

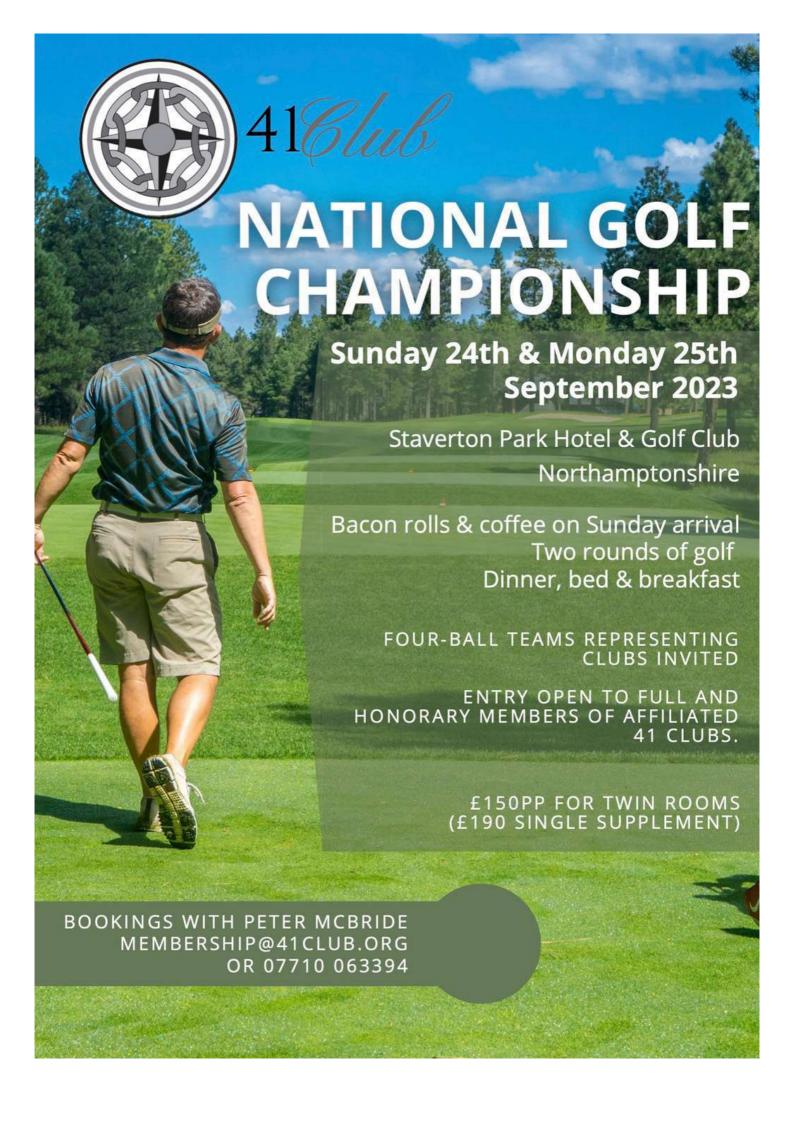
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See inside for the details of AGM Election candidates, the 2023 Club Cruise, Golf Competition, Walking Weekend, Motorcycle Weekend and many more.



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Melcome



My term of office as your National Comms & I.T. Officer ends at Jersey Conference after 4 years (having been extended by a year due to the Covid Pandemic, like everyone else on Council). So this will be your last Magazine from me.

I set out to help move the Association forward so that it can be in a better place for those on the journey with our great club. The highlights of this movement have been around improving our systems and use of technology, improving our communications so we can reach more people and help them engage more with each other, all with a focus on delivering value for money for members' capitation.

I think the highlights of my term have been the improvements made in the monthly newsletter which many confuse with the Magazine now. In short, I believe we have more engagement with our members now than at any time in the history of the Association – and I look forward to this continuing to improve still further.

In terms of features, I look in particular to the free Zero Suicide Alliance training in suicide prevention, which I featured. This led to it being adopted by a major Police Service after one of our member's (a serving officer) brought it to their attention. I am also proud of the May 2021 supplement on "How to Die Well" (see tinyurl.com/41clubwell) which had fantastic feedback. Also the members wellbeing projects we launched in particular Buddyline.

So enjoy this Magazine and do make David Chard's life easier when he succeeds me by sending him articles and stories to feature.

Keep safe.

Yours in Continued Friendship & Continued Tabling,

Don Mullane, London Old Tablers' Society National Comms & I.T. Officer

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A message from...

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Jim Conway - National President





With Conference fast approaching, it is all systems go in facilitating a smooth change over to Steve James for when he takes over the Presidency on 1st April in Jersey.

The diary is booked out till the end of my year and then Vicky will have her husband back. I have always maintained that in order to do this job, you either have to be single, or have the most amazing partner in the whole wide world, who gets it and I have been blessed with the latter. I can't thank Vicky enough for letting me get on and do the job, as well as being a wise council and a tremendous support. The highs have been better than one could imagine. It has been an amazing ride in what has been a phoenix year for the Association following Covid.





On the Presidential Charity side, don't forget there are ways where you can support Round Table Children's Wish, by buying alcohol, as well as the 'President's Joke Book.' Gin, Pink Gin, Rum, Spiced Rum as well as Vodka can be obtained at **www.41clubdistillery. co.uk** and the President's Joke Book can be obtained on Amazon as either a hardback, paperback or Kindle download. Just type in 'President's Joke Book Jim Conway' in the search bar and it will appear. As I have reached various donation milestones I have had to undertake forfeits or as my wife calls them, missions. Go to **www.jimconway.co.uk** to see the videos of me suffering mental and physical abuse.

As I have been out on my travels, I cannot express how blown away I have been with the welcome I have received at each and every event that I have attended and the best ideas I have heard to enhance the Association have been over a fine malt at two in the morning when being home hosted. Maybe we should reschedule Council Meetings along the same lines!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board, who have been supportive, creative and driven with the very best for the Association in mind. My thanks go out to the Councillors who got out there and engaged with the clubs in their regions, as they are the glue that bonds us together. If you want to take up a Councillor role, please contact Wynn Parry, who is the National Council Liaison Officer and enquire about your region, which may have existing or upcoming vacancies. I can assure you that it will be just like joining another club and you will get a totally different perspective of how our Association runs as well as meeting a brand new group of friends in the other Councillors. My PLC have been awesome, putting on an amazing Ball, sorted me out with banners and gifts and got me to where I needed to be, on time, dressed appropriately and briefed on what I had to do. Finally, my thanks go to you the members, who are the heartbeat of the best young man's club in the world, with out of date birth certificates.

Yours in Continued Friendship and Continued Tabling Jim



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

Don Mullane

London Old Tablers' Society

Proposed by London Old Tablers' Society; Seconded by Market Harborough 41 Club

From	То	Role
1989	2009	Round Tabler in Beckenham 104, Chester 76, City of London 13
1999	2000	Vice Chairman Area 26
2000	2001	Chairman - Area 26
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





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.

Candidate for National Vice-President

Wynn Parry

Shipley 41 Club

Proposed by Shipley 41 Club

From	То	Role		
Round	Round Table Baildon			
1990	1991	Secretary		
1992	1993	Chairman		
1998	1998	Chairman		
2009	2010	President		
Round	Table 3	2 - Yorkshire Dales		
1996	1997	Treasurer		
1999	2000	Chairman		
2000	2001	National Councillor on Sports & Social Committee		
2009	2010	President		
Round	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	- Natio	nal		
2019	2023	National Councillor - Region 6		
2022	2023	National Councillors Liaison Officer		





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 dayday-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, andabove 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.

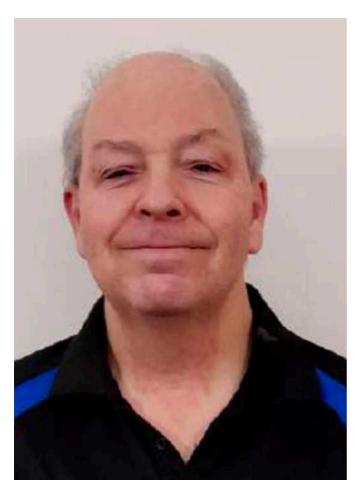
Your New National Comms & I.T. Officer

David Chard

Reading Valley 41 Club

From	То	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 15 Exec - Social and Comms
1991	1992	Chairman - Area 25 Thames Valley RT
1990	1992	RT National Councillor (2 years)
1993		Joined Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club
1993	1994	Chairman of RTBI National President's PLC
1995	1996	President - Reading Valley RT 830
2001	2002	President - Reading Valley RT 830
2002	2003	Chairman - Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club
2004	2005	Area President Region 25 RT Thames Valley
Oct 2018	Apr 2023	41 Club National Councillor Region 40 (4 yrs) on Fellowship & Finance Committees





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 1 2- 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 International Relations Officer

Kevin Stewart

Edinburgh Capital 41 Club

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





About Round Table Children's Wish

The charity was founded in 1990 by members of Round Table and is one of two charities to carry the Round Table name.

RTCW grant wishes for children between the ages of 4 to 17 who are suffering with a life-threatening illness.

The children helped by the charity are often struggling with draining treatments and endless hospital visits. The charity gives them something to look forward to at the times they need it most, and gives them and their families' special memories, to treasure when times do get tough.

We pride ourselves on our supportive and caring approach to the granting of Wishes. We do our very best to make sure that every Wish has been handcrafted' in its own special way so that it's a personal experience and meets the needs of each, individual child, young person and their wider family circumstances – after all, no two families are the same so why should the Wishes be!

RTCW work with organisations and companies who want to get involved with our work, using the same 'handcrafted' approach. Whilst there are many ways in which your organisation can support the charity, we will work with you every step of the way to handcraft the partnership by identifying what suits the needs of your organisation.



About the wishes we grant

The wishes really can be anything; from singing for Simon Cowell, visiting Legoland or simply something to make their lives a little more normal, like a laptop or iPad. As a small charity Round Table Children's Wish can personalise wishes, working closely with the both the child and the family, to give them everything they could possibly dream of.

Why we need your support

The charity relies on the support of individuals, community groups and corporate partners to continue granting the wishes of these brave, inspirational children.

Des Fulcher from Alpha Knights 41 Club was instrumental in RTCW receiving the donation and is seen receiving the Cheque from Albert Jones Managing Director of the Pleasure Beach with Karl Sandall an RTCW representative in attendance.

Pictured below: Latest Wish presented by Kevin Lovett 41 Club Treasurer to Lewis Muscroft who is 16 years old. Joining Lewis and Kevin is his mum Alison Muscroft.





Back in mid 2017 a chance conversation with Bob Parton from Old Tablers Germany resulted in me getting an invitation to join the German Round Table Family Christmas Parcels Convoy.

The whole convoy goes to four countries, but because Bob was going to Moldova, I put my name down for Moldova. In truth I did not even know exactly where it was on the map and had virtually no idea about Convoy!



Every year it is "the same procedure" as they say in Germany. It has grown from a small group of Round Tablers, Ladies Circlers, 41 Clubbers and Tangent Agora members over 20 years ago, to a massive operation. I have participated in 2017, 2018, 2019 and now 2022 – there was a convoy in the two Covid years but without the normal support teams.

There are two aspects to the Convoy. The first is the incredible logistical operation and the second is the emotional aspect of seeing so many smiling faces when we deliver the parcels to the schools.

First the logistics - parcels of presents are made up by children in mainly German (but also Dutch and Austrian) schools. The parcels can be any size within reason and can contain any number of presents, excluding perishable or dangerous goods. The parcels need to be labelled by the children for boys, girls or either and also for one of 3 age groups - kindergarten, juniors or teenagers. This is to ensure that children get presents suitable for their age and gender. These parcels are collected by many volunteers all across Germany during September to November each year.



The next stage in November is for all the parcels to be taken to a regional centre for boxing into cartons – most cartons have 6-12 parcels. This sounds easy, but is a very complicated task. Then they all go to a national distribution centre in Koblenz, where all the lorries for the convoy get loaded – again a massive task. On the last Friday in November all the preloaded lorries converge on the Evonics distribution centre in Hanau, ready for departure on Saturday morning.

My journey starts at Birmingham Airport on the Friday morning, where I get a flight to Frankfurt. Bob Parton and his wife Gisela usually pick me up and drive to the hotel in Hanau ready for the Friday night registration and reunion party, which is great fun, full of anticipation and a bit of trepidation. I now have so many German friends. The next morning bags are packed and it's off to the Evonics centre to rendezvous with everyone else. It's here that you realise the huge scale of the operation, which is without doubt the biggest such project across the Round Tabling World. Here are the amazing statistics from this year:

- 132,606 parcels for 132,606 children!
- 905 pallets
- 33 huge 40 tonne lorries
- 8 Coaches
- 228 volunteers

After speeches from various dignitaries, we leave with all horns blaring – it sends shivers down your spine.



The convoy divides into Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine with our Moldovin section of seven lorries and two coaches of supporters going first as we have furthest to go. It's a 42 hour trip through Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania and Moldova and we only stop every two-three hours for a comfort break. Food is available on the coaches, but it is basic. Sleeping is difficult in a coach with 25-30 people which keeps stopping and has to pass through various custom posts.



We get one decent stop near Brasov in Romania for a proper hot meal. Then it's over the zig-zags of the Carpathian mountains and on and on in the dark for hours. After a three- four hour Customs control wait to get out of the EU into Moldova, we arrive on Monday morning at our hotel in Chisinau, the capital city. On Monday afternoon we spent hours unloading 10,000 cartons from two German lorries into two Ukrainan lorries as they were bound for Odessa. We backed up the lorries to each other and just walked backwards and forwards between them – great fun NOT!



Now for the nice, emotional part. On the Tuesday morning we all split up and our group of 9 set off for the south of Moldova

- it's a remote area near the Ukraine called Gagauzia, with the main town of Comrat. We were in a rattley old minibus following our lorry around badly made roads being shaken to death. We spent the next three days going around the kindergartens and schools in the area, sometimes travelling two hours between them. Each one was different, but the basic procedure was the same.



We would arrive and load an average of 30-40 of the large cartons into the school and unpack them, sorting the 150-400 parcels by gender and age. Sometimes a boy and girl in traditional dress would offer us their welcome of bread and salt. Sometimes they had prepared some songs or a couple of dances, which was so cute – remember most children were aged about five-ten, but some as young as two. I was referred to as Santa Barry because I had dressed up a bit with my red jacket, red and white hat and natural white beard and long hair. We always sang our version of "We wish you a Merry Christmas".



There was a couple of short speeches and then Nicholae, our guide and translator would say "would you like your presents"? They would all shout "yes". They would all line up and receive their parcel from Santa Barry, Santa Rolf and the team. On a few occasions we would stay while a class opened their parcels – this was magic – the presents inside were always lovely and the children excited and smiling. I cannot begin to tell you what a great feeling it is to be doing this, knowing that at home these children have virtually nothing and live in such poor conditions.

Many will not receive any other presents, even at Christmas time!



We have visited a few such homes, so we know that although the schools are quite nice, the home situation is far from nice. You have to be there to see the situation and feel the love!

Once or twice things got out of hand with the lorry having to park up in the street and all the townsfolk pushing and trying to get parcels for their children. Not ideal!

All the Moldovan volunteers returned to the hotel in Chisinau on the Thursday for a final night party, with food and drink, lots of speeches of thanks from dignitaries and some dancing. There was also a magician this year.

Friday at 09.00 hours we set off in the two coaches on the 42 hour return journey, arriving back on Sunday morning at 03.00 hours. Not particularly comfortable, but at least we can reflect on a job well done. This year, as before, Bob Parton gave me a bed for a few hours and a couple of lovely meals. Then it's onto the train back to Frankfurt Airport and home before midnight on Sunday - 10 days away in total.



I seem to have taken the Convoy drug – every year I think that this year will be the last, but when July 1st comes around, the date the registrations start, I put my name down for it again. The joy you can give and the satisfaction inside yourself are so compelling.

My thanks to all my German friends for allowing me to join their incredible adventure.



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.

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 nine 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 quess 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.



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.

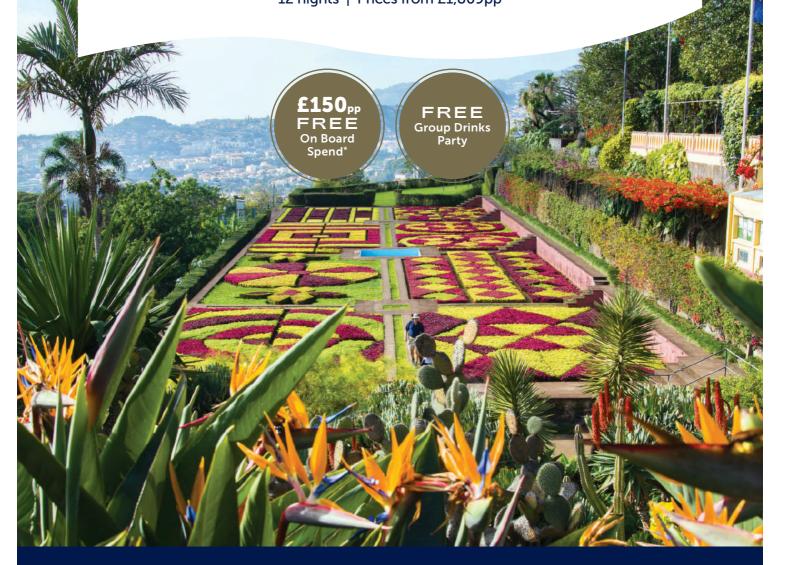


WONDERS & WILDLIFE OF THE AZORES & MADEIRA

As a family-run cruise line, Fred. Olsen really take your experience personally. While the rest of the cruise industry has gone for bigger ships, Fred. Olsen has always believed that smaller is better. They have less guests on board so the service is personal and the atmosphere is warm and civilised. Their elegant, smaller ships can reach places the bigger ships cannot and are able to dock at smaller ports in more interesting places. This passion for cruising has led to them having more returning guests than any other cruise line.

Cruising on smaller-sized *Bolette* is a great way to explore the hard-to-reach, remote archipelago of the Azores, which boasts dramatic, volcanic landscapes. This Azores itinerary also feature the 'Garden Island' of Madeira.

Sailing from Southampton | *Bolette* | 13th August 2023 | 12 nights | Prices from £1,809pp





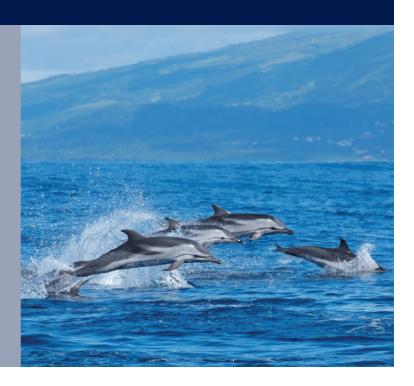
YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Portugal's islands are bursting with fascinating landscapes filled with flora and fauna, making this the ideal sailing for those wanting to get closer to nature.

The hard-to-reach islands of the Azores are home to the Sete Cidades crater lakes and the Furnas Valley hot springs. There's the chance to spot resident sperm whales here, too.

On Madeira, you could wander the levada walking trails or explore the botanical gardens with a local orchid expert

Scenic cruising highlights include sailings past Santa Maria, a remote island with historical links to Columbus; the mighty Cape Girão sea cliff; and the Tower of Hercules, said to be the only Roman lighthouse in existence.



Destination	Date (2023
Southampton, England, United Kingdom	13 Aug
Cruising at Sea	14-16 Aug
Praia da Vitoria, Terceira, Azores, Portugal	17 Aug
Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal	18 Aug
Cruise by Santa Maria Azores, Portugal	
Cruising at Sea	19 Aug
Cruise by Cabo Girão, Madeira, Portugal	20 Aug
Funchal, Madeira, Portugal	
Cruising at Sea	21 Aug
Leixões, Matosinhos, Portugal	22 Aug
La Coruña, Galicia, Spain	23 Aug
Cruise by Tower of Hercules Lighthouse, Spain	
Cruising at Sea	24 Aug
Southampton, United Kingdom	25 Aug



For more information, or to book, please call Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines friendly Reservations Team on 0800 0355 144, quoting GRP0210 and cruise code T2322.

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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 95miles 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:

•	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









A WEEKEND OF FIRST RATE FUN & FELLOWSHIP IN SCOTLAND

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IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

- BALMORAL -

10th March 2024 | 9 Nights | Sails from Newcastle | Balmoral | Cruise Code L2406

WITH 41 CLUB & TANGENT



Whilst spending just nine nights away, you've a chance to take in some of the most memorable Arctic sights and highlights on this very special sailing. Specifically designed with going in search of the Northern Lights in mind, this cruise provides you with chances to see Mother Nature's awe-inspiring light show in all its glory. With luck on your side you may get to witness the colourful ribbons of light illuminating the night sky, and all from the comfort of your smaller ship — a simply unforgettable experience.

41 club & Tangent Group Fares per person, from

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Interior	£1,259pp
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Superior Ocean View	£1,799pp
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Single Interior	£2,159
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15 March	Tromso, Norway	
16 March	Cruise Tjeldsundet Strait, Norway	
16 March	Cruising Seven Sisters Mountain Range, Norway	
16 March	Cruising Torghatten, Norway	
17 March	Alesund, Norway	
19 March	Newcastle, England	

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

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

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 41 Club 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 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 them with the most new candidates and the member who brings in the most successful candidates. Associations will also be recognised in this manner.

You will find the form on-line at: https://www.41international.net/propose-a-prospect-for-round-table-form/





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 it's 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 it's own bar in the same facility, and this is all within the hotel itself for easy access.

Timetable

Friday 2 June

The Rally Reception will be open in the hotel from 12 noon 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 3 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 be 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 4 June

Breakfast over we will assemble in the hotel car park for another scenic run to an 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

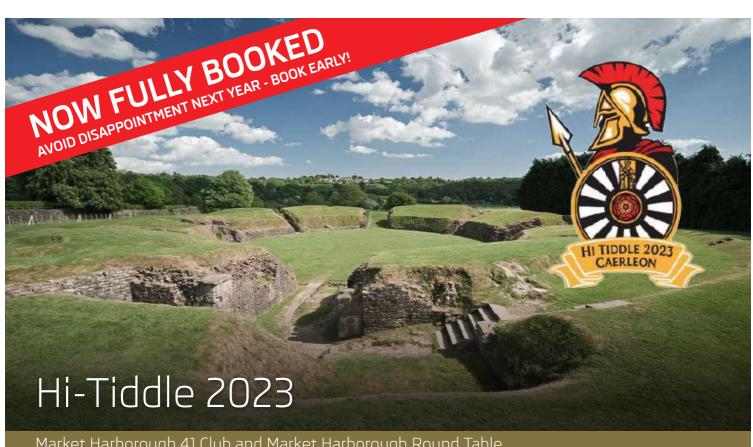
You can enter your car for the 'Double Gloucester Rally' which will include a picture and profile of your 'pride and joy' in our Souvenir Rally Brochure at a cost of £35 and this also will include your commemorative Rally Plaque and rallly stickers

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 Glloucester" Classic Car Rally to do this please click on https://41clubevents.co.uk which wiill take you to the 41 Cllub Booking Site and the Rally Booking1 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 **"Motorastic 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.



Market Harborough 41 Club and Market Harborough Round Table

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 quests and (of course) the presentation of the usual highly contested Tiddle trophies. For anyone who hasn't yet exhausted their supply of stamina, the

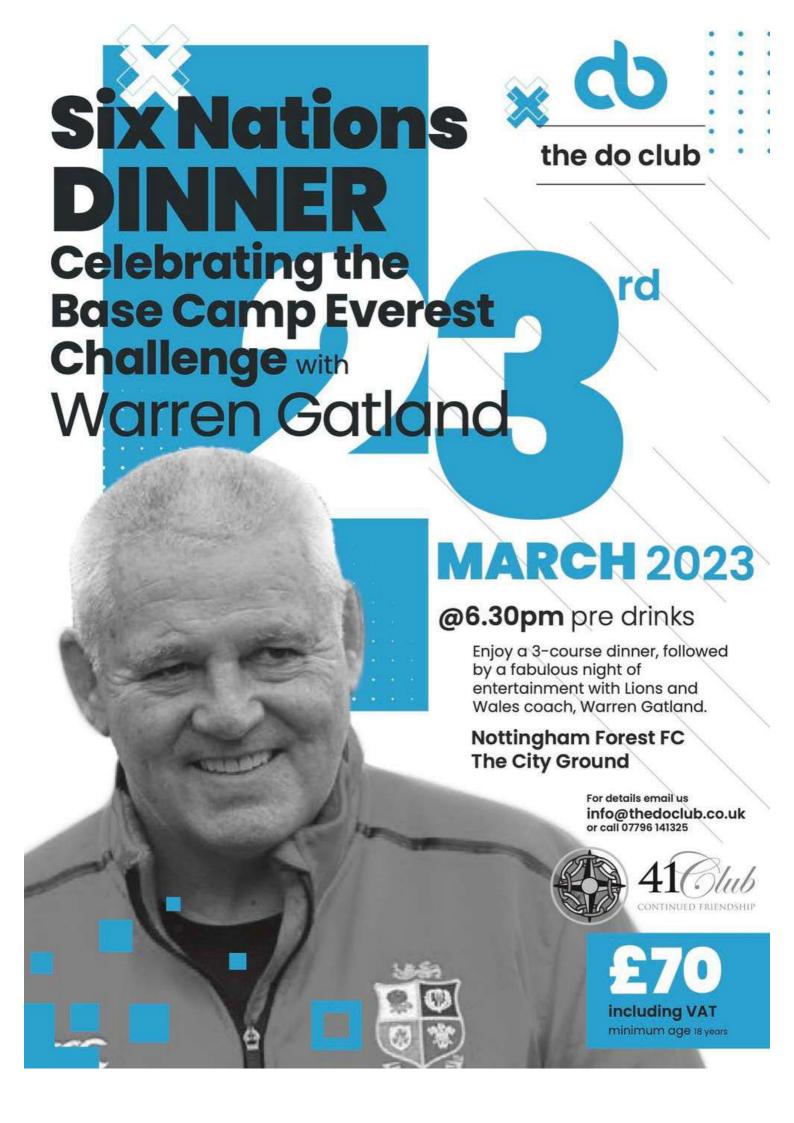
hotel bar will be available for drinks and more fellowship afterwards, to round off the evening.

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 singleoccupancy 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.

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





Jersey 2023 Conference News

Paul W. Harding - Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman

Not Long Now! This is my final update before welcoming you to the 41 Club & Tangent National Conference in Jersey.

If you are reading the monthly 41 Cub or Tangent Newsletters in early March there is now less than 28 days before 2023 National Conference, or if you are reading this in the Spring Magazine then I hope you are already packing your bags. We look forward welcoming you to 2023 Jersey Conference!

Bookings Closed except Airport Transfers: Bookings for everything except Airport Transfers closed at end of February. My last Conference update article published early January this year and my email circular sent middle of January to delegates booked by then warned anything you wanted must be booked before end of February. Sorry, we are unable to accept any more orders for the various functions & other items, except the Airport-Merton Hotel Transfer & Merton Hotel-Airport Transfer (these can still be booked for any date before or after Conference) which we have kept open for booking until 24 March.

What to Pack: You don't need to bring your proverbial "kitchen sink" to Conference, every Merton bedroom has a basin! For those staying at Merton Hotel we recommend you pack swimwear and for fitness pack sports-wear to enjoy Merton's Aquadome facilities and hopefully shedding a few pounds you might gain during our evening functions. And make sure to pack your black-tie dinner suit / evening dress for the Joint Presidents Ball on Friday evening and your "Treasure Island" fancy dress for Saturday evenings party. Did you know a black-tie function accessories may include a semi-formal homburg, bowler, or boater hat? Get them packed, gentlemen!

Flying to Jersey: Either a passport or a driving licence with photo ID is required by airlines, but when you arrive there is no queuing to get through Jersey's immigration control because Jersey is part of the "Common Travel Area" with the United Kingdom. After landing at Jersey Airport there is usually a short wait in Jersey Airport Baggage Hall to collect any hold bags.

Airport Welcome Desk: After exiting the Baggage Hall in the Arrivals Hall we have a Welcome Desk manned 8.30 am to 6.00pm

on Thursday 29 March and Friday 30 March by friendly Jersey 41 Club & Round Table members. They will greet you and guide you on your way. At any other time if you have booked the Airport-Merton transfer look for a Tantivy Blue Coach driver holding a card with your name/s or find them in the short-stay car park outside the Arrivals Hall

Jersey Airport / Merton Hotel Transfers: If you have booked and paid for Airport-Merton Hotel and/or Merton Hotel-Airport transfer/s but have not yet advised your arrival / departure dates, flight code and landing / take-off times to our online response form (even if you have already advised these by other means) please can you submit the details here 2023 Conference Flights without further delay.

Sailing to Jersey: I wish you the best of luck hoping you experience a smooth sailing, good weather and calm seas. After driving off the Condor ferry going to Merton Hotel at second roundabout above La Route de Liberation turn right, join middle lane going through tunnel then keep going eastwards towards Gorey. After exiting tunnel go straight around roundabout and drive through three sets of traffic lights (providing they are green) arriving at Georgetown, take left hand lane through fourth traffic lights and after 215 metres turn sharp left into Belvedere Hill (which is one-way), drive up hill to top where you will find Merton Hotel entrance on left-hand side, but keep on going beyond Aquadome & disabled parking on right hand side before getting to Merton hotel car-park on right hand side. If you are bringing a vehicle & will need a parking please call Merton Hotel in advance on 01534 724231 or 01534 754304.

Menus & Drinks Pre-Orders: The Thursday Welcome Party dinner is self-service buffet in Merton Hotel's Belvedere Restaurant. They are providing alternative dishes suitable for dietary requirements / allergies. They will have drinks waiters taking orders during the evening and there will be a paybar serving drinks.

For the Friday & Saturday dinners at Royal Showground in early March you

will receive our circular email with a form attached giving the menu & drinks options, requesting you complete the order form & return this to Harpers Catering (our catering & drinks suppliers for these evenings) advising your menu choice, drinks preorders and any dietary requirements / allergies. You must include your payment card details for any drinks pre-orders, from which Harpers will debit cost. In the event you do not reply to Harpers Catering you will be served their default menu option and you will have to order & pay for drinks on the evening which is likely to involve a delay waiting to be served. If you have not seen our email about pre-orders please can you call Conference Hotline (below).

Conference Registration: All delegates are required to register their arrival at Merton Hotel to collect their Welcome Bags and, most importantly, your Conference Badge identifying which Evening Functions, Excursions, Airport-Merton Hotel & Merton Hotel-Airport transfers, 41 Club Lunch & Tangent Afternoon Tea you have booked paid to which you will be allowed entry. If you are staying at another hotel or with family / friends you must still visit Merton Hotel to register, otherwise you won't have your Conference Badge. The Conference Registration desks will be signposted after Merton Hotel's Reception desk, located in the East Lobby Bar area, and will be open 12.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursday 29 March and 9.00am to 4.30pm on Friday 30 March. Anyone arriving on Saturday 1 April will be able to register in the Star Room Foyer (one floor below Reception) at the 41 Club AGM registration desks.

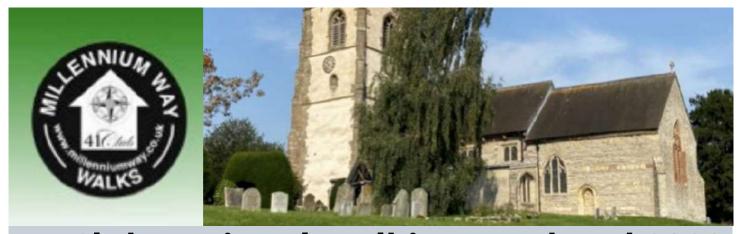
Conference Hotline: In case you need any assistance, encounter any problems or get lost somewhere, the Conference hotline is my mobile telephone number 07797 740420. If you need help don't hesitate in calling me, I'm available to help you except after midnight!

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.

YICF, Paul W. Harding Jersey 2023 Conference Chairman

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





41 Club National Walking Weekend 2023 7th - 9th July 2023

The Kings Court Alcester, Warwickshire

All walks are based on Millennium Way Circular Walks

2 & 3 Night Packages Available

Book on <u>www.41ClubEvents.co.uk</u>



THE 2023 OXFORD COLLEGE DINNER

Join Region 20 again in the Dreaming Spires of Oxford at the splendour of Exeter College.



FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023

7:30 for 8:00pm Black Tie & Jewels

TICKETS £75.00

After the success of 2022, Isis Area 41 Club invite you to return to Exeter College for an evening of good food, drink and fellowship in the presence of the National President - Steve James.

Guest Speaker: Sir Winston Churchill KG



Tickets and information from Martin Green 07768 192387 oxdinner@martingreen.biz

Book in at: WWW.bit.ly/3YNEfVN





It is only a matter of weeks before Jim hands over the Presidential chain to myself in Jersey and of all days on April 1st so I am expecting a few heckles from the audience saying it's an April fool's joke. .

When I started planning my Presidential year I was keen to start with a "bang" and came up with the idea of walking around the coast path around Jersey, after all I had walked most parts of the coast path when I used to visit the conference team as the National Fellowship Officer.

For those who know me I am an avid walker so what better way to start my term in office, plus it will also help the waistline after 3 days of partying at conference. The idea became reality when in last year's walking weekend, a number of attendees stated that they would like to join me, so what started with Karen, myself and a couple of people from my PLC walking we now have a total of 17 people accompanying me.

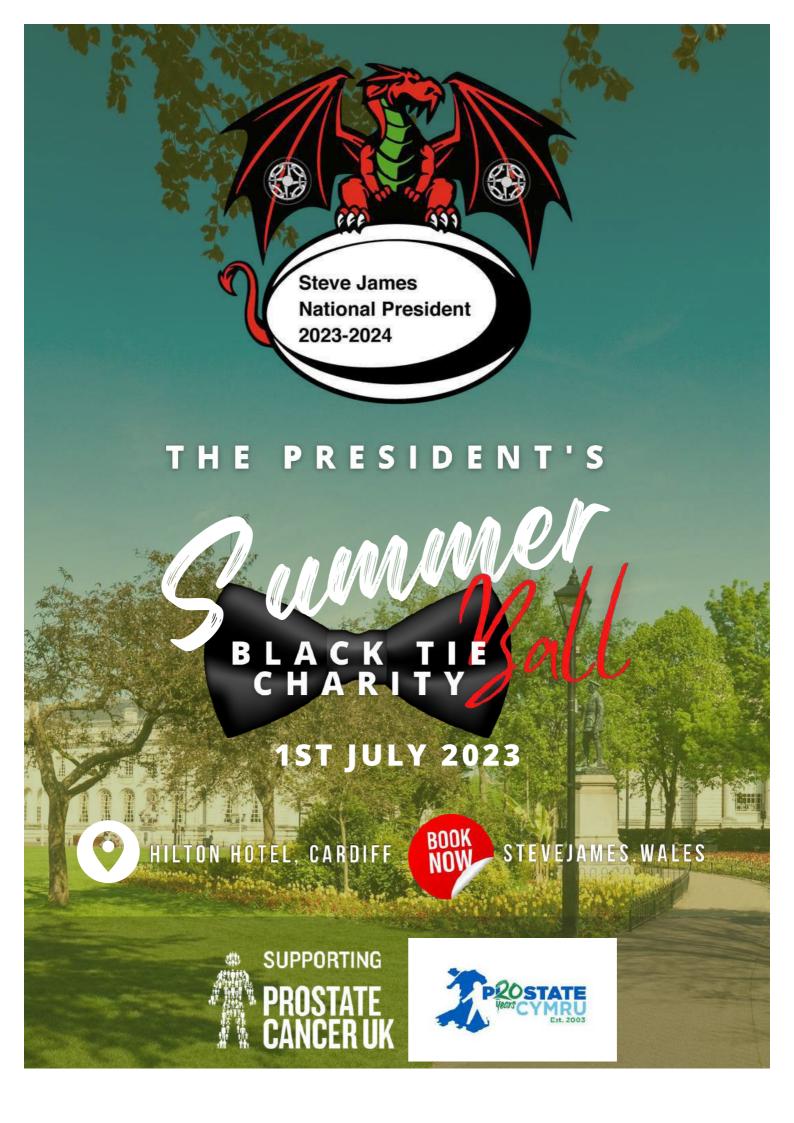
Paul Hampton who I first met 2 years ago in the caravan and camping rally and subsequent walking weekends, offered to organise the walk and has done an excellent job researching and planning our including the bus times to get to the starting points each day. We are going to walk a total of 41 miles around Jersey over 3 days starting on the Thursday afternoon, Sunday and all-day Monday. Paul has also mapped out a social walk for those who would like to join us for part of each day and Jackie, Paul's wife has agreed to lead the social walking group. If anyone would wish to join us for any part of the walk please do not hesitate to drop me a line @ stevejames@41club.org and I will add you to our Jersey walk whats app group.

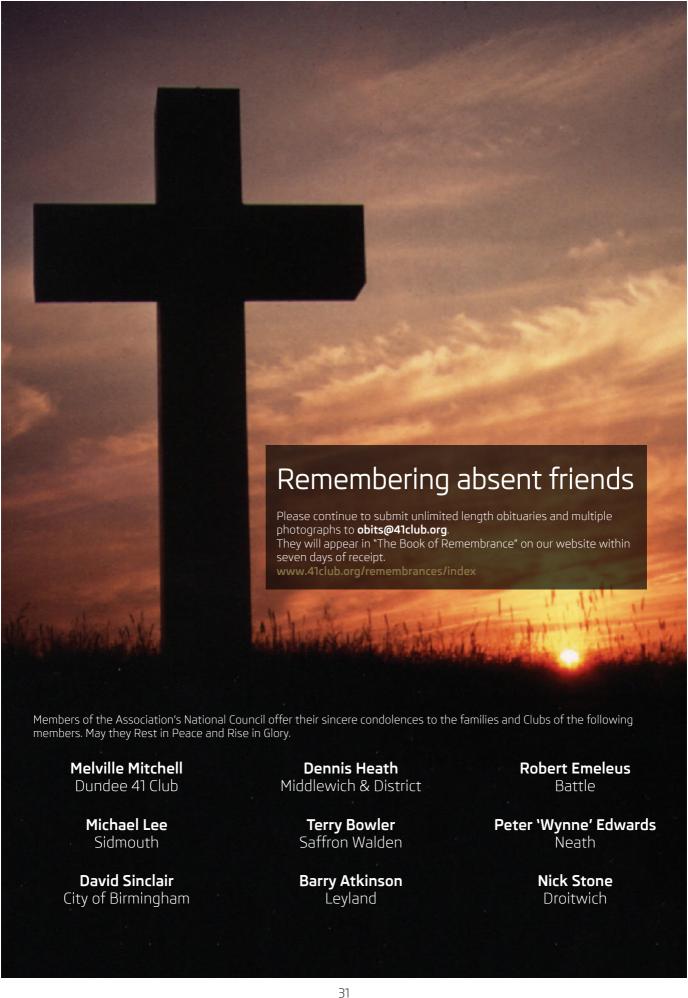
My chosen charities for the year are Prostate cancer UK and Prostate Cymru (the Welsh equivalent) and the main aim of the walk is to raise awareness of prostate cancer especially as it mainly affects men over 50, and in the UK 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. The demographics of our membership mean that we are most likely to be affected and sadly I know so many 41ers who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer or suffer from issues like myself as having an enlarged prostate.

I am not specifically raising money as a result of the walk but will be setting up a Just giving page should anyone wish to donate to this very worthwhile cause. I will do a daily blog on social media and I sincerely hope that we get round with no accidents or blisters.











Friday 14th July - Sunday 16th July

A gathering of like minded Motorcyclists of the Round Table Family, open to all abilities, bike sizes, wives and partners.

FRIDAY 14th July: Arrive at Hotel

saturday 15th July: Enjoy a 160 mile ride, that will take in the many delights of Derbyshire's iconic motorcycling roads, including the Snake Pass and Cat and Fiddle, passing through Matlock Bath, Chatsworth Estate, Derwent Valley, Macclesfield, Leek and Bakewell.

SUNDAY 16th July: Enjoy a 20 mile, half day ride. Including Chesterfield town centre to view the well known Twisted Spire of the town's parish church.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Hotel, South Normanton (near Matlock and Chesterfield)

Accommodation Details:

- £149 per night, Twin/Double Room, Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- £129 per night Single occupancy, Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- · Leisure facilities with swimming pool available for use.

Event Registration only £25

Book in at https://motorcycle.41clubevents.co.uk/