



Region 25

January Newsletter

When is a club not a club? When it is the Lamb

Every second Wednesday, anyone from RT, Ladies Circle, Tangent and of course 41 Club members and guests meet in the basement bar of The Lamb, Leaderhall Market, London from 1.00pm. All are welcome so if you are around at this time just pop in for a beer and sandwiches.

Keeping on the theme of animals I visited Deal 41 club and due to traffic jams took 2½ hours to get there. However, my wife had telephoned them to say I would be late. When I arrived they quickly stopped their meal for me to catch up on courses. They had a sweepstake on what time I would turn up and even that I would not. Ye of little faith. Getting back to animals I also attach a newspaper article about Deal providing money for a cow in Africa. They tell me that they got a great Deal on the cow. Bom, bom

My second visit this month was to Maidstone 41 Club where they had Robert Coombe, the Under Sheriff of Kent as the speaker. He gave an insight into the position of the Sheriff and his own duties. Due to their Joker master not being there I was asked to tell a joker. The result was that I should not give up the day job. As I sat next to Robert I found out that he was 55 and had never been approached to join Round Table. Although Maidstone are a very strong 41 Club there are several clubs with declining numbers due to not having a feeder Round Table. With under 4,000 RT's in the country we need to think about the future of the 41 Club movement. I understand that there is to be a proposal at the AGM for non-members of RT to join. I will forward details later and would like to receive comments.

The third visit was to Ash & District which is a small club, this is normal in the Region. For me the highlight was to meet a member whom I had worked with over 30 years ago. We spent some time going over old times including when we were going to play squash at lunch time and spotting a policeman with a camera. It turned out to be one of the first speed cameras and we got stopped. For me luckily I was not driving. The low point of the evening was one of the members being taken ill and an ambulance called. The pub and other patrons were very good in clearing a space. The good news is that he was discharged later that night after they cut his shirt off. It seems he had spent the day cutting down trees in his garden.

National Council Meeting in February

You may be aware that there is a new website and I would welcome observations to take to the National Council meeting

Also if there is anything which your club wishes to raise please contact me

Transmarche

Several clubs have contacted me with regard to Transmarche with possible numbers.

However, I do require the return of the booking form with member's names and more importantly cheques.

I attach details and booking form for Transmarche

There will not be a top table as such and speeches will be kept to a minimum.

Finally The Malcolm Lockey Award

National want nominations for The Malcolm Lockey Award to the club which has made in the last year the best contribution to Community Service. If your club has done something special in the last year please contact me.

For the diary

Transmarche, Dover on Saturday, 21st February 2015, which we are hosting this time.