

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE NATIONAL AGM



We may only be half way through the club year but it is time to think seriously about proposals and nominations for the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Most clubs only meet once a month and with the Christmas festivities taking over the December meeting the New Year will be upon us before you

know it, and the deadline for all resolutions and nominations for national office is the 1st February 2011.

Every member club of the National Association has the right to propose or second a motion for debate at the AGM, so if your club has any topic that they would like to be debated then now is the time to hold your internal discussions. If you do decide to go ahead then you will also need to find another club to second the motion. Needless to say if you do make a proposal or second one, then you will have to ensure that at least one member of your club attends the AGM to speak for the motion.

At the October National Council meeting held in Dublin, the Forward Planning Committee put forward their initial proposals on 5 topics. Taking into account the decisions of last year's AGM, the current status of Round Table and the effects that will have on our future membership they have made proposals on the following:

- National Executive and Council restructure
- Community Service and Welfare Officer Job Description
- Postal Voting Procedures
- IT Strategy
- RT Liaison Strategy

These topics are now at the consultation stage and will be further discussed at the February Council meeting in Birmingham. If any of the proposals are adopted then they will then be put to the National AGM in Ipswich for consideration. Remember that all members are entitled to attend a National Council meeting if they so wish.

So gentlemen it is time to get your thinking caps on! The AGM is your opportunity to influence the future of your association. If your club has something to propose then please ensure that you have finalised your resolutions, secured the agreement of a club to second your motion and posted it to the national secretary to arrive before the 1st February.

By the time you read this all the necessary AGM documents should be with your club contact, together with your CAS entry.

IPSWICH CONFERENCE 15TH TO 17TH APRIL 2011 *"Full of Eastern Promise"*



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The lucky winners of the free conference package are David and Lesley Addison. David is a member of Henleaze & District 41 Club and is also the Honorary Archivist.

Congratulations to you both and the drinks are on you David!



THE PRESIDENTIAL APPEAL



Two active supporters of Presidential Charity Ocean Youth Trust make a £1000. Moira Cochran, wife of Past President Drew and Yvonne, partner of President Malcolm, have been making and selling unique bags and other goods in support of OYT and have just made their first £1000. Well

done! Moira who designs and makes the bags, has been sewing since April and sales woman Yvonne has been selling them as soon as they come off the production line. Thanks to everyone who has bought any of these great bags that are now fast becoming collectors items. They will have a stand at the Ipswich Conference

Thanks also to the Yellow Belly Ball for over £300 made in the raffle, White Rose Dinner - over £550 in the raffle, The Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants and Gary Hopkins a 41er and Senior warden for their donation of £500. Thanks also to Malvern Hills 41 Club for £300 raised in a book sale and to Redcar and District for £250 following their President's night. A huge thanks to Gosforth Round Table who sent a donation of £500 in support of President Malcolm's charity Ocean Youth Trust.

These are just some of the donations received in recent weeks. There's still a long way to go before we reach the £80,000 target but we are moving in the right direction' If you can beat Moira and Yvonne with your donation then let President Malcolm know.

WANTED!

A contributor for the soapbox in the December Issue. If you have something to say then the soapbox can be yours.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWS@41CLUB.ORG

Please send contributions to news@41club.org
 The copy date for the December issue is Sunday 21st November.

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 National Councillor Region 11

EDITORIAL



HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY NEWS@41CLUB.ORG



Believe it or not, this issue marks the first birthday of the 41 Club Newsletter. As you can see we have not splashed out on a lavish cake to celebrate, but you are all very welcome to a slice.

It has been my privilege to edit the newsletter for the past 12 months. We have covered many topics and I am very grateful to

all of you who have contributed to its success, no matter how small, every contribution has been an integral part in keeping our membership informed of what is happening in our unique organisation.

We are still aware that, despite all of our efforts, there are still some club contacts that choose not to pass on the monthly newsletter to their members. We know of clubs that have considered disaffiliation because 'they never hear anything from National', we must do everything we can to remove such obstacles.

We live in an electronic age and the printed page is sadly in decline, due mainly to the cost, but the Links Magazine is alive and well. A copy is now sent directly to every member's home, but again if your contact will not enter your address on the system then you will not receive one.

In addition to the club magazine and monthly newsletter we now have a presence on social media including Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In and Wikipedia. We have our own website and also an Internet based web forum. We have also engaged Avid PR to help spread the word to those outside 41 Club, especially those ex-Tablers who never joined but who are still potential members.

Anyway back to the celebrations and hoping that the newsletter will go from strength to strength over the next 12 months. It is the perfect vehicle for your club to contact the rest of our membership. The more you shout about your events, your successes, the more other clubs will realise that there is 'life after Round Table' and perhaps next year we will be able to afford a bigger cake to celebrate with.



The recipients of this year's Presidential Appeal, the Ocean Youth Trust, is not one of the big hitting charities that we have supported over the last two years. It is however, a long established charity that does a great deal of work with youngsters between the ages of 12 and 25. It gives them the opportunity do something they probably never dreamt possible, it gives them confidence and above all it teaches them how to work as part of a team.

As Christmas is approaching may I ask our clubs to consider having a collection for the OYT at their Christmas meetings, to provide the opportunity for more children to get away from their TVs and computers and to do something that will really change their lives.

HYUNDAI DISCOUNT FOR 41 CLUBBERS



Hyundai has generously sponsored the cars for the National Presidents of both 41 Club and Tangent for the past 3 years, and has recently changed Malcolm's car for another new Santa Fe.



But do you know that all 41ers and their immediate family can purchase a new Hyundai at a significant discount, generally much greater than they would otherwise obtain.

Quite a few 41ers have already benefitted from this discount, and you can by using the link www.hyundai-affinities.co.uk and the log-on code A01

It is a hassle-free experience and well worth investigating.

THE WIT & WISDOM OF OSCAR WILDE

"The aim of life is self-development. To realize one's nature perfectly - that is what each of us is here for."

"The only thing to do with good advice is pass it on. It is never any use to oneself."

"The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about."

"The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible."

"There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating: people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing."

"To disagree with three-fourths of the British public is one of the first requisites of sanity."

"We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities."

"We teach people how to remember, we never teach them how to grow."

"Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong."

As true today as they were over 100 years ago!



SOAPBOX - ANDY NATION

As has previously been reported, I am doing a 147 mile swim from Teddington to Calais in June 2012 to raise £1,000,000 for charity.

The National Executive were very impressed with the project but feel that the President's charity should be National and have made the decision to tie in with a national charity project for the following year, their support is behind me and I am now personally putting out the challenge to all 41 Clubs. I challenge you to support me for the following reasons;

A high visibility event that can get our brand out there to all of Britain and, indeed, the World. Don't forget, this event is immediately before the London Olympics!

The auction of an item that carries a 41 Club logo for every Club that can raise or donate £1,000 or more, amongst the names of people known around the world.

A bonding project, like the Help for Heroes, and actively promoting the name of every Club that participates.

A message to Round Table that we are not just a load of old farts that only sit around at dinner meetings.

Instill a sense of adventure and challenge to members in all Clubs to get out into their communities and get their £1,000s+ together.

Ride on the back of the National press (yes, it will hit the Nationals and it might be sooner than you think) for local coverage in local newspapers regarding what the local Clubs are doing to get autographs and raise money.

Promote the activity through Round Table to invite age leavers to join their local 41 Clubs, perhaps even starting new Clubs or restarting disbanded ones.

Overseas clubs could help to get autographs.

Overseas clubs may want to see their own Club's name in Section One (subject of course to the min £1,000 donation).

Many members of overseas clubs may be visiting London at that time anyway, for the Olympics!

What a great platform for 41 Clubs in Britain to twin with overseas clubs!

Although the charities are local, chaps, the theme is common;
Activity
Publicity
Membership
Community
International Relations

You now have the opportunity to take part in this challenge. The Autograph Book already has the names of the following supporters; Boris Johnson, The Archbishop of Canterbury (and his predecessor), Sir Stirling Moss, Dame Vera Lynn, Duncan Goodhew, Alesha Dixon, Rolf Harris, Murray Walker, Horatio Pagani, and Dame Elizabeth Taylor to name just a few. You can view them all via this link teddingtoncalais2012.org.uk/autographbook/autographbook.htm.

Can *your 41 Club* get £1,000 or more together for these charities to get *your 41 Club* into the autograph Book? Can any members of *your 41 Club* help me gather more autographs of celebrities from ANY walk of life from ANYWHERE in the World?

Welwyn 41 Club has risen to the challenge and join 4 other entries who have currently exceeded £1,000 of support. The total raised currently stands at only £9,300 so there is a long way to go and the next 21 months will go by all too quickly. Please contact me now.

And finally, when my swim is swum, whatever amount is finally raised, I challenge any other 41 Club member to come up with a challenge which can do so much good for 41 Club and Round Table as a whole! It will get *my* backing!

Andy Nation, Secretary, Welwyn 41 Club

www.welwyn41club.org.uk/

www.teddingtoncalais2012.org.uk

SHERIFF OF LONDON

Peter Cook of Petts Wood 41 Club in Kent has just completed his year as one of the two elected Sheriffs of the City of London. He is pictured dressed in formal costume with 41 Club Chairman, Paul Butcher at a social event Peter was able to organise at his official quarters in the Old Bailey.



Peter's duties included attending the Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties, attending the sessions at the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey and wining and dining the judges serving there. Peter helped design his shrieval badge, which incorporates the Round Table logo

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Important changes for those planning to attend the Service at the National Arboretum

This year the park and ride will be from Catton Hall, Catton, Derbyshire. Look up Catton Hall Derbyshire on Google for a map. Although it is only 2 miles from the Arboretum I suggest you don't leave it too late, aim to park by 10.00am.

The service will be at 11.00am in the open and no seating, so bring whatever you feel necessary for your comfort. The 41 service will be at the 41 Club Garden afterwards which is about a 300 yards walk. A military parade will form at the shelter adjacent to the 41 Garden at 12.00pm and will march back to the Chapel area.

CLUB NEWS

CLUB WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



GUILDFORD XRT

WWW.XRT3.CO.UK/WEB2/INDEX.HTM

THE IRISH RALLY 2010

After a year's absence the Irish Rally was re-instated this year on the first weekend in October. Region 3 covers the whole of Ireland, both the Republic and the North and is a vast area for their National Councilor to cover, therefore the rally gives them the opportunity for their council to meet and to have a great traditional Irish get together.

This year's event was held just north of Dublin and numbers were boosted by the presence of the Association's National Council holding their meeting at the same venue. It was the first visit to Ireland by the whole council and executive for some time, and Nicky and his team made sure that we had a weekend to remember.

Our thanks go to all the Irish members for their hospitality and the warmth of their welcome. The Guinness always tastes so much better in Ireland.

Why not consider visiting the Irish Rally next year! You could take the car over and make it part of a holiday. The event is thoroughly recommended.

41 CLUB WEB FORUM

<http://41forum.notlong.com>

A JUMBO TALE

Linlithgow & District 41 Club were busy building a life-size elephant to enter in the local 'Riding Of The Marches' (the annual ancient custom of checking out the town's boundaries). The elephant was very well received, so much so that it was agreed to enter it into the Linlithgow Gala Day and also the nearby Bo'ness Children's Fair.



Officials from the Scottish Athletics Team spotted the elephant and again were so impressed that they borrowed it to use in a team photo-shoot beside the famous Forth Railway Bridge to publicise their forthcoming visit to the Commonwealth Games in India.

George Wilson

2010 NATIONAL GOLF FINAL



Drew Cochran presents the Cochran Cup to the overall event winners Bentham 41 Club

Individual competition winners:

Nearest the Pin		
Hole	Club	Golfer
1	Alsager	Richard Peake
5	Tamworth	John Wood
15	Rotherham	Richard Woofenden

Longest Drive		
Hole	Club	Golfer
8	Colneside Retreads	Richard Woofenden
18	Great Dunmow	Malcolm Thorne

The Championship prizes were sponsored by Alderley Asset Management Limited, we extend our appreciation for their generous support.

The 1st hole prize was donated by David Mee, the PGA Professional at Longcliffe Golf Club.



Concluding the story of the formative years of the Association of 41 Clubs. Taken from 'Continued Friendship' by Alan Wilkinson.

THE FOUNDING FATHERS (PART 3)

The Inaugural Meeting of the Association lasted two days, with A supper at the Banqueting Chamber of the Town Hall on the Saturday, and the Conference proper at Holmfield House on the Sunday morning. Holmfield House was something of an oddity, being a pub owned by the Corporation and situated in Thorne's Park. It was well used to events like this, being the host to some twenty or thirty different clubs or associations at some time during the year. The supper menu, in those austere days of rationing – and before the arrival of college-educated chefs – makes interesting reading. This was an era of painfully strict food rationing, but Wakefield of course had among their number a purveyor of meat and meat products in Fred Firth. There was no need to worry, he told everyone, he'd see them right. And so the following was served:

Sardines on Toast
Cold Meats and Salads
Dessert of Ice Cream and Cream
Coffee
Cheese and Biscuits

It wasn't until after everyone had eaten their fill that Fred came clean over the meat. What he'd told them was chicken was in fact rabbit!

Following the Supper, the Entertainment was provided by Raynor Watson, Comedian, C. Stead, Baritone (and, as it happened, a member of Wakefield 41 Club) and C.A. Scott, pianist. Whether or not they tried to find a stripper isn't recorded, but there is no mention of one on the menu card.

The King was toasted, as was the distinguished guest the Mayor of Wakefield Edward Slater – and the citizenry. Glasses were also raised to "The success of the conference and the future of the movement" and, finally, to Our Visitors.

Rising to his feet, the Chairman of the Wakefield Club, S.W. Shoesmith, plugged his home town unblushingly, pointing out that in the Middle Ages it was twice the size of Leeds and had had a cathedral since 633 A.D. In proposing a toast to the Mayor, Councillor E. Slater, he paraded a few random statistical facts about His Worship: he was the 73rd mayor, stood 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed 2528 ounces. One wonders why the bothered to book a comedian!

The mayor, picking up where Shoesmith left off, wanted to know whether the 41 Club was so named because a man didn't reach the age of discretion until he was forty-one, and expressed his delight – or relief – that members weren't kicked out at forty-two. He then corrected his esteemed host about the business of his being the 73rd mayor. Wrong: he was the 100th.

The President of Wakefield Rotary, Dr W.W. Ballardie, then expressed the hope that the happy association between his club and the Round Table would now embrace the 41 Club.

On the following day Ernest John Shuter was elected as the first President of The National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs. The rest is contained in the book.

41 CLUB / OYT SOUTH VOYAGE

A group of intrepid 41 Club members have recently returned safely from the Ocean Youth Trust / 41 Club epic voyage around the Isle of Wight the long way – via Cherbourg.

Ian 'Sailor' Slocombe, the secretary Bishop's Stortford 41 Club, gives the following report of the voyage:

Very good trip, everyone enjoyed themselves and we had good weather for the time of year. I have been talking to the captain about getting involved and training as a relief bosun. I will be getting involved with the refit over the winter. At least one of the others is looking at being involved as a trainee mate. We were all very impressed by the sea staff, who are all volunteers except for the captain and bosun. Bosun was on a two-week break so we had a relief bosun. James the captain impressed us all with his man management style and seamanship skills. The week was very different to the norm for the boat, but we learned a lot from the sea staff about the type of kids they have on board. We have all come away very impressed with what the trips achieve. It was amazing how many bottles of wine and cans of beer were consumed with the evening meals considering it is a 'dry' ship (normally).

We sailed from Southampton on Monday afternoon and stayed the night in Cowes. Tuesday we had a long and bumpy crossing to Cherbourg. Wednesday was spent in Cherbourg and 41 Club took the sea staff out to dinner in the evening. Thursday was another long but less bumpy crossing to Yarmouth. Friday was a gentle cruise up the Solent and we anchored off Lee on Solent. 41 Club were then given command and brought the boat into Gosport. Today we motored across the river to Portsmouth and left the boat at about 12.30.

Everyone took loads of photographs and there was also some video taken. The intention is that the video will go on You Tube and we will be exchanging photos via Flickr or some other means. We are all going to become 41 Club Facebook friends, so may be an album on there. OYT now has some very impressed ambassadors who will be promoting OYT around their clubs and areas and encouraging fund raising for OYT.



The John Laing under sail

John Mendil from Solihull 41 Club, has put together a slide show of his photographs. This can be viewed on You Tube, see link below. If you look carefully, you may see your intrepid Secretary in a few of the slides. The John Laing is usually a 'dry' boat but you might notice that the rules were not rigorously enforced this trip!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9jfhurj9x0

SAIL4HEROES

Back in January of this year, 41 Clubber and Rotarian Chris Highnam announced at a club meeting that he wanted to undertake a major fundraising event, using his yacht “Stenfis”, to raise funds for injured servicemen. The club was, in general, in support of the proposal so it was decided to put together a committee to look into the best way forward. There then followed six months of hard planning; it was decided that the funds raised should be divided equally between the Royal British Legion and Help4Heroes and the project should be called “Sail4Heroes” (S4H). It would be from Sutton Harbour in Plymouth to HMS President in London, where a promissory note would be handed over to Simon Weston, of Falkland’s fame. If possible, some of the crew should be injured servicemen to see if sailing was an activity that they could manage.



“Stenfis”, with Chris in command, sailed from Plymouth on the 8th July. Sponsors had been found and some crew members had paid for their day at sea. A support bus, manned by Rotarians, followed them conducting bucket collections as it went.

Once past Weymouth, collectors were provided by local Rotary and 41 clubs, often assisted by members of the local Royal British Legion and cadets. For the first two legs, Mark Stonelake, a Commando Gunner, who had lost a leg in Afghanistan, accompanied them; then from Weymouth to Portsmouth, two lads from the Rifles, “Smudge” Smith and “Bridgie” Bridgewater, took over, “Bridgie” had been shot through the shoulder, “Smudge” had been peppered with shrapnel from an IED. The weather varied from brilliant sunshine and light winds to a Force Ten and driving rain. The voyage ended on the 21st July when Chris brought “Stenfis” into St Katherine’s Dock at the foot of Tower Bridge.

Late on the morning of the 22nd, the crew for the last leg plus wives and members of Otter Valley Rotary and Ottery St Mary 41 Club gathered in the wardroom of HMS President to hand over the promissory Note. The day was best summed up by Rotarian Nick Agg-Manning who said “I was privileged to attend HMS President as the pinnacle of the S4H Project. We were in a land-based wardroom right on the Thames, almost within touching distance of Tower Bridge. The location was quite exceptional. Add to this a bunch of wizened lads, sun kissed and glowing in their achievements, senior personnel from H4H and Royal British Legion and family members of the ‘intrepid’ ones and you start to get the atmosphere.... Our day actually started at 0800 when I arrived to collect my passengers from West Hill to take to the occasion. A full car which, within yards, had juvenile adults asking, ‘are we nearly there yet?’ That remained the flavour of the journey.

We arrived outside the door of HMS President three minutes early – parking having been arranged by the Skipper and Chris Pink. The sun came out as Sir John got the proceedings underway with the introduction of Simon Weston (of the Coldstream Guards!!). Simon, being a hero of the 5th Brigade of Foot/The Welsh Guards, gave the required reaction and the speeches began. Then, to see a total of £15,000 handed over with the promise of more to come was, to say the least, triumphant. What a Rotary Day. What a 41 Club Day. What a Day!



we are all able to share in the glory. Service above Self – we just did it!!!”

I can but just sit here in awe of what our colleagues have achieved – the entire S4H Committee as a Team have represented us ‘couch’ potatoes with panache and



I’m sending you this postcard to tell you about our 70th Anniversary Dinner that will be held at the Royal Lytham St Annes Golf Club on Friday 11th March 2011. Due to the limits of email technology could you please pretend this writing is smaller and on the back. Donkey Rides are subject to availability.

Our first meeting in 1941 was held at Royal Lytham so it’s the perfect place to celebrate this anniversary. The speaker will be Peter McGovern who was the Golf Professional at the Belfry and is an excellent after dinner speaker. We can’t fix our ticket price until later this year but we expect the cost to be about £35. Places at this venue are limited and it will help us to organise the event if anyone who wants to attend could pre book tickets as detailed below. This will not commit you to buying the tickets but you will get first refusal when they do go on sale in the Autumn.

If you are a golfer the Royal Lytham can provide a package for £273 which includes bed, breakfast and a round of golf at the Club on the Thursday & Friday and dinner on the Thursday. Other packages are available and more information is given on their website <http://www.royallytham.org>.

If you are not a golfer but just want to chill out for a couple of days there’s no better place than St Annes beach in March. Let us know and we can help you find hotel accommodation.

Honorary Secretary: Dave Curran

Please email me at d.curran@tayloryoung.co.uk to pre book the Anniversary Dinner and let me know if you are interested in the two day Royal Lytham golfing package or in any other combination of accommodation and/or golf at one our local courses.

THE BACK PAGE

WE DON'T JUST SIT THERE

Three views stolen from the Northwich 41 Club photo gallery. All were taken in 2010 on various club activities that members have undertaken. Thanks to Brian Moss and the other intrepid 41ers!



Taken on the Autumn Cottage Weekend in Swaledale

A brief interlude during the Spring Walking and Golf Weekend in Wasdale



International 41Club 48s Weekend Grimstad, Norway

AND FINALLY

Stress Reduction Kit



- Directions:
1. Place kit on FIRM surface.
 2. Follow directions in circle of kit.
 3. Repeat step 2 as necessary, or until unconscious.
 4. If unconscious, cease stress reduction activity.

LAST MONTH'S CAPTIONS

"Bum steer, my arse!"

Tony Dicker, Chairman Keynsham & District 41 Club

"A bum steer"

Ken Todd , Exeter 41 Club

"I wasn't expecting this bull to fart as well as buck!"

David Munro, Kinross-shire 41 Club

"That was one thrust too many"

"Ok who said this was easier than being on the Exec"

Anoni Mouse

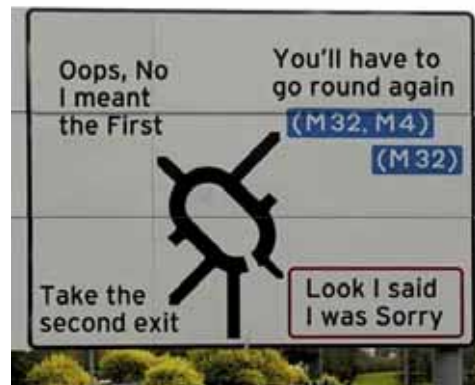
"Call that a dive, I've seen better on the football pitch"

Kelly Clarke, North Walsham 41 Club

"The new chairman is given a rough ride for daring to suggest a fund-raising event"

"OK, who brought the laser cattle prod?"

Editor



CAPTION CORNER

Please submit your captions to news@41club.org. A selection will be printed next month.

And please no reference to the Sloop John B.

