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The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of
Great Britain and Ireland



41 Club NEWSLETTER

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Round Table Family



Barry Joins the Xmas Convoy

41 INTERNATIONAL Vice President Barry Durman
shares his Diary of an amazing trip

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February Already

I am fast forwarding to the end of my Term as your National Comms & I.T. Officer, and will only have the March Newsletter and the Spring issue of the 41 Club Magazine (currently going to press) before David Chard takes over. As you will have read in the January Newsletter, there is one contested post at this year's AGM in Jersey - that of National Vice President, which has two candidates standing - your's truly, and Wynn Parry, the current NCLO. You will see both our 300-words max write-ups on pages 6 and 7 along with the write-ups of Kevin Stewart (your incoming National IRO (on page 8)) and David Chard (your incoming National Comms & I.T. Officer (on page 9)) as they were the only nominees for those positions, they were elected unopposed.

The Stranraer National Sports & Social Weekend is being launched in this Newsletter. Good luck to Kevin and Colin - it looks like it will be a full-on Tabling Experience. Do book in and support them. The NSSW Flyer is included on page 21, so you shouldn't be able to claim you can't find it (although that might be true of Stranraer itself).

We also have details of Harpenden's Charter on page 17.

Club news features in the Membership Officer's Report and in the article on Redditch 41 Club on page 14 - from whence I lifted the Viking Axe Throwers photo above! Great job guys - glad your club is growing so well.

Our Cover photo is from Barry Durman's Diary of his Christmas Convoy trip to eastern Europe, which you can read on pages 11 & 12. Well done Barry. You can follow more of Barry's at :-

<https://barrysinternationalblog.blogspot.com/>

41 INTERNATIONAL News, the newsletter of 41 INTERNATIONAL, is out for February (you can find it on www.41club.org) but I have lifted several reports directly from it for this newsletter to give it as much publicity as possible so hat tip to Ray Hill, its editor.

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

Isis 41 Club: A fabulous night with Isis 41 Club. It was a joy to listen to Past President Rodney Huggins MBE reminisce about Round Table when numbers were up at 33,000 plus. The election process, the logistics of putting on a conference for over 6,000 delegates and International travels. A big thank you to Jeff Peyton-Bruhl for hosting me...



Jersey Zoom 41 Club Board Meeting/Moseley Burns Night: After a hard day working on how to enhance 41 Club and prepare for the AGM, it was great to kick back and enjoy the company of Moseley 41 Club at a superb Burns night organised by Chairman Peter Hunt.



Samaritans: I popped into Marchesi House to support Brew Monday with Fiona Bull, Alan Collins and Emma Cartland, before the long drive up to Norwich.



Forecasting Night: A fabulous night at the Wensum & Yare 41 Club Forecast Meeting. Predictions made for the next year, just a matter of turning up next January and finding out how we have done. Congratulations to the Pre Covid winner Mark Older who told me he did better breakfasts than my host, Stuart Bizley! Amazing night hosted by Stewart Hull and another kind donation by way of raffle to my charity RTCW. I even managed to Nick the Chairman's, gavel and block... Once again, banged too loud and too often, threatening my glass of wine to topple over with the reverberations.

Oxford 41 Club: A great night at a Oxford 41 Club on Wednesday night. A casual evening, having a drink, enjoying a bar meal and catching up with the guys after attending a very successful fireworks display in November.

Tettenhall 60th Charter: Another great night at the joint Tettenhall & District Table and 41 Club Charter. Celebrating 65 and 60 years respectively. As a lad, I used to go down to support Brentford, return to Hanwell where I lived on the 65 Bus and wait for the Evening Standard Classified to be delivered to the Newsagents and read the first division football reports about my heroes on the back pages. Fast forward 50 odd years and it was a pleasure to enjoy the company of John Richards of Wolves fame and Steve Daley, who must be the funniest after dinner speaker on the circuit. A night that will stick long in the memory.



Deeside XRT: I attended Alyn & Deeside XRT's visit to a Cookery School evening organised by one of their members, Danny Burke who owns Olive Tree Catering in Runcorn. 15 people, divided into 3 teams had 2.5 hours to prep & cook the menu, from scratch. Quite simply, the best meal I have ever had at a Round Table Family event, Full Stop! Sometimes we have the resources within our clubs to produce memorable nights, why not look inwards to see what can be achieved?



LOTS Ladies Night: Superb venue with a roof garden offering incredible views of St Paul's Cathedral, great food and an impromptu conga. Another well organised events by the London Old Tabler's.

Solihull Central 41 Club Charter: As President, there is only one thing better than inducting a new member and that is chartering a new club. A brilliant night put together by the talented Brad Parkes with an excellent speaker in Peter Edge. I am absolutely delighted to introduce Solihull Central 41 Club as the latest club to join the Round Table Family.

President's Report continued....

Christchurch 41 Club Burns Night: A very special night, which I had been told would be amazing and it certainly was. The staff were so attentive, the haggis was probably the best I have ever had. Great to see Chairman John, National Councillor Richard Dyson and Bournemouth Chairman Stuart. Also great to have International Vice President Barry Durman there too. Many thanks to Trevor, the host with the most. On the journey, Barry spoke of the 'Top Ten' events that was mooted a few years ago. These are annual events, where people come from far and wide to attend. This has to go in there as one of those nights. I will reveal who the successful events are in my next newsletter. Can you come up with an event to oust the ones I will announce next month?



Exeter Burns Night: Two nights, two Burns Nights. It is a good job I love Haggis! An entertaining whiskey tasting quiz, wonderfully hosted by Exeter 41 Club. Great to catch up with Past President Keith Howard and meet Chairman Ross Cocking. A big shout out to David Joe Williams for making the hour and a half drive down from Ilfracombe to meet up.



Region 8 Rally: For longer than I can remember I have been invited to the Area 8 rally. This year I put it in the diary and booked in and had no regrets. Mike Orme and his team absolutely nailed it with a brilliant weekend with good food, a superb venue, but most of all, 1st rate fellowship. As Arnold Schwarzenegger would say, "I'll be back..."



International Zoom: An evening Zoom call between the International Board and the GB&I Board was a wonderful way to keep the links alive, without travel costs and reducing our carbon footprint. This year the International Board aim to connect with every board member in each country affiliated...



**Yours in Continued Friendship
& Continued Tabling,**

Jim



The Young Ambassadors Programme for 2023 is now finalised.

There are eight tours this year and they are open to the children of 41 Club members or ex Round Tablers and they must be between 18-25 years old.

Closing date for applications is the 15th March and successful applicants will be notified by the 31st March.

Name of Tour	Duration	Seats	Dates
INDIA SOUTH TOUR	21 nights	12	16.07.2023 – 06.08.2023
INDIA NORTH TOUR	21 nights	12	23.07.2023 – 13.08.2023
EUROPE SOUTH TOUR	21 nights	12	11.06.2023 – 02.07.2023
EUROPE NORTH TOUR	21 nights	12	12.06.2023 – 03.07.2023
EUROPE MID TOUR	17 nights	8	22.06.2023 – 09.07.2023
SOUTH AFRICA TOUR	16 nights	15	19.08.2023 – 03.09.2023
CYPRUS TOUR	10 nights	4	07.07.2023 – 16.07.2023
GB&I TOUR	14 nights	12	16.07.2023 – 30.07.2023

For more details on the tours [CLICK HERE](#). For a full list of candidate requirements, the selection method and how to apply [CLICK HERE](#)

The "YAP" seeks to promote exchange visits of youngsters whose parents are affiliated to Club 41 International. The Young Ambassador Programme is delivered by YAP-Famex e. V. and supported by Club 41 International and its national member associations.

Candidate For National Vice President



Don Mullane London Old Tablers' Society

*Brief details of when you joined Round Table and 41 Club,
and any offices held within either organisation.*

FROM	TO	ROLE
1989	2009	Round Tabler in Beckenham 104, Chester 76, City of London 13
1999	2000	Area 26 Vice Chairman
2000	2001	Area 26 Chairman
2001	2003	National Councillor Area 26 RTBI
2002	2005	Area Secretary, Area 26 RTBI
2003	2004	Secretary, City of London RT13
2004	2005	ReFounding Chairman City of London RT13
1998	1999	Chairman Beckenham 104
2012	2013	Chairman London Old Tablers' Society
2018	2019	Chairman European Capitals Meeting 2019
2019	2023	National Comms & I.T. Officer

Once a Tabler always a Tabler. I am continuing the journey started by my fellow LOTS member, John Shuter, in 1945. It isn't about accepting the status quo, it's about moving the Association and its members forward and about bringing Round Tablers with us, because our journey today is their journey tomorrow – it's about adopting, adapting and improving the best ideas for all our tomorrows.

“May you live in interesting times”, and these are certainly interesting times. 41 Club is experiencing a profound demographic shift with our members living longer and quality of life is improving too. The secret to the ongoing life and vibrancy of 41 Club is ultimately linked to the vibrancy of Round Table.

Whilst Round Table numbers have declined to levels unfamiliar to our generation, there's no reason why it shouldn't grow again in the future. The secret to our longevity as an association is to work side-by-side with Table to help make it as attractive to new recruits as it was to us when we joined.

I have great connections across the Round Table Family being the Re-Founding Chairman of City of London Round Table and count the incoming President, Secretary of RTBI and a candidate for Vice, as friends.

Additionally, if I am elected as your Vice President, my PLC contains a mix of Past Round Table Presidents and with Gill Preston as Tangent Liaison I will ensure I work side-by-side with all members of the Round Table Family.

Other: In addition to communicating with you on a regular basis; I am a Scout Leader and, despite my age, a Breast Cancer widower. I marshalled at Covid vaccination clinics and served as a Volunteer Vaccinator with St John's Ambulance.

Candidate For National Vice President

Wynn Parry ShIPLEY 41 Club

Brief details of when you joined Round Table and 41 Club,
and any offices held within either organisation.



FROM	TO	ROLE
		Round Table – Baildon – many or all posts held officer roles are below
1990	1991	Secretary
1992	1993	Chairman
1998	1998	Chairman
2009	2010	President
		Round Table – Area 32 Yorkshire Dales many or all posts on Area Exec held officer roles are below
1996	1997	Treasurer
1999	2000	Chairman
2000	2001	National Councillor on Sports & Social Committee
2009	2010	President
		Round Table National
1991	1993	Chairman National Sporting Weekend Leeds 1993
		41 Club - local
2011	2012	Chairman – Baildon 41 Club
2019	2022	Chairman White Rose Dinner Committee
2022	2023	Chairman – Shipley 41 Club
		41 Club - National
2019	2023	National Councillor Region 6
2022	2023	National Councillors Liaison Officer

I am a proud and passionate member of three 41 Club's, supporting not only 41 Club but all the Associations of the Round Table Family.

I am privileged to have been given the opportunity as a member to visit many clubs both locally, nationally and internationally. These opportunities have provided me with many unforgettable experiences, which I have embraced and learnt from. These experiences have allowed me to support and enhance my local community, given me the chance to meet new people and develop lifelong friendships.

The last few years have been unprecedented times, providing challenges for all member Associations, we must reach out to all our members to ensure that they are supported. Engagement with all members is key to reviewing, stabilising and then enabling our Association to grow.

My goal is to continue developing opportunities for us all to enjoy each other's company, allow us to expand our horizons and support each other with cluster meetings, Regional and National events or dinners.

For the past 4 years, I have been honoured to represent the membership of Region 6, as their National Councillor, this year I was elected by my fellow Councillors to represent them at Board meetings in the role of National Council Liaison Officer.

Helen Keller is quoted as saying "Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much". I will attend any club or event that I am invited to, listen to your ideas and opinions, take them to the National Council to enhance the Association for all members. Working together we can improve our great Association, allowing it to grow whilst preserving its unique place in our society.

I sincerely thank you for taking the time to read and consider my nomination for your National Vice President.

Your New National I.R.O.



Kevin Stewart Edinburgh Capital 41 Club

Brief details of when you joined Round Table and 41 Club,
and any offices held within either organisation.

FROM	TO	ROLE
2021	-----	Chairman NSSW 2023 Stranraer
2019	-----	Edinburgh Capital 55 / Vice Chair
2017	2021	Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club / Reg 2 Rep / Int & Fellowship
2010	2017	Falkirk RT – Region 3 Rep / Int. Committee
2007	2010	Thornton Clevely RT / Chair / NSW 2010 H+S Officer
2000	2007	City of Edinburgh RT / Area 39 Chair, Chair City of Edinburgh
1998	2000	Wimbledon RT

My first taste of international Tabling happened very quickly after joining Wimbledon Round Table in 1998. Before I knew what I was letting myself in for I was on a plane to Brussels and my first ever European numbers meeting. Suffice to say that weekend was an eye-opener and since then I've not looked back as I have managed to travel all over the world in my time in 41 Club and Round Table. Making friends for life, experiencing different cultures and foods (HYM Morocco 2018 a case in point!) are memories to be treasured for ever.

These reasons above are the main drivers for why I am standing for the post of IRO. I have a passion for international 41 and would love to see more 41 Clubs take the opportunity now that the world is opening up again, to experience the international aspect of the 41 Club family. With GB&I having the international presidency and hosting the 41 Club International AGM in 2023, this is time to take full advantage and get more clubs involved.

My aims whilst in post are to encourage clubs to twin with a club abroad and to be the point of contact for facilitating contacts between ourselves and clubs abroad. I will of course represent GB&I at the HYM and ½-yearly international meetings and other international AGMs, bring back best practice and act as first point of contact for overseas visitors.

I am looking forward to seeing a YAP tour of the UK come to fruition this year and to continue tours every year and also making sure that we have participants on YAP tours being offered abroad.

I am very excited to be representing GB&I as IRO, it would be great to see new and old faces accompany me on my travels.

Your New National Comms & I.T. Officer



David Chard Reading Valley 41 Club

Brief details of when you joined Round Table and 41 Club,
and any offices held within either organisation.

FROM	TO	ROLE
1984	1993	Member of Reading Valley Round Table 830
1985	1986	Secretary Reading Valley RT
1987	1988	Chairman Reading Valley RT
1989	1990	Area 25 Exec - social and comms
1991	1992	Chairman Area 25 Thames Valley RT
1990	1992	RT National Councillor (2years)
1993		Joined Reading Valley Veterans 41 club
1993	1994	Chairman of RTBI National President's PLC
1995	1996	President of Reading Valley RT 830 and again in 2001-2002
2002	2003	Chairman of Reading Valley Veterans 41 club
2004	2005	Area President Region 25 RT Thames Valley
Oct 2018	April 2023	41 Club National Councillor Region 20 (4years) on Fellowship & Finance committees

I am a member of Reading Valley, ISIS and Andy Pandy's 41 clubs and for the past 4 years I have been National Councillor for Region 20, Thames Valley.

Comms and IT have a key role in the development and efficiency of the Association. Each of the areas within the role depend on one another. If communication is the lifeblood, IT is the function enabling both communication and management systems. Both are equally dependent on each other and essential to the day to day-to-day operation, development and growth of the clubs.

Communication has to be a 2-way street, National Council to the members and visa versa. There has to be interaction and understanding of members requirements, views, shared successes and reviewing of disappointments. All are dependent on clear communication being available and being in regular contact.

We should review our current arrangements and update our website to become more dynamic, easy to use and view, providing all the services required by members, including updates on future events at both national and club level.

Continuing with the magazine and newsletters but also considering improvements and analysing how we deliver these to you the members, through all delivery channels.

IT in this changing world has to deliver the above, and above and be aware of opportunities to improve. I believe we need 2 committees, one for Communication and the other IT; working jointly to produce a 3 year plan. This has to be fully costed with all alternatives being investigated, including providers and systems, and new opportunities such as, an app with links to club finder.

Identifying your needs and working with the Board, National Council, and National Council committees, delivering what you and your clubs want, by listening and obtaining your views, thus ensuring we can move forward positively with confidence.



Barry Durman's Diary of Joining the German Round Table Family Christmas Parcels Convoy

41 INTERNATIONAL Vice-President Barry Durman joined the great German Round Table Family Christmas Parcels convoy taking gifts to children in Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland and of course Ukraine. He joined up with the team in Hanau meeting up with old friends and many new ones. Amongst many others met up with Bob Parton and Gisela. Bob is the oldest person on the trip (I'm sure he won't mind me saying it) but he has been on the convoys for many years.

This is Barry's diary.

Day 1: 2nd December. This is a huge enterprise and this year we have collected 132,606 parcels which have been split into 30 lorries with 12 coaches full with around 230 helpers, elves and santas mostly from the Round Table family.

I am on the trip to Moldova, which I have been on before, and we have 3 coaches, 67 people, 7 lorries and around 30,000 parcels. The day before we set off we all met for a pre-tour party and a briefing, under the guidance of the wonderful CEO of the Weihnachtspakchenkonvoi (WPK for short), Steffie Hahl.

Day 2: 3rd December. We're off! First stop was Passau in Southern Germany where the local Ladies Circle had prepared a well needed meal for us. Soon we were off again facing an over-night journey via Austria, Hungary and into Romania. The journey nearly ended that night as we had left all our passports at passport control but fortunately the last lorry in the convoy picked them all up for us. Weather is a bit bleak with a temperature of around 3 degrees but not much different from home.

Day 3: 4th December. Not a lot of sleep overnight on the coach. Mixture of excitement and all wanting to talk to other helpers. Arrived in Romania and after several "pit stops" had a restaurant meal with wine near Brasov, where I met up with old friend Jianu Aurel. Great to have a catch up with him. Not far to Moldova now.

Day 4: 5th December. Arrived in Moldova at 6am and managed to get a couple of hours sleep in a bed. I'm rooming with Rolf Scheifele who is great company. Soon we are back out to meet up with the media and the Government Minister in charge of schools and social welfare. Some very good and welcoming speeches and lots of media attention Particularly for the three of us who look like Santa. Me, Santa Bob and Santa Rolf. The rest of the day we spent splitting up the convoy with 10,000 parcels transferred from two of our lorries to two other lorries who are bound for Odessa in Ukraine. It's really rewarding to be part of this bit with so many parcels ending up in the hands of Ukrainian children. After all our work during the day it was back to the hotel for the night, but not before a Kazak meal out together.



Barry's Convoy Diary *continued.....*

Day 5: 6th December. Today is our first day delivering parcels. 8 of us travelled in a mini-bus for a couple of hours south to Comrat, which is not too far from the Ukrainian border. We delivered parcels to 3 schools. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of the children as we handed out the parcels. Some parents came out with papers saying they had children although we never saw them! A bit chaotic as some of the time we were handing out parcels from the back of the lorry in the streets. We were housed in a nice hotel with good food and a bit of time to enjoy the fellowship.

Day 6: 7th December. Today was much better organised and very busy. We visited 7 schools and kindergartens, many out in remote areas, and were able to hand out parcels and in some instances watch them open their presents. Once we got within 5km of Ukraine. The schools all did some entertainment for us with singing and dancing and we were able to join in singing Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. What a wonderful day. Our final visit to a kindergarten finishing at 5-30pm before travelling for 2 hours over very rough roads back to the capital, Chisinau, and the hotel.

Day 7: 8th December. Throughout my time in Moldova our trips to schools have been organised by Moldova Round Table and friends and in particular Nikolai, who has been with us all the time. He has organised how many parcels should be delivered at each point and the timings of our visits. He has done a wonderful job and it just proves that Round Table and its family members are of the same mentality wherever you are in the World, selfless and prepared to give time to help others whilst at the same time always up for fun and fellowship. Today we travelled south of Chisinau to deliver our remaining parcels to a number of schools and kindergartens. Once again we were able to witness some of the difficulties these families have in many areas of deprivation. The smiles though told us the picture of the warmth they showed us for what in reality is a very small, but much appreciated gesture.

Day 8: 9th December. Our job is finished, we have started our journey back home and it is time for a bit of reflection. This is the 4th time I have been on this trip and each year it gets more amazing. Steffie, the CEO, and her team alongside the many volunteers on the ground from the Round Table family put together a brilliant logistics operation. The number of parcels to collate and package, the number of vehicles both for the parcels and the helpers, the various visa requirements for travel through the different countries, the local organisation for hotels and in particular with the schools and kindergartens. Local Tablers and Rotary clubs in Moldova, Romania and elsewhere have helped with much of the local organisation. The bulk of the work of Round Table has been through the family organisation in Germany. We have a lot to thank them all for. I leave Moldova with fond memories of the school visits, the children and in particular the disabled and disadvantaged, the warmth of their reception and the many friends I have known or met before and the number of new friends I have met this time.

It makes me proud to be involved, it makes me proud to have been a member of Round Table and subsequently 41 Club and it makes me very humble to be the Vice-President of 41 INTERNATIONAL.



[Click here for Barry's International Blog](#)



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NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

**Sunday 24th & Monday 25th
September 2023**

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Membership Officer's Report

Share your Club programme ideas with other Clubs! There is a lot of membership activity taking place across the Association in the year ahead as we continue to progress the 'R&R' strategy – Recruit & Retain.

Does your club have a great programme for the coming months? If so, why not share with others? I receive lots of requests from Clubs who are looking for new ideas for their own programmes and want to hear from other Clubs.

Please share what you do by sending it to me at membership@41club.org and I will add to the 41 Club website.

Latest membership numbers and email addresses

The total number of 41 club members as at December was 12,708 though this includes 348 duplicate memberships (members of more than one Club). This means that the total number of unique members as 12,360.

Of these members however, nearly 2,000 (or 18%) do not have any email addresses. Though members may receive the printed magazines, how can members with no email addresses registered find out what's happening across the Association? Please can all Clubs ensure that their members emails are kept up to date on the Club Administration System CAS.

Peter McBride

41 Club National Membership Officer & Round Table Liaison Officer

Friend ➡ Guest ➡ Invited Member ➡ Club Chairman

Gerard Dufficy is Chairman of Shirley Late Knights (SLK) 41 Club. Nothing newsworthy about that you may say - but at the start of the 41 Club year, Gerard was a mere guest. I spoke to Gerard about what he thought about his transition to Club Chairman.

"Hi Gerard - what is your background and how come you never joined Round Table?"

"Well, when my wife joined Shirley Ladies Circle around 13 years ago, I was 47 years old so too old to join Round Table and not able to join 41 Club as I'd never been in Table."

"Were you aware of 41 Club?"

"Yes, by association through my wife's membership of Ladies Circle and later, of Tangent. I became a friend of a couple of members and eventually attended a few 41 Club meetings but only as a guest."

"How did it feel being a guest, rather than a full member?"

"Well, the SLK members always made me feel welcome, but I knew that as a guest or honorary, I would never be able to be chosen to be Chairman and 'sit on the top table' as it were. I wasn't too upset about this but knew that I wouldn't be able to be a fully-fledged 41 Club member, which I guess was a shame".

"So, when the membership rules were changed in April this year at the AGM in Cardiff to allow non-Tablers to join and become full members, what was the Club's reaction?"

"The members were great – and it was good to know that I would also be able to become a full member of 41 Club, following the change of rules. What was more of a surprise was that the Club decided after a while to nominate me to become their Chairman, now that I would be a full member. It's allowed me to become something I never expected to be – Chairman of my 41 Club".

"I have really appreciated the fellowship of SLK members and seen how the whole Round Table family has helped and supported each other – a particular example was when one of our members sadly lost his wife. The Club members have been as brothers for each other."

"What would you say to anyone who is considering joining 41 Club but has never been in Round Table?"

"Just do it! I would encourage anyone who wants a bit more friendship or a bit more fellowship but who missed out on being a member of Round Table to try and reach out to a local 41 Club – they will be very welcoming and it will give you a different outlook on life."

I am now chatting to a brand new chap who may be interested in joining SLK 41 Club but who has never been in Round Table. He's recently enjoyed coming on a brewery trip with us – hopefully he will end up joining as a full member".

"Many thanks for sharing your experience, Gerard."

Do you have a similar story about Invited Members within YOUR 41 Club that you could share with others?

If so, please contact Peter McBride at membership@41club.org.



Redditch 41 Club – “A Round Table for 45 Year Olds”

By Andy Waring, National Councillor, Region 15 - Heart of England

It all started in 2016 when fellow Redditch Round Tablers Lee Bevan and Andy Smith started talking on a school run together about life after Table - they were both getting to THAT age.

Redditch 41 Club had folded in the 1970s and the question was “What are we going to do when we leave Round Table?”

So, the 2 of them began their quest to reform Redditch 41 Club. They quickly found 4 other lost souls and talked to Barry Durman, then National Vice President, and Tom Atkins who at the time was Regional Councillor for Region 15, Heart of England, about what they needed to do to reaffiliate. By the time they got to their Charter Night in May 2016, they had 10 members with Andy as their Founder Chairman and Lee following on the year after. In fact, their enthusiasm was so infectious that Barry also decided to become a member and still is to this day.

From the outset, 41 Club aimed to make themselves attractive to Tablers and ensure that Tablers were comfortable coming through to 41 Club. The best way to do this they have found is to make sure that Tablers join 41 Club before they leave Table because if they try to bring them in afterwards that link would already be broken.

And have they been successful?

Well, Redditch 41 Club now has 23 members helped particularly by recent Round Table Chairmen joining as full members after their Honorary Year in 41 Club and before they left Table.

This also includes 3 members who were too late to join Round Table but who have Wives/Partners in Ladies Circle or Tangent and were able to join under the new invited rule and this has been a great benefit to the Club.

Ladies Circle has also been reformed by the wives and partners of Tablers and 41ers and Tangent has just been reformed. With Redditch Round Table also being strong and Lee currently President of Round Table, we now have a very vibrant Round Table Family in Redditch. Socially, all 4 Clubs in the Round Table Family share the same Social Calendar, so a social event every month is easy to organise, ensuring close links are developed and maintained.

And how have they done it?

41 Club aim to do stuff – that means doing something every month with an individual member taking responsibility for organising each month’s event. Amongst the many events they have held recently have been go karting, rifle shooting, and skittles and believe it or not, an axe throwing competition!!

And getting involved in and supporting Round Table in their fund raising with over £15,000 raised from the last Santa run and helping Pudsey raise money for Children in Need.

And what’s the message?

It just shows what a bit of enthusiasm and “owning the problem” can do.

And where a 41 Club has other Round Table Family Clubs, working side-by-side really creates a Family feel.

All credit to Redditch 41 Club who in 7 years have gone from not existing at all to having 23 members, a strong Round Table, and reformed Ladies Circle and Tangent Clubs. A major success story.





FRIDAY 10th MARCH
7-30 for 8-00pm
Harpenden Common Golf Club
Cravells Rd.
East Common
AL5 1LB

You are invited to join the Chairman and Members of Harpenden 41 Club to celebrate their twice postponed 55th (and 3ish!) Charter Night

Guest of Honour
Jim Conway
National President
The Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland

Guest Speaker
Gerard O'Herlihy
Past National National President of RTBI ,
Past International President of Round Table 1994-5

A programme of favourite musical items to entertain, presented by
The Hemel Hempstead Silver Band

3 course dinner with wine
Traditional Commemorative Gift
Charity Raffle
Dress Code , Black Tie and Jewels
Cost : £45

Bookings , dietary requirements and any further details, please contact
Tom Abbott
toms.abbott@btinternet.com
Mobile 07876610205



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

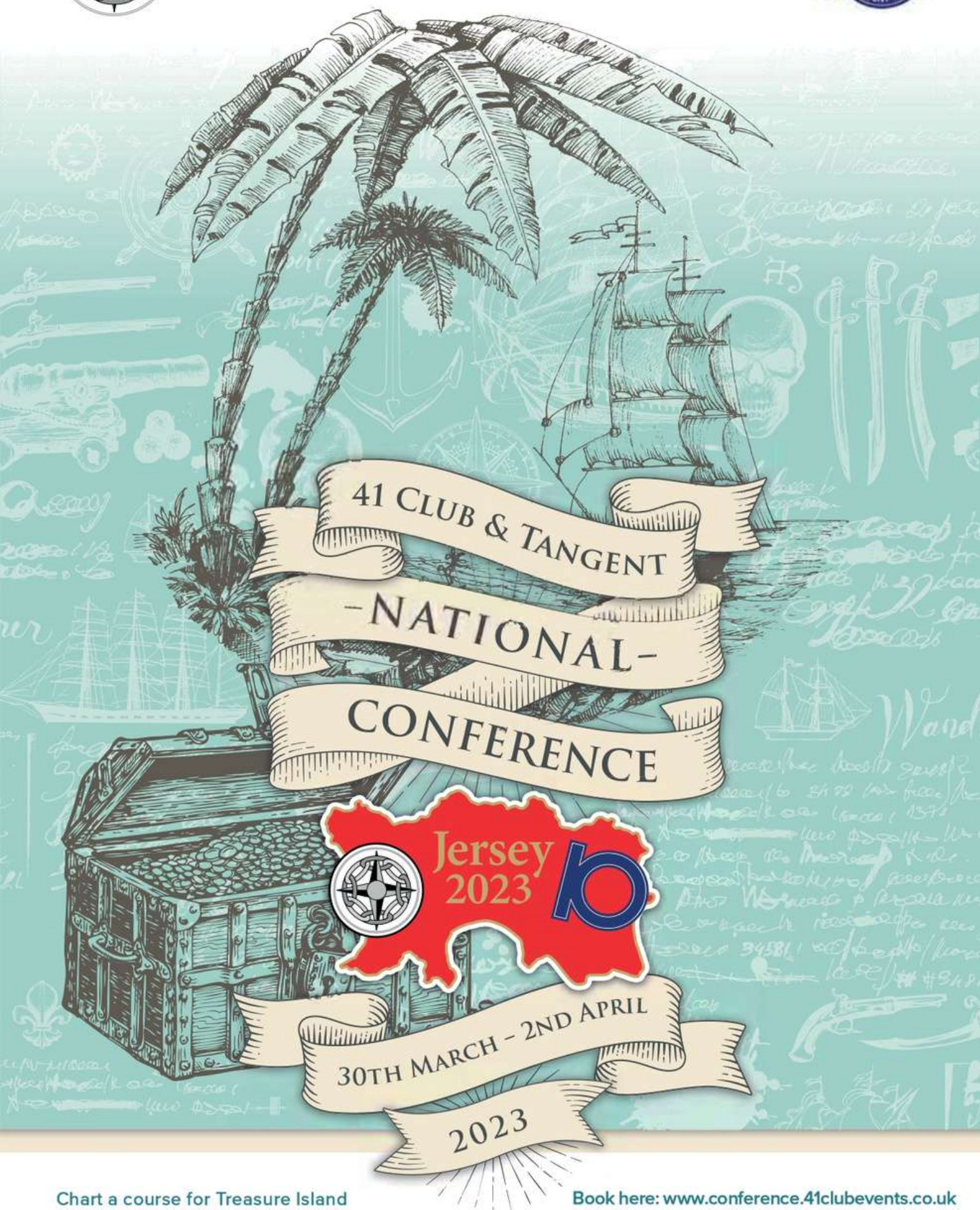


Chart a course for Treasure Island

Book here: www.conference.41clubevents.co.uk



National Conference 2023

Jersey 30th Mar to 2nd Apr

Conference News

All hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas with your family / friends and wishing you a Happy New Year! I have more news about 2023 Conference to share with you, and some important reminders:

Booking Closing Date: Maybe you have been thinking about booking to attend 2023 Conference but have not yet got round to arranging & booking functions, travel and your accommodation? Although bookings are going well (we are nearly full for the Thursday evening Welcome Party and getting close to 420 delegates booked for attending Friday & Saturday evening functions) we have extended the closing date to 28th February 2023. However, if you want to attend the Thursday evening Welcome Party there are only a few tickets left available, so book these soon.

Merton Hotel Bedrooms: Be warned - bedrooms at Merton Hotel are running out, there are very few left available. If you want to stay in our exclusive Conference Hotel to be where all the action will happen and enjoy Merton's superb facilities, please book NOW! To book please call Merton's reservations team on 0845 800 5555, advising you are attending 41 Club & Tangent National Conference. Wednesday night before 2023 Conference and additional nights after 2023 Conference can also be booked at the bargain rate of £100.00 / night for a twin or double bedroom including breakfast for two persons.

Other Hotels: There are a couple of other hotels reasonably close to Merton Hotel – if you want to stay at another hotel search on Google maps or go to <http://www.jersey.com/>. However, please note coaches on the Friday & Saturday evening functions at Royal Showground will only depart from and return to Merton Hotel, so you will have to get to Merton Hotel in time to catch the coaches.

Alternative Accommodation: If you have booked to stay at another hotel or will be staying with family / friends in Jersey please email me chairman-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk to confirm where you will be staying and your arrival / departure dates. At middle of December last year we had 78 delegates registered for 2023 conference who had not booked a bedroom at Merton Hotel, we have been emailing them requesting confirmation if they are sharing a Merton Hotel bedroom with another delegate or staying elsewhere.

Jersey Airport & Merton Hotel Transfers: If you have booked and paid for Jersey Airport to Merton Hotel and/or Merton Hotel to Airport minibus transfer/s but have not yet told us your flight code and landing / take-off times please can you email Lance Kiddie, Registration Officer, at registration-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk to advise. If you are flying to / back from Jersey but have not yet booked your transfers please book them now, these are much cheaper than getting a taxi and Uber does not operate in Jersey. Transfers can be booked anytime from Wednesday 29 March 2023 and any day / time after Conference ends, if you will be arriving early or staying longer.

Friday Excursions & Golf Tournament, 41 Club AGM Lunch & Tangent Day Afternoon Tea: Please note these must be booked not later than Tuesday 28th February 2023, when all bookings will close. If you want to be sure of getting lunch on Saturday it is important you book the 41 Club AGM Lunch or Tangent Day Afternoon Tea, there are no other café's reasonably close to Merton Hotel and during the AGM's Merton's Lobby Bar & Bonetti's serving daytime food will be extremely busy. To book these optional tickets go to 2023 Conference website here jersey23.41clubevents.co.uk, select which extra items you want to book, go to Checkout and enter your name, email address and in the phone field enter your original booking reference number. This will ensure we link your additional items to your original order. In subsequent fields copy & paste "as before", but please ensure you complete the "dietary" and mobility" fields with any requirements you have. After completing paying for your additional booking please look out for an email confirmation for the additional tickets, which maybe in your spam folder or otherwise mislaid in your computer system.

If you experience any issues with booking for 2023 Conference or have not seen 41 Cub Events automatic booking confirmation email with payment receipt after you completed your booking please contact Lance Kiddie, Registration Officer, by emailing him at registration-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk, when he will be pleased to provide confirmation your booking has been received and your payment made.

My final plea is if you have not yet booked but want to get in on the 2023 Conference Fun – please book soon! I look forward to welcoming you to Jersey in 2023 and enjoying your company, when we will provide you with another great fun National Conference to remember.

Yours in Continued Friendship, Paul W. Harding
Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman

Mobile: 07797 740420 Email: chairman-jersey2023@41clubevents.co.uk



37th Anniversary of The Lamb Monthly RT Family Meetings Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 12:30pm

On **Wednesday 8th March 2023** we will be celebrating our 37th Anniversary meeting at The Lamb, Leadenhall Market.



**It is amazing to think that on 12th March 1986 we first met at The Lamb.
Some 420 meetings later here we are!!**

In that time over 5,300 members of the Round Table Family have attended.

So please come along and enjoy the afternoon.

We will meet as usual from 12:30hrs in the basement - Old Tom's Bar.

**At 14:30hrs we will adjourn upstairs
to the 1st Floor Restaurant at The Lamb for lunch.**

More details (Menu/Cost) will be sent out to those registering interest.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

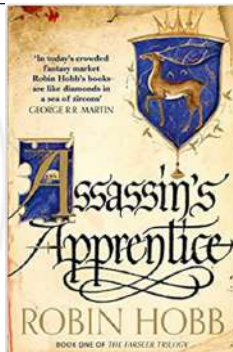
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Dave Leon

07710 422705

david.leon@btinternet.com

Book ✓ 41 Club



The Book for March is **Assassin's Apprentice** by Robin Hobb

This will be discussed on Thursday 16th March at 8pm on-line

Welcome to the 41 Book Club

41 Book Club (41BC) is a Special Interest Group organised by 41 Club that is open to all Round Table Family Members (it was originally started by Round Table eClub). It is run by Stephen Frost (Whitley Bay Round Table and Chairman of the new Metro Tyne 41 Club).

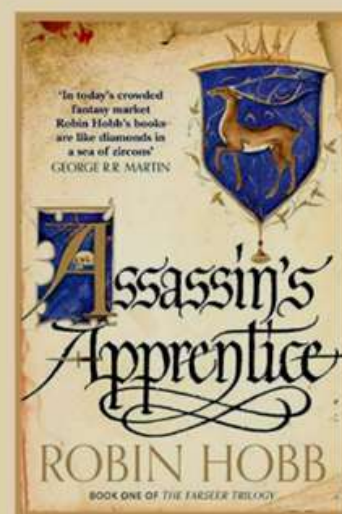
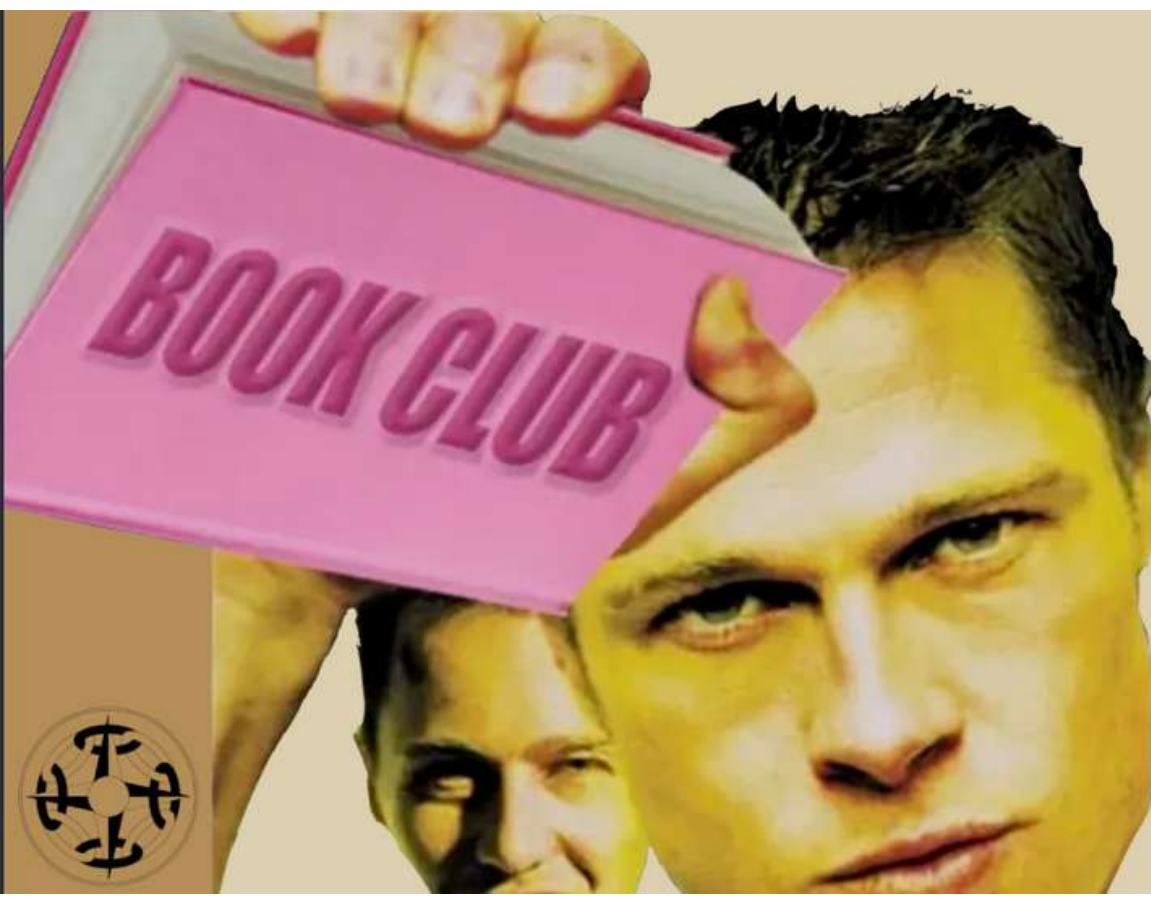
It's a book club that looks to encourage members to broaden their reading horizons by delving into books from different genres each month.

Members propose a book from a given monthly category and then take a vote to decide which book they'll read and discuss online. In the past, we've even managed to get authors to attend a couple of our discussions (see the below links to recordings of Past Sessions).

- **EVENTS** see when we'll be discussing what categories
- **DECIDE** vote on which books we'll read in 2023
- **SUBSCRIBE** sign up to receive 41 Book Club emails
- **FACEBOOK** check out our Group
- **WhatsApp Link**
- **PAST SESSIONS**
 - [Children of Time](#)
 - [Generation Killer](#)

May | Historical Fiction
June | Horror
July | Science Fiction
August | Mystery
September | Fantasy
October | Thriller
November | Biography
December | Philosophy

See the Club's Website at
www.41book.club



**Thursday
16th March
8pm**



41 Club

Stranraer

NSSW Stranraer 2023 Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October

Your NSSW 23 team have been working hard to bring the next NSSW to you from Stranraer Southwest Scotland.

Stranraer situated in south west Scotland approximately 95 miles west from the M6/M74 at Gretna or 90 miles south/west from Glasgow. For those traveling from Belfast a short sea crossing (2¼ hour journey) to Cairnryan and then 7 miles south to Stranraer. There is not a train service from Dumfries to Stranraer, like many branch lines Dr Beeching took care of that in the 1960s! From Dumfries train station the 500 bus service will bring you to Stranraer and will take about 2½ hours. Travelling by train you will have to go via Glasgow or Kilmarnock to Stranraer.

Where will we be staying?

We have secured the bespoke group hotel - Northwest Castle Hotel which is situated on the coast road in Stranraer a few minutes' walk from the town centre, if you get lost ask for the Police Station, it is next door! The hotel will be adequately able to cater for our NSSW it has enough bedrooms and plenty of rooms for the different activities we have planned. Additionally, the leisure facilities including swimming pool, spa bath, gym and indoor curling. On the ground floor is a large function room which will be the venue for the Saturday night event.

What activities do we currently have planned for NSSW?

In the hotel:-

- Carpet Bowls
- Pool
- Darts
- Table tennis
- Table Football
- Swimming Pool – Games (Saturday Afternoon)
- Curling – Taster session (Saturday Morning)
- Novelty Event
- Remote control truck/car obstacle race
- Scalextric car racing

Away from the hotel (extra cost)

- Golf - at local golf club just outside Stranraer overlooking the sea.
- Auto Test – (Limited Availability – morning and afternoon sessions – not the speed but getting around the course – practice and auto test per person)

Costs

2 Night Package:

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| • 2 nights sharing (per person) | £200 |
| • 2 nights single | £240 |

3 Night Package:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| • 3 night sharing (per person) | £265 |
| • 3 nights single: | £325 |

Book in @ www.41clubevents.co.uk





**41 Club
National Sports &
Social Weekend**



NSSW

STRANRAER

An Epic long-lasting memory of a
once-in-a-lifetime experience

FRIDAY 6TH TO SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

3 night Package £265 pp sharing
£325 pp single

2 night Package £200 pp sharing
£240 pp single

At the Northwest Castle Hotel



A WEEKEND OF FIRST RATE FUN & FELLOWSHIP IN SCOTLAND

Stranraer, situated in South west
Scotland, approx. 95 miles west from
the M6/M74 at Gretna, or 90 miles
south/west from Glasgow.

From Belfast a 2 1/4 hour ferry
crossing to Cairnryan, then 7 miles
south to Stranraer.



BOOK IN AT

WWW.41CLUBEVENTS.CO.UK

Walking Weekend 2023

7th - 9th July

The Kings Court
Alcester, Warwickshire



All walks based on Millennium Way Circular Walks
2 & 3 night packages available

Booking on www.41clubevents.co.uk





DEMYSTIFYING The Menopause

Tangent E-Club

invite

All Tangent members to join us on
Monday 13th Feb at 7.15pm on Zoom

Join, Dr Claire and Helen from My Menopause Centre

On Demystifying & Empowering you to take control of your menopause and thrive. Following an amazing evening with members and friends of Charnwood Tangent, E clubs members wanted to find out more too.

This evening is open to everyone whatever your age or stage of the menopause. All we know is information is power. Let them help you navigate your menopause journey with evidence-based information and advice on menopause symptoms.

Email :- tangentclub@gmail.com

to be added to the attendance list, along with any
questions you have?

The zoom details and further
information will
be sent nearer the date.

MY
Menopause
CENTRE

www.mymenopausecentre.com

41 INTERNATIONAL News



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February 2023



Ermino William Louis Marchesi
January 1898 — December 1968



January 19th 2023 would have been Louis Marchesi's 125th birthday.

His mother was born in England to Irish parents and his father was Swiss. Marchesi was a young member of the Rotary Club in Norwich when he listened to the radio and heard the then Prince of Wales challenge the young men of Britain to "sit round a table (Round Table) adopt an idea, adapt it and improve it" (the motto is Adapt, Adapt, Improve). He conceived a club which could support younger businessmen; an idea he suggested to the membership in 1926. The first Round Table - "Norwich Round Table No. 1" was formed at Suckling House, Norwich on 14 March 1927, with Marchesi as Secretary and other young Rotarians among its officers. (Wikipedia)

Many thousands of young men and women all over the world owe him a great thank you.

May I suggest that at your next meeting you offer a toast to this far-seeing young man!

[Link to 41 International Website](#)

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[Link to 41er World](#)

The 41 INTERNATIONAL
Newsletter for February
is out - you can find it at
www.41INTERNATIONAL.net
and on the Home Page of
www.41club.org

Some relevant articles are
reproduced in this Newsletter for
your convenience.

Global Operation Headhunter

Round Table International's plan to increase Round Table Membership EVERYWHERE

Global Operation Headhunter – propose new Table candidates all over the world!

📅 03/05/2022

The RTI Board has, inspired by the Norwegian Tablers, launched the ‘Global Operation Headhunter’ campaign. This campaign encourages members to think outside of their own club and identify great potential candidates for the future.



We ask that all of our members please think about young men that you know that might fit well into Round Table. Have a quick discussion with them and ask if you can send their details to Round Table.

Upon receiving the data, RTI will review this and share it with the respective regional chairman and the national board of the potential association. The candidate will then be contacted by their local clubs to start the process.

Should anyone not wish their personal details to be shared, please do not add them to the form. RTI respect the privacy of everyone and will ensure that all General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) regulations are adhered to.

RTI is considering various avenues to track and incentivise the success of this campaign. We plan to recognise the member who provides us the most new candidates and the member who brings in the most successful candidates. Associations will also be recognised in this manner.

Global Operation Headhunter Form

Should this campaign prove successful, RTI plan to roll this out to the rest of the RT Family members. Imagine the number of contacts we can get if we have 100,000 members able to provide this information.

The future of Round Table is in our hands!

Marc Germeshausen
VP RT International

Tom Albrigtsen
P 41 International

Global Operation Headhunter – propose new Table candidates all over the world!



ROUNDTABLE
INTERNATIONAL

The RTI Board has, inspired by the Norwegian Tablers, launched the 'Global Operation Headhunter' campaign. 41 International has now joined this campaign and our ICT Manager Fabian has implemented this on 41er.World and on our website.

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[Propose a prospect for Round Table Form](#)

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YAP young ambassador program

2023

GB&I joined the YAP program back in 2018 and 3 of our young people went on tours to North India, South India and South Africa in 2019. Since then participation has been limited due to the impact of Covid

This year we will continue to be involved and have the opportunity to send young people that are relatives 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 relative 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 and also Christoph Haenssler, International YAP Convenor, chaenssler@bluewin.ch.

Contact Andy Ventress for more information about 2023 tours.

Young Ambassadors Program

What is YAP?

The Young Ambassadors Program seeks to promote exchange visits between the relatives of members of 41 Clubs or the Round Table Family. The objectives of these visits are the following:

- Exposing young adults to different cultures, lifestyles and histories
- Building friendships and close relationships across continents.
- Developing confidence, trust and international understanding.

GB&I Tour 2023

For the first time, in 2023, GB&I will be hosting 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, arriving on 16th July for a fortnight. They will need to be hosted in 4 to 6 homes hopefully where there is a young person of a similar age.

At present we putting together an itinerary for them to be home hosted in various areas of England

London
West Midlands
South Wales.

I am also looking for help in making sure that the experience we give to them is second to none. So I am looking for clubs/individuals to sponsor or make a donation for:-

- a Welcome banner to be used at Heathrow,
- a goodie bag including T-Shirts, GB&I items
- entrance fees to activities
- entertainment
- or offers of reduced/free entry to attractions.

To make a donation, offer of help or to find out more, please get in touch with Andy Ventress, IRO by email international@41club.org in the first instance and I will be able to send further details.

Six Nations DINNER

Celebrating the
Base Camp Everest
Challenge with
Warren Gatland



MARCH 2023

@6.30pm pre drinks

Enjoy a 3-course dinner, followed
by a fabulous night of
entertainment with Lions and
Wales coach, Warren Gatland.

Nottingham Forest FC
The City Ground

For details email us
info@thedoclub.co.uk
or call 07796 141325



41 Club
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£70

including VAT
minimum age 18 years





CELEBRATE WITH THE LADS - 41CLUB EVEREST BASE CAMP SUCCESS

Many would have followed across all the media channels the amazing effort by a team of 7 guys who trekked up and across what can only be described as very tough terrain, including the 5,364m in altitude!

We have pulled together an amazing line up, which includes Warren Gatland, Former Coach of The British Lions and current Wales Coach, the event will be held at Nottingham Rugby Club on **March 23rd, 2023**.

Join us and celebrate the team's success, their story of a bunch of ordinary guys who truly achieve the extraordinary, an evening not to be missed.

We have teamed up with the amazing Do Club to bring this event together, please contact Steve Dixon and quote 41Club: The event will be raising funds for all nominated charities.

YICF

Marcus Jones

Team Everest Co Ordinator



Does your car qualify for the 41 Club Classic Car Rally?

The simple answer is yes! If you love and cherish your car whatever the year, make or model then you can enter it in our Classic Car Rally. We love to see older classic cars and modern sports cars but we also welcome anyone who feels their car is interesting or they just like driving it along country roads on a summer's day.

Our Classic Car Rally gives you the opportunity to enjoy a run around quiet countryside with others 41 Club members stopping at places of interest, enjoying fellowship and refreshments in pubs and cafes along the way.

So why not come and join us at the Robinswood Hotel and Spa in sunny Gloucestershire from Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June for our Double Gloucester Car Rally by entering your car now? We welcome new enthusiasts and their partners so please come and discover a new dimension of what 41 Club can offer. Just look for the Classic Car Rally details in this very Newsletter and enter today, you'll have a great time!

YICF,

Terry Cooper

Rally Secretary.



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 its 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 size 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 its 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 a lunch 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 three course 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 event..

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.**
- **Free use of the Pool and Gym with only the Spa being chargeable.**



There's also the option of a single Rally Package for **1 person for 2 nights** at a cost of **£253.50** giving the same benefits but just for one!

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



Steve James, National Vice President

With less than 2 months to go, preparations are well underway for our AGM in Jersey. The Vice President is responsible for chairing the Forward Planning Committee and we have been busy finalising the 41 Club Strategy and Action Plan. I am really grateful to everyone who has contributed to the document especially to the 3 members of the Forward planning committee who gave up so much of their time over the festive period. The strategy and plan sets out our aims and objectives for the next few years and will be a "living" document which can be added to as time progresses. My vision is that the action plan is at the forefront of our discussions in our National Council meetings thereby ensuring that we deliver on what we set out to do to increase our membership base and make 41 Club the "club of choice". I will be presenting the strategy and action plan at our February National Council meeting and once agreed I look forward to presenting it at the AGM.

The World meeting 2023 has dominated most of my evenings and after juggling things around to increase capacity on two occasions, we are now fully sold out with 444 delegates converging on Stratford in Avon in May. We are entering the final preparation stages of the event and it will be a momentous occasion for every delegate in attendance.

Arrangements are also underway for my Presidential ball on 1st July and as Wales is known as the "land of song" there will be plenty of Hwyl for those attending. An excellent night's entertainment has been lined up as we attempt to raise as much money as possible for my chosen charities Prostate UK and Prostate Cymru who also celebrate their 20th anniversary. I do hope as many people will attend and support this worthwhile cause. I can guarantee a warm Welsh welcome awaits. The event details can be seen on the flyer below. And for those wanting to stay in the hotel we have negotiated a reduced rate, when booking please quote 41 Club.

At the end of July I attended Redditch 41 Club AGM and was delighted to be asked to induct 2 current Roundtable members into 41 Club. The fun and fellowship were a plenty and they are a very young club with some great ideas.

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling

Steve



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





THE PRESIDENT'S

Summer Ball

BLACK TIE
CHARITY

1ST JULY 2023



HILTON HOTEL, CARDIFF

BOOK
NOW

STEVEJAMES.WALES



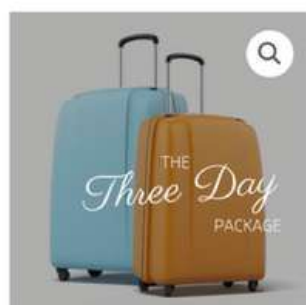
World Meeting
& International Forum

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.

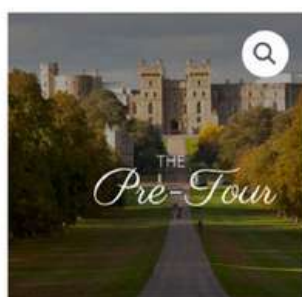


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Conference Hotel:
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Hi Tiddle 2023



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 tiddlywinks. 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 quickly 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.

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22nd March 2023 19:30 – 20:15

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41 ISRAEL hosting successful Super Tabler AGM

Report from President Tom

This year more than 90 foreign guests joined the AGM in Jerusalem. A visit to Israel is unlike any other country and we are all quite curious about the land from the holy book. A country so full of religion, politics, conflict and cultural differences. Round Table is a wonderful tool to bring around understanding and tolerance to all people. Today 41 Israel is resurrected by David Kakon and Itay Alt. These two gentlemen are carrying the load of 41 Israel on their shoulders and put on an amazing pre tour and AGM weekend for all guests. There is always a smile and a willingness to make sure all guests are fine.

You have rare gems like Ariel Eldor in Israel. He knows a lot about RT International and 41 International histories that many do not know. He knows what happened behind the scenes in the critical years of formation of these international bodies. I hope someone will write down these wonderful stories one day.

As a destination Israel has a lot to offer, even during December. I had a wonderful round trip, and we made many new wonderful memories.

The Tangent Ladies in Israel are very strong and always there to support David and Itay. I hope more 41ers in Israel will join them in the years to come and travel more to our international events. Next year SuperTabler will be back, again with David and Itay in charge. I suggest you support them, visit them and take part in the fun and fellowship of 41 Israel!



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Website: <https://ot-bikermeeting.de>

We are pleased to be able to give you some information in advance of the Bikermeeting 2023, so that you can get an idea of what to expect.

The region of North Hesse borders Thuringia in the east at the height of Kassel to Fulda and thus on the former border to the GDR. Today you can see only in a few places something of the historical separation and so our routes can go freely through this beautiful landscape.

Nevertheless, we will have the opportunity to notice one or the other historical point: The Werra was a border river at Bad Sooden-Allendorf and one could almost shout across the river to the inhabitants on the other side, although they seemed to be separate worlds forever. Near Wendershausen there is the so-called Zweiburgenblick. As if in natural, close proximity, Ludwigstein Castle on the west side and Hanstein Castle on the east side of the border could be perceived at a glance.

Near Geisa, on the hilltop, a western and an eastern observation point were only a few hundred meters apart. Today, one of the most important German border museums is located there at the so-called "Point alpha" with very impressive exhibits that allow visitors to experience the feeling of the oppressive situation at that time at first hand.

Another important place on our tour is Eisenach with the famous Wartburg Castle. We will cruise over the Hohe Meißner, the highest mountain in northern Hesse with a fantastic view over the country. In Wanfried, a historic town, there is a very old and structurally still preserved river port, from which goods were shipped to North America in early times. On the Wasserkuppe, the highest mountain in all of Hesse, glider pilots once began to open up the airspace for themselves; it is still a centre of this beautiful sport.

Last but not least, we are literally driving through a fairy tale region. The German Fairy Tale Route reminds us in many places - from Hanau to Bremen - of the famous fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm.

We imagine that you will take away lasting impressions from the tour that may motivate you to return here again and again.

38th Chestnut Festival

11 – 13 November 2022,

Club 41 Meran-Merano

The Chestnut Festival was supposed to start on Friday evening with the "Get-Together" party, but several international guests liked Meran-Merano that much, that they preferred to come on Thursday. So it was a pleasure to organise a Tyrolean dinner at a mountain cottage/restaurant with a most wonderful night view of Meran-Merano. The dinner was prepared with only food made by our host and all natural. We were honoured by the visit of the:



Int'l Vice President elect Aziz Cherkaoui and the future First Lady Awaitef Berdai,
The Italian National President Fabio Agabiti with First Lady Bianca,
The Past Past National President from O.T.D. Manfred Wilms,
The Past Past National President of 41 Switzerland Claudio Matasci,

From Italy Ettore Maranesi plus three couples from 41 Malta led by the well known Alex Abela with First Lady Yvette and the old faithful Chestnut Festival visitor Frank Boberach from O.T. Frankfurt.



Together with the 41ers from Meran-Merano, Helmut, President Markus, Riccardo and Randolph we had much fun that evening in a mountain cottage.

Friday, 11 November 2022

In the morning, after a good hotel breakfast Randolph picked up all the guests and showed them the centre of Meran-Merano and made a little walk on the promenade which goes around the town. Lunch was taken in a little rustic Sicilian restaurant. After this our guests wanted to spend the afternoon for their own purposes, like shopping, hiking and resting. During the afternoon most of our Italian and International guests were arriving at the hotel Anatol and welcomed by our Club Convenor Randolph.

At 20.00 o'clock the "Get-together party" started with a wonderful dinner, speeches by the Italian National President and Int'l Vice President elect and then everyone danced until midnight. As most of our guests were a bit tired after the long journey, that was the right hour to go to bed to be fit for the next day hike and programme.

Saturday, 12 November 2022

At 9.30 all our guests reached the valley station of the funicular of Meran 2000 with their own cars or brought by our hike leaders Pepo, Manfred and Randolph. From there we started our medium



difficult hike to the valley station of the Taser funicular, which took for some 1 hour, for the majority 1.5 hours. But all of our guests "made" it and were brought with the funicular to the mountain cottage-restaurant Taser, where we had a most wonderful view of Meran-Merano with the surrounding area and the valleys with the glacier Ortler on the horizon. Hungry from the hike and the fresh air under a wonderful sunny day, everybody attacked the salad buffet and then were served with a tasty goulash and rice and Tyrolean dumplings. There was much to say, refer and tell between our guests, who knew each



other already or were happy to meet other new and wonderful 41ers arriving from Morocco, Malta, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. After a dessert and coffee, all went down with the funicular and most of our guests hiked the same way back. However, some took advantage of the shuttle bus, which brought them back to the parked cars or directly to the hotel for a needed rest, because at 19.00 we started the Chestnut Festival at the Castle Rametz which could be reached with a little walk

or by car. Further 41ers arrived only for this event, like the Int'l Past President Luca Colombo, the Italian 41 grey eminence Moreno Manzini and the convenor of the other traditional Maial Feast, Domenico Vannicola from Club 41 Ascoli Piceno. All were welcomed with a glass of Prosecco in a candle light illuminated castle courtyard and at around 20.00 we entered the rustic castle cellar where the Chestnut Festival started with a "light" Tyrolean meal, made of hot farmer Sausages, Sauerkraut, Tyrolean dumplings, Smoked Loin and Spare Ribs. All served with white or red wine, made at the castle winery. The dessert of poppy seed or chestnut cream donut were brought out and to top it the chestnuts made on the open fire by our club President Markus Erb personally. They were served in huge quantities so that most of our guests couldn't eat any more!

Throughout the evening we were accompanied by a Tyrolean guitar and Fisarmonica music. There was much fellowship and the chatter never stopped til the event finished. An intensive day of friendship finished, leaving all guests happy and tired ready for their beds.

The next morning, after breakfast some of our guests drove to Parma, where the 41 Club of Parma organised the traditional Feast of the Culatello, but this is another story.

The 39th Chestnut Festival, will be held between 10 and 12 November 2023 in Meran-Merano. The 41ers from Club 41 Meran-Merano welcome you already, asking you to keep the weekend free in order that we can welcome you again to our traditional event.

Randolph Riedlinger



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