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Welcome to the August Newsletter.

A reminder to book in to The 41 Club Big Weekend, 1-3 October, in Nottingham, which should be a blast! This issue is a special push to promote a great weekend - see page 6 for more details.

Don't forget to join me at the 41 Club Wine Club Wine Tasting this Saturday evening by Zoom at 7:30pm (see page 9 for details). Roger Hanley, our resident expert, has chosen three wines and even suggests Barbecue recipes. The wines are currently available from Majestic and there's a good saving when bought in a mixed 6. Roger also has his first wine blog on page 11. See the 41 Club Wine Club on Facebook or www.41ClubConnects.co.uk/41-club-wine-club/ for full details.

On page 27 there's details of a draw to win a Porsche. The details have been provided by Bob Devine who says, "On 22 May 2017, Martin Hibbert's life was changed forever. He was the closest survivor of the Manchester Arena bomb explosion. 22 people died that evening and over 800 more were injured, including Martin's daughter. He sustained 22 shrapnel wounds and became paralysed from the waist down. What happened that night has made him determined to turn an act of terror into a force for good. Next year, supported by a team of people that helped save and rebuild his life, Martin will be climbing Mt Kilimanjaro to raise £1,000,000 for Spinal Injuries Association (SIA). Martin will be taking a Paralympic torch to the summit of Kilimanjaro making this a moment of hope for everyone living with a spinal cord injury. Check out Martin's story on the video below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGirZHs9xqA&t=45s "

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT PETER GOOD

At last the light at the end of the tunnel is appearing. Recently Lesley and I attended National President Tracey's Tangent Charity Lunch, which was my first opportunity to address a live audience. This was the first in the 18 months that I have been President. We had a lovely day and it was really nice to meet up with the Ladies that we hadn't seen for such a long time. The event was a great success that raised over £3000 for Tracey's Charity, Crisis.

I am attending a couple of club meetings, and this week after I am meeting up with Paul Thompson, National President of Round Table. I have also invited the Vice Table President Matt Fallon and our Vice Jim Conway so that we can start planning our future together.

From this meeting I will continue to travel North to attend the Region 2 Golf Tournament in Scotland, and will spend a couple of days up there visiting clubs with National Councillors Kevin Stewart region 2 and Colin Mackenzie region 1.

We have seven new clubs started up in Scotland which is a fantastic achievement during lockdown. Watch out Ireland your next.

I am really looking forward to getting out and meeting members at last and enjoying some fellowship.

If any of you wish me to visit, it doesn't have to be a special event just a face-to-face meeting is good, please contact Hugh Milward my diary sec.

The 41 Club Big Weekend is creeping up fast now and the venue tells us there will be no restrictions. As it's two years since we had a Conference, and I won't be having one as such, it would be great if as many of you as possible could attend this weekend so that we can all catch up again. We are getting some very good support from International friends from Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Cyprus, Belgium, and more to come.

It will be the first time that we have all been able to catch up, so let's all show them how GB&I can party.

Take care guys, stay safe. YiCF,

Peter





Over the last 18 months the plans for The 41Club Big Weekend plans have been put on ice several times to reflect the challenges of Covid19, which has affected so many of our families and friends.

We are delighted to announce that in line with the updated national position we are ready to put on the parties of all parties. The DeVere Hotel have confirmed that there are no restrictions on numbers or any restriction on the facilities, along with this we have ensured there is a fantastic array of drinks.

The good news gets even better!

During the last twelve months the venue has received a 4 million pounds freshen up and the 41Club Big Weekend attendees will be one of the first events to use the new and improved facilities.

Hotel rooms are going very quickly at the venue, especially for the Friday night are already limited, so those wishing to make it a memorable weekend time is against you, please avoid disappointment by leaving it to last minute – table time as we used to say!

All booking details are available for tickets via www.41Club75.org, to book your hotel room call 01158 760900 and quote 41Club. The venue team are super amazing and supportive with the changes and have confirmed that free cancellation will apply to the rooms should any issues arise.

The costs for the event have stayed the same however we have shown it with an inclusive booking fee to protect for any eventualities. We believe this is a pragmatic approach with all the challenges that protects the PLC, the same approach if you booked the theatre!

Please help the team and do not leave it to last minute to book in, we only have a few weeks to give the final numbers, most of all we do not want anyone to be disappointed.

The team will ensure the weekend starts off with vibrant welcome party with a real international theme, the music will be colourful, the food will have tastes from all over the world and we hope to see as many international guests as international travel restrictions permit.

Saturday Night, The Big Weekend Gala Dinner!

You will not be disappointed, especially with the live music via TOO DAMNED HOT, 70s,80s,90s. Motown to Abba to recent great hits that we can all Jive with. Want a sneak preview, go to https://youtu.be/DM6tnjlw7Y4

The last 18 months has challenged the core of what we do, but we have adapted to these challenges and now is a time to dress up, get together with our friends and show that continued fellowship with 41Club and fellow members of The Four Club Family is best served together.

N ot forgetting the business element of the weekend with the council meeting and SGM that is planned. 41Club Meets Again!

Maring Jones





IT'S OKAY TO CALL FOR HELP

Feeling down? Fed up? Just want to chat?

Phone a 41 Club Buddy today

We are here to listen

Seven days a week 10am – 10pm

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

You are not alone - you are part of 41 Club

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Coming in September a return to regular 41 Club Connects Zoom Meetings

We are currently finalising...

- a Tour of a Spitfire Museum
- a return to the popular
 North Yorkshire Moors Railway
 with Piglet the Chief Engineer
- a Gardening Special featuring our very own Bill & Ben (the flowerpot men)

In the meantime, visit www.41ClubConnects.co.uk to see videos of talks you missed



Our next 41 Club Wine Club tasting is on Saturday 21st August 7:30pm

Wines for a Barbecue

Our in-house wine expert, Roger Hanley, has chosen three wines for our Wines for a BBQ tasting in August.

The wines are currently available from Majestic and there's a good saving when bought in a mixed 6.

The three wines for our August BBQ tasting are as follows:-

#1. Les Vignerons de Tutiac 'The Lion and The Lily' Rosé 2020, Bordeaux.

£12.99 or £14.99 a bottle

#2. Gabb Family Chardonnay 2020, Stellenbosch.

£10.99 or £14.99 a bottle

#3. LB7 Lisboa Red Reserva 2018.

£9.99 or £11.99 a bottle.

You can find full details of the wine club on Facebook or on http://41clubconnects.co.uk/41-club-wine-club/

You don't have to buy all 3 wines, although typically you get a discount if you buy 6 or more. Also if you can't find these specific wines just buy something similar. Like the Olympics, it's all about the taking part!

See following Page for suggested Recipes for the Wine Tasting followed by Roger's first Wine Blog for the Newsletter.

Join Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88211671593



Lily and the Lion Bordeaux Rose: Red Mullet en Papillot. Per person.

Two red Mullet fillets placed in silver foil.

Season well add one clove of coarsely chopped garlic a good handful of tarragon.

A few halved cherry tomatoes may be a stick of celery quartered.

A generous splash of wine and a slake of good olive oil.

Parcel up and BBQ for around 3 to 5 minutes until ready. Serve, with juices and with new potatoes along with fresh green vegetables of your choice.

GFV Chardonnay : Grilled Haloumi or Tofu.

Make 3cm cubes

Marinate with honey or Maple syrup a touch of olive oil, salt, pepper and a generous handful o of sesame seed. Skewer.

Grill until golden brown slaking with marinade.

Serve with beef tomatoes, basil and olive oil as well as a green salad.

LB7 Reserva Lisboa Red: BBQ meat.

A marinade.

Place choice of meat cuts in a bag with a touch of red wine, tablespoon of red wine vinegar, a table spoon of honey, a squirt of tomato paste, savoury herbs (sage, parsley, thyme and or rosemary) or alternatively dried herbs de Provence. Add a chopped up chilli too, if you want a touch of heat. Gently squidge and leave for a couple of hours. Even better over night. BBQ as you know best basting the meat with the marinade.



Roger's Wine Blog

I have been a big fan of Pinot Gris from no where in particular as most major wine producing countries have vineyards growing this grape.

PG is a member of the Pinot family with the Gris being a reference to the general greyish/blue colour of the berries. It is thought to be a mutant of Pinot Noir. Alsace in France being it's considered home of origin.

It is known as Grauburgunder or Rulander in Austria and Germany, Pinot Grigio in Italy. It is now grown in most major wine producing countries.

Most wines originating from outside Italy labelled as Pinot Grigio, generally are generic wines of everyday quality that have jumped on the Pinot Grigio bandwagon. One should really consider those labelled Pinot Gris. These wines are generally of a superior quality in comparison to their differently named siblings. There are some excellent if not world beating Pinot Grigios from Italy that you should look out for though.

Today's wine is from New Zealand. It is Lidls Gisborne 2020 £5.99

The vineyards are located on the east coast of the North Island.

This is by far not the best Pinot Gris you can buy. For that go to Alsace and specifically Domain Zind Humbrect. However, I can't afford Olivier's wines but as a real treat now and again. Go for it.

However. It's of a comparable price to the commercial wines found on supermarket shelves. It has some nice PG characteristics.

PG should have a nice golden melon colour. Sometimes with the tiniest hint of pink (when made from really ripe grapes). This has that, with a typical viscosity. PiYour commercial Grigios are made from vineyards yielding up to 100 hectolitres per hectare. Here we are talking around 60 HL per HA so this wine does not appear to have been watered down, hence its slightly viscous appearance.

On the nose it is clean, fresh, with a Mirabelle plum nose. It is quite ripe but a little non-descript.

The palate does have the lovely classic P Gris ripe waxy fruit that is very well balanced. It is tasting much better 45 minutes after opening and out of the fridge. Cool not chilled whites very much taste better like this. This has a lovely breadth of Mirabelle fruit. It does not have the exotic pineapple acidity of a Sauvignon from this part of the world and for this, it is better. This wine makes you want to think about what you are drinking. One thing though is the sulphur. Most folk won't spot it. I was poisoned with sulphur in 1987 so am very delicate with it. This does have a tiny bit more sulphur than it should have. Sulphur though, is a vital anti-oxidant that helps keep wines fresh.

So in conclusion.

This bang on £6 if not more worth of wine. Showing good characteristics of Pinot Gris. This needs a good plate of food like a Chicken Caesar salad. Something fresh no to oily. Try grilled Turbot or Halibut.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Roger Hanley

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN



41 Club Region 24 SW London, Surrey & Sussex Annual Dinner

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022 | 7:30PM REIGATE MANOR HOTEL, REIGATE RH2 9PF

In aid of the National President's Charity



Cost £40 Dress Code: Black Tie & Jewels

Speakers

41 Club National President Peter Good Tony Harris as Winston Churchill

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To book in email Peter McBride at Region24@41club.org including dietary requirements

LYTHAM ST ANNES 41 CLUB

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ANNIVERSARY DINNER

10th SEPTEMBER 2021 FYLDE RUGBY CLUB



Join our National President, the Mayor of Fylde and speaker Mike Barton, former Chief Constable of Durham, to celebrate this special Anniversary. Tickets at £37.50 include a three course Dinner, Birthday Cake, Unforgettable Entertainment and a Souvenir Brochure with this unique Lapel Badge.

Tickets will be limited - so book early by emailing Graham Sloan at

gfsloan@hotmail.com



My name is Mark Gray and I'm the current chair of the OBE 41 Club. If you have been to a national or regional meeting recently no doubt you will have seen some of our members in the dinner suits and flat caps.

Who are the OBE's?

The OBEs were founded by a small group of ex Round Table National Executive/Board members ten years ago by the late Vaughan Harris. The title is an acronym of Old Bored Executives. It is a second club for all of our member's and it meets three times a year for an AGM, a Charter and a partner's weekend. Otherwise, the club attends national conference NSSW and other events we also meet on on-line as many clubs do these days.

To join the OBE's, you need to have served at least one year on the National Executive or National Board of RTBI between (1995 and 2020) and be a member of 41 Club. You then have to be invited by a member of the club to join; we currently have a waiting list we are that popular!

The club is national, so it has no regional base, but we use Marchesi House as our main focal point as our charter tends to be in Birmingham most years.

As you can imagine given the membership pool, individual members may still be passionate about the round table family, and many are National councillors and National Board members of 41 Club. It is important to stress this an individual choice and not a rule of our club which exists purely to recreate the fun had on serving on the national board in days past. This is no different in that respect to the Dragons or the White Knights and it has no political agenda of its own and the same voting rights of any active 41 club.

The purpose of my article is to spotlight the remarkable work undertaken by our club in the past year raising thousands of pounds for Dementia UK cancer Research and Round Table Children's Wish.

We hope our exploits will inspire others to follow in our footsteps, saddles and wetsuits to get fit and raise money.

OBE's Fundraising for Dementia UK

Past National RTBI President John Kilshaw who is also a regional Councillor braved the freezing water of lake Windemere on the 12th June this year for Dementia UK raising Over £850 for the Presidents Charity Dementia UK.



Not to be outdone Peter Walker our Dementia miles co-ordinator has been compiling individual walking miles from Jim Conway National Vice President and several other members and we hope to have an amazing collective mile total and fund from of us by the end of the year. However, one of our members Steve Lord former IRO of RTBI and OBE Member and Clitheroe 41 club decided to do a Cycle ride from his Home in Clitheroe to Lands End!



706 miles in total and literally got on his bike again **raising £1,100 for Dementia UK** he has now decided to do it in the other direction to John O Groats!

OBE fundraising for Cancer Research UK

As well as becoming Chair of the OBE 41 club 2021 is a special year for me too I turned 60 in March 2021 and I have set myself a personal target of 60 things that I've never done before to be completed by March 2022.

One of those challenges was to walk the Ridgeway. An ancient Path that runs from Overton Hill in Wiltshire close to the ancient Site of Avebury to the Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire. This is a walk of around 89 miles end to end with additional journeys on and off the Ridgeway to accommodation it was about 101 Miles In total. I was completely solo with no support just a phone and supplies in a rucksack I completed the journey in stages over six days.

I was dropped off at the start and collected at the finish.

Each stage was dedicated to friends or family I had lost in my lifetime and was more poignant because my youngest cousin Marion died the week before the walk two days before her 56th birthday. The final day was dedicated to Cancer Survivors and was a walk of hope. The walk was hard I have a lot of underlying health conditions, I'm diabetic, Dyspraxic, overweight, and Asthmatic I also have arthritis of the hip just to spice it up a bit.

However, through the power of social media my Round Table family, family and friends got me through the week, and I completed it footsore but happy **raising over £2,500 for Cancer Research UK** after Gift Aid.

My next challenge is going to be to walk. The 46 mile Peddars way for **Dementia UK** and a 24 Hour Disco for **RTCW** so plenty to keep me busy!

It doesn't stop there Everest in their sights.

In October 2022 (delayed a year due to Covid!) three of our OBE's are undertaking a gruelling trip to Everest Base camp they are Kevin Chard, Greg Meadwell, and Studley. They are already undertaking training in Wales and Derbyshire. After listening to one of Marcus Jones "I have an Idea " apparently there will be more to come on this one I'm sure.

Mark Gray



PRESIDENTIAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER

KEVIN STEWART, NAT CLLR REGION 2, SCOTLAND - SOUTH

Kevin is embarking on a fundraising initiative for the National President's charity by seeking to cover an entire jacket in 41 club / RT pins in time for The 41 Club Big Weekend, in October, where it will be auctioned off.

The jacket being used is a former NSW 2010 Lancaster organizing committee jacket, so it in itself makes the auction worthwhile.

If you have any spare pins lying about and wish to help out raising money for the Presidents charity then please send any pins you have to the following address:

Kevin Stewart Region 2 Rep Marchesi House 4 Embassy Drive Birmingham B15 1TP





What a torrid time we have all had for the past 18 months and do hope that you have managed to keep safe and healthy and continue to do so. The last conference was in Torquay in 2019. We are sure that you will be ready for a party and everyone sincerely hopes that come 2022 we can meet up again without restrictions. (We do have contingency plans)

So, are you ready for Chapter 2 of the Peach of a Conference?

The brand-new booking site will be available shortly but to ensure you don't miss out, save the dates

Conference 2022 31st March – 3rd April 2022

We are having one conference hotel – the Holiday Inn where there will be a conference bar just for us for the duration of the weekend,

- The Thursday Welcome Party is in the Holiday Inn.
- Friday Joint Presidents' Banquet is at the iconic Cardiff City Hall.
- Saturday Final Night Party at Sophia Gardens Cardiff (formerly SWALEC) Stadium. Walkable transport will be provided on the Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Tangent AGM is being held in the Hilton Hotel (walkable but transport being provided).
- 41 Club AGM will be held at Sophia Gardens Cardiff (formerly SWALEC) Stadium, a 15 minute amble from the Holiday Inn but transport is being provided.

The Holiday Inn is now available to book at the price of £125 per night for bed and breakfast. Please email louise.webb@hicardiffcitycentre.co.uk in the first instance with your requirements and they will come back to you. You will be advised when the booking site is open but in the meantime to express interest in attending conference please email conference2022registration@41clubevents.co.uk.

"I've heard tell that what you imagine sometimes comes true." Grandpa Joe (Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory)

When asked what they wanted to say about Cardiff 2022 Peter and Tracey, Presidents of 41 Club and Tangent, said:
"We don't intend to 'Gobblefunk' with words instead our advice is clear - Join us in Cardiff for a Peach of a Conference
2! We have missed our AGMs, we have missed our Conferences and we have missed you! We are really hoping to see
you in Cardiff to celebrate everything good about our Associations and about being together again.

The Conference Committee have found spectacular venues for a range of magical events – they are the 'music makers and dreamers of dreams' and we thank them for everything they have done and have yet to do.

Please make it worthwhile for them by booking in and remember that a little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men' (and women).

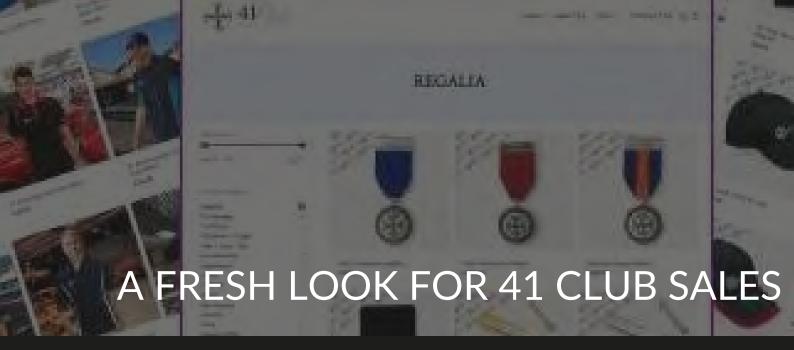
Well, we've got our golden tickets to this Peach of a Conference and can't wait to enjoy everything our Conference Committee have planned as well as the delights of Cardiff and of course the wonderful friendship and fellowship freely given by Tangent and 41 Club members. Let the good times begin! "

Peter and Tracey



THE 41 CLUB & TANGENT 2022 CRUISE HAS BEEN REVISED - IT WILL NOW DEPART ON 5TH SEPTEMBER FROM LIVERPOOL AND WILL BE 11 NIGHTS, VISITING ICELAND AND THE FAROES.

FURTHER DETAILS TO COME IN DUE COURSE.



PAUL & SUE, 41 CLUB SALES TEAM

YOUR ONLINE 41 CLUB SALES STORE HAS NOW BEEN REBUILT

Your on-line 41 Club shop www.41clubsales.co.uk has now been rebuilt and launched with a fresh new look.

It is easier to navigate to give members an enhanced shopping experience with new products, bespoke and personalisation options available on your purchases where required.

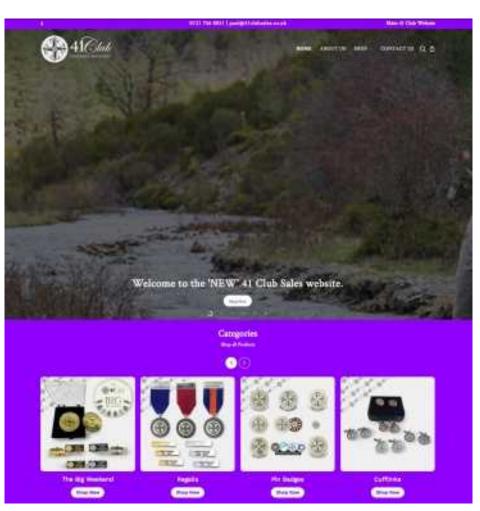
The new site operates without the necessity to make a log in and gives you a new payment gateway easier to use and with full security protocols.

So no more worrying about what user name & password you used to shop, so view, select and pay.

We hope you enjoy the site and come back time and time again.

Paul & Sue

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NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY LAUNCHES WITH NEW 41CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

We are excited to now opening bookings for the 2021 National Caravan Rally which will take place between Friday 10th and Sunday 12th of September.

This will take place at Hardwick Parks in Oxfordshire. Click the link to see more about the park, https://www.hardwickparks.co.uk

We are hoping we will have enough caravans or tents to have exclusive use of the main field which has a bar, shop, and full facilities. We have the whole field reserved until 30th June when unsold pitches will be released to the public, so early booking is advisable. The location of the park gives you a great opportunity to visit the Dreaming Spires of Oxford, and many Cotswold villages and see wonderful scenery.

The weekend includes a 'fizz' reception, a fish & chip supper, and a supper at a local village hall. The rest of the time is there for fellowship, exploring the area, or doing your own 'thing'! We will be joined by National President Peter on the Saturday.

We are proud to be the first users of the new 41Club Booking System which has been developed by National Honorary Webmaster Mark House. This enables participants to smoothly book an event and pay online. The system allows you to specify any requirements you may have and gives us the details we need to accommodate you.

This is a really excellent way of doing things and reduces paper and messing around with cheques etc.

If you require any further details please contact Martin Green

M: 07768 192 387 H: 01235 529 257

E: caravanrally@41clubevents.co.uk

More details will be sent on booking. Book at: https://41clubevents.co.uk/

Martin Green National President 2013-2014





WYNN PARRY, NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

This year's National cycling weekend will be based in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

The IBIS Hotel rate is £50 per night, per twin or double room and £5 per person per night for Breakfast. The Hotel will provide facilities for bike storage. Bookings should be made directly to the Hotel using a discount code which I can provide. Similarly, for the camping ground once we have confirmation of availability and costs.

Please contact the Hotel directly to book your accommodation using the following confirmation number: 240851, this rate is valid until 16/08/2021.



The campsite we are going to use is Esholt Caravan and camping, please contact the site at http://esholtcaravanpark.co.uk/ to book your pitch. The pitches are £17.50 per night for 2 adults, £5 per night extra per adult and electricity is charged at 25p per kWh.

The Friday night catering will be a BBQ at the Campsite, where there is also a bar . Saturday night will be a curry at Baildon old Hall. I will try and get some of the local guys to come along to share some fellowship on both evenings. When I have finalised the costs, which will be very soon I will be putting a booking form onto the 41 Club connects website. We are looking at some challenging cycling routes to test you guys out.

It is the responsibility of the attendees to organise and pay for their own accommodation. The cost of the weekend will be £30. (Friday night BBQ and Saturday night meal).

In the meantime, if you are interested in attending this event, please contact me at region6@41club.org for further details. I will provide further details in next month's newsletter or directly to you via email, once you have registered an interest.

Wynn



The inaugural 41 Club walking weekend will take place walking parts of the South Pembrokeshire coast path. The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is the only UK National Park designed for its coastal landscape and is one of the ecologically richest and most diverse parts of Wales.

The walking weekend will be held on **24-26 September** with our base being located in the village of Lamphey just outside Pembroke where we will be taking over the Lamphey Hall hotel and some rooms in the nearby Lamphey Court hotel.

Guests will arrive at their designated hotel which will be allocated on a first come first served basis at their leisure and the weekend will start off with a three course meal and evening of fellowship at the Lamphey hall hotel. Check in at both hotels will be from 3pm but anyone wishing to arrive in the morning an additional walk/tour of South Pembrokeshire can be arranged (individuals will need to use their cars or car share)

Following a full Welsh breakfast walkers will head to Tenby via public transport and set off for their chosen walking distance heading back towards the hotel. There are 3 distances that you can choose 4.3 miles finishing at Lydstep haven, 8.2 miles finishing in Manorbier village and having time to visit the Norman castle that overlooks the beach or for the more adventurous 13.1 miles back to the hotel with a break in Manorbier. Alternatively, you can amble around Tenby and walk the mile long South Beach but will need to make your own journey home.

That evening we will regroup in the Lamphey Hall hotel for another three course meal.

Following a full Welsh breakfast we head off in our cars to the picturesque village of Bosherston where we will amble through the wildlife rich lily ponds at Bosherston which were created as an enhancement to the local landowner's estate in the late 18th/early 19th century and arrive at one of Pembrokeshire's finest beaches, Broadhaven South. From the beach we will take the coast path to St Govan's Chapel which is 14th century chapel built in the limestone cliffs where we will walk down the steep steps to view this remarkable chapel. The walk is approximately 4.5miles.

Depending upon the walker's departure time for those leaving a little later a visit can be arranged to nearby Stack Rock to see the famous "Green Bridge of Wales" and the sweeping Freshwater West beach where Robin Hood starring Russel Crowe and Dobby's House in Harry Potter in the Deathly Hallows were filmed.

Should anyone wish to attend the weekend bookings can be made by going to www.41clubevents.co.uk





I have a profound respect for old age - especially when it's bottled..

The whiskies in this article are from the Speyside Region of Scotland - the most densely populated Whisky region in the world with over 50 distilleries which account for over 60% of Scotland's Single Malt production. Famous for fertile glens and of course, the River Spey, the Region is located in the Highlands, East of Inverness and reaches from the Moray coastline down towards the Cairngorms National Park.

The area's rich supply of pure water and beautiful inland setting help to produce smooth and complex whiskies that provide an elegant contrast to the heavily peated or coastal whiskies that are produced by distilleries in other regions.

Speyside whiskies are characterised by sweet and fruity notes, ranging from ripe pears, honey, vanilla and sultanas - all have a part a role in expressions from this region, which are commonly matured in Sherry casks.

So, if you are tempted to sample a wee dram of Speyside, here are three I have tasted and can recommend:

Aultmore 12 yo

46% ABV - ~ £48

The <u>Aultmore</u> distillery was founded in 1897 and its name is a derived from the phrase Ant-<u>Allt Mòr</u>, Gaelic for 'big burn'.

Owned by John Dewar & Son and long-time contributor to Dewar's blends, it is located in the sweeping hills of Moray and often cloaked in thick fog, exuding an air of mystery. The distillery was originally powered by a waterwheel but was adapted to use a steam engine instead which ran day and night for seventy years, apart from maintenance.

Nose - Fresh crunchy Granny Smith apples and pears, floral notes and gentle creaminess

Palate - Richer than the nose suggests, with truckload of apples, sweet pastry, custard and spicy notes

Finish - Medium length, with the fruit slowly fading to leave soft spice





Inchgower 14yo, Flora & Fauna

43% ~ £49

The distillery was founded in 1871 and even though it is a fairly small-scale distillery, Inchgower has a pretty impressive warehouse facility. It boasts 13 racked on-site warehouses, which can house up to 60'000 casks.

The distillery uses a combination of sherry and American oak casks. Interestingly, the majority if the spirit housed in these warehouses isn't actually <u>Inchgower</u> single malt. The facilities serve as a storage space for many other distilleries, which is fairly unusual.

Inchgower is a mild coastal style whisky with plenty of spiciness and salty edge and a large percentage from the distillery contributes towards the Bells blend.

Nose - Rich and deep and a hint of toffee. Short-crust pastry and fruit, like greengage tart or damson pie

Palate - Sweet overall, but also curiously mouth-drying, with some salt and traces of oil.

Finish - a saccharine-bitter finish that leaves an aftertaste of almonds

Macallan Speymalt 14yo (Gordon & MacPhail bottling) 43% ABV ~ £75

This Macallan single malt was distilled in 2005 and matured in sherry casks until 2019.

For over a century, Gordon & MacPhail has matured spirit from more than 100 Scottish distilleries in its own casks to create a liquid library found nowhere else in the world. This expression is from the Macallan distillery.

Nose - waxy peels, with caramel digestives and ripe banana

Palate - Oily orange peel, with smooth praline, pears and chocolate sauce

Finish - Black pepper is tempered by creamy milk chocolate



"Whisky is like a kiss - you'll enjoy it more if you share it with someone you like"

Slainte!

Peter McBride
Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club
Region 24 National Councillor & National Councillors Liaison Officer



Hallamshire 41 Club's First Foray a Long Time!

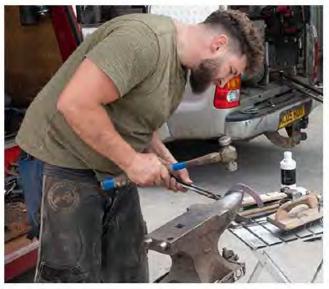
Around 16 Hallamshire 41 members descended on Shutts Farm for the sight of Farriers at work. The evening was fine, and many of us hadn't set eyes on the others for about 2 years. It was amazing. Shutts farm is not a farm as we know, it supplies expensive farm equipment to others in the area, and the size and quality of the trailers confirmed it. The farm centre was a concreted apron of some size, so our bodies, the vans of the farriers and the tables the farriers had set out, did not take up much of the farm centre



National Councillor Wynn Parry with our members at the Farrier Meeting.

The older farrier gave us a history of the craft, and we learned the complexity of the task and the fact, that although we saw them make shoes for a horse, they normally buy them readymade and adjust them to fit. Nowadays, nobody in the UK manufactures them, they all come from China. Needless to say, the price is gradually going up.





On the same subject, the farriers admitted their charges today have not kept up with inflation. Half an hour into the talk, a white pony led by a young lady, entered the yard to await the replacement of its front two shoes. As these were being handmade, this took a little time. When eventually the shoes were ready, two volunteers within our party each got togged up to have a go at making a shoe, whilst the other farrier worked on fitting the shoes to the pony.







Malcolm and Chris's finished horseshoes were completed within a 20 minute deadline.

Our courageous members were Malcolm Haigh and Chris Skidmore. Needless to say, at the end, builder Malcolm's was the further advanced.

By the time we left Shutts Farm we were only just in time to make the changed venue for our evening repast. Changed venue because the Crispin where we had held a long booking, contacted John that morning to say they had closed because three staff had contracted Covid. We were now headed to the centre of Eyam, where a wonderful restaurant is situated; The Coolstone at Eyam Hall Courtyard, with behind it lots of outside tables, and other enterprises around the beautiful square.

When we arrived, we realised that our chosen room was at the top of a spiral staircase. I might have made it, but John Parkin definitely wouldn't have. We were then shown to an area below the

bar that had enough <u>tables</u> and it was big enough. The meal was served promptly and proved to be exactly what we had ordered at the Crispin. A crowd 20 of us now had turned up at the venue including a member of the 41 Hierarchy one Wynn Parry. He was able to earn his dinner by inducting a new member **Steve Bradwell** who was being introduced by John Corbridge.

Then came presentations, long overdue and Past Chairmen David and Phil received their bars, Officers received new pin badges endorsed with their status and most importantly Mike Ferreday our required meal steward for many years was endowed with a Meritorious Service Medal to mark those years and our grateful appreciation thereof. Mike spoke agreeably to our registered appreciation of his presence and applicate was summoned.

John Parkin rose to his feet to confirm his 50 year milestone in membership to Hallamshire 41 Club and fascinated everyone with such professional delivery giving references to his past tabling years.

The amazing late booking achievement was made by John Corbridge who has an understanding with the restaurant and had managed to secure the booking for just hours later with the same meal at the same price! The other room upstairs we found later has another entrance, so for all those who would like to see it, we are a6ending this same venue next month for our meeting. It is also being planned that we shall be in this room for our Christmas Party.

David Pollard.

Hallamshire 41 Social BBQ and 90th Birthday Celebration



Well, there are BBQs and then there are exceptional BBQs. On Saturday afternoon just under the legal number allowed to gather in one place, did just that under the most generous hospitality of our Joint Chairman Malcolm and Elaine. The weather chose to eventually persuade Sol to smile and everyone obviously relished the chance to be together again after a ridiculous time span.

Following the signs around the demesne to find a well equipped patio set with chairs, cushions and tables. Also noted en passant were BBQ grills that I haven't seen the like of since travels in South Africa. Also visible were stocks of and tubs of bottles and cans containing what one can only imagine, drink!

Our numbers swelled and the noise likewise as some of the aforementioned contents were consumed. It's been so long since we all met in concert that there was much to be caught up with considerable joy.

Also joining us to our pleasure were David and Gill Pollard and John Parkin and Pat.

John Parkin's 90th Celebration

After a while we became conscious of wafting fume and thus the anticipation of a little something by way of consumables. Suddenly members were donning decorated overalls and "pointy" hats. Malcolm, Chris, Tony were seen on active service under the watchful eye of Elaine and Joint Chairman Nigel. Dishes of salads, bread rolls of various shapes with trimmings, sauces and dips appeared and mouths watered.

Suddenly the chefs were noted to be bearing metal dishes laden with the fruits of their skills and The Table Bell was hefted by Nigel from the lawn and the Ladies invited to "dip in." He was of course more polite than that but the meaning was clear and the Ladies wasted no time. Likewise shortly after neither did the Gentlemen!



By now, several sacks of used bottles and cans had been quietly disposed of and some 'ush was requested and the reasons for the "Happy Birthday" posters and strips decoration on the visible surfaces was explained. Glasses of bubbly were distributed by the ever present 'helpers' and it was revealed that it was Mr. Parkin's ninetieth birthday (As if we didn't already know!) and a toast recognizing it was called and offered. The *Piece de Resistance* followed. Gill Pollard had constructed a magnificent celebratory cake. Iced in blue and silver to recognise John's silver industry history,

it displayed eloquently his nonagenarian status as we all did too in enjoying our portions. A fitting tribute.

John responded prettily and we all applauded. Our effusive thanks were offered to our hosts for their superb organisation, provender, hospitality, to the team of "doers" to and for providing a wonderful day of conviviality for us all.

What a day!



Rob Gittins

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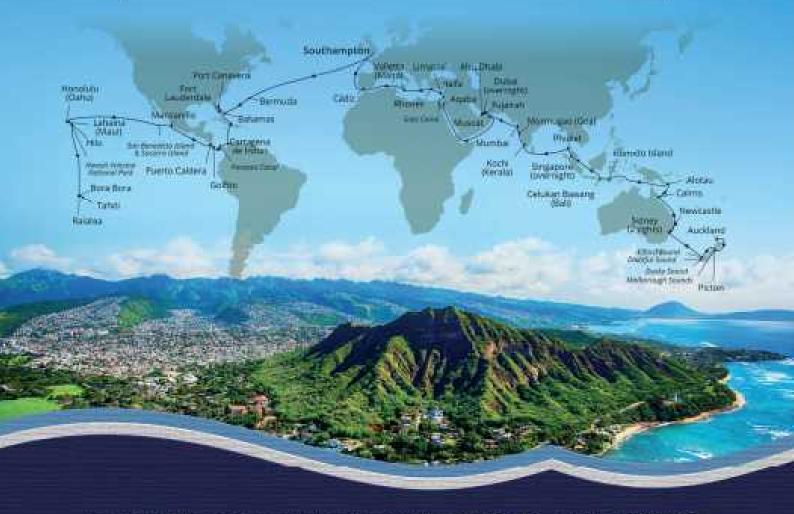
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