

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland 41 Olub NEWSLETTER

A proud member of the **Round Table Family**



2023 Motorcycle Weekend

Saturday morning started out fine with spells of sunshine and 19 motorcycles set off at 09.30am heading towards Matlock Bath like a long snake slithering along the tarmac.



Sunday morning was a fine and at 10.00 am, ten of the group made their way to Chesterfield town centre to view the marvel of the twisted, leaning, self supporting spire of the parish church.

ED: We wonder if the leaning spire has come out in support of the bikers as they lean over to navigate bends and corners





Welcome to the August Newslettter



Greetings

Firstly, I hope you will enjoy this edition of the monthly newsletter. Several National events have happened since the last issue, the outstanding one being the first GB&I 41 Club hosting of a YAP



Tour (Young Ambassadors Programme).

This newsletter contains a brief summary of the tour that travelled throughout the UK, with a fuller more detailed article to follow in the Autumn edition of the magazine.

Likewise, there is a shortened report of the motorcycle weekend – with a full article to follow.

Now we are approaching autumn when many clubs are meeting regularly after a summer recess, my request is for articles, notices, events, and comments from clubs to reflect what we do locally rather than being nationally focused.

I do believe that members are interested in other club's activities both social and community projects and by sharing our experiences, we can maybe learn from each other. So, please if your club has had a great social evening or a successful fundraising event etc. please send the details and let's share and learn from the good times.

Dave Chard,
National Communications and IT Officer

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Various articles
PLUS the usual details of events by clubs and
Internationally, plus members welfare, plus members
benefits - too much to itemise individually, just read
and enjoy!



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Steve James

National President



July was another milestone for me as President and for the Association as we welcomed 12 young adults from all over the world as part of the 41 International Youth Ambassador Programme (YAP). The tour commenced in London, then moved to the North West and the Lake District before heading South to the Midlands area, South Wales and finally Thames Valley before onward travel to their home countries. Karen and I had the pleasure of hosting 4 YAP's in our house for 3 days whilst the others were all hosted by members of my local club. Due to their last evening in Wales coinciding with mine and Gail Ventress's birthdays so what better way but to arrange a BBQ and party in our house. The party finished at 2.30am and needless to say not many joined me for a walk up the mountain the next morning.

My thanks to Andy and Gail Ventress for organising the tour and particularly Gail who due to Andy's operation found herself escorting and driving the YAPs around in a 17-seater mini bus each day. I also wish to thank all the 41 members who either hosted or took the YAP's on various trips where they staying, we can certainly be proud of what has been achieved.



A full write up of the tour will appear in our next magazine. The YAP's particularly commented that they like being home hosted and accordingly we are seeking volunteers to help host the YAP's for next year's tour. If your club would be willing to help, please do not hesitate to drop us a line at yap@41club.org

Whilst we entertained 12 YAP's in GB&I, 2 young adults from GB&I are either on or due to go on different tours, one to India and the other to S Africa. We did have more spaces allocated to ourselves so if you have a child or a grandchild aged 18-24, who you think would benefit from attending this programme, please contact yap@41club.org. I can certainly recommend sending young adults on a YAP tour having had first-hand experience when our youngest child Emily went to S Africa in 2019.



National President's Report cont/.

On the business side of things, the insurance review team have been a great asset in reviewing our current policy to ensure it meets the needs of our members and the Association, and I am hopeful that by the time we meet as a National Council in Stranraer we will have a firm idea of what our new insurance policy needs to cover. The expectation is that new policy will be far more beneficial in covering most locally organised events thereby giving added benefits to our members.

Since my last newsletter I have visited the following clubs: Taunton, Wellington, Test Valley, Winchester, Exeter, Burnham on Sea and Highbridge, Avalon Glastonbury, Forest of Dean, Malvern Hills and Wotton under Edge as well as attending all the National Fellowship events. The warm welcome and excellent fellowship that I receive never ceases to amaze me and I am so proud to be your National President.

As part of my charity fundraising, I have teamed up with Penderyn Whisky and when I visit clubs there is an opportunity to purchase a bottle or 2 of which 21% goes towards my charity. Graham Hunter from LOTS purchased a bottle recently and has asked me to nominate someone who I feel has made the best speech when I visit and present them with the bottle, so you never know you may be a lucky recipient.

Steve

Steve James,
41 Club National President







Prostate Cymru - Awareness Campaign

Thousands more men in Wales will be supported by Prostate Cymru thanks to a new purpose-built vehicle supplied from South Wales Freemasons.

This custom-made £120,000 exhibition van will bolster the awareness programme further and become a welcome sight in communities across Wales, providing men with an opportunity to grow their understanding of prostate disease and speak to experts about any concerns.

The new vehicle, presented to Prostate Cymru by the Provincial Grand Master, Gerald Rowbottom on behalf of South Wales Freemasons, comes through the Masonic Benevolent Fund of South Wales following an exceptional donation from Freemason David Swain of the Brecknock Lodge. The Masonic Benevolent Fund is supported entirely by Freemasons from across the Province of South Wales.

The Awareness Van made its inaugural visit at the Ogi Porthcawl 10k on the 1st July, encouraging supporters, volunteers and runners to have a chat with the team. The van also visited The Royal Welsh in Llanelwedd, Builth Wells at the end of July, and will now go on to be hosted by various businesses and supermarkets across Wales.

The schedule for the van will be released in the coming month, so keep an eye out on the Prostate Cymru social media to see when we will be near you!

This project has taken months of planning from the MBF team and we are very proud that the production of the vehicle was carried out entirely by companies from South Wales

Tina Tew, Chief Executive of Prostate Cymru, said:

"We're extremely grateful to South Wales Freemasons for their significant gift of a new vehicle. Our charity has no national or government funding and the work we do is only possible with the support of external fundraisers and supporters.

Science tells us that if caught early, prostate cancer is highly treatable. This new awareness vehicle will enable us to expand our engagement, which will result in more men understanding the risks, speaking to their GPs and therefore generally improving early diagnosis rates. Ultimately, this project is going to save lives.

Through their generosity, the South Wales Freemasons have made a vital contribution not only to our charity, but to men's health in Wales as a whole."



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March the Month for over 11,000 men

March the Month is Prostate Cancer UK's virtual step challenge for anyone who wants to keep active and help beat prostate cancer. Join thousands of people, across the nation, committing themselves to walk or wheel 11,000 steps a day throughout September.

You'll be doing it for more than 11,000 dads, brothers, grandads, partners and mates who die from prostate cancer every year. < Sign up to March the Month > and help raise lifesaving funds, get active and walk your way.

You can take on the challenge solo or in a team and track and share your progress using JustGiving's easy logging system.

Whether you're a rookie rambler, or a seasoned stroller, you can get your steps in any way you choose. You could go for a daily walk, switch up your commute, or even walk around your house or garden.

By taking on this challenge, you're helping to increase awareness of prostate cancer, and fundraising to ultimately save men's lives.

Get in touch

If you have any questions at all, you can <drop Prostate Cancer UK an email > or give them a call on 0800 082 1616.







National Fellowship Officer Kelly Clarke



A big thank you to Howard, Mark and Elizabeth for organising the Motorcycle Weekend. Being a hardy lot, we arrived soaked through, with Howard following each of us through reception of the Holiday Inn with a mop drying the floor. Another superb weekend of fellowship ensued.

The Caravan Rally at the end of September is still open for booking. Please see the booking site www.41clubevents.co.uk for all the details and programme on offer.

Summer holidays are still on people's minds, so please remember that we have a deal with Holiday Extras for all those extras that you may need or getting to the airport or port.

There is still time to book to go on this year's cruise to see the wonders and wildlife of the Azores with our affinity partner Fred Olsen and if you fancy one of their other cruises, please ring their office and use our group code GRP0210 to get the club discounts.

Fun and Fellowship equals new members.

Kelly Carke
41 Club National Fellowship Officer

Affinity Deal News

Watch out for some exciting new deals being launched in the next edition of the Magazine!!







CAMBERLEY 41 CLUB

You are cordially invited to attend our

50th CHARTER DINNER

Monday 23rd October 2023

At Camberley Heath Golf Club, GU15 1JG

Dress – DJ or Lounge Suit - Medals

3 Course Dinner and Wine, £45 per head

19.00 for 19.30

Our National President, Steve James, in attendance.

With The Internationally Renowned Author PAUL SLOANE, PRESENTING



A Tale of Bravery, and Innovation to rival Adopt, Adapt, Improve



To Book - Contact Mike Mawtus <u>mmawtus@aol.com</u>

CAMBERLEY 41 CLUB <u>www.41club.org/micro/camberley</u>







"Yes! I can do that" I said when the National Fellowship Officer, Kelly Clarke asked me at the Kings Lynn Motorcycle Weekend last year, if I would be prepared to organise the next 2023 event on a date to be confirmed that didn't clash with any other 41 Club activity.

Friday 14th July arrived – Rain and more rain, heavy in places......!!

National President Steve James and his wife Karen also endured atrocious driving conditions to be with us that evening.



An esteemed member of the group, Norman Hyde, holder of a motorcycle with sidecar speed record in 1972 was signing photographs for sale with the proceeds being donated to Steve's Prostate Cancer Research nominated charity that raised £70 that night. Many thanks to Norman and all that donated to the cause and attached is a photograph with Steve showing the signed photographs

By coincidence, an article featuring Norman and his passion for speed featured in a recent copy of Classic Motorcycle magazine.

This is just a very brief résumé of the weekend and full details will appear in the 41 Club Magazine later this year.

Howard Gibbons
Dronfield 41 Club

Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club raise £5,600 for Maggie's Forth Valley

We were delighted to hand over a cheque for £5,600 to Maggie's Forth Valley, taking the total raised for good causes since 2017 to an incredible £75,066. Carrigan Kerr is pictured receiving the cheque on behalf of Maggie's from immediate past chairman Billy Dougall and members of Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club.

Our club held a successful fundraiser at the Dobbie Hall in Larbert in May with 220 people attending. Guests enjoyed live entertainment with music from the musicals followed by DJ Andy Reid. Chairman for the 2022/2023 session Billy Dougall said 'We would like to thank everyone who has supported us to put on this event. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves while raising money for a worthy cause. Maggie's require to raise an incredible £2,400 per day so the money raised will go towards providing the fabulous support service. The members of the Club were astounded by the final amount raised, much more than we had anticipated."

Maggie's Forth Valley

Maggie's is a charity providing free cancer support and information in centres across the UK and online.











Christmas Dinner

Thursday 7 th December 2023

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Four Course Christmas Dinner

Guest Comedian (Tony Roscoe)

Carriages at 12:30am Dress code Lounge suits

Tickets £30

At Whitehall Hotel

Springbank, Ross Street

Darwen Lancashire BB3 2JU

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Countdown to NSSW Stranraer 2023

Your NSSW Stranraer 2023 team have been working hard to bring the next NSSW to you from Stranraer Southwest Scotland.

Who are your NSSW team:-Kevin Stewart - Chair Colin McKenzie - Treasurer John Irvine - Registration Johnny Johnstone - Activities Clive Pegram - Secretary Bill Freeman - Entertainment When is NSSW
Stranraer 2023? Friday 6th to Sunday
8th October 2023

Things you need to know about your NSSW:-

As we have negotiated an exclusive deal with the Northwest Castle Hotel for your NSSW, we need you to ensure that your bookings are competed by Friday 1st September 2023. This will ensure your special rate and a fun packed weekend package of three and two night stays from just over £200.00. If you live close to Stranraer and want to be a part of NSSW 2023 we also have two kinds of Day Passes. Day Pass 1 includes activities*, lunch and Gala Dinner and prize giving for £65.00 and Day Pass 2 includes activities* and lunch for £30.00. (* Golf and Auto Test at extra cost). So please do not leave the booking to the last few weeks to avoid disappointment.







Countdown to NSSW Stranraer 2023



Bookings:-

Bookings are coming in each week. As we have negotiated an exclusive deal with the hotel, it is VERY IMPORTANT that all bookings for NSSW 2023 are completed by Friday 1st September 2023.

If you have already made a booking and are sharing with someone, please can you remind who you are sharing with to book their NSSW place ASAP.

We can now confirm the following activities we have planned for NSSW:-

In the hotel:-

Carpet Bowls, Pool, Darts, Table tennis, Table Football, Drone challenge, Go Pro Remote Controlled Tank course, Play station highest score, Novelty Event, Indoor crazy putting, Scalextric car racing – Hot Lap, Swimming Pool – Games (Saturday Afternoon), Curling – Taster session (Saturday Morning)

Away from the hotel:-

Golf - at local golf club just outside Stranraer overlooking the sea. Extra cost
Auto Test - (Limited Availability book early- morning and afternoon sessions - not the speed
but getting around the course - practice and auto test per person) Extra cost
Treasurer Hunt - Short Walk around Stranraer close to the hotel (Morning & Afternoon)

Point Scoring-

To be able to score points at the NSSW you will need to take part in 3 or more events. Everyone who has booked in for the 1st September, we will then contact you by email, for you to identify which activities (except Golf and Auto Test) you wish to take part in. Johnnie your activities organiser, can then work out your activities for the weekend.

Saturday Gala Dinner

On the Saturday evening we have organised a Hills & Harbour Gin drinks reception, Gala Dinner and prize giving for all the lucky winners of the day's activities. There will be a prize raffle and auction of a Grand Prix Scalextric set – all proceeds will go to the National Presidents Charity Prostate Cancer UK. The dress code for the evening is smart casual and their will be a prize for the person wearing the most interesting waistcoat!

You can find booking information about NSSW at **41clubevents.co.uk**We look forward to greeting you in October 2023 in Stranraer.

Remember bookings are required by 1st September.

Sponsorship of NSSW Stranraer 2023 – Scalextric, Crafty Gin Distillery, Thomas Tunnocks LTD, Lactailis UK & Ireland (Incorporating Caledonian Cheese Co LTD & McLelland Cheese Packing LTD), Newton Stewart Round Table.







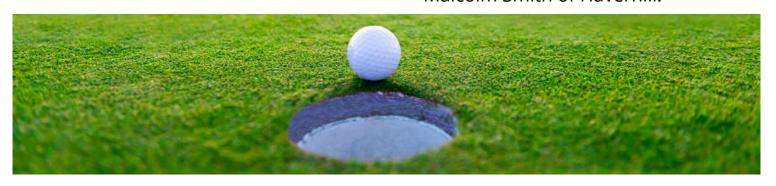
The 20th anniversary golf day for clubs in Eastern Region (Regions 16,17,18 & 19) took place at Braintree Golf Club in early July. 56 golfers from 12 different clubs took part and enjoyed a wonderful day of friendship and fun with a bit of serious golf as well. 2022 winners, Chiltern, led the proceedings off with best wishes from National President Steve at the start.



Some good golf was played and, until we got to the last few teams out on the course, stayed dry. The wet weather towards the end only caught the last few groups out, but



it didn't deter the final group, Great Dunmow, who turned in a magnificent team score to win the trophy. Runners up were Hemel Hempstead and third place went to Haverhill. Dunmow ended up taking most of the honours with their member, Patrick Lavelle, winning the individual trophy beating his colleague, Howard Keightley into 2nd place. Nearest the pin winners were Bob Southgate, Brentwood, and Malcolm Smith of Haverhill.







At the dinner afterwards we were joined by Jason Thomson, NCLO and Councillor Region 18 as well as stalwart Tom Abbott who took over the duties of MC in his own inimitable style. Another National Councillor, Stuart Bizley Region 17 played for his club Dereham, and we are also grateful to Stuart for some sponsorship of the event. President Steve handed out the prizes and gave his state of the nation talk. One of the key parts of this day is also to try



to raise money for charities. The three winning teams had the option of selecting a charity. Both Dunmow and Hemel selected President's charity, Prostate Cancer, and Haverhill's winnings went to Haverhill Sea Scouts. With a successful raffle and an auction prize, bought by St. Neots, a terrific sum of £1,100 was made for Prostate Cancer.

This is a very successful day with lots of fun and not overly difficult to organise. I gather that most of the Regional golf days have now gone, which is a great shame as they are excellent fellowship events.

Combining Regions for one day works and I'm sure there are plenty of golfers out there. I would encourage others to start them and if anyone needs any assistance, please contact me at eastregiongolf@gmail.com.

The 2024 event is now in the diary for Wednesday 10th July 2024 Jim Smith

National President 2014-15









Gentlemen, If you would like another opportunity this season to exercise your niblicks, here is an excellent way to support a charity close to our hearts as ex-Tablers. This event is being supported by Ringwood 41 Club.

Up and Coming Events

41 Club Cruise 41 Club Annual National Golf Competition	
41 Club Annual National Golf Competition	
NSSW Stranraer	
2023 International HYM Paphos Cyprus	
White Rose Dinner Doncaster	
Camberley 50 th Charter	
ISIS area Oxford College Dinner Exeter College	
Tangent President's Charity Black-tie Ball	
41 Club and Tangent Cruise 2024 - search for Northern Lights	
41 Club and Tangent Conference Liverpool	







SHOWTIME! 41 CLUB PRESENTS



DORSET KNOBS 2023

JOIN 41'ers AND TABLERS FROM REGION 23, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND MANY OTHERS, AT THIS YEAR'S DORSET KNOBS

THE HAMWORTHY CLUB, CANFORD MAGNA, BH21 3AL

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023

BAR OPEN FROM 6pm FOR 7pm START

ENTERTAINMENT FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES
HEADS & TAILS RAFFLE IN AID OF THE NATIONAL
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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







THE FIRST YOUNG AMBASSADORS TOUR OF GB&I

41 Club signed up to the Young Ambassadors Program (YAP) in 2018 and 3 young people from GB&I visited either India or South Africa in 2019. We were due to have a tour around GB&I in 2020 and fully join the programme. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the whole programme was cancelled and again in 2021. Therefore, this was our inaugural year of hosting young people from other countries.

Our first YAP tour started on Sunday 16th July with 12 young people flying into Heathrow from around the world, to be met by National President, Steve James and other 41ers. They were then taken to a Youth Hostel in Beaconsfield.



They then spent next 3 days visiting the sights of London and experiencing the Capital.

Outside the Tower of London



A flight on the London Eye



A Beefeater Tour Guide





The tour next moved to the Northwest with a trip to the Lake District, followed by a day in Liverpool, including a visit to the Cavern Club.

Moving on for the next 3 nights to The Midlands, which involved a trip to Marchesi House, followed by Stratford upon Avon and the Cotswolds. The next move was to South Wales where they were hosted by President Steve, who along with Gail Ventress, each whose birthday it was, arranged a party including karaoke.

Finally, the last night was spent in Reading with a final night get together at a member's house and garden next to the river Thames.

Many thanks must go to all involved, especially Gail Ventress, who accompanied them the whole time, also driving the minibus as her husband - YAP Convener Andy had an operation the day after they all arrived.

A full detailed report will follow in the magazine.







IT'S OKAY TO CALL FOR HELP

Feeling down? Fed up? Just want to chat?

Phone a 41 Club Buddy today

We are here to listen

Seven days a week 10am – 10pm

Your call will be anonymous - we are here for any 41 Club member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them. You may be feeling lonely or isolated; you may have lost touch with your 41 Club. Anything. We are friendly fellow 41 Club members and are here for you.

You are not alone - you are part of 41 Club

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International News



Number Clubs

Does or did your Round Table belong to an International Number Club?

Do they still actively participate in meetings with the other clubs?

Has your 41 Club continued the tradition and get involved in the meetings?

My own club was a very proud member of both the national and international 48 Clubs and were regular attenders at the annual meetings. This continued when we moved to 41 Club (retirement was still 40 in those days) but the national group has disappeared as many Tables closed, so international is the only one left. Hosting the event was a major event and all the guests were home hosted but gradually numbers dwindled and only two from my club were regular attenders. Then Covid hit and the event just seemed to disappear from the calendar.

So, I would love to hear from any club that is still involved in their Number Club. Please let us know how you overcame the disaster of Covid and the apathy brought about by computer gaming and box set bingeing! How often do you meet? Are attendees up or down?

If your Number Club has recently had a meeting, we would love to receive an article about it. Please let me know about any Number Club that is still active.

Ray Hill

Communication-manager@41international.net



41 Club Football Group





Join the 41 Club Football Group on Facebook! Telephone 10 The Property of the

Are you a football fanatic looking for a vibrant community of passionate fans? Look no further! The 41 Club Football Group is your ultimate destination for all things football-related.

- Engage in Thrilling Challenges: Test your football knowledge and skills with our exciting challenges! From trivia to prediction games, there's something for everyone to enjoy.
 - Engage in Heated Debates: Love debating football tactics, players, and teams?

 Our community welcomes healthy discussions where your opinions matter! Join the conversation and share your views.
- Fantasy League Fun: Are you a master at creating dream teams? Participate in our Fantasy League and compete against fellow members to see who has the best tactical prowess.
- No Team Discrimination: Whether your heart belongs to a Premier League giant, a Vanarama underdog, or a Sunday League local team, we celebrate the love for the game in all its forms.
- Join the Fun-Filled Community: Embrace the camaraderie, banter, and joy of being part of a lively football-loving group. Make new friends, cheer together, and support the beautiful game united!

Don't miss out on the excitement! Come join the 41 Club Football Group today and experience the thrill of football like never before. See you on the pitch!

Jim Conway



Bookings / Confirmation:



whiterosedinner2023@gmail.com



Jeff Wray 07966593364 (for enquiries)

Payment Details

Please use WRD23 as a reference along with your name

Chortle Corner

I wish my wife knew the difference between antidote and anecdote...

I got bitten by a snake and she started telling me funny stories...

When you're half way through eating a horse and you think, "I'm not as hungry as I thought I was..."

If I had a quid for every time somebody told me to grow up...

I could have built an awesome tree house...

Deadline for Newsletter copy

Please note that deadline for copy for this Newsletter is 1st of each month for publication later in that month.

Please send any copy to your National Councillor for your Region or alternatively direct to comms@41club.org & region7@41club.org



National Membership Officer Peter McBride



Are you doing enough to attract new members?

Most of our members come predominantly from those leaving Round Table. As such it is our duty to support our Round Table, maintain strong links and ensure we have Club meetings that attract Tablers to encourage them to join 41 Club when the time is right.

We simply lose too many Tablers from the Round Table Family after they leave their Table and only 10% of them go on to join their 41 Club.



% of Tablers who don't join 41 Club and leave the Round Table Family

That's a challenge for us all – and yet conversely, we know we have many, many fantastic 41 Clubs who have great links with their Round Table in terms of community and social activities and consequently have high conversion rates from Round Table to 41 Club.

Not all 41 Clubs, however have this success and we all need to ask ourselves some challenging questions:

- 1. Does my 41 Club reach out and engage with our Round Table 'creche'?
- 2. Is our programme of meetings attractive to them?
- 3. Have we asked them what they would like?
- 4. Have we grown separate from our Round Table if so, what are we doing about it?
- 5. Do we attend occasional events with our Round Table?
- 6. Are we aware of the 'health' of our Round Table membership? How can we support them?
- 7. Do we invite ex-Tablers along to our events and then ask them to join?
- 8. Do we share the benefits of our 41 Club member benefits with them?
- 9. Do we have 'buddy' system in our Club to nurture our new members?
- 10. Lastly, do we care enough about sustaining our own 41 Club into the future?



National Membership Officer Peter McBride



Are you doing enough to attract new members?

Does your 41 Club successfully recruit new members from your local Round Table?

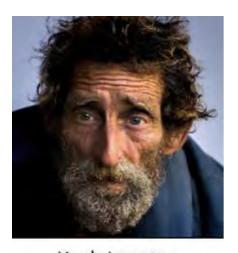
How did you go about it?

What challenges did you have to overcome?

What lessons have you learnt?

Tell others and share your success with other Clubs via the 41 Club Members' Forum at https://www.facebook.com/groups/211180729236191 or email me at membership@41club.org so that we learn from each other.

"There is no joy in possession without sharing." - Erasmus



Hugh Jampton Not a 41 Club member

Be honest - are you attractive?

Having creative and attractive meetings are **SO** important to any 41 Club. They can often make all the difference between a Club thriving and growing, or just surviving or declining.

Better meetings mean happier, fulfilled members and better retention as well as making your 41 Club being more attractive to prospective members!

If you have a great programme of meetings, why not let others know and win a prize and awards for your Club?

In the coming month we'll be launching National and Regional Competitions to find the best 41 Club Meeting Programme. There'll be different categories so you've a great chance of winning or being nominated.

Watch out for details in the next Newsletter!

Peter McBride

membership@41club.org





Unfortunately, some of the photos we are receiving are not of sufficient quality to reproduce in the Newsletter or Magazine. We politely request that these are sent via "Dropbox" or "We Transfer" so that we can reproduce these in the best quality for our readers. We thank you for your co-operation.



This is the face of your Comms & IT Officer when he gets the final version of this Newsletter



