



41 Club
THE NEWSLETTER



A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY
OF CLUBS

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Let's Start the Year 2014

Full of Positive Energy

and Ready to Enjoy all that

Life brings in our Path

**Happy
New Year**



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

£20,000

Already raised for Macmillan Cancer Support

Many thanks for all those who have contributed in any way

But there is plenty of time for you to raise even more

Cancer knows no boundaries and every family in GB&I

will be affected by it one day

Please help to make this a record breaking appeal

Every little helps!

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EDITORIAL

2014 - a new year and new opportunities. I wonder how many New Year resolutions will already have already been broken by the time you read this?

Why not consider a resolution for your club and invite at least one other 41 Club to a joint meeting during the next 12 months. Re-ignite old friendships and spread your horizons beyond your own club.

For the more adventurous why not investigate if you can visit another club when you are away on holiday. (Details can be found at 41Club.org) This is not restricted to just clubs in the UK and Ireland as we have associated clubs in many countries overseas. Below you can see invitations from the Iberian peninsular and Australia to attend their annual gatherings. There is no Round Table in Australia but instead they have Apex, which was a fellow member of WOCO. Their equivalent of 41 Club is Apex 40 and they have invited members of 41 Club worldwide to join them at their annual 'Rort' at the beginning of May. Full details of the Rort and the post Rort tour can be found on page 9. Why not show the Aussies that we have forgiven them for the 5-0 Ashes whitewash and help them celebrate their 40th year.

On pages 7 and 8 you will find invitations to two of the major regional meetings in 41 Club, the Dorset Knobs at Blandford Forum and the Martin Young Memorial Cluster Meeting in Southend. If you would like to attend the latter then you need to act quickly as the event is on the 13th of this month.

There is very little domestic mail this month but the letter from Ware and District is very interesting. It explains how they managed to find new members despite not having a feeder Table for many years. Local publicity is usually free and shows that there are ex-Tablers who could be interested in joining if only we make an attempt to contact them.

We have received a letter from Prostate Cancer UK confirming the full amount raised by 41 Club last year and this can be found on page 6. A great result for a very important campaign.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed to the Newsletter in 2013 and I look forward to receiving your contributions in the future.

Wishing you all a very successful new year.

Ray Hill
comms@41club.org

IBERIAN CLUSTER 2014

This October, Nerja 41 will be hosting the annual Cluster Weekend which will be attended by 75 or so couples from the Iberian Clubs and from Clubs throughout GB & I. Take a look at our website and you will find details of a great value weekend which will be held at the Marinas de Nerja, Costa del Sol which boasts 326 days of sunshine each year.

We will have an Early Birds evening for those arriving on the Thursday, Nerja 41 Club's 10th Anniversary on the Friday and the climax will be the Gala Ball on the Saturday.

Great value options will include golf on the Friday, a ladies' event on the Saturday morning and an optional Tapas Lunch on the Saturday.

So dip into our website, book yourselves in and look forward to an amazing weekend with your hosts, Nerja 41. You will not be disappointed. Click onto 41clubnerja.org and then onto the CLUSTER website

Alfie Fornear (Cluster 2014 Chairman)



APEX 40 AUSTRALIA



Hi to all 41ers,

December 14th marks the 40th anniversary of the first "official" meeting of APEX 40 in the Keysborough Hotel on December 14, 1973. Originally the brainchild of Lionel Mussell and Neil Hookey, the inaugural meeting was held in Mornington on July 18, 1973.

The birth of APEX 40 followed amendments to the Apex constitution at the Maryborough national convention removing restrictions on associated or auxiliary bodies. They started with 50 ex Apexians in Keysborough on December 14th and now we have some 850 members (and still growing).

I would also like to extend the compliments of the season to you and yours.

May you all have a very happy Christmas and successful New Year.

I look forward to seeing you in Adelaide for our annual Rort.

Yours in Apex 40

Brian Fulmer
President Apex 41 Australia Inc

HOW THIS PROUD IRISH MAN WAS HUMBLLED IN A FEW DAYS IN NOVEMBER!

I received a phone call from the National President, who informed me that I was to represent the 41 Clubs in GB&I at the Cenotaph in London on the Sunday. I was speechless and said that there must be someone closer, but Martin said get a flight sorted and get over here, we are meeting in a pub near the parade. I have over the years watched the Remembrance Day parade but never thought I would ever represent anyone at it. Anyway flights booked and after speaking to Manny Martins for information on the parade (which Martin had emailed me), Manny suggested I stay at his place for a few days. The Saturday came and I flew over to London. I had arranged to meet up with some Tablers on the Saturday night, Marcus Jones and Kevin Chard. We met up in a wonderful restaurant, Kevin, his wife Alex and son Sam, plus some Tablers from Denmark. Great night. We finally met up with Marcus and Jane later on in another pub - nothing changes in Table really!

The Sunday morning and despite the "Phone Map" being awkward, I arrived with minutes to spare and joined in the photo shoot etc. Martin informed us that we needed to join the procession, so back through the security with my wee Belfast accent. I was proud to be there with Ladies Circle, Tangent and Round Table - one big family remembering the loss the men and women did in the past for our freedom. Looking around the parade ground it was so humbling to see the men and woman who like me, were honoured to be there. To me probably a once in a lifetime event.



Later on we all met up in the Round Table pub (another one - I told you nothing has changed) and this gave me the opportunity to "Talk" (as you all know I find this difficult). I searched out Marcus and Karen Johnston from Table and Circle to see if we could work together and get Ireland back to the numbers of the past. We have been co-operating since and I will keep you up to date with that in the future. I was hijacked by Mr Sprod and co and we went to a pretty nice restaurant called the "Ivy" - Round Table slumming it again. A great night was finished off by a visit to just one more pub, where I found it difficult to keep up with these young whippersnappers (Not). I had to phone Manny and Margaret as I was late in travelling to their house for the evening. I arranged to be there the next day and stayed another night in London.

Manny collected me at the train station and off we went to his house where the teapot was on. Manny gave me the usual fatherly advice about my health and drinking etc etc. Manny then got on the phone and arranged a visit on the Tuesday night, 13th November, to Fleet 41 club. Unbeknown to me, it

was Fleet's Charter Night and they had made room for Manny and myself.

The main speakers were officers from the 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, (Bomb Disposal). I thought the cheeky blighters, just because I'm from Belfast they brought along the bomb squad. But what a night. Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Reyland RLC, Major Steve Southerland MBE and Squadron Leader Mat Roberts, gave a great presentation and demonstration on bomb disposal equipment - I did offer my assistance....

The main charity for the night was the "Felix Fund". This is a special charity set up for the men and women (and their families) to help out with the stress that the families and staff suffer, because of the nature of their job. You would be (excuse the pun) blown away if you got these guys along to do the presentation. After a very good meal and various ballots and games an auction took place for paintings and dinner in the Officers Mess etc. Chairman Dave Olivey informed me that the total raised on the night for the charity Felix Fund was £10,000 approximately. Each of the officers in the photo saw an opportunity for officers in the forces and Round Table because of a chance to meet other communities on their travels. A fantastic night and on a weekend that I have now experienced some of what 41 Club is all about.



I have always been proud to be a member of the Round Table Family. I have been humbled by the ex-service men and women who keep the Remembrance Day going all around Britain. I am honoured to be a part of raising some much needed cash for the men and women who keep us all safe by putting their life on the line. I now understand what Louis Marchesi meant with the words he wrote that became our motto.

"**Adopt** methods that have proved so sound in the past and remember the past, **Adapt** them to the changing needs of the times and wherever possible look after the present, **Improve** them and plan for the future". In this weekend I have met the past and have seen that with dedication everything is possible. Looked at the present and I believe Table and Circle have very committed individuals in their ranks to the future well planning, to do what we are best at doing and improve on what we do not do well and the future of the Family is good.

Phillip Ellis
National Councillor Region 3 - Ireland

BROOKLANDS POSTSCRIPT

Many thanks to those of you that have contacted me expressing how much you have enjoyed the articles on the history of Brooklands. Just after I had written the final part it was announced that the RAF was to retire the last of its Vickers VC-10s after over 45 years in service. On the 20th September the last two flew in formation over many of the RAF stations which they had served. Both aircraft were originally built as Super VC-10s for East African Airways, then after retirement from commercial service they were converted into aerial tankers for the RAF, a role which they have performed for nearly 30 years.

A few days later one of them flew to Bruntingthorpe in

Leicestershire for a date with the scrap man and the other was acquired by the Brooklands Museum. But of course there is no longer a runway at Brooklands so it was arranged for the aircraft to be delivered to Dunsfold Park, the old Hawker aerodrome and present home of the Top Gear programme. The aircraft will eventually be opened up for public inspection.

This particular aircraft was the Last VC-10 ever built, the last complete aircraft to be built at Brooklands and in fact, the last long-haul airliner ever built in the United Kingdom. The sad end of yet another chapter in the history of British engineering.



41 CLUB INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS



Dixon Tembo, the editor of the international publications, is looking for contributions to the e-magazine "THE HINGE".

Please send him reports on happenings, forthcoming events, stories, episodes, reports on any 41 activity for the final bumper issue of the club year.

The Hinge needs your input, to be shared with the world.

Please do spare a moment to send a note or two to the editor:

dtembo487@gmail.com

If you would like to read the October edition of The Hinge then visit:

<http://issuu.com/grindleybrook/docs/thehingeoctober2013>

41 International also publish a monthly e-newsletter to which you can contribute. Entitled 'Communique' an example can be viewed here:

http://issuu.com/grindleybrook/docs/41_communique_november_2013-2



I write to you as the immediate past chairman of Ware and District 41 Club.

We are located in an area which has sadly lost not only our own Round Table and also those in the immediate surrounding area but also a neighbouring 41 Club.

Prior to my elevation to the chair, for a second time, I decided that the Club needed to put more effort into recruitment. We decided to do this by inviting those we knew to be a past Table member through work or other social contact to come along as a guest. We also placed columns in the local parish magazines and also post a message on a parish web site All

for free!! Just takes time and effort. (See below)

The results have been pleasing. We have 5 new occasional attendees and 4 new members.

Having said that, we have only succeeded in making up for members lost through "falling off their perch" or no longer able to attend through ill health.

We need to do more and we need ideas and will be pleased to hear of yours

I attach a couple of parish magazine listings and you can read my post on <http://www.mundens.net/>. Bottom right.

**David Tomlin,
Ware & District 41 Club**

Ware and District 41 Club

Welcome to Ware and District 41 Club, continued friendship for ex-members of Round Table.

Whether you have recently moved into the area or are a long standing resident whose ties with Round Table have lapsed, we would like to welcome you to our monthly meetings and periodic social evenings.

Our dinner meetings (sometimes with a speaker) are held at the White Horse at High Cross on the third Wednesday in each month. You can be sure of meeting a friendly group of like minded guys and chat over a pleasant meal and a little liquid refreshment.

Want to know more? Then email

Polite Reminder

National Capitation is now due for payment
The amount for 2014 remains unchanged at
£12.50 per member

Please send your payment to Marchesi House
as soon as the finances allow

Have you heard the one about the 41er who gave his grandson an empty box for Christmas? He stuck a label on it saying "Action Man Deserter" and saved a fortune!
Next year he plans to send a box with a rock in it labelled "Action Man Camouflage Expert".

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



05 December 2013

To 41 Club

Thank you so much for your recent donation of £500.25. I can now confirm your year as 41 Club President raised the grand total of £59,365.57 which is fantastic. Thank you for all your hard work please pass our thanks to everyone who contributed. In 2012 we received over £300,000 from clubs and groups. Our work is only possible with your support.

On average, one man is diagnosed with prostate cancer every hour in the UK and the number of men diagnosed with the disease is rising at an alarming rate. As these numbers rise, so does our commitment to build a better future for everyone affected by prostate cancer.

Your contribution will help us:

- **Support men**, through our helpline, staffed by our Specialist Nurses and by providing free printed and downloadable information to quarter of a million men living with prostate cancer in the UK.
- **Find answers** through funding research into tests, treatments and the causes of prostate cancer. Over the years, research in this area has been badly underfunded. We are changing this.
- **Lead change** to work with the government and the NHS to improve care for men with prostate cancer.

There is still much more to be done so if you would like to know about other ways to support our cause or any other information, please do contact me as below.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Cornwell

Community Fundraising Manager

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*Thanks To
All Those
Who Gave So
Generously*

David Smith



Brian Wood,
Chairman of
Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club invites you to the
43rd Anniversary of
“DORSET KNOBS”

on
Friday 7th March 2014
at
The Crown Hotel,
Blandford Forum at
7.00pm for 7.45pm.

Followed by a four course dinner including the famous Dorset Knobs, Blue Vinney cheese and Port

In the presence of Martin Green,
National President, The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs.

Entertainment will be provided by
Mr Paul Levent
and
Sam Woodcock

Music Provided by
Shaftesbury Silver Band

Our fellowship dinner will support the National President's Appeal for MacMillan Care and members are asked to bring a bottle of wine each for a barrow of wine raffle and a £5 note for a cash prize draw.

Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club, has arranged to hold its March meeting at the dinner and wonders if other Clubs might do the same to ensure a good attendance. Chairman Brian asks clubs to consider bringing donations from any funds they may have which could be given in support of MacMillan Care to be recognised during the roll call of clubs.

Ticket Price
£32

Bookings & payments to Richard Matthews, Hayeswood, Moorside, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1HJ.
Tel no :- 01258821215 or Email to:- richard@hayeswood.com.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Martin Young Memorial Cluster Meeting

Monday 13th January, 2014

Saxon Hall Aviation Way Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6UN

A warm welcome to all 41ers and Tablers

Meet friends old & new for a pre-dinner drink

Dinner with National President Martin Green

After Dinner Speaker

Mike Brace

Traditional roll-call of Clubs & Tables

Charitable raffle

Free Parking

Dinner : 7.15 for 7.45pm

Price £25 per head (excluding drinks)

Southend on Sea 41 Club

Contact : David Wacogne Tel: 01702-353282 david.wacogne@bluevonder.co.uk

Closing date for applications Tuesday 7th January 2014

The Annual Southend 41 Club Martin Young Memorial Cluster Meeting 13th January 2014

To David Wacogne 47 Eastbourne Grove Westcliff on Sea Essex SS0 0QE

Please reserve.....seats for..... at the above meeting

For which I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to 'Southend on Sea 41 Club'

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

41 Club or Table.....

The Chairman for 2013-14 is Stewart Hyde
E-mail: stewart_hyde@hotmail.com



2014 APEX 40 AUSTRALIA RORT

Adelaide, South Australia

for a right whale of a time!



POST RORT TOUR FROM THE CLARE TO THE MURRAY Monday 5th May – Friday 9th May, 2014

- 5 days Coach Travel
- 3 nights accommodation in Tanunda
- Seppeltsfield & Jacobs Creek Wineries
- Maggie Beer Farm Shop
- Mintaro Maze
- Martindale Hall
- Seven Hills Winery
- Bungaree Station
- Historic Burra
- National Motor Museum
- Haigs Chocolates
- Murray River Luncheon Cruise
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Tour
- 4 Morning teas
- Includes all admissions to attractions & activities
- Return Adelaide accommodation (May 8th & 9th) at own cost



2nd – 5th May 2014

For Continuing Fellowship