



**41 Club**  
THE NEWSLETTER



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## Well Done Mervyn !!!!!

Cwmbran 41 Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Charter on March 25 2014 and were able to make a donation of £4,200 to the National President in support of his nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. At the age of 72 their president Mervyn France had undertaken a task that would have beaten many younger men, namely to walk the three peaks challenge on St David's Day.



"My colleagues thought a sponsored walk would be a good idea and they nominated me to undertake the venture because I was the oldest. It involved a trek of some 16 miles and nearly 5000 feet of

ascent over three of the Black Mountain peaks, namely Blorenge, Sugar Loaf and Skirrid. My colleagues monitored my arrival at each of the peaks, and were strategically placed between them to provide sustenance, oxygen and any TLC that might be needed.

I chose a project of some difficulty to make me feel better about asking donors to make some sacrifice and, when



"Mervyn has astounded everyone in 41Club with his amazing effort at walking 16 miles and climbing three mountains. His donation is the single largest donation we have had for the Macmillan appeal and we admire his energy, enthusiasm and commitment to both Macmillan and 41Club."

**Martin Green, National President**

the going gets tough (as it did in my training sessions), it reminded me of how much tougher it is for Macmillan patients. This project has been invested with great poignancy since the death from cancer of our colleague and friend, Geoff Maynard and I walked with him very much in mind.



I used an arm's length approach through JustGiving to reach many more potential donors than conventional means and that the fund would benefit from modest donations from the many rather than extravagant gestures from my corporate contacts. Not sure DWP or HMP would be interested anyway."

Mervyn is seen on the right with National President Martin at the Cwmbran 41 Club 50th anniversary night.

Congratulations to him for raising the highest individual contribution to the Macmillan appeal so far.



"We would like to congratulate Mervyn on his achievement, he is an inspiration to us all and has raised an incredible amount of money for 41 Club and Macmillan. Mervyn has raised the bar in terms of personal challenge and fundraising. On behalf of Macmillan, thank you Mervyn!"

**Tracey Mallinson**  
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## EDITORIAL

2014 has been a record year for entries into most of the National press and photographic competitions.

When entries closed forty members had entered the photographic competition with a total of 120 photographs. Voting for a winner at the Bournemouth Conference will be open to all delegates and they will face a difficult decision as the standard of entries is very high. It will also be difficult to select just the 13 for the 2015 charity calendar.

The David Smith trophy is awarded to the club that has produced the best newsletters during the previous 12 months. This year there are eleven entries, again a record and the winner of this competition will be selected by the members of

the National Communications committee.

The final competition is for the best club website over the last 12 months. Only four entries this year, which is a little disappointing as they are our window for the rest of the world. The committee will also select the winning website.

All results will be announced at the AGM at the end of this month.

My thanks to all those that have contributed in any way to spread the word about 41 Club.

**Ray Hill, comms@41club.org**

## REGIONAL GOLF DATES

### Region 20

The Region 20 Golf Day will be hosted by Abingdon 41 Club at Frilford Heath Golf Club in Abingdon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014. You are cordially invited for a great day's golf and fellowship.

The first tee time will be 1.00, registration, coffee and bacon rolls from 12.00. As in previous years the format will be a pairs team stableford, with the customary longest drive and nearest the pin challenges. The cost this year will be £68 per person to include coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf, two course evening meal and prizes. Directions to the course can be found on the golf club's web-site [www.frilfordheath.co.uk](http://www.frilfordheath.co.uk) or phone 01865 390864.

If you have any questions you can contact Chris Allen on :-

Evenings 01235 554055 or Mobile 07749 848568

e-mail [chrisdallen11@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisdallen11@yahoo.co.uk).

**Frank Venables - 41 Club National Councillor Region 20**

### Region 22

Date: Thursday 31 July 2014

Venue: Exeter Golf & Country Club, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 7AE

Time: 1st tee time 11.30am, but please arrive from 10.30am for refreshments as below

Includes: Coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a 2 course meal afterwards

Format: Teams of 4, best 3 stableford scores to count (other nearest the pin and longest drive competitions on the day)

Cost: £40 per player to include all of the above

The Regional winners will go forward to the National Final on Monday 22 September at Ladbroke Park Golf Club near Birmingham. Clubs wishing to enter please contact John Beevers of Exeter 41 Club by email at [the.beevers@btinternet.com](mailto:the.beevers@btinternet.com) or by phone on 07860 927229 by Monday 30 June 2014 latest, advising any special dietary requirements.

**Mark Fairchild - 41 Club National Treasurer**



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## COSTA RICA SCATTER CLUB

I and my wife joined a group holiday in Costa Rica in February consisting of a total of fifteen like-minded people. Getting to know our travelling companions over the first couple of days we discovered that the group included three members of 41 Club GB&I and two members of Tangent GB&I; David and Susan Hills (Horley 41 Club and Tangent), Len and Pauline Smith (Burton-on-Trent 41 Club) and myself and Beth (both Harpenden and Party Tyne 41 Club and Tangent). We decided that the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party of Exodus, with whom we were travelling, was a suitable occasion on which to form a 41 Club, Costa Rica Scatter Club and duly celebrated as can be seen from the photo. When the club will meet again is not yet certain, but plans are afoot to at least reconvene at the Harrogate Conference in 2015. Friendships are spawned in the most unlikely places, but 41 Club is a good basis on which to start.



**Arnold Allen, Harpenden and Party Tyne 41 Clubs**

## A VISIT TO AIRE-SUR-LA-LYS

Following on from the successful Transmanche meeting in February, three members of Maidstone 41 Club returned to France for a meeting with Aire-sur-la-Lys 41 Club in the Pas-de-Calais department of Northern France. The item printed below is taken from the front page of the French club's bulletin.



**Three Members of the Maidstone 41 Club just made a return trip to Aire-sur-la-Lys just to assist our meeting.**

*Mr President and Gentlemen*

*Firstly, I bring greetings from Maidstone 41 Club and our Chairman Paul Ellis (he is sorry not to be with us tonight but asks that we drink a toast or two or three or more to the health of Aire-sur-la-Lys). I am sure you will all agree to this suggestion !!*

*We really enjoyed our visit to Calais for the Transmanche meeting in February and hope that Maidstone can now forge a link with Aire-sur-la-Lys. We are only divided by the English Channel, friendship has no boundaries.*

*It has been a great pleasure to attend your meeting this evening and we thank you for your warm hospitality. Please accept this our Club Banner as a token of our feelings.*



## **Round Table Children's Wish and the Bournemouth Wheels Festival**

2014 sees Bournemouth welcome the inaugural 'Wheels Festival' to town from Saturday 24 May to Monday 26 May. Billed as the UK's biggest free family Wheels themed festival, it's set to combine motion, power and elegance into three days of high-energy action across Britain's premier seaside town and seafront.

From beautiful historic classic cars and world-class BMX stunts to Monster Truck shows and supercars there will be something for everyone with a full programme of family fun. The packed line-up so far is planned to include show stopping arenas on the beach, a cliff top demonstration course featuring racing cars and bikes, pier jumps, displays, live entertainment, fireworks and much more.

All this from the organisers of the Bournemouth Air Festival, which attracts over 1.5 million visitors to Bournemouth every year and one of the 'Top 10 Airshows in the World' (USA Today 2013)

The nominated charity for the festival is Round Table Children's Wish, and we will be having a stall to promote the Round Table Family & RTCW right in the heart of the action, on Bournemouth's Pier Approach. Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Tangent members will have exclusive access to VIP only tours and displays of classic and modern cars, as well as access to VIP hospitality with drivers and owners. There will also be a gala dinner and dance held in the Bournemouth Pavilion Ballroom on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The festival will culminate with the 'Bears on Bikes' challenge, a sponsored bike ride which will see over 2000 participants follow a cycling circuit around the town, in support of RTCW, in association with Round Table and British Cycling.

Accommodation packages will be advertised shortly. Check the RTBI website for deals for Tablers. For all other information about the festival go to: [www.bournemouthwheels.co.uk](http://www.bournemouthwheels.co.uk)

If you are interested in attending the Gala Dinner or taking part in the 'Bears on Bikes' cycle please contact us on 01202 514 515 or email [charlotte@rtcw.org/](mailto:charlotte@rtcw.org/)

We hope you join us for what will be a fantastic weekend!

Charlotte Otter  
Fundraising Officer – Relationships  
Round Table Children's Wish

## REGION 12 ST DAVID'S DAY

This year it was Wrexham 41 Club's turn to organise the St David's Day Dinner for North Wales. Held at the Ramada Plaza it attracted a wide range of 41 Clubs including several from over the border, including some from Derbyshire. The toastmaster for the evening was Wrexham's own ex president His Honour, Judge Roger Dalton DL and the his sparring partner was the guest speaker Anthony O'Toole, also of Wrexham 41 and a local barrister. A better double act would be hard to find!

National President Martin gave a more restrained but witty



The trophy presented to next year's organising club



toast to '41 Cub and Region 12'. He was delighted to receive a cheque for £500 from David Hewitt from Whitchurch 41 for Macmillan, in memory of Dr Paul Wilson a recently deceased member of the Whitchurch club.

The raffle also raised over £300 for the President's chosen charity.

A very entertaining and well organised evening and our thanks go to the organisers.



His Honour Judge Roger Dutton



Guest Speaker Anthony O'Toole



National Honorary Member David Hewitt presenting a cheque for £500 to President Martin for Macmillan Cancer Support

## DORSET KNOBS

Early March, Dorset Knobs once again attracted a good turnout from Region 23 which welcomed the National President Martin, National Secretary Manny and National Treasurer Mark. National Councillor David Brown also joined the throng and helped organisers Shaftesbury and Gillingham with the Annual Festivities. After the welcome from Chairman Brian Wood, Past Chairman, Sam Woodcock opened proceedings with a Dorset flavour by giving a reading in dialect from William Barnes.

Dorset Knobs is principally about continuing friendship of Ex Round Tables in Round Table Area 48. In recent years attendees at "Knobs" have taken the opportunity to provide significant support to the President's Charity and again on the occasion. Bournemouth handed over cheque a for £1700.00, principally from sponsorship of Ken Griffiths who completed the South Coast run, which was followed up by Shaftesbury & Gillingham donating the proceeds of the evening and from other fund raising, cheques for £1100.00.

Next years event will be organised by Bournemouth North 41 Club on the first Friday in March 2015.

The picture shows members of the Bournemouth Showtime 2014 Committee with "Of Course Its Corsets" who cajoled members to empty their pockets. The Shaftesbury Silver Band and Comedian Paul Levent and his friends completed a super evening of fun and fellowship.





*The Inaugural 41 Club Classic Rally*

*21st - 22nd June 2014*

*Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire*

The first bookings for the Classic Rally are arriving and already we have a fascinating selection of vehicles, including:

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| Bristol 410      | Triumph TR4 |
| Ferrari 348      | Morgan 4/4  |
| Rover P4         | MGB         |
| Aston Martin DB5 | BMW 635 CSI |

Reserve your place now, it promises to be a fun weekend. Activities will include:

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| Display of members cars      | Drives around surrounding countryside          |
| Visits to places of interest | Fun motoring quiz                              |
| Rally dinner                 | Competition for most popular vehicle attending |

**Day visitors are very welcome**

#### **The costs**

**Registration and Rally Pack: £15 per classic vehicle**

**Saturday night accommodation (Rally Dinner, 1 night bed and breakfast):**

**Double Room - £124      Single Room - £90**

**Additional Friday night accommodation (1 night bed and breakfast):**

**Double Room - £84      Single Room - £70**

**Saturday Rally Dinner only (No accommodation): £25 per person**

**Spectators: Free**



**Booking form available in the monthly Newsletter or online at [41Club.org](http://41Club.org)**

**Please help us by booking as early as possible**



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### Booking Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and Rally Pack: £15 per classic vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Rally Dinner (only if not booking Saturday

accommodation) £25 per person \_\_\_\_\_ x £25 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a cheque for this amount made payable to '41 Club' to

Ray Hill, The Huntsmans Lodge, Wimboldsley Cheshire, CW10 0LL Tel. 01606 832807

For Accommodation please book directly with the Puma central reservations (0800 808 9596) quoting 41 Club Classic Rally.

Saturday night accommodation (Rally Dinner, 1 night bed and breakfast):

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## OBITUARY

The following obituary was missing from the Spring Magazine, therefore to avoid further delay it is being printed here Apologies to all concerned.

### John Gatum, Welling 41 Club

John passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013. He was in Welling RT 503, becoming National Councillor, Area Chairman, Chairman and President before joining Welling 41 Club where he was a member for many years. John, whose stage name was John Derrick, performed with many Music Hall stars, his godfather was George Formby and at 5 years old appeared with George doing a clog dance. An accomplished violinist and comedian he appeared on television numerous times. For the past few years he suffered with Dementia and was cared for by his wife Ena until his passing in hospital aged 83.



## PRAY SILENCE

In the Spring Magazine we have published the first part of an article on toastmasters. No not the sort on the right, but the kind that wears a red coat and calls you to order at a formal event.

Tom Abbott is a member of Harpenden and Royston 41 Clubs, National Councillor for Region 19 and President of the Alliance of Toastmasters Guild. In part one he covered the origins of the toastmaster and how he got his name. He also tells us about some of his own past experiences.

After the article went to press Tom found two photographs of William Knightsmith, who he refers to in his article. The black and white one shows Knightsmith speaking through a megaphone at the 1908 London Olympics and the second shows him in his famous red coat in a portrait of him that hangs in the Cafe Royal.



Part 2 will be in the July Magazine and contains many of the stories that toastmasters tell about wedding celebrations.