



41 Club
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OF CLUBS

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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

IPP Jim Smith got a great view of the Rugby World Cup as one of the members of the 6,000 strong "Pack" of volunteers. Based at the Olympic Stadium in Stratford he was on duty for the matches between France v Romania, New Zealand v Namibia, Italy v Ireland and South Africa v USA. The Olympic Stadium in East London is being used for field sports for the first time before it's transfer to West Ham FC for the 2016-17 season and although there is now a reduced capacity of 54,000 there is still plenty of enthusiasm at a great venue.



In the first match he was lucky enough to be posted inside the stadium to help spectators with a bit of information as well as entering into a bit of banter with the fans. The second match some 41 Club members recognised him from his position on one of the umpires chairs with a megaphone in hand helping to create the fun atmosphere before and after the match. The Ireland v Italy match generated a fantastic atmosphere and not surprisingly the bar was still full of Irish supporters well over an hour after the match. The South Africa match was a bit one-sided but both sets of supporters had a great time. He has also met up with a number of other volunteers who, like him, were there in 2012

for the Olympics. One of them was Ian Piddlesden the 41 Club secretary from Wickford who Jim had met last year on his travels.



Jim says "There has been a great atmosphere at the Olympic Park and it is fantastic as a rugby fan to be so closely involved. Even though England lost to Australia, which created a bit of depression amongst English fans, the Irish helped to regenerate the enthusiasm the following day. All in all a great experience as a volunteer".

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2016 CHARITY CALENDAR



Pagan Dancing
Paul Allen, Malton



CALENDAR 2016

*A selection of photographs
from the 2015
National Photographic Competition*

All Profits from the sale of this calendar
will be donated to the Stroke Association



Don't forget to purchase your copy of the 2016 41 Club calendar, the profits of which go to the President's charity the Stroke Association.

All of the photographs are taken by 41ers and were entries in the annual National Photographic Competition.

They cost just £5 each (plus £2 p+p) and are available from Ray Hill, The Huntsmans Lodge, Wimboldsley, Cheshire, CW10 0LL)

Please make cheques payable to 41 Club. Discounts are available for multiple purchases, please email comms@41club.org for details.

Why not buy some for Christmas or New Year presents and help a very deserving charity at

NATIONAL PRESS AWARDS 2016

CHECK OUT OUR



If you have not done so already now is the time for club newsletter and web site editors to enter the National Press Awards.

The David Hewitt Trophy is awarded annually at the National AGM for the best web-site. When judging this category the judges look for a modern site which is regularly being updated and is also of interest to potential members. It is important that web-sites are outward looking. To enter send a link to your web site to comms@41club.org.

The award for the best newsletter is the David Smith Trophy which is also awarded annually at the AGM. Newsletters are judged on the variety of their content as they are basically only for club consumption. To enter please send three copies produced between May 2015 and April 2016 to comms@41club.org.

I hope to see plenty of entries this year so start sending your entries as soon as possible.

**Ray Hill
National Communications Officer**



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TRI-REGIONAL CHARITY BOXING NIGHT

Ellesmere Port - 30th October

Regions 8 (Lancs and Manx), 11 (Cheshire and North West Midlands) and 12 (North Wales and Wirral) have been promoting this event in the last few months to help raise funds to enable the Wirral Amateur Boxing Club to buy their premises from Vauxhall Sports and Social Club, so that the club can continue to provide training for amateur boxers aged from 8 to 18 and beyond.

Over 200 paying guests turned up to witness 10 excellent bouts from both the Juniors and Seniors.

Phill Ellis represented President Terry Cooper and presented the club leader Macca with a gift and banner to commemorate the event and 41 Club's involvement.

All donations will be gratefully received! There is still a few thousands to find by the year end!!

Watch this space!

Lawrence Bamber
National Councillor Region 12



Friendship Continued
41 Club at Seventy

The Association of
Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

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1945-2015

This book, by Frank Venables, for the 70th Anniversary of the Club, is now available. The cost is £10 per copy (plus P&P if necessary). Copies will be on sale at certain Club Events. Full details of sales opportunities have yet to be finalised; however, for the present, enquiries can be made of Frank:

fjvenie@sky.com,
01793 783803.

Frank Venables
Faringdon, Isis Area & Mumbles
41 Clubs

Copies of the 70th Anniversary book are also available from the 41 Club on-line shop.
www.41clubsales.co.uk

Tips and Hints For 41 Clubs

No 1 - How to contact other clubs?

As the National Communications Officer I am often asked for details of how to contact other clubs either regionally or, in some cases, nationally now that the national directory is no longer printed and distributed!

Here are three Methods:

- 1) The national directory is no longer available in print form but it is still available to all clubs. Your club contact has access to the on-line CAS (Club Administration System) and one of the options available is to produce a bang up-to-date directory of every active club on the system. This can then be saved and consulted or updated whenever necessary.
- 2) The 41 Club website has a 'Clubs & Regions' option which allows you to find clubs and send a message to their club contact. This does not give the contact's actual details but re-directs the message to their personal email.
- 3) If you wish to contact all clubs in a particular region (or multiple regions) then contact the Regional Councillor for that region and he has the capability of distributing your message to officers or (in exceptional circumstances) every member of that Region.

We do everything we can to encourage inter-club activities and there is no reason why your club should not be able to contact any other club in the Association.

Ray Hill, National Communications Officer

INTERNATIONAL HALF YEAR MEETING

It does what it says on the tin!

There is an annual 41 Club International AGM, and this year it was held in Cyprus in April 2015. Member countries bid to host the Half Year Meeting and Dave Campbell, GB IRO did just that at the International AGM in Denmark 2013; and the result was that we were fortunate to host the HYM in Region 15, Birmingham. To spice up the arrangements, the weekend doubled as a 41 Club GB Board and Council meeting and also hosted Tangent Clubs International Half Year Meeting. Tangent GB also wanted to hold a half year meeting and so the stage was set.... It is true to say, Jury's Inn, Broad Street in Birmingham was the place to be this weekend! With more than 200 registered delegates and more members from 41 Club and Tangent attending on the day, it was a fantastic event!

Thursday: An afternoon of setting up, discussing arrangements with the team and general organising took place and Delegates started to arrive from the UK and overseas...



We were able to enjoy the fellowship that started to flow by enjoying a lovely curry (what else in BRUM) and some more fellowship in the Hotel bar!!

Friday: After an early breakfast, we were in full swing with a great team from around the region's Tangent and 41 Clubs. Led by BJ Brown, some supported the registration process, and Andy Watkinson led a fine team of drivers who picked up delegates from the airport who flew in from 20 countries around the world.

International and National board meetings were arranged at Marchesi House for 41 Club and Tangent and for those not attending those, we arranged a trip on a narrow boat with a historic tour of Birmingham by canal, which was enjoyed by all.

After some free time and lunch, there was an opportunity for guests to visit Marchesi House. The interest in this event was phenomenal and we were taken by surprise. The sight of a crowd of about 80 people following me down Broad Street in the centre of Birmingham with my HYM logo sign must have made quite a vision! We were met at Marchesi House by President Terry and RTBI President Marcus Jones, who then took over the tour.

Somehow we managed to get them all back to the vicinity of

the Hotel, and moved on to the next event – the international Welcome Party, that included pre-dinner drinks, a buffet and an evening of dancing and fellowship.



The night went well. It was relaxed and guests were entertained by a Rhythm and Blues Band – a group of Region 15 41'ers, called "NO PROOF" .

They played some great classics and got people up and dancing until the early hours.

You won't be surprised to hear that the hotel bar was still buzzing at 2.00am!!

Saturday: Another early start for us as we had an international 41 Club HYM meeting in one room at 9.00am and a GB 41 Club councillors meeting next door, followed by a full Council meeting. Little did we realise that the International meeting would be noisy and fairly boisterous affair, and included loud music and dancing!! If we had known in advance we would likely have booked a room as far away as possible. We decided to retire early for lunch in the knowledge that they would be finished well before us in the afternoon!!

For those not attending the formal meetings, we had organised an Historic Tour of Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, so around 30 wives and partners plus a few 41ers were given a walking tour from a local historian.

With the Board and council meeting over, we prepared for the 41 International Banner exchange. This event is for International Guests and GB Delegates to exchange banners and gifts and bring greetings to International 41 Club President Makarios Charalambides and National President Terry Cooper. Tom Abbot, in his Toastmaster role, hosted the event, lending gravitas and orderliness to what was a lively and colourful occasion. I presented a plaque that represented Region 15 and a pack of beer brewed in my local town Nuneaton to International President Makarios.





The evening moved on to pre-dinner bubbly again and the main event – the Gala Dinner. Our team of helpers did wonderful job, to dress the room in Union Jack bunting, red white and blue balloons and with glitter and gifts on the tables. Toastmaster Tom led us into dinner; the atmosphere was electric with a few speeches, but there was great fellowship that flowed freely alongside the food and drinks.

Entertainment was provided by a Nuneaton Band “The Speech “ and from the first song to the last, the dance floor was packed; even between their sets, the disco kept the 41 and Tangent guests on the dance floor. Everyone partied hard and kept on dancing. Who said there was no life after Table and Circle??? Some of us retired to the bar in the company of some of our International guests... and the bonus was that at 2.00am the clocks mysteriously went back , to 1.00am which gave everyone a second wind to carry on until 3.00am (or was it 4.00am?)

Sunday: Breakfast and then goodbyes. There was still work to be done as the delegates needed lifts to the airport or train station.

It was a fantastic weekend and the team, Dave and Pauline Campbell and I would like to thank all those that offered their support, without whom we could not have done it, especially the registration girls and boys and the drivers who gave up their valuable time to make it so special.

Tom Atkins
National Councillor Region 15
Nuneaton 41 Club

Birmingham Conference



With the AGM in Birmingham next year, the city was pleased to welcome 200 visitors from across the world to the Half-Year Meeting. A great time was had by all, with many compliments received about the city and how easy it is to get around. Members of the conference committee attended the event and drove some of our overseas visitors back to the airport on Sunday. We hope to welcome many of them back next April.



The Committee have managed to make sure that the spectacularly refurbished New St Station has been completed on time along with the fabulous Grand Central shopping mall, and if you need any other ideas in planning your weekend around the AGM, check out

www.visitbirmingham.com which has all you need to know about making the most of your trip.

All the details for the Conference weekend are being finalised and numbers are rising so make sure you visit www.41clubconference.co.uk to get booked in.



WHY WE NEED YOUR CAPITATION

This is a debate that comes around time and time again. Yes, we get that clubs don't have an inexhaustible source of funding and want to save some money by "forgetting" to declare some of their members. We get that a lot of the members who are in more than one Club feel that they shouldn't have to pay more than one subscription to 41 Club. We also get that many clubs resent the sharp increase in capitation fees that has happened over the past few years.

I would now like to ask you to look at things from another angle.

Running an association such as ours costs money. Administration of 41 Club in Marchesi House costs money. We put out a survey recently asking, among other questions, whether members wanted to keep the printed magazine or change its format, or even scrap it altogether. The overwhelming majority said that they wanted to keep it as is. That costs money. The IT systems through which you received the newsletter carrying this article costs money. We have an insurance policy that covers registered members in the event of a mishap during the course of a club event. That costs money. The "Platinum Privileges" that we offer our members cost money to put in place. While National Conference is paid for by the people who attend it and with some sponsorship, the National AGM is paid for by the Association. National Council meetings also cost money, and while some people may think that they are an all expenses paid junket, they are far from that. Your National Councillors and National Board members work hard for you over these weekends. Some of their expenses are indeed paid for (travelling costs and a contribution towards their accommodation) but they also put their hands in their own pockets.

The Association's financial year is the calendar year, it starts on January 1st, and club capitations are due on that date for the Association's financial year to come. This, however, rarely coincides with clubs' financial years, which generally run as of their AGMs. Those AGMs tend to take place between March and May and are when members start paying their subscriptions. I say "start" paying because they don't all pay up en masse there and then. Club treasurers have to coax subscriptions out of some members. What do they do in the meantime? They keep the Association waiting.

Here are a few figures for you to ponder. At the time of writing (October 10th 2015), there are still over 100 clubs that have not yet fully paid their capitations. Most of them have yet to pay anything at all. Out of the intended income from capitations of £220,090 the Association has still to collect just over £24,000 and we're more than 3/4 through the year already! Region 9 is the only fully paid up region. On the other end of the scale is Region 8 with only 71% of capitations paid.

At the beginning of this article I mentioned clubs not declaring their full membership in order to save on capitations. I can think of one club in particular that boasts 52 members on its own website but has 14 declared members in our Club Administration System. Given the number of undeclared members that I can think of in my own Region, probably somewhere between 5% and 10% of the declared membership, and assuming that the situation is similar in other Regions, we're talking about somewhere between 800

and 1600 "members" enjoying a freebie. If they were all declared, we would not have had to increase capitations by so much.

What about the members who refuse to pay subscriptions for more than one club? With the current structure of 41 Club (aka the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs), individual men are not members of the Association. In other words, if you're a member of club A, the subscription that you pay to be a member of club A does not entitle you to membership of club B. As an individual, you are not a member of 41 Club, you are a member of club A and of club B. Clubs A and B are members of 41 Club and as such are billed capitations for each of their own members. You are a member of club A, so club A pays national capitations for you. You are also a member of club B, so club B also pays national capitations for you. It is only fair that you pay both clubs.

One solution is for club B not to declare you. The Club won't be billed capitations for you so you won't be doing any harm by not paying, right?

Wrong.

Firstly, it is unfair on your fellow members of club B. They have to pay their way to enjoy membership of the Club, so why shouldn't you? Secondly, it is unfair on all the members of multiple clubs who play by the book and pay subs for each one of them. Thirdly, it is unfair on every single man who belongs to one club alone (the majority of our membership) because you get to enjoy twice or three times or however many times more fun and fellowship as them but at no extra cost. They are in effect subsidising you.

As for the clubs that decide not to declare all of their members, you are doing everyone a disservice. Firstly, your own members that you don't declare are not entitled to any of the benefits to which membership of an affiliated club normally entitles them. This includes not only financial benefits in the form of discounts on new cars, discounts on hotels and savings on utility bills, but also insurance cover in the event of an accident during the course of an event. For a member to be covered by our insurance, he must be declared. Secondly, for every member that you don't declare, everyone else has to pay his share of the Association's fixed costs, which is why capitation fees have to increase.

Please think about this next time you decide whether or not to declare a new member. Please remember that the very reason why costs to individual members go up is partly because you don't declare him!

Godwin Stewart
National Councillor Region 8

FUTURE EVENTS

LYTHAM ST ANNES 41 CLUB

1941 - 2016



ANNIVERSARY DINNER 11th MARCH 2016

Fylde Rugby Club - 7.30 for 8.00 - Formal Dress

Join our National President, the Mayor of St Annes and comedian Terry Cotta to help us celebrate this special anniversary. The ticket cost of £35 includes a four course dinner, unforgettable entertainment and this commemorative lapel badge.

Tickets will be limited so book early by emailing Dave Curran at

headroomgate@gmail.com

Space Available

Do you have an event that could be advertised nationally?

If so send an advertisement to comms@41club.org and we can help you.

The copy must be in a format suitable for printing in A6 portrait.

Not too much small text as it can be very hard to read when reduced to A6!

INTERNATIONAL 'THE HINGE' MAGAZINE

The October issue of The Hinge is on line now and can be viewed at:

<http://www.41int.org/the-hinge-magazine.html>

Items in this edition include:

A welcome to the HYM from the President Makarios

Report and pictures from International AGMs

Austrias Helping Hands

South African Memorandum of Understanding with RTSA

41 Founders lunch in Wakefield

The International Memorandum of Understanding

The Golden Stomachs Weekend in Ostend

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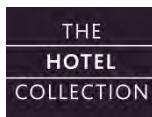
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