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Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club invites you to their annual Forecast Evening

Monday 16th January 2023

Wensum Valley Hotel

Beech Avenue, Norwich NR8 6HP

7pm for 7:30pm

Guest Speaker Dr Chris Bushby, CEO of Big C



Dress code Jacket & Tie

Tickets £28 available from Stuart Smith 01603 713 282 stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com

The Evening consists of a 3-course meal results of the 2020 Forecast Evening (the winner takes home the coveted Crystal Ball Trophy for the year) and speeches





I am publishing the Newsletter early this month so you can all be made aware of the opportunity to join with the Round Table Family National Presidents on Christmas Day at 11am (see President Jim's report on page 4 for full details) AND to make you aware of "Operation Purge" on page 6, a community service project at this special time of the year. I am presently on vacation so this is being put together on my laptop so I apologise for any flaws or errors!

So what else is in this month's newsletter? Well there's a royal story on page 14 which isn't as dodgy as the title implies (thank goodness). I thought I had better explain that as some readers might think this newsletter was joint with Tangent like the last magazine, and that one of their articles had strayed....

Pwllhelli in 1967 is a blast from the past.

Page 18 has important information on the 2023 National Walking Weekend; plus you will find once again details of the National Car Rally and High Tiddles and various Balls and Charters too.

It has been said that Andy Ventress's article about the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham is just Andy taking the p*ss but you will have to read the story and decide for yourselves.

I would like to give my thanks to Allan Thomson of Inverurie & District 41 Club for providing the photo of their Chairman Bruce Edmonds inducting Santa Claus at their December meeting. He asks if this is a first? Who knows - many former (and future) Santa Clauses have been inducted in the past but probably known in their red suits.

So despite the arctic blast, and the snow, the strikes, and inflation, might you all have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas, and best wishes for 2023 and a Happy New Year for the times ahead.

Keep safe.

Yours in Continued Friendship and Continued Tabling,

Don

Don Mullane, National Communications and IT Officer London Old Tablers' Society

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT JIM CONWAY

A trip up to Deeside 41 Club kickstarted off the month and great to catch up with Deeside 41 Club and Ralph Small who was the quarterly Chairman and past Regional Rep. A great idea to share the duties throughout the year when everyone in the club had done the role. A fabulous meal in the Glynne Arms in Hawarden, a 200 year old coaching inn. [Picture 1]

An invite was received from Moseley 41 Club to join them in a whisk(e)y tasting at the Grain and Glass in Birmingham Jewellery Quarter. This place was a little gem and the talk on the water of life was enlightening. Peter did forget the eating part of the night and we ended up in a nearby pub eating crisps and monster munch to stave off the hunger pangs. A great night. [Picture 2]

Oxford Round Table Fireworks invited Vicky and I down for a great night to celebrate the gunpowder plot. I know that the Round Table Family up and down the country put on a displays that not only bond the community together, but raise an enormous amount of money for charity. A thoroughly enjoyable event. [Picture 3]

Forest of Arden had a visit and the Chairman was non other than John Bellwood. The told me that the whale sized fish was too big to finish. They were right, it was enormous! [Picture 4]

A trip to Wokingham 41 Club was made special because I had to do the World Cup draw. Those who drew Qatar were suitably unimpressed with me. [Picture 5]

The Tangent South East Regional Lunch was brilliant. The four Presidents were all together which is a tribute to how we have worked side by side this year. Matt and Fiona had to nip off early because the Comedienne came on stage. Her speciality was cracking jokes about the menopause and being the only man in the audience, I ended up being the brunt of many of her jokes. Still it was very enlightening and my empathy levels with ladies going through this phase of their lives heightened. [Picture 6]

On Remembrance Sunday, it was an honour to lay the wreath on behalf of 41 Club and march alongside Wynn Parry, Kelly Clarke, my wife Vicky and Dominic Price from LOTS. This year, I wanted to invite four 41ers who had served in the forces and who had never done the walk before. It was therefore humbling to be accompanied by Andy Watts, Ben Sharp, Neil Crouchman and Paul Simmonds. The salute was taken by Price Edward. [Picture 7]

A trip up to Spalding for their charter and a gin tasting and educat-

ional is not to be missed. It was also a chance to catch up with Ben Cook, who stayed with us during the Commonwealth Games when he was a games maker. [Picture 8]

The Dorset Knobs was an interesting visit. I thought it was a either a description of the club or the fact they manufactured door knobs, but it turned out that they were a small dry round roll. The company was much better than the knob and it was great to see not only 3 past President's there in Martin Green, Richard Matthews and Barry Durman, but also in attendance was NCLO Wynn Parry, Fellowship Officer Kelly Clarke and Regional Rep, Richard Dyson. [Picture 9]

One of my clubs, the OBE's held it's Charter in Birmingham. It was a classy event starting in Wetherspoons and ending up in a curry house. The nights upon which Table was built on! [Picture 10]

It was then a flight over to Bangor in Northern Ireland to celebrate their 60th Charter, with the irrepressible Phil Ellis and Chairmen of three clubs. It was great to see the Chairman of Dublin Round Table make the trip up. [Picture 11]

Twas the last National board meeting before Christmas and it would have been rude if I hadn't dressed up as Santa, burst in on Ladies Circle and Round Table and leave them with a gift of gin and chocolate. (Ed: This is why we have safeguarding rules - just saying) [Picture 12]

Then it was on to Fiona Bull's Ball, suitably called the Ball-Bull... I still played Santa until the meal commenced and it was great when people were asking Vicky, where I was and the look on their face when they realised I was Santa... Fiona said, there may be another career waiting for me when I leave the Presidency.The Ball was great and very well organised by Derek Collie and Alice Watts. It was nice to get a Christmas pose with the other three Presidents. [Pictures 13, 14 & 15]

Finally it is my pleasure to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those who may be on their own, or may wish to just pop in and say, "Hello" I along with the other three President's will be holding an 'at home' for an hour at 11am on Christmas Day. It would be nice to see as many of you as possible: - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83586894018

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

Jim

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JIM CONWAY

PHOTOS FROM JIM'S PHOTO ALBUM









Picture 3





















Picture 5

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JIM CONWAY PHOTOS FROM JIM'S PHOTO ALBUM







Picture 14: Matt Fallon, RTBI President (& his partner)



Picture 15: Heather Parry, Tangent President

"Operation Christmas Purge"

We have teamed up with Ocado and are planning to distribute any perishables to foodbanks, soup kitchens and charities who feed those who are vulnerable at Christmas time. It is a side by side effort and if anybody wants to support this event on 24th December, please contact the following people, who will be co-ordinating for their nearest hub.

Erith – Martin Manuel – 07860 849 839 Bristol – Kevin Chard – 07917 467 748 Bicester – Jim Conway – 07798 949 339 Andover – Richard Dyson – 07753 851 172



A Reminder to all clubs re Capitation

[National Secretary, Bernard Elwen, recently emailed all club officers (who have emails listed on CAS) with the missive below, which is reproduced here "to be sure, to be sure" - Ed.]

To all Club Officers,

I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and New Year. I expect many of you will have been helping out on Father Christmas floats and other such activities.

This is the time of year when your club needs to ensure that all details are up to date on the Club Administration System (CAS) The system will prepare your capitation invoices on 1st January 2023, based on your club's declared numbers. The capitation for 2023 will remain at £14.50 for each declared member on your CAS database.

How to log into CAS and access the details for your club

- 1. Go to the 41 Club website link here: https://41club.org/
- 2. Click on CAS in the top right-hand corner
- 3. Enter your e-mail address, which should be the same one which is on your member record in CAS
- 4. Click on Send Secure Link
- 5. Go to your e-mail inbox, and await a message entitled Secure CAS Login
- 6. Open the message and click on the embedded link to access the details for your club
- 7. The CAS Welcome page should open up

Finding your Way Around CAS

You can see a welcome message on the screen, above which are six menu items. These are as follows:

- 1. Club. This shows the details we have about your club.
- 2. Members. This is a list of your registered members. Please ensure that all your members are listed. To do this, click on Register a New Member and input the relevant information about the member. Please also ensure that you remove any members who are no longer in your club. This is particularly important for deceased members, to prevent unwanted 41 Club material going to widows/surviving partners. Please also update the number of declared members, as this figure is used to calculate your subscription invoice.
- 3. Officers. This shows who is carrying out the officer roles in your club. To update, select the correct member from the drop-down list against each position, and then click on Update Officer Posts to confirm.
- 4. Capitation. This shows how much capitation your club has paid each year since 2013.
- 5. Transactions. This shows the dates of fees and payments.
- 6. Payment. This shows what your capitation is for the current year, and how to pay. There is a button Create new capitation invoice, which allows you to download a PDF and print off your own invoice.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. The new invoices will be uploaded as from 1st January 2023 and will supercede the 2022 ones.
- 2. We no longer send out separate invoices by e-mail each year as we once did. Since the introduction of the current CAS, it is the responsibility of each club to log into CAS, generate their invoice and arrange payment.

If you have any queries, please contact either your National Councillor or myself, secretary@41Club.org

Yours in Continued Friendship and Continued Tabling

Bernard Elwen
National Secretary



Costa del Sol 25th Charter

Marbella
Harbour Restaurant

Saturday
4th March 2023

Join Costa del Sol 41 Club to celebrate their 25th Charter

Top class entertainment:

Dave Lee sings Matt Munro

and Dean Martin

Tickets: 79 Euros
Includes:
Reception drink upon arrival
Live musical entertainment
Three course meal with wine
Pay bar
Dancing

Accommodation: The Amara Beach Club Hotel, Marbella around £132 one night two guest as per Hotel.Com (correct at time of publication)

Enquiries and bookings to Bob Sturgess: +44 7776 294832 Email: bob@abbey-group.co.uk



Timings:
Drinks reception 6-30pm
Dinner 7pm
Carriages at midnight

Dress code: Black Tie or Lounge Suits Club Regalia

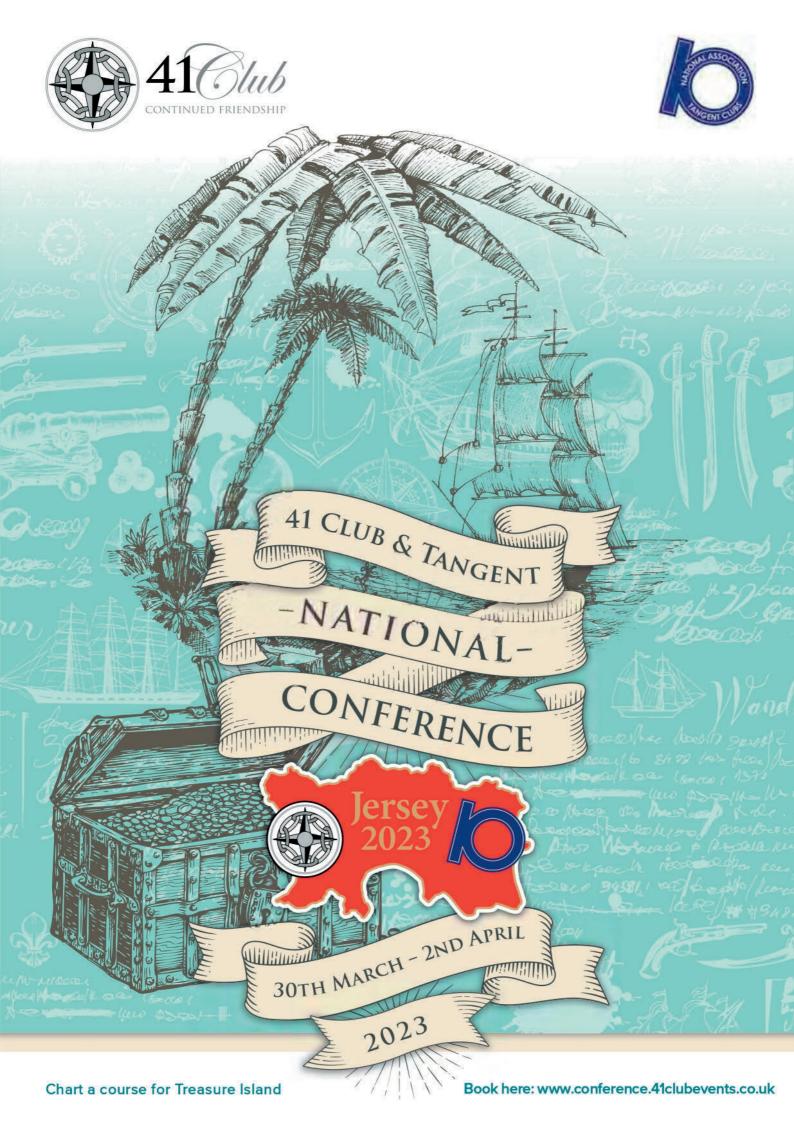


PER ENTRANT MAX OF 3 PHOTOS

ANY SUBJECT – HUMAN LDLIFE, SCENERY

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41 Club Photography Competition 2022





Steve James, National Vice President

I write my December report from the other side of the "pond" as Karen and I are on vacation. Prior to flying to the States, I attended the Isle of Man 41 Club 44th charter where the fellowship and banter was second to none. It was particularly great to see members of Rushen 41 Club in attendance because their Round Table no 1072 is in the same number club as my "mother" table Pontypridd and Rhondda and we were able to reminisce on previous number meetings.

I would like to thank my host for the weekend Robert Udy who gave me a tour of the Island and had done his homework on my passion for walking because he planned a delightful 8 mile walk on the Saturday.

Planning for the World Meeting in Stratford-upon-Avon is taking shape with the pre tour having sold out - we are now holding a reserve list as we look to increase capacity and package bookings are coming in at a steady pace.





With Christmas nearly upon us, this is a time for being with and remembering loved ones and myself and Karen would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

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For the latest update on the Ukraine Appeal look on Facebook and search for "Hilfe die Ankommt" (Help that Arrives)





41 INTERNATIONAL and Tangent Club International

WORLD MEETING

and Agora Club International's International Forum



Stratford-upon-Avon 11-14 May 2023 (Pre-Tour 9-11 May 2023)

For details see www.world-meeting.net



Main Events

3-DAY PACKAGE

£315.00

The 3 day package entitles the delegate to attend the Thursday evening Welcome Party, Friday Nations Night including transport and Saturday Gala Dinner plus lunch on the Saturday AGM or Forum.



MAIN EVENTS

2-day package

£280.00

The 2 day package entitles the delegate to attend the Friday Nations Night including transport, Saturday Gala Dinner plus lunch on the Saturday AGM or Forum.



Pre-Tour

PRE-TOUR

£230.00

The Pre-Tour is a three day visit to attractions and includes transport, venue admission and dinner on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Conference Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Stratford-upon-Avon

Don't miss it - you know it's going to be Amazing!





Nene 41ers - The Royal Raiding Party (or Digging for Dick)

Do you remember Scatter Nights in Round Table? Well, here's a "Reverse" Scatter. Recently Market Harborough 41 Club invited Mick McQuade from Leicester St. Martins 41 Club as a Speaker to their regular meeting as well as 41ers from neighbouring Clubs who joined the throng - the more the merrier.

It proved to be a fascinating event and a great evening of Fun and Fellowship so if you want a really well attended meeting with a "bit of a buzz" try it.

Here's the recollection of one of those neighbours from Northampton Nene 41 Club.

Nene 41ers - The Royal Raiding Party (or Digging for Dick)

Three Men from Nene travelled to join Market Harborough 41 Club at the Waterfront in Market Harborough. Their speaker evening was intriguingly entitled "The improbability of finding Richard III" and the subject was presented by Mick McQuade, current Chairman of Leicester St Martins 41 Club.

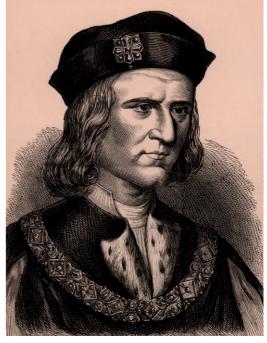
Ray Jones, President David Winter and Ken Banfield had arrived a little early which provided time to chat with the Market Harborough and Leicester 41ers as they drifted into the room. The meeting format and table layout was traditional which was a surprise as formal grace and announcements are not now part of Nene's usual meeting protocol but for a Speaker meeting however it seemed "proper". Fortunately, our President David upheld Nene standards having thought to bring his Jewel, which he proudly displayed about his neck. Then it was time for the main event.

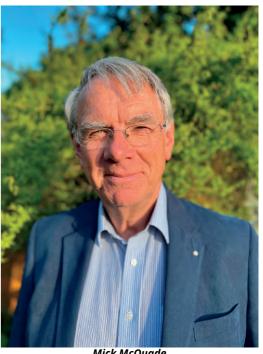
Our Speaker, sporting his own Jewel, took to his feet and with the aid of a projector and PowerPoint slides set the scene:

Richard III, the last Plantagenet King of England had been killed in battle and died on 22nd August 1485. Finding his mortal remains was the focus of Philippa Langley of the Richard III Society. She was spurred on in 1986 by a paper written by a local historian, David Baldwin. He suggested that King Richard's remains were still buried in Leicester in an area known as Greyfriars which had been the site of Franciscan Friary buildings. It was thought the King's remains would be at the East end of the now demolished church.

The site had been partially developed, but an area of what had been the original Friary site was now used for parking between modern buildings. An opportunity arose to conduct a dig but where to dig was the question? By superimposing old maps on the modern plans, a decision was made, and the dig commenced. To some degree they were digging blind, a certain amount of trial and error was involved but remarkably foundations of the Friary were located, and human remains were then also found.

The next part of the puzzle was to link the remains to the King. If any of you have watched the TV series 'A DNA Journey', you will be aware of just what miracles DNA can uncover. Researchers had located six living people with a lineage back to Richard III and DNA comparisons were made. This involved academic Professor Turi King from Leicester





University who appears on TV programmes. It was established that there was a DNA match. So, the exercise had not only located the correct burial site but had uncovered the actual remains of the late King Richard which was an astounding feat and totally improbable. The chances of doing so were considered so unlikely that the lead academic had said he would eat his hat if the King was found - which was his last act before formally closing the dig.

So, against all the odds the King's remains were found, exhumed and the royal remains were ultimately reinterred at Leicester Cathedral on 26 March 2015 with appropriate ceremony.

A very different (for us) 41 Night but really great to maintain the links with our neighbouring Clubs and to have a fascinating subject as

Digging for Dick - continued.....

s the reason to meet up. We have our own Speaker night in mind for January so we should now be well practised in how it should be done.

So, Thank You Market Harborough for inviting us and Thank You to Mick McQuade for his well delivered talk.

And Mick McQuade?

Current Chairman (for the third time!!) of Leicester St Martins 41 Club and Guide at Leicester Cathedral.

"In 2015, I was a Steward during King Richard's Reinterment process and part of the team that welcomed 20,000 visitors who queued to pay their respects during the Repose period - I attended two of the three services, Compline and The Reveal. I had already produced a written 'Visitors Guide' to the Cathedral, and It became clear to me that this unique historical event would bring many more visitors to the Cathedral and so, I added a few more pages to my 'Guide' to enable me to share little known points of interest with new visitors.

I believe that the odds against finding the mortal remains of King Richard III were equal to, or longer than, the odds of winning the National Lottery. If you would like to hear my account of beating the odds then I will be pleased to bring my story to your Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle or Tangent.

Leicester University have kindly allowed me to use some of their photographs taken during the dig on condition that I do not personally benefit from any financial gain from showing them, but they do allow me to use them to raise money for charity.

So, if you would like me to visit your group all that I ask is that you support my charity, The Bridge Homelessness to Hope in Leicester. I will cover my own travel expenses but if the distance to travel is over 50 miles, the offer of home hosting will be gratefully received".

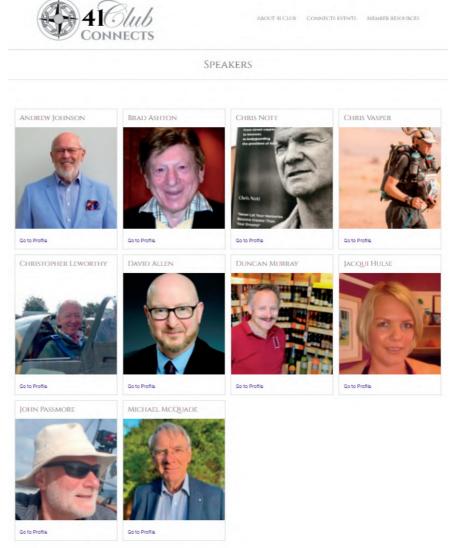
Speakers Directory

41 Club Connects has a Speakers Directory see https://41clubconnects.co.uk/speaker/

Ken Banfield Northampton Nene 41 Club and Mick McQuade Leicester St Martins 41 Club



David Winter wearing his gong!



"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...."

A NEW TABLE - Episode 936

Pwllheli Round Table 936 - Charter Night 1967

A great picture that was forward to us this week from a past Area 36 Chairman a certain Cyril Jones-Evans, those of very specific age group who were members of Round Table in the 70's will remember Cyril, from Pwllheli Round Table 936 well, as he was "Mr Area 36" along with others such as Allen G Jones Rhyl 352, John Kidd, Chester 76, and many others. In those far away days of the 70's there were over 1,600 members of Round Table in this area alone spread across 38 Tables and Area 36 covered from Chester 76 in the East to Holyhead 1032 in the West from Rhyl 352 in the North down to Welshpool 633 in the South.



These are the words that even after leaving Table in 1978 – Cyril took the time to write a few days ago.....

Always a mistake to ask CJE to say a few words, always ends up a saga – it's even better in Welsh we hear Cyril.....

A few weeks ago a brown envelope dropped through my letterbox containing a photograph and a note saying 'I thought you would like this' Like, yes indeed, it was a photograph of the Pwllheli Round Table Charter night some fifty-five years ago in 1967. Looking at those rows of familiar faces through that haze that obscures the memory as one gets older wondered how did I get involved with what can only be described as this unique once in lifetime experience. I think it was sometime during 1965 when I was approached to attend an exploratory meeting with the possibility of forming a Round Table Club at Pwllheli.

Some thirty of us gathered together under the auspices of Caernarfon Round Table 566, to break the ice we were asked to stand to introduce ourselves by name and occupation. Apart from being best man at my friend's wedding addressing an audience was hardly a task I relished. Nervous and with trepidation it was my turn ' Cyril Jones-Evans - Insurance Broker' never did I then think that in a few short years I would be standing in front of a vast number of enthusiastic rebels conducting an area meeting. That first meeting proved to be a success leading to a club being formed in Pwllheli and we chartered in 1967 This auspicious event was held at the Woodlands Hall Hotel attended by Tablers from near and far plus several local dignitaries.

The National President was represented by an abrasive Scotsman named David Atherton, and the toast to the new club was proposed by the local M.P Goronwy Roberts a minister at the Foreign Office. This particular function is also remembered to this day as 'The Atherton Clanger'. In his speech he mentions his introduction to our VIP guest at the reception - 'Tell me Mr Roberts as a member of the Foreign Office what do you think of the Vietnam position' the response being - 'Not much to be honest with you I prefer the way I'm doing it now' - A deathly silence fell on the room as we all witnessed the look of thunder on the minister's face, then he nodded and smiled and the room erupted, not in response to an inappropriate joke but in support of our invited guest's grace and humility. The faces of those in the photo, despite the passing years, are still familiar, some moved on and many have passed on.

Just another photograph to the uninvolved but to me it's like a tin of 'Quality Street' multiple varieties of enthusiastic young men laying that first milestone on the Round Table journey on the Llyn Peninsula.

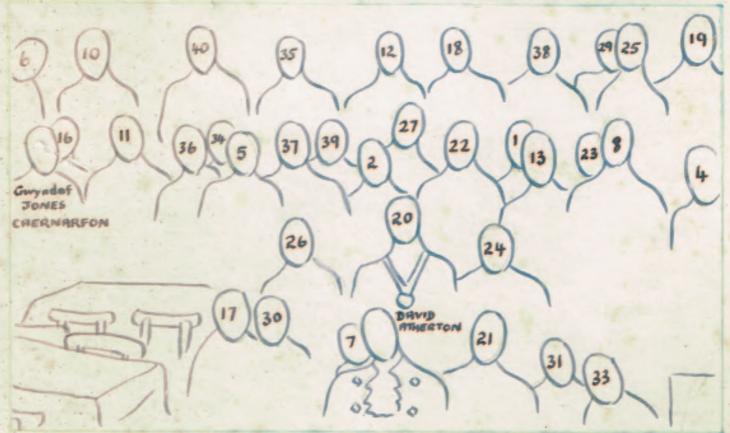
Personally, a ten-year journey of those halcyon days of fun, fellowship, and charity never to be replicated.

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PHOTO PAGE.



Some of the Happy Pullheli Tablers after their Charter Presentation at Woodlands Hall.



The numbers correspond with the List of Tablers on page 1.

Photo by Elfe



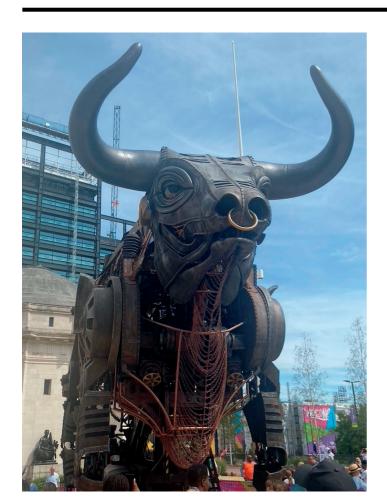
National Walking Weekend 2023 - Information

After 2 successful walking weekends, our 2023 National Walking weekend will be held in Alcester, Warwickshire. The event will take place on the weekend of the 7th to 9th July 2023.

Our hotel for the weekend will be the Kings Court Hotel on the outskirts of Alcester, where we have secured favourable rates for the weekend. We will have a private dining room in the hotel for our evening meal on Friday & Saturday Night.

We will use THE MILLENNIUM WAY as the basis for the walks over the weekend.

Further details and the booking pages are available on www.41clubevents.co.uk





The "Double Gloucester Rally" Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2023.

Clevedon 41 Club are delighted to invite you to the 2023 Classic Car Rally in Gloucester and the surrounding area.

Gloucestershire is one of England's most picturesque counties embracing the Cotswolds and the Vale of Evesham and the Wye Valley.

The Rally will be based at the **Robinswood Hotel and Spa** which is part of the **Best Western Signature collection**. The hotel is located just out of the City of Gloucester, in <u>it's</u> own grounds, but easily reached from Junction 12 of the M5 making it ideal for our needs. We will have our own, large, level, tarmacked parking area at the rear of the hotel with a capacity of around 100 cars exclusively for the entire weekend.



The hotel has a large indoor Swimming Pool, Gym, free WiFi, and for those wanting to pamper themselves even a Spa. It's a relatively modern hotel so all rooms are of a similar <u>size</u> and all come equipped as you would expect from the "signature" classification. We will have the exclusive use of the hotel's excellent function room on both evenings, which has <u>it's</u> own bar in the same facility, and this is all within the hotel itself for easy access.

TIMETABLE

Friday 2nd June.

The Rally Reception will be open in the hotel from 12noon and <u>a lunch</u> will be available on site for those who want to purchase it. The Welcome Party will be in the Merlot Suite where we can all meet up to meet to chat and enjoy a <u>three course</u> buffet meal.

Saturday 3rd June.

After breakfast meet your fellow Rally guests in the hotel car park to admire each others cars and prepare for todays run into the Cotswolds to enjoy the scenery and stop at interesting places for coffee and lunch. After lunch there will meet another scenic run back to the hotel with an optional tea stop enroute.

The Rally Dinner will again be in the Merlot Suite and will be a three course sit down meal with the presentation of awards and details of next year's <u>event...</u>

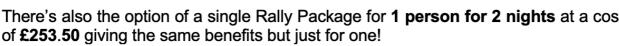
Sunday 4th June.

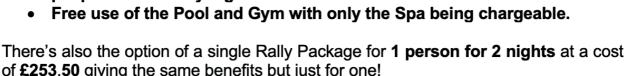
Breakfast over we will assemble in the hotel car park for another scenic run to a optional lunch stop after which you are free to leave for home, or return to the hotel where additional nights accommodation is available for those wanting to stay on to see more of this beautiful area.

Package and Costs.

We have negotiated a "Double Gloucester Rally" Accommodation Package with the Robinswood Hotel for 2 people for two nights at a cost of £307 in total which includes:

- A double room for Friday and Saturday night with breakfast on both mornings.
- A 3 course Hot Buffet meal for 2 people on Friday night.
- A 3 course Rally Dinner for 2 people on Saturday night.





Car Registration Costs.

You can enter your car for the 'Double Gloucester Rally' which will include a picture and profile of your 'pride and joy' in our Souvenir Rally Brochure at a cost of £35 and this also will include your commemorative Rally Plaque and rally stickers..

Please Note this package is only available until 3rd March 2023 and an allocation of rooms have been reserved for our use. However, after that date the rooms will be released, and the special Rally Accommodation Package price and the rooms may no longer be available so PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

Once you've booked your hotel package then please immediately enter your car for the "Double Gloucester" Classic Car Rally to do this please click on https://41clubevents.co.uk which will take you to the 41 Club Booking Site and the Rally Booking Form where you can enter and pay, all online.

Again, please do this **before 3rd March 2023** to give the Rally Team time to organise an "Motortastic Weekend" for you to enjoy. We will be in touch nearer the event to obtain a picture of your car and a brief description of its history for the Souvenir Rally Brochure.

If you have any questions or queries, then please contact me directly via email at terrycooper41club@gmail.com or call me on 07891 761599.

To book go to: https://classicrally.41clubevents.co.uk/



THE 2023 41 CLUB CLASSIC CAR RALLY Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June 2023

ROBINSWOOD HOTEL & SPA GLOUCESTER

Hotel: £307 per Double Room £253.50 per Single Room Book your hotel by calling 01452 874829 or 01452 525653 quoting '41Club Rally Accommodation Package'

Entry: £35 per car.

Book your car by clicking this link:

https://classicrally.41clubevents.co.uk/

For further information contact Terry Cooper on 07891 761599



Want to Tiddle on 24th to 26th March 2023?

Hi Tiddle is a Round Table (Area 45 Midland Shires) event that has been running for over 40 years. Why Hi Tiddle? Well, teams from Round Tables and 41 Clubs have to walk up a mountain to reach the "Tiddle Point", where they play tiddledywinks. And.....the Round Table/ 41 Club which tiddles the highest number of points gets to organise the following year's Hi Tiddle. But there is a bit more to the weekend which always attracts over 100 Tablers and 41ers – and there are as many 41ers as Tablers these days - as the details below show.

Hi Tiddle 2023

This year's Hi Tiddle is being organised by Market Harborough Round Table and Market Harborough 41 Club and we cordially invite you to join us in South Wales for Hi Tiddle 2023 on the weekend of 24th to 26th March. We are in the beautiful town of Caerleon, located just outside Newport on the scenic River Usk. Caerleon was originally founded as a Roman fortress and, in addition to the original amphitheatre, it today provides visitors with picture-postcard views, a fine range of pubs and restaurants, and easy access from the M4. What did the Romans ever do for us, eh?

Accommodation: Accommodation is at the Holiday Inn, Newport (which, despite the name, is helpfully located on the outskirts of Caerleon), and includes car parking, a full Welsh buffet breakfast, and complimentary use of the hotel's mini gym and swimming pool.

Itinerary: Following the time-honoured Tiddle format, once you arrive you are free to enjoy the pubs and restaurants of Caerleon on Friday afternoon / evening. As previous attendees will be aware, the coveted "Too Tiddled to Tiddle" award is traditionally earned by someone during this stage of the weekend.

On the Saturday morning, coaches will be available to whisk everyone off to the Black Mountains for the main event. Whilst we're keeping the full details under wraps for now, the walk will take you up an iconic peak offering (weather permitting!) glorious panoramic views across South Wales, the Brecon Beacons, and into south-west England. It will, of course, also culminate in a highly competitive game of bare-knuckle tiddlywinks.

Following the walk, we've secured the exclusive use of a fantastic venue in Abergavenny for your well-earned lunch and accompanying beverages. When we discovered on our first reconnaissance trip that the barman is the secretary of the local Round Table, we knew we were on to a winner!

On our return to the hotel, there will be a Black Tie three-course presentation dinner, including entertainment, special guests and (of course) the presentation of the usual highly contested Tiddle trophies. For anyone who hasn't yet exhausted their supply of stamina, the hotel bar will be available for drinks and more fellowship afterwards, to round off the evening.

Cost: The cost of the weekend, based on two people sharing a room, will be £199, which includes accommodation on Friday and Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, travel and lunch on Saturday, and dinner on Saturday evening.

We encourage you to share a room, in the interests of fellowship and to allow the maximum possible number of attendees to enjoy the weekend. However, a limited number of rooms are available on a single-occupancy basis, which will increase the price to £269 for the weekend. We expect these to go quicky so, if you would prefer a room to yourself, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tiddle Legacy: Although we've worked hard to keep the cost of the weekend as low as possible, we're conscious that times are tough at the moment. With this in mind, we'd like to encourage all 41 Clubs attending to subsidise their Round Table to the value of £199 (i.e. one ticket). This could be done either by paying for one particularly deserving Tabler, or by reducing the cost for all attendees from your Table. However you decide to do it, our hope is that seasoned 'Tiddlers' will do whatever they can to encourage the next generation to join us in Caerleon next March.

How Do You Book?

Simply go to our dedicated website https://www.hitiddle.co.uk download the booking form and email it to marketharborough41club@gmail.com Oh, and don't forget to pay for your thrilling weekend.

May the fun and fellowship of this very special event continue long into the future!

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41 INTERNATIONAL Nominations by Andy Ventress, National IRO

At the Annual General Meeting of 41 INTERNATIONAL a.s.b.l. which will be held in Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom, on 13 May 2023 there will be, amongst other things, the elections of (i) the International Vice-President for 2024-2025 and (ii) the International Secretary 2023-2026 as well as the votes on where (iii) the Annual General Meeting 2025 and (iv) the Half Year Meeting 2025 shall be held.

If your Association wishes to nominate a candidate for VP or Secretary, or even both, or wishes to stand for hosting the AGM 2025 or the HYM 2025, please make your wish known by sending an email to me, international@41club.org asking for the appropriate forms, to be sent to you. Please then return the forms to me at the same email.

The forms have to be received by the current International Secretary before 1st February 2023 (in the case of the VP, Rule 5(b)) or by 1st February 2023 (in the case of the Secretary, Rule 5(c)).

We invite you to also send your bids to host the AGM 2025 or the HYM 2025, or indeed any other motion may you wish to table, to the International Secretary by 1st February 2023.

Please bear in mind that under the current Rules a) nominations for VP will only be accepted from Associations who contribute the full basic fee to the budget (Rule 5(b)); b) bids to host the AGM 2025 will be accepted only from associations which contribute the full basic fee to the budget (Rule 9(a)); c) bids to host the HYM 2025 may also be presented from associations which contribute a discounted basic fee to the budget but such bids must in a first voting stage be cleared by a 75% majority at the AGM (Rule 9(d)). Please also take note that presenting a candidate for VP 2024-2025 does not automatically include a bid to host the 2025 AGM. If your association wishes to field a candidate for VP 2024-2025 and also host the 2025 AGM.



Volunteering at the Commonwealth Games

Summer 2022 saw the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and it was fantastic, all went well & the atmosphere in the city was amazing. Gail & I were so pleased to be a part of it, but back to the beginning....

In the autumn of 2021, Gail & I applied for roles as volunteers. The application form was more about skills and experiences, so of course our lives in the Round Table Family were mentioned. We then waited until November when we were both offered interviews. Apparently over 41,000 people had applied for 13,000 roles. The interviews varied, depending on the interviewer but in general they wanted to know about our experiences at work and also roles outside of this, so being part of 41 Club, the National Board & on a conference committee were important discussion points.

At the end of February, I was offered a role as a drugs chaperone at the NEC, which I happily accepted, although I wasn't sure what it would involve!! Everything went quiet for a while and Gail was trying not to be too disappointed that she hadn't been offered anything. However, in April, she was offered exactly the same role.

So much goes on behind the scenes and as well as on line training to be completed, there were also face to face sessions. Our uniforms arrived in early July and we joined the queue in town for alterations and to collect our accreditation passes, we were almost ready to start.

We were offered our shifts and able to adjust these slightly, but we had none together. Volunteers were requested to arrive by public transport at our venues and with our passes we were able to travel on the local buses and trains for free, so a bus into town and a train out to the NEC was the easiest route for us.

Our role started before the games when athletes were randomly selected for drug testing, we were given names, nationalities and sport so we could wander around the athlete's village trying to find them! Often a bit like finding a needle in a haystack but an interesting way to see how the athletes live in the run up to a major event. We were not allowed to ask their teammates where we might find them as this would warn them so they could stay hidden if they had something to hide so we just kept hunting. I spent 2 shifts searching for an athlete who hadn't even arrived!! When we found someone, we had to explain who we were and take them to the testing area, where we handed them over to the anti-doping team from ADUK (Anti-Doping UK). Some athletes were able to give their sample quickly but for those not wanting to drink too much water due to keeping their weight within fighting limits it could take many hours!

Once the Games started our role was within the arenas, we were either given an athlete to collect after their event or a medalist. We had access to most areas and watching the athletes in the warmup areas was intriguing, particularly the weightlifting, who knew there were so many tactics involved? When an athlete had completed their competition, we would approach and inform them that they were selected for testing, from that point they had to remain within our sight until taken to the testing area. On occasions this meant following discretely as they took part in the medal ceremony and went through media, which for well-known athletes could take up to 2 hours!!







Whether anyone we took for testing failed we don't know but it was great to be involved in keeping the Games clean.

We hope to volunteer for future events and would certainly recommend it to you as a way to be part of a major event.

Andy Ventress, Moseley 41 Club and National IRO



<u>Look Good Feel Better – the charity</u> <u>where the name says it all</u>

It's no secret that the statistics are frightening: one in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. In the UK alone, according to World Cancer Research Fund, 387,820 cases of cancer were diagnosed in 2019, and of these 200,386 were men.

Hearing the words: "I am sorry, you have cancer" can be devastating. Knowing where to turn for support at this very challenging time can seem impossible. However, there are a number of charities in the UK that are working hard to help:

Look Good Feel Better is one such a charity which provides much-needed assistance across the UK to help people combat the physical and psychological side-effects of their cancer treatment.

Look Good Feel Better runs workshops held by expert volunteers in hospitals and cancer care centres across the country, as well as on-line. Advice is given about changes to skin during treatment, eyebrows, eyelashes, hair and nails and how to improve body confidence. For men, practical, down-to-earth advice is offered on safe shaving, sun care and how to avoid scarring. Most importantly, the workshops also offer a relaxing environment for men to socialise, make friends and talk to others facing similar issues.

Bob R. who recently attended a workshop says: "It's not easy for us guys to talk about skincare issues or to adopt any kind of routine. Advice is scarce and, as with all things cancer, it doesn't always meet the need. It is great to see that support for men living with cancer

is available in this way.

"It was just such a confidence boost being surrounded by people in the same situation, albeit at different stages of their treatment, and to be able to talk, ask questions and share ideas. There was a real sense of camaraderie".

The charity has also recently introduced virtual Gentle Exercise
Classes to help reduce feelings of isolation and anxiety. People who
attend the workshops agree that they feel less isolated, by feeling
included and part of a group. As a result, their confidence and a sense of
well-being grows at this particularly traumatic time.

Trustee's recently appointed a new CEO to lead the charity through an exciting period of growth which will see its income and consequently the number of beneficiaries supported double in the next 2-3 years. The charity recognises that demand for its services will continue to increase year on year and is committed to a long-term growth strategy that will enable it to significantly upscale the number of beneficiaries receiving support.

If you want to find out more, or you know someone who might benefit from the workshops, or for ideas how to get involved, please visit

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Description of Offer

25% off annual membership

Method of Redemption

Please contact Kelly Clarke on fellowship@41club.org who will provide the code and details of how to redeem the offer

Validity Date

Now to 1st March 2023

T&C's

This 25%-off offer is not available on monthly Direct Debits, Life Memberships or renewals. New customers only. Restrictions may apply. Subject to availability. Cannot be applied to tickets already purchased.



An Invitation from RTBI for our members to join with theirs in on-line mental health events

Part of the Campaign Against Living Miserably

RTBI advises - The dates are finalised and they will be hosting events on the following dates and links.

We hope they prove beneficial to all of our Members who are able to attend the sessions.

18th January 2023 19:30 - 20:15

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/pdd-tfjw-kda

22nd March 2023 19:30 - 20:15

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/pdd-tfjw-kda

We hope to see you there.

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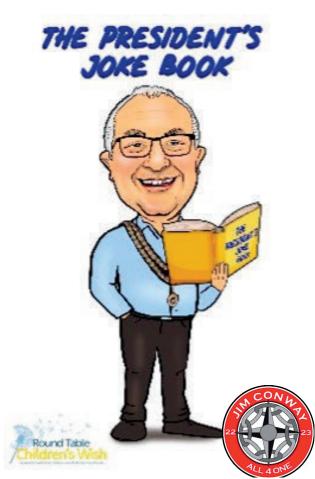
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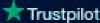






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