



A member of the Round Table Family of Clubs



TIME TO GET SNAPPING!

THE 41 CLUB NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2012

As announced in the July Links magazine, we are launching a national 41 Club photographic competition, which will be judged and voted on by all the delegates at the National Conference in Jersey, April 2012. The competition is open to all members and can be of any subject you please. Details of the prizes will be published in the next edition of the Links magazine, but in the meantime get snapping.

Rules:

1. Each photograph must be the work of the person entering it.
2. Entry is only available to members who can be verified on the CAS database.
3. Photographs must have been taken between 1st July 2011 and 31st March 2012.
4. Entries to be submitted electronically to photo2012@41club.org.
5. All entries must include the name and club of the photographer and brief details of the subject.
6. Photographs must not have been entered into any other competition.
7. The closing date for entries is 31st March 2012.

The winning photographs will be published in the Summer 2012 edition of Links.



Just a few samples of the editor's own photographs ---- they will not be entered! Hopefully they will however give you some inspiration. Start sending your entries in now.

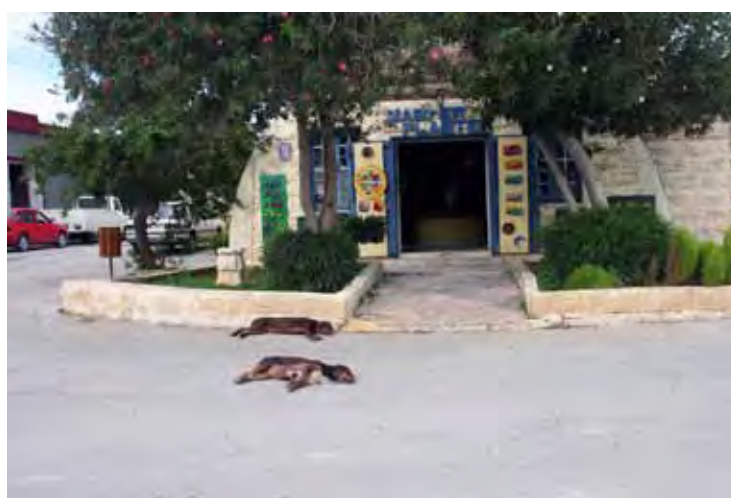
The Big Bang!



The Master Fisherman



Queen Of The Skies



Let Sleeping Dogs Lie. ...

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EDITORIAL



NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE!

Firstly an apology to all those members who did not receive notification of the September newsletter until the 12th of the month. Secondly apologies to all those members who received two notifications.

We are learning by experience that bulk distribution of email is far from being as easy as many members think and it is certainly not a free option. We believed that nearly 9,000 notification emails were sent on the 2nd, but we soon realised that some had not arrived, including my own copy. It gradually became apparent that many others had not arrived at their intended destination.

An investigation by our database administrator revealed that only 2,000 had been sent, but there was no way that we could identify who had and had not received the message. It was therefore decided to send the message again to all members later in the month.

This is just one of the snags we have encountered over the last few months and it has finally persuaded us that

using electronic bulk distributions is definitely not a free option. To offer a full, reliable service will involve cost and that has not been budgeted for. Several members have been working hard over the last few weeks to improve the service and we think that we have identified a possible 'half-way' solution, that will improve the situation but not fully resolve it.

Please bare with us. If you think that waiting at your machine for one email to download is time consuming try sending 9,000! They are sent one at a time and tie-up your PC for well over 12 hours, 12 hours where if something simple goes wrong the whole post can fail, or worse fail at a point where we do not know who has received the message.

If at any time in the future you have not received notification of the newsletter then you can always view it on the club website, www.41club.org, by simply clicking on the 'Latest Newsletter' option in the menu on the left of the page. Similarly you can always be the

first to read the Links magazine as it is loaded on to the club website before it is physically distributed to you.

July and August are always referred to in media circles as 'the silly season for news'. With so many people on holiday news is always scarce, but this summer has proved the exception for 41 Club. Over the last two months I have been bombarded with items for the newsletter, but this month the supply has almost completely dried up. Hopefully normal service will be resumed next month.

Finally my thanks to Dave Curran for the excellent three part article on Lytham St Annes' 70th Charter which concluded in the last issue. In his own light-hearted way he really reminded us of all the hurdles and pitfalls of organising such an important event. If you missed any part of the story then all three issues can be viewed on the club website. Thanks Dave, items like this are always very welcome.

JERSEY CONFERENCE 2012, ARE YOU BOOKED IN?



The Jersey Committee are delighted to announce that hotel bookings for the 2012 Conference now exceed 400 delegates. Our maximum capacity for functions is 588 persons so we are

already well over 2/3rds of our absolute maximum capacity. Great as far as we are concerned and delighted with the take up so far – so don't delay registering any longer if you want to be at 2012 Conference ! Once we

reach 588 registrations the Committee regrets we will be unable to accept any further registrations, even if you have previously booked your hotel accommodation.

"Sooner rather than later" is the message to you all – even as far as to say "urgently" at this rate of take up, as we fully expect to have sold out all the function seats during this Autumn.

So our message is that if you are thinking of attending the National Conference in Jersey in 2012 – registering now for the conference function package is essential. All you have to do is download the booking form from the Conference web site and send it off to our Registration Officer Andy Cornish quickly, - as he is receiving registrations every day.

If you have not yet booked accommodation, please contact one of the four conference hotels to book. The Hotel De France and the Merton have special offers to conference goers at the same discounted rate for the whole of their stay. The airline's schedules are mostly all published; the April ferry timetable will be available shortly; so there will be no reason to delay any longer making your bookings.

I very much look forward to personally welcoming you to Jersey 2012 Conference.

Paul Harding MIO, 2012 Conference Chairman.

CAN YOU HELP PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF ROUND TABLE?



Do you live within an easy travelling distance of Edgbaston?

Do you have a few days or perhaps a few hours that you could donate to the club that gave you so much in the past?

Do you care about the history of the greatest young men's association in the world?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then Marchesi House would like to hear from you.

Over the years vast amounts of memorabilia and paperwork have built

up at Round Table HQ, and they are now looking for help to sort through the mountains of history. There is much hidden away that is irreplaceable, but there is also a great deal that could be disposed of.

Are you willing to take on this task?

It will have to be on a completely voluntary basis, but you would be helping to preserve the history of Round Table.

Marchesi House would be pleased to hear from you at admin@41club.org

THE GREAT SOUTH RUN



The Great South Run (10 miles around the streets of Portsmouth) is fast approaching now with only some 5 weeks to go. The training is under way, albeit slowly, with the setting

of a personal "target" time in which I hope to complete the run (it will most probably be a walk!). My main target is to complete the course and not to break any records. The main obstacle to the training will be the 24 dinners I will have to eat before hand, including a Ladies Night on the night before the run/walk!

As you may be aware from previous articles in the Newsletter, I will be completing the run/walk for Round Table Children's Wish (RTCW). Along with the other thousands of runners who will all be running/walking for their own chosen charities, I will be joined by John Payne, the National President of Round Table (along with some of his National Executive) whose charity this year is also RTCW. Together we are hoping that by the end of the year, both Associations will have made a considerable difference to the Charity and the wishes that it can make.

Already many have completed the

forms to donate monies, but more will always be appreciated. A sponsorship form can be downloaded "here" or contributions can be made directly by clicking "here". If every member gave the price of a pint of beer we would have enough for an average of 25 wishes.

Please remember that RTCW is "our Family Charity" in that it is the only charity that bears the Round Table name and that any monies received will be going to grant wishes for children with life threatening illnesses.

Please take a look at the wish booklet that RTCW have on their website that details the first wish given and many more produced for their 21st Anniversary this year. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Yours in Continued Friendship
Vaughan Harris
National President**

To view the RTCW 21st Anniversary Leaflet: [http://www.rtcw.org/userfiles/files/Wish%20Leaflet\(1\).pdf](http://www.rtcw.org/userfiles/files/Wish%20Leaflet(1).pdf)

To sponsor Vaughan on-line please [CLICK HERE](#)

ON OFFICIAL DUTY

Blitz Ball
"The key to opening or closing doors"
On behalf of:
John Payne
National President
Round Table Britain
& Ireland 2011-2012

Saturday 3rd March 2012
Royal Court Hotel
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7.00pm for 7.30pm • Carriages 1.00am

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TICKETS £45 per person

Raising Funds for:



Presidents Jan and Vaughan at the Tangent Scottish Regional Lunch



Vaughan and Gill at the Ladies Circle Presidential Ball and 75th Birthday

CLUB NEWS

FOR A LIMITED PERIOD ONLY

Many of you may remember reading about Andy Nation's 147 mile charity swim from Teddington to Calais next year. Now, in a recent development, Andy (Welwyn 41 Club member) has tied up with undertakers, Austins, to facilitate memorial autographs in the prestige Autograph Book connected to his swim.

When a loved one has died the relatives often ask for no flowers but donations to go to a charity. When the donations have been made a 'Thank you' note is undoubtedly received but that is it. There is no lasting memorial regarding the deceased. For the next 12 months Andy is offering an opportunity to pay tribute to posterity for those who have gone before, whilst saving lives and benefitting those who live today. The family send Andy two pictures of the deceased and a summary in up to 300 words of their life, together with the donations (£1,000 or more). Andy then sends a personalised autograph form for the relatives to sign, add their own remarks and return to him.

The autographs will then appear along with the likes of Dame Vera Lynn, Sir Steve Redgrave, Sir John Major, Dame Elizabeth Taylor, Terry Waite, Murray Walker, Helen Shapiro, Fatima Whitbread, Sir Stirling Moss, Virginia McKenna, Sir Patrick Moore, Keira Knightley, Boris Johnson, Penelope

Keith, Sir David Attenborough, Joan Collins, Frederick Forsyth, Dawn French and many, many more.

Memorial autographs do not need to go via Austin's – you can go direct to Andy. The first memorial autograph (Judith Chapman) is in Section One of the Autograph Book and all the autographs can be viewed on the swim website at www.teddingtoncalais2012.org.uk. What better way to celebrate the life of a Past Tabler than to support a current 41 Club member in an amazing event for two very worthy charities. Eventually, this prestigious leather-bound, finely mounted Autograph Book will be sold at auction to raise yet more money to help reach the £1,000,000 target for the charities.

Alternatively, why wait for someone to die... get your Club's entry in the Autograph Book simply by making a Club donation!

Andy is pictured here meeting Sir John Major



BIRTHDAY LUNCH FOR SIX-MILER HUGH

The Six Mile 41 Club, so called because it normally meets in the Dunadry Inn on the banks of the Six Mile Water, consists of the fossilised remnants of Larne and Antrim Round Tables. On Thursday last the meeting place was changed from Dunadry to Ballygally Castle in the glens of Antrim. The time of the meeting was also changed from evening to afternoon in order to say and sing 'Happy 90th birthday' to Honorary Member Hugh McManus. Hugh has settled in a fine nursing home overlooking the mouth of Belfast Lough with a back drop of the Antrim hills.

Six Mile President, Ken Magowan welcomed Hugh who has reached the grand age of ninety and to mark this occasion he was presented with a personalised bottle of Bushmills Malt Irish Whiskey and of course, with the Club's best wishes for 'Many Happy Returns.' Also present were

Area Secretary and current President of Bangor 41 John Carberry and National Councillor for region 3 Ireland Phillip Ellis who added their congratulations to Hugh. National Councillor Phill explained briefly what was happening on the wider scene across Great Britain and Ireland also some news of the wider home and International. Phillip and John extended an invitation to visit Bangor, especially for the November meeting when the National President will be their guest.

The lunch closed with photographs and thanks to all at the Castle for their excellent service and meal. Members then retired home to doze away the afternoon in their usual torpid manner.



Back row: Bangor 41 President John Carberry, National Councillor Region 3 Phillip Ellis, Six Mile President Ken Magowan. Front Row: The birthday boy himself Hugh McManus "90" and Wilson Logan Six Mile 41 Club.

**Phillip Ellis,
National Councillor Region 3**

NOTICE

May I request that all Club Contacts check their membership lists on the Club Administration System to ensure that any deceased members have been removed. Also will you please ensure that in the future all deceased members details are removed as soon as possible. I ask this because there have been at least two instances recently where communications have been posted to deceased members. We do not want to cause any undue distress to the families and your help would be appreciated.

GRUMPY OLD REG

As most of you will know Reg Hewitt, now of Llantwit Major 41 Club, is a regular contributor to the Links magazine as he pens the 'Grumpy Old Tablers' column.

Well in mid September Reg volunteered to participate in the Hack, a twelve and a half mile walk around Pembrokeshire to raise funds for the NSPCC. Well he succeeded to complete the event and a photograph and full story will appear in the November Links magazine.

Congratulations reg from all at 41 Club



POSTBOX



FORWARD PLANNING?

In the latest (and excellently produced, by the way) monthly newsletter, first details were given of the Forward Planning Committee's future labours.

Might I suggest a simple device that might save them much work or, at least, point their valuable time in acceptable directions?

To return to a previously used phrase, are we (or do we wish to be) an association of clubs, or a Clubs' Association?

An association of clubs is probably not dissimilar to the current situation - a light hand at the tiller maintaining cohesion between highly dissimilar clubs at relatively low cost. A Clubs' Association implies far more work, services and direction from above at inevitably higher costs, financially and in time, that might find widely differing acceptance, club by club.

There's nowt wrong with either opinion or wish. But there could be a lot wrong

with promoting/ proposing/ suggesting a detailed format that then might be not preferred by the majority.

Discovering member clubs' majority wish regarding these two strategies is surely essential before too much time and effort is poured into the detail only to find, perhaps, that it's not wanted?

Alan Spencer, Woking 41 Club

'ILLEGAL' MEMBERS

In response to the letter from Roger Gullen, Cheshunt 41 Club.

Have you got no better words in your vocabulary than 'legal and illegal' to describe people like me. Not only is it insulting and patronising, it is a slur on my status in the community, I shall seek legal advice.

I have been in 41Club for 20 years, went to numerous Round Table events but did not join because I could not afford it at that time. I was not in a profession where the company paid the fees, as in a lot of cases. Please

come out of the 'Dark Ages', society has moved on.

Mr. President - it is no good having a vote at Conference because the issue is never resolved. Having been unsettled over the last 5 years with this non Round Table issue constantly hanging over me, it would be better for you to use your powers to 'throw us out' and resolve this issue once and for all.

We have discussed this at Hereford and the general opinion is that we might even dis-affiliate if it goes against me and other Clubs may follow!!

Obviously I would rather resign than let this happen.

As regards not letting people like me be Chairman, I have already done so twice. What next, will there be certain events which we are banned from?

Just get it sorted out as a matter of urgency please.

Keith Paton, Hereford 41 Club (ILLEGAL)

Last night I got so drunk that when I got to the bottom of the stairs, I took off my shoes, coat, top, trousers and underwear. Then I crept upstairs very quietly, so as not to wake the kids or my other half. It was only when I got to the very top I realised I was still on the bus home.

NEW SALES ITEMS

The sales team are continuing in their quest to bring you new, quality club items. New items this month include:

Plaques for the venues where you meet



Backpacks and Holdalls



Personalised Luggage Labels



Just click

www.41clubsales.co.uk

To see the latest items

REGION 20 DINNER

Exeter College Oxford

Bask in seven centuries of history!
Friday 11th November 7.30 - 8.00pm

*Sit in the hall where J R R Tolkien sat thinking of his ring!
Gaze on the lawn where Inspector Morse expired*

Black Tie and Jewels
Celebrated Speaker John Spence
£41 per head

Please contact Colin or Frank ASAP to save your seat

Colin Webster: colin.webster@herbertandwebster.co.uk
Frank Venables: region20@41club.org

RTBI LAUNCHES 'APP' FOR IPHONE

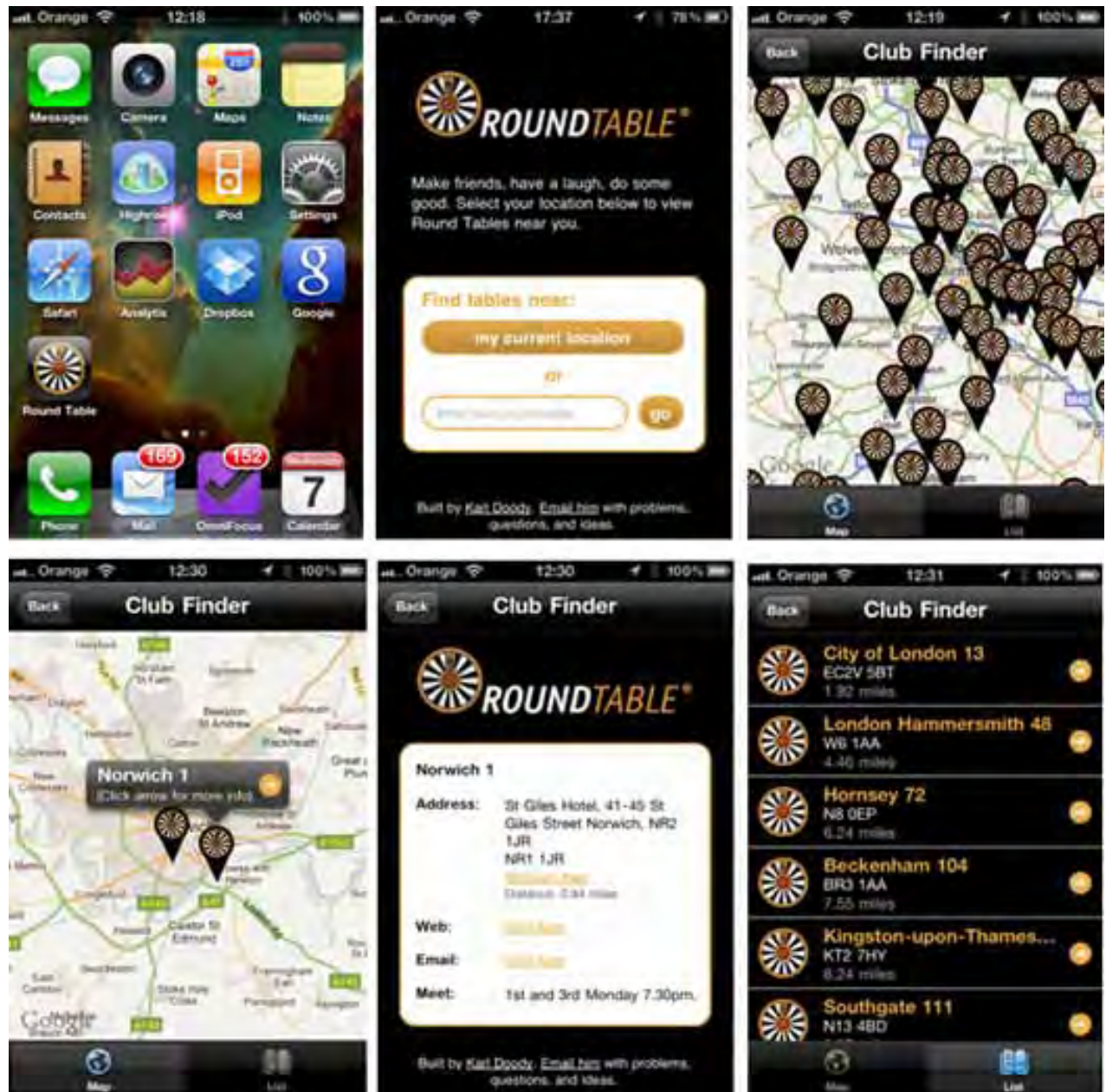
Round Table is set to launch its first iPhone application to the public. The Official Round Table iPhone App is due for launch mid-September and in its first release will include a Round Table club finder. By using the phone's GPS device, with the national club database, people can find, and get in contact with, their nearby clubs easily.

Chief Executive Cait Allen said "This is a big step for Round Table into the world of mobile apps. The iPhone is popular with Round Table members and we also hope that members of the public will also try out the app."

This is an early release and more features will be added in future releases, possibly including: nearby upcoming events and latest Table news. There are also plans to make the App available on Android devices.

Karl Doody, Managing Director of the company who built the app, added "I hope this helps existing members who are travelling, and new people interested in joining Round Table, to quickly find and contact who is near to them."

The Round Table app will be made available FREE to download on iTunes. Look out for an announcement on this



website when the app is available.

Any feedback or feature suggestions

for the iPhone app can be emailed to: communications@roundtable.org.uk

ROUND TABLE SEEKS BEST MEN

The most nervous person at a wedding is often not the blushing bride or awaiting groom, but the man who has the hardest act to deliver – the best man.

Wedding breakfasts through the years have seen a wide variety of gaffes, guffaws and downright insults delivered by best men, but now help is at hand.

Round Table is creating the definitive guide for men to perform the perfect best man's speech and is looking for examples, both good and bad, from people across the UK.

John Payne, President of Round Table, said: "Round Table has been built around providing a network of advice and camaraderie for men aged 18-45

since 1927, and therefore our members are well placed for understanding the stress of being a best man!



"We are appealing to people across the UK to send us their favourite best

man stories, anecdotes and if possible speeches. We know that many people have their weddings filmed nowadays, so we're hoping to receive some great clips of what to do/say or, perhaps, examples of what not to do/say.

"Our aim is to use the responses we receive from people and those from Round Table's network of more than 500 tables, to produce a simple, but authoritative guide to delivering the perfect best man's speech, created by those who know best – the men who've been there."

People who think they have tips, examples or footage that should be shared or will help Round Table create its guide should email bestman@roundtable.org.uk.

NEW LOGO FOR LADIES CIRCLE

At the 75th anniversary ball for Ladies Circle, National President Vicky Perry took the opportunity to launch a new image for the association. Last year saw the first increase in the number of Circlers for many years and they are now actively involved in a campaign to modernise their

image.

The Ball was a total sell out with 450 guests dining and dancing into the small hours. If this is an example of the enthusiasm of current Circlers then they can only go from strength to strength in the future. Best wishes for the next 75 years of Ladies Circle.



THE IBERIAN CLUSTER

I am writing to follow up on Alfie Fornear's super profile of the club in Nerja (Southern Spain). He mentions the thriving Iberian Cluster. A little history is appropriate as we celebrated our 18th Cluster during my term as Silver Jubilee chairman of the Costa Blanca 41 Club in November last year.

Publicity officer of the Costa Blanca club, Tony Ogden, now in his 80s, has been the mainstay of 41 on the Costa Blanca for longer than members can remember. He was the 4th chairman of the club in 1990-1991, and is the longest surviving past chairman. Tony, together with the late Ken Evans of Majorca 41 Club, initiated the Iberian Cluster which first met formally in 1993.

Tony and Ken worked to the vision of continued friendship, through the fellowship that this new cluster provided. Initially visiting members would stay as guests in the homes of members of the host club. Today the Iberian Cluster is a regular date in the National President's diary and well attended, both by members of the clubs in Spain, Portugal and Gibraltar

and by visitors, mainly from the UK.

Tony's contribution to 41 Club was recognised at Cluster by President Malcolm, who presented him with the Association Award.



Today a total of 8 clubs are involved. Gibraltar is probably the most conventional. It is long established and grew from a strong Round Table. In Spain there are 5 clubs. Alfie introduced Nerja. There are also clubs further west on the Costa del Sol, on the island of Majorca - and 2 clubs on the Costa Blanca. The original Costa Blanca club, now 25 years old, meets in Javea.

And 5 years ago I had the privilege to serve as founder chairman of the club in Calpe and received the charter from then President Ian MacKenzie.

Portugal has the 41 Club on the Algrave. And through the members there we are welcoming a young and home grown club of ex-tablers in Porto.

President Vaughan and Immediate Past President Malcolm are both members of the Calpe and Costa Blanca clubs; past President Ian is a Calpe member; Past President Gordon is a Costa Blanca member; Past President Les was a founder member of Calpe and a member of the Costa Blanca club; and Calpe Vice Chairman, lined up to chair during Calpe's turn to host Cluster in 2012, is past international officer, John McCall.

If you are visiting or relocating to this part of the world you are sure of a warm reception.

The 2011 Cluster is being hosted by the Gibraltar club over the weekend of October 15th.

Andrew Johnson
Andrew@JohnsonsUK.Com

GOING ABROAD?

If you are planning any visits to overseas Clubs or 41 Club / Round Table events then National IRO David Campbell would like to hear from you. For those planning individual visits to AGMs, charters etc. it will be useful if he knows of your plans in order that he can co-ordinate with the event organisers and possibly help you co-ordinate shared travel or accommodation. Similarly if your club is planning a twinning or visit to another overseas club then he would like to hear about it. David can be contacted on international@41club.

NEW CEO AT RTCW



Round Table Children's Wish is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicky Thompson as CEO.

Nicky joins Round Table Children's Wish with a successful career in charity management and income generation, and was formerly the Director of Service Development at Brook, and Head of Operations at the Basic Skills Agency.

Nicky said "I am delighted to be joining Round Table Children's Wish at this exciting stage in its development. I am looking forward to working with the Round Table movement so more children and young people can benefit from a wish, which we know can make such a difference to

the quality of their and their family's lives"

If you can help in any way, or require further information on the charity please email info@rtcw.org or telephone 01202 514515.

TWO WISHES THAT CAME TRUE THANKS TO RTCW



Amelie, aged 5, diagnosed with Wilm's Tumour

Amelie's wish was to go to Disneyland Paris with her family. She flew with her mum, dad and brother to the magical world of Disneyland to stay in the Newport Bay Club Hotel. The family had an amazing time, they did everything that was possible, every ride they

could go on they went on twice and Amelie especially loved collecting all the princesses' autographs.

Even though Amelie is only 5, her favourite ride was the Tower of Terror, An adrenaline junkie in the making! The family had a wonderful time and would love to go back in the future.

Connor, aged 6, diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis

Connor's wish was "To meet the real Santa Claus and see his workshop."

Connor and his family flew to Lapland and stayed at the wonderful Santa Claus Hotel in the resort of Rovaniemi. Connor was totally transfixed with the huskies and could have spent hours just watching them. When he got the chance to have a ride on the husky sleigh he was over the moon, he also met Santa, who arrived with Rudolph pulling a sleigh.

Once they were home on Christmas Eve, Connor wanted to wait up for Santa to arrive, when his mum explained he wouldn't arrive if he was still awake Connor said "of course he will, he knows me now!"



**RoundTable Children's Wish is the only charity to carry Round Table's name.
Please support it, in any way you can**

THE BACK PAGE

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF JEROME K JEROME



The weather is like the government, always in the wrong.

But there, everything has its drawbacks, as the man said when his mother-in-law died, and they came down upon him for the funeral expenses.

Conceit is the finest armour a man can wear.

I can see the humorous side of things and enjoy the fun when it comes; but look where I will, there seems to me always more sadness than joy in life.

I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.

Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.

If you are foolish enough to be contented, don't show it, but grumble with the rest.

PRESS AND WEBSITE AWARDS 2012

Now is the time to be thinking about entering the Press and Website awards for 2012. The rules are the same as in previous years:

Entries for the Press Award must be received by 31st March 2012. Email entries should be sent to comms@41club.org and must include at least two editions of the publications since 1st April 2011.

Those wishing to submit their websites for consideration should send their link to webmaster@41club.org before the 31st December 2011. The judges will then look at your website in January and again at the end of March to ensure that it is being kept up to date.

Final judging for both competitions will be by the members of the National Communications Committee, whose decision will be final.



SUDOKU

Two medium puzzles for you to solve.

Answers will be in the next edition of the Newsletter



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AND FINALLY



Why is this 41er celebrating in an inflatable dinghy?
Find out in the Winter edition of Links magazine, due on your doormats in the first week of November.

