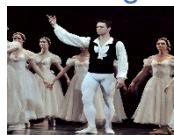
Xmas card 2020 - £519 raised thus far.

Social

Unofficial Bike ride for a number of friends on 26 October.

Joint Club event on 2 November at 7.30 on Zoom “Wish you were here”

Film Nights – Murder on the Orient Express on 9 November at 7.15 on Zoom and 30 November for Nutcracker Ballet Night – usual arrangements except Keith has threatened to present his usual introductions sporting tights and a codpiece – perish the thought.



Wickens Wander Tour Quiz re London on 7 December at 7.30 on Zoom.

Greyfriars – Sunday lunch nibbles and drinks are on ice – the event that is, not just drinks!

Car Treasure Hunt – 29 November starting at the long stay car park at 10.30 am.

Pictures and videos of lockdown exploits to be sent to Gordon

Welfare

Mike Callaghan kindly standing in for David Hirst gave us an update on David's health. He is now home and recuperating.

Mike had spoken to Jimmie Gordon.

John Morgan is home and positive having had 5 hours of tests

Richard C said Hugh is making slow but steady progress.

Editor

Copy before 4 November, please. Mike Fraser to send through a copy of his poem for publication.

Speakers' secretaries

Plans for the variety show in November are moving ahead although 2 further acts would be helpful. There will be guest appearances (just like that!) from Tommy



Cooper and Bob Monkhouse.

December's meeting will be a fun event.

January is normally a joint meeting with Tangent. Richard C has spoken to Caroline who confirmed that they do wish to host the meeting, as in normal circumstances it would be their turn.

Meals

Other than the imminent birth of a grandbaby, David had nothing to report (in fact it was so imminent that she did actually arrive during the meeting! Congratulations to David, Jean and family).

Publicity and membership

Ian introduced Tim to his neighbours (an exam will need to be sat by Tim at the next meeting to see if he was paying attention!) and John Kennedy invited him to join the Poulner Pod.

National is looking to do an article on Ex-Tablers who have achieved a great age; no doubt Jimmie will feature.

Chris K said he had bumped into Jo Bonello who is moving back to Woodfalls. Ian to contact.

Lay membership/ health & safety

Gone to Devon (which might be similar to Coventry as he is not talking to us) – so no report.

Webmaster/immediate past

Gordon is looking for feedback on the website.

Any other business

Raffle – Using a Random Number Generator (or a number from some random computer!) orchestrated by Bob, Graham Hoyle was deemed to be the first month's lucky winner to receive an extremely valuable voucher from Andrew.

Next meetings

Council – Tuesday 10 November at 16.30 via Zoom
Club – Tuesday 20 November at 16.30 via Zoom

Final Toast given by The Chairman

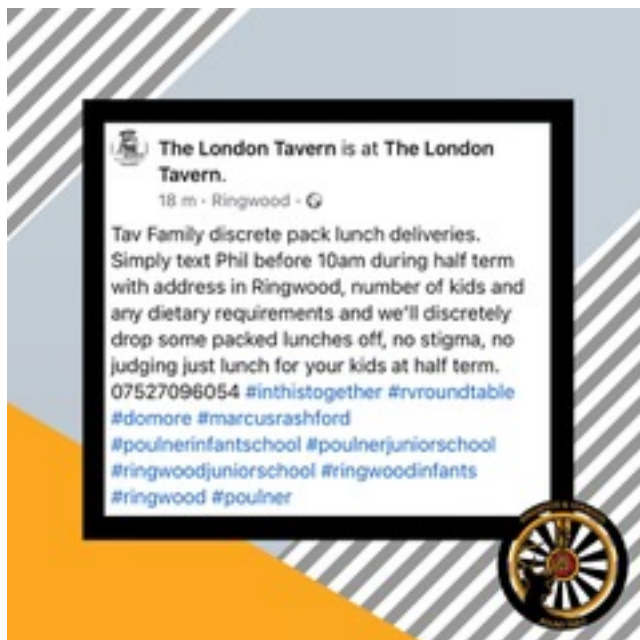
Phil Hoyle continued his excellent community work for the school half term:

ROUND TABLE HALF TERM SUPPORT

Please see the help being offered by Round Table during Half Term. This is from their Facebook page and offers of support welcomed.

Many thanks and best wishes, Richard

"Proud to shout about the amazing generosity of our Chairman Phil & the Team at **The London Tavern** for supporting our local community over half term with free kids lunches for those that need them"



With Halloween approaching Secretary Chris Kean sent out a reminder encouraging entries to the Pumpkin carving competition. As it turned out his was outstanding and won the competition as the photos in the November Cartier Chronicle showed:

Don't forget to buy your pumpkin and turn into an artistic creation which could, as winner of the competition, earn you the greatest accolade of all - your picture together with your artwork appearing in the November edition of The Cartier, and of course the sheer admiration of your fellow members. Not to mention the fun and satisfaction we will all get from our endeavours.

Get carving and submit your photo (with you in the picture) to me and to Peter Lomax by 1 November.

Have fun, Chris



NOVEMBER 2020

Talks had been going on about Joint Club and Tangent meetings and the first was planned for Monday 2nd November. Here is the notice to all members:

JOINT CLUB EVENING

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 7.30pm ON ZOOM

WISH YOU WERE THERE!

With the darker evenings 🌃 and partying 🍷🍷🎈 restrictions we invite you to a Joint Club event.

The theme is travel ✈️ and tourism 🌍 and there will be a quiz!?.

In addition, we invite half a dozen members to take part in "Wish I was There", a place you loved ❤️ to visit, and wish you were there now. Please contact 📞 one of us to take part and have an explanation of what we need including revealing clues 🔍 to this special location. So, dig out those weird and wonderful souvenirs 📺 and transport us 🚌 all to your favourite place.

We know how much some of you love dressing for the occasion so if you wish to get out the lederhosen 🇩🇪, sari 🇮🇳, kilt 🇬🇧 or kimono 🇯🇵, that will be fine.

With best wishes,

Richard and Caroline

The evening was well supported and very enjoyable. Four members, Chris Treleaven, Derrick Lynas, Anne Dyson and Chairman Richard presented photographs with clues as to the location and there was a picture quiz. Here are the answers to the members chosen locations:

Chris Treleaven:

The market is in Izmir, Turkey



Richard Carter:

The Country is Bhutan



Richard and Anne Dyson:

**The country is Thailand.
Pictures are at the Maesa Elephant Camp
where Anne & Richard completed their
Mahout training course as Elephant drivers.**



Derrick Lynas:

**This Is Coco de Mer, a coconut
found only in a forest in Praslin, Seychelles.**



The Club's sporty driver produced the next edition of 'The Pedal' on 3rd November:



THE PEDAL TO THE FLOOR

The occasional missive from your Club Motoring Correspondent. So Lights Out and Go! Hello enthusiasts, fans of this column and others!

Well, you ask, what's the old duffer going to ramble on about this time? Up to now it all been technical, this time it's something different – it's about the future. Whilst most of us will be considered to be older than average that hopefully does not mean we have to give up driving and motoring.

So to look into the future let's briefly look at the incredible technological changes in the recent past and their application to motoring.

Yes, there have been significant changes in the use of new materials, or the application of materials. A lot has been driven by the green agenda and a lot simply by the aim of making all vehicles much more fuel efficient. The most far reaching advances have been in electrical and electronic systems.

Vehicles now have to be designed with end of life recycling in mind. They are more aerodynamically efficient and have now all have high tech electronic and engine management systems to optimise performance and fuel economy. They are also much safer to be in with designed in crumple zones, air bags and other key components collapsible in a serious impact.

It's the electrical and electronic systems that are going to have the greatest impact in the immediate future – they already have. Whilst driverless cars are still in the experimental stage there is a strong lobby to bring their legal use forward – so watch that space.

In the meantime we have lane monitoring radar and active interference in driver control, we have radar monitored cruise control systems that will take over and automatically apply the brakes if the system consider the car is too close to another object. Most new cars are now equipped as standard with LED lights, a lot with parking rear view cameras, some with as many cameras as are needed to park the car at the press of a button without the driver doing anything.

We also have the mixed propulsion systems – traditional fuel petrol or diesel, hybrid being part electric and part traditional fuel – some are rechargeable hybrid, some self charging hybrid, and then there are the fully electric vehicles.

I thought it might be helpful to any of us when we have to consider replacing a car to help understand some of the jargon and what it all really means now and over the next few years, and end by giving my view slightly further into the future.

- Petrol power – still available – manufacturers leaning towards smaller turbo charged engines with sophisticated engine management systems to maintain sufficient power but with better fuel economy, and lower exhaust emissions.

- Diesel power – still available – improved engine management systems and improved exhaust systems to improve fuel economy and improve emissions.
- Hybrid – these do need some explanation – there are plug in or rechargeable hybrid and self charging hybrid, and then within that category some are classed as mild hybrid! Rechargeable mean they have to be periodically plugged into a suitable external electric charging point. Self charging harvest waste energy when slowing down and under braking. They then can either be managed to drive as an electric vehicle if so set up to do so, or the electric power will be automatically used along with the conventional fueled power at the discretion of the engine management system. (Mrs. F now has a mild hybrid.)
- Then there are fully electric – these have to be recharged regularly – the equivalent of a fuel refill. Faster charging points and in larger numbers are being introduced as these types of vehicles have become more popular.

Most large manufacturers are offering all of the above. There are those, notably Tesla, as a new entrant, that only offer fully electric.

The grand intention is to save the planet, and the by product is to save you money, although governments are having to manage motoring taxes as trends change.

So how is this going to affect you? Well if you are looking to change your car you will be faced with the choices outlined above. You will have to decide on what is best for you. Do you only ever do short journeys? All electric might then suit. Do you often travel to remote areas? In which case conventional or self charging hybrid might be more suitable. Are you only interested in high performance? Then you may consider conventional fuel only.

You may also need to consider the resale value of the car in the future. Is the technology you buy today going to hold up in value as new technologies are introduced? Should you play safe – like your correspondent – and keep a high performance modern classic?

Only you can decide what is best for you, but I hope this has helped lift the veil on some of the jargon. So where is it going to go next? My view is that what I have outlined above is where we will be over the next few – say up to 5 years.

After that I expect to see an increasing number of fuel cell cars coming to the market. They are already here but currently in low numbers. Fuel cell technology is the conversion of hydrogen and oxygen into electrical energy through an electrochemical reaction. Water is the by product. The key will be producing, storing and distributing hydrogen safely at low cost. The indications are already that this will be achievable, and a number of companies are already investing large sums into the technology. Most large manufacturers already have experimental vehicles running. Toyota amongst others can already sell you a 2nd generation one.

Happy motoring. (Some of the all electric are incredibly quick!)

Mike

And on Bonfire Night, 5th November, when we should have been enjoying ourselves at Will and Julie's, the second lockdown began and Editor Peter published the next edition of the Cartier Chronicle:

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The Cartier Chronicle

The One to watch!



BUMPER LOCKDOWN EDITION!!

Well, here we go again. Unlike non-essential shops, Ringwood Ex-Tablers will not be closed so if you have ideas as to how we can best enjoy our new stay at home requirements please get in touch. Council meets on Tuesday 10th November on Zoom and will consider all contributions!

A number of events are already in the diary for November. Our Joint meeting on 2nd November was well attended and another is planned for Monday 23rd November. Our Club meeting with talent on show is on Tuesday 17th November. Keith has a great film, the Kenneth Branagh 'Murder on the Orient Express' lined up for us on Monday 9th November and he has a seasonal offering of Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker' on Monday 30th November. Zoom details will be sent out ahead of each of these dates.

Is there room for more? Of course, if more is wanted we will put it on.

The annual Remembrance Day arrangements have been severely curtailed this year but a wreath will be laid at the War Memorial on your behalf on Sunday 8th November.

Stay well and keep smiling.

"The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief". Shakespeare.

Yours in Continued Fellowship

Richard



DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 9th November : Club Film 'Murder on the Orient Express' : 7.15pm Zoom . Details from Keith Anderson if you haven't yet recorded this film.

Tuesday 17th : Club meeting on Zoom 4.30pm. Talent Show. See page 2 for details.

Monday 23rd : Joint club event on Zoom. Details tba.

Monthly Raffle

The winner of the October raffle was Graham Hoyle.

A £10 Waitrose / John Lewis voucher is 'winging ' its way to him.

It is not too late to enter for the November draw.

Now just £5 to cover the remaining 5 virtual meetings. Send to our Treasurer Andrew.





Reply now to: UveBinHadd@aol.com

Richard and Susie's 500+500 walk

Susie and I set out on our march on 22nd July after seeing in the summer National Magazine the invitation to join those who had started in May. Our target was 500 miles each and to raise some funds for the National President's charity, Dementia UK.

We enjoyed it even though we became a bit obsessed to walk every day!

Susie completed the 500 miles in 79 days and I took a day longer! We then added the extra 20 miles to get the whole distance from our home to Aviemore, location of the hoped for National AGM next year.



The walk was promoted to both Clubs, to our family, friends and neighbours, the latter using our local Nextdoor social website. That produced one of the highlights when a man unknown to us saw Susie out walking, said he had seen the promotion and had put £10 in his pocket in case he saw either of us. Ian succeeded in getting a piece in the local Ringwood paper as well. (see below)

Thanks mainly to all of you in our two Clubs, we have raised over £1,000 including the gift aid added to the donations. Had we held any expectations this amount would have substantially exceeded them and we thank you all for your support and donations to a very good cause.

In completing the challenge we felt a sense of achievement in this strange year. We are very grateful for the gift from both Clubs of two roses which will be a great memento of the walking.

Ringwood and Fordingbridge NEWS

CHAIRMAN of Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Richard Carter and his wife Susie are engaged in a challenge to raise funds for Dementia UK. The Charity is the National Club Chairman's choice for this year.

Richard says, 'Susie walks almost every day and I started to do the same during lockdown; what better way to help keep fit in our 70s and raise money for a good cause'.

Living in the New Forest they have found plenty of varied local walking and both aim to complete their 500 miles before the end of October.

If you wish to support the fundraising please Google "Virginmoneygiving Peter Good", you will see 2 donation sites; select the 500 + 500 site; in the message box when making a donation put "Carterwalk".

Dementia is an umbrella term used to describe a range of progressive conditions affecting the brain. Over 850,000 people are living with dementia in the UK today and this figure is estimated to rise to over 1,000,000 by 2021. Dementia UK provide the specialist and compassionate support for affected families through their Admiral Nurse Service.



Jeff Wickens writes.....

I am sure you will all agree that Richard and Susie's sterling effort to complete the 500 + 500 walk for Dementia UK should be not go unrecognised by Ex Table and Tangent. For all sorts of reasons in these strange times, things did not go quite to plan. The idea was to present them with a rambling rose but as these are not available at the moment we managed to find two bush roses – Super Trouper and Warm Wishes which we thought were appropriate. These have now been delivered with a message of congratulations.



Derrick Lynas

Tabling in Holywood 841 and Area 11



I first heard about Round Table in "El Chippo" in Arenal, Majorca, in 1972. We were on a 5 day Autumn break and on arrival at the hotel, met two bankers from the Northern Bank Development Corporation in Belfast. After a last night on sangria we all went for a late meal where they invited me to a Fellowship Meeting at Holywood RT, a few days after our return. The Speaker that night was the Consultant in maxillofacial surgery, who had removed my wisdom teeth 10 years earlier.

He showed colour slides of the bullet wound to the face of John Taylor MP, and the facial reconstruction as he was carrying it out. With the effects of the heat and smoke in the room, and of course the colour photographs, the 'natural break' revealed a number sitting on the stairs feeling unwell and blood on the floor of the Gents where a prospective member had passed out. Fortunately one of the Tablers was a GP. I was the only new member recruited that night!

Holywood is a large village on the shores of Belfast Lough and 3 miles from where we lived, and the local Round Table had a great history of fund raising for charity. It had provided the first "quick response vehicle", a Morris Minor Van and defibrillator, in NI, three years earlier. A couple of years after I joined, the Heart Consultant returned to give a further talk on the subject and reminded Tablers that he had forecast 5 heart attacks in the Table over a 5 year period. It turned out the chap I was sitting beside had had 3 occasions to use the "quick response" defibrillator and subsequently had one of the first transplants in NI. He lived for another 20 years.

Every Christmas we helped the elderly and needy in the area. Yes, about our age now! First through sponsored coal deliveries and then by collecting food outside local supermarkets and making up Christmas hampers. I remember just how much these, and our visits, meant to the old folk each year who may have seen but a few people in between.

We also provided personal alarms for people living alone in a Warden supervised community, which at the time was a great innovation.

One of our Tablers was a master at a local Grammar School and for many years we were able to use the school coach to bring very excited children from the local Dr Barnardo's to the school swimming pool each week.

Fund raising was always fun, and as well as the usual Barn Dances, Beetle Drives, Safari Suppers, Fairs with model aeroplane displays, we organised Race Nights. The first one in 1975 raised £2500, but 4 years later only managed £1200. We suspected we were being ripped off by a few people but could not prove it. Incidentally around that time I visited 2 Tables which were also going to run Race Nights. Greenwich RT, a fairly large outgoing Table, thought they could raise £1000, and a few weeks later I visited Lucan, a small village outside Dublin with just 12 Tablers, and they were setting a target of £5000. And they say size matters!

Area 11 was great for social functions and events, with annual family weekend rallies being one of the highlights of the year. On one such occasion a complete train from Dublin to Waterford was booked, with rally registration completed on the train. There was always a Formal Night and a Fancy Dress night with a competition. That year the theme was 'shipwrecked'. Holywood came second but the worthy winner was City of Derry Table who went as 'space ship wrecked', dressed up in foil 'space suits' with their Chairman, who had lost his arm in an accident, carrying his artificial one covered in foil.

Area competitions included Jokers Wild nights for best stand up comedian, (adult female entertainment sometimes occurred afterwards, when the RT night had officially been closed). This was of course the Seventies and also happened occasionally after Holywood's Christmas Dinner but 30 miles from Holywood!

An annual rowing boat race was held in a bay in Belfast Lough. This was officially known as the Punt and Rowlocks Race but was normally called something else.

There was no risk assessment and life jackets were unavailable for what was really dodgems on water. Holywood RT enjoyed visiting and hosting other Tables and when repaying a great visit to Carlisle we wanted to provide our guests with Northern Irish hospitality.

After the meeting a group came home for a 'night cap' where someone produced poteen. The Chairman of Carlisle was 6ft 4ins and built like a tank. That night he failed to live up to his name of 'The Mighty Quinn'.



On another visit, we went to Stewarton near Glasgow. Pat and I were hosted by a great couple who were providing one of the main courses for a safari supper. Our host, Sylvia had prepared a whole salmon which was cooling in the kitchen as we arrived. Unfortunately the neighbour's cat got through the window and demolished the lot. Not to be out-done she managed to obtain another salmon and get it ready in time for the other guests to arrive.

One memorable Area visit was to a Burns Night Supper in Girvan. On this occasion we stayed in the hotel which was the venue for the function. Although we were there by invitation, our hosts

were not particularly welcoming. The Burns 'ritual' was very well done, but the after dinner speaker was a member of the SNP and his talk was very political. At the 'natural break', the Chairman of Belfast RT filled a prophylactic with water in the Gents, put it on a salver and all 16 Area 11 Tablers solemnly filed into the function and addressed the 'Irish Haggis'. This went down like a lead balloon with the Scots.

During my year as chairman, Pat and I attended 20 of the 22 Table Ladies Nights throughout the Area, often being hosted because of the distance. Hollywood's was the last one on the circuit and it was tra-



ditional for the Chairman to throw a party in his home after the Dance, with guests leaving before breakfast. That year a couple of Chairmen raided Pat's wardrobe and appeared dressed in her clothes. She was not amused!

International Year of the Child occurred during my year and we held a Charity Concert with Clubsound, a big Irish Showband in the 1970's and 80's. The proceeds were presented to the NSPCC and we received widespread publicity for it on the radio and in the press. Further funds were raised that year to provide a Billiards Table for the local Salvation Army Eventide Home. Happy but hazy memories include the Golden Jubilee Regional dinner in 1977, (the year the Louis Marchesi Lifeboat was launched). In addition to wine on the table someone had managed to get Bushmills Distillery to provide a bottle of Black Bush between every 4 and a

great night was had by all. The 1978 National Conference in Glasgow was not for the faint hearted. Hollywood went stag and after 4 days and three nights I can see why we had to leave Table at 40! 6000 attended that year in the Kelvin Hall, only beaten by 10,000 the following year in the NEC Birmingham.

In the mid 90's with numbers down to 10 Tablers for a while, Hollywood RT embarked on a plan to take 60 terminally ill children and their carers to see Santa in Lapland. After raising terrific sponsorship, they still needed to find over £10000 to pay the much discounted residual cost of the flight to British Midland. They managed to raise this with some help from the Hollywood RT 'family' and even managed to repeat the event the following year. This shows what a small group with drive and vision can achieve. Unfortunately like many Tables Hollywood closed in the mid 2000's.

When we were moving to England in 1998 I selected a Surveyor and Solicitor from a panel of 6 given to me by NatWest Ringwood - John Humphreys and Ian Fretten, both Christchurch 41 Club, but I was encouraged to join Ringwood after I looked at Alastair Hardie's bungalow which was up for sale. He was Membership Officer and subsequently invited me along and the rest as they say is history.

Tabling has been a large part of my adult life and many of the people I have met along the way are still friends to this day.

Another great article from our 'imported' Tablers. Thank you Derrick. Next month another treat.....Mr Gordon Knott will recall his past with Wokingham RT. I may have to press the editing button more than usual !! Ed.



PUMPKIN PAGE

The Editor and Chris Kean had the difficult task of choosing the best carved pumpkin from photos submitted by the enormous number of entries from our members. We have both lost sleep worrying over the mental wellbeing of those 'carvers' who haven't made the 'cut' and who will be deeply saddened not to receive the prestigious trophy. Ignore that. Just realised that we don't have a trophy.

Anyway, Chris and I debated over the winning entry and I have ignored his advice because in my opinion his entry was the best. Modesty overcame Chris! I hope you agree. If not, write to our Chairman, not me.

Thank you and well done to Will, Ian, Richard, Steve, Mike and Chris.



Left:
Will Parke's
entry.
Is that what
they call
Cubism
style?

A Franco
Caribbean
pirate
trained in
the Police
Force?



Ian is the one
on the right



Great stuff Chairman.
Wrong colour hat !

Another excellent
Trumpkin from Steve.

Love the hairpiece
(the pumpkin, not
yours Steve!)



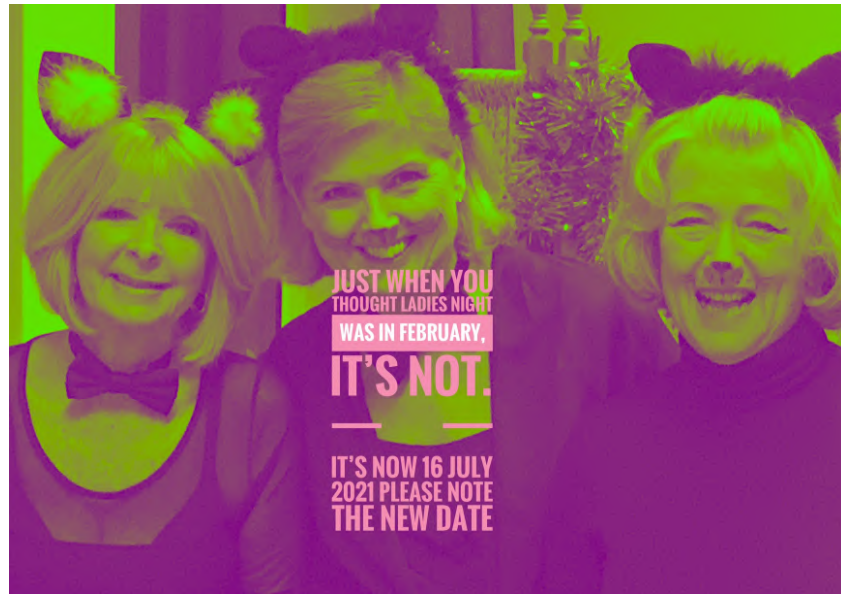
Mike Fraser's 'dark' offering. Scary, but good!!



And the winner is.... Chris Kean's
great carvings.

**A DATE FOR
YOUR DIARY.**

**WHEN DID YOU
LAST USE YOUR
DIARY?!!**



2020 VISION

CAR TREASURE HUNT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 10.30AM.

A motorized and memorable insight into our lovely forest and seaside with remarkable prizes

*****POSTPONED*****

*Can't think why!!
Hoping to rearrange when
restrictions allow*

Never in a thousand years did I ever believe I'd walk into a bank wearing a mask and ask for money.

Holidaying in 2020.



FINAL REMINDER !!

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.

Christmas Dinner 2020 with the family 🍷



A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



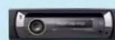
SMARTPHONE
Leave it alone,
it does its magic



OVEN
You'll need a
Masters in
Electronic
Engineering
or a hammer



SUNDIAL
Move one house
to the left



CAR RADIO
Not worth it,
wait six months

They said a
mask and
gloves were
enough to go to
the supermar-
ket. They lied.
Everybody else
had clothes on.

The buttons on
my jeans have
started social
distancing from
each other.

Another year has passed and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast
Now I fully understand about 'living in the past'.
We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches,
Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel to places far and near.
Now we get sore arses from riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news.
That my friend is how life is and now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...before you're too damned old!!

The 7,000

If I was a gambling man, which I am not,
Would I bet for or against them?
Them? They speed through the gloomy, cold vacuum
Beyond Mars, in countless numbers, in all shapes and
sizes.

The chemically pure relics from which the planets
were formed,
The building blocks of everything, the building blocks
of Life.

Brilliant ancient mathematicians and astronomers
Observed, mapped and symbolised the night skies,
And measured time and the seasons, to establish the
calendar,
Named after stars and constellations, near and far,
that they saw,
But with the naked eye they could not see what we
can now see,
With computer controlled optical, infra red and radio
telescopes.

The asteroids are up there, we can see their frag-
ments As meteorites burning up, in any clear night
sky.

We can watch and record, we can predict what they
will do.

We know most are stable, and will carry on in their
orbit for millennia.
But some are not, they wander out of orbit, they stray
towards us.

We can see evidence on the Moon, and here, of their
presence.

Not just millions of years ago, but now, Siberia in
1908, Namibia in 2008.

So will the building blocks of life also create the rubble
of death?

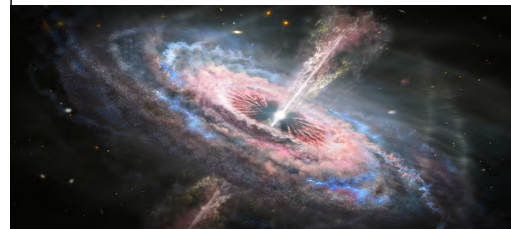
How many are unstable? How many have strayed?
How many are large enough to significantly change
our planet?

If they have strayed how many could one day impact
here?

There are 7,000.

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Mike Fraser's poem which he read at our recent club
meeting.



Another Smile for Another Month

My grandad fought them on the beaches.

A lovely man but a terrible deck chair attendant

Most people have heard of the famous
philosopher KARL MARX.

Far fewer have heard of his sister ONYA
the inventor of the starting pistol.

I wanted to be a millionaire like my dad

He always wanted to be a millionaire too

Crustacean



Bustacean



Kings Crustacean



Letters to the Editor

Thank you to those of you who obviously have time on their hands and have sent me some letters this month.
Keep them coming!!

Dear Sir,
Every time I buy something or speak with a Customer Service Department, within a few days I receive a "How did we do?" questionnaire. After a night of passion, I decided to send my Lover a "How did I do?" questionnaire. The response caught me by surprise. The names I was called were hurtful. However, "idiot, stupid" I thought harsh but, maybe the question below was wrong.

"How likely, are you to recommend me to a friend?"

Your opinion whether I incorrectly used the comma would be much appreciated.

Kindest Regards

Without identifying the writer of this letter let me just say that Angela ought to be very, very worried. Ed

Dear Sir,
Car Treasure Hunt in the flesh,
Sunday 29th November. Marvellous idea.

Just wondering, is this like "dogging" but we keep moving car parks.

Yours faithfully

Excited

PS. Concerned there will be social distancing.

But I don't have a dog. Can I still come? Ed.

Dear Editor
Grounds for divorce??
This week my wife Jenny sent me an email explaining that George, our PC man had called to say he was installing Voice Activated controls on our computers to save us time and pain.
To activate I had to turn on the PC next morning and when logged in start talking for voice recognition. This I did and after 20 minutes of one way chat with my ACER Jenny stuck her head in my office, laughing helplessly and saying it was joke.
As you can imagine, this has caused heightened mental anguish. In response I have already hidden her Pinot, burned all her clothes and sold her car. Do you think I have done enough??

Unhappy of LH
I am more worried that your wife is sending you emails or perhaps you are self isolating? Ed.

Sir

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

It makes me proud. I almost feel like a hybrid.

P. Nonoir

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

Sunshine is not cancelled
Spring is not cancelled
Love is not cancelled
Relationships are not cancelled
Reading is not cancelled
Naps are not cancelled
Devotion is not cancelled
Music is not cancelled
Dancing is not cancelled
Imagination is not cancelled
Kindness is not cancelled
Conversations are not cancelled
HOPE is not cancelled



Stay safe

and

Stay POSITIVE!



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REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Very sadly the usual planned events for Remembrance Sunday, including the Church service and parade to the Memorial Cross had been cancelled because of the new lockdown. We therefore had to determine how we could continue to lay our wreaths.

Chairman Richard and Piper John Adams had a pre-meeting at the Memorial to plan how best to proceed and Richard then coordinated the involvement of Tangent, Round Table and Rotary with the Masons also joining us on the day.

The following exchange of correspondence with the Mayor had confirmed our intentions:

Dear Councillor Ring,

21st October 2020

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thank you for your letter of 16th September 2020 confirming the plans for Remembrance weekend.

We, Ringwood & District Ex-Table Club and our sister Tangent Club, do wish to place our wreaths at the War Memorial as usual. We propose to do this on Sunday morning 8th November before 10.30am as requested.

There will be six of us involved including one of our members who will play the pipes. We propose to do this from shortly before 10am and we understand that Ringwood & Verwood Round Table and Ringwood Rotary wish to do the same and that the piper plays for them as well immediately after us.

We will ensure that we observe the 'rule of six' and social distancing requirements operating on that day.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Carter
Chairman, Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club



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Ringwood Town Council

Ringwood Gateway
The Furlong
Ringwood
BH24 1AT

Town Mayor: Cllr T Ring

Mr R Carter
Amberley
Hale Purlieu
Fordingbridge
Hampshire
SP6 2NN

Date: 24th October 2020

Dear Richard

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you for your letter of the 21st October and advising the Town Council and myself of your proposed times to lay your wreaths and the plans of the other organisations.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank you for your support to the community commitment to remembrance and I sincerely hope that next year will see us all together to conduct the event at our usual level of public participation.

Kind Regards

Cllr T Ring
Town Mayor of Ringwood

All went well observed by the local policeman who was less concerned about social distancing than the fact that he had forgotten to put on his poppy that morning! A photo is in the December Cartier Chronicle and here are three more:



As we were now in another lockdown Arthur suggested reinstating the 'Daily Smile'. Council was in full agreement and decided to ask him to do it roughly every other day rather than a commitment to every day. This then happened for the remainder of the Club year and Arthur maintained the same brilliant level of humour and entertainment throughout to keep a smile on our faces.

Having called it a day at 100 he commented after the first 50 of the new session:

"Well I got that wrong! Number 100 was not the last and we are now well over 150"

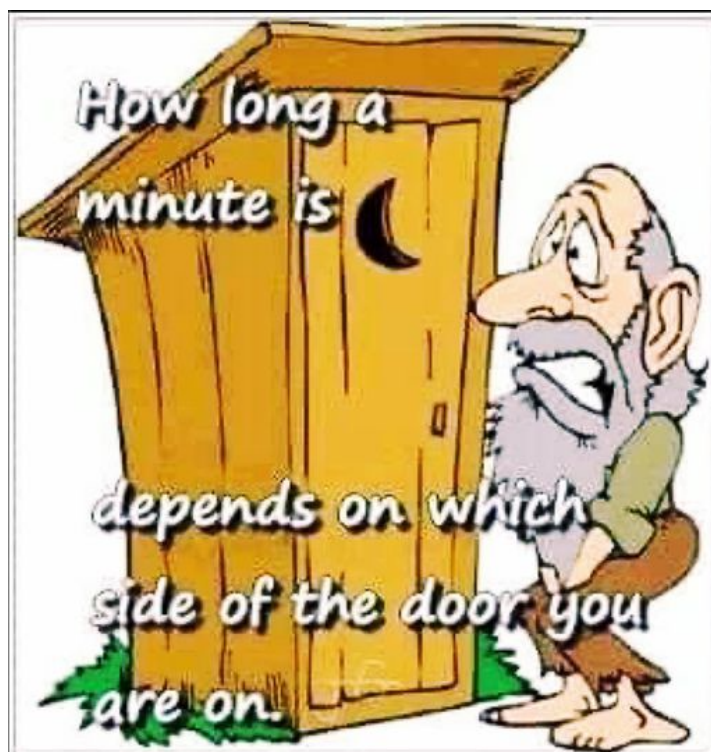
Smile No.142 - 29th January 2021

I once went to a fancy dress party in Birmingham where the theme was "spice". I went as a chilli pepper but everyone else went as astronauts

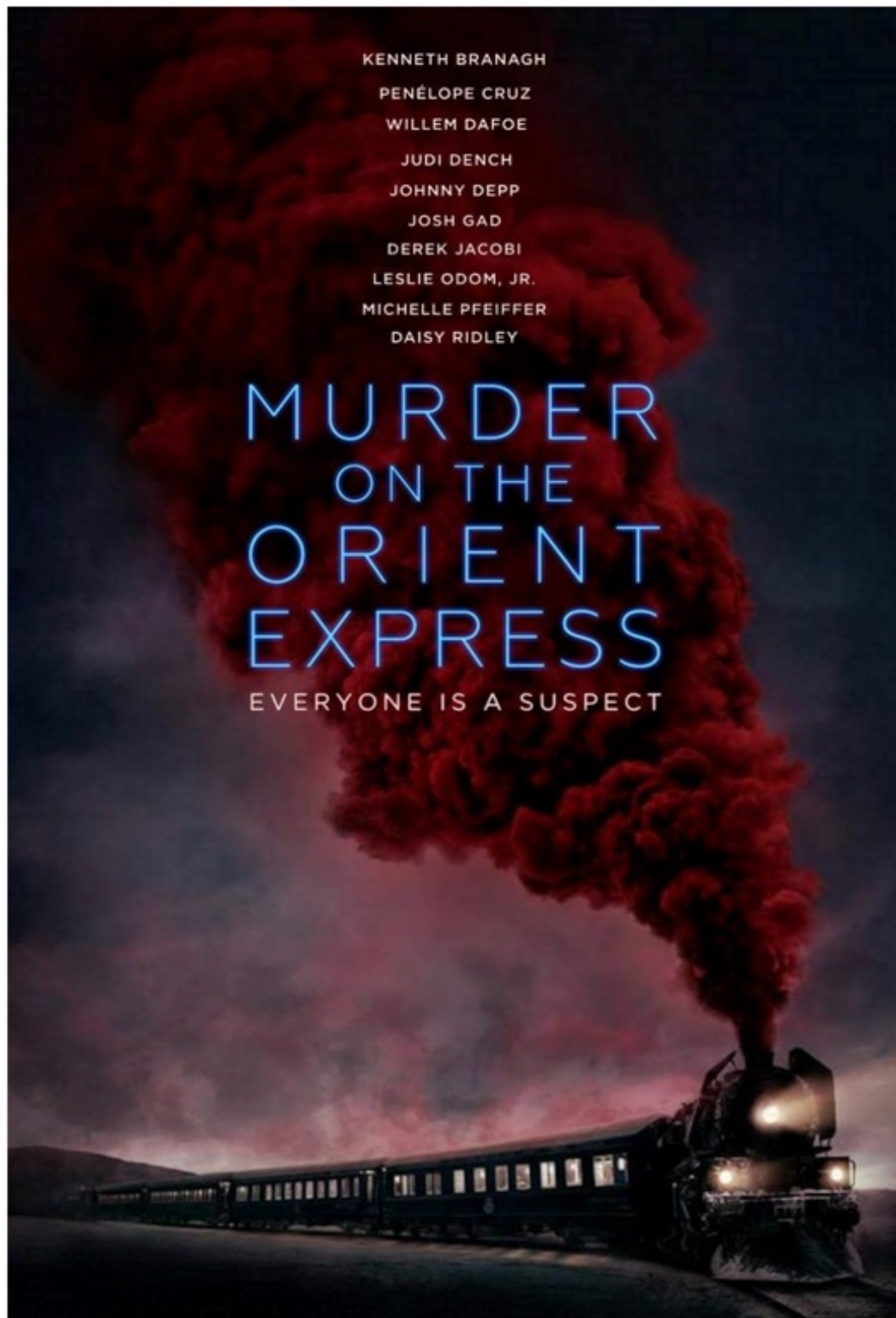


Smile No. 162 – 10th March 2021

A thief broke into my house last night. Apparently he was looking for money So I got up and searched with him



On Monday 9th November came the Club Film, 'Murder on the Orient Express' based on the Agatha Christie novel. Keith and Sue dressed for the occasion as usual but rather mystifyingly Keith was dressed as Sherlock Holmes!



Tuesday 10th November was the next Council meeting:

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS CLUB

COUNCIL MEETING

held at 4.30pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020

Present

Richard Carter (Chairman), John Adams, Richard Blackiston, Mike Callaghan, Richard Dyson, Andrew Green, Chris Kean, Peter Lomax, Bob Merrett, David Phelps, Ian Stockdale, Jeff Wickens

Apologies

Steve Mursell

Minutes of previous meeting

Taken as read

Matters arising

None which are not on the agenda for this meeting.

Correspondence

A letter from Lindsay Andrews to the Chairman in connection with the actions being taken by the RACE group (see below) and an exchange of correspondence with Bernard Elwen, National Secretary, concerning approval of the 2019 National accounts and 2021 budget, both of which are to be dealt with later in the meeting. Also, Richard C had received a lovely note from Viv Hirst thanking members for all their kind thoughts, messages of support and offers of assistance.

Chairman's comments

Remembrance Day – In the rather different circumstances this year, all went off well; John Adams piping was much appreciated. Photos to Peter L and the webmaster. Ian has sent photos to those who appeared in them.

After the event John A had a discussion with a Mason who seemed impressed with our approach and is keen to develop the contact for next year.

Pumpkin competition – thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit; an interesting array of entries was produced.

Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency Group (RACE) – As noted above, The Chairman had received an email from Lindsay Andrews explaining the raison d'être of RACE, the actions being taken and the range of people/clubs, including Round Table, contributing to the process. There was general support for our involvement in some areas of their work but with words of caution that we should not get drawn into any political avenues. It was agreed that we would respond positively to Lindsay and put it to the Club at its next meeting. Chris K to act as liaison with the Group.



500+500 walk – Richard and Susie have reached their target of 520 miles each but as the National event is continuing, they are planning on a new target of 1000 miles. Thanks from Richard and Susie for the two roses to mark their achievements.

Vice Chairman

Nothing to report.

Secretary

A quasi AGM is to be held on Wednesday 16 December at 7.30 with a view to approving the National 2019 accounts and the 2021 budget. All members are welcome to join in on the Zoom meeting and our delegated member is eligible to vote. The National Secretary, Bernard Elwen, has sent through the accounts but not the Treasurer's Report, which seems to be about 39 pages long.

Richard Dyson confirmed, following his National meeting on Saturday, that this is not without contention, particularly on the subject of capitation for next year; the proposal is to keep it the same albeit that the current year's expenditure has been much lower due to Covid, but alas there is a perceived financial risk by the National Council following the cancellation of the Aviemore National Conference. The discussions may not be straightforward.

Treasurer

To date, Andrew has received £179 for the raffle and, disappointingly, £715 only for the 2020 Xmas card. Mike C would like to print the card in early December so a reminder needed at the forthcoming Club meeting for those who haven't contributed already but would like to do so. One method of distribution might be via pod leaders although this might be more effective for some pods than others.

Andrew has now paid over all the 2019 monies to Ringwood Day Care Centre (£500) and MHA (£315). A photo opportunity will be organised at an appropriate time.

Social

November 17 is the "Talent??!!" Club meeting

Nov 23 Joint meeting, perhaps about Wine (but definitely no whines)

Nov 30 Nutcracker evening (does anyone have a clean pair of long johns to lend to Keith for his Nureyev impression, together with a pair of rolled socks?)

Dec 7 Jeff's London quiz?

Dec 14 probably Tangent's Christmas meeting

Dec 21 Xmas film night?

Car treasure hunt has not been binned yet.

NYEve still to be decided, possibly in pods or leave for this year.

Photos and videos of what we got up to during lockdown (printable ones only) to Gordon.

Caroline wants to do a carol service somehow but logistics are still to be worked out.

Welfare

David Hirst and John Morgan are both talkative, positive and improving.

Hugh is a little more positive but improvement is slow.

Speakers' secretaries

Despite the intransigence of some of the artists' agents, 6 acts are teed up and ready to perform although some may not be shown live (from which one assumes they have been pre-recorded, as against something else, which could be dull!!).

It is recommended that members arrive early as, given the quality that is on show, it will be standing room only, although there was talk of Mike doing the dance of the seven veils (with army blankets?!) which might result in a number of meeting apologies, so perhaps better to keep that one quiet.

Meals secretary

Ian is to identify a winner for the November raffle using a Random Number Generator – it is just possible that his blank expression was all part of his Thespian persona?

Editor

Peter produced an interim Cartier during the last lockdown and may well do the same this time.

Deadline is 4 December; this issue will include some Remembrance photos.

Membership and Press

Jo Bonello will be back in Woodfalls in late November and has expressed an interest in re-joining.

National is producing an article on members (internationally) who have achieved amazing ages.

Lay member/Health & Safety

AWOL (but did apologise).

Website

Gordon had held a meeting of the webmasters.

Immediate Past

Nothing to report.

AOB

David P extolled the virtues of the National series of lectures and one in particular from a lady who rowed the Atlantic, which can be found on YouTube.

Ian asked that we keep an eye open for any publications which refer to the club to ensure that the contact details are current.

The Joint meeting, to be organised by Tangent, will be on Wednesday 13 January.

Next Club meeting – Tuesday, 17 November at 4.30 on Zoom.

Next Council meeting – Tuesday, 1 December at 4.30 on Zoom.

National 41 Club launched Buddyline a telephone call operation manned by Ex-Tablers. David Phelps volunteered for this and after training was on call. The service was described as being there for any member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them or if they are feeling lonely or isolated. He kept Club up to date as to his involvement.

On Friday 13th November the Golfers got together for an 'end of season' Zoom catch up. Normally, the annual dinner and prize giving would be happening at this time. The session started with an entertaining few minutes as Captain John Quint had technical difficulties, and it all ended with a barrage of humour from David Darts. In between was the expected good banter.

On Monday 16th November Peter issued a special lockdown edition of the Cartier Chronicle:



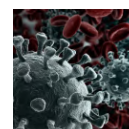
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The Cartier Chronicle

The One to watch!



SPECIAL LOCKDOWN EDITION



Your Editor writes.....

I guess you are just a little bored right now so I hope this extra edition of The Cartier Chronicle will give you some light relief to help shorten these long (wet) dark days. There are no articles from Richard or Caroline because they really don't have much to say in the absence of club meetings and socials but I do know that they send their best wishes to you all. They have been very busy arranging Zoom socials!

There is some really positive news with the announcement of a vaccine roll out in the not too distant future so let us look forward to good times ahead and forget about the past. Christmas will be very different this year and Ann and I are already planning a table for two. I suspect that there may be some of you on your own and I would please ask you to let Ann and me know if that is the case so that we can arrange a Zoom get together on or around Christmas. Perhaps more of you could do the same? Failing Zoom, there is always the jolly old phone! Don't be shy.....Christmas is a time to get together and celebrate although we can't promise Turkey, Xmas pudding and the trimmings!

So what have we been doing during this lockdown? Very different to 'Lockdown 1' when the sun was shining, the garden was ready to come out of winter hibernation, the diary was empty and (to be honest) we quite enjoyed the peace! We did loads of garden projects including widening and reseeding the front lawn, raising the height of the adjoining flower bed by about six inches and totally replanting the herbaceous plants. The soil came from an old heap of 'rubbish' at the bottom of the back garden which needed sifting and barrowing to the front garden. Don't ask me how many journeys I made! If that wasn't enough exercise, we walked locally most days for our allotted 40 minutes and we took our bikes out too. The loft and garage had a good tidy out and I painted the outside of the house. Ann potted up all her cuttings as well as creating hanging baskets from cuttings and geraniums that had been overwintered in the conservatory and garden shed. Our neighbour commented that the baskets were better than the bought ones we usually have! The biggest task (which wasn't completed until early August) was the re-pointing of the patio that surrounds the swimming pool. Chipping out the old mortar of some 40 square metres was a boring task which was undertaken in two hours stints over quite a few weeks! The new mortar was a resin based product that just needed sweeping into the joints and hardened overnight. Looks good now!

The garden (and swimming pool) has been put to bed now but we have made a list of all the garden jobs that need to be done over the coming months such as rebuild the compost heaps, trimming some shrubs and reshaping some borders. We look forward to welcoming you in Spring 2021. Now, there's something to look forward too! Plus another bumper edition early December with photos of the laying of our 41 Club wreath on Remembrance Sunday, Will and Julie's 'quiet' bonfire party, more tales of early Round Table days and plenty more. Stay safe. *PWL*

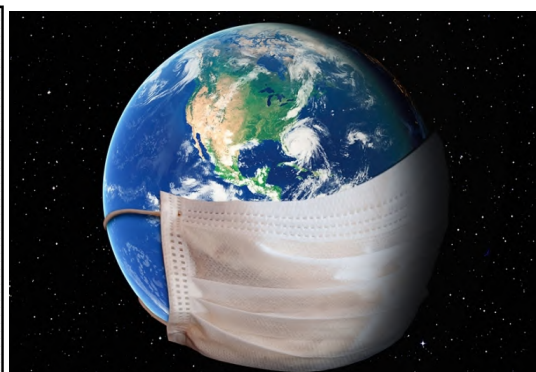
DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 17th : Club meeting on Zoom 4.30pm. Talent Show.
Monday 23rd : Joint club event on Zoom 7.30pm. See page 5
Monday 30th November : Club Concert. 'The Nutcracker' 7.15pm
Zoom details to follow.

DECEMBER

Monday 7th : Wickens Wander on Zoom at 7.30pm (see page 3)
Monday 14th : Tangent Christmas Party (see page 4)
Tues 15th : Club Meeting
Wed 16th : National AGM
Monday 21st : 41 Club & Tangent Christmas Evening (see page 4)





It's Gordon Knott's turn to recall his memories of Round Table.

Wokingham Round Table (831), Round Table Area 25, A Personal Tale

As prophesied, our new friends in Wokingham Round Table annihilate us with their banter, sharp wit and quick one liners. But once the Stripper had taken centre stage, our new friends lost interest in our humiliation and showed their appreciative noisy side, until the talcum powder appeared.

It was a tradition in Wokingham Round Table for new members to be tasked with organising one of their early meetings. And so, Jeremy and I found ourselves at the pub, organising. How quickly we slipped into the ways of Tabling.

After several pub visits, the only idea to survive was The Quiz. Questions written, we put down our pencils and in unison said, "they are going to annihilate us". To save the evening, we did what every Tabler has done before us. We booked a Stripper as the support act to The Quiz. The talcum powder was her idea.

Wokingham Town was fortunate, it had two Round Table Clubs, Wokingham and West Forest. The later having been started when numbers in Wokingham RT got too big, that was the official line.

Charity and the Community was a big part of the Club, as it still is for all Tables today. We could be found rattling tins on the streets of our market town, arranging lunches for the elderly (they were of similar age to me now) cutting lawns or pushing cars out of fields after Firework Night.

Christmas was a busy time for tin rattling. Saturdays in December we could be found collecting in town. During the evenings we took Santa's Sleigh around the local housing estates, knocking on doors, collecting money for our "good causes".

My first Christmas as a Tabler, I got lucky. I had the lead role, Father Christmas on the third slot of the day. I arrived at the Town Hall early for the costume handover. Robe on, belt tied, hat on, just the beard. No one thought to mention if you have the lead role and are not the first slot, bring your own beard. After four hours, two Father Christmases, the beard was wet, bad smelling and ho-ho, waiting for me.

On the social side we had family sports day, themed parties, progressive suppers, treasure hunts. There were Area events, Rowlock Rally, Smoker and of course National Sporting Weekend. We had BBQs in the field at Cantley and the return to Cantley to ensure the hot embers discarded under the hedge had not caught fire. There was Club Night in the Chairman's garden, clay-pigeon shooting. But it was okay, health and safety was not an issue in those days.

Sports Day, a fun event for all the family. Fun races for the children, welly throwing for all, 100 yard dash and Beverley's wardrobe malfunction. Funny how certain images stay with you. Beverley did not win but received the loudest appreciative applause.

Rowlock Rally, a relay row from Abingdon to Henley. Some Clubs thought it was a race. You could easily spot them, they would be the ones carrying their heavy boats over the lock when the lock gates were against them. Wokingham RT used the closed lock for a well-deserved rest. That is not to say we did not give it our all. We did, we were punctual at the hand over points and rowed hard, by our standard.

Area Smoker, a highlight in the calendar year, held at Slough Community Centre. The venue was perfect but more importantly, they allowed us back every year. The format of the evening involved half-a-dozen Clubs in Area 25 performing a spectacular entertaining short Show. The Shows were judged and the winner had the honour of organising next year's Smoker. And yes, you've spotted the problem. No Club wanted to organise next year's Smoker so Shows were written to ensure second place or lower.

But Tablers knew how to incentivise and dozens of white bread rolls were provided. These were not for eating and if they were stale, all the better. They were for dunking in beer and in experienced hands, became deadly missiles. If the Tablers on stage displeased, the dunked bread rolls were dispatched at speed in their direction. To ensure no downtime between Shows, exotic dancers wearing very little, eventually, were booked. Several, indeed, as they would be on stage many times during the evening!



One-year, Smoker achieved notoriety in the Sunday Papers with the headline "Round Tablers Watch Strippers As Building Burns".

Part of the headline is true and it is also true the Centre's fire alarms did go off. Two big red fire engines did arrive in a blaze of sirens and flashing blue lights and yes, strippers were on stage being noisily appreciated as firemen wearing masks and breathing apparatus burst into the hall.

With the motto "Adopt, Adapt, Improve" or it may have been "the show must go on", the show continued and the strippers "entertained". The only outward sign they showed that they were aware the fireman had arrived, their tassels started spinning faster and in different directions.

It all started when the alarm confused the smoke it detected as fire smoke. But it was grey bellowing plumes of motor bike exhaust. A Club was going all out to win Smoker and the motor bike on stage was going to clinch the win. When I say "on stage" that is not quite correct. Jumping the bike off the four-foot-high stage onto the central aisle at full throttle was going to clinch the win. It was okay, health and safety was not an issue in those fun days. To jump the bike, fast acceleration was required, to get fast acceleration a lot of engine revving was required. This in turn created bellowing plumes of exhaust which was required to trigger the fire alarm. How were we to know, we had no risk assessment.

We explained this to the firemen. They explained to us, having been called out they must check the building and ensure it is safe. Concerned they were going to evacuate us, we invited the firemen to join us. So, they sent a couple of rookie firemen to check the building and made themselves comfortable at the back of the hall wondering, how two tassels can spin that fast in different directions at the same time.

With the charity, community work and the social side of Club, fellowship in Wokingham's Round Table flourished. Today, Wokingham has a successful active 41 Club, meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Sand Martins Golf Club. Oh, except those months with a 2020 in it.

Thank you Gordon for that 'insight' (I use that word loosely) into your Tabling with Wokingham. I also took part in the Rowlock Rally in the late 70's. Readers will recall that another of these articles was written (Cartier 9) by Paul Thackray who was also a Wokingham RT member, obviously before Gordon joined because Paul made no mention of such 'lively' evenings!! He talked about "music hall shows which could get a bit smutty". Wokingham went downhill after Paul left!!

2020 Wickens Wander - London



Every year around this time a small band of hardy travellers have a wander round the lesser known parts of London and a few jars in a pub to shake the off dust and more often than not, warm up! This inevitably meant a train or coach up and back, some pretty hectic Underground and London bus trips and lots and lots of walking. Sadly this year I could not even do the recce with Dick Sheerin and had to abandon the trip - but who knows maybe we might be able to sort something

out for the spring. In the meantime the plan is to show a 'wander' presented by a proper London guide, maybe have a few reminiscences and a quick quiz to round things off.

So please join us on Zoom on Monday 7 December at 7.30 pm - courtesy of Richard Carter

Tangent News

Caroline has sent me the following social events for Tangent (and a joint gathering). You see, I told you, Christmas is still happening (25th December this year).

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2020



Tangent only - **"Our Very Own Christmas Party"**

'Bubbles, Baubles and Bingo'



Dress: Christmas jumpers, hats, baubles and all things Christmassy!

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Zoom



Pour yourself a glass of bubbly, have your baubles handy, show off your best Christmas jumper and 'Eyes Down' for bingo!

Contact Caroline to participate and receive your unique bingo card to print at home

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020

**Tangent/41Club
starting at 7.30 pm**

Venue: Zoom

Memories of past Xmas and New Year celebrations aided by photos....and as an example see right for a reminder of New Years Eve, eight years ago.
(Theme was Hi di Hi)



An evening of laughs and fun with a sherry and mince pie or two and perhaps carrying on with another sherry and mince pie.

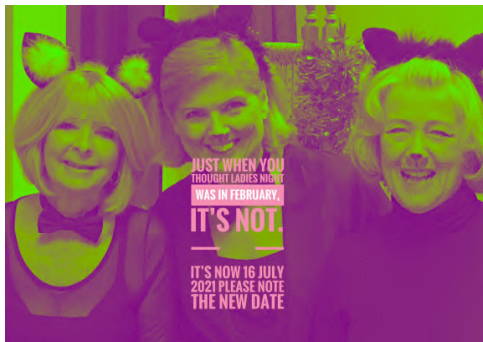
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2010



Apologies from the Editor as the following was omitted from the last edition of Cartier

**It's now looking good that 16th July will be ok!!
Fingers crossed and vaccine willing!!**



I am sure most of you will be all too aware of the difficulties posed by Covid and that now includes our Ladies Night. We could have gone ahead with a dinner for a limited number but no mixing with other guests and, particularly, no band, dancing or cabaret and meant that we would have been infringing the Trade Description Act if we called it Ladies Night.

So please note the new date by which time we hope to be back to normal.
Bob Merrett

**Chairman Richard and David Darts
scoop top Wine connoisseur for
our next Zoom social event !!**

Monday November 23rd 7.30pm on Zoom.

Everyone welcome

Subject to her commitments David Darts has secured Mimi Avery of Avery Wines to talk to us about her love of wine. A short introduction and then some fun with a quiz which Richard has asked me to include below.

No prizes for the winner!!



Averys began in 1793 and over the years, the family has built its reputation as one of the UK's most pioneering wine merchants. Today, it is 5th generation Mimi Avery introducing a new generation of wine lovers to Averys. At the heart of what we do – and have done for over 220 years – is share our passion for wine. We love discovering wines with a story to tell – whether for everyday drinking or fine wines for the cellar.

So, if you're looking for 'real' wines, full of character and flavour...

Welcome to Averys.

QUIZ

WINE VARIETALS

- 1: What type of French wine is typically made from Pinot Noir grapes?
- 2: What is the most widely planted grape in the world?
- 3: What is Australia's most important wine grape?
- 4: What is the dominant grape in Chianti?

FACTS AND FIGURES

- 5: How much wine is in a standard bottle?
- 6: What's the biggest kind of wine bottle?
- 7: How many grapes does it take to make a standard bottle of wine?
- 8: On average, how much wine does one acre of grapevines produce?
- 9: How much wine is in a barrel?
- 10: How long after planting is a grapevine ready to make wine?

TOAST TO WINE LOVING HISTORICAL FIGURES

- 11: Which wine was used to toast both the signing of the Declaration of Independence and George Washington's inauguration?
- 12: What was Jackie Kennedy's favourite kind of Champagne?
- 13: How many bottles of Pol Roger Champagne did Winston Churchill drink in his lifetime?
- 14: Which two U.S. presidents attempted to grow grapevines?

VINO VOCAB

- 15: What does non-vintage (or NV) mean?
- 16: Which species of grape is responsible for most of the wine made throughout the world?
- 17: What does a vertical wine tasting entail?
- 18: What does appellation mean?

TESTING YOUR CHAMPAGNE SAVOIR-FAIRE

- 19: How fast can the cork fly out of a Champagne bottle?
- 20: At what point in the winemaking process does Champagne get its bubbles?
- 21: How many bubbles are there in a bottle of Champagne?

FUN FACTS

- 22: How old is the oldest winery in the world?
- 23: What colours can wine be?
- 24: Which Greek goddess is used to signify that a wine bottle has been certified as biodynamic?

WINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- 25: Which country has the largest area of vineyards?
- 26: What is the only winemaking region in the world that wasn't affected by the phylloxera louse?
- 27: How much wine is consumed throughout the world each year?

FOR THE BEER LOVERS

- 28: Which ancient civilisation is said to have been the first to make beer?

A - The Babylonians. B - The Saxons. C - The Klaxons. D - The Sumerians.

- 29: What city is the world's biggest beer festival held in?

A - Slough, United Kingdom. B - Munich, Germany
C - Prague, Czech Republic. D - Amsterdam, Netherlands

- 30: From which country does corona beer originate?

A - Mexico. B - Spain. C - Guatemala. D - China.

The Club meeting with the much-anticipated Talent Show was on Tuesday 17th November:

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX-TABLERS' CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB
Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 16.30 via Zoom

The Chairman opened the meeting with grace.

33 members log on and it was particularly nice to see David Hirst with us; apologies were received from Brian Kinch.

Bob welcomed our guest, and prospective member, Tim Airey.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toast.

Speakers/Professional Entertainers

Acting as impresario/DJ and general good egg talent-spotter, John Adams introduced, in conjunction with Richard Blackiston, the array of talent laid before us for our delectation and delight.

First taking centre stage was **Peter Lomax**; a man of enormous international singing fame; well he did once live in Ruislip which probably counts.

Peter sang 3 songs, one plagiarised from Les Mis adapted for the joys of today, the second about the Ruislip Lido (a bit rude in parts!) and finally one about Puff the Kentish Tabler which in an earlier life had gained him many friends from the Table community in Kent!

Richard Carter alias Tommy Cooper was next up with his impression of the great man. A brilliant performance; apart from his height he could have been the genuine article.

This was followed by **Keith Anderson**, accompanied by the lovely Sue. The practice which Keith must have invested into his silent drumming piece cannot be imagined. It was an extraordinary performance which kept the audience on the edges of their seats in amazement! In fact, it was so good that there were several calls for him to take his kit into the garden or perhaps into a cupboard. Quite, quite unique. Finally, he joined forces for a piano duet with Sue, which/who was lovely.

John Adams took on a new guise with his good friend Bob Monkhouse with a very clever, entertaining and enormously funny performance, with Suzie in support.

Straight from the Wheel Tappers and Shunters Social Club came our one and only **Ian Stockdale** who could easily have been mistaken for Buddy Holly (he's dead isn't he?!) in his cleverly crafted adaptation resulting in All I have to do is Zoom!

Finally, for the sixth act, **John Adams** introduced Rocky Marciano Jnr.

For the adjudication of the winner, we panned through to Vice-Chairman Bob who, after much consultation with some chap whose trousers were pulled half way up to his chest, and expressions of concern over whether the title of the event being a “Talent Show” might infringe the Trade Descriptions Act, Ian Stockdale was deemed to be the worthy winner of the fine Oscar trophy.

A brilliant evening’s entertainment; thanks to John A and Richard B for organising.

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Matters arising

The National meeting to approve the 2019 accounts and the budget for 2021 will now take place over Zoom on 16 December at 7.30 pm. All members are welcome to attend the meeting (but can’t vote) which may not be entirely straightforward as there is some controversy over whether the capitation fees should reflect the reduced outgoings this year due to Covid. However, there is concern over costs which might arise should the 2021 National Conference in Aviemore be cancelled. Highly recommended viewing for all those who enjoy blood sports!

The Chairman was elected as our voting delegate.

Correspondence

In addition to the correspondence from National re the above, we had received an invitation from Lindsay Andrews to support RACE (Ringwood Actions for Climate Change). This was discussed at Council but needs further work and liaison with Lindsay before deciding whether to ask the Club to get involved.

The Chairman read out a lovely letter from Viv Hirst thanking members of the club for all the support given to her and David during recent times and Richard said how great it was to see David with us.

Chairman’s remarks

Remembrance Day This went off well. Thanks to John Adams, Caroline, Round Table and Rotary for making the event.

RACE – The Chairman embellished on our potential support for RACE, referred to above.

Xmas cards – Andrew has received £810 towards the Xmas card. We are getting close to the deadline and there are still some members who would normally contribute but have not done so to date. It will be decided at the next Council meeting how the cards will be distributed, possibly a combination of mail and pods.

500+500 Walk - Richard and Susie have now finished their walk. Richard thanked the club for the 2 rose plants, which have now been planted.

Pumpkins – this had resulted in a number of quite different and interesting entries, the Chairman congratulated all the “artists”. The Secretary is confused as to how he managed to win a competition that he didn’t even enter – that’s 41 Club for you! Wonder if he can now do that with the Lottery!

Peter was thanked for the latest Cartier.

Vice-Chairman

No report.

Treasurer

1 extra member has joined the raffle; there's still room for more.

Bank balance after all commitments is c £1700.

Both donations relating back to 2019 have now been now paid. Agreement has been received for a publicity opportunity when it is possible.

Social

Joint Club event on 23 November.

Nutcracker Ballet on Monday, 30 November.

Wickens Wander London Tour with a "proper guide" on 7 December at 7.30 on Zoom.

Christmas meeting on 21 December.

Film – 4th Protocol on 18 January 2021, possibly.

Pictures and videos of lockdown exploits to be sent to Gordon.

Joint meeting with Tangent and organised by them - 13 January 2021.

Welfare

Mike Callaghan emphasised how pleased we were to see David Hirst.

John Morgan continues to improve and Hugh is making slow but steady progress.

Editor

Nothing to report.

Speakers' secretaries

Christmas meeting will be another fun event.

Meals

David is still redundant/furloughed but has volunteered for 41 Club Buddies supporting the National President. He'll find out what is involved in the fullness of time.

Publicity and membership

Jo Bonello who is moving back to Woodfalls, hopefully at the end of the month.

This was Tim Airey's second meeting.

Lay membership/ health & safety

No report.

Webmaster/immediate past

Gordon will be putting the recording of tonight's meeting on the website for members (only) to view.

Any other business

Raffle – talk about the luck of the Irish – Ian's random Number Generator picked out number 29, so Derrick L is this month's winner 🍀.

There was much banter over possible Christmas films, The Great Escape, Home Alone, White Christmas – watch this space for perhaps a sensible idea!

Next meetings

Council – Tuesday 1 December at 16.30 via Zoom

Club – Tuesday 15 December at 16.30 via Zoom

Final Toast given by The Chairman.

With the help of David Darts a Joint meeting was arranged for Monday 23rd November all about wine. David made contact and introduced us to Mimi Avery, head of Avery's wine merchants. She was excellent and stayed for our quiz which was very helpful as she was able to add more information on the answers. We sent her flowers from both Clubs by way of a thank you. In December Bournemouth 41 Club having heard of the success of the meeting also invited Mimi for a similar evening.



On Monday 30th November we enjoyed 'The Nutcracker' ballet on Club Concert night which was an excellent precursor to the festive season.

TCHAIKOVSKY –The Nutcracker Ballet

With the fabulous Marinsky Theatre St Petersburg



OUR FESTIVE NIGHT AT THE BALLET

With Richard, Sue and Keith



<https://youtu.be/xtLoaMfinbU>



ZOOM & YouTube on MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 7.00pm

Also on 30th November National Councillor Richard Dyson issued his first Regional Newsletter:

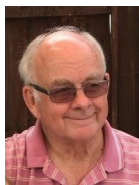
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REGION 23 *Keeping in Touch No.1*



In this issue:

- December programme of national speakers on 41 Club Connects
- 41 Club National Special General Meeting
- A flavour of what Clubs are doing during Lockdown
- Ringwood Chairman's 500 + 500 miles walk



Welcome to our 1st edition of 'Keeping in Touch', a dedicated newsletter for Region 23, which will be published periodically.

It's been a very challenging year with all of our Clubs missing our usual fellowship events, the very essence of what 41 Club is about.

'Keeping in Touch' provides an opportunity to keep up with news, share what you are doing virtually, and maintain contact until we can meet again.

I'll also use the newsletter as a way of signposting you to national 41 Club events and news that may be of interest. I'll keep the pieces in this newsletter brief and provide details of where you can find more information of interest.

Yours in continued friendship

Richard Dyson
National Councillor Region 23

Congratulations to Michael Prince (Bournemouth No 5) and Jimmy Gordon (Ringwood) who both celebrated their 100th Birthdays in the summer

41 Club Connects

We have an amazing programme of national celebrities on Zoom throughout December and into 2021:

Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm: John Inverdale

Sharing his stories from some of the world's greatest sporting events

Thurs 10 Dec 7.30 pm: Moon Gazer Ales

Beer tasting with Moon Gazer brewery – to order your tasting pack of 3 beers

<https://www.beersofoeurope.co.uk/mixed-cases/41-club-3-pack>

Weds 23 Dec 7.30 pm: Carols + Mince Pies

Join National President Peter for an evening of virtual fellowship and carol singing!

There is no need to register for any of these national events - you can find details on how to join on www.41clubconnects.co.uk

Places on Zoom are limited to 300 so be there early if you want a place. There will also be a live Facebook stream.

Covid Quotes:

*"They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket.
They lied, everybody else had clothes on"*

The Covid-19 2020 Tour:



41 Club Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting using Zoom has been called for **Wednesday 16th December at 7:30pm** to approve the annual budget which would have been presented at the cancelled Cardiff Conference.

The rules require 2 items of AGM business to be completed by 31 December:

1. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2019
2. Presentation & agreement of the 2021 Budget

All Club members are encouraged to join the meeting and discussion by Zoom. Each Club is invited to nominate a voting member able to vote during the meeting.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to meet and question the 41 Club Board.

Details of how to join virtually and all documents have been sent to Club Chairmen and Club Contacts – if you haven't received them please contact secretary@41Club.org

Remember it is our Club, use this opportunity to contribute to discussion.

Clubs are still very active through Lockdown!!

Many Clubs in our region are being amazingly creative in keeping in touch:

- Virtual Club meetings – Desert Island Discs, a walk through London, Our Club's Got Talent, BBQ demonstration, beer and a chat, guess the baby photos of club members, film & concert nights, and a murder mystery by Zoom
- Meet by the fish & chip van for an outdoor fish supper
- Socially distanced bike ride or walk with picnic

Please let me know if you have arranged a Club meeting and would like to share what you did or are planning through the pages of this regional newsletter.

Next Edition

I would like you to use this newsletter to share with Region 23 Clubs any of your events that they are invited to join.

I'll also use it to publicise regional events such as Dorset Knobs, the Regional Golf competition, and the Regional Quiz.

You can contact me on richard.dyson@41club.org

Directory of Speakers

The national team is building a directory of event ideas and speakers, if you have any ideas or speaker details to share, please send them to webmaster@41club.org

Richard Carter, Chairman of Ringwood 41 Club, and his wife Susie (Tangent member) have raised over £1000 towards National President Peter's charity Dementia UK.

They have each walked 500 miles since July and added an extra 20 miles representing the full distance from their house near Ringwood to Aviemore for the National AGM 2021

500 MILES