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THE NEWSLETTER



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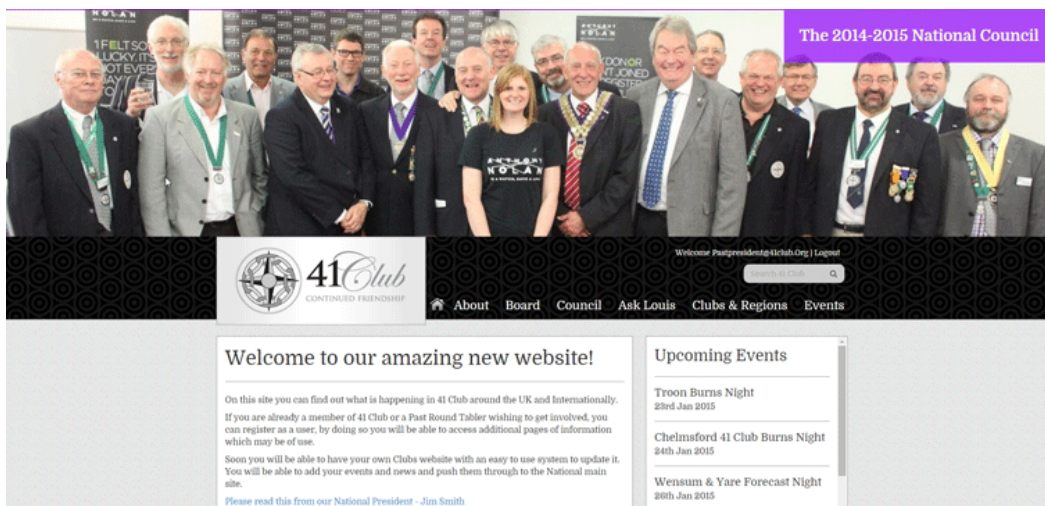
New 41 Club Website Launched

www.41club.org

The new 'all singing – all dancing' website for 41 Club went 'live' last week. Developed by Bishop Stortford 41 Club member Simon Thomas's company Toucan Internet, it represents a significant upgrade to our previous site.

Our old site which has been in place for nearly twelve years had become old and tired. It was difficult to edit, written in old technology, and had become extremely dreary to look at.

The new site is bang up to date technology wise. It is colourful, easy to read and easy to navigate around. It is possible for many of the pages to be edited by their owners rather than everything being updated by the Webmaster.



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We are able to keep you up to date with 'news' from around the country, show all the events going on, link you to the 41 Club Facebook and Twitter pages as well as having articles and updates of what is going on everywhere. The site is also able to mail our members with information.

The new Website is key to our strategy to curtail falling membership. We know that there are many thousands of former members of Round Table around the country who have never joined 41 Club. Having a bright and dynamic website that is visible to all is an essential tool in raising our profile and hopefully encouraging them to join us. The general public can see only parts of the website as a 'guest' – however if they register – many additional pages become available to them – by registering we are able to capture their details to contact them.

Once the site has been live for a few weeks – and any 'bugs' are ironed out - we will start to launch a

major addition to the website – club sites.

Every affiliated club has its own club site built into the system. This will have the same look and 'feel' as the National one – but it can be personalised to the club. A nominated person in the club can add, amend and change the content to suit the club's needs. Believe me it will not be difficult!

Full details of how to set up the club sites will come out in the next few months – including a guide on how to set them up and maintain them. And the one excellent thing about all of this – the club sites will be FREE!

Meanwhile, please have a look at our new website – we are very proud of it – and feed back to us your comments.

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**Past President
Arthur Kennedy OBE
1981 – 1982**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Arthur Kennedy OBE after a protracted illness on Tuesday 20th January at the age of 90.

Arthur was duly elected National President at the 1981 AGM held in Buxton, Derbyshire and in his inaugural address stated that fellowship and friendship were the main objectives of the Association.

His theme throughout his Presidential Year was one of better communications, improving our Magazine and urging greater participation by the Regional Councillors. Arthur also revived the joint meetings of Club Chairman and fully supported all Cluster Meetings.

He also stressed the importance of giving maximum support to local Round Tables whenever we can, particularly with regard to membership, stating that if Round Table membership declines, ours will surely follow suit tomorrow.

Arthur held the position of Chairman of the London Old Tableers Club three times.

The funeral is booked for 12 noon on Wednesday 18th February at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Arthritis Research UK. There will also be a Memorial Service in London in June but the details for this have not yet been finalised.

A full Obituary will follow in our Magazine and on our new Website shortly.

Our condolences go to Arthur's family, friends and all his Club Members



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LOST, ONE PRESIDENT

Some might say, of course, why on earth did they find him again! In the current days of GPS and Sat Nav's travelling around the country and getting to places on time shouldn't really be a problem, or should it! As you can imagine as National President I've done a fair bit of travelling so far this year and generally speaking it's all gone quite well. Most of the venues are easily found, most of the members' houses I've stayed in or Hotels I've not had a problem with. But every now and again our reliance on technology jumps up and bites us. Here are just a couple of examples.

Chris and I had travelled to Nottingham for a club Christmas do with the OBE's in mid-December. It all looked good and sounded like a fun packed day. We managed to find the hotel without difficulty but that's when the problems started. We were due to meet up with the members and partners for a fun session making cocktails (and of course sampling the results!) in the Revolution bar in Nottingham. We left the hotel in decent time, being as we'd been told it was only a 10 minute walk, and by following GPS on my phone found the Revolution cocktail bar. Unfortunately no signs of our friends. A quick phone call told us to come straight in, go to the back bar and they were there almost ready to start. Again we tried without success and still couldn't find them. It was only on making enquiry with other people in the bar we discovered that there are two Revolution cocktail bars in Nottingham about 20 minutes walk from each other. So it was back outside with a new GPS address to follow (as directions from the bar staff assumed a detailed knowledge of the back streets of Nottingham) finally to join up. We had a great night, made and sipped a couple of cocktails before moving on to our Christmas dinner in a cave (Trip to Jerusalem) with lots of good camaraderie and banter.

The next occasion was earlier this week when travelling to

Colchester to a Hotel apparently in the grounds of Essex University. All was going well and trusty sat nav showed me due to arrive in plenty of time for the first AGM of the relatively new Colchester XRT 41 Club. Well it did get me there, after a couple of wrong turns off the myriads of roundabouts in Colchester, only to find myself in a car park in Essex University with no sign of the hotel. I'd just located the place on my phone GPS, which showed I was already there, when the man owning the only other car in the car park turned up. He, very helpfully, told me I was in the wrong place! The hotel would almost have been visible from the car park if it hadn't been for the high rise student accommodation and the floodlit football pitches in front of me but wasn't accessible to us in the car park. So I was told to go back to the main road, turn right and turn right again and I would see a sign. By this stage my phone said go in one direction and sat nav the other. Eventually targeting the floodlit football pitches I'd spotted from the other angle it appeared I'd made the right choice in following the phone GPS and found my venue. Not too late and again the boys let me off with only a few comments about my navigation skills! Very good dinner to follow with a lot of good banter and laughter round the table. At least my sat nav knows where I live to get me home afterwards.

GPS? Sat Nav? Today I've been out and bought a map and a compass!

Have fun and hopefully if I get there I'll see many of you at the events booked over the next few months.

Jim Smith

National President

70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



41 Club is pleased to announce details of the 70th Anniversary Lunch which will take place on Saturday 12th September 2015 at The New Dock Hall, The Armouries, Leeds. The starting time is 1pm with the bar opening at 12 noon.

Tickets are now on sale

from the organiser Martin Green at £58. The price includes a four course meal with wine, a prominent guest speaker Martyn Lewis - former newscaster with BBC's Nine-O'clock News and ITN's News at Ten.

There will be a brass band playing all of your patriotic favourites including Land of Hope & Glory, Jerusalem and of course The Dambusters!

Plus of course all the fun and fellowship of the biggest event

in our history. Come and meet old friends and have a great day out at this historical event.

We know that this is going to be a 'sell out' so please book early to guarantee your place!

Hotel accommodation is available if required. There is a Holiday Inn Express next door with special rates for 41 Club.

For more information on the event, venue and hotels, plus a booking form or link to on-line booking please visit our website:

<http://41club.org/pages/70th-lunch>

We look forward to seeing you at THE event of the year!

Martin Green

Immediate Past National President

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ANNUAL FORECAST MEETING 2015

Wensum and Yare 41 Club's 14th Annual Forecast Meeting was held on Monday January 26th at the Wensum Valley Hotel, Norwich. The Guest of Honour and speaker was General The Lord Dannatt, former head of the British Army. We were also delighted to have Jim Smith, National President with us, together with three former National Presidents.

Positioned as an East Anglian Cluster Meeting, 160 members and guests from 16 different Round Tables and 41 Clubs enjoyed dinner whilst they listened to the review of 2014 and then had to try to forecast the outcome of about 30 events in 2015 ranging from the forthcoming election to the Rugby World Cup, set by Wensum and Yare member Martin Sexton.

In his speech Lord Dannatt was very forthright in his forecasts about several sporting, political and business outcomes in 2015. He then adroitly handled a lively question and answer session in which the topics varied from how to deal with Islamic terrorists to the structure of the British Army and the future of Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent.

The evening raised £1700 for General Dannatt's charity of choice, Street Child (<http://www.street-child.com/>), a charity based in Sierra Leone, set up by Lord Dannatt's son, Tom. A significant donation from the evening will also be made to Jim's charity, The Anthony Nolan Trust.



Lord Dannatt and Mike Downes, the Wensum and Yare Chairman, with Keith Jay the 2014 Forecaster of the Year



Jim Smith, Lord Dannatt and Mike Downes before a photo of Louis Marchesi



Lord Dannatt addressing the evening with Mike Downes and Jim Smith looking on.



General view of the meeting with members of Haverhill 41 Club in the foreground.

Martin Sexton Organiser, Wensum and Yare 41 Club Annual Forecast Meeting

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

FUTURE EVENTS



Region 24 'Platinum' Dinner

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club
are proud to host a celebration of 41 Club's 70th Charter on
Friday 5th June 2015 at 8pm

at
Woldingham Golf Club
Halliloo Valley Road, Woldingham, Surrey, CR3 7HA

Preceded by the inaugural

Region 24 Vaughan Harris Golf Competition

Vaughan Harris was a previous Region 24 National Councillor
and the Vaughan Harris Trophy will be presented at the Dinner
by Jill Harris

Golf: £30 pp including bacon roll – first tee 12:30pm

Dinner: Superb 3 course meal + coffee & mints
£30 pp
Dress: Black tie

Speaker: Terry Cooper - 41 Club National President Elect

To book in for either or both events, contact: Ian Fowkes-Smith
ian.fowkessmith@btopenworld.com
or 07931 802143 (Mobile)



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

Contact: Tom Gillanders email: tom@gillanders.demon.co.uk or

Tel: 01434600560



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

The Iberian Cluster 2015

41 CLUB MALLORCA invite you to join them on the beautiful Island of Mallorca for a fun and fellowship weekend

29th October to 1st November - 2015
4* Hotel Bahia Del Sol, Santa Ponsa, Calvia, Mallorca
(www.hotel-bahia-del-sol.com)

Our full Cluster package consists of

Either * Three night package including accommodation and breakfast plus

- * Thursday Evening Dinner
- * Friday Welcome drink
- Buffet dinner with wine in the hotel
- After dinner cabaret
- * Saturday AGM Plus ladies' event
- Lunch in a seaside restaurant
- Gala dinner and Cabaret
- * Sunday Farewell Breakfast

Or * Two night package
As above, but commencing Friday evening

Optional Events

- * Friday morning coach excursion along the World Heritage Tramuntana Coast, with coffee stop, via the beautiful mountain village of Valldemossa to the delightful port of Soller
- * Friday Golf at a nearby course
- * Free Ladies' event during Saturday morning's Iberian AGM
- * Extra nights at great rates before and after Cluster Weekend (up to 3 Nov departure)

Full details and booking forms from - chriswaters46@gmail.com

BOURNEMOUTH NORTH



Forty One Club



DORSET KNOBS DINNER

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2015

Cygnets Restaurant Canford Magna Golf Club
Magna Road, Bearwood, BH21 3AS
(large car park)

You are invited to join Bournemouth North 41 Club
for an evening of fun and fellowship

Time: 6.45pm for 7.30pm dinner
Cost: £33.00
Dress: Black Tie & Jewels

Come and be entertained by our National President Jim Smith
and comedian and ex-footballer John Stiles, the son of
the famous (or is it infamous!) Nobby
Raffle prizes and plenty of good food & wine!

Tickets on application to Gerry Gallop at 30 Elms Avenue
Lilliput Poole Dorset BH14 8EF or by email to leogmg@ntlworld.com
by no later than Friday 20th February 2015
with cheques for £33 per person in favour of "Bournemouth North 41 Club"

We will be supporting the National President's Anthony Nolan Appeal,
members are asked to bring a bottle of wine each for the wine barrel draw
together with a £5 note for the cash draw



4th - 5th July

Shrigley Hall Hotel, Cheshire

Full details in the March magazine
and newsletter

Mid Wales Cluster Meeting

4th March 2015

Lakeside Golf Course
Bryn Llyn Farm
Gartmyl, SY5 6RU

Contact Ray Nixon
Secretary of Oswestry 41 Club

IMPORTANT SALES INFORMATION

Paul from 41 Club Sales has notified us that he has been having serious delivery problems with the company that provides all of 41 Club regalia. (This has also been a problem for Tangent and Round Table regalia.) He apologises for any delays in receiving items that have been ordered but the backlog should be cleared soon.

He has now re-sourced all future orders, however they will be consequently slightly more expensive than previously. Please order any regalia required for this year's AGMs as soon as possible.

A SEASONAL LESSON

Now New Year has passed I would like to share a personal experience with you about drinking and driving over the seasonal festivities.

As you may know some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities from time to time on the way home after a "social session" out with friends. Well, just before Christmas I was out for an evening with friends and had a few beers followed by some rather nice red wine. Feeling jolly I still had the sense to know that I may be slightly over the limit.

That is when I did something that I have never done before - I took a taxi home.

Sure enough on the way home there was a police roadblock,

but since it was a taxi they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident.

This was a real surprise as I had never driven a taxi before, I don't know where I got it and now that it is in my garage I don't know what to do with it.

