



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

In April 2009 I started with 5 objectives. I am delighted to report that excellent progress has been made on all of them.

Give your local heroes the Service Award. Many Clubs have responded to my call for recognising their hard working club servants by the presentation of the Service Award. I have been honoured to present them on behalf of several clubs.

Adopt our New Image. The new badge and corporate identity which many clubs have adopted signals a new era for 41 Club.

Improved Communications. I think the new look magazine, the website content and the new monthly emailed newsletter are testament to David Smith, David Hewitt and Ray Hill of our Communications Committee. They have started a revolution in communication which is a stimulus to discussion and action across our clubs.



The Joint Presidents' Charity - Help for Heroes. The response by 41 Clubs to Help for Heroes has been an amazing experience for me. I asked our 830 clubs to donate £50 each to raise £41,000.00. Today, 400 Club donations have raised £64,000.00. This after so many of you told me you do not raise money!

Set a course for the Association's future. The Cheshunt proposal calling for recommendations for selective membership has kick started a wider debate about the future. The issue of non Tablers joining 41 Club dates back 65 years to the start of the Association when one of the earliest 41 Clubs decided they would not affiliate because they wanted open membership. Selective membership is not a solution to the long term survival of 41 Club, but it might become a local tactic, for example, to attract 40 year olds that could become a catalyst to restarting Round Tables. The real debate about membership must be driven by the Association's Aims. They are the guidelines for how the National Council manages its affairs. It is the pursuit of these Aims that should set the membership strategy of the Association. With over 800 clubs there is never going to be a one fix solution to the needs of our 41 Clubs. Clubs should apply the membership strategy which suits them and accept that many clubs do not share the same view. Where 50% have no Round Table, Clubs have already proved they will do their own thing. Our research shows there is a softening attitude from clubs willing to adopt a more flexible approach to recruitment. For many 41 Club members, having dinner once a month with their old chums is enough. However, it appears many new and existing members still want to actively support Round Table values in serving their community, developing international relationships and continuing to develop new friendships. They do not want to stop at 40 or even 45. This may explain why so many ex-Tablers do not join 41 Club. Tablers generally join Round Table later in life these days. By the time they retire many do not want to change the Tabling habit. Is this the cause of the growing trend of splinter groups setting up their own 41 or FARTS Clubs in parallel with an existing 41 Club?

Round Table has lost 800 clubs since the 1970s. In most of these towns there will be a 41 Club, a Rotary Club, a Masonic Lodge and a Lions club. Here joining Round Table is not an option for those young men under 40. Over 40, only 41 Club offers a gateway for them to join Round Table. But most 41 Clubs have decided that young men do not join Round Table or any other service Club. Not true. Round Table recruits a greater percentage of new members to existing members than when there were 32,000 Tablers in the 1970s. Round Table remains a key supplier of new blood to all

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWS@41CLUB.ORG

Please send contributions to news@41club.org or phone 01606 832807 and ask for Ray. The press date for the March issue is Sunday 21st February.

It is your contributions that will make this newsletter a success. So go ahead and send in that news item straight away.

'41 CLUB PLATINUM
PRIVILEGES' ARE COMING
SOON!



DETAILS IN THE SPRING
LINKS MAGAZINE

EDITORIAL



MANY THOUSANDS OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS!

Gentlemen, I have been thinking seriously as to how we can tap into a huge reservoir of potential 41 Club members, the tens of thousands of ex-Tablers who have never joined our club. Our main recruitment drive has, and probably always will be, by word of mouth, conversing with those with whom we have built up friendships over the years. But we need to reinforce this by adopting more pro-active techniques.

I also believe that the continuity problem was exacerbated when Round Table changed their age rule, which resulted in a 5 year sterile period during which very few made the move to 41 Club, and the natural progression seemed to fade away.

How do we attract ex-Tablers who for example:

- Were members of Tables that closed due to low numbers.
- Were members of Tables that did not have a 41 Club.
- Those who left Round Table before the retirement age due to work or other commitments, and were probably never approached by a 41 Club.
- Ex-Tablers who chose to have a break after Table, but perhaps now have more time to join a 41 Club.
- Took the extra five years and lost contact with their ex-Table friends in 41 Club.
- Are still honorary members of Table, though well past their sell-by date.

The list is endless.

We have a vast potential pool of members, and the Internet is one way of getting the message to some of these potential members. We are already investigating four possible methods:

- 1) Producing this newsletter for Internet distribution. (This is the 4^m month of a six months trial.)
- 2) Using Facebook and/or other social messaging sites.
- 3) Placing an authoritative entry into Wikipedia, linked to the RTBI entry.
- 4) Promoting membership of the 41 Club Forum on Yahoo Groups.

Do you have any other ideas of how we can use the Internet to contact ex-Tablers?

But the Internet is not the only solution!

What other methods have your clubs used to find these potential members? I would like to dedicate some of next month's letters pages to this topic, so please e-mail or phone the editor with your ideas. (Contact details are on the first page.) I would particularly like to hear from Clubs who have successfully attracted new members by a positive campaign of any sorts.

On page 6 you will find the details of the regions which have no nominations for the post of National Councillor after the Scarborough AGM. If your region will not be represented then could you fulfill that role?

Page 5 is dedicated to a medical condition that many of you will never have heard of, but which can kill seemingly fit young people without warning. We should all be aware of this potential danger and how it can be prevented.

Finally the Postbox was particularly empty this month. Hopefully the normal levels will be resumed next month.

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service clubs.

It is time more 41 Clubs applied the founder's principle "ADOPT, ADAPT, IMPROVE" to solve the membership debate. Actions should include chasing down known eligible members, advertising for ex-Round Table new comers in their towns and adopting policies that attract key business and professional men who can help their clubs meet the Aims of the Association going forward.

Until the Aims of the Association are changed the National Council of 41 Club is responsible to encourage the continuation of our heritage and values of Round Tabling. Whatever happens to the proposals on selective membership at Scarborough the debate has to go on. Jim Smith has been outstanding in his efforts as our Membership Officer and I hope members will show their appreciation in Scarborough and come and support the debate.

The AGM is fast approaching. I cannot believe that 9 months of my Presidential tenure has passed. I have tried to continue the work started by Drew to avoid the 'one yearism' so often a factor in blocking change. We have to solve our problems. In reality we only have 9 months in any one year to develop ideas and get feedback because for the remaining 3 months the Association becomes obsessed with the process of organising its Annual General Meeting. But we have made considerable progress in talking to clubs.

Clubs must vote. My final point concerns how few voting delegates attend our National AGM. On average 110 delegates with perhaps 10 proxy votes attend out of a potential 830. In my view this is too small to deliver a truly representative vote, particularly on something as important as relaxing our membership rules. If every member of the National Council held their Club's vote and each carried a proxy vote, the National Council could, in theory, with such a low turnout, achieve a two thirds majority for any proposition.

We already have one club who shares my concern on the low numbers and I hope we will conduct a review of our voting procedures in an attempt to radically improve the number of votes cast at our AGM together with ways in which we can speed up our decision making.

Gentlemen I am having a superb year. Thank you for all your support and friendship.

Richard Matthews

CLUB NEWS

41 CLUB SERVICE AWARD



Do you have a member of your club who has given many years of exceptional service?

Would you like to recognise that service with a special award?

The 41 Club Service Award is available for just such occasions.

It is for constituent clubs to award this jewel at their own discretion and it can be obtained from the club's online sales site. The jewel costs £25 (plus P&P) and a certificate can be provided if requested. If you do decide to make an award then please contact the National Councillor for

your region who can arrange the certificate and also for a member of the National Executive or Council to be in attendance at the presentation.

Do you have a member who deserves to be rewarded?

CLUB 41 KUWAIT

You may never have heard of Club 41 Kuwait! That is probably because it does not currently exist. But there are moves to charter a 41 Club in the region, as a follow on to Round Table Kuwait. There are many British expats working in Kuwait or in nearby countries and we have been asked if we can help them.

If you have a son, son-in-law, friend or relative, who is living or working in Kuwait and who you think may be interested then please ask him to get in contact with either:

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Let us help them find new Tablers (potential 41 Club members) and also ex-Tablers now resident in the area, then perhaps Club 41 Kuwait will be chartering very soon.

REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

EASTERN REGION CHARITY GOLF DAY

Date: Tuesday 13th July 2010

Venue: Channels Golf Club, Chelmsford

Contact: Gerry Woodruff (01206 322671)

Email: swanmeadow@hotmail.co.uk

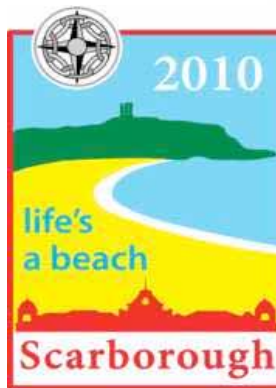
REGION 11, CHESHIRE AND NW MIDLANDS

Date: Thursday 8th June 2010

Venue: Crewe Golf Club

Contact: Roger Scowcroft (01606 77776)

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CLUB FORUM

You too can access the forum at:

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

Registration is simple and secure. So give it a try, and make yourself part of the 41 Club on-line community.



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DECEMBER
£60,704

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£67,371

AROUND THE REGIONS

AN EXCITING NEW VENUE FOR DORSET KNOBS

To mark the fact that this year’s National President Richard Matthews is one of our own, and that his nominated charity is Help for Heroes, Wareham 41 Club are pleased to announce that we will be hosting Dorset Knobs 2010 at the Bovington Tank Museum on Friday 5 March 2010.



The doors will open at 6.30pm giving guests the opportunity to look around the museum before dinner is served at 7.30pm. In addition to enjoying the company of our National President, we will be joined by 41 International President, John Bellwood, Bryn Parry, one of the co-founders of Help for Heroes, and Brigadier Caraffi, the Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington. We are hoping to persuade some of the serving officers from Bovington to join us as well.

Entertainment will include the raconteur and wit John Lambourn. There will also be an auction and a raffle in aid of Help for Heroes, as well as beer straight from the barrel! The cost will be £27.50 per head for 3 courses followed by Dorset Knobs and a local blue cheese as well as the customary glass or two of port.



41 Club’s response to the Help For Heroes appeal has been truly amazing, already far exceeding the original target. Fund raising is still in full swing and on this page we highlight three of the forthcoming events. One in the South, one in the North and one in the Midlands, therefore at least one will be well within easy traveling distance for many of our members. Please give these events you full support.

If you are organizing any other major H4H events then please let the editor know, and we will do our best to promote the event for you in News@41Club.Org .



A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO HONOUR H M FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN
Proceeds in aid of Help for Heroes and the RAF Music Charitable Trust

7.30pm Thursday 24 June 2010 - De Montfort Hall, Leicester

JOHN SPENCE OBE, FCIBS, FIFS, FRSA
If you are looking for the blind ex-banker, daft on motorcycling, then you have found him. If you are looking for the pillar of the community, Church Commissioner and lay Canon, then you have found him too. And if it's the champion for corporate responsibility and of the disabled that you want, then you have won the triple crown.
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REGION 7 AND REGION 8 'BACK TO THE FUTURE' MANCHESTER AND MERSEYSIDE CLUSTER DINNER SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN SPENCE

It is with the greatest of pleasure that National Councillors Lawrence Bamber, Region 7, and Steve Leonard, Region 8, cordially invite you to attend the Manchester and Merseyside Cluster Dinner to be held at the Lancashire County Cricket Club, Old Trafford, Manchester on Friday 19th March 2010.

7.00pm for 8.00pm

Black Tie & Regalia

Top Menu

Tickets £33.00

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Please return booking form with cheques to Steve Leonard, Willowdene, Glen Vine Road, Isle of Man IM4 4HF. Cheques with booking, payable to IOM Prospect Ex-Tablers Club.

Please send me ___ tickets @ £33.00 Cheque enclosed for £_____

Name(s)..... Club

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Guests most welcome, especially exTablers

I/we would prefer to be seated with.....Members/Region_ _ _



A MARATHON IN OLLIE'S MEMORY

TOTNES 41 CLUB MEMBER KEVIN MARSDEN WILL BE RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON FOR 'CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG' IN MEMORY OF HIS SON OLLIE WHO DIED AGED 21.

On Wednesday 22 October 2008 Totnes 41 Club member Kevin Marsden's youngest son Ollie returned home from his third day's teaching practice at Starcross primary school. He was in his third year as a student teacher at Plymouth University and had come home to live for the six weeks he would be at the school. At around 6.30pm that evening Ollie went into Totnes for rugby training. He played for Totnes when he was home from university and had also played for Withycombe in East Devon during his two years based at Rolle College in Exmouth. He loved rugby and worked hard on his fitness.

Training had barely started when he complained of feeling dizzy and as he was going to get some water he collapsed and died. Despite valiant attempts at CPR from team mates and a local doctor who was playing hockey on the pitch that evening, nothing could be done to revive him. He died at his old school on the King Edward VI College playing fields where, as well as the rugby team, the football and hockey clubs were also training. He was just 21 years old.

In the days that followed, his parents Kevin and Linda were overwhelmed by messages of kindness and support. In particular their friends in Totnes 41 Club who rallied around, dealt with the inevitable press coverage and ensured they were left to grieve in peace.

Ollie died from an undetected heart defect. The post mortem showed he died of Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC), the second most common cause of sudden and unexpected death in young people.

Kevin says, "You can probably recall similar stories that have happened to other families, frequently sports people, some well known. I want you to know that so had we. In our minds it was just that, something that happened to other people, not fit young men like Ollie. As time passed we discovered that in the UK twelve apparently healthy young people a week die suddenly of undetected heart defects. Many do not die publicly in the way that Ollie had. They die in their sleep, or waiting for a bus, or sitting in a chair. It is indiscriminate and completely avoidable. £35 and ten minutes would have saved my son's life. That is the price for screening a young person and that's how long it takes. It only needs to be done once. Most defects can be treated very simply."

Some countries already have a national screening programme. In Italy it is compulsory for young people planning to take up sport. Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), the charity that supports families bereaved in this way, have campaigned for years to have a national screening programme, but the grief of 12 families a week, that's well over 600 avoidable deaths a year, continues to be ignored, or worse, not considered important enough. The painful fact is, there is no political mileage for politicians in this. Young people dying suddenly doesn't cost the government anything and grief stricken parents do not have the emotional strength to make their voices heard. But with so much support from the local community and from the students at Plymouth University Kevin and Linda have found strength in supporting CRY's campaign for a national screening programme.

Fund raising efforts and support by both the people of Totnes

and the University have already raised nearly £23,000 in Ollie's name and his parents hope to carry out medical screenings for many local youngsters and university students in the coming months as a result of this fundraising. Most excitingly, the fundraising will go a long way to supporting CRY's campaign for a national screening programme.

The Marsdens have been so touched by all these efforts that Kevin has decided to run the London Marathon in Ollie's memory and in aid of CRY. At 54 years old and with arthritic knees he's not expecting to break any records, but his determination to publicise and promote this carries him through.

Kevin added, "If you have children or grandchildren, nephews or nieces please don't think it won't happen to them, it can, in the same way it happened to Ollie and to 12 young people every week throughout the UK. Write to your MP, get your local secondary school to take an interest, speak to your GP. A national screening programme is the only way to prevent this kind of heartbreak for so many families."

This summer CRY organised a screening road show and of 2000 young people tested, 13 were diagnosed with symptoms requiring treatment. To put that in context, in every large secondary school a dozen otherwise fit and healthy children will unknowingly have an undetected heart defect. They are living with time bombs.

If you would like to know more about Cardiac Risk in the Young visit the CRY website at: www.c-r-v.org.uk

If you would like to sponsor Kevin for the London Marathon donations can be made to CRY through his link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KevinMarsdenforOllie>

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FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2010
7.15PM FOR 7.45PM

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DERBYSHIRE CLUSTER
FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2010

JOB VACANCIES – APRIL 2009

Five National Councillors will be stepping down at the AGM, having completed their term of office. In addition there are 3 other regions currently under caretaker supervision. All of the regions concerned have been notified and nominations formally closed on the 31st January. However not all posts are filled and the current situation is shown in the table below. If you would be interested in becoming the National Councillor for your region then please contact the National Secretary, Vaughan Harris on 01342 833606, or if you would like a chat about what is involved then contact your current National Councillor, whose telephone number can be found on the club website www.41club.org.

REGION NO	LOCATION	WHEN	STATUS
3	Ireland	Vacant From The AGM	No Nominations
7	Greater Manchester	Vacant From The AGM	Filled
12	North Wales and The Wirral	Currently Vacant	No Nominations
14	West Midlands	Currently Vacant	No Nominations
20	Thames Valley	Vacant From The AGM	Filled
21	Mid West, Severn and Avon	Vacant From The AGM	Filled
22	West of England	Vacant From The AGM	Filled
24	SW London, Surrey and Sussex	Currently Vacant	No Nominations



POSTBOX

Send your letters to
news@41club.org

All members are invited to submit views on any topical subject. Please do not make them too long and definitely no personal attacks will be allowed. Further debate on these topics can be found on the club forum at <http://41forum.notlong.com>.

FINDING EX-TABLERS

Many Tablers are on Facebook, all but one member of Rossendale are on, it makes information circulation easy, although possibly at a cost of real contact and conversation. I have started a Facebook page for Rossendale 41 Club, the majority of our club aren't Facebookers, but it's still a useful resource and I'm hoping it will spread awareness of 41 generally and our programme and activities.

Duncan Baldwin, Rossendale 41 Club

Hi. Thanks for your Newsletter. Why on earth don't 41 Club do as our Aims and Objects state, get involved and help Round Table with their fund raising events, for they need it. We in our club man the Christmas float on many nights, we jointly run the old folks concert, entertaining over 400 pensioners, we help with all their events. Don't let us compete with them let us help them.

Regards from a very happy 41 Club, with over 60 members. Make the new year's resolution for 41ers "Get out and find those ex-Round Tablers and invite them to your meetings".

John Grint, Hon Sec Alsager 41 Club

NEXT MONTH'S POSTBOX

After the deluge of mail over the last few months, this month has seen a dearth of correspondence. Hopefully normal service will resume next month. I am looking for your comments on:

Contacting ex-Tablers using the Internet and any other means.

Helping Round Table to recruit new members.

The membership item to be debated at the AGM.

Plus any other topic you choose to raise.

Editor

A RADICAL SUGGESTION

Dear Editor

Having previously been extremely active in Round Table as a Past Chairman and very involved with Area I have to admit that I am now at best a passive member of 41 Club who occasionally attends. I have always thought of myself as a bit "outside the box" and arguably a step ahead of some colleagues.

Reading your comments of some members falling by the way side, and dare I say it even joining Rotary, it confirms my thoughts for some time. With the everyday pressures of life individuals do not find the same level of time and commitment as in the past. A lot of Community Organisations struggle to get volunteers which is evident with both Round Table and Rotary. The latter being Rotary has even opened the membership up to women whilst many Ladies Circle Clubs have folded. In fact our local Ladies Circle closed and passed the Annual Quiz night involving over 200 participators and normally raising around £1,500 not to Round Table but to the local Rotary Club.

Even the Round Table new membership push of spending in excess of £150k from the VAT windfall refund many years ago has not stopped the gradual demise of Round Table.

If you asked the general public what is Rotary or Round Table about I expect they would not know the difference and relate both to local charity communal projects as their respective names begin with R so are they not one and the same?

My answer - forget egos of those running their own empires and merge Round Table with Rotary. I am sure with a bit of creative thinking one could create a structure so that both aims of Fellowship and Charity can be preserved in some way.

Clive Rusden, Christchurch 41 Club