



41 Club
THE NEWSLETTER



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The North Pole
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Believe it or not the above letter is more likely to be delivered to the correct address than many of the magazines and other items we post to club members! Why? Well many of the addresses contained on the Club Administration System (CAS) have not been updated for years or are just plain incorrect.

Three times a year we mail out a copy of the magazine to every member declared on the database (unless they have specifically requested not to receive one). Three times a year large quantities are then returned to Marchesi House as "Unknown", "Gone Away" or "Incorrectly Addressed". Others are probably just thrown away by unsuspecting recipients. The cost of printing and posting them is therefore wasted. The cost then increases further as the staff at Marchesi House start to ring around trying to establish the correct details and then re-posting them if a corrected address is forthcoming. (Which costs the club considerably more than the original postage).

Please check the address on your next copy of the magazine to see if it is correct, especially the post code as many have been entered incorrectly on the database. If you are not receiving a magazine then please ask your club secretary / club contact to check your entry on the CAS system. Is your address correct? Are you marked as not requiring

a copy? If he is not sure how to do this then ask him to contact the staff at Marchesi House who will help get him on-line. (0121 456 4402)

In addition there are still over 2,000 members who pay their capitation but who are not recorded on the CAS system. They receive absolutely no communications or benefits from the club and are disenfranchised from the special offers we have negotiated.

I really cannot understand why, in this era of easy mass communications and in an organisation which has the motto 'Continued Friendship' we have so many members who apparently refuse to give us their name and address, so cutting themselves off from the fellowship of the rest of the Association. May I ask that all Club Contacts / Secretaries check their membership lists and add those that are missing.

Just as a matter of interest I checked on the Royal Mail website and the official address for Father Christmas is

Father Christmas,
Santa's Grotto,
Reindeerland,
XM4 5HQ

Yes seriously it is!

Editor Ray Hill
National Communications Officer
comms@41club.org

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23rd February 2014

EDITORIAL

By the time you read this all of the nominations and resolutions for the 2014 AGM will have been received by the National Secretary. In the next few weeks you will receive a link to the Conference and AGM Newsletter Extra which will give the details of what will be happening in Bournemouth at the end of April. In this way every member that has an email address on CAS will have the opportunity to see what is happening in their Association. If you have the slightest interest in the future of 41 Club then I urge you to at least have a look at what is happening beyond your own club.

There is a group of 41ers who are lucky enough to have discovered the true fellowship and experience of the National Conference. Llandudno last year proved that our Conference is equal to any you remember from your halcyon days in Round Table. From the welcome party to the final night fancy dress it is non-stop fellowship and you can even find time to attend the AGM (not mandatory). The Bournemouth team have been working hard to bring you an event to remember and you can find the latest information later on in this

Newsletter.

41 Club is truly an International organisation and this issue we have input from two overseas clubs.

Romania will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of their first 41 Club this year and they are holding suitable celebration in mid March in Brasov. See the flyer included in this Newsletter for full details.

Peter Butchart from 41 Club New Zealand shares with us the souvenirs he has built up over the years, visiting Round Tables and 41 Clubs all over the world. Peter has very fond memories of his world travels and we will be featuring these in the next edition of the Magazine, due out in March.

If you have any items that you would like to have included in either the Newsletter or the Magazine then please send them to the email address below. I will be delighted to hear from you.

Ray Hill
comms@41club.org

JEWEL ALERT

It's that time of the year already. Just a reminder to order your Jewels and Name Bars. This is done via our sales website on www.41clubsales.co.uk but you can also ring Paul on 08433 091053 if you prefer. Just remember to check your engraving requirements, especially the colour of the infill. We are holding the price for the fourth year running.

While you are on the website or talking to Paul, look at the new range of goods. Buy your Chairman's gifts? You can have small labels for your Christmas cards, personalised car stickers with your club name on like we used to get in Table, personalised pens, limited edition red, green and blue cufflinks and pin badges. We also have a dual RT/41 pin plus a new "4 Club" pin badge. Just take a few minutes to look at the website then phone Paul to have a chat. He will usually be able to offer a discount for quantities

Our old stock has been further reduced to clear and you can buy 41 club ties, bow ties, pins and other items at really very low prices. Delivery is within just a few days unless there is personalisation involved.

One grumpy old 41er recently told us "Paul's product range and service are second to none – he really understands what 41ers want and the quality is good at sensible prices".

Barry Durman
National Fellowship Offi



FORECAST QUIZ 2014

Stephen Bett, Police and Crime Commissioner for Police in Norfolk was the guest speaker at the Norwich Wensum and Yare 41 Club's 13th annual Forecast Quiz which took place on Monday, January 20th at the Wensum Valley Hotel. Stephen spoke about his vision for policing in Norfolk and East Anglia and answered an extensive and wide ranging series of questions on the subject. Over £1000 was raised at the meeting which will be donated to Stephen's charity of choice, The East Anglian Air Ambulance.



Pictured are (left to right) Martin Green, National President 41 Club, Brian Metcalf, Chairman Wensum and Yare 41 Club, Stephen Bett and David Paulson, Forecaster of the year 2013 with his crystal ball trophy.

Martin Sexton
Wensum and Yare 41 Club

PONTELAND WHEELBARROW RACE 2014

This traditional event is run every New Year's Day at noon from the Blackbird Inn whatever the weather. This year we had a nice day.

Ponteland 41 Club and Ponteland Rugby Club organised the event. There was an adult's race and a junior race. The barrows for these races are loaned each year by Greenham Tools of Gateshead and Jewsons of Ponteland.

The event was begun with a short parade of a Fancy Dress Barrows led by the "Lord of the Manor" and the Mayor.

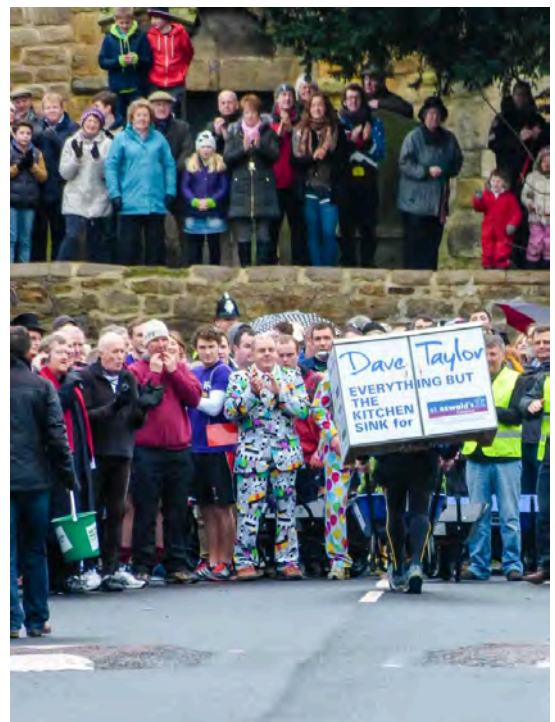
The course is just over one mile. Prizes are awarded to the winners of the fancy dress, men's, ladies' and juniors' races. This year there were 22 entrants including a man carrying the kitchen sink. Last year, Oscar and Dan beat their fathers, the five times winners, Andy Pybus and Alan Redman. This year was no different!

The records of previous winners of the race only goes back about ten years and the Town Council would like to compile a list of all previous winners. So if you know who won the race in previous years please let us know and hopefully we will be able to display this information in a prominent place.

The Blackbird gave us great support and provided a hog roast and prizes for the event.

Buckets were rattled and money was raised for the Bobby Robson Cancer Charity and Macmillan Cancer Support. A record £900 was raised and shared between these two charities.

Andy Anderson
Ponteland 41 Club



REGION 12 ANNOUNCEMENT

Wrexham 41 Club are pleased to announce they will be hosting the next **Region 12 - St David's Day Dinner**

Event: 41 Club Region 12 – Annual St David's Day Dinner
Date: 28th February 2014
Location: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Wrexham
Time: 7-00pm for 7-30pm
Cost: £20.00 (3 course meal with coffee)
Dress code: Lounge suit
Programme: 41 Club National President Martin Green
Speakers: His Honour Judge Roger Dutton DL & Anthony O'Toole

For more information and to book contact Albert Ellison Secretary Wrexham 41 Club

Tel: 01978 264322

secretary@wrexham41club.org

WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP

Peter Butchart spent over 20 years as the Tours Officer for 41 Club New Zealand. During that time he visited clubs all over Europe and the rest of the world, amassing an amazing collection of memorabilia. He is now moving home to the North Island and as sent photographs of some of his collection before they are taken down. Peter his generously

offered to donate much of his collection to our archives for which we are very grateful.

An item on his experiences of organising the tours will appear in the Spring edition of the club magazine.



41 CLUB CLASSIC CAR RALLY



The Inaugural 41 Club Classic Car Rally

21st - 22nd June 2014

Hinkley Island Hotel, Leicestershire



We can now reveal the provisional plans for the first 41 Club Classic Car Rally. The event will take place over the weekend of the 21st-22nd June, 2014, and will be centred on the Hinkley Island Hotel on the Leicestershire / Warwickshire border. This is a very central location and we have arranged special accommodation rates with our Platinum Privileges partner, Puma Hotels.

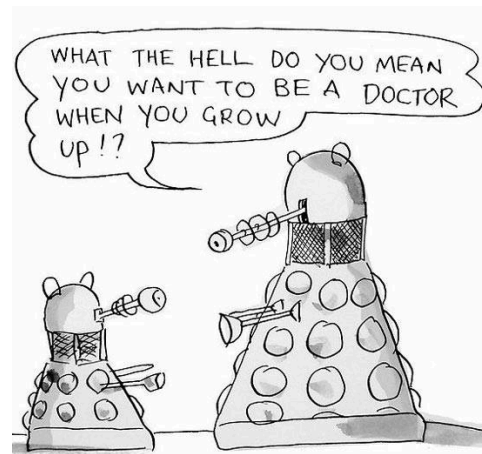
Any member with a car that he is proud to display to fellow petrolheads is invited and you are welcome to visit on just one of the days if this is more convenient.

The rally will start on the Saturday morning when members will display their cars. In the afternoon we will drive to one of the motor museums in the Midlands. The evening will be a semi-formal meal when we can discuss the event and what members would like to see in future years. The Sunday will be a casual breakfast followed by a drive around the Warwickshire / Leicestershire countryside, visiting a few surprise venues. Full details and a booking form will be distributed in the next few weeks so please register your interest ASAP at comms@41club.org in order to be kept informed.



Just read your article on the VC-10 which brought back memories. A group of us bunked off school in June 1962 and watched – from West Byfleet station – the first flight of this super aircraft. It took off over our heads, we had never seen such a steep take off but boy, was it noisy!

David Smith
Immediate Past President



Invitation to Bournemouth April 22nd to 24th 2014

Curtain Raiser Pre Tour before the AGM

If you are coming, think about spending some time here, before the conference, on the Pre Tour. There are three days of interesting tours of the region, available from April 22nd to 24th. In line with the Conference 'Showtime' theme, the tours are named after famous shows:

"Gone with the Wind", "The Time Machine" and "Knights of the Round Table"

The Booking Form, with more details, and with which you can reserve places on the tours, is available on the 41 Club Conference Website.

Please prepare to make your bookings. We are planning some great experiences, and look forward to hearing from you.

Even if you are not attending the conference, you can still take advantage of these tours. Have an 'AwayDay' with your clubmates.

FRANK VENABLES

National Councillor - Region 20 (Thames Valley). E-Mail: region20@41club.org

Only Two
Months Remaining
To Enter

Entries are now open for the *National Photographic Competition 2014*

The first entries for the 2014 competition have already been received and you have three months left to enter yours.

Any registered member can enter and it can be on any topic. The photographs do not need to be professional standard but please note that they will be displayed in A4 format therefore they must be supplied in high resolution files (normally at least two megabytes). Also to be considered for the calendar they need to be in landscape format.

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 for each photograph.
5. Photographs must not have been entered into any other competition.
6. The closing date for entries is 31st March 2014.
7. The photographer grants permission for the Association to use the photographs for charitable fund-raising activities.

Email all entries to comms@41club.org

So get your camera out and I look forward to receiving your entries



SHOWTIME!



41 CLUB AND TANGENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE BOURNEMOUTH 2014



Bournemouth Pier basking in summer sunshine

Remember those sunny days of summer? Fed up with winter? Then rekindle those happy memories and prepare to warm up at Bournemouth Conference. Now fast approaching.

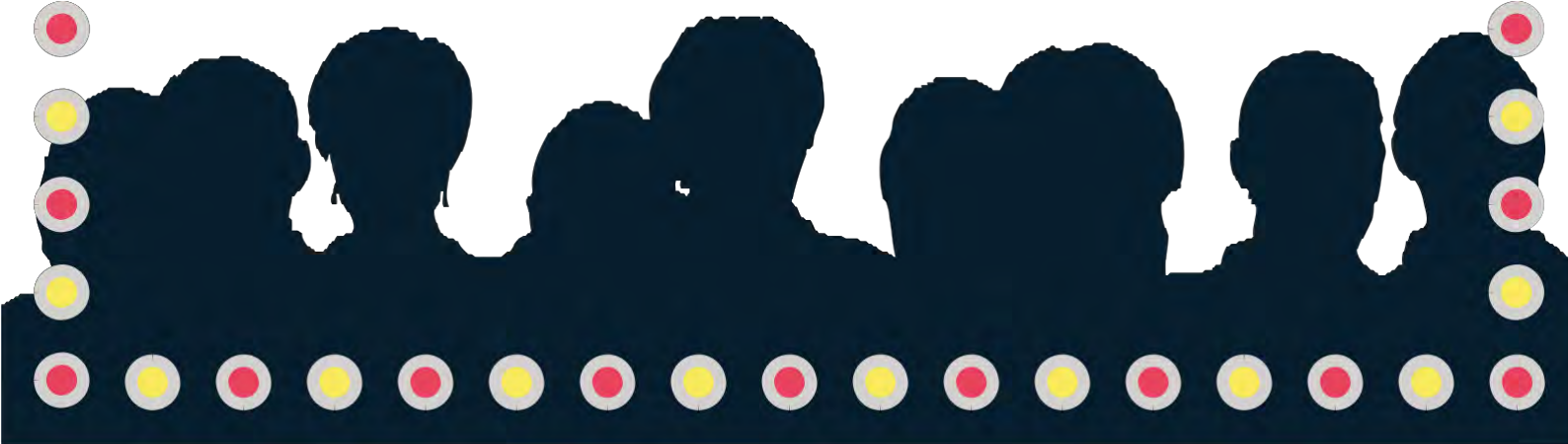
Bookings are accelerating and approaching 400 delegates have already booked in.

There is room for more so don't delay. Get your applications in and prepare to have fun and fellowship in traditional Table and 41 Club fashion.

The Royal Bath Conference Hotel is now fully booked, but further "City Rooms" now being refurbished and slightly smaller in size and attracting a lower tariff may be released in the near future. Watch this space.



Presidents Martin and Karen are el(ev)ated that so many of you have booked in already, and along with Conference Chairman David look forward to greet you all, at the Royal Bath Conference Hotel in April





London Old Tablers' Society

- London No. 2 -

Established April 1939 - a founding club of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs.

The First Ever

75th Anniversary Dinner

in the History of 41 Club

Tuesday 8th April 2014

at The National Liberal Club

Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE

*Guest Speaker: Gerard O'Herlihy, Raconteur and Wit
(and Past National President of RTBI, and Past President of Round Table International)*

Stag - 6:30pm for 7pm prompt - Carriages 11pm

*£75 Ticket Price includes Pre-Dinner Wine Reception,
½ Bottle of Wine with Dinner and Port after Dinner*

John Shuter
Founder of LOTS
Chairman 1945-46
Founder National President 1945-47

David Morrison
Chairman 1958-59
National President 1967-68

William (Jack) Newey
Chairman 1958-59
National President 1972-73

Arthur Kennedy OBE
Chairman 1967-68
Chairman 1993-94
Chairman 2001-2
National President 1981-82



Dress: Black Tie & Medals

email LOTS75@btopenworld.com to book



BRASOV ROMANIA

13.03 - 16.03. 2014

THE

20TH

ANNIVERSARY
OF CLUB 41 NO 1



CLUB 41 BRASOV, NO 1



The 20th ANNIVERSARY of Club 41 - 1 BRASOV - ROMANIA



PROGRAM

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Transfer from the airport of Bucharest, to Brasov
H - 16.00 - Welcome of the guests and accommodation

Pre Tour Programme and Itinerary

13 - 14 March 2014 - (two days and one night stay) through Brasov, Sighisoara and Fagaras areas. - 135 €

Thursday, 13 March 2014

H - 09.00 - Trip to Saschiz - Sighisoara

The **Evangelic Church of Saschiz (UNESCO)** was built at the end of the XVth century (between 1493-1496) by the **Saxon colonists**. The monument is very impressive due to its **huge proportions** and to the way that fortifying elements have been adapted to the shape of a church building.

The **Clock Tower** from Saschiz is one of the **Transylvania's most beautiful medieval monuments** that belongs, as well as the fortified church, to the Saxon architecture of the XVth century.

The **Saxon Fortress** that still dominates Saschiz is another trace left by the restless times of the Middle-Ages.
http://www.saschiz.ro/ro/obiective_turistice.htm

H - 12.00 - Sighisoara, Medieval Fortress (UNESCO)

Founded by German craftsmen and merchants known as the Saxons of Transylvania, Sighisoara is a fine example of a small, fortified medieval town which played an important strategic and commercial role on the fringes of central Europe for several centuries.

H - 14.00 - Lunch in Sighisoara

H - 18.00 - Accommodation and Dinner: Dracula Danes Domain

At Dracula Danes Guesthouse you can admire the outstanding Transylvanian scenery from the terrace or by the pool of the guesthouse, enjoying international and local cuisine specialties and discovering the fascinating equestrian world created around the horses...everything in the most authentic Transylvanian style.

Friday, 14 March 2014

H - 09.00 - Trip to Biertan - The fortified church (UNESCO)

H - 13.00 - Lunch in Fagaras's area

H - 15.00 - The Fagaras Fortress

H - 17.00 - Return to Aro Palace Brasov's Hotel

Costs is 135 € per tour participant and includes all meals, hosting in double room with breakfast, transportation, and soft drinks. The cost of the trip is the subject that may change in relation of the number of participants.



The 20th ANNIVERSARY of Club 41 - 1 BRASOV - ROMANIA



PROGRAM

There is also a **PROGRAM** for this **ANNIVERSARY**

Friday, 14 March 2014

H - 16.00 - Registration **ARO-PALACE Hotel***** BRASOV**

H - 19.30 - Friendship evening - **SERGIANA Restaurant**

Saturday, 15 March 2014

H - 10.30 - Solemn ceremony "20 years of Club 41 in Romania" College "Andrei Saguna" - Conference Hall (14 - 16 March 2014)

H - 13.30 - Lunch, **PARADIS Restaurant**

H - 15.30 - Visit of the historic centre of Brasov/free time

H - 20.00 - Gala Dinner (Black Tie) - **ARO-PALACE Hotel***** - Night Bar**

Sunday, 16 March 2014

H - 09.00 - Breakfast and farewell - **ARO-PALACE Hotel*******

Departure to airport

Prices:

Friday - Sunday package (full program) - 80 €

Saturday - Sunday package - 60 €

Accommodation: **ARO-PALACE Hotel*******

Single room - 80 €/night

Double room - 100 €/night

Accommodation Hotel***

Apollonia Hotel*: Single room: 39 €; Double room: 45 €/night**

City Center Hotel*: Single room: 47 €; Double room: 51 €/night**

Information about the HYM/AGM registration & booking accommodation at:

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Note: Deadline of the registration and the accommodation booking is 2014, January 25.

THE BACK PAGE

Henry Youngman - King of the One Liners

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

Getting on a plane, I told the ticket lady, "Send one of my bags to New York, send one to Los Angeles, and send one to Miami." She said, "We can't do that!" I told her, "You did it last week!"

A doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.

A doctor has a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?" The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

There was a girl knocking on my hotel room door all night! Finally, I let her out.

This man used to go to school with his dog. Then they were separated. His dog graduated!

My other brother-in-law died. He was a karate expert, then joined the army. The first time he saluted, he killed himself.

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!

My wife will buy anything marked down. Last year she bought an escalator.



These workmen are tidying up after installing new bollards to stop motorists parking on the pavement. Looks like a good job, but can anybody spot a small problem they may have?



Can you identify this 41er reportedly seen at a recent meeting on the Isle of Man?

