



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MALCOLM LOCKEY

Dear Friends

As we stand on the verge of a New Year I wanted to send you and your families my warmest good wishes for a happy, healthy and active 2011 and to thank you for your support and friendship and all that have contributed to the life and work of our Association over this last year - the 65th anniversary of the founding of our Association in 1945.

During the course of my Presidential year thus far, I have been enormously encouraged by the commitment and enthusiasm of our membership - nevermore so than during my Millennium Way walk. I have seen for myself just how 41 Club and the friendships that hold it together are very important in peoples' lives.

As I have gone around the country I have discovered that there is a huge sense of longing and nostalgia for Round Table and all that it achieved. Not only that, there is a strong sense of gratitude for all that being a 'Tabler' gave to us as individuals. I'm sure that each of us could produce a long list of all that we personally gained from being a member of Round Table and from sharing that sense of 'practical idealism' that infused all that we did. I have little doubt that we are better people for having been members of Round Table and that those communities that had, and still have a Round Table in their midst, are the better for it. Although we did not know it at the time, we were

playing a very active part in building up the 'Big Society' that our Prime Minister is talking about today as though it is something entirely new!

Recently, I have been reading about the early days of 41 Club and the reasons for forming a National Association in the first place. Not only did groups of 'like minded men' want to continue the friendships they made in Round Table - but they wanted to share those friendships more widely - with other like minded men from other parts of the country. In addition - those founding members of our movement wanted to contribute to the building of a 'better and kindlier world'. [John Creasey: 'Round Table - The First 25 Years'].

For me, that phrase 'to contribute to the building of a better and kindlier world' is very significant indeed as it is largely what we were about in Round Table. It is even enshrined in our own 'Purposes and Objects' - [ii] 'to encourage active involvement in the Community' and also I think, in [iii] 'to use our experience in support of the Round Table Family'.

To a large extent, I think we have lost sight of that strand of our Association's life. Many of us have become introspective, thinking of our own fun and fellowship within the context of the Association - no longer thinking about others and what we might do for them. Of course there are many of us who

are still actively involved in charitable works through our membership of other organisations - but not as part and parcel of our 41 Club life. To me that seems to be a pity and is contrary to everything we did together in Round Table and it's also contrary to what our own founders intended.

But if you dig a little it is there! As I have gone round the country I am heartened and deeply moved by what individual clubs are doing and have been doing for years in terms of reaching out and helping others, although they have never gone out of their way to advertise the fact that they are actually 'contributing to the building of a better and kindlier world'.

I am pleased to see that that is changing and I was overjoyed to read of York Ebor 41 Club in the last edition of LINKS and their efforts which have raised £23,000 for 'York against Cancer'. I shall be making arrangements to visit them in the New Year to congratulate them on all they have achieved.

In 2011 let us emphasise and build on EVERYTHING that is positive in our Association. There is much that is POSITIVE and much to celebrate.

With my very best wishes and continued thanks.

Malcolm

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EDITORIAL



A NEW YEAR AND A NEW LOOK

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new year. I hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas festivities and that 2011 will be all that you want it to be.

Hopefully you will have noticed the changes to the format of News@41Club.Org. Having listened to all the suggestions over the last 12 months I have selected a new publishing package to replace Word. InDesign is a publishing package from Adobe, and is consequently more integrated with Acrobat than was Word.

I have spent a lot of time investigating how to use InDesign, but it is a very long learning curve and I am sure that I will be able to improve each new edition in the next few months. If you have any suggestions on how I can improve the newsletter then please feel free to contact me on news@41club.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

December is a very busy month

socially for many 41 Clubs, but a month that generates very little input for the newsletter, so please let me know of any activities you would like to share with other members. I would especially like to hear from any members who helped Round Tables with their Christmas sleighs or other fund raising activities, or with Christmas entertainment for others. Or did you hold an unusual Christmas social event that others may consider in future years. A small local idea may grow into a nationwide activity if you make fellow members aware of it.

Could I draw your attention to the advertisement on page 4 for the Masked Ball being organised by Tangent in support of the Princess Royal Trust For Carers, which is Tangent's national appeal for this year.

National Secretary Martin Green has jumped on to the Soapbox this

month and shared his views on the future of communications within the organisation. I recommend that you read this and the reply from Jim Smith. Communication is, and will continue to be, a major discussion point within 41 Club and I would appreciate your views on whether or not we move to greater reliance upon electronic communications.

Finally we have some good news from Round Table. Please do not write off the organisation, for despite what you hear they are doing a great deal to stabilise their membership. To use the words of Mark Twain:

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

This sentiment can certainly be applied to Round Table.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM TANGENT NATIONAL PRESIDENT GILL TO 41 CLUB



I am writing this as we move towards the end of 2010 and what a year it has been. The many people I have

met, places I have visited and events attended have made for a fantastic year of 'friendship and fun' within the Round Table Family. It has been a privilege to share some of these with 41 Club National President Malcolm - especially when he joined us for our 40th celebration in September.

Looking forward to 2011 there is still much for our Executives to do in preparing for our national AGMs. Over the next four months, Tangent National Executive will continue to work side by side with 41 Club and the Ipswich Conference committee to ensure we have a great Tangent Day. Without the support of 41 Club working alongside local Tangents we would not be able to hold such a special day in Ipswich.

Thank you to all 41 Club members who have given me personally and our National Association so much support during this special year - for me as National President and also our Association celebrating 40 chartered years.

Malcolm, may I take this opportunity to wish you, all 41 Club members and your families the very best of health and much happiness for 2011.

I know the 'friendship and fun' will continue in 2011

Yours in continued Friendship

Gill Preston

Tangent National President 2010-2011

41 CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

It is that time of year again when all the media hold their reviews of the year and present their personality of the year awards. Therefore I have decided that this will be the first year for a new award "The 41 Club Member Of the Year".

Firstly I wondered which attributes should be taken into account to decide the winner. Should it be the member:

- With the longest service
- Who has held office for the longest period
- Has done the most to support

Round Table

- Has worked tirelessly for charity
- Has an established history of community work

All of these are important, but after long and detailed consideration the self appointed judging panel of one has decided that 41 Club Member Of The Year is

(Long Pause)

(View of all contestants biting their lip with dramatic music in the background)

Every member of 41 Club who has paid their capitation for 2010. Congratulations gentlemen, only 10 clubs remain outstanding at the end of 2010.

However this is a timely reminder that 2011 capitation is now due as the financial year runs from January to December.

National capitation remains at £10 per member and treasurers should send them to Marchesi House before the National AGM in April.

WE SHOULD SAY GOODBYE TO THE QUILL PEN AND PARCHMENT!



Unless everyone has been walking around with their eyes shut, it must now be clear that 'technology' is the way forward in what we do in life and that it is here to stay.

The modern world – whether we like it or not – uses the internet to shop, exchanges greetings and messages using e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. Many of us have smartphones that allow everyone to transfer messages instantly to each other and also photos.

And then there are devices like the amazing iPad or Samsung Galaxy that are as thin as a book, which can carry around your electronic world with you.

So where do we go in 41 Club? Should we spend a vast amount of your subscriptions on a paper magazine three times a year? A magazine that this time shows a picture on the front cover depicting an event 5 months ago? Is this publication really read?

..... AND ANOTHER VIEW

Much as I endorse a lot of what Martin is saying with regard to technology and the use of it I am firmly of the belief that we are nowhere near ready to abandon the much loved, and excellent, magazine. It might be that many of them get filed to WPB (waste paper bin) as soon as they are received but many do not and still provide a sort of shop window for us. I suspect that the magazine is more widely read than the newsletter at the moment and once that is read it is consigned to the ether never to be seen again and not just left in a pile where someone might pick it up. Just as an example we had a group of friends round for drinks before we all went off for our Christmas do on Saturday night. My new Links magazine along with current TM, Tangent and Circle mags are on my lounge Table. Without any comment from me I noticed that at least 3 of them picked up and flicked through them during the half hour they were there. A couple even

Or is it put somewhere with that old saying – I'll look at that later? Is it read by the majority or the minority?

Our President says he rues the day we stopped publishing an annual Directory. He still has a paper one (we printed 100) – but it was out of date before he even received his copy. Had he used his Blackberry he could read the latest version.

It is not my intention to enter into a debate where I could be accused of ageism – but no doubt I will be. However, we must recognise that the guys who leave Round Table at 45 – remembering they are our only source of members – live in this technological world. In order for 41 Club to move on and not to wither away we must make being a member attractive and dispel the thoughts that we are an Association of 'old farts' who are behind the times.

I am now in my 60's and I have embraced it as I see this is the way forward in life. I take a lot of 'stick' for using a smartphone, carrying an iPad to meetings, using a laptop etc. Shopping is sometimes done in our house on the internet, I rarely buy anything in a shop – as I seek a cheaper alternative on

made comments about my picture (not repeatable before the watershed!). None of them have ever been involved in the Round Table family.

Despite the extensive cost why have Round Table continued with their magazine, recently re-named Tabler by the way. It is the same in historical content as the Links Magazine yet they still see it as a shop window, something to be left in doctors surgeries, or coffee shops etc. to encourage other to pick it up and at worst just glance through it. Yes there is a move towards electronic communication and I have no doubt that in time instant messaging, social networking and web site download will gather even more pace. Just because we possess or use technology such as iPads, iPhones and Blackberries doesn't mean we cannot be viewed as dinosaurs. My father at 84 has a new computer, is battling his way through Microsoft Vista, and he is the proud owner of a mobile phone which he

the web – and my wife reads books on a Sony e-reader. We are not 'freaks' or 'unusual' nowadays – this is the 'how it is' and cannot be ignored. And as for (Mr) Google – he is my best friend. He answers anything I need to know!

Modern technology is 'instant' – and substantially cheaper after the initial investment. The success of this excellent Newsletter proves that!

No doubt when you read this, many of your 'hackles will rise'. I write it with the best intentions of moving 41 Club forward and guaranteeing its longevity. Some may not care and wish to ignore it and take the selfish short-sighted view. I have given a huge portion of my life to the Round Table movement and I care passionately for 41 Clubs future – hence my view.

President Malcolm describes my view as 'Martins brave new world' – this is not brave or new – it is reality!

Martin Green
Abingdon & District 41 Club
Isis Area 41 Club
National Secretary

rarely uses as he is nearly deaf but that doesn't mean he is not a dinosaur even in my eyes! What matters considerably more is our members attitude to change. Do they embrace it, accept it or hope it will go away? That is what will change the perception of the current crop of Round Tablers to members of 41 club not the fact that we own and can at a push operate a smartphone or computer. By all means let us develop those means of communication but from one who has been berated for apparently wanting to ignore the in-active members (not true by the way) I feel we should maintain the Links magazine. We maybe need to get smarter at what we communicate and the timescales but it's not the time to lay it to rest yet.

Jim Smith
Bishops Stortford 41 Club
National Membership &
Extension Officer

SO WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ON THE FUTURE ?

We are interested to hear where you think the future of communications lies within our Club. Does the growth of electronic media inevitably mean the death of the printed page? Do you prefer to read everything on the screen, or do

you still print it out first? Printing colour newsletters and magazines on your own printers can be very expensive! Would this simply be transferring the cost from the club to you? Do you read the magazine? Do you keep them for

future reference? Do you share them with others who are not members of 41 Club?

Please send you comments to news@41club.org in order that we can review our future policy



CHARITY MASKED BALL

Saturday 2nd April 2011

All funds raised at this event will be donated to The Princess Royal Trust for Carers - "Young Carers"
Tangent Club National President's charity for 2010/2011



Dine at 8.00 pm – Dance 'til late
Join us from 7.00pm onwards
on the RED CARPET



Leicester Marriott Hotel, Smith Way, Grove Park, Leicester, LE19 1SW
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(email kenmoss2@btinternet.com)

Choice of menu to be pre-ordered with booking and payment.

Wine discounts available for advance orders.
Room Rate discount available for early bookings
See Web Page – <http://cwp.marriott.com/emalm/tangent>.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, GILL PRESTON, LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR GUESTS

CHRISTMAS HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Health and Safety Executive have spent the Christmas period examining some of the more popular Christmas songs and have decided that the following must be adopted before Christmas 2011, otherwise Christmas will be cancelled:

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

*While shepherds watched their flocks
by night
All seated on the ground,
The Angel of the Lord came down,
And Glory shone around.*

LITTLE DONKEY

*Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty
road,
Got to keep on plodding onwards, with
your precious load.*

WE THREE KINGS

*We three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and Mountain,
Following yonder star.*

The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches Health and Safety Regulations to insist the shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided. Therefore, benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs must be available. Shepherds have also requested that, due to inclement weather they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated shepherd observation huts. The Angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her Glory all around, the shepherds must be issued with glasses capable of filtering out any harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory lighting.

The RSPCA has issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry. Also in the guidelines are permitted feeding breaks, and at least one rest break in a four-hour plodding period. Due to the risk of pollution from the dusty road, Mary and Joseph are required to wear facemasks. The Little Donkey has expressed his discomfort as being labelled Little and would prefer to being simply referred to as Mr Donkey. Comments upon his height or otherwise are considered to be a breach of his equine rights.

Whilst the gift of Gold is still considered acceptable – as it may be redeemed at a later date through organisations such as Cash4Gold etc, gifts of Frankincense and Myrrh are not appropriate due to the risk of oils and fragrances causing allergic reactions. An acceptable alternative might be a gift voucher. It is not recommended that traversing Kings should rely on star navigation, and would advise the use of AA Routefinder or Sat Nav. Both can provide the quickest route and advise on fuel consumption. As in the case of Mr Donkey, the three camels require regular rest and food breaks and facemasks for the three Kings are obligatory due to the likelihood of desert dust disturbed by the camel hooves.

CLUB NEWS

CLUB SERVICE AWARD



Dave Bentley had a surprise when he attended Whitchurch 41 Club's Christmas meeting. He had expected a speech from National Vice President Vaughan Harris, but instead was presented with a Club Service Award. His club chose to honour Dave for many years of dedicated service as their Secretary and Club Contact. David is seen here receiving his award from Vaughan.

ADVICE WANTED

Alan Pattinson would like to talk to a Rotarian with experience of how their Shelter Box project works.

"We are not looking to pinch the idea but would like to understand how they are set up and respond so quickly to disasters and get their logo on news clips etc."

If you can help please contact Alan at region9@41club.org

Region 22 Quiz

Wednesday 2nd February 2011

Okehampton 41 Club are hosting the quiz at the Golf Club, off Tors Road, Okehampton, EX20 1EF

Teams of up to four are sought

The dress code for the night is casual, and the cost will be no more than a tenner, to include the buffet.

Contact Mark Fairchild
region22@41club.org

Christchurch 41 Club invites you to

DORSET KNOBS 40th Anniversary Dinner

Royal Motor Yacht Club, Sandbanks
Friday March 4th 2011
7.00 pm for 7.45 pm dinner
Dress: Black Tie

Cost only £29.00 for a 'mouth watering' three course meal followed by the traditional Dorset Blue Vinney Cheese and Dorset Knobs, Port & Coffee, with first class entertainment
MC – Denis Bundy
Speaker – Lawrie McMenemy

Contact Malcolm Plant
mplantpot@btinternet.com

St David's Day Dinner

Rhuddlan Golf Club with it's acclaimed cuisine
Friday February 25th 2011
7.30 for 8.00pm
Lounge Suit

Rhyl are pleased to welcome you for the usual evening of fun and fellowship. The speaker is Brian Waters a retired consultant anaesthetist who comes highly recommended, soporifically speaking.

Cost is anticipated to be around £16 (an Amazing Rhyl bargain)
Contact Allan Jones
brynaled@btinternet.com

THANKS AND APOLOGIES TO DROITWICH SPA 41 CLUB

In the recent edition of LINKS magazine I wrote about the Millennium Way walk which I undertook over the summer and mentioned a list of clubs and individuals that contributed to the success and enjoyment of the project. For some inexplicable reason Droitwich 41 club were missed off the

list and I just want to record my thanks to everyone at Droitwich 41 who did so much to make us feel welcome and at home and for making sure we did not get lost! My thanks also to Droitwich for their recent cheque in support of my chosen charity for the year - the Ocean Youth Trust. Thanks guys and

gals: you were a vitally important part of the project. It was great to be with you all and my apologies for somehow missing you off the list!

Malcolm Lockey
National President

IPSWICH CONFERENCE AND AGM

41 Club National Conference is also shared with Tangent members with lots of events enjoyed by us all. For Tangent members there is the extra treat of the Tangent Day Luncheon before our AGM. Tickets are going fast so please remind your wife or partner to apply for her ticket as soon as possible, or perhaps you could treat her to a ticket? It is on Saturday 16th April at Trinity Park Conference Centre, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IP3 8UH The event is 11.30 for 11.45am, with the AGM following at 2pm. The price of £35 includes a three course meal and a glass of wine. It is a great opportunity to meet up with friends before the formality of the AGM. To get a ticket please either fill in the form

sent to clubs or on: www.tangent-clubs.org. You can also send a cheque and meal choices to Chris Smith, 16 Millcroft, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2BP. The main meal choices are Poached Salmon with Caviar Hollandaise or Medallions of Pork with a Prune and Brandy Sauce. There is also a vegetarian option and please advise of any other special dietary needs. Chris can also be contacted on: chrissie.smith31@gmail.com.

Not attending conference this year? A pity but your Tangent partner can still attend the luncheon. It is also possible to attend the National AGM from 2pm without attending the luncheon and at no cost.

If your wife or partner has still not joined Tangent it is never too late. Please contact our Membership Officer and IPP, Jan Mulqueen, on:

past-president@tangent-clubs.org who will put her in touch with a local club. If there is not a local club perhaps she would like to form one with other ex Circlers or partners of ex Tablers. W I look forward to meeting up with as many 41 Club and current and prospective Tangent members as possible in Ipswich, in April.

Yours in continuing friendship

Terrie Hewitt
National Secretary
National Association of Tangent Clubs



GOOD NEWS FOR ROUND TABLE!

It is probably true to say that the majority of 41 Club members do not really know what's happening in Round Table now. All they hear is that membership numbers are much lower than they were when they were in Table, lots of Round Tables have closed and the old chestnut "it's not like it was in my day!". To the latter point I would say I'm so pleased it isn't because that would mean Round Table had failed in its first objective to Adopt, Adapt, Improve. On that basis everything in the garden is negative!

That is not the case. Yes it is tough but Table and the Membership and Development team in particular are doing a fantastic job. I thought I would get an update from David Weaver, their chairman, on some of the really positive news.

- New members in the year 2009/2010 were 823. This is the highest annual total for the past 5 years.
- www.roundtable.co.uk. The

- public facing web site is attracting attention. 32,000 visitors and over 160,000 page views in a month.
- The phase 2 web site project for "My Round Table" is well under way which will deliver (amongst other things) access on line to events for the members own club, area, Region or National including geo-tagged map. A knowledge base to ask and answer basic questions, a notice board, directory, member benefits at a click and much more.
- Inbound Membership enquiries between 2007 and now have shown an increase of over 2900% measuring on a like for like basis.
- There were more membership enquiries in October 2010 than in the whole of 2008.
- The Ssshhh... and postcard campaigns are working. Quote to the membership enquiry line "I saw your leaflets in Madden's dentist waiting room and thought it sounded

interesting".

- A new telephone enquiry service is now operating. 0845 508 0000 is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and enquiries are directed straight to local tables.
 - The Regional workshops are giving great benefit. Comments such as "Very informative and a great tool to move Round Table forward" "Fantastic, really amazing value for £25- everyone will think it is the best £25 ever spent"
- Round Table deserves our support but are we doing as much as we can? I know we can do more and I want to hear from 41 Club members and 41 Clubs as to what you are doing on the ground to help support your Round Table in their drive for membership. Let us cut out the negatives and promote the positive messages.

Jim Smith
National Membership Officer.

IT TAKES TWO (BABY, IT TAKES TWO !!)

Here is a quote

"Many potential members are lost to the Association simply because we are not continually aware of membership needs. There are thousands of young men throughout this country who would benefit from being members of Round Table and if we do not retain this membership awareness, then we deny them the opportunity. The future of the movement is in our hands, not in the hands of future Tablers."

This could be a quote from the Round Table or 41 Club AGM's this year but in actual fact it was penned over 25 years ago by Nick Lewis, Round Table

National Membership & Extension Officer 1984/85 (and now member of Bridgend 41 Club) in the Tabler magazine in 1984.

The point though remains the same now as it did then there must be thousands of young men throughout the country who would benefit from being a member of Round Table. This year we launched a number of projects including "The Phoenix Project". We have a couple of clubs off the ground and working on it but how many people does it really take to make a start? The answer is two. Two committed people who want to make it work. For a great

example of this follow the link to the membership page on the 41 Club web site to see how Livingston Round Table was reborn: <http://www.41club.org/>

If your club has lost its feeder table and you have the enthusiasm and can find just two people to start a new one why not give it a try. Details of how to do it are on the web site or contact Jim Smith, National Membership Officer to find out more.

membership@41club.org

**You are invited to join Kilsh at his
Presidential Ball
for what will be a night to remember
Six Course Banquet**



3 Bands
Beatles Tribute
Silver Band
ABBA Tribute



Saturday 5th March 2011
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Cost £45 per head

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Dave 'Bacardi' Yardley
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(m) 07947 374585
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**RTBI National Conference
2011**



41 CLUB SALES - CURRENT PRICE LIST

Description	Number	Price
Pen Set	PS4110	£10.00
Hip Flask Set	HF41100	£12.99
Grey Tie	KT41101	£15.00
Black Tie	KT41103	£15.00
Grey Bow Tie	BT41100	£12.80
Pin	PI41100	£2.60
Silver Dressing Pin	PI41101	£2.60
Chairman Pin	PI41102	£2.60
Past Chairman Pin	PI41103	£2.60
President Pin	PI41104	£2.60
Secretary Pin	PI41105	£2.60
Treasurer Pin	PI41106	£2.60
Keyring	KR41100	£4.85
Cufflinks	CT41100	£8.99
Grey Polo Shirt	GPS41100	£17.35
Black Polo Shirt	BPS41100	£17.35
Rugby Shirt	GP41101PERS	£40.35
Sweat Shirt	GP41102PERS	£32.20
Baseball Cap	BC41100	£8.00
Umbrella	UM41100	£12.99
Medal Board - Small	MB41100	£3.00
Medal Board - Large	MB41106	£4.60
Blazer Badge	BB41100	£4.60
Tax Disc Holder	LH41100	£3.50
Wooden Block Gavel & Hammer	41GH101	£20.00
Lanyard	L741100	£1.00
Club Banner	BN41100	£6.00
Window Sticker	WS41100	£0.65
Hi-Viz Jacket	MJ41001	£6.00



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A Sailing Adventure With Ocean Youth Trust [North]



A plea for help and support from northern 41 Clubs.

[North = north of Birmingham and south of the Borders]

A team of guys from Hartlepool 41 Club have accepted my challenge to sail our northern OYT boat 'James Cook' down to Ipswich in time for our National Conference in April.

The second part of the challenge is to recruit and fund a team of young people [between the ages of 14 - 21] to sail 'James Cook' from Ipswich back to the Tyne after conference. We shall need a crew of about 12 young people.

I invite all northern clubs to consider whether they would like to nominate

and fund a young person or persons from their community to join in this great adventure. Alternatively, rather than find and nominate a young person, a club or group of clubs may prefer to simply sponsor [fund] a berth for some young person from the northern region so that they can experience the adventure of a lifetime. Gosforth Round Table have already kindly sponsored one berth.

The cost of the adventure will be in the region of £500 per person which includes all clothing, food and equipment during the voyage which is likely to last a week. We also have to help the young person get to Ipswich and then home from the Tyne.

If you want to know more or if you would like someone to visit your club and talk about the Ocean Youth Trust and its work and this exciting project in particular, then contact Steve Lennon, Operations Manager OYT North: office@sailjamescook.com or contact me through the usual channels including my mobile phone - 07710467785

This is a chance to make a difference and there is not much time!

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Malcolm Lockey,
National President.**

THE BACK PAGE

CAPTION CORNER

This month's photo was taken at a recent Round Table / 41 Club joint Christmas meal.

Please send your captions to news@41club.org. The best ones will be published in the February edition.

If you have any suitable photographs for this item then please send them to the editor at the same email address.



A SELECTION OF LAST MONTH'S SUGGESTIONS



"They have promised me that when I am elected Pope they will make me a hat that fits"

Philip King, Pershore & District 41 Club

"Ooooooh, hello, Ducky!"

"Hey, Malcolm. Let's see how many innuendo comments we can get with this duck in the caption competition"

Ken Todd, Exeter 41 Club

"You'd wear Dark Glasses if you had to sit on his head all night!! "

"Here's one I laid earlier!!"

Lawrence Bamber

"My head must have grown since the coronation"

Clive Bedwell, Lowestoft 41 Club

"Gulliver wasn't sure the Lilliputian crown was quite the right size."

Jon Winter, Hexham 41 Club

"Will somebody get this man from under my feet"

The Duck

A Load of Bull

My wife and I went to the county show and one of the first exhibits we stopped at was the breeding bulls. We went up to the first pen and there was a sign attached that said,

"THIS BULL MATED 50 TIMES LAST YEAR"

My wife playfully nudged me in the ribs smiled and said, 'He mated 50 times last year, that's almost once a week.'

We walked to the second pen which had a sign attached that said,

"THIS BULL MATED 150 TIMES LAST YEAR"

My wife gave me a healthy jab and said, 'WOW~~That's more than twice a week !You could learn a lot from him.'

We walked to the third pen and it had a sign attached that said, in capital letters,

'THIS BULL MATED 365 TIMES LAST YEAR'

My wife was so excited that her elbow nearly broke my ribs, and said, 'That's once a day ..You could REALLY learn something from this one.'

I looked at her and said, 'Go over and ask him if it was with the same old cow.'

My condition has been upgraded from critical to stable and I should eventually make a full recovery.

The Wit Of George Bernard Shaw

A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it; it would be hell on earth.

Americans adore me and will go on adoring me until I say something nice about them.

An American has no sense of privacy. He does not know what it means. There is no such thing in the country.

Criminals do not die by the hands of the law. They die by the hands of other men.

Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.

England and America are two countries separated by a common language.

Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough.

Few people think more than two or three times a year; I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week.

Gambling promises the poor what property performs for the rich--something for nothing.

Hegel was right when he said that we learn from history that man can never learn anything from history.

Hell is full of musical amateurs.

I can forgive Alfred Nobel for having invented dynamite, but only a fiend in human form could have invented the Nobel Prize.

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.



AND FINALLY.....

A thought for 2011

If you plan to fail and succeed, what have you done?