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Chairman's
Column

Adams Amble

Greetings, everyone, I just hope you are all well, and preparing for the Autumn season!

I love seasons, and October gets us used to darker evenings, fresh winds and leaves falling. It's the Fall....

The Old Beams allows us to cordially meet over a beer in a convivial atmosphere, and the next meeting is very special having a senior retired Army Officer speaker, explaining battle techniques. Due to the Ukrainian military involvement affecting us all, I think it will be very topical and interesting.

"...explaining battle techniques..."

New Years Eve will be a Scottish Hogmanay theme this year to welcome in the New Year. It will be a dinner jacket / Scottish dress code, and will be held at Greyfriars. Kindly let Mike know if you are coming.



41 Club National Caravan Rally

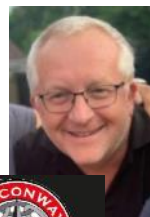
Our own National Councillor, Richard Dyson,
Our Chairman, John Adams,
Our National Fellowship Officer, Kelly Clark,
exchanging Banners.

rooms available at discounted prices.

41 Club's National President Jim Conway, will be joining us.

See you soon!

John



Ladies Night is going to be a really fantastic evening, for just £55, the dinner at the Captains Club will be followed by a special music show, featuring The Rat Pack music, then Elvis plus Showgirls. All great to dance to, or just watch the performance!

We're limiting numbers to just 85, and the hotel has

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"Lang may yer lum reek"

Originally, a traditional Hogmanay toast meaning "long may your chimney smoke"





Tangent Twitter



Dear All,

Autumn is upon us and I expect that many of you, like me, have had bumper crop of apples. I seem to have made endless crumbles for the freezer and given bags of apples away!



September proved to be a very strange month with the death of our Queen. I watched so much television and learnt a lot about the traditions of our monarchy. It is sad to think that my daughters will probably never see another Queen as Head of State in their lifetime. Our visit to the Old Beams in September was made all the more poignant when

one remembered that the last time we were there, in June, we were celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

For our September meeting Sue had organised a speaker from Christchurch Rotary to talk about Shelter Boxes. What a humbling experience! It was amazing that one box could provide so many useful things for a family, devastated, often by natural causes.

I do hope that those of you who attended Carnival had fun. I know that Lynn Wickens was remembered in a special way. I shall leave Caroline to explain at the next meeting.

Tangent Dates

12th Oct-Dinner Meeting at The Old Beams

15th Oct-Area Lunch

9th Nov-Dinner Meeting at The Old Beams

7th Dec-Visit to Christmas at Chawton House

14th Dec- Christmas Meal at AFC Bournemouth

11th Jan- 3 Clubs Meeting



At the end of September I was a guest at the 41 Club National Caravan Rally, held in West Moors, at an afternoon of tea and en-

“...was made all the more poignant...”

tertainment by Anne’s Ukulele Band. The weather could not have been better planned by Richard and Anne and I met our National Tangent President, Heather Parry and our National Vice-President, Shirley Chard. I gave them each a box of Dorset Biscuits on your behalf.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 12th October at the Old Beams. Caroline has kindly agreed to ‘step in’ for me as I am away on holiday. I am sure that you will all enjoy the fun, friendship and good food on offer. Sadly our speaker pulled out so the event will take on a different twist!

I do hope that as many of you will be able to attend our Christmas meal on Wednesday, 14th December. You should all have had information about the event in an e-mail.

Take care and I shall see you in November.

YICF,
Sian-Elen

PS. There is only one picture of Paddington Bear that I could leave you with this month

41 Club National Caravan And Camping Rally

23rd to 26th September 2022



Regular travellers along the A31 could be forgiven for thinking that the New Forest had recently taken on a new dimension, with a multitude of caravans, motor homes and tents, all descending upon SHAMBA, an attractive holiday park for campers twixt Ringwood and Ferndown, for a weekend of the three F's, Fellowship, Friendship and Fun!

Yes, it was the [National 41 Club and Tangent Annual Rally](#), organised for the first time by our Club, using skills and persuasion of the Frogham team of Phelps, Stockdale, Parke, Blackiston and Dyson. This was the 50th anniversary of Frogham, and we were determined to do it proud.



Planning

We began planning the event a year in advance, setting a programme with something for everyone. The group all chipped in with ideas, the monthly breakfast meetings, besides demolishing the coffee and croissants, kept us focussed. We were convinced that we had selected the right venue out of 12 possibles, so as is required by National, we invited the National Fellowship Officer Steve James to visit and inspect... We passed!

"...demolishing the coffee and croissants..."

There was likely to be a handful of "Home from Homers", people wanting to come but who didn't have a means of camping. No problem, we were fortunate in being able to rent two very posh static caravans literally across the A31, so were able to sleep 11, (plus 1 dog!) integrating them with everything planned. Two couples even rented caravans and had them delivered to site, commitment or what!



Preparation

The next plan was to market the Rally heavily! The site has a 70 seat Club House which we were determined to fill, as well as a 19 metre heated swimming pool... more on that later! We scoured the local area for tourist information so that we could provide detailed info within a 20 mile radius. Signage was important, so we called on the Club's "Go To Man" who



patented a Stockdale bright red/white sign to bring happy campers to the site safely. Will Parke, known throughout the Club for his passion for flags, managed to source a Royal Standard to fly on high, recognizing HM Queen Elizabeth's very sad passing.



Programme

We thought long and hard about the programme, ensuring that our plans were watertight, come rain or shine, September weather after all. In the end we were very lucky and had good weather. Campers like to explore local areas of interest. We arranged a Blue Badge tour of Salisbury Old Sarum and Cathedral, Walking Tours on the Forest, visits to the Ringwood Brewery and the beach- (Bournemouth did not impress!) Beaulieu car museum fascinated, and we even invited campers to "Wake up with Kerrie" for an introductory 🧘 Pilates 🧘 session!

"...invited campers to wake up with Kerrie..."

Catering was an important consideration for everyone. We commissioned a fabulous, dedicated fish and chip van for supper on Friday, bacon baps and full English for breakfasts whilst Saturday evening saw the cooking and serving of a large Dorset hog roast with salads and a sumptuous dessert table.



007 "From Ringwood with Love"

As we progressed our ideas, we needed a handle to link the activities.

I suddenly remembered some 15 years ago at Chris Kean's pool party, there was a "synchronised swim" group, frolicking in the water with much merriment and gaiety. Just the job!

One phone call later to head Choreographer Ann Lomax and Sound Technician Peter, we soon had the outline plan for some fun. Over the next couple of weeks, they had built an amazing team of "Water Babies" around them, including Ro and Andrew, Angela and Gordon, Richard and Helen, Caroline and Dick (unfortunately substituted mid training due to Covid)

Anyone who knows Ann Lomax is familiar with her eye for detail. This was carried out to the letter, so that 12



training sessions in the Lomax pool later, with everyone sworn to secrecy, they peaked at the right time. A side benefit for them has been the creation of friendships in the group with regular BBQ's, coffee, cake and chat get togethers, real fellowship. A real bonus!

National President Jim Conway is the world's biggest James Bond fan, apparently their home is full with a Bond Bar and everything between.



The synchronised swim routine featured Bond, as did the props, including a life size black/white life size image of Bond, c/o young Stockdale, and water pistols to soak National Presidents Jim and Heather who

"...Tabling had returned for one night..."

had been strategically placed in the firing line! Bond themed music followed, the 80 strong spectators standing poolside were treated to a spectacular display of fun, David Phelps, with a tear in his eye proclaiming that good old-fashioned Tabling had returned for one night only!

Wind Down

Sunday saw further walks and activities, thanks to the Blackistons for organising a compendium of games including Boules, Jenga and horseshoe tossing. We were treated to a concert from the Skittle Alley Strummers, a local ukulele band of which Anne D is a member, whilst Jenny, Jean, Julie, Maureen and Sue served tea and their delicious homemade Dorset Apple cake.

"...old wrinklies in tin boxes..."

Chairman John Adams and Chairpersons Sian-Elen visited the Rally briefly on Sunday afternoon, joining us for tea, and I think were amazed at what we had been up to for a group of old wrinklies in tin boxes! Meanwhile, they shared the fun of David being recognised for his 50-year stint with the presentation of a humorous trophy, the box packed with Polystyrene, resulting in another tear!



Wind Down cont...

Sunday evening began the gradual wind down before Monday's departure with a challenging quiz organised by National Councillor Liaison Officer Wynn Parry, followed by the inevitable karaoke.

Gradually on Monday morning, the awnings came down, the tents folded and the motorhomes revved ready for the journey ahead, the furthest had travelled 278 miles from the North West.

Thank you

The Rally Group began to relax after a hectic, tiring weekend, feeling comfortable in the knowledge that 80 41ers/Tangent members had had a brilliant time with us, renewing friendships, making new, whilst wondering what to do now that the Rally was complete without a single hitch.

Importantly, the names of Ringwood 41 and Tangent Clubs had registered that we know how to party and look after each other.

To the Group I say a huge thank you for helping Anne and me achieve this dream. To Anne I also say a huge thank you for accepting some of my somewhat giddy dreams and staying the course to achieve. She managed the most wonderful administration system which she alone created to ensure that everybody felt important, that the jigsaw pieces fitted seamlessly and that when all the shoutouts came each day for Anne's help, from all corners of the site, she was there with a smile and an answer. As Jenny said as we reflected, "Everything was so professional, and we all enjoyed ourselves."

See you next year in Devon!

Richard





Creating Healthy Habits



Healthy Thought for October

It's a battlefield out there. Ian of Welfare, shares a few tips to help us prepare for winter.



Today we have at least 14 cases of Covid in our joint Clubs. Traditional colds and flu seems to be having a resurgence as well.

We are on the verge of winter and it makes sense to get your Covid and flu vaccinations updated.



If your doctor offers you a wait of weeks for the flu shot contact local pharmacies. Boots in Ringwood have a walk-in service.

And

Isn't NOW a good time to start wearing masks again in higher risk settings to reduce the chance of catching and sharing??

Take care,
Ian of Welfare

IT'S OKAY TO CALL FOR HELP

Feeling down? Fed up? Just want to chat?
Phone a 41 Club Buddy today
We are here to listen
Seven days a week 10am – 10pm

Your call will be anonymous - we are here for any 41 Club member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them. You may be feeling lonely or isolated; you may have lost touch with your 41 Club. Anything. We are friendly fellow 41 Club members and are here for you.

You are not alone - you are part of 41 Club

BUDDIES 03301 07 07 40



Ringwood Ex-Tabler preparing for winter



Our Autumn 2022 Club Meetings

from Speaker Secretary, Tim.

Tuesday 18th October

Major General Mungo Melvin CB OBE speaking on Strategic Warfare.

Major General Mungo is a retired British Army officer and a noted military historian. He is a Senior Associate Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the worlds oldest and the UK's leading defence and security think tank. Their mission, to inform, influence and enhance public debate to help build a safer and more stable world.



Currently we are on the periphery of a war, the ripples are already impacting us, but one day might directly involve us. This is a one off chance to hear from a world expert on strategic warfare.

Considered one of our leading experts in his field, a noted modern military historian, a published author, known to be an excellent speaker. This is a meeting **NOT TO BE MISSED**.

Tuesday 15th November

In Principle, Should This Club Allow Non Ex-Tablers To Join?

National has given the green light for this and for individual Clubs to decide themselves. An important matter for ALL members of Club to discuss and vote on. On the night, the vote will be in principle only. If the Club decides to take this matter further more specific details will be presented for discussion culminating in a vote at the AGM or a convened EGM.

Come and have your say and vote. A simple majority will decide if this important matter is taken forward.

Tuesday 20th December

He's Back, Wayne the Weird

Master of stupidty and nonchalance. Wayne is an international talent who has worked with a host op top comedians in exclusive settings.

Come and see some truly unique and unbelievable close-up magic. A not to be missed evening of great entertainment and fellowship



- You saw the email.
- You saw the subject.
- You archived the email to read later.

You now want to read the email before **November's meeting**.

You cannot find the email.

Not to worry, the **Rules Of The Club** are available in the member's area of your website. www.ringwood-extablers.org

From The Meal Shack

Sponsored by [The Anderson Shelter](#)



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th October at the Old Beams.

We were really down on our attendance figures in September, in fact 22 members attended, the lowest I can remember for quite some time.

For our October meeting we have an excellent speaker, Major General Mungo Melvin speaking on Strategic Warfare booked so can I ask for bumper attendance figures.

I will be sending the usual reminder nearer the meeting date.

David Phelps
Meals Monitor

PS. We are expecting a 'minimal increase' in our meal price, we await to hear.



Diary

October 2022

- Wednesday 12th Tangent Meeting, The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Wednesday 12th Region 23 Annual Quiz
- Sunday 16th Ringwood RT & Ex-Table Golf Society Mixed Texas Scramble
- Tuesday 18th Club Meeting at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Friday 21st Trafalgar Day
- Sunday 30th British Summer Time ends :-{
- Monday 31st Halloween

November 2022

- Saturday 5th Guy Fawkes Night at Chez Parke
- Friday 11th Remembrance Day
- Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday
- Wednesday 16th Tangent Meeting, The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Thursday 17th Beaujolais Nouveau Run at the RMYC
- Friday 18th Dorset Knobs at The Army Reserve Centre, Dorchester
- Monday 21st FIFA World Cup 2022—finishing Sunday 18th December
- Tuesday 22nd Club Meeting at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm

December 2022

- Sunday 4th Chairman's Christmas Drinks at Bashley
- Tuesday 6th Boscombe Rotary Annual Carol Concert, see Colin Read
- Tuesday 6th Christchurch & Bournemouth Joint Charter Night
- Wednesday 14th Tangent Meeting, Vitality Stadium Bournemouth
- Tuesday 20th Club Meeting at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Wednesday 21st Winter Solstice - the day with the least light
- Sunday 25th Christmas Day
- Monday 26th Boxing Day
- Saturday 31st New Year's Eve - Scottish Hogmanay Theme, Greyfriars

January 2023

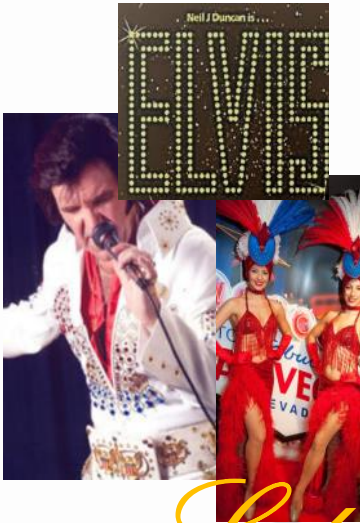
- Sunday 1st New Year Day
- Wednesday 11th Tangent Meeting, The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Tuesday 17th Club Meeting at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Sunday 22nd Chinese New Year—the year of the Rabbit
- Wednesday 25th Burns Night

February 2023

- Wednesday 8th Tangent Meeting, The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Friday 17th Ladies Night at The Captains Club Hotel, Christchurch
- Tuesday 21st Club Meeting at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm

March 2023

- Wednesday 8th Tangent Meeting, The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- Tuesday 21st Club's AGM at The Old Beams Inn, 7pm for 7:30pm
- 30th—2nd 41 Club & Tangent National Conference—Jersey 2023



Well, it's one for your money,
two for the show
Three to get ready now, go,
cat, go

Ladies Night

Friday 17th February

At the Captains Club Hotel

● *Dinner* ● *Entertainment* ● *Dancing* ● *Friends*

At £55 per person Ladies Night offers great value



It's Now or Never
Book Today with me

Remember, Remember The Fifth of November

A celebration of Bonfire Night, Saturday 5th November 2022

at 58 Ringwood Road, Alderholt, SP6 3DF

A real bonfire with fireworks, sparklers plus...

Julie's renown O'Flannaghan's Sausage Supper plus, but still to be decided,
a second course, all for a modest charge.

Please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glasses and drinks.

On arrival, you will be welcomed with a warming drink by our hosts, Will & Julie.

Lighting-Up 6:00pm.

A ticklist will be circulated at our October meeting, this is for catering numbers
but ALL ARE WELCOME.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Sir,

Last month's excellent publication spoilt by a spelling error.
Please "pedal" not "PEEdle"

YiCF

A. Member

Dear Member,

Thank you for drawing my attention to the error. I
can only put it down to an age thing, incontinent

Kindest Regards
Editor



A solution looking for
a problem taken from
this months Guest
Publication



National President Jim Conway's Charity Round Table Children's Wish



Tabling was an amazing part of my life until I aged out. But I'm still close friends with many of the people I met there.

Chris Hoyle, brother of Phil, son of... having just finished the London Marathon in support of RT Children's Wish. If you would like to show support and donate, please use the link below:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-hoyle-london-marathon

THE PRESIDENT'S JOKE BOOK



You can donate on-line AND with the benefit of tax relief at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/41-club-national-presidents-charity-20223>



THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE, LIKE SMILING



Bring a smile to a child with a life threatening illness and their family by helping grant them a handcrafted wish. Donate today or buy The Presidents Joke Book.



National President Jim Conway's Charity 2022-2024 - Children's Wish

Jim has set up a unique and efficient fund raising page and is asking clubs to support him in these efforts. [Round Table Children's Wish](#)

Guest Publication

One for you keen cyclists



This months Guest Publications:
The British Human Power Club - Summer '96
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