



## CONGRATULATIONS TO TANGENT – 40 YEARS YOUNG



President Malcolm Lockey presenting the 41 Club gift to Tangent National President Gill Preston at their 40<sup>th</sup> celebration lunch, held at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The guest speaker at the event was Diana Moran, probably better known as “The Green Goddess” from her days on morning TV. It was noted that Malcolm did not purchase one of her inspirational DVDs after the event, so we cannot expect any miracle weight loss by the end of his year.

More photographs and details inside.

## IPSWICH CONFERENCE 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011



The discount period for 2011 conference has now ended and the draw for the winner of the competition will be made during the first week in October. The winner will be notified and details placed on the web site

shortly. There are now well over 200 booked in so now is the time to make your booking if you haven't already done so. What we can say is that the Novotel Hotel is now fully booked but there are rooms available in either the Salt House Harbour or the Ramada Hotels but we recommend you book quickly.

Lots of answers to frequently asked questions are now on the Ipswich web site, which has recently been updated so please have a look now.

**Charity Golf.** One question that has been asked in particular is about the golf tournament. To encourage more players this year we are running a charity golf day in conjunction with the conference. Any member of an affiliated 41 Club or Tangent is eligible to play, although only those who are booked in for one or more of the conference events are eligible for the National Conference Trophies. Whilst we hope you will take the opportunity to join in the conference at one or more of the other events it isn't compulsory.

Booking forms and brochures are available on the web site. [www.41clubconference.co.uk](http://www.41clubconference.co.uk).

Enjoy the fun with us all in Ipswich

*“Full of Eastern Promise”*

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWS@41CLUB.ORG

Please send contributions to [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org)  
The copy date for the November issue is Sunday 24th October.

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National Councillor Region 11

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Into the autumn now and 41 Club activity is increasing. Hopefully everyone is aware of the membership initiatives we have launched this year to help with increasing not only 41 Club numbers, but to support Round Table and the Round Table family.

The key initiatives are “**Get One In**” aimed at introducing potential members to Round Table, or Ladies Circle, “**Mind the Gap – Bring ‘em Back**” aimed at bringing ex-members of Round Table into 41 clubs and “**Phoenix**” aimed at helping 41 clubs to help in the opening of a new Round Table. All these ideas are well known to Regional Councillors who have all the detail, but can also be found on the web site membership page at [www.41club.org](http://www.41club.org). Why not have a look now and let us know what you and your club are doing.

One club who have been active is Vigo Village & North West Kent 41 Club. With their help we are delighted that a new Round Table has been formed in Bexley in Kent. John Kilshaw, President of Round Table, attended their formal charter night in September along with many friends from Round Tables and 41 clubs. This has been a great achievement and we wish the new lads from Bexley all the best.

Are you up for starting or restarting a Round Table? Talk to Membership Officer Jim Smith or your National Councillor for support.

## PR News



Thanks to **Avid PR** a number of new articles have found their way into print in local newspapers. A National campaign is under way, but to help promote both your club and the Association we need your support. Tell Avid what you are doing and they will produce a press release for you and try to place it in the appropriate media. It's time to spread the word about what we are doing in our communities whether

it's a fun event, a community event or one geared at membership or the Round Table family. Template press releases for the membership initiatives are on the PR page on the web site but clubs should contact Mira at [avidpr@41club.org](mailto:avidpr@41club.org) for help.

# EDITORIAL



## GET ON YOUR SOAPBOX .....

You may have noticed that there was no Postbox page in last month's newsletter! I did not receive a single letter from any member last month nor were any posted on the club forum. A first that I hope is never repeated. Things are not much better this month but the page has been re-instated. It has made me think about how we can start meaningful discussions in the newsletter and I have decided to create a new feature called 'On Your Soapbox'.



discussions.

If you would like to get on the soapbox then please send your article to [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org) with a heading of 'Soapbox'.

I am especially pleased to have received an email from Andy Chande in Tanzania, and I recently heard of a very generous act by the members of Lagos 41 Club as a result of an item in the newsletter. I am delighted that our news is of interest to the members of Region 26 (Overseas).

This month's featured club website is Nerja, one of the Spanish clubs that are members of Region 26, and we would welcome news from any of our 'far flung' members.

## PUT AWAY YOUR SPELLCHECKER

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## SOME THOUGHTS FOR OCTOBER

Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.

Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.

They say hard work never hurts anybody, but why take the chance

Always borrow money from a pessimist. They won't expect it back.

## TANGENT 40<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER

On a sunny Saturday in early September nearly 300 ladies and their guests gathered at the East Midlands Conference Centre at Nottingham University to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Association of Tangent Clubs. The guests included the presidents of all of the other three members of the Round Table family, and 24 previous National Presidents were introduced to the gathering. Guest speaker Diana Moran proved to be a good warm-up for our own Malcolm Lockey who proposed the toast to NATC.



Malcolm with Diana Moran (One of them is 70 years old!)

Below President Gill welcomes the 24 past National Presidents



## A REMINDER TO ALL CLUB CONTACTS

If you have not already done so, will you please check the entry for your club on the Club Administration System (CAS). By ensuring that your entry is up to date we can avoid many of the problems that sometimes occur. In particular please check that:

Your club officers are up to date.

Your total membership number is correct.

Your magazine requests match the total number.

All club contacts should have the necessary details to access the database, but if not or you would like help then please contact Sue Barnicoat at Marchesi House (0121 456 0303).

# CLUB NEWS

CLUB WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



NERJA, REGION 26 (SPAIN)

[WWW.41CLUBNERJA.ORG](http://WWW.41CLUBNERJA.ORG)

## RINGWOOD RINGS OUT WITH BRASS

Most club chairmen like to provide music at their 'at homes', most are perfectly happy with a CD or two, but Ringwood Ex Tablers chairman Peter Lomax provided an entire brass band. Now that is style!



Peter Lomax, Chairman, Ringwood Ex Tablers Club, together with his wife, Anna, Vice Chairman, Tangent Club, celebrating with club members this year's Chairman's at Home in Ringwood with the entertaining music of the Downton Brass Band.

## 41 CLUB WEB FORUM

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

**CURRENTLY THERE ARE 88 MEMBERS  
LET'S MAKE IT 100 BY CHRISTMAS**

Faringdon & District Ex. Round Table  
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY & BONFIRE**  
**Saturday 30th October**  
**Gates open 6.00pm - Starts 7.00pm**  
 Buy your tickets in advance from local shops & save money  
**FREE CAR PARK** [www.fireworksinfaringdon.co.uk](http://www.fireworksinfaringdon.co.uk)  
**Child ticket £2.50 (£3.00 on the night): Adult ticket £4.50 (£6.00 on the night):**  
**Family ticket £13.00 (£16.00 on the night):**  
**Enquiries: Tel. 01367-253888/240716**

## WESTERHAM & DISTRICT 30<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER

Westerham and District 41 Club celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter evening on 17<sup>th</sup> September. The event was also held in memory of an ex Biggin Hill Round Tabler, John Watkiss, who previously owned the venue where the event was held. John had been hoping to arrange a Charity night in support of Help For Heroes, and his widow Shelagh asked that any funds raised from the event should go to that Charity.

The evening, attended by National President Malcolm Lockey, National Communications Officer Dave Smith and National Treasurer Mike Turner was a great success, raising £5500.

Malcolm Lockey with members of the 41 Club organising committee, Mike Martineau, Barry Simner and Dennis Guildford



## 2010 FINAL AT LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB

All the usual mishaps, one team appearing on the day having entered through the website and not receiving any confirmation from the organiser, nevertheless they were very welcome and praised for their initiative, real 41ers

The day dawned with a heavy mist, sometimes referred to as mizzle and other times as the onset of winter, dependent upon where you live.

Many old friends and acquaintances met again to make the day a memorable one, exchanged contact details and vowed to meet again soon, and may meet again next year, but then again they are 41ers.

Some of the usual complaints, but they would not be 41ers if they did not complain. Great day, thanks to all our supporters and to the scoring apprentice, National Councillor - Region 15, Barry Durman for his considerable assistance .

- 1<sup>st</sup>      Bentham              Region 5
- 2<sup>nd</sup>      Alsager                  Region 11
- 3<sup>rd</sup>      Tamworth              Region 15

More details next month.



Continuing the story of the formative years of the Association of 41 Clubs. Taken from 'Continued Friendship' by Alan Wilkinson, the movement towards a formal Association is mooted during the War.

## THE FOUNDING FATHERS (PART 2)

Wakefield was formed on Friday 14 May 1943, and displayed considerable energy and drive from the word go. Within three months they were discussing the possibility of drafting rules, contacting other 41 clubs, and forming a national body of some sort. In December they instructed their Secretary John Eric Wainwright to write to John Shuter in London, inform him of their existence, and suggest that, now the end of the beginning of the war was in view, to quote Churchill's words, the time might be right to convene some kind of Ex-Tablers' rally.

It may seem odd that Wakefield, of all those trailblazers, should have been the ones to set the ball rolling towards an Association. London, as we have seen, were almost a regional organisation before there was such a thing. However, in Eric Wainwright the Yorkshire club had a man of purpose – and that part of God's Own Country was less prone to aerial bombardment than the capital was in 1944. Yes, there might be a shortage of accommodation – they'd held several of their early meetings in an Air Raid Warden's post – but as far as they were aware the town was safe from Hitler's V-1 and V-2 rockets.

Wakefield had suggested some sort of get-together, and London had responded, John Shuter heading north on Friday 16 June 1944, doubtless relieved to get away from the 'doodle-bugs' that had attacked the capital the night before. Met by Freddie Firth, butcher, he was taken to a meeting of the Wakefield 41 in the Civil Defence HQ and learned that there were as many as six clubs already in existence if you counted Wolverhampton and Bournemouth. Including the south coast town was "a bit previous" as they say up north: it had certainly been talked about, but wasn't actually formed until 1947!

In January, the following year it was Firth's turn to be met by Shuter, in London, and at a meeting there it was agreed that Wakefield should organise and host the first Annual Conference in May. It was further agreed that 12-13 May would be suitable dates, no-one having the slightest idea that it would coincide with the first weekend of peace that Europe had known since 1939 – although they must have been well aware that it was as near as dammit to the anniversary of that first Wakefield meeting.

**To be concluded next month.**

## GLOUCESTER ACTIVE 41 CHARTER DINNER

To celebrate the Chartering of Gloucester "Active" 41 Club there will be a black tie dinner in the Gloucester City Council Chamber on Saturday 23rd October 2010, commencing at 7:30pm. Partners welcome. Cost £30 per person.

RSVP by 15th October 2010 to Mike German at

<mailto:mikegerman@blueyonder.co.uk>

## ANDY WAITE GREETS THE APEX 40 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER (AND HER HUSBAND)

On September 2nd Lawrence Bamber kindly drove me to York to meet briefly with Sandy Harmer, International Officer of Apex 40 in Australia and her husband Darrol. They were just starting an extensive tour of the British Isles and we spent a very pleasant couple of hours with them.



Apex 40 is very like 41 Club although dual gender. More details at [www.apex40.org/](http://www.apex40.org/)

## Now that I have your attention!



I am pleased to introduce our;

### Autumn Sales Special

Not one, but two deals this time!

#### Deal One

Bow Tie (Black or Grey) and Cuff Links package  
- £17.99 (saving £3.26)

#### Deal Two

Ties – Buy one get one free! (Four types to choose from)

These deals are only on offer until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, and can only be purchased direct from 41Club Sales on **01702 478425**.

So don't delay and pick the phone up now to take advantage of these great offers. Just imagine how good these items will look on you!



SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2010

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

THE 41 CLUB GARDEN  
AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM  
ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE DE13 7AR

FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL SERVICE AT THE  
ARBORETUM—41 CLUB AND TANGENT WILL HAVE THEIR  
OWN SERVICE IN THE 41 CLUB GARDEN

WREATHS WILL BE LAID BY IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDENTS OF 41 CLUB AND TANGENT—  
RICHARD MATTHEWS AND JAN MULQUEEN AFTER A  
SHORT SERVICE.



NMA—WHERE THE NATION REMEMBERS

JOIN EVERYONE FOR THE MAIN NMA SERVICE AROUND  
10:30. ENTRY IS FREE.

NOTE: THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE ARBOREUTM. A PARK AND RIDE IS  
RUN FROM THE WATERFRONT OFF THE BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD  
TURN. THIS IS WELL SIGNPOSTED FROM THE ARBORETUM.,  
ALLOW GOOD TIME TO GET THERE AS IT GETS VERY BUSY.  
FURTHER DETAILS FROM LICHFIELD 41 CLUB OR THE NATIONAL  
SECRETARY.





## POSTBOX

Send your letters to  
[news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org)

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE NAME

Dear Ray,

A Rose by Any Other Name .....

How about “the 41 Round Table” or “the 41 Pourparler”?

Best wishes,

**Andy Chande, Founder Chairman**  
**Dar es Salaam 41 Club**

The Campaign for Real Ale, of which I am also a member, has re-named its National Conference “Members Weekend”. The format is, I think, similar - some business sessions but also much socialising on licensed premises.

**Ed Spearey, Calne and District 41 Club**

### REGIONAL EVENTS

Plenty of dates for your diaries:

#### Red Rose Dinner

Garstang Golf Club  
 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010



#### White Rose Dinner

Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield  
 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010, 7:30 for 8pm  
 Cost: £30



Contact [whiterosedinner10@googlemail.com](mailto:whiterosedinner10@googlemail.com)

#### Region 20 Dinner

St Cross College, 61 St Giles, Oxford  
 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 7:30 for 8pm  
 Cost: £36  
 Contact [region20@41club.org](mailto:region20@41club.org)

#### Dorset Knobs

Royal Motor Yacht Club, Sandbanks  
 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
 Organised by Christchurch Ex-Round Tablers  
 More details to follow



## ROUNDTABLE News



### NATIONAL SPORTING WEEKEND

Over 400 gladiators gathered at Lancaster at the beginning of September to compete in the National Sporting Weekend, and quite a few of them wore 41 Club badges. It is still a major event on the Table calendar and everybody should attend at least once in his Tabling career. Whilst competition is intense the fellowship is second to none.

For the first time in several years 41 Club was officially present at the event. We had a sales stand and actively promoted the delights of 41 Clubbing to all those present.

For those who can remember which RT area they were in the top 5 areas were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Area 10	295.5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Area 14	279 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Area 22	275.5 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Area 34	253.5 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Area 49	220 points



The 41 Club stand being ably manned by President Malcolm and national councillors Lawrence Bamber, Barry Durman and a passing Danish Tabler.

### CALLING ALL BADGE COLLECTORS

Do you still collect Round Table badges? It would appear that a lot of 41ers do. President Malcolm has been presented with six display cases containing over 200 assorted Table badges, some going back many years, and you can win them in a raffle that he is organising. Simply send him £5 in an envelope with your contact details and you will be entered into the draw. All proceeds will be donated to the presidential appeal and the draw will take place at next years National Conference in Ipswich.



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## CALLING ALL MOTORCYCLISTS



Did you know that since 1992 there has been an organisation called “Table Bikers”? It is open to members of Round Table and 41 Club, and their friends and “Significant Others”.

Like anything to do with Table or 41 Club we are friendly and welcoming.

We organize events from Spring through to Autumn, providing weekends and rides out, using good but inexpensive accommodation and catering for all levels of experience from complete beginner to ex-national racer. We welcome people solo or with pillion.

What we do need, however, are new members, particularly Tablers.

There is no subscription, there is no attendance rule, and we even accept Harleys!

So if you wish to know of any runs or meetings, please let us have your email address and we will add you to our mailing list.

E mail Chris Johnson at

[chris.johnson@mosshaselhurst.co.uk](mailto:chris.johnson@mosshaselhurst.co.uk) or

Paul Haigh at [paul@haigh.me.uk](mailto:paul@haigh.me.uk)

Who knows, you might make new friends, and find new roads either in the U.K. or abroad.

But remember, we do have a Sergeant-at Arms.

**Chris Johnson, Northwich 41 Club**



AND FINALLY .....

## A FISHERMAN'S TALE

At the recent NSW in Lancaster the fishing competition was held on the Friday. In the event only two areas turned up to fish and they only one had a fishing rod between them, so they had to agree to share the equipment. They both fished for half an hour and caught precisely nothing, consequently they shared the points, 19 ½ points each.

One of these two went on to win the whole competition. Now if the team that came second overall had turned out for the fishing they would have received 19 points and would have won the NSW trophy. Similarly if the area that came third had competed then they would have moved to second place, only ½ a point behind the winners, but if they just caught one tiny fish, they too could have won the whole event.

Moral of this tale ..... if you don't enter you don't win! ... now where do I get a lottery ticket?

## LAST MONTH'S CAPTIONS



The number of suggested captions for last month's caption photo was very pleasing. A selection of the printable captions appear below, together with a few suggestions from the editor.

"And this little Piggy went Wee Wee Wee all the way home!"

**David Yates, Gordano Valley**

"I always thought he thought he was Jesus!"

**Doug Dix, Hon. Secretary, Toddington 41 Club**

"Some feat!"

**Alan Spencer, Woking 41 Club**

"Now I know how Jesus felt!"

**Gus Naismith, Solihull 41 Club**

"I think we came a bridge too far!"

**Nigel and Louise Powis**

"Its not every woman who would do this for you"

"You've got 7 blisters. This must be your record"

**Will Parke, Ringwood Ex-Tablers Club**

"President Malcolm prepares for his lap of honour"

"What do you mean you left the car keys in Banbury"

**Editor**



## CAPTION COMPETITION

Please submit your captions to [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org). The best will be printed next month.

