

A member of the Round Table Family of Clubs



'WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?'

In January there will be a series of 'Roadshows' in selected Regions around the country to which club chairmen, vice-chairmen, club contacts or indeed any member who would like to represent their club and feed back information to fellow club members is invited to attend.

Meetings - at central local venues - will begin at 7 or 7.30pm and will be hosted by Malcolm Lockey [Immediate Past National President] and Martin Green [National Secretary]. They will provide an opportunity for club members to share news and information about their own clubs as well as learn something about the ideas that are currently being considered by National Council.

Topics to be covered during the evening will include a briefing on Council's draft 'Growth and Development Plan' - 'Communications within and across Regions and with National' and 'Thinking on Community Service'.

Previous Regional meetings of this kind show that members from different clubs value the opportunity of sharing ideas and informing and responding directly to ideas and initiatives

that are being worked on at a National level.

Each of the venues can provide refreshments including drinks and snacks [at own cost].

The dates and Regions invited to take part this time around are as follows -

- Region 11 (Cheshire & NW Midlands) - 16th January.
- Region 12 (North Wales & The Wirral) - 17th January.
- Region 14 (West Midlands) - 18th January.
- Region 15 (Heart of England) - 19th January.
- Region 18 (Essex & NE London) - 20th January
- Region 9 (Lincolnshire) - 23rd January.

For more information on venues etc please contact your current or 'caretaker' National Councillor or get in touch with Martin or Malcolm who will be pleased to help. Their contact details can be found at www.41club.org/officerlist.asp.

Please try to attend one of the meetings. Your thoughts and feedback are important.

GREAT SOUTH RUN



As reported last month National President Vaughan completed the Great South Run and we now have some additional photographs taken on the day. On the left Vaughan can be seen striding out on his way to the finish line. (Where did he get those shorts?)

There is still plenty of time to donate to Vaughan's appeal so please

consider making a donation.

A full account of the event in Vaughan's own words will appear in the Spring edition of Links magazine.



SPRING LINKS MAGAZINE

It may only be the beginning of January but already work has started on the next edition of Links Magazine. Issue 170 is due out in early March and the copy date is the 1st February.

Already included is a full report on Vaughan and Jill's three day visit to Ireland in

November. Escorted by national councillor Phillip Ellis, they can be seen on the right outside the oldest pub in Ireland. There will also be several items on the activities of fellow 41ers.

We are looking for articles of interest to other members so if you have any topics that you would like to write about then please send them directly to the editor before the end of January: comms@41club.org



Contributions to News@41Club.Org

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The copy date for the February issue is Sunday 22nd January.

Editor: Ray Hill

National Communications Officer

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EDITORIAL



2012 - A YEAR TO CELEBRATE

May I begin by wishing all members and their families a very happy and prosperous new year. I hope that you have all recovered from the over indulgence of Christmas and that you can fulfil the resolutions that you made for the new year.

2011 was a momentous year throughout the world, with revolutions, natural disasters and economic turbulence dominating the news. Yet despite the current economic doom and gloom 2012 promises to be a year that can put the pride back into the United Kingdom, as there are several major events that we will be celebrating.

Firstly it is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which will be celebrated throughout the year, with an extra bank holiday in June. There will be events all over the country and I am sure that many of our members will be involved.

Then at the end of July the London Olympics will open its doors to the world's top athletes. For many this will be two weeks of sheer heaven, but for others will be two weeks of pure hell, time to spend in the garden. Either way we should be proud that the Olympics

have returned to London, that it will be a great showcase for the UK and the legacy that it will leave behind.

Add to these two major events the fact that 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the Titanic and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Dickens then it will be a year when the eyes of the world are on our little islands and a major boost to the tourism trade. Let us hope that 2012 stands out as a year of optimism and pride.

December has been a very quiet month for input to the newsletter. Correspondence seems to have totally dried up and so once again there is no postbox page. Please remember that this is your newsletter and I am always keen to hear from any 41er.

The on-line notification system is gradually settling in, but we are still having the occasional glitch. Please bear with us, we are doing our best to ensure that you get the best service possible for the lowest cost.

We are however still having a problem with a handful of members who report

e-mails from 41 Club as spam to their ISPs. If they do not want any contact from us then all they have to do is request that their method of contact on the CAS database be set to 'Post'. By reporting us as spammers they risk the club being banned from sending e-mails to the membership. Indeed we have had temporary bans in the past and we have to negotiate with several organisations to get them lifted. Of course they are the ones who will not be reading this newsletter so please ensure that your members are aware of the consequences of their action.

The on-line readable version of the newsletter is proving to be very popular with over 2,000 hits every month. On the other hand the comparable version of the Links magazine gets about 50 hits, and these are mainly people having a sneak preview before the printed copy arrives. I leave you to decide the conclusions from these statistics.

Here's hoping for a very successful and productive 2012 for 41 Club.

50TH CHARTER CELEBRATIONS

EASTLEIGH & CHANDLER'S FORD 41 CLUB marked its 50th Charter anniversary on 19 November 2011 with a dinner held in Romsey, Hampshire. Chairman Mike Edwards welcomed top table guests David Smith, National 41 Club Vice-President and David Brown, Region 23 National Councillor. Local 41 Club members from Southampton, Winchester and Bitterne & Woolston 41 Club joined in the celebrations as well as past Round Tablers from E&CF 518.

Bottom drawers were turned out to create a fine display of memorabilia including minutes from the inaugural meeting of the Club. Toastmaster Adrian Pink looked the part in his red tails whilst wining, dining and chatting with old friends continued with musical accompaniment from a local saxophonist.



After dinner speaker Dr David Sutton, consultant physician from Southampton General Hospital gave us a fascinating insight into the voluntary work he does as a BASICS emergency doctor, flying by helicopter to a variety of serious accidents. Being somewhat sanguine we accepted

the "gory" alternative trauma quiz he presented in Powerpoint Technicolour. Nobody fainted but thankfully we had an eminent doctor to hand!



A commemorative glass was given to every guest and banners were presented to visiting Clubs. Chairman Mike, a man of celtic origin west of Offa's Dyke, presented David Smith with a fine bottle of Penderyn malt whisky. David kindly donated it to an auction which, together with a raffle and heads & tails raised worthwhile donations to both the Round Table Children's Wish and the speaker's charity; BASICS.

All in all a very successful evening with particular thanks to Graham Johns E&CF 41 Club and his team for organising it!

**GEOFF CHARNLEY Hon. Secretary
Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford 41 Club**

NATIONAL NEWS

NOTICE OF THE 2012 NATIONAL AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place at the Hotel De France, St Helier, Jersey, at 9am on Saturday 28th April 2012.

Any affiliated Club wishing to propose a motion for debate must provide it – duly seconded by a second affiliated Club – in writing to the National Secretary to arrive by first post on the 1st February 2012.

Anyone wishing to stand for any of the National Officer posts must provide a Nomination Form duly signed by the Secretary or Chairman of their Club again by the same date. Nomination Forms can be obtained from the National Secretary - **Martin Green, (secretary@41club.org)**.

ENTENTE CORDIALE IN REGION 25

Further to the success of last year's meeting with our friends from Region 1 France, on board a Cross Channel Ferry, we have decided to organise another meeting with the French 41 Club members.

The meeting will be on Saturday 18th February 2012, the difference being that this time we will land in Calais and have a joint meeting in a restaurant. (We also hope to arrange a tour of one

of the historic buildings in Calais.)

We plan to arrive in France around midday, travelling from Dover. The cost of the day has yet to be finalised but will comprise of the ferry fare (Foot passenger) plus approximately 19 Euros for the meal.

The French National President will be joining us, as will myself and the Region 25 National Councillor, Phil Douce.

Perhaps your club would like to get a group together - and remember you can also take advantage of the inexpensive wine etc !

If you are interested in attending, please contact me at:
international@41club.org.

Dave Campbell
International Officer



NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR 41 CLUB SALES

Please note that with immediate effect the address and telephone number for 41 Club Sales have changed to:

4 Grainger Road
Southend on Sea
Essex,
SS2 5BZ

Tel: 01702 414944

TWINNING REQUEST

The 41 Club of Bourg en Bresse (a town of 60 000 people in France, north of Lyons) are seeking to make contact with a UK club. If your club would be interested in such an arrangement then please contact Dave Campbell on the above email address for further details

A MESSAGE TO ALL JERSEY DELEGATES

Dear Registered Delegates

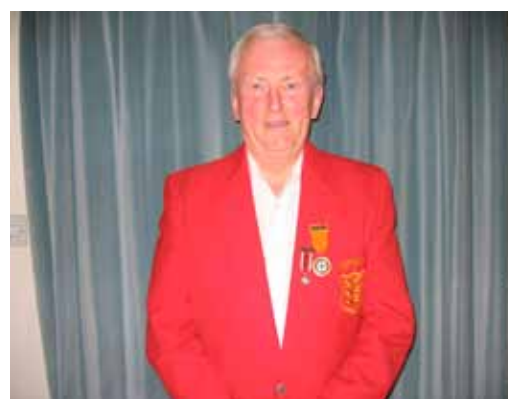
To those who have responded to our note in the last newsletter re conference registration – thank you for booking your conference package. For those who still have not – please take action now as numbers are mounting to our delegate limit.

To all those who have registered, and are organising their transport to Jersey, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET to advise the details to us – so that where you are using the 'conference transfer' from the airport to the hotel and return, between Thursday and Sunday, we can make sure you are recorded and indeed collected and returned. No details could mean 'no transport'!

If you are travelling before Thursday and after Sunday, as advised in the booking form, we are unable to arrange transfers. It will be necessary to make your own way to your hotel. Sorry but it's just not possible to provide travel outside

of the four conference days.

I look forward to welcoming you all once again to Jersey and the 2012 Conference.



Peter Townend
Publicity & Sponsorship Officer



CLUB NEWS

GOLD STAR FOR INVERURIE'S FIREWORKS

Having taken on the running of Inverurie's bonfire and fireworks night in excess of 35 years ago, the present small number of Tablers (6) are still organising this event. Much has changed over the years, especially with the Health and Safety requirements. This year's event was held at Thainstone Mart, Inverurie and assisting on the night were 41 Club, Mart staff, police, ambulance, first aiders, 17 members of the local Explorer Scout Group and many

others, along with quite a number who had left Table through work and other commitments but still showed willing to assist at this event.

Close on 5000 attended and were treated to an excellent fireworks display by a past gold medal at the Pyro Olympics, Neil Ross who himself had been in Table. Local schools are asked to design a "Guy" and this year the winners were St Andrew's Special School in Inverurie.

All cars on entering the parking areas

were handed one of the Round Table's cards "Are you Missing Out" which hopefully will bring forward some new members.

In the words of Ian Troup the Round Table event organiser, "Thank you to all who attended and made it a success". We in 41 Club are proud of the continued dedication of members of Round Table, small in numbers but big in COMMITMENT.

Allan Thomson
Inverurie 41 Club

THE CBEEBIES



As Llantwit Major 41 Club's Christmas meal drew to a close, minds were turned from the excellent repast provided by St. Athan's Golf Club to the absence of The Band. No roadies were clumping in, lugging miles of cables and stacks of amplifiers; no tuning-ups could be

heard as nervous musicians prepared to give their all. Not even a glimpse of an earnest looking Disc Jockey replete with 78s and phonograph could be seen. Not to worry; it transpired that, co-incidentally, three club members happened to have a guitar each about

his person and were soon cajoled into carousing.

Chris Rooney, Bryn Morgan and Brandon Dyke were soon dubbed the CBeeBies (though which one was Noisy Little Ra Ra wasn't entirely clear and the only thing they appeared to have in common was that each, accompanied by his Grandfather, had sailed on the Sloop John B). Having a collective age similar to the Rolling Stones (and there are five of them) seemed to be all the musical provenance necessary for country roads to take them back to mountain mommas in West Virginia and unearth a collective repertoire ranging from Carols to Country and Calypso with which to entertain 41Club members and guests.

Before the last strum had died away, there were calls for 'putting the band back together'. Now all they have to do is dream, dream, dream apparently.

Reg Hewitt
Llantwit Major 41 Club

CAN YOU HELP SET A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD?

Would you like to help us enter the Guinness Book of World Records and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support? Three members of Oundle and Thrapston Tangent are leading the Oundle Macmillan Support Group in running the Macmillan Mammoth Quiz, hoping to break the world record for the world's largest simultaneous quiz.

It is an annual quiz - the date for 2012 being 24th February. A quiz pack costs just £10 and contains everything that you need for a perfect evening.

For more information, see www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Macmillan-Mammoth-Quiz/316108768399628 or e-mail anna@webboundle.co.uk.

FARINGDON & LECHLADE 41 CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY

When Faringdon & Lechlade Round Table closed the 41 Club decided to continue the tradition of organising the annual bonfire night. They have been responsible for the event for many years now and it continues to be a huge success in the community and money raiser for their charity account. They now use a professional firework company for the firework display and provide all of the facilities to ensure the safety of the attendees. But despite these costs and despite only having 12 members in the club they still manage to raise a considerable amount for charity every year.

This year was no exception and the event made a profit of £5,700. They have already sent a cheque for £250 to President Vaughan's chosen charity,

the Round Table Children's Wish, and are now advertising in the local press and flyers for suitable causes. A copy of their message appears on the next page.

Congratulations to Faringdon & Lechlade. Their community spirit shows how 41 Club can raise its profile in a town especially when there is no longer a Round Table. Their promotional activity is telling the town what 41 Club is, whilst providing both a traditional family event and help for local causes. The average age of their membership is over 60 but that has not stopped them from enjoying their work in the community.

Their activities are truly 'In the spirit of Round Table', a phrase you will hear a lot more about in the months to come.



Faringdon & Lechlade Ex. Round Table (41 Club)

We would like to try and help you!

Is your Club, Association, Group requiring financial assistance?

We realise that all of us would like extra money to buy items but there are always more deserving cases than others.

If your club, association, group, etc. consider that you have a good reason to apply for some additional financial funding then you may wish to apply to us, for assistance.

What are our Aims and Objectives?

We were members of Faringdon & Lechlade Round Table but under 'Round Table Rules' we all had to retire from the club, once we attained the age of 40, hence the abbreviated name of '**41 CLUB**'. Round Table in Faringdon & Lechlade had for many years, raised monies from organising various charity events, including the Annual Fireworks Display & Bonfire. It was from these events that the monies raised, were distributed to many worthwhile causes.

The main fundraising event was the Annual Fireworks Display and, as '**41 Club**' had always assisted Round Tble in the running of the event, it was decided that '41 Club' should continue to run this event once Round Table had closed.



Two of our Presentations & Members building the Annual Bonfire

How has the '41 Club' helped others?

Over the past 15 years, '41 Club' has made many generous donations, including:

- Faringdon First Response Unit
- Swindon Ocotal Link
- Cooker for the Day Centre
- International Disaster Box Appeal
- Root & Branch
- Electric wheelchair
- Faringdon Scouts
- Children's Play Area
- Wantage 14 Club
- Helen & Douglas House
- Faringdon College (D of E award)
- Prospect House
- MacMillan Cancer Support
- Swindon Therapy Centre
- Maggie's cancer Appeal
- Bromsgrove Centre

What do YOU do next?

Contact us by email or letter and request an application form. This will be sent to you for your completion and on its return to us, we will process your application.

Administration address:

The Secretary

Faringdon & Lechlade Ex. Round Table

5 Roman Way, Lechlade on Thames, Gloucestershire, GL7 3BS

Email: admin@fireworksinfaringdon.co.uk

JERSEY CONFERENCE 2012

41 CLUB NATIONAL CONFERENCE – JERSEY;
26th – 29th April 2012

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME



The Committee, under the guidance on Mike McInerney - Entertainments Convenor, have taken the opportunity of utilising entertainment from within the Island, who we believe will provide a very suitable programme of music for each of the three evenings.

There is the possibility of “additions” to this schedule, but we will not be disclosing these until the conference itself.

We hope that you will enjoy both the entertainment and indeed the three meals being served each evening in line with the precedent set by the Hotel de France in 2002.

We consider that for those who have travelled for a large chunk of the day on Thursday, a full three course, relaxed, informal, and convivial meal is an ‘essential’ to get the Conference weekend off to a cracking start.

We look forward to welcoming all delegates to Jersey local fare and music in April next year.

Mike McInerney
Entertainments and Functions Convenor

THURSDAY - WELCOME PARTY

Calima - a professional male duo, highly respected musicians, who perform Latin jazz and Spanish style music for easy listening along with some classical pieces.



FRIDAY - PRESIDENTS BANQUET & BALL



Bossa Baseline Duo - this professional duo create a sophisticated and memorable musical accompaniment specialising in cool jazz and swing, latin jazz, rat pack, ballads, pop classics and easy listening.

Jersey Premier Brass - This brass band was founded in 1997 and consists of 28 musicians who perform quality brass band music. This band will give an exciting and innovative performance to our event.



Funky Beatz - this is a four piece fun and vibrant band that perform covers from the 70's/80's American disco fever music. They will certainly get you on your feet and dancing the night away.

SATURDAY – “ALLO’ ALLO’ JERSEY” FINAL NIGHT PARTY

No Strings Attached - this quartet was formed in 2003 with two violinists and a cellist and viola. Their music ranges from Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, and Vivaldi to name but a few.



Redwood - this male duo, which is very well known and popular in the Channel Islands, perform pop music covers from the 60's to present day. They are extremely versatile with a vast repertoire of music to suit all ages.

Abbaloo - this four piece band is a top ABBA tribute band in the British Isles. Their musical expertise, uncanny likeness to ABBA's vocals, effective choreography and even convincing Swedish accents make them extremely successful and popular in Jersey where they are based



EACH EVENING - DJ



Paul Curtis - is a well known established DJ in Jersey for over 25 years. He is a very popular DJ spinning the decks with a wide range of music and will certainly get people into a party mood and dance the night away.



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2012

A reminder that the winner of the 2012 photographic competition will be decided at the National Conference in Jersey. All entries will be displayed at the Hotel de France and all delegates will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite. The winner will be announced at AGM on the Saturday afternoon.

Several photographs have already been received and there are some very interesting and imaginative entries.

Entry is open to all members who are listed on the club's membership database and the closing date for entries is the 31st March 2012.

Please email your photographs to photo2012@41club.org with a suitable title and your details.



THE BACK PAGE

40 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 40

- Order a vindaloo when you normally have a korma
- Grow a moustache
- Go clay pigeon shooting
- Test drive a supercar
- Give blood or be an organ donor
- Participate in an event to challenge a 'Guinness Book of Records' title
- Learn how to snowboard
- Visit at least two of the seven wonders of the World
- Organise a beer festival
- Go tractor racing
- Turn up in fancy dress to a formal event
- Learn to give a good massage
- Go scuba diving
- Spend a night sleeping in the open air
- Be dragged behind a speedboat on something inflatable
- Turn up at the airport with a passport and luggage and catch a random flight
- Skydive
- Speak in front of a large audience. Sober.
- Climb a mountain to play tiddlywinks
- Build a raft
- Go to Las Vegas
- Ride a Harley Davidson
- Be a best man / organise a stag do
- Get your 15 minutes of fame
- Go to a nudist beach
- Modify a car and go banger racing
- Watch the sun rise and set in the same day, two days running
- Travel from Land's End to John O' Groats without using a car
- Brew your own beer
- Bungee Jump with a difference
- Go to a worldwide sporting event, such as the Olympics or the World Cup
- Drink a yard of ale
- Play in a band
- Embarrass yourself publicly for charity
- Score 180 in a game of darts
- Make a difference in your community
- Learn a foreign language – for the weekend at least. 'Please', 'Thank You', 'Beer'.
- Run a marathon (or half)
- Eat a whole Scotch Bonnet Chilli
- Join Round Table (for help with above!)

As part of their ongoing drive to increase membership RTBI have recently published, on their website, a list of 40 things to achieve before you reach the age of 40. They are also asking for suggestions to increase this up to 100 things. It is all aimed at

getting eligible young men to contact the Association.

But I was wondering how many of the 40 can you tick as achieved by the time of your 40th birthday and how many since. Also I would like to hear what additions you would have liked

to make to the list. Please send your additions to News@41Club.org.

This item and other news of Round Table can be found at www.roundtable.co.uk

AND FINALLY

Father Christmas sends his apologies to any members who have yet to receive their annual visit from him. The Federal Aviation Authority in the USA (FAA) insisted that he carry out certain modifications to his sleigh before he was allowed to enter American airspace. All of their requests have been implemented but the additional weight has resulted in a considerable reduction in the amount of cargo carried on each flight.

He assures us that midnight flights will continue until the backlog is cleared, probably by the 24th December 2012.

