



**41 Club**  
EX-ROUND TABLERS

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## December Newsletter

### Welcome

Welcome to the December Newsletter. There's a lot happening in this issue. Merry Xmas to you all and best wishes for the New Year ahead!

Yours in Continued Friendship,  
Don Mullane

### The Funny Side

*What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!*

*What did Santa do when he went speed dating?*

*He pulled a cracker!*

*What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?*

*Santa walking backwards!*

*Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?*

*He was picking his nose!*

*Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'!*

*What is the best Christmas present in the world?*

*A broken drum, you just can't beat it!*

*What did Adam say the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"*



## Christmas Wishes

Since becoming 41 Club National President in April. The Fellowship that I have received when visiting clubs has been both friendly and very welcoming. Mildred and I would like to wish all our members and families a Happy Christmas a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

*Regards*

*Andrew & Mildred*

The last couple of months have been really busy with Regional Lunches, Dinners and Club events. All of which have been different but equally enjoyable, with the same remaining factor of fellowship. My thanks to everyone who has organised these events.

The highlight of the year has been representing 41 Club at The Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. 41 Club were allocated 6 tickets from The Royal British Legion. I was so proud to be in the company of veterans of many conflicts around the world some of whom suffered life changing injuries. This was a very humbling, and thought provoking

experience, and will always remain in my memory. The reception we received from the crowd of onlookers even though we were towards the end of the procession was both emotive and amazing.

Recently I attended the funeral of Richard (Dick) Stanley who had suffered ill health for many years. Dick was a National Councillor and then became 41 Club National Conference Officer. He was always the happy smiley face who met you at Conference. I am sure I speak for all of 41 Club members who knew Dick when I say that he was a true Gentleman and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Dick's widow Mo.

Our joint charity this year with Tangent is the RNLI and our aim is to raise £50,000 to purchase 5 Water Rescue Craft. To date we are close to being able to purchase our 3<sup>rd</sup> Water Rescue Craft. On my travels many clubs have made generous donations to this outstanding charity. The Men and Ladies who work on the Lifeboats risk their lives every time they have a call out. I have nothing but immense admiration for the work that they do keeping us all safe at sea.

At the recent National Council meeting it was decided that the Presidential jewel needed a bit of TLC. Within 2 years there would be no further space for the Presidents' name to be added, also this would give us the opportunity to repair damage that had happened over the years. It was decided that Thomas Fattorini Ltd from Birmingham would be responsible for the update. It is expected to take until early January.

Regards

*Andrew*



## LAST CALL for the 2020 Charity Calendars

**There are still some 2020 Calendars organised by Godwin Stewart (many thanks!) available to order direct from Marchesi House - just email [beverley@41club.org](mailto:beverley@41club.org) or call on 0121 456 4402 to order yours now. Cost is £7.50 and all profits will go to the RNLI. The calendar features photos from the 2019 National Photographic Competition.**



www.tangent-clubs.org  
www.41club.org Pasternmouths Surfing - West Park, Hoveport



**CALENDAR 2020**  
*A selection of photographs from the 2019  
National Photographic Competition*

All Profits from the sale of this calendar  
will be donated to RNLI Lifeboats.







## **Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019**

Our National President Andrew Mackereth joined the other three Presidents of the Round Table Family (Paul Agnew - RTBI, Sue Hill -Tangent and Lindsay Pickard - Circle) to present a wreath on behalf of all members of the Association of ex-Round Tabler's Clubs at the 100th Remembrance Sunday Parade in London.



The 4 Presidents of the Round Table Family (Sue Hill - Tangent, Paul Agnew – RTBI, Lindsay Pickard – Circle and Andrew Mackereth)

Andrew Ventress (National IRO), Michael Bird and David Nevinson (Lancaster), Kevin Lovett (Cheadle&Gatley) and David Brown (Taunton) accompanied Andrew on the parade past HRH Queen Elizabeth II, down Whitehall past the Cenotaph and into Horseguards Parade to take salute from HRH Prince Andrew.



Following the torrential rains of the Saturday, Sunday woke to impossibly clear and cool blue skies. After assembling on Whitehall alongside some 10,000 veterans of past conflict, the parade was preceded by the 2-minute Silence; this was simply the most overwhelmingly emotional moment of the day. There was a real pride in representing relatives and colleagues past and present together with humility at the sight of the multi-medalled veterans assembled from all round the world, many bearing both the obvious physical as well as the

hidden mental scars of their service. They were all enthusiastically greeted by huge crowds of both onlookers and fellow service and ex-service men and women, some of whom had been waiting in their spots for several hours.

This was a day none of us will or should ever forget and it was an honour to represent all of you in 41 Club GB&I.

*Michael Bird (Lancaster)*



## The 21st Red Rose Dinner

Kirkham & Rural Fylde 41 Club were hosts in the 21st year of the Red Rose Dinner held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham on Friday 8th November 2019.

It was attended by 39 Clubs from all over Lancashire and indeed much further away. Tickets were a sell-out when the attendance reached 150.

The founder of the Red Rose Dinner was Peter Emmett, a Past Chairman of Blackpool Progress Round Table and also their 41 Club. He was very active in the organisation of events and indeed set up

the Round Table National Conference held in Blackpool in 1986. Sadly he passed away in November 2015. The evening opened with members of the hosting club, wearing red rose buttonholes, welcoming guests as they arrived.



Our photo shows Colin Hill, Past Chairman of Kirkham & Rural Fylde 41 Club, sporting his red rose, and Graham Sloan, National Councillor, Region 5.





The welcoming party were accompanied by 2 RNLI members in full sea rescue kit and 'Stormy Stan' the RNLI Mascot

To set the scene completely an ensemble of Freckleton Brass Band played music with a nautical flavour as well as national favourites such as the Hornpipe and Rule Britannia. At one stage our Toast Master and Stormy Stan danced a jig to the Hornpipe to everyone's amusement

During the arrival of guests our Chairman Peter Gleave, and our Toast Master, Colin Ballard,



discussed final details with two member of the hotel staff.

Our Toast Master announced that dinner was served and, after everyone had taken their places Stormy Stan, immediately followed by our Toast Master, led in the top table guests to the refrain of Colonel Bogey played by the Brass Band.

After the Roll Call of Clubs and the Loyal Toast, National President, Andrew Mackereth, appropriately a Lancastrian, addressed the gathered throng during which he reminded those present that he and the President of Tangent have made the RNLI their joint charity for the year. A target of raising £50,000 to purchase 5 inshore sea rescue craft was set and towards that the evening raised £780 from the National Raffle to be drawn at the joint Presidents' Ball at Crewe Hall on 29th February 2020. A further £500 from a separate raffle will go to Lytham St Annes Lifeboat Station.



The attention of all present was then focussed upon Raschid Gibrail Past National President of RTBI and Past Chairman of Area 34. Raschid, known to so many in the room, reminisced of his time at the helm. Typically, and as thoughtful as ever, he spoke caringly about the absence of a dear friend and member of the hosting club who had undergone a major operation in the previous few days which had laid him low. Raschid had prepared a very large card and asked those present to sign it to convey our very best wishes for recovery.



Our other distinguished guest was Dr Barry Johnson, Past High Sheriff of Lancashire and Past Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire who proposed the toast to the Red Rose.

The evening concluded after Graham Sloan, as National Councillor for our Region, accepted the offer of **Preston 41 Club** to host the Red Rose Dinner in 2020.

- Michael Brown



# The Oxford Lunch Report (aka Oxford's Gamble Pays Off!)

Since it first started as the Three Counties Dinner many years ago, there has regularly been a Regional Dinner based in and around Oxford. For the past few years this has been adapted to become the

Oxford College Dinner based each time in an Oxford College.

The last of these was in 2017 when it became obvious that costs were escalating, numbers were dwindling, and nobody was coming forward to organise it.

Having not had a dinner in 2018, there was a call from the Region for something to occur as many missed the annual occasion to get together for fun and fellowship.

New National Councillor Dave Chard sought views as to what was wanted and found that there were many negatives on an evening function in the centre of Oxford.

Trying to get to a college in the centre of Oxford on a Friday night from far flung places seemed







end it really worked! Over 90 members attended on a cold but sunny day. There was good wine at a reasonable price, speeches by National President Andrew and a Guest Speaker – the owner of a family business in Wales – who entertained us with some of the amusing incidents in his life. The day was full of excellent fellowship, with good food and wine, and it also managed to raise over £1,000 for the President's RNLI charity!

The general consensus seems to be this is the way forward for the future. Isis Area 41 Club appear to be prepared to host this again next year and the venue is ideal for the numbers we would expect. The room will take 120 so there is room for this to grow.

**'Stay Tuned' for further details later in the year for 2020!**

*- Martin Green, National President 2013-2014*



## ASHBY 41 CLUB ON TOUR AGAIN

Budapest in Hungary was the destination for the latest Ashby de la Zouch 41 Club International trip over the weekend of 8th – 11th November. A record total of 15 travellers, consisting of 10 41ers, 2 Tablers and 3 friends – too many to name individually! We could have increased that by a further three 41ers had they been able to make the selected weekend.



And what a weekend we had! Arriving around lunchtime on the Friday, we checked in to our hotel in the city centre and set off in search of lunch (and beer). Prior to the trip, we had researched local bars that served craft beer, and Jónás Craft Beer House was our destination. Unfortunately, the address on the website was out of date, necessitating a brief pit stop in another bar before continuing on a slightly longer walk to its new location. But it was worth it, with a good selection of very drinkable beer available.

We decided that steak was the requirement for the evening meal, and Pampas Argentin Steakhouse was selected. Amazingly, they had a single oval table that was large enough for us all to sit at. Note that most are wearing their 41 Club polo shirts.

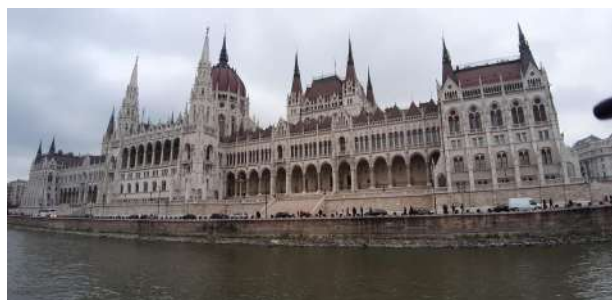
There's probably no need to detail the rest of the evening, suffice to say that we enjoyed a good meal before moving on for after-dinner refreshments, where we were introduced to palinka, the traditional Hungarian fruit brandy. Just trying it once was enough for some of us (but not all...).

Saturday was sight-seeing day. Budapest is a lovely city, with a lot of stunning buildings, and of course the river Danube running through it, separating the two parts of Buda and Pest. Unfortunately, it was an overcast day (it was November after all), but our time was limited and rain was forecast for Sunday, so we pushed on.

Váci Utca is one of the main pedestrian streets in Budapest, containing many shops, bars and restaurants. We walked along to Vörösmarty Square at the northern end of the street, where the Christmas Market was already open. A bit early in the season perhaps, but a good opportunity to browse and eventually try some of the wide range of food on offer for lunch. But nobody tried what was on the sign shown above!

We had booked a Craft Beer Cruise for the afternoon (is there a theme here?). The cruise lasted 90 minutes, during which time we could enjoy the sights of Budapest whilst tasting several local beers (the weakest of which was 4.8% and the strongest at 7%). One of our Tablers, Charlie, even found his own beer!

Despite the overcast weather, we enjoyed seeing the sights along the banks of the Danube, complete with commentary. One of the most



impressive was the Parliament building, modelled on our own Palace of Westminster.

By the end of the cruise, the rain had started and barely let off until Sunday evening. We did just have to see the iron shoes on the bank of the Danube, created in memory of the Jews who were killed on that spot by the fascist



Arrow Cross militia during the Second World War. Very sobering.

We had done well up to this point keeping all fifteen of us together. However, this was soon to change, with people being separated into smaller groups for various reasons. It didn't matter though – we were keeping in touch with a dedicated WhatsApp group – and the party was split between two restaurants that evening.



The next day was Remembrance Sunday, so everybody made sure they were wearing their poppies. Because of the rain on Sunday, we decided that a bus tour of Budapest would be a good idea, as we would be able to keep dry on board and still see some of the sights at least through the rainy windows. First stop was the Citadel in Buda, from

where (on a good day) there are spectacular views of the city. Well, we could see what they mean, even on a day like today...

Fifteen arrived at the Citadel stop on the bus, but only twelve left - oops! Our next bus stop was the Castle, where we took a small electric bus up the hill. The Euro is not the primary currency in Hungary, it's the Forint, and with 400ft to the pound, we were getting used to dealing with some pretty high numbers when we asked for 15 of everything! The numbers seemed so high, we even offered to buy the bus! But at least we were able to secure some good discounts on several occasions with so many of us.

Evening entertainment consisted of a few more bars, including one of the so-called 'ruin' bars. This was called Red Ruin, with humorous wall decorations of communist figures and a picture of Lenin with a Mohican! An excellent meal was had at the Central restaurant just two doors down from our hotel.

Our final day on Monday dawned bright and clear, a nice change.

Our bus tickets were valid for 48 hours, so we decided to redo the trip so that we could see the city in a different light (literally). The bus took us out to Heroes Square, which was laid out in 1896 to honour the 1000th anniversary of Hungary's formation by the seven chieftains of the Magyars. Here we disembarked as there was a lot to see and appreciate.



The next two buses were full, so we decided to return to Vörösmarty Square using the M1 Metro line. One of the 41ers had had his eye on this beforehand, being a bit of a train buff (okay,

it was me!). This line is the second oldest in Europe (after London) and has attractive small stations and old trains.

Back in the square, we had time for coffee and cake, individual wandering for shopping etc, before heading back to the hotel for our airport transfer.

Everybody had a great time, including our three guests, and we all got on well with each other. There is no doubt that fellowship is alive and well in Ashby 41 club, and we look forward to doing it all again in 2020. Cheers!

- Ian Silver, Ashby de la Zouch 41 Club

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## 2020 41 Club Motorcycle Weekend

I am pleased to announce the date for **the 2020 41 Club Motorcycle Weekend**, which will be from **Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July**. The meeting will be based at **the Dragonfly Hotel in King's Lynn**, where we have reserved rooms for Bed, Breakfast and evening meal. The tariff we have negotiated is £55 per person per night assuming 2 people sharing either twin or double room i.e. 2 people sharing a room, £220 for the weekend. If you require a single room, the single rate is £75 per night.

You will need to book direct with the hotel, I will confirm details for this soon as you will need a code to quote to get the discounted rate. The rooms will be held for us until **June 11th**, so you must book before this date to get the rate. Booking after this date will cost quite a bit more, and rooms might not be available - we are not blessed with suitable large hotels locally, we have provisionally reserved 17 twin rooms and 5 doubles. We are still arranging details for the itinerary which will be outlined soon, the format will be broadly similar to the 2019 event held in Hinkley, welcome/dinner/fellowship on Friday evening, ride out and activities on Saturday, evening dinner/presentations/speeches (short!!), ride out on Sunday morning with a lunch somewhere before saying our farewells. We will have a relatively small registration fee to cover up front expenses, and whilst we may be able to negotiate some discount for entry to places we visit, we ask that each participant covers the entry fees themselves on the day.

More news soon, along with a registration form.

Yours in continued friendship.

*Tim Gilbert*

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## How to Read a Map

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Terry here from <https://survivalfront.com>, a site dedicated to providing top quality guides and product reviews for all you budding survival enthusiasts out there.

I wanted to reach out to you as I had noticed your piece [41club.org](https://41club.org) and was wondering if you'd consider linking out to a great article I have published on how to read a map.

You can check out the piece here: <https://survivalfront.com/how-to-read-a-map/>

Terry Daine  
Survival Front



# 75th Founders Lunch

A Very Special Founders Lunch hosted by  
London Old Tablers' Society  
on behalf of the founding clubs on

**Saturday 9th May**  
in aid of Soldiers Sailors  
Air Force Association at

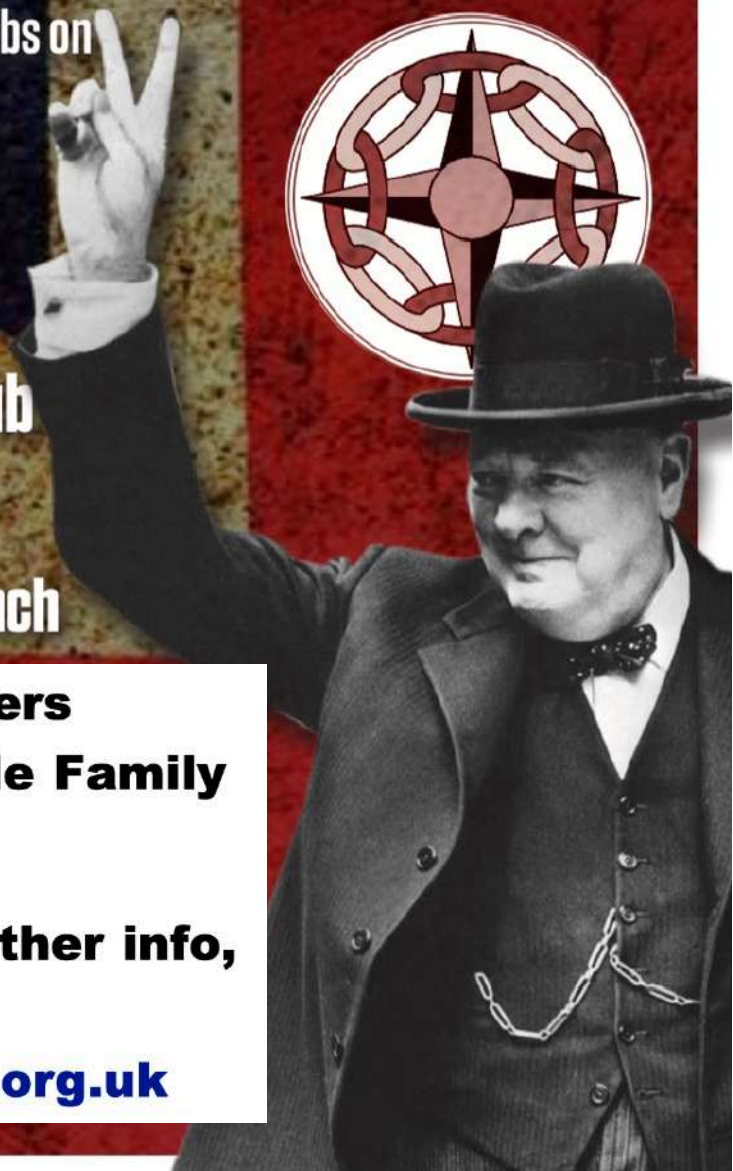
**The Army & Navy Club**  
**Pall Mall, London**

**£49 for a 3-course Lunch**

**Open to All Members  
of The Round Table Family  
and their guests.**

**To book, or for further info,  
please email**

**[75thlunch@lots41.org.uk](mailto:75thlunch@lots41.org.uk)**



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**Check out the latest offers from our Affinity partner,  
Fred Olsen Cruises, on the [41Club.org](http://41Club.org) website and  
use your affinity members discount for additional savings  
Call 08000 355 122 for further information.**



## NORWICH WENSUM & YARE 41 CLUB

Chairman Rick Fuller invites you to their

### ANNUAL FORECAST EVENING



The evening will consist of a three course meal,  
results of last year's Forecast Evening and speeches  
(the winner takes the coveted crystal ball trophy for the year)

Tickets available from : Stuart Smith 01603 713282  
( email : [stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com) )

Cost £26.00 - Dress Smart Casual





## REGION 18 - CLUSTER MEETING 2020





Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Chelmsford 41 Club Chairman and Legend  
John Spence CBE  
Invites you to this special annual event.**

**Venue: The Margaretting Suite  
Best Western Ivy Hill Hotel  
Writtle Road  
Margaretting  
Chelmsford  
CM4 0EH**

**Dress Code - Lounge Suits, Jewels Optional**

## Reunion - Fellowship - Friendship

-  **A fantastic Dinner in a Wonderful Venue**
-  **Attendance by National President - Andrew Mackereth**
-  **Renowned and Popular Comedy Club Comedian**
-  **Your Ticket is just £33**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm – Carriages from 10.30pm Bar until 11.30pm**

**Bookings please to: [david.campbelllys@gmail.com](mailto:david.campbelllys@gmail.com) - 07771 942 960**

**Payments to Chelmsford 41 Club - Cooperative Bank,  
Sort Code 08-92-99, Account No. 65679324**

**MAKE THIS A JOINT MEETING AND A FANTASTIC NIGHT TO REMEMBER – MAY THE HINGES OF FREINDSHIP NEVER RUST**



## Hutton & Shenfield 41 Club



### **Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**at**

**Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite,  
Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 2NS**

**Hutton & Shenfield 41 Club invite you to join us  
at our special 'Golden' celebration.**

- Dress Code lounge suits and jewels optional
- 3 course dinner, with trimmings, £30 per head
- National President Andrew Mackereth will be joining us
- Joint Meeting with our mother Club, Brentwood 41 Club
- Guest Speaker Past Round Table National President Gareth George
- Entertainment – a surprise on the night!
- Great opportunity to recreate the fun-filled atmosphere we all remember from our Round Table Days; fellowship and friendship
- 7.00pm for 7.30pm – Bar until 11.30pm
- Bookings please to Bob Berry: [bobberry60@aol.com](mailto:bobberry60@aol.com)
- Payments by 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 latest please to Hutton & Shenfield 41 Club, Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30.91.17 Account Number 00907175. Cheques to Bob Berry at 19, Randalls Drive, Brentwood CM13 1NW.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**MAY THE HINGES OF FRIENDSHIP NEVER RUST**



## ARDS 41 CLUB CELEBRATE A BIG WIN AT RUGBY'S WORLD CUP

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The 9<sup>th</sup> Rugby World Cup Final (which resulted in a fine win *[nb - entered un-edited as received, YMMV]* and third title for the Springboks) was celebrated in great style by Ards 41 Club and 150 guests at Clondeboye Golf club at a Charity Breakfast and Brunch.

Continental breakfast was followed by a riveting game of rugby with expert analysis provided by Dr Nigel Carr, Ards RFC, Ulster, Ireland, Barbarians and British Irish Lions. A magnificent brunch was served at full time ensuring that all the guests went home well satisfied irrespective of the result.



A ballot, Silent Auction and Guess the Score competition also ensured that the financial result for the charity partner, the MPS Society, was equally satisfying to the extent that the Ards 41 Club were able to hand over a cheque for £6,150.93.

The Society for Mucopolysaccharide diseases provides professional support, throughout Ireland and Great Britain to individuals and families affected by MPS/FABRY diseases and related life limiting conditions. For more information, visit their website at: [www.mppsociety.org.uk](http://www.mppsociety.org.uk)

*Photo: Ards 41 Club Chairman Kenn Nelson and Members presenting a cheque for £6,150.93 to David Patton, Trustee and Alison Wilson, Regional Support officer, The PMS Society.*

*- JOHN McKERNAN, Secretary Ards 41Club*

# International Meetings 2020

A great opportunity to experience the fellowship of 41 Club International in 2020

## International AGM

5 - 7 June in Verona Italy

Thursday Night will be a visit to a Winery

Friday Night is in The Old Castle

Saturday Night Gala Dinner will be in Palazzo della Gran Guardia.



Full details of all the events and registration are available on the website

[www.41iwm2020.it](http://www.41iwm2020.it)

At present members from GB&I have booked into Best Western Firenze and also Leon D'Oro (not on the Italian list).

A full list of hotels is available on <https://www.veronabooking.com/en/agm-international-club-41/#/accommodations>

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## International HYM & Pre-tour

Pre-tour 20 - 25 September

HYM 24 - 27 September in Brasov, Romania



The Pre-tour

Tundra Salt mountain, Wine tasting, Sighisoara & Medias Old Unesco Citadels, Jidvei domain, Wine tasting at Bethel Castle, Alba Iulia & Sibiu (Old Transylvanian capitals), Anniversary Dinner in Campulung

Main Program

Thursday - Welcome Party in Poiana Brasov Ski Resort

Friday - Trips and Vampire Party at Dracula's Castle

Saturday - HYM meeting, tour of Brasov and Gala Dinner

Sunday - Farewell Brunch

Full details and registration are available on the HYM website ([www.hym2020.com](http://www.hym2020.com))



## 41 Club Classic Car Rally 2020 - Kent The Garden of England, 12th to 14th June

Our base for the weekend will be 'Inn on the Lake', Shorne ([www.innonlake.co.uk](http://www.innonlake.co.uk)) It is set in its own grounds with natural lakes just off the A2 with Shorne Country Park behind.



Saturday morning we travel on country roads along the North Downs with panoramic views of the Kent countryside, through small villages with cricket grounds, windmills, oast houses and hop fields. Crossing the River Medway we will stop at Aylesford Priory, where in 1242 a group of hermits from Mount Carmel were given land to establish a community by a crusader returning from the Holy Land. ([www.thefriars.org.uk](http://www.thefriars.org.uk)) Continuing to Kent Life which is an outside museum of Kent buildings ([www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk)). Both places have catering facilities



In the afternoon we continue through the picturesque countryside and rural villages before returning to the hotel.

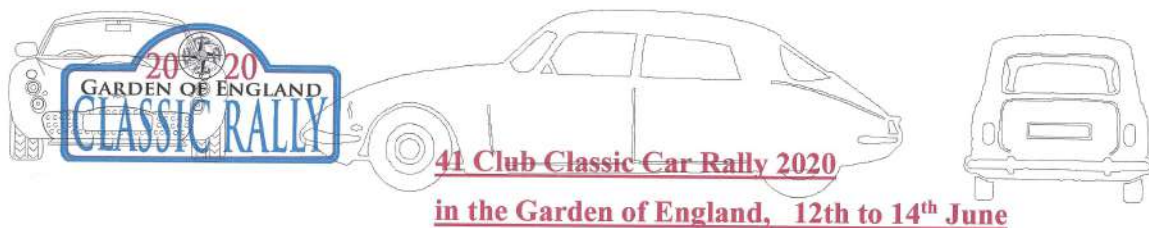
On the Sunday we will be doing a Dickens tour finishing in Rochester. We will travel on country lanes along the Saxon Shore Way visiting the area which was featured in many of Charles Dickens novel's including the graves at Cooling which was the setting for Great Expectations. Visiting a bird sanctuary, one of Europe's major migration sites, which over 300,000 birds use with panoramic views over the marshes and the River Thames.

We finish in the historical City of Rochester with its Castle and Cathedral which is the second oldest in England.

We have arranged with the hotel for an extra night for those who wish to visit other parts of Kent. The hotel is about 50 miles from Dover for the ferry or Folkestone for Eurotunnel. Also Ebbsfleet is about 15 minutes from the hotel where members can take a day trip via Eurostar which has trains to Paris, Brussels or Lillie.

Registration Form and Booking Form for the hotel can be downloaded from the 41 Club website [www.41club.org/events/1385](http://www.41club.org/events/1385)





This year's 41 Club Classic Car Rally is in Kent, the Garden of England

Our base for the weekend will be 'Inn on the Lake', Shorne. It is set in its own grounds just off the A2 with Shorne Country Park behind.

On the Saturday we will be touring through the North Downs to view the Kent countryside

On the Sunday we will be doing a Dickens tour of the surrounding area and finishing in Rochester. The area was featured on the BBC 'Walks in England' recently.

Registration Form and Booking Form for the hotel can be downloaded from the 41 Club website [www.41club.org](http://www.41club.org).

Or contact [john.s.alford@btconnect.com](mailto:john.s.alford@btconnect.com) (Medway 41 Club)

## What's in a Name?

As the organiser for 2020 National Car Rally in the Garden of England I was very pleased to see the article in the Winter Issue of the 41 Club Magazine. Unfortunately, the article by Alan Short who did a great job in organising 2019 Car Rally put me down as a member of Rochester 41 Club. Ooops

There is no Rochester 41 Club so I am now getting jib from fellow members of Medway 41 Club. I used to be a member of City of Rochester Round Table. You may now be asking why is there no Rochester 41 Club.

Well it all goes back to the war. During the war the three Tables in the Medway Towns being Chatham (45), Gillingham (75) and Rochester (56) decide due to the reduction in numbers to meet as one Table.

After the war members reverted to their original Tables.

When it was decided to form a 41 Club, members of all the clubs had had tremendous fellowship during the war they decided to form Medway 41 Club. The Chairman's jewel was presented by the three Round Tables in 1956.

- John S Alford, Rochester 41 Club, Ooops I mean MEDWAY 41 CLUB Merry Christmas

# Merry Christmas To All From Ralph Preston, Chairman of London Old Tablers' Society



## **New 41 Club Admin System is coming...**

As George Bernard Shaw once said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place"... well, if anyone has wrestled with the 'group mailing feature' of the existing and crumbling 41 Club Administration System (CAS) - they'll completely agree!

National Councillors around GB&I regularly send out 'block emails' to the Clubs within their Region and receive positive response messages back from CAS such as "650 emails sent out; Successful delivered emails = 650; Undelivered emails = none"....

Whereas in truth it would be more accurate if they read "Successful delivered emails = most or some, maybe"; Undelivered emails = some, possibly, not sure"...

CAS is the National 41 Club system and database that stores all Club and member details, manages National capitation, and (should) enable group emails to be shared with Regions, Clubs and individual members across the organisation. Its problem is that it's very old, creaking, doesn't share information with the 41 Club website, support for the technology it was written in expires at the end of December this year - and the tablets of stone that Moses wrote the original code on have long perished..

SO - a brand new system is being developed using new technology that is so shiny, it will make your eyes squint when you look at it... Fear not however - an important part of the new design is to ensure members feel comfortable with using it so there will be familiarity with the 'look and feel' of much of the system - but behind the screens, every shiny new cog will run smoothly using well-oiled hinges...

Work is now underway 'cleansing' and migrating across all of the existing data from the current system to the new one and the first phase of the new system (creatively to be called CAS 2) is scheduled to be released in January 2020 with future phases being released in the next 3-4 months. Then work will begin on revising and updating our website.....Clubs will receive full information from the Comms & IT Officer Don Mullane early next year.

- Peter McBride, Region 24 National Councillor & Comms & IT Committee Member

**2020**  
**HI-TIDDLE**  
*Chesterfield 2020*

**20th-22nd March 2020**  
and  
**NUNEATON 136 ROUNDTABLE**  
**75TH CHARTER**

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**Darwen 41 Club / Darwen Tangent & Guests**

**SPRING BALL**

**Saturday 21st March 2020**

**7:00pm for 7:30pm**



**Tickets £25**



Includes sparkling drinks reception,  
Four course dinner,  
Last night of the proms & disco

**at Whitehall Hotel, Springbank  
Ross Street, Darwen Lancashire  
BB3 2JU**

**Dress code - Black tie or Lounge suit**

**Bookings to- [steve.fielding@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.fielding@btinternet.com)  
[07966 971253](tel:07966971253)**

**Electronic Bank details-  
Darwen 41 Club Sort code 09 01 29  
Acc No 25414963 ref :- NAME AND CLUB**

**Payments required by 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2020**

41 Club President Andrew and Tangent President Sue Invite you to

# Grand Leap Day Charity Ball

In aid of The Royal National Lifeboat Institution



On

29th February 2020, drinks reception from 7 pm

At

Crewe Hall Hotel,  
Weston Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6UZ



Andrew and Sue welcome you to this magnificent grade 1 listed hall to enjoy an evening of fun, friendship, music and dancing!

The National Charity Raffle will be drawn at this event. Prizes include a Fred Olsen cruise for two, A Scottish Golf Weekend with high class accommodation, a Land Rover Mountain Bike and other prizes. Raffle tickets £5 each available from organising clubs.

Ball ticket price £55 per head, to include a welcome drink and three course dinner. Entertainment by Robert's Bakery Brass Band, and dancing to The Zoots Rock Band.

***Please complete the application form for tickets  
to be found on the Tangent website or via Facebook.***



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with the 41 Club and Tangent

19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 • 8 nights • Sails from Southampton • *Braemar* • M2021

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Date	Arrive	Depart	Destination
<b>AUGUST 2020</b>			
Wed 19		PM	<b>Southampton</b>
Thu 20			<i>Cruising</i>
Fri 21	late am		<b>Bordeaux, France</b>
Sat 22		late am	<b>Bordeaux, France</b>
Sat 22	late am	late pm	<i>Cruising Gironde &amp; Garonne rivers</i>
Sun 23	early am	late night	<b>Santander, Spain</b>
Mon 24	early am	late pm	<b>Avilés, Spain</b>
Tue 25	early am	early pm	<b>La Coruña, Spain</b>
Wed 26			<i>Cruising</i>
Thu 27	AM		<b>Southampton</b>



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2nd-5th  
April  
2020



CARDIFF 2020

# a peach of a conference

We had a fun packed weekend in Torquay and undoubtedly lots of other people did as well as we were inundated with bookings over the weekend both in Torquay and via the web site. Bookings have continued to come in to such an extent spaces are becoming very limited (not Table limited - it's true).

The 41 Club AGM will be held at the SWALEC Stadium, a 15 minute amble from the 2 main hotels, plus transport is being provided. The Tangent AGM is being held in the Angel Hotel (one of the two main conference hotels).

Other fun stuff includes:

- Thursday night Welcome Party at the Angel Hotel with surprises in store for everyone.
- Friday trips to the Big Pit (go down a real mine), Cardiff Castle, St Fagans natural Museum of History and fixtures permitting, the Principality Stadium.
- Friday evening the joint Presidents Banquet will take place in the iconic City Hall with more surprises in store.
- Saturday the final night party will be at the SWALEC Stadium and chance to show off your creativity.

All walkable distances, plus transport will be provided on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

There will be a separate conference bar at O'Callhans open all day till early hours.

The two main hotels are the Angel Hotel (which I am afraid is now fully booked) and the Holiday Inn. Other hotels are available via the Cardiff tourism link below.

As the Presidents of 41 Club and Tangent said "Come to the 41 Club and Tangent National Conference AGMs and join with us, the BFG (Aka President Andrew) and Matilda (Aka President Sue) and see your imaginings come true!

Roald Dahl said, "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." As far as we are aware, Roald Dahl never attended a 41 Club and Tangent Conference, but he definitely understands what we are going to bring you in April 2020!

"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable." Roald Dahl, Matilda

Conference 2020 will feature spectacular venues for our magical events, fabulous fellowship and friendship and a lot of FUN. The Conference Committee are doing nothing by halves and are definitely going the whole hog, and we thank them for all their work, but it would be nothing without YOU, the members attending.

The BFG and Matilda are looking forward to greeting you in Cardiff! Remember, "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." (Roald Dahl)"

THURSDAY - WELCOME PARTY

FRIDAY - GOLF, TRIPS & BANQUET

SATURDAY - AGM'S & PARTY NIGHT

Book now at [www.cardiff2020.co.uk](http://www.cardiff2020.co.uk)

# Hornchurch 41 CLUB



INVITES YOU TO OUR

**600th Meeting**  
1964 2020

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2020

The Cranleigh Banqueting Suite

Station Lane Hornchurch RM12 6LX

7.00 - 7.30pm

*Speaker: Barbara Stevens*

3 Course Meal & Coffee

£ 25.00

Booking: [bernardgilburt@gmail.com](mailto:bernardgilburt@gmail.com)

01708 225010



# 41 CLUB NATIONAL SOCIAL & SPORTING WEEKEND

**Friday 7th - Sunday 9th Feb 2020**

Potters Resort, Hopton on Sea, Norfolk

**2 Night Package** & Full Board from **£240pp**

Based on twin room accommodation. Single occupancy available at additional costs

## SPORTS TO INCLUDE

Laser Shooting • Golf\* • Darts  
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(\*additional cost £30)



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# 41 Club NATIONAL GOLF FINALS

SUN 4TH - MON 5TH  
OCTOBER 2020

**NEW  
FORMAT!**

**Cost £125**

per person to include

**Bacon rolls & coffee**  
on Sunday arrival

**Two days of golf**  
(Aylesford and Arden Courses)

**Sunday night dinner with wine**

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**Team and individual Prizes**  
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CLUB DEPOSITS FOR 4 PLAYERS ACCEPTED - NAMES CAN BE ADVISED NEARER THE DATE

**£35 DEPOSIT PP REQUIRED**

**Contact Peter McBride on [region24@41club.org](mailto:region24@41club.org) or 07710 063394**

## Future International 41 Opportunities NOT to be missed.

### ***International AGM in Verona, Italy***

**5th - 7th June 2020.**

There will be a pre-tour the week before. It is also the Italian AGM the weekend before.

For more details see above.

### ***International Half Yearly in Brasov, Romania***

**25th - 27th September 2020.**

Pre-tour around Transylvania to include Sighisoare, Medias, Turda, Alba Iulia, Jidvei, Sibiu, Curtea de Arges, Campulung, Fagaras



### ***International AGM in Bergen, Norway***

**21st - 23rd May 2021**

Pre-tour 17th - 21st May, no further details at present.

### ***National AGMs***

List of the AGMs that have published dates so far.

Portugal, Lisbon 20th - 22nd March 2020

Denmark 1st - 3rd May 2020  
see [www.lm20.dk](http://www.lm20.dk)

Iceland 1st - 3rd May 2020

Finland 15th - 17th May 2020

Germany 22nd - 24th May 2020

Sweden 22nd - 24th. May 2020

Norway 29th - 31st May 2020

Italy, Ferrara 29th - 31st May 2020

Austria, Vienna 19th - 21st June 2020

Morocco 19th - 21st June 2020

YAP Tour of GB&I - contact IRO for more info

South Africa 4th-6th September 2020

Poland 11th - 13th September 2020

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Switzerland, Bern 23-25 October 2020

***Andy Ventress IRO***

***The link to the latest 41 International Newsletter is***

<http://www.41international.net/download/communiqué/November-Communique.pdf>



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## Annual 41 Club Region 24 Dinner

Friday 13th March 2020

Reigate Manor Hotel  
Reigate, RH2 9PF (J8 on M25)

In aid of the  
National President's Charity



**Lifeboats**

### Speakers

Andrew Mackereth • 41 Club National President  
Dr. John Spence CBE DL

Dinner: 7:30pm Dress: Black Tie & Jewels  
COST £35



To book in and for more details email  
Region 24 National Councillor Peter McBride  
at [region24@41club.org](mailto:region24@41club.org) including any  
dietary requirements

Payment by cheque or preferably bank transfer to  
W&C 41 Club, Barclays Sort Code 20-47-34  
Account: 50969303  
Reference: R24 Dinner Surname & Club



## YAP - Young Ambassadors Program 2020



Last year GB&I joined the YAP program and, for the first time this year, 3 of our young people have been on tours to North India, South India and South Africa.

Next year we will continue to be involved and have the opportunity to send young people that are children of 41ers on tours/programs as well as receive young people from other countries to GB&I to experience life here.

### REQUIREMENTS TO BE A YAP-PARTICIPANT

- You should be between 18 and 24 yrs old and a child/grandchild of a 41er.
- You will be asked to pay your flight ticket, your transfer and administrative fees.
- You should be capable of giving a presentation about your country in English and, in so doing, act as a young ambassador.

### Before departure:

- Send all forms digitally to your National Convenor and to the International YAP Convenor. (Application, Guest letter including photo)
- Send Proof of Medical and Liability Insurance.
- Pay the administration fee (in €)
- After your return, you are expected to deliver a report to your National Board and to your club's Media.

Tours are available to North India, South India, South Africa, Cyprus, Southern Europe and Northern Europe. All tours take place between late May and September.

Any young people wishing to apply should visit the YAP website <https://yap-famex.org> for more information and also to get a copy of the application form etc. These should be completed and returned to Andy Ventress IRO, [international@41club.org](mailto:international@41club.org) and also Christoph Haenssler, International YAP Convenor, [chaenssler@bluewin.ch](mailto:chaenssler@bluewin.ch).

For the first time, in 2020, GB&I will be expected to host young people for a number of days. I am therefore looking for clubs that would be interested in hosting.

A club would be required to home host the young people for 2/3 days/nights. There will be approximately 12 youngsters in the group. They will need to be hosted in 4 to 6 homes hopefully with a young person of a similar age.

### DUTIES OF A YAP-HOSTING CLUB INCLUDE:

- Making sure all participants of the YAP-tour have a host family.
- Assumption of all costs for room and board and entrance-fees.
- (The costs of transfers from club to club are covered by the YAP tour fee)
- Ensuring that the YAP participants have the opportunity to learn more about your country, region or town.
- Informing your guests about the characteristics of your region by organising sightseeing tours, visits of businesses and factories and by showing them RT/ 41er projects.
- Coordinating group transports with the hosting clubs in charge before and after you.

For any club that feels they may be able to help, more information can be obtained from the YAP website <https://yap-famex.org>

Please then register interest with Andy Ventress IRO, [international@41club.org](mailto:international@41club.org)

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