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The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland



41 Club NEWSLETTER

A proud member of the Round Table Family



Lest we forget....



The Lamb Xmas Lunch
Wednesday 14th December 2022



***You are all warmly invited to book in
to The Lamb Christmas Bash***

Please let book in by emailing me at david.leon@btinternet.com
if you wish to attend The Lamb Christmas Lunch this year.

**We will meet in
Old Toms' Bar (basement bar),
The Lamb,
Leadenhall Market,
London
from 1230hrs onwards.**

**Lunch will be served from 1500hrs at Langbournes
(which has replaced Loch Fyne).**

**The Lamb Christmas Lunch is an event
for all members of The Round Table Family.**

I will let those who book in know the cost of the lunch soon
and will send the menu choices nearer the time.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

YiCF

David Leon. 07710 422705



Welcome to a Bumper November Newsletter

So much to say, and so little space to say it this month! November is always a busy month in 41 Club, with helping Tables with Fireworks Displays at the beginning and getting ready for Table Sleigh collections in December at the end. In this newsletter we are concentrating on Remembrance Day events but you, our readers (see the Quiz on p.35) are likely to be engaged in all the above too. RTBI has really, in my opinion, been hitting the ball out of the park in the last few years when it comes to promotion and publicity but it all boils down to clubs being aware of it - so I am making you aware of it now so that you can pass it on to your Table's to make sure they are! And if you are one of the far too many 41 Clubs which no longer have a Table then see if you can get one re-chartered. I recall a logo from my Table days - "We don't just sit there!" Is that the problem, that too many of us nowadays do exactly that?

So how did Table do with Fireworks this year? The lovely graphic on the right says it all. It's safe to say that 41 Club will have contributed to the success of all these events - Well Done! RTBI has brought out fantastic flyers for Fireworks, Santa Sleigh, and Beer Fests - which can be customised by individual clubs - these are all shown at the back of this newsletter. DO ensure your Tables are aware of them.



RTBI also brought out a brilliant "Impact Report" on their activities in 2021. This shows that:-

- RTBI Tablers raised in excess of £3,955,000 in 2021 despite the challenges of COVID.
- That during the same year they donated more than 157,780 hours of their time - which to put in perspective is 6,575 days - or 940 weeks - or 18 years!
- Using the average national hourly wage of £15.95 this represents a further £2,516,591 of value.
- RTBI members therefore contribute in excess of £6,471,000 for local communities.

You can download the report at <https://tinyurl.com/41ClubRTBI2021>

In the December Newsletter I shall be sharing details of "Christmas with the Presidents" where all 4 RT Family Presidents will be doing a Zoom for members on Christmas Day.

YiCF & CT,

Don

Don Mullane, National Communications and IT Officer
London Old Tablers' Society

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT JIM CONWAY

October was another busy month. After the Council Meeting in Leicester, it was time to host my Presidential James Bond themed Ball in the Athena, where I had just two things to do. Appoint Vicki Carter-Bland as my Ball Convenor and say, "Yes" to everything she asked for. The result was a spectacular party from when you walked into the event with Bond girls serving drinks from their champagne laden skirts, another Bond Girl in the iconic Martini glass and then the show began. A car chase on screen, a welcome from me and then knife throwing, fire juggling, excellent food and the Copycats with the obligatory brass section. Thank you VCB... You made it a night to remember, with £6,201 raised for my charity RTCW.



I am going to have to have a word with Peter McBride, who organised the National Golf Finals for the morning after my Ball, but against all the betting, I made it to the first tee in time to see the first four start. As more and more groups arrived I posed them all for pictures, until a particularly young group turned up and congratulated me on being one of the best hosts at any golf day they had attended, explaining that none of the other starters were as chatty or took commemorative photos. Apparently the previous four groups were not 41ers either, but if it puts a smile on people's faces, then where is the harm. It was a fabulous event and Peter is to be congratulated on putting on a cracking tournament. Next year, come along as it is fair to say that the standards varied.



It was great to be on the road again and Bournemouth 41 Club and Kevin Toon, where magnificent hosts. It was so good to see Table and 41 so close and also to pick up and deliver to Fiona Bull, Circle President, a box of memorabilia for Bournemouth Circle number 1, who have now sadly folded. The next day, it was the long slog up north to Leyland 41 Club charter and fabulous to catch up with an old friend, Brian King.

Then it was the 41 Club Challenge to set the World Record for visiting all 42 Scottish League Football Clubs across 40 Stadiums starting at Ross County and ending up at Annan Athletic 25 hours 32 minutes later. The idea was for the 4 President's to work side by side, meeting members at the clubs, raising funds for their charities, as well as promoting the Associations through press and radio interviews. Unfortunately, Matt Fallon had work commitments and couldn't join us, but Wynn Parry was chosen for his youthful appearance and good looks to replace him. The three stand out memories is of those who came out to meet us, fed us, watered us and gave us the impetus to succeed. The incredible Paul Thompson, who drove three hours up from Hartlepool and three hours back with his wife Nicola, just to spend 10 minutes with us at Hibernian and the rascal that is Andy Thorne, the RTBI Membership Officer, who pulled us over, told us he was going to impound the car and threatened to arrest us for suspicious activity in the Edinburgh area the night before. A memorable three days, that will live long in the memory.



I did warn Chepstow Offa's Dyke 41 Club Chairman, Andrew, that after this marathon event, that if my head fell into the soup through tiredness, that I would be grateful if they could rescue me from drowning. This was not necessary, as we had a fantastic night and it was fabulous to meet fellow Marchesi Medal winner, Russ Currie.



A flight over for the Jersey 41 Club AGM was the next stop and it was great to see Paul Harding take the chair. Paul is also the Jersey Conference Chairman, so it was good to hear the progress being made as well as enjoying a great night with the majority of the organisers.

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Severnvale 41 Club Annual Dinner was another one of those events that is not to be missed and it was great to catch up with Ray Jones and Past President's John Bellwood and Terry Cooper.

The 60th White Rose Dinner was hosted by Shipley 41 Club and was another great event, well organised by Wynn Parry and the Shipley 41 Club team. The after dinner speaker Gerard O'Herlihy is someone I have heard speak many times and whilst the stories are so familiar, the delivery makes me laugh out loud time and time again. This event was in aid of Prostate Cancer and John Liput did an amazing job putting together the auction.

It was then straight to Nottingham and the Central Eastern European Tablers Meeting, which was being hosted by Great Britain and Ireland. Not only did it confirm my belief that International Tabling is in safe hands, but I got inducted into the Buffalo Club. Some may ask, why it took so long to induct me, the simple answer was, I was never asked until now. My Buffalo buddy, Matt Fallon had pins, pinned to our chest and I would like to thank Jason Thomson for the tip of having the badge put in the chest opposed to the ear.

It was then back for a local event as Aldridge 41 Club celebrated their 60th Charter. Brian Reilly chaired the meeting superbly well and the guest speaker Geoff Mackey was very entertaining.

The next night Abingdon 41 Club invited me up for a tour of the Loose Cannons Brewery for a tour and a quiz. Not that I am competitive, but we split into three teams and my team beat the other two Abingdon teams and came 3rd overall.

The following night was the Oxford College Dinner. It was so well organised by Derek Knowlden and Martin Green. Exeter College Oxford is such a beautiful venue and we were privileged to hear the college orchestra practice in the chapel opposite where the dinner was being held. I would commend this event to you as it venue, food and fellowship is first class. Martin Green did have his gavel pinched, I won't say by who, but he was banging way to loudly and far too frequently.



Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

Jim





This is an invitation to all members and former members of
41 Club and Round Table to join us to commemorate the
60th Anniversary of the Charter of Clevedon 41 Club

We shall be hosting a

Celebratory Luncheon

To be held at the

Aztec Hotel & Spa

Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4TS on

Saturday 3 December 2022

12.00noon until 5.00pm

Tickets cost £49.00 each to include 3-course lunch plus coffee/tea.

Entertainment will be provided by the **Nailsworth Brass Band** plus a magician
Guest speakers are **Jim Conway** (*National President, 41 Club*) with a special
appearance by none other than **Sir Winston Churchill**.

*Experience once more the atmosphere of a traditional RT/41 Club large event with good
speakers, entertainment and singing the old songs again. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime
opportunity to renew old friendships, revive forgotten memories and, above all, celebrate this
significant anniversary of the cherished organisations that first brought us all together.*

We will be contacting all 41 Clubs with ticket information but, if your prefer, you can
confirm your attendance with me directly. Hope to see you there.

Les Owen

Chairman, Clevedon 41 Club (les.owen@owenbiz.co.uk)



Remembrance Sunday

41 Club Remembers around GB&I



Not just at the Cenotaph in London, nor at the National Arboretum, but throughout Great Britain & Ireland including Harpenden, Ellesmere Port, & Beeston in these photos



SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2022 41 CLUB GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

By Steve James, National Vice President

One of the duties of the National Vice-President is to be the master of ceremony for the Round Table family remembrance service in the 41 Club Garden at the National Memorial Arboretum where the 4 Immediate Past Presidents and chairs from local Roundtable family clubs come to pay their respects and lay wreaths at the obelisk.

Following a short get together in the café, we walked to the main garden of remembrance where we observed an emotional National service. What struck me as I walked down to the main service was the sheer number of active and ex-servicemen who were present with their families, and seeing the glistening medals on their left lapels just brought home the horror's of war and the ultimate sacrifice that many gave to uphold our freedom and keep us safe from terrorist threats.

At the end of the service, we proceeded to the 41 Club garden where approximately 60 people were in attendance and it was great to see a number of roundtable and Ladies circle members present as well as 41 Club and Tangent members.

The garden was looking resplendent and well maintained by members of Lichfield 41 Club and I am glad that our delegates in the AGM in Cardiff voted for us to purchase a maintenance in perpetuity endowment to ensure that the garden is well maintained for future years.

After a short introduction from myself each President read various passages as part of the service and following a 2 minutes silence laid their respective association's wreaths at the obelisk along with Terry Webb the Chair of Lichfield 41 Club and Chairs of the local Roundtable, Ladies Circle, 41 Club, Tangent and Tangle Clubs. The ceremony concluded with further recitals from the 4 Presidents and Terry plus closing remarks from myself.

Following the service, we retreated to Alrewas village hall where members of Lichfield 41 Club and Tangent had arranged a magnificent 2 course lunch. The event is excellently organised by Mac Cummings who has done so for a considerable number of years and his assistance in helping me arrange matters has been great, I would like to personally thank Mac for all his help and members of Lichfield 41 Club and Tangent members for assisting Mac.

It truly was a momentous occasion and if any member is in the vicinity, I would certainly recommend a visit to the garden. As an association we are truly indebted for the work Lichfield do in arranging this service and ensuring that the garden is well maintained. Dai lawn all!

Steve





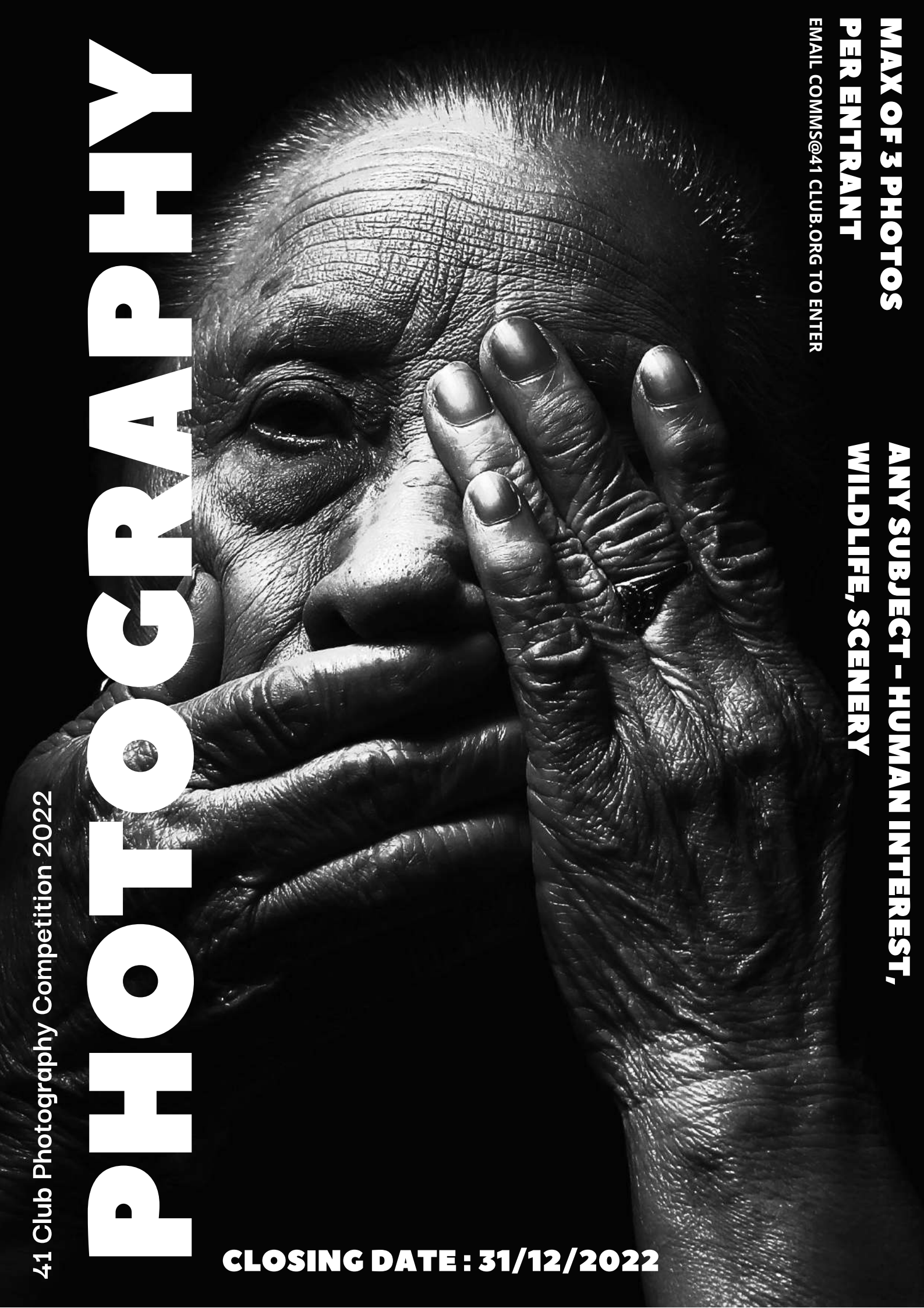
41 Club Photography Competition 2022

PHOTOGRAPHY

CLOSING DATE : 31/12/2022

**MAX OF 3 PHOTOS
PER ENTRANT**
EMAIL COMMS@41 CLUB.ORG TO ENTER

**ANY SUBJECT - HUMAN INTEREST,
WILDLIFE, SCENERY**





Membership Officer's Report

My role as your National Membership Officer is focused on three objectives:-

- 1. To raise awareness of the Continued Tabling opportunities for Tablers by joining 41 Club**
- 2. To encourage you to reach out to, invite and recruit past-Tablers and also now, non-Tablers to join your Clubs by having attractive meeting programmes**
- 3. To encourage you to retain your existing members by ensuring your meetings are what your members enjoy doing - and if they're not, then being creative and brave enough to improve them**

These objectives are being progressed through our 41 Club 'Recruitment & Retention' ("R&R") Membership Strategy - a joint approach of Recruitment of new members and the Retention of our existing members through encouraging great meetings and programmes.

For non-Tablers, joining a local 41 Club provides an incredible opportunity to engage with like-minded men, to increase their wellbeing and in most cases give something back to the community.

For Tablers, there is an awesome range of opportunities to continue their Round Table Family journey once they reach 40 and beyond. At this magical age Tablers can become joint members of both Associations and 41 Club national capitation is waived until a Tabler is 45 - after this it's presently only £14.50 - bargain!

As you are probably aware, one of my other passionate hobbies is a love of the 'water of life' - Uisge Beatha - AKA whisky. And as everyone knows, what whisky cannot cure, there is no cure for...

I run a whisky club in my 41 Club, known as the Wallington And Carshalton Whisky Appreciation Club - or WACWAC for short (our logo is a duck, for obvious reasons). We also have a number of enthusiastic Round Tablers amongst our members and over the past six years we've imbibed around 120 different whiskies from around the globe!

I've always considered the production of quality whisky, as being similar to the production of quality Round Tables and 41 Clubs - including the transition from one to the other. Both are a direct result of a small number of key components, carefully nurtured over time.

In the production of whisky, these are quality barley, crystal clear water, robust yeast, mature oak casks and of course the precious gift of time (at least three years). These alone aren't enough however - it also requires passion, enthusiasm and the occasional creative idea.

In the production of Tablers and 41ers, it's the quality of the meetings, the warm welcome for existing and new members and good leadership. Again, these alone are the only ingredients - it also requires passion, enthusiasm and a creative approach to new ideas.

The next three years may be the most important in the history of both our Associations and there is much to do. If you haven't reached out to your local Round Table - please can you pick up your phone or drop an email inviting them to a meeting?

41 Clubs are there to support Round Tables, so if you don't know who or where they are, what they do or you don't have a local Round Table - please let me know on membership@41club.org.

Also I'm available to give Whisky tastings and Membership talks at 41 Club meetings, Regional dinners, Bar Mitzvahs, Christenings and Weddings.. well, for the first two at least. 😊

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter".

Peter McBride
41 Club National Membership Officer & Round Table Liaison Officer



Everest Base Camp

A Group of 41ers after several years preparation and delayed by the Covid-19 Pandemic, finally succeeded in their amazing fund raising trek to Everest Base Camp. These amazing guys (Rory Tompsett, Keith Bedford, Kevin Chard, Neil Crouchman & Greg Meadwell) are reported to have raised and contributed to a collective £19,532 raised so far for the named charities. Like countless others I followed their trip through their posts on Facebook. For those who don't use Facebook here is my edited account of Kevin Chard's Facebook posts on the expedition. Any errors in this blatant cut and paste are mine and not Kevins!

Yesterday the weather was a balmy 26 C with clear skies affording us amazing views of our destination, the snow capped Himalayas which seemed, due to a trick of the light, to be floating in the distance. We met up with the group of 16 I'm trekking with last night. After a team meeting with two of our guides Devendra and Mark we enjoyed our last meal in Kathmandu.

Today I need to pack for the expedition. We are restricted to a weight of 10kg and can leave anything we don't need in the hotel in Kathmandu. At 11am we start a five hour bus journey to Ramechhap where we stay the night. I must admit I'm not looking forward to this as the condition of the roads is beyond terrible, the same goes for the driving here and the route looks full of hair pin bends!

Weather permitting we have a 6.15am flight tomorrow to the mountain airport of Lukla which is infamous as the most dangerous airport in the world Everything is crossed for clear skies as 10 days ago planes were grounded for 5 days due to bad weather!!

Today's coach road trip from Kathmandu to Ramechhap took 6.5hrs through some stunning mountain scenery. The road was mostly paved but was broken up by stretches of muddy track and gravel. A combination of narrow stretches, landslides, rocks, flooded parts, potholes, huge drops, steep cliffs, and also lots of dust along with bumpiness made for an interesting journey to say the least. Add to this a country of drivers that think they are in a formula one race with a lack of awareness of anything on the road and the odd unattended cow or goat in the middle of the road and you can probably imagine today's experience

Despite all this it was actually fun and very interesting. We drove through small villages, numerous terraced rice fields and saw some spectacular lush mountain scenery and huge rivers spanned by wire suspension bridges.

Our beds for the night are in glamping tents. The mattress is as hard as rock but hey ho I'm on an expedition. In bed by 8pm tonight as we have to be up at 4.30am to catch the first flight to Lukla 2860m and start the trek with an 8 mile stroll to Monjo.

Time to start walking. *Our first days trekking took us from Lukla to Monjo. 8.3 Miles. After a Nepalese take on a full English breakfast it was time for a team photo at the gateway to the EBC trek. We then hiked to Phakding (8,563 ft / 2,610 m) for lunch which takes us 3 hours. As we hike, I am just in awe at the incredible mountain scenery. The sights, smells, and sounds overload my senses. Pine trees and Rhododendron plants are in abundance. It's not long before I come across my first suspension bridge. I soon discover that I don't like them...lol. Not great when we have a few to cross on the way up the valley! The mountains are awesome and most have a dusting of snow apparently courtesy of the goddess Chione. Passing through small villages I'm amazed at the large heavy loads the porters carry and how quickly they walk! We have to get to the side occasionally when Yaks, donkeys or horses go buy mostly loaded up with supplies including gas bottles. The children we see are interested in trekkers and they surprise me with their curiosity and ability to speak English.*

Six hours after leaving Lukla we make it to our home for the night in Monjo, Mount Kailash Lodge. There isn't anything particularly challenging during this first day of hiking, and the elevation has yet to be an issue for me though some of our group are finding the effects of elevation a challenge.....

Day 2. Monjo to Namche Bazar: *We left our tea house at 8am after breakfast. I went for Tibetan bread and omelette with sweet Black coffee. Sitting just above Monjo is the entrance to the Sagarmatha National Park where the team stopped for a photo. We then dropped down next to an enormous granite rock carved with large characters which represents mantras or prayers. We then cross the river known as the Dudh Kosi on another suspension bridge (which I still don't like) and pass through another village which is the last before the BIG climb to Namche Bazar. The trail takes us through lots of pine trees before recrossing the river on yet another suspension bridge. We follow the river which is the highest in the world at a very slow pace. Today is all about taking it slow and steady as the climb to Namche is high and steep and we are all concerned about the effects of altitude. We then spot two more suspension bridges the higher of which is the Hillary Bridge named after the first man to conquer Everest. We stopped for another team photo before the slow ascent to the bridge. We spot a yak train crossing the bridge and hope that when we arrive at the bridge we time it right to avoid any Yaks or donkeys on the bridge which we do! You don't want to be tipped into the gorge by a pushy bovine! I couldn't look down at all crossing the bridge. I found it pretty scary and it took all my nerve to get across! I'm usually ok with heights but these bridges really freak me out! From here to Namche it's a pretty torturous zig zag path through the dense pine trees. Our guide points out our first partial view of Everest in the distance and this suddenly brings a smile to my face! The path up just seems to go on forever but after a while we arrive at some toilets with an even better view of the world's highest mountain through the pine trees!*

At this point one of the team is really struggling with the altitude and I agree to hang back and walk with him, team leader Mark and one other guide whilst the others go on ahead. We take it very slow with plenty of stops and after a hour make it to the village of Namche Bazar. This is indeed a welcoming sight and Mark points out our tea house which will be our home for the next day and a half while we

Everest Base Camp

rest and acclimatise to the altitude of over 3440m. I'm sure with a lot of rest we will all feel a lot better. Namche is the closest thing the region has to a town with lots of shops, restaurants and tea houses. It even has a museum. I was glad to arrive and set down my pack. It really felt like a big achievement getting here. We had a very chilled afternoon yesterday and evening. Really started to feel the effects of the altitude though. Just walking up the stairs is a real struggle to catch your breath. Hot Chocolate and apple pie was a highlight at a local cafe. Greg and I arranged a Birthday cake for Neil Crouchman with a candle which was served after dinner. Our guides each gave Neil a gift of a white silk scarf which was lovely. They enjoyed the cake too! After dinner I went for a little walk with Greg Meadwell and took a few photos of the village at night before we settled on an early night. We have seen Buddhist Prayer wheels of various sizes on the trek. The largest of which are here. Prayers are contained within each wheel and when turned in a clockwise direction amplifies the prayer.

Day 3 of the Trek: It's a resting day to acclimatise but after breakfast I joined a few of the team on a short guided walk to the top of the village. I needed fresh air, to stretch my legs and hoped that walking to a slightly higher altitude and walking back down might help. We reached the top of the village after 20 mins. Here we were afforded with magnificent 360 degree views of the surrounding mountains including Everest as well as a fabulous statue of Tenzing Norgay who summited Everest with Hillary. After almost a two year wait I took a quiet and emotional couple of minutes to enjoy the views of Everest, Luptse and Ama Dablam. We spent a long time here taking photos laughing and chatting and even managed to stage a photo of all of us jumping with Everest in the background. Everest can be seen in the photo between Keith Bedford and I. Tenzing Norgay's ice pick is also pointed at it. I know it looks small but the mountain is still 28 miles away. We then slowly walked along the path above Namche to the Nauche Gonda Monastery. Our chief guide Devendra walked with me and he told me of his life growing up in a village in the lowlands of Lukla, attending the Hillary school here in Namche where he bordered and about his journey from starting as an assistant guide to now running his own company. Life for him has been very tough. The 2015 earthquake which he lived through in Khatmandu and the pandemic has really affected tourism here. Devendra had arranged for our group to have a private visit to the 260 year old Buddhist monastery. We met a monk who blessed us and our journey and even had his photo taken with us.

Day 4 Namche to Tengboche 3867m ; 340m descent 750m ascent. We again woke up to perfect weather for today's 6.8 mile trek to Tengboche. It was a very slow pace from the start as we were aware that later in the day was a 2.5 hr steep incline ahead of us. The views were amazing from the start. We looked down the valley and it was interesting to see how far we had come since we started. The first photo is of a mani stone. We have seen many of these along the path. Each stone is carved and painted with a mantra or prayer. For good luck we have to walk clockwise around them. We are again fortunate to see clear views of the mountains including Everest. The thumb like peak of Ama Dablam soars into view above the trail. As we progress the altitude starts to take its toll on me. I develop a headache and can feel pressure on my head which feels like I'm wearing a tight hat. We stop for coffee before descending a long way down to the river where we cross a suspension bridge before stopping for lunch. I take a paracetamol and order garlic soup which is meant to help with the altitude symptoms. My headache starts to ease just in time as we start a 2.5 hr sustained zig zag climb to Tengboche. The walk uphill is relentless and the relief I feel when we reach our teahouse for the night is palpable. The teahouses are becoming more and more basic as we head up the trail. The price of water etc also increases sharply as well. Tengboche is famous for its Buddhist monastery which is right next to our teahouse. After a short rest we all head over to the Monastery where the monks are chanting afternoon prayers. We take off our shoes and sit around the edge of the temple and listen to the outer worldly sound of chanting, drums and giant bazookas which to be honest was painful on the ears. Dinner tonight I chose Nepalese dal baht which was very tasty and is the only menu choice that comes with seconds.

Day 6 Pheriche- acclimatisation day: I didn't sleep too well last night as the temperature was -12 and we had no heat in our room. Tea houses are very basic! Whilst my body was warm in my sleeping bag, breathing in the icy air kept me awake. The altitude also made it harder to breathe and I was aware I was taking in more breaths than usual to take in more oxygen. After breakfast, we all went for a short walk through the village. The weather was again fantastic and the views were amazing. We watched numerous helicopters land and take off. The constant buzz of helicopters is something we have got used to. A few of us decided to extend the walk by taking a path to the ridge above the village which gave us even better views of the surrounding mountains and the village below. I also hoped that a small increase in altitude might help me to adjust. We then had lunch and a team briefing about the next few days ahead which are crucial. Tomorrow our trek will take us to Lobuche (4930m) which will be our highest elevation gain in a single day with the trek to Everest Base camp the day after so it's all getting a bit serious. The team then attended a lecture on Acute Mountain Sickness run by the Himalayan rescue Association which has one of its health centres in the village. The association is dedicated to the treatment and prevention of altitude sickness and played a major role in the rescue operation following the 2015 earthquake. The rest of the day we sat around chatting, playing cards, drinking coffee, or reading thus hopefully conserving our energy knowing we had two BIG days ahead of us!

Day 7 Pheriche to Lobuche 4930m : Playing catch up with posts.... We knew that today was going to be a big day for us with a 730 m elevation gain. We left our teahouse at 8 am after breakfast and followed the wide Trail North along the valley floor. The path climbs, giving outstanding views of snow capped twin peaks. We then dropped down to a glacial stream which we had to cross climbing over boulders and a rickety bridge up the other side to the village of Thukla, where we stopped for lunch. I had sherpa stew which is vegetables in a thick broth. After lunch we had a very steep climb up a zigzag gravelly path which was slow going because there was so many trekkers at this point. The altitude was also really slowing us down and affecting our breathing. At the top of the ridge we came across lots of simple stone memorials to lost climbers and sherpa and an abundance of colourful prayer flags. As we continued our journey, the perfect peak of Pumori came into view. We then had a laboured ascent over loose gravel and rocks to the village of Lobuche where we were staying the night. Our tea house was not the most appealing stop and the night became bitterly cold. I popped out for water just as the sun was setting and was lucky to capture the perfect shot included in my previous post. When I got back we all gathered around the yak dung fired stove, had dinner and then an early night knowing that tomorrow was going to be a long day with the big push to Everest base camp! Made it to Lobuche 5030m high or in old money 3 miles above sea level! That totally blows my mind. Pretty cream cracked tbh. Very pleased with photo of tonight's sunset

Day 8 Lobuche to Everest Base Camp 5364m : Still playing catch up.... The effects of altitude continued to worsen on our climb to Gorek Shep where we would drop our bags and have lunch before the final climb to the foot of Everest and our goal, Base camp. The first section of today's trek followed a narrow gap with the mountain on one side and the Khumbu Glacier on the other. This glacier is covered in moraine, ground up rocks and gravel and extends all the way to Everest. We could here it moan and crack as it moves down the valley at a rate of 1m a day. After 3 hrs we reached Gorek Shep at the foot of Kala Pattar. After finding our room we had a quick lunch before we continued to EBC. We crossed a large flat sandy bed which was once a lake bed. Ahead of us was a draining 6 hour return trek to our goal. The journey was a massive exhausting scramble over rocks and gravel. Up and down we went relentlessly following the multi coloured glacier of whites, greys and blues until we started to cross a ridge and our guide points out Base camp in the distance.

Everest Base Camp

The path down to EBC was busy. we had to cross the glacier covered with large boulders which was tricky and then the focal point of EBC appeared. A large rock with red graffiti confirming our arrival at EBC 5364m. My arrival was tinged with mixed emotions. Tears, relief, and Joy. It was freezing cold so we had limited time for various photos, videos and of course hugs and handshakes as we congratulated one and all. I would have liked to climb the rock for a photo as many were doing but I was just too exhausted so got a great photo at its base. Many find EBC disappointing as apart from the rock there is nothing else there apart from a few prayer flags this time of year. However, the scenery is stunning and the thought that so many famous explorers such as Hilary and Tenzing had stood where I was now standing was humbling. Mission accomplished!



Last day of the trek today. Namche to Lukla. I can do this Still a few days behind with my posts. I will catch up because I want to make a record of this amazing journey. (I have been making notes) Two of our team were helicoptered back to Lukla after making it to base camp. They just had no more to give. They are doing better and we will meet up with them tonight but it just goes to show this is one hell of a challenge. Over the last few days it's been 6am starts and freezing until the sun comes up over the mountains. Very long days with big mileages covered. Not all downhill as we have had some huge ascents. Tbh the descents are playing havoc with my knees and back. Now gone down with a cold, sore throat and cough but so has many of the team....just one more day. Thanks again for all the messages of support you have no idea how each and every one spurs me on. Wohoo....! I've only gone and done it. The whole team have met up at the finish line!! Now time for a beer...lol

Last: Well today is my last day in the wonderful country of Nepal. It's going to be quite an emotional day as I reflect on what has been an outstanding 2 weeks and the greatest adventure of my life! I have made some great new friends and experienced real human kindness and support along this journey from both my team mates and Nepalese Guides. There were times I never thought I would make it but at those times there seemed to be a motivational word or a strong arm or hand to support me when I literally slipped! I'd like to thank all those people back home who have supported me, sent me messages of encouragement and posted comments or liked my Facebook blog. I left a small part of my heart and soul in the Himalayas. My greatest thanks go to Mark Wood Explorer a real bona fide explorer, a lovely man who I am honoured to call a friend and whose experience and humour shone through the entire trip and lastly but not least our lead guide Devendra Rai Who went above and beyond and would just suddenly appear as if by magic on the trail when you needed that little bit extra support. Big man hugs to my friends Marcus Jones, Studley XTabler and Darren Barker who should have been with us but circumstances prevented them joining us. You are truly missed. It was Marcus whose inspirational and mad idea 2 years ago that created the team that came together at the top of the world. I hope you get here one day. A Big thank you for your kind donations to my two chosen charities Dementia UK and the Frank Bruno Mental Health Foundation. I've so far raised over £3000 which is phenomenal. The just giving pages will remain open so please, if you have enjoyed following my journey and would like to help you can do so by making a donation on one or more of my Just giving pages as follows:-

Dementia UK: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kevin-chard3> The Frank Bruno Foundation: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kevin-chard2>



Everest Base Camp



SLK West Warwick's Wanderers FC

by Greg Fanning

A group of 41 Club members, and friends of Shirley Late Knights and Hall Green Round Table have been playing Walking Football for a couple of years. We recently organised our first international Tour at the invite of an ex pat past member of Hall Green Round Table who is in a group called Los Amigos in Mojacar, Southern Spain. The intrepid group of 12 travelled in mid October to Mojacar for two days of football, fun and fellowship. On the Saturday there was a day of friendly games with some of the guys from Los Amigos, followed on Sunday by a mini tournament. The WWW team winning one and drawing two matches to return undefeated. We came second to the team we beat who won their two other matches to garner 6 points to our 5. The games were played in excellent spirit of fair play. The WWW team would like to throw down the gauntlet to any other clubs with a walking football team who may want to enjoy a friendly game and some fellowship. If you are interested contact Greg Fanning on 07500 578 176 or gregjof@yahoo.co.uk

Six of the best from Northwich 41 Club St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay



After months of planning Simon Clough & Mark Powell from Northwich 41 Club joined by two ex Barclays colleagues Colin Pell & Nick Woodcock set off to St Bees in the Lake District to start our Charity Challenge:- to complete 6 parts of the (Coast to Coast) C2C Wainwright Walk approx 60 miles across 6 days). And we had an amazing driver for the support vehicle, one very patient and understanding Mrs Powell!!

We were hoping to raise approx £5k across three charities - Nightingale House Hospice, Marie Curie, & Cancer Research

Day 1

Started in the sea at St Bees, picked up a pebble for the journey/luck and headed out "in the rain"!!

We followed the C2C trail along the beautiful coast line -then after a short car ride trekked for a photo on Robin Hoods Chair, finishing the day with a slippery walk down hill from Honiston Pass Youth Hostel to Rosthwaite ..**9.25 miles**

Day 2

We started at the beautiful Laudre falls hotel where there was an old Bentley & Rolls Royce owners convention, our walk around the nearby reservoir was hampered by fallen trees blocking our route, but being determined to reach our meeting point we found a way through. On to the Inn on the lake in Glenridding for lunch followed by a walk a round the Aira Force, stunning! our day ended with a wander around Shap Abbey - who knew? ..**10.03 miles**

Day 3

Winton to Kirby Stephen, cue one fall down a very slippery bank and a broken walking pole (Cool Runnings had nothing on me), train to Ribbleshead (sadly not the steam train) and lunch at the Station Inn in front of a roaring fire and then an amazing walk from Muker to Keld (in the rain) ...**12.41 miles**

Day 4

After another fab breakfast we left Reeth and walked along the River Swale until we arrived at our first stopping point where our driver picked us up and then dropped us off at Maske for our next hike to Richmond. Despite starting quite flat we climbed a hill aka small mountain and could hear machine gun fire from a near by army training ground in the distance, Nice lunch in Richmond before our final walk of the day from Borton on Swale to Kiplin Hall - Have I mentioned the corned beef & onion pie yet?...**12.4 miles**

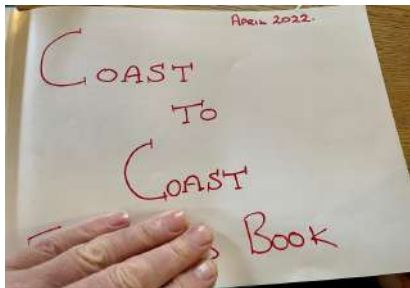
Day 5

Yes tiredness and aching joints were a topic of conversation today but undeterred we set off and a nice 5 mile hike from Danby Wiske where we encountered signs for the Lyke Wake walk (maybe another time) after a brief rest for tea/ coffee we set off on what was to be the hardest, coldest, and windy walk of the trek, Claybank Mountain

It is true the views from the top are outstanding, It is true you feel a great sense of achievement when you reach the top... its just a pity theres no cafe at the top!



Six of the best from Northwich 41 Club St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay



Not forgetting the corned beef & onion pie - with sachets of brown sauce the pie was devoured in minutes prior to our ascent, it was most welcome too, as was the pint in the Lion inn at the top of the moors, miles from anywhere... **10.25 miles**

Day 6 the last day

We had decided against a bike ride from Grosmont to Whitby as it looked like the weather would turn for the worse at around 1pm, so our trusted driver dropped us off near Whitby Abbey at 10.00am ready to walk the last 7 miles to Robin Hoods Bay - what an amazing walk that was - and to be fair despite the aches & pains and obvious tiredness we all set off with a spring in our step. We met lots of people along the way - the shore line and vista were fantastic, but the weather was changing by the hour.

We made it to Robin Hoods Bay at 1.30pm we took a few pics in the sea (had to end in the sea!) and headed to the Bay hotel for a celebratory beer before the rain lashed down at around 1.40pm !! ...**7.4 miles**

In summary we had lots of laughs, beer and great food along the way, met lots of trekkers either walking along the route or in the pubs where we ate our evening meals and raised a total of ...drum roll please

£7000 - broken down as follows: Nightingale House Hospice £3.2k Marie Curie £3k Cancer Research £800

We covered 62 miles in 6 days we walked for 24 and a half hours and our total ascent was 6,673' almost the equivalent of climbing Snowdon twice!

What an adventure and here's to the next one

YICF

Mark

**Mark Powell
Northwich 41 Club**



The 2022 European Capitals Meeting (ECM) in Valletta

What is the ECM? It all started in 2015 when Peter Smith and Georges Metzger of 41 Club Paris invited 41 Club members and their wives/ partners from European Capital Cities to come along to Paris to enjoy Fun and Fellowship; a chance to experience 41 Club internationally and to form links between our respective 41 Clubs. The first meeting was such a success that the following years saw Rome (2016), Berlin (2017), Brussels (2018) and London (2019) hosting the ECM. And then along came the pandemic.....how would we survive without meeting since 2019?

With the beautiful island of Malta as our setting, we were certainly off to a great start. With glorious sunshine, great Maltese food and wines together with an amazing amount of history, classical buildings and the organising abilities of Malta 41 Club what could go wrong? The answer is not a lot!! In fact, the island is so great that quite a few of our intrepid travellers arrived in Malta a few days ahead of the ECM so that we could take advantage of the location.

That meant we could attend the Malta 41 Club AGM which was held in the Soup Kitchen OFM of Valletta, a Franciscan Friary from the 16th Century which now helps up to 100 people a day and a Charity that 41 Club Malta actively assists. After the AGM and a meal in a typical Maltese restaurant, we exchanged banners in the Malta Round Table Club House which Round Table are busily refurbishing themselves. By the time we had all arrived and met up for the Welcome Party on Thursday night there were travellers from Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, London, Luxembourg, Paris and Rome as well as great representation from Malta.

We met at the King's Own Band Club, home to one of the leading Band Clubs in Malta. The Band plays at all sorts of festivals and special ceremonies across the island but as you can see our performance of "La La" on the night didn't give them much competition. It was amazing how quickly we all came together when some of us hadn't seen each other for 3 years - but that is what Fellowship is all about. What a great night.

Friday came and the Three Wise Men of Malta 41 Club had to organise us all and make sure we walked round Valletta as a group visiting Malta 5D (complete with 3D film, moving seats, water spray, air blasts and leg ticklers); the 16th Century St John's Co - Cathedral, including a Caravaggio exhibition - he lived in Malta in the early 17th Century - and then a private visit to Casa Rocca Piccola, a 16th Century privately owned family palace in the middle of Valletta.

So, is he counting sheep or asking "How many are there booked in for the Cathedral tour and where are they all?" Co Convenor Claude Mifsud



Wismayer counts us all in and all out again whilst Alex Abela, the other Co-Convenor, was searching bars and cafes for any stragglers.



European Capitals Meeting (ECM) 2022 in Valletta

After a leisurely lunch we all wandered off to have a look round Valletta and get ready for the Friday night dinner at Merkanti Restaurant set in a 19th Century restored building in the middle of Valletta.

Unfortunately, some of us didn't quite understand what the dress code "smart casual" meant. And of course, the evening did finish later for some than for others!!

Saturday saw us exploring more of Valletta with a guided tour of the centre and the National Museum of Archaeology although some of us got waylaid singing "Sweet Caroline" along with some locals at the Società Filarmonica Nazionale La Valette.

Following lunch at Muza Restaurant in the National Community Art Museum, we had free time to wander around Valletta or take time out before getting ready for the Gala Dinner at yet another iconic building – Casino Maltese, a private members club in the centre of Valletta.

The evening started with a historic moment – the Chartering of Tangent Malta – which we all attended. We even managed a formal "La La" to congratulate National President Maria Messina and her fellow Tangent Members before the ECM Banner Exchange.

And so on to the Gala Dinner..... Great food, great wine, a great band but far more importantly, great Fellowship with a mix of nationalities on each table.

Yes, there were (a few) speeches and Don Mullane explained the background of "The London Old Tablers' Society Roy Kroos Absent Friends Cup" which was then presented by the LOTS Chairman, Steve Whitaker, to be used at all future ECMs by the club hosting it. The whole evening was superb – a great tribute to our Maltese hosts.

We knew the evening was finishing when over 30 Frank Sinatra impersonators tried (but failed dismally) to give a romantic rendition of "My Way."

And so, we came to Sunday and all the signs were telling us that it was sadly the time to say our "Farewell" to all our friends in the ECM for such a fantastic weekend of Fun and Fellowship.

In particular, a great big Thank You to all friends – old and new – from Malta for all the hard work and effort involved in putting on a truly brilliant event. We will remember the 2022 ECM for a long time.

So, now it was time to say "Goodbye"..... or was it? A few of us decided to go out for one last time on the Sunday night and think about the 2023 ECM in Luxembourg from 21st – 24th September.

So, where are you Cardiff, Dublin, Edinburgh and Belfast? You know where it is and when it is and what's not to like about a great weekend of Fun and Fellowship. Come and join us.





ASHBY 41 CLUB GOES ACTIVE!

Like most 41 Clubs, Ashby-de-la-Zouch likes to have an occasional quiet monthly meeting with a speaker and a nice meal, but we also like to be a bit more ambitious sometimes, maybe a bit more active. Perhaps not quite like those 41ers who made it to Everest Base Camp recently (well done, guys!), but summer 2022 did give our club a couple of opportunities to stretch both our muscles and our nerves!

It started in August - club member Andy Johnson is also a leader with the local Leicestershire Scouts and decided to take us somewhere that the Scouts use for their outdoor activities. So it was that ten intrepid Ashby 41ers and Tablers turned up at Devonshire cavern near Matlock Bath to try our hand at caving!

The caves are actually part of an old lead mine, and it is still possible to see the holes in the walls where explosives were placed. One shocking aspect of the mine's history is that young boys were used to conduct much of the mining work. Many of the Peak District's mines closed in the 19th century, although some continued operations into the 20th century.

As we made our way to the cave entrance, what Andy hadn't told us was the fact that we would have to ascend a very steep path for some distance to even get there, which was an exhausting introduction to the evening and led to some choice words (from your scribe at least!). But we made it to the cave entrance, through the small steel door set in the rocks and down a ladder into the caves proper.

We had been told to wear suitable waterproof trousers and boots, and also rubber gloves. Was that last item a wind-up, we wondered? Belts were provided, presumably so we could grab hold of somebody as they fell down a big hole! Plus of course the hard hats with attached lights.

Andy had also assured us that this would be 'gentleman's caving', with plenty of headroom to stand up in, and no tight passages. Er...no. With the expert guidance of Andy and fellow guide Roger, we proceeded along a fascinating route, down inclines and through narrow passages. The most challenging section was to get past a huge slab of rock blocking the passage. The best way past was achieved by lying flat on top of it with very limited vertical clearance, working your legs around horizontally to reach the other side, and then dropping down (blind) gradually to the ground. A new experience for all of us!

Only one club member declined to give this a go, and he duly exited the caves via an alternative access point. The rest of us, ranging in age from mid-20s (an Ashby Tabler who is invariably one of the first to confirm his attendance at our 41 Club meetings!) to 72 years, all managed the circuit successfully (over an hour in total). So we are pleased to report that you are never too old to have a go at these sorts of events!

At one point, the guides grouped us all together and instructed us to turn off our lights and be quiet. An amazing experience, silence and total darkness.

Once back in the open air, we all adjourned to a pub for food and drink (naturally), where some less intrepid members of Ashby 41 Club joined us for the easier part of the evening.

Many thanks to Andy for organising what was such a unique event for most of us. I'm pleased to say that my Marigolds did prove useful in the caves and survived to resume their former washing-up role!

Ashby 41 Club continued its adventurous activities for the September meeting...but you'll have to wait for a future article to see what that was all about...





Invite you to a very special Past Tablers Evening and Charter Night Celebrating the 65th Charter of Christchurch Round Table and 60th Charter of Christchurch 41 Club.

To be held on

7pm – late Tuesday 6th December 2022

at the



Please pick a **Starter, Main and Dessert** and remember a **½ bottle of wine** per person is included

Starters

Smoked chicken, ham & cranberry terrine, pear jelly, mustard crème fraiche

Teriyaki & sake cured salmon, white radish noodle salad, wasabi

Cream of sweet potato & pimento soup, paprika cream

Mains

Roast Chicken breast, seasonal stuffing, chipolata chateau potato, parsnip, buttered sprouts, turkey gravy

Filleted seabass, shallot crust new potatoes, seasonal vegetables, grilled cherry tomatoes, parsley and caper butter

Spiced baked cauliflower steak, almond and popadom crust, curry sauce

Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce & mulled berry compote

Selection of English cheeses served with chutney, biscuits and bread & jelly

Coconut and lime cheesecake, coconut Sacher torte, clementine compot

Please E-Mail your Menu Choice and confirm attendance to dominicejones@hotmail.co.uk



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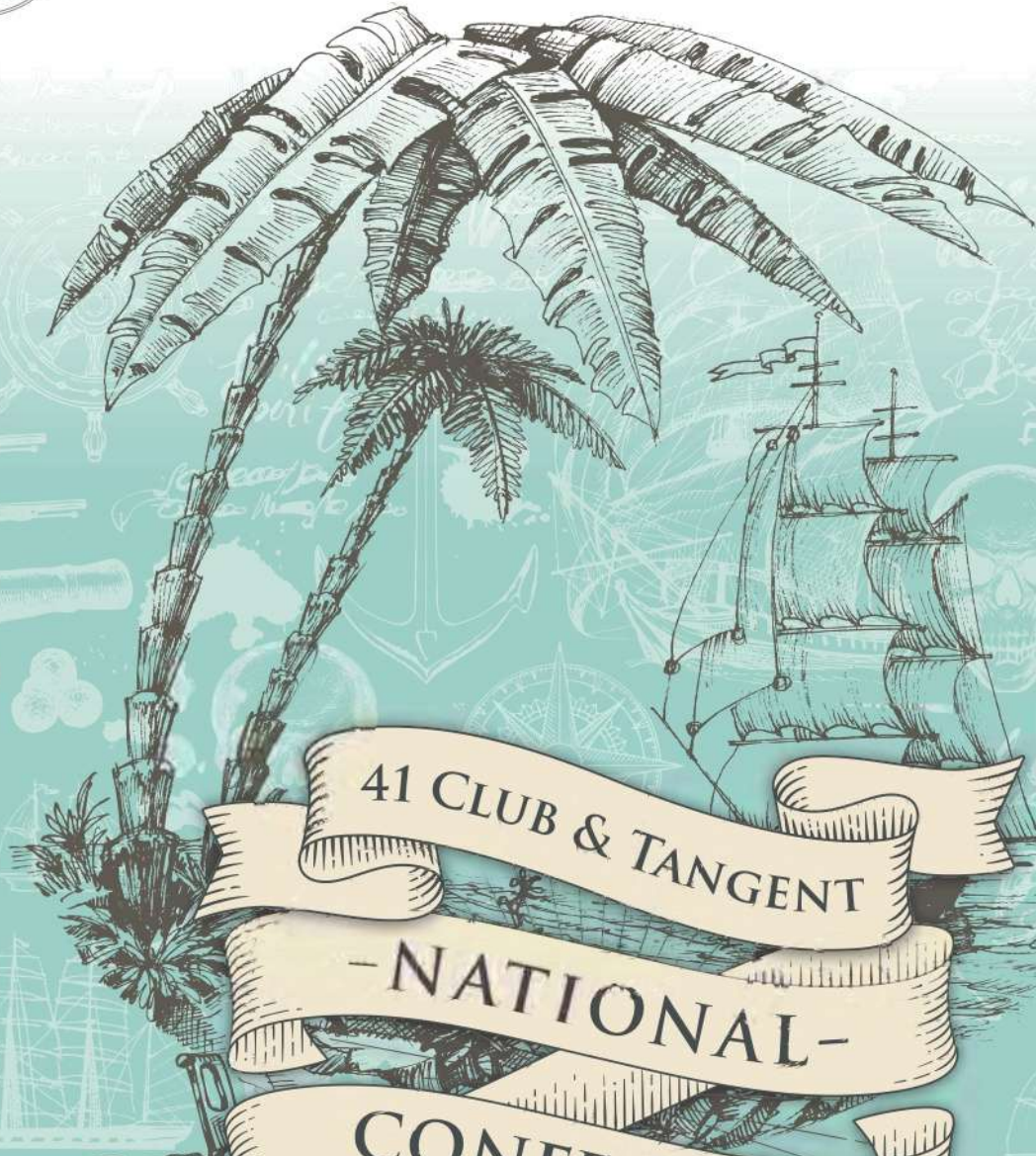
Payment on the night is **NOT POSSIBLE**



The dress code on the night is DJ's, suits, jackets with bow tie



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On the first weekend of October I attended Jim Conway's Presidents "007 James Bond themed" Ball in Leicester. What fun that was, really enjoyed getting off my little rock to the "mainland" (how we refer to UK in Jersey), the evening was extremely well choreographed by Vicki Carter-Bland, and I had the pleasure of surprising many there who were not expecting to see me! Some thought I was a secret agent aka 007 sent over to find out how you party!

What a party it was with really great entertainment – Bond girls gyrating in over-sized champagne glasses, blindfold man axe throwing to his lady assistant ringing a bell for the target (which he always seemed to be two feet away from, good job the axes missed her), fire juggling extraordinaires and we now know how Jim travels – with Vicky hidden in boot of his car. Sorry, you probably won't understand that if you weren't there. As Jim said to me afterwards "Beat that next year!" which I must admit gives us a big challenge which we will rise to accomplish, for your entertainment during 2023 Conference.

To update you about 2023 Conference I am pleased to report the following:

Travel to Jersey: Blue Islands have now released their flight schedules for next year flying to Jersey from Exeter, Birmingham, Southampton, Bristol and East Midlands. If you are coming from further up north Easyjet are probably your best option flying to Jersey from Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow. It's also worth looking at Loganair for more options from up north, such as Newcastle.

You will have to wait longer for Condor Ferries Spring 2023 sailing schedule, although instead flying to Jersey is strongly recommended. If you want to stay longer to explore our beautiful Island you can hire a car instead of suffering the 4-12 hours sea crossing at an uncertain time of year, weather-wise. Or use our bus network going to all corners of Jersey from Liberation Station.

Jersey Airport & Merton Hotel Transfers: Please note you can book Jersey Airport to Merton Hotel minibus transfer anytime from Wednesday 29 March 2023, and return transfer from Merton Hotel back to Jersey Airport any day and time after Conference ends, if you will be staying longer. These are much cheaper than hailing a taxi from Airport or Merton hotel.

To book your transfers or any optional extra Friday Excursions, 41 Club AGM lunch, or Tangent Day Afternoon Tea go to 2023 Conference website here jersey23.41clubevents.co.uk, select which additional items you want to purchase, go to Checkout and enter your Name, Email address and in the Phone field enter your original booking reference number. This will ensure we link your additional items to your original order. In subsequent fields copy & paste "As before", but please ensure you complete the "Dietary", Mobility" and "Seating" fields with any requirements you have specific to the additional items you are booking. After completing paying for your additional booking please look out for an email confirmation for the additional tickets, which maybe in your Spam folder or otherwise mislaid.

If you experience any issues with booking for 2023 Conference or have not seen 41 Club Events website automatic booking confirmation and payment receipt after you completed your booking please contact Lance Kiddie, Registration Officer, by emailing him at registration-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk, when he will be pleased to assist or provide confirmation your booking has been received and your payment made.

Entertainment: I am delighted to let you know we have booked a fabulous tribute act for Saturday evening function. I'm not letting on which group they faithfully recreate, one of the biggest worldwide groups in the 1980's amassing many hits. You will enjoy the tribute's excellent reproduction which will bring back many happy memories from yester-years.

If you have not yet booked for 2023 Conference as the saying goes, don't delay the early bird gets the best choice worms! To ensure what you want is still available please book now, rather than later when we might well have sold out. I look forward to welcoming you to Jersey in 2023 when we will provide you with another great fun National Conference to remember.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Paul W. Harding.

Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman, Mobile: 07797 740420 Email: chairman-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk



The “Double Gloucester Rally” Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2023.

Clevedon 41 Club are delighted to invite you to the 2023 Classic Car Rally in Gloucester and the surrounding area.

Gloucestershire is one of England's most picturesque counties embracing the Cotswolds and the Vale of Evesham and the Wye Valley.

The Rally will be based at the **Robinswood Hotel and Spa** which is part of the **Best Western Signature collection**. The hotel is located just out of the City of Gloucester, in it's own grounds, but easily reached from Junction 12 of the M5 making it ideal for our needs. We will have our own, large, level, tarmacked parking area at the rear of the hotel with a capacity of around 100 cars exclusively for the entire weekend.



The hotel has a large indoor Swimming Pool, Gym, free WiFi, and for those wanting to pamper themselves even a Spa. It's a relatively modern hotel so all rooms are of a similar size and all come equipped as you would expect from the “signature” classification. We will have the exclusive use of the hotel's excellent function room on both evenings, which has it's own bar in the same facility, and this is all within the hotel itself for easy access.

TIMETABLE

Friday 2nd June.

The Rally Reception will be open in the hotel from 12noon and a lunch will be available on site for those who want to purchase it. The Welcome Party will be in the Merlot Suite where we can all meet up to meet to chat and enjoy a three course buffet meal.

Saturday 3rd June.

After breakfast meet your fellow Rally guests in the hotel car park to admire each others cars and prepare for todays run into the Cotswolds to enjoy the scenery and stop at interesting places for coffee and lunch. After lunch there will meet another scenic run back to the hotel with an optional tea stop enroute.

The Rally Dinner will again be in the Merlot Suite and will be a three course sit down meal with the presentation of awards and details of next year's event.

Sunday 4th June.

Breakfast over we will assemble in the hotel car park for another scenic run to a optional lunch stop after which you are free to leave for home, or return to the hotel where additional nights accommodation is available for those wanting to stay on to see more of this beautiful area.

Package and Costs.

We have negotiated a "Double Gloucester Rally" Accommodation Package with the Robinswood Hotel for 2 people for two nights at a cost of **£307 in total** which includes:

- **A double room for Friday and Saturday night with breakfast on both mornings.**
- **A 3 course Hot Buffet meal for 2 people on Friday night.**
- **A 3 course Rally Dinner for 2 people on Saturday night.**
- **Free use of the Pool and Gym with only the Spa being chargeable.**



There's also the option of a single Rally Package for **1 person for 2 nights** at a cost of **£253.50** giving the same benefits but just for one!

Car Registration Costs.

You can enter your car for the '**Double Gloucester Rally**' which will include a picture and profile of your 'pride and joy' in our **Souvenir Rally Brochure** at a cost of **£35** and this also will include your commemorative **Rally Plaque and rally stickers..**

Please Note this package is only available until 3rd March 2023 and an allocation of rooms have been reserved for our use. However, after that date the rooms will be released, and the special Rally Accommodation Package price and the rooms may no longer be available so PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

Once you've booked your hotel package then please **immediately** enter your car for the "Double Gloucester" Classic Car Rally to do this **please click on <https://41clubevents.co.uk>** which will take you to the **41 Club Booking Site and the Rally Booking Form** where you can **enter and pay**, all online.

Again, please do this **before 3rd March 2023** to give the Rally Team time to organise an "**Motortastic Weekend**" for you to enjoy. We will be in touch nearer the event to obtain a picture of your car and a brief description of its history for the Souvenir Rally Brochure.

If you have any questions or queries, then please contact me directly via email at **terrycooper41club@gmail.com** or call me on **07891 761599**.

To book go to:

<https://classicrally.41clubevents.co.uk/>



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Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June 2023

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Terry Cooper on 07891 761599

58th White Rose Dinner



Hosted by Shipley 41 Club
Shipley Golf Club

Friday 21st October, 2022



The recent 2022 White Rose Dinner

This year's White Rose Dinner returned to the 41 Club calendar with a bang!

The event was organised by Shipley 41 Club and held at Shipley Golf Club. There were 70 guests in attendance from throughout Region 6 (Yorkshire) and plus many guests who had travelled from much further afield from around GB&I.

In Attendance we had our National President Jim Conway and our guest speaker was the incredibly funny Gerard O'Herlihy, Past RTBI National President and Past RTI President.

The evening was full of the usual fun, friendship & Fellowship that we have all become accustomed to at the White Rose Dinner. Gerard regaled us with some fantastic stories, delivered in only the way he can. This was followed by the traditional sing-a-long to a virtual brass band, with the usual songs, Dambusters, Jerusalem etc,etc.. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to our sponsors, the raffle and Auction over £1500 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK.

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the evening. The baton is now passed to Danum 41 Club for the 2023 Dinner. Good luck guys, I'm sure it'll be a "Grand Do".

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Wynn Parry
Chairman Shipley 41 Club
White Rose Dinner 2022 Chairman
Region 6 National Councillor &
National Councillors' Liaison Officer



Hi Tiddle 2023



Want to Tiddle on 24th to 26th March 2023?

Hi Tiddle is a Round Table (Area 45 Midland Shires) event that has been running for over 40 years. Why Hi Tiddle? Well, teams from Round Tables and 41 Clubs have to walk up a mountain to reach the "Tiddle Point", where they play tiddlywinks. And.....the Round Table/ 41 Club which tiddles the highest number of points gets to organise the following year's Hi Tiddle. But there is a bit more to the weekend which always attracts over 100 Tablers and 41ers – and there are as many 41ers as Tablers these days - as the details below show.

Hi Tiddle 2023

This year's Hi Tiddle is being organised by Market Harborough Round Table and Market Harborough 41 Club and **we cordially invite you to join us in South Wales for Hi Tiddle 2023 on the weekend of 24th to 26th March**. We are in the beautiful town of **Caerleon**, located just outside Newport on the scenic River Usk. Caerleon was originally founded as a Roman fortress and, in addition to the original amphitheatre, it today provides visitors with picture-postcard views, a fine range of pubs and restaurants, and easy access from the M4. What did the Romans ever do for us, eh?

Accommodation: Accommodation is at the Holiday Inn, Newport (which, despite the name, is helpfully located on the outskirts of Caerleon), and includes car parking, a full Welsh buffet breakfast, and complimentary use of the hotel's mini gym and swimming pool.

Itinerary: Following the time-honoured Tiddle format, once you arrive you are free to enjoy the pubs and restaurants of Caerleon on Friday afternoon / evening. As previous attendees will be aware, the coveted "Too Tiddled to Tiddle" award is traditionally earned by someone during this stage of the weekend.

On the Saturday morning, coaches will be available to whisk everyone off to the Black Mountains for the main event. Whilst we're keeping the full details under wraps for now, the walk will take you up an iconic peak offering (weather permitting!) glorious panoramic views across South Wales, the Brecon Beacons, and into south-west England. It will, of course, also culminate in a highly competitive game of bare-knuckle tiddlywinks.

Following the walk, we've secured the exclusive use of a fantastic venue in Abergavenny for your well-earned lunch and accompanying beverages. When we discovered on our first reconnaissance trip that the barman is the secretary of the local Round Table, we knew we were on to a winner!

On our return to the hotel, there will be a Black Tie three-course presentation dinner, including entertainment, special guests and (of course) the presentation of the usual highly contested Tiddle trophies. For anyone who hasn't yet exhausted their supply of stamina, the hotel bar will be available for drinks and more fellowship afterwards, to round off the evening.

Cost: The cost of the weekend, based on two people sharing a room, will be £199, which includes accommodation on Friday and Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, travel and lunch on Saturday, and dinner on Saturday evening.

We encourage you to share a room, in the interests of fellowship and to allow the maximum possible number of attendees to enjoy the weekend. However, a limited number of rooms are available on a single-occupancy basis, which will increase the price to £269 for the weekend. We expect these to go quicky so, if you would prefer a room to yourself, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tiddle Legacy: Although we've worked hard to keep the cost of the weekend as low as possible, we're conscious that times are tough at the moment. With this in mind, we'd like to encourage all 41 Clubs attending to subsidise their Round Table to the value of £199 (i.e. one ticket). This could be done either by paying for one particularly deserving Tabler, or by reducing the cost for all attendees from your Table. However you decide to do it, our hope is that seasoned 'Tiddlers' will do whatever they can to encourage the next generation to join us in Caerleon next March.

How Do You Book?

Simply go to our dedicated website <https://www.hitiddle.co.uk> download the booking form and email it to marketharborough41club@gmail.com Oh, and don't forget to pay for your thrilling weekend.

May the fun and fellowship of this very special event continue long into the future!

Market Harborough 41 Club and Market Harborough Round Table



To Post? Or Not to Post? The Magazine Challenge!

by Ralph Preston, Market Harborough 41 Club

Having been asked to write an article about the cost of posting out the 41 Club Magazine and whether or not we can find a way to further reduce costs, I decided to approach it wearing two hats – one from a National perspective and the other as Secretary of Market Harborough 41 Club. By way of background, Market Harborough 41 Club is an active Club that “does stuff” with 33 members across an age range from mid 40s to mid-80s; some are tech savvy whilst some need help to navigate emails and the like. Whilst our Round Table is still going, it doesn't have a lot of members and as 41 Club we help out and do a lot of the heavy lifting that in previous years Round Table would have done themselves. I am sure that description of Market Harborough 41 Club is typical of a lot of 41 Clubs. Like most Club Secretaries, I make sure our National CAS database details are kept up to date so every member of our Club receives emails from National – including a link to every monthly Newsletter and the 3x a year (being reduced to twice a year in 2023) Magazine. I have always worked on the assumption that every member would like a glossy version of the Magazine so they all get it posted to them as well, particularly important for those of our members who struggle with emails.

The other thing that I have reflected on is how the make-up of 41 Club National's Newsletters and Magazines have changed recently. Looking at the recent Newsletters they are packed with all sorts of articles, notices of events – both local and national – and offers. In fact, there is so much in them that the August edition ran to 47 pages, September 39 and October 51. When I subsequently read the Winter Magazine (and I read it online!!) I found all the news in it was “old” in that all the items had already been in previous Newsletters. Back to the matter in hand – posting out the National Magazine!! So how much does it cost to send out the 41 Club Magazine?

In round numbers, we currently send out 10,000 Magazines 4 times per year and once you add up the costs of postage, envelopes and “polywrap” it costs around £1.25 to mail out each magazine. So how can we save costs? There is little saving for reducing printing volumes and the key cost of mailing out the magazine is postage - UK 2nd Class postage (which we use) costing 83p in 2022, almost double the cost in 2016, 6 years ago.

However, we can see an even bigger postage cost coming down the line – and quickly. In July, a Birmingham based direct marketing company projected a doubling of Second-Class postage over the next 20 years, but this was before an October 2022 trading update from International Distributions Services, the parent company of Royal Mail which said: “Royal Mail expects to incur a full year adjusted operating loss of around £350 million, including the direct impact of eight days of industrial action which have taken place or been notified to Royal Mail, but excluding any charges for voluntary redundancy costs. This may increase to around a £450 million loss if customers move volume away for longer periods following the initial disruption.” “Additional days of industrial action beyond October 25 would increase the loss for the full year materially.”

Combine this with “double digit” inflation and a previous statement from Royal Mail that they need to balance “our pricing against declining letter volumes and increasing costs of delivering to a growing number of addresses six days a week” we can only see postage costs going 1 way – and fast. So, I am going to try an experiment with Market Harborough 41 Club as guinea pigs in an attempt to reduce costs and at the same time do our bit to help save the planet. I bet most 41 Clubs can recognise the groups of members I have drawn up.

The “Never at Meetings” Group: 10% of our members pay their subscriptions but never turn up for meetings. All of them are “tech savvy” so I will tell them to read their copy of the Magazine online in future and alter the CAS database so that it isn't mailed out to them.

The “Email, What Email?” Group: About 30% struggle with the internet or just don't bother to look at emails – fellow Secretaries will know what I mean!! I will try my best to switch them to “Online Only” but will assume that anybody who does switch is a bonus – after all, we don't want them to miss out on reading the Magazine.

The “I Know What I'm Doing With Technology” Group: The remaining 60% of Club members know their way around the Internet, generally respond to emails and actually get more of their information online rather than by paper. This is the real “target market” and I will look to get the vast majority of them “Online Only” for the Magazine

How will I do it? Well, I'll send them this article, talk it through at the next meeting and then follow up by email to get a definite answer from every member.

If I hit 50% of Market Harborough 41 Club members going to “online only” for the Magazine, that means a saving of £40-£60 each year on today's prices. It doesn't sound a lot but extrapolate that to the 10,000 we currently send out across our 682 Clubs and that becomes a serious cost saving for the National Association and we also do our bit towards saving the planet.

The Challenge: So.....I will set 2 challenges:

The “Secretary Challenge”: The Secretary of every one of our 682 to go through the same exercise and make the alterations to the National CAS database so we can see what the overall impact of the initiative is.

The “Ring Fence Challenge”: Any savings we make will have not be in next year's National budget, so the challenge is for National to ring fence savings made in the 41 Club Year 2023 – 24 and donate those savings to the National President's Charity

I'll let you know how I get on, but I already have 1 convert – me.

Ralph

Ralph Preston
Secretary, Market Harborough 41 Club

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Our Honorary Webmaster, Mark House, is stepping down and Applications are invited

Mark has done an exemplary job as Honorary Webmaster. Going forward National Council is looking to appoint instead an Honorary I.T. Officer who would be an IT Professional who would administer the Association's whole IT infrastructure, on a voluntary (i.e. unpaid!) basis. The job description should be agreed in the near future but we are inviting expressions of interest now. Anyone interested please contact me, Don Mullane, at comms@41Club.org and I will explain the role in more detail.

Applications are invited for the role of Honorary Solicitor for the Association

Our Honorary Solicitor, David Smith, has announced his intention to retire from this position with effect from the 2023 Annual General Meeting in Jersey, after five years of service to National Council. We are grateful for the advice and assistance that David has given to National Board and Council in this period, and we are now seeking to replace him. We are inviting applications from suitably qualified 41 Club members to take over this position as from the 2023 AGM.

What the role involves

1. Advice to National Board and Council on the interpretation of Constitution, Rules and Standing Orders.
2. Assistance with drafting changes to rules in the form of resolutions for the Annual General Meeting.
3. Advice and support to National Board in situations giving rise to actual or potential litigation.
4. Advice on contracts entered into by the Association with outside parties.
5. Any other legal or constitutional advice as requested by National Council, individual Councillors and Clubs in furtherance of their activities.

What we are looking for

The Board invite applications from members of 41 Club who have legal qualifications and experience of the legal profession. Previous experience of National Council would be an advantage, as the post holder would be expected to have a sound understanding of 41 Club constitution, rules and standing orders.

The Honorary Solicitor would be a non-voting member of National Council and expected to attend National Council meetings. Weekend allowance and travel expenses can be claimed.

So, you think you fit the bill?

Send a message to Bernard Elwen, National Secretary secretary@41club.org setting out your legal qualifications and experience, your Round Table and 41 Club career, and why you think you would be an asset to National Council. Please submit by 30th November 2022.

For more information, contact David Smith, whose contact details are on the 41Club website here: <https://41club.org/pages/solicitor-contact>

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Your Association Needs You!! Would you like to be a National Councillor?

There are a four Regions within our Association that are currently not represented by a National Councillor, these are namely:

Region 7 - Greater Manchester

Region 8 - Lancs & Manx

Region 19 - London Chilterns

Region 24 - South West London

I have previously asked for volunteers to step forward for these vacant regions but as yet no-one has. If you would now like to apply for one of these vacancies, please contact me at Councillorliaison@41club.org

In addition to these vacant Regions, at the AGM due to held in Jersey in April 2023 another five regions will have their National Councillors completing their terms of Office. These are namely:

Region 4 - North East

Region 6 - Yorkshire

Region 10 - East Midlands

Region 13 - South Wales

Region 20 - Thames Valley

In December, I will be contacting all members of the above regions to ask for volunteers to fulfil these roles.

Upon appointment the National Councillor's duties include:

- The role of the National Councillor is to be the conduit between National Council and the Clubs within the Region for which the Councillor is appointed, sharing information in both directions
- Visiting 2 clubs within the Region per month in addition to attending his own Club meetings
- Attending 3 out of 4 National Council Meetings, usually in July, October, February and at the AGM in April
- A National Councillor will typically be appointed to one of the committees headed by are member of the Board, these are: Forward Planning, Comms & IT, Membership, Finance, Fellowship, International, and Admin. These committees undertake projects/tasks/initiatives to improve and enhance our Association.

I have a National Councillors handbook which describes the role of the National Councillor in more detail. If you are interested in applying for the role of a National Councillor, please contact me at Councillorliaison@41club.org



Wynn Parry, National Council Liaison Officer, Region 6 National Councillor, Yorkshire

Look Good Feel Better – the charity where the name says it all

It's no secret that the statistics are frightening: one in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. In the UK alone, according to World Cancer Research Fund, 387,820 cases of cancer were diagnosed in 2019, and of these 200,386 were men.

Hearing the words: "I am sorry, you have cancer" can be devastating. Knowing where to turn for support at this very challenging time can seem impossible. However, there are a number of charities in the UK that are working hard to help:

Look Good Feel Better is one such a charity which provides much-needed assistance across the UK to help people combat the physical and psychological side-effects of their cancer treatment.

Look Good Feel Better runs workshops held by expert volunteers in hospitals and cancer care centres across the country, as well as on-line. Advice is given about changes to skin during treatment, eyebrows, eyelashes, hair and nails and how to improve body confidence. For men, practical, down-to-earth advice is offered on safe shaving, sun care and how to avoid scarring. Most importantly, the workshops also offer a relaxing environment for men to socialise, make friends and talk to others facing similar issues.



Bob R. who recently attended a workshop says: *"It's not easy for us guys to talk about skincare issues or to adopt any kind of routine. Advice is scarce and, as with all things cancer, it doesn't always meet the need. It is great to see that support for men living with cancer is available in this way."*

"It was just such a confidence boost being surrounded by people in the same situation, albeit at different stages of their treatment, and to be able to talk, ask questions and share ideas. There was a real sense of camaraderie".

The charity has also recently introduced virtual Gentle Exercise Classes to help reduce feelings of isolation and anxiety. People who attend the workshops agree that they feel less isolated, by feeling included and part of a group. As a result, their confidence and a sense of well-being grows at this particularly traumatic time.

Trustee's recently appointed a new CEO to lead the charity through an exciting period of growth which will see its income and consequently the number of beneficiaries supported double in the next 2-3 years. The charity recognises that demand for its services will continue to increase year on year and is committed to a long-term growth strategy that will enable it to significantly upscale the number of beneficiaries receiving support.

If you want to find out more, or you know someone who might benefit from the workshops, or for ideas how to get involved, please visit

www.lookgoodfeelbetter.co.uk





1 How many members does 41 Club have?

- a) Less than 700 b) 700 to 10,299 c) 10,300 to 13,300

2 How many clubs are there in the Round Table Family?

- a) 4 b) 5 c) 2

3 "41 Club" is an abbreviation, what's the actual name of our club?

- a) The National Association of ex-Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland
b) The National Association of ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland
c) The Association of ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland

4 What is our abbreviation?

- a) 41 Club GB&I b) 41 Club c) 41 Club Continued Friendship

- 1 It's a trick question - unlike RTBI which is a members association, 41 Club is an association of clubs. Whilst we refer to all of you as our members in reality it is the 678 or so clubs which form our association are the members. So it's a).
So how many members do our clubs have? We have 12,840 members listed on CAS, but not all members are listed - clubs can declare how many members they have but don't have to list them (e.g. declare 20, but list 15 with 5 being ex-directory). For capitation purposes clubs have declared 13,223 members. This number will include members of more than one club, so we believe the number of unique individuals (and I know we are all unique, but you get the point) is 222 less than this so 13,001. But then again clubs don't always declare all their members. As an aside - Capitation is claimed from clubs, not members - the number of members is effectively just a way of varying the amount so that larger clubs pay more than smaller clubs.
- 2 International or in 41 Club? There are 4 clubs (Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle, and Tangent) but internationally there are 5 as Agora (part of Agora Club International) is also a member of the family. Agora is similar to Tangent - some countries have both. Agora was founded in 1987 by a group of former members of Ladies' Circle, in Lille, France. In 1993 the first club in the Netherlands was founded, followed by a club in Belgium the year after. Today Agora Club International has clubs in Austria, Belgium, Botswana, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, The Netherlands, Madagascar, Malta, Morocco, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA and Zambia. New clubs and new countries such as Kenya and Spain continue to show interest.
- 3 c) we don't have "National" in our title. The reason is because we have member clubs outside the UK and Ireland.
- 4 b) we don't call ourselves GB&I for the same reason as answer 3 - we have members outside the UK and Ireland. We are only referred to as 41 Club GB&I within 41 INTERNATIONAL for simplification, to differentiate us from the other 41 Club organisations. I liken it to postage stamps - the UK, as the country which invented postage stamps, is the only country in the world not to have its name on its stamps, which reflects the fact that it was the first. So it is with 41 Club - we were the first and shouldn't add GB&I afterwards (aside from the fact its also incorrect). Every now and again internationally minded individuals seek to misguidedly get us to change our name but they should do this through a motion at the AGM. A final point on a similar vein - from a branding point of view (anything you receive from "41 International" is wrong - the word is meant to be capitalised - "41 INTERNATIONAL" is correct, "41 International" is wrong. "41 Club International" is our IRO not "41 INTERNATIONAL" !!!! Pedantry? perhaps, but isn't that what Master at Arms is all about at the end of the day? **So now you know....**

2023 National Event Dates from Kelly Clarke

Car Rally 2 - 4 June Gloucester, Robinswood Hotel Gloucester

Motorcycle Rally 14-16 July, Derbyshire Peak District

NSSW 6 - 9 October North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer

Walking weekend 7-9 July Alcester

2023 Cruise 14th September 11 nights French Cities and Rivers cruising the Seine and Loire

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41 Club & Tangent Group Fares per person, from


Interior	£1,519pp
Ocean View	£1,809pp
Superior Ocean View	£2,189 pp
Balcony Cabin	£3,139pp
Single Interior	£2,569
Single Ocean View	£3,229

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Date	Destination
16-17 Sept	Nante (France)
17 Sept	Scenic cruising the Loire River (France)
19-20 Sept	Rouen (France)
20 Sept	Scenic cruising River Seine (France)
20-21 Sept	Honfleur (France)
23-24 Sept	Antwerp (Belgium)
25 Sept	Dover England)

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Date	Destination
10 March	Newcastle, England
13 March	Bodo, Norway
14 March	Narvik, Norway
14 March	Cruise Tjeldsundet Strait, Norway
15 March	Tromso, Norway
16 March	Cruise Tjeldsundet Strait, Norway
16 March	Cruising Seven Sisters Mountain Range, Norway
16 March	Cruising Torghatten, Norway
17 March	Alesund, Norway
19 March	Newcastle, England

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Offer Detail

English Heritage is guardian to some of the nation's most treasured and iconic buildings and monuments, including Stonehenge, Tintagel Castle, Osborne, Hadrian's Wall and Dover Castle.

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Description of Offer

25% off annual membership

Method of Redemption

Please contact Kelly Clarke on fellowship@41club.org who will provide the code and details of how to redeem the offer

Validity Date

Now to 1st March 2023

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Steve James, National Vice President

For the last 4 weeks most of my time has been taken up with the World meeting that GB&I are hosting in Stratford upon Avon on 11-14 May whereby I have been reviewing bookings, liaising with delegates from other countries, meeting the hotel management team and holding meetings with individual team members to discuss progress being made in their area of responsibility. As conference convenor, I am pleased with the way bookings are flowing in and I am confident that we will sell out. Whilst the format of the conference is broadly similar to a GB&I there are some subtleties such as workshops on the Friday which any member can attend, the "Nations night" where delegates either come in traditional costume or colours of the nation and a certain amount of alcohol is included in the ticket price. If anyone is interested in attending a World meeting then why not try one closer to home where you can cut down on the cost of travel. Bookings can be made at <https://international23.41clubevents.co.uk/>.

On the home front, I attended the Oxford college dinner organised by Derek Knowlden of ISIS 41 Club and I would like to thank Mike and Diane Fitchett for hosting Karen and I. The dinner was held in Exeter College which is a stunning setting as can be seen in one of my photographs above. I have also visited clubs closer to home where I have been given a warm Welsh welcome by Llandeilo and Llandovery, Merthyr, Cardiff, Tredegar and Chepstow. In the latter meeting we were entertained by an excellent presentation on the defence of Rorkes Drift and whilst Zulu is my all-time favourite film there were many facts about the conflict that I discovered for the first time.

Like most 41 Club members I assisted my "mother" Table Pontypridd and Rhondda at their firework display which took a staggering £32k which is incredible since the club only has 3 active members and rely on the support of many 41ers, former members and local volunteers to put on one of the best displays in South Wales as can be seen in the other photo above.

Finally on Sunday I attended the remembrance service at the National Memorial Arboretum where it was an honour to be asked to be the master of ceremony for the Round table family service in the 41 Club garden. I have written a separate article about the service in this newsletter.

If anyone wishes for me to attend a function or club meeting next year, bookings can be made by visiting my website <https://stevejames.wales/>

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

Steve

Steve James, National Vice President

For the latest update on the Ukraine Appeal look on Facebook and search for "Hilfe die Ankommt" (Help that Arrives)





World Meeting
& International Forum

41 INTERNATIONAL and Tangent Club International
WORLD MEETING
and Agora Club International's International Forum



Stratford-upon-Avon
11-14 May 2023
(Pre-Tour 9-11 May 2023)

For details see www.world-meeting.net



MAIN EVENTS

3-DAY PACKAGE

£315.00

The 3 day package entitles the delegate to attend the Thursday evening Welcome Party, Friday Nations Night including transport and Saturday Gala Dinner plus lunch on the Saturday AGM or Forum.

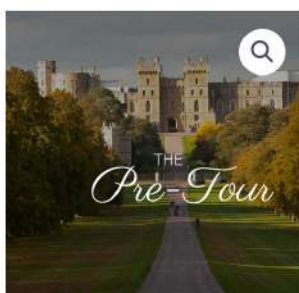


MAIN EVENTS

2-DAY PACKAGE

£280.00

The 2 day package entitles the delegate to attend the Friday Nations Night including transport, Saturday Gala Dinner plus lunch on the Saturday AGM or Forum.



PRE-TOUR

PRE-TOUR

£230.00

The Pre-Tour is a three day visit to attractions and includes transport, venue admission and dinner on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Conference Hotel:
Crowne Plaza, Stratford-upon-Avon

**Don't miss it - you know
it's going to be Amazing!**



Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club invites you to their annual **Forecast Evening**

Monday 16th January 2023

Wensum Valley Hotel

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7pm for 7:30pm

Guest Speaker Dr Chris Bushby, CEO of Big C



Dress code Jacket & Tie

Tickets £28 available from Stuart Smith

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*The Evening consists of a 3-course meal
results of the 2020 Forecast Evening
(the winner takes home the coveted
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and speeches*





Costa del Sol 25th Charter

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Saturday
4th March 2023

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41 Club to celebrate
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Top class entertainment:
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Tickets: 79 Euros

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Reception drink upon arrival

Live musical entertainment

Three course meal with wine

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Dancing

Timings:

Drinks reception 6-30pm

Dinner 7pm

Carriages at midnight

Dress code:

Black Tie or Lounge Suits

Club Regalia

Accommodation: The Amara Beach Club
Hotel, Marbella around £132 one night
two guest as per Hotel.Com
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Enquiries and bookings to Bob Sturgess:
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41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



An Invitation from RTBI for our members to join with theirs in on-line mental health events

Part of the Campaign Against Living Miserably

RTBI advises - The dates are finalised and they will be hosting events on the following dates and links.

We hope they prove beneficial to all of our Members who are able to attend the sessions.

18th January 2023 19:30 – 20:15

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pdd-tfjw-kda>

22nd March 2023 19:30 – 20:15

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pdd-tfjw-kda>

We hope to see you there.

YiT

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2. As a club buy 10 pins from Paul Sankey at National Sales, p&p will be added.
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The children we support are between
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So what is Wider Wallet?



Wider Wallet is an exciting discount site, providing **41 Club** members with free access to hundreds of savings on top brands, services, supermarkets, online stores, events and attractions.

Boost your spending power

with discounts on supermarket shopping, high-street stores, DIY, motoring and family finance.

Maximise your leisure time

with special offers on theme parks, travel, eating out, experience days and family outings.

Improve your wellbeing

with relaxing spa breaks, gym discounts and great value health insurance.

What's on offer?

Online discounts: Discounts are available on a wide range of websites. In some cases you will need to quote a discount code when you checkout, whilst in other cases you will be directed to a site which has already had a discount applied. Instructions are shown each time you access an offer.

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Discounted gift cards: Save money on traditional gift cards or e-gift cards by buying them at a discount to face value. We recommend ordering several vouchers at once or combining your order with reloadable cards.

Downloadable vouchers: Some of our suppliers provide downloadable vouchers, which you can print. Downloadable vouchers are most often used for leisure activities, such as theme parks and days out.

Cashback: We've teamed up with TopCashback to provide you with access to some fantastic cashback offers. Simply register with TopCashback through Wider Wallet, then use the TopCashback website to shop online. Your cashback will be credited to your TopCashback account and you'll also receive an introductory bonus for registering through Wider Wallet.

Competitions: We love to give back to our users, so we work hard to source some great prizes. Lucky winners have received prizes including: fitness watches, smart speakers, holiday vouchers, tickets to top UK attractions, family passes to popular theme parks and cinema tickets.

Register free at:

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2-23 Dec	Santa Sleigh
15 Dec	Christmas Party
5 Jan	Poker n chips
19 Jan	Pub meal, charity discussion and admin
2 Feb	Do Some Good In The Winter
16 Feb	President's Night
2 March	Fast and Furious 286
4 March	OAP Afternoon Tea
16 March	AGM
24-26 Mar	International Trip

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We are part of Round Table Great Britain and Ireland, bringing young men together all over the country to have fun, take part in unusual activities and make friends - all whilst delivering 160,000 volunteer hours of community service every year via 3,000 members and 300 clubs.



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