

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on 21 May 2019 at St Leonards Hotel, Ringwood

Prior to the meeting a cheque for £450 was presented to Louise from Dorset Children's Foundation. She was very grateful and stressed that all donations received were used for charitable purposes. Ours would help fund hiring a speedboat adapted for disabled children in Poole harbour. Ian Stockdale balances precariously on a chair and took photos of Louise and the rest of the Club members present.

Gordon read Purposes & Objects.

1 Apologies

There were full apologies from Derek Matthews and Chris Treleavan. David Hirst gave a meal apology. There were late apologies from Keith Anderson (indisposed for medical reasons) and John Adams.

2 Guests

Richard Carter introduced Christchurch ExTablers Club Vice Chairman Trevor Langford and members Dave Hulbert, Julian Macklan, Malcolm Plant, Graeme Ross and Tony North.

3 Speaker

Ian Stockdale introduced our guest speaker, David Beardsley. David gave a detailed talk about the life of Sir Merton Russell-Cotes and the building and furnishing of the villa which later became the Russell-Cotes Museum. Sir Merton had wanted the villa design to be both Italian and Scottish Baronial, which is why it is such a mess architecturally. Peter Daughtrey gave the vote of thanks and said that after David's talk he was inspired to visit the museum.

4 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

5 Matters Arising

None.

6 Correspondence

Steve read a very appreciative letter of thanks from the Parkinson's UK Ferndown & District Support Group.

Gordon had received an invite to an archery competition being run by Wimborne Ex Tablers Club, but this clashed with our next Club meeting.

7 Chairman's Comments

Gordon announced that Andrew Mackereth, our National President, will be attending our next Club meeting on 18 June. In view of this Gordon will invite other local clubs to that meeting.

Gordon had attended the London Old Tablers Society's 80th anniversary meal on Friday. It was their 308th meeting. Round Table had started in 1927 following a speech by Prince Edward, later the Duke of Windsor, in which the phrase Adopt, Adapt, Improve had been used. The first Ex Tablers Club was in Liverpool in 1928. LOTS was formed in 1939 and they did not know of the existence of the Liverpool Ex Tablers Club.

Gordon thanked Ian Stockdale for organising the presentations of Christmas card donations and also thanked Gerald Carter for organising and producing the Christmas cards.

Fanfare for Spring had been a success and Roger Bettle thanked those who had helped on the day.

The deadline for nominations for Region 23 National Councillor had been extended until Monday as there had been a problem with notices. So far Richard Dyson was the only nominee.

Gordon will be attending a Bournemouth 5 meeting on 6 June and would welcome company.

With regard to our website Gordon has contacted Don Mullane and been given the name of a free site we could use. We will be given the username and password for our section in the National website, but the system is being reviewed.

8 Vice Chairman

Bournemouth Tangent No.1 are holding their birthday lunch on 15 February 2020 which some of our Tangent members would be attending. In view of this it has been decided to hold Ladies Night on 14 February at the Miramar. Richard will put details in the next magazine. Rooms can be booked for £100.

The Book & Pen is still alive and is held by Richard. He is aiming for the next meal sometime in the autumn.

There is a Round Table golf day on 15 August. Richard and John Quint are down to play but two more are needed for a team.

9 Treasurer.

Andrew informed us there was approximately £2,000 in the bank account (not including subs). 40 subs have been paid and 19 are outstanding.

10 Sports & Social

Richard Dyson mentioned the following:-

25 June – Dick's Oar being organised by Sherbone and Gillingham. This will be at Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton.

17 July – Region 23 golf competition. A team has already been entered.

15 August – Sherborne Golf Tournament.

16 October – Regional Quiz at Hoburne Holiday Park.

15 November – Dorset Knobs.

Richard Carter mentioned the following:-

2 June – Impromptu BBQ at John Quints

22 June – Irish Night at Greyfriars. There will be a band, Irish dancers and a caller. Guinness will be on draught and Irish whisky will be available. No food will be provided.

Peter gave details of the Tennyson Down Walk on Friday 5 July. The walk is about five miles long. After lunch at the Highdown Inn we can use bus passes for the bus back to the ferry.

Cabins are still available for the mini cruise to St Malo on 24-26 June.

The social committee will be meeting on 28 May.

11 **Membership & Welfare**

David informed us that Brian Kinch's knee replacement surgery had been successful and his stitches were out.

12 **Editor**

Bob gave us the copy date which is 3 June.

13 **Speaker's Secretary**

Ian reminded us that there will be a talk at the next meeting on Poole Harbour and aviation (particularly appropriate as the National President will be staying with Gordon overlooking Poole harbour that night).

It has been decided that there will be no Club meeting in July.

14 **Meals Secretary**

John will be away next month, but will arrange for someone else to deal with meals.

15 **Press & Publicity**

John was not present and there was no report.

16 **Lay Member/Health & Safety**

Paul will require risk assessments for the BBQ on 2 June and the Tennyson Down walk.

Jeff Wickens made a plea for any Club hi viz jackets to be returned. Any Tangent ones should be returned to Lyn Wickens.

17 **Immediate Past Chairman**

No report.

18 **Ringwood & District Round Table**

David Phelps has at long last received information from National, but it is not quite what he wanted. He will précis it in the magazine. Apparently Facebook is the way new Tablers are found nowadays. There will be a committee meeting soon.

19 **Any Other Business**

Trevor Langford brought greetings from Christchurch and mentioned that it was Graeme Ross's birthday today (unfortunately too late for him to buy us a round). Trevor advertised Dorset Knobs and is looking for indicative numbers at the moment.

Jo Bonello announced he would be moving close to Shepton Mallet to be nearer to one of his sons and grandchildren so this would be his last meeting as a Ringwood Ex Tabler.

Mike Callaghan told us that Andrew Kennedy and David Slade from Bournemouth had done the London Marathon and raised £14,000 for the pancreatic cancer charity.

Gordon told us that Round Table had raised £5.7 million for charity last year.

The raffle was drawn by Trevor Langford and the bottle of Black Stump was won by Paul Thackray.

20 **Date of Next Council Meeting** – 11 June 2019 at Ian Stockdale's 7.30 pm

21 **Date of Next Club Meeting** – 18 June 2019 at St Leonard Hotel 7.30 pm

22 **The Meeting Closed at** 10.58 pm and as well as the usual final toast we drank a toast to Peter Lomax and Ann Warne for their wedding on Thursday week.