



41 Club
THE NEWSLETTER



A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY
OF CLUBS

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*Merry
Christmas!*



*The Board and Council
of 41 Club GB&I wish a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all members of the
Round Table Family
throughout the world*



A large group of delegates from the HYM participated in a two week post event tour in New Zealand. Here we see the GB&I contingent.

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LET'S COMMUNICATE

Not that many years ago the cry from members up and down the country was "what we lack is communication" and so after a stuttering start the online National Newsletter was born.

But now how many of us, how many of our clubs share what they are doing, what they have done etc etc? If the copy is anything to go by, not many and I suspect that the Editor has a monthly job "inventing" stuff to include.

If it sometimes seems that it is a noticeboard for National functions then don't be surprised. It fills space.

Hey most clubs are doing something. No matter how mundane it may seem, share it with Editor Ray. If it is rubbish the worst he can do is bin it (actually on reflection the worst he can do in that case is print it!!)

Is there something getting up your nose? Share it. Piles a bit painful? Let us all know your remedy!

Do you have a view on the future of National? Did you know that there is a group looking at the structure again...yes I know Yet again!

My whole point is that it is your Newsletter, Your 41 Club.

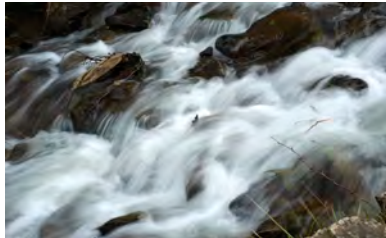
Communication is by definition a two way street.

Use this excellent medium or risk losing it !!

My own bunch from Lichfield is about to embark upon the Beauj-Olé run to Spain (shurely shome mishtake !) Be sure that we'll bore you with our antics through Newsletter.

Mac Cummings, Lichfield 41 Club

CHARITY CALENDAR 2015



Solve a Christmas present problem and help Anthony Nolan in one easy step!

The 41 Club 2015 calendar is a selection of member's entries from the Annual Photographic Competition



CALENDAR 2015

A selection of photographs from the 2014 National Photographic Competition

All profits from the sale of this calendar will be donated to Anthony Nolan



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Calendars cost £5 plus £2 p&p. To order yours please send a cheque made payable to Ray Hill to The Huntsmans Lodge, Wimboldsley, CW10 0LL.



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A DAY TO REMEMBER

In the October National Newsletter, President Jim offered the opportunity for members to participate in the Royal British Legion Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph and, since I had been in correspondence with National Secretary Manny with this very request since February, although not holding out much hope due to the limited number available, I immediately applied giving my reasons as requested. Imagine my delight when on the 3rd November, I received a call from Manny advising that I had been successful.



All the instructions were duly received so on Sunday 9th November, I boarded the 7.06 am train from Wickford and presented myself at Wetherspoons 'Lord Moon of the Mall' in Whitehall by 9.00 am, not hungover as requested in the email!



There I met President Jim plus the National Presidents of

Table, Circle and Tangent and other members of each Club, a total of 30 in all who would form our party called 'The Round Table Family'. At this stage, I felt particularly honoured to discover that I had been granted one of only two tickets available to rank and file members.

After coffees and bacon butties, we moved onto Whitehall at 9.45 am to take up our position in the parade, with me clutching my entry ticket numbered 10972. Over the next hour leading up to the 11 o'clock two minutes silence, the crowd continued to grow until Whitehall was solid from side to side, there being 4 columns in the parade, each 6 persons wide, plus spectators both sides of the road. There was a wonderful atmosphere, the sun was shining and we had large screens to watch plus a loudspeaker system.

At the due time, the Royal Family and other dignitaries emerged and after the firing of the gun on Horse Guards Parade to mark the start of the silence (which made everybody jump as we were unprepared), the service was carried out with all the usual reverence and respect. Then the big moment, the march past started. Being a non-military but service organisation, we were positioned towards the rear of the parade and as each column alongside us moved off, all of the waiting participants plus the crowd applauded. There were all ages, uniformed and otherwise with medals gleaming, either earned or in memory of loved ones, a

moving sight.

Finally, our turn, and to the applause of the crowd and the band playing, we approached the Cenotaph and then my thoughts moved to my reason for being there – to remember my father (whose Royal Artillery badge I was wearing on my coat), mother, aunt and uncle who all served during WWII and thankfully survived to come home again but also to remember all of those who were not so fortunate in any of our wars and made the ultimate sacrifice. A huge lump was in my throat as I gave a smart eyes left whilst being aware of all the troops at attention on my right. Then we were past, eyes front and very humbling as the crowds, and those earlier in the procession, clapped us all of the way round on to Horse Guards Parade where the salute was taken by Prince Andrew. To have serving soldiers, disabled servicemen and veterans applauding gave all of us a most marvellous but humbling experience which I will never forget and for that, I give my sincere thanks to National President Jim and Secretary Manny. If this opportunity arises again, I would urge you all to jump at the chance.

Then, in true Round Table manner, we all adjourned to the 'Round Table' pub by Leicester Square to do what Tablers and ex-Tablers do best, enjoy themselves. A day never to be forgotten.

Ian Piddlesden
Wickford 41 Club
South Woodham Ferrers 41 Club

REMEMBER

We thought it would be nice to use the word of the IPP of Lichfield Tangent, Jennie Tipper, in describing the day at the 41 National Garden at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffordshire.

A large group of Lichfield members of the Round Table Family met together at the Arboretum with members of Round Table, Ladies Circle, 41 Club, Tangent and Tangles attending. It was a lovely sunny morning which was much appreciated. We listened to the main Arboretum service and then walked on to our own Garden of Remembrance. We were all given a printed Order of Service, thank you to Martin Greene, Immediate Past National President of 41 Club for providing these, they were a great help. We were fortunate enough to have 4 Immediate Past National Presidents attending our service, Martin Greene, Karen Durie, Stephen Sprod, and our own Ruth Curry. All these Past Presidents laid wreaths, and then the current Chairmen of our various Clubs laid wreaths, I had the privilege of representing our Chairman Margaret.

The Immediate Past National Presidents, and Terry Browne our 41 Club Chairman, then read out the poems "In Flanders Field" (last verse of which is:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them"

And also "Desiderata", which ends with the lines: " Be cheerful. Strive to be happy". Both very moving poems. We held a 2 minutes silence and at the end of the service we all sang the National Anthem, may I say that Ellen Minor sings beautifully! In the wonderful setting of the Arboretum it was a memorable day in this special Centenary year of the outbreak of World War I.

When my feet felt cold, I just thought about those poor soldiers in the trenches with soaking wet, muddy feet for days on end and I did not wimp!

Jennie

Afterwards 60 of us adjourned to nearby Lullington for lunch in the Village Hall.

It might seem strange to some to have an enjoyable lunch after such a sombre occasion. But normality is what our young men and women have fought for all these years.....so thanks to them for giving us who remain this chance to do what we do!

The Ladies of Lichfield Tangent lead by Jean Cummings did us proud as usual. We were joined by all the IPP's plus Terry Cooper and Barry Durman from National. Also represented were all of our family of clubs from Lichfield.

Our resident "gatecrashers" (Steve's description!), the Leonard's from the Isle of Man were as ever welcome and better still brought the Ladies a commemorative IOM Tea-towel to help with the washing up!!

Mr Durman lost no opportunity to sell ! He really is a star at it. And he has Car tax disk holders available at just £2.00 up from the previous £1.50 by dint of rarity value!!!

Terry Cooper in his role as VP said some nice words of thanks to us all which was most appreciated.

And in the true spirit of our movement there was lots of help at the end to clear up.

Best of all is the usual outcome. Profits are donated to the National 41 and Tangent charities but this time there is also room for a donation to Round Table Children's Wish in Memory of Vaughan Harris who was always very supportive of our event.

**Mac Cummings,
Communications, Lichfield 41 Club.**



NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2015

Entries are now invited for the 2015 competition. Rules and conditions:

1. Each photograph must be the work of the person entering it and entries are limited to four per member.
2. Entry is only available to members who can be verified on the CAS database.
3. Entries to be submitted electronically to comms@41club.org.
4. All entries must include the name and club of the photographer and a title.
5. Photographs must not have been entered into any other competition.
6. The closing date for entries is 31st March 2015.
7. The photographer grants permission for the Association to use the photographs for charitable fund-raising activities.

Full details appear in the Winter edition of The Magazine

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DARLINGTON BONDGATE 41 CLUB

The Croft Spa Hotel, near Darlington, was the scene of a very special event early in November.

Darlington Bondgate 41 Club celebrated with their Round Table on the occasion of that Table's 999th meeting - made even more eventful by the fact that Darlington Bondgate Round Table is Table number 999!

Not content with that RT went a step further and immediately followed that with their 1000th meeting, during which the National President of RT inducted a new member into the club at the tender age of 18.

To add to the celebrations, I had the pleasure of inducting Malcolm Kidd, current President and also a past Chairman of Darlington Bondgate RT, into the welcoming arms of Darlington Bondgate 41 Club.



FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

The Regional Dinners are proving very popular this year with over 100 41 Clubbers attending each one. We have just been up north twice to the White Rose and Red Rose Dinners as well as the Region 20 Dinner in Oxford. Coming up is the Lamb in Leadenhall Christmas Lunch. This is a Round Table Family event in central London starting at lunchtime and is almost certain to sell out – you have to have stamina and leave your car at home for this one. Say no more. Book with david.leon@btinternet.com. Afterwards I am seeing Chelsea play Sporting Lisbon! My team are doing quite well this year!

In 2015, we have quite a few activities planned. More Regional Dinners, starting with Southend for the Martin Young Cluster Dinner and Norwich for the "Forecast" Meeting. We have conference in Harrogate, which is fast selling out and then the 70th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch at the Armouries in Leeds on Saturday 12th September at 12 noon. Martyn Lewis CBE is the speaker, so we very much hope for a huge turnout for this important occasion. Finally we are hosting the 41 Club International Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham on the weekend of 23rd to 25th October.

The Classic Car weekend looks as if it will be held south of Manchester in July 2015, so watch this space. I am still looking for a couple of members to arrange one somewhere in the home counties or Cambridge/Bedford area. We have two volunteers already for 2016, based around Yorkshire and

Bristol. I am also hoping that someone will step forward to arrange a Caravan/Camping/Walking Weekend. All we need is a suitable venue and someone to take the bookings – it cannot be that hard can it – we will probably just start it low key and limit numbers.

Let's not forget the golf – how could I? The National Golf Finals Day is on Thursday 24th September 2015, so make sure your region has a golf competition.

Conference 2017 has not yet got a home, so if you fancy stepping forward with a team, let me know. How about Norwich, Blackpool, Bristol, Sheffield, Nottingham, Brighton London or Liverpool??? Every committee has great fun and gets out much more than they put in. You do not even have to live near the venue nowadays with the internet.

If you want to keep in touch with 41 Club activities and events please like the Facebook page "41 Club Fellowship". We are trying to encourage clubs to have more joint activities with other local clubs, so try inviting two or three clubs from your old Round Table Areas to a quiz/bowls/10pin/brewery/segway/walk/bbq/speaker/greyhounds/curry. You never know, they might just come! Email me with any comments.

Barry Durman National Fellowship Officer
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TWINNING REQUEST

By the way of introduction, we are a French 41 Club.

Our club is the one of Chartres Bord de l'Eure situated at one hour in the southwest of Paris. Our club is composed of 14 members. and we wish we could establish an exchange with an English 41 Club.

I would be very grateful if you could communicate our request to clubs which could be interested in becoming our twinning partner.

Here is the link of our website :
<http://0237365728.free.fr/41-281/>

Kind regards

Thierry DESOMBRE
Chairman Chartres Bord de L'Eure

If your club would like to follow up this request then please contact Dave Campbell international@41club.org



41 Club Region 12

Llangollen 41 Club

are pleased to announce we will host the

St Davids Day Dinner

In aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust

Date: Friday 27th February 2015

Location: White Waters Hotel [Llangollen](#)

Time: 7-0pm for 7-30pm

Cost: £25.00 (3 Course Meal with Tea/Coffee)

Dress Code: Lounge Suit

After Dinner Speaker: [Dai Davies](#) Welsh International Footballer

For more information and to book places at the Dinner contact
Paul Gay email :- paul.gay234@gmail.com.

Accommodation :- White Waters Hotel [Llangollen](#)
01978861661, www.whitewatershotel.co.uk

HARPENDEN 41 CLUB "CLUSTER METING"

This meeting on Wednesday October 1st was our biggest event of the year so far. Driven by Tom Abbott, our very own National Councillor, we invited all the local clubs, and we were graced by the presence of the National President himself, Jim Smith.

49 crammed in to Harpenden Golf Club, and Chairman John Whalen welcomed as guests, our National President, Jim Smith, Hemel Hempstead Chairman Colin Barnett and 6 of his members, New City 41 (the name they chose for the second Milton Keynes Club) Chairman David Fletcher and 3 of his members, Ruislip Chairman David Saltmarsh and a fellow member, Welwyn Chairman Les Edelston and a fellow member, and John Oliver from Bishops Stortford, supporting the National President.



Chairman John was presented with the National Chairman's banner !



Then to our Speaker. Andrew Delincourt is a Buddhist from the Harika Kademan Meditation Centre in North London, and he said that in 30 minutes he would try to teach us "how to meditate". Explaining that Buddhism was all about achieving happiness through peace of mind, he sat down, and encouraged us all to close our eyes and reduce the number of thoughts in our minds. For five minutes, we then had 40-odd 41-ers sitting eyes closed in complete silence.

(Your correspondent, purely for professional duty, crept round taking pictures to record this momentous occasion)

Snapping out of it, Andrew told us that these techniques are used by sportsmen, businessmen and professional people to



train their minds. Meditation can even improve your sex life, and indeed achieve an enlightenment which gives pleasure beyond sex – bliss that lasts indefinitely.

On hearing this, the guys were all up for another session, and pretty soon, all eyes were once again closed, as we concentrated on breathing out black smoke, and breathing in white light.

Not many of us achieved bliss beyond sex on this first try, but the number of questions for Andrew showed the high level of interest.

Thanking Andrew, Tom Abbott noted that 41 clubs have many varied meetings and speakers, but on this occasion, Andrew had "taken us to a different place"

Difficult for Jim Smith to follow that, especially as he had to inform us that Vaughan Harris, recent past National President, had died earlier that day. However, Jim entertained us with a series of very old jokes, before using the "Brown Cow" joke as an introduction to his chosen charity, The Anthony Nolan Appeal, which is now saving 1000 lives a year. We gave generously for pin badges and calendars.



Thanks to Chris Joseph and Malcolm Page for organising, and Tom Abbott for rounding up such a great turn out.

Graham Wood

Lichfield 41 Club would love you to join us at our very special event to mark our 60th year.

The venue is Whittington Heath Golf Club only 2/3 Miles from the centre of our fine City and you can be sure of an excellent meal and some great fellowship.

But be quick-places are limited and are selling fast.

FUTURE EVENTS

LICHFIELD 41 CLUB 60TH CHARTER MEETING

SAT. 17TH JANUARY 2015

WHITTINGTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

12 NOON - LOUNGE SUITS - £29.50 PER HEAD

SUPERB 5 COURSE MEAL + COFFEE AND MINTS

AND LIMITED COMPLIMENTARY WINE

SPEAKERS

KEN KNOWLES - LICHFIELD TOWN CRIER

JIM SMITH – 41 CLUB NATIONAL PRESIDENT

To Book – Please contact John Godson – Lichfield 41 Club at:

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Hexham 41 Club 50th Anniversary and Region 4 Dinner

We invite all 41 Club members, Ex-Tablers, all current Tablers, and their male guests to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Held in conjunction with the Region 4 cluster on : 13th February 2015 (7.00 for 7.30 p.m.) at the Tynedale Farmer Function Suite, Tyne Green, Hexham, NE46 3SG. Tickets: £35.00

In attendance will be the National President of 41 Club, Jim Smith; and National Councillor Region 4, Colin Steen.

The Guest Speaker is Brendan Healy, the well-known North East Comedian.

There will be a five course meal with time for fellowship and reminiscing. The usual Club Travel Award, Raffles, Prizes, and much more.

The supported charity is the National President's choice – The Anthony Nolan Appeal

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WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES?



Memories from the Great Club

Your Club Needs Memories!



Enrol Now!

Looking forward to the 70th anniversary of our club, I am seeking members' outstanding memories of life in 41 Club, for compilation into a souvenir publication. If you have memories which still excite, amuse or even frighten you, please contact me. I will only use them after consultation with you and anonymously. For more information, please contact me as soon as possible via:

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