



# 41 Club

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# IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a new year for 41 Club and a new look for the monthly newsletter as we aim to bring it in line with the appearance of the Magazine - be sure to give us your feedback on it please.

The future is looking brighter with the prospect of clubs being able to come together, face-to-face, once more. Accordingly we are once again able to feature some coming events in the real world as well as the virtual world.

The 41 Club Big Weekend in October (1st - 3rd) in Nottingham should be a blast! We are mindful however that the pandemic has been an awful period for many members - and whilst the National Council has sought to assist and aid you, the members, as much as possible throughout this bizarre moment in our history, we recognise that this is an ongoing requirement and are looking to increase that aid and support in the weeks and months ahead. Remember, tomorrow will be a better day.

*Yours in Continued Friendship*

*Don*

Don Mullane  
Communications and IT Officer



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# THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

PRESIDENT

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT PETER GOOD

AGM done and dusted. Big thanks to Bernard and the “behind the scenes” guys, our usual IT hero Mark House helped by Don and Sean.

It's great to have Sean McCormack back in the fold as Archivist. Whatever Sean takes on, he puts his heart and soul into it.

I have been busy on zoom since the AGM attending club meetings and their AGM's. I also went onto the affiliation of the Ladies Circle new E club, which was fun, and sent off my recorded speeches to Round Table and Ladies Circle for their AGMs.

Two of our members stepped down at the AGM as their time was up. They were Tom Atkins NCLO and Hugh Milward Archivist. Both did great jobs in their roles and I will be shaking their hands and thanking them face to face in Nottingham at the 41 Big Weekend.

I am looking forward to working with two new members of the board Jim Conway Vice President and Graham Sloan NCLO, and we will also be welcoming some new Councillors to join the very enthusiastic Council we have at present, with great plans to move 41 club forward.

I am also looking forward to getting together with Paul Thompson the new

National President of Round Table who has some great plans for Table. I am now starting to get some bookings for face to face events that can hopefully take place soon.

My own club have started again on the 41 peaks challenge, and other clubs are starting to plan their events. I would like to send out a massive thanks to all the clubs that have supported my Charity, Dementia UK, last year raising £22,000. In these circumstances, it is just amazing what has been achieved!

The Connects events are still going very well. Thanks to all the Connects Committee for the time and effort they put in to make these events happen.

It's been a great way for us all to keep in touch and bring speakers to you that individual clubs would otherwise not be able to afford, and the recordings are available for you to use at your meetings. Connects has taken off with the “four family”. In fact, Ladies Circle have awarded the Connects team the Side by Side Award.

I would also like to thank our treasurer Kevin Lovett for carrying on his duties at the AGM, having lost his mother a couple of days before.



Last night I had a facetime call from the Swedish girls saying how they miss coming to the UK. They were fairly merry, drinking Champagne as per normal. It does just go to show though, that the genuine friends you make in this wonderful association are true friends for life. We look forward to seeing them in Cardiff if not before. They have asked Lesley to find a man for one of them! He has to have a mansion in the Cotswolds and drive a nice car; any takers?!

We are getting International friends booking in to our Big Weekend in October in Nottingham. We have some great entertainment lined up, so looking forward to seeing you all there, guidelines permitting of course, but I always think positive .

Let's hope we can have more face-to-face meetings soon, I won't write anymore now. Don will only edit it out!!

Take care guys, stay safe.

*Peter*





# BANANAS OVER BANDANAS

MEMBERSHIP, GLEN LYON

Well it seemed innocuous enough – National Membership Officer Glen Lyon had the idea of providing our members with a bandana to keep them and their loved ones safe in the current pandemic, and also as a means of showing their 41 Club membership to others.

So far so good. Feedback from members was overwhelmingly positive, such as:-

What a great useful present received in the Spring Magazine. All set for our rides out with Table and 41 Club Bikers keeping our necks warm. - Howard Gibbons

Just wanted to say a special thank you to 41 Club for the unexpected but very welcome and useful gift enclosed with the recent copy of 41Club magazine. Such a nice thought especially in the difficult times we've had to go through. - Geoff Link

Just a quick note to thank you and your colleagues for the bandana. It's great. Me and my wife have been wearing these for a long time for our cycling and they are great in place of those horrible Covid masks. The 41 Club one is warm, long and - especially - wide. Many thanks to all concerned. - David G Henderson

But they weren't universally popular:- Chris Highnam wrote: Horror of horrors the neck band bears a ' Made in China ' statement. Does this mean

1. That we are satisfied with the Chinese take over
2. That Blighty cannot produce such a simple article
3. That the magazine is also ' Made in China ?

But the best were those who took to Facebook querying or demonstrating how best to wear them.....simply priceless





## RICHARD HINTON, CLASSIC CARS

The event is aimed to allow car owners who own what they deem to be a "classic car" a reason to get it out of the garage and have an enjoyable drive around the greater Cannock Chase area in a loose informal convoy (Touring Assembly) as Covid0-19 restrictions ease. In the process allowing people on route to see cars pass through their location and raise funds for The Community Foundation for Staffordshire.

The event is organised Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire Car Club, using the public highway with a ceremonial start in Lichfield City.

The route includes a visit to Barr Beacon, Sutton Park, the National Memorial Arboretum (Mid-morning halt) and other points of interest on route finishing at Bishton Hall, Wolseley Bridge

By the 13th June the weather will be brighter and warmer. Start time for the first car is 09:00 arriving at the finish after 13:00 hours.

There was no Rotary Club of Lichfield St Chad "Cars in the Park" (Lichfield Beacon Park) in 2020 so as a precursor to the July 2021 event this is an opportunity for owners of 'E' Types, Ford Escort, Mini, Triumph, MG, TVR, Porsche, Morgans, Fiat, Lancia, Ferrari, Capri, Lamborghini etc. to dust off their steed and have a great day out.

The tour will be a Charity event with proceeds going to The Community Foundation in Staffordshire and their various local groups around the county. Cars start at 1-minute intervals traversing a three – four hour route that is dependent on how long you wish to stay at the points of interest (Passage Controls) on route.

There is a midmorning halt at the National Memorial Arboretum to stretch your legs, grab a drink and take in the atmosphere. All socially distanced with an entry fee under £40 per car. All you need is a car, a pen, and a passenger to read out the route from a simple road book that will be supplied along with an event decal to fix to your front windscreen.

There are links below to videos on YouTube of the Norwich Union Classic Car run from the 1990's to give you an idea of the sort of event proposed, you can see how relaxed the event would be with proper social distanced discipline. It would be a chance to get the cherished car out of the Garage for a day and have a drive on the road.

[https://youtu.be/30LSuDd\\_izc](https://youtu.be/30LSuDd_izc) [youtu.be]  
Similar wet event from 2016 Classic Car Tour Scottish Highlands  
[https://youtu.be/2\\_Gr05iYnL8](https://youtu.be/2_Gr05iYnL8) [youtu.be]  
A few example photographs other events back in the day



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# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

10-16 MAY 2021

PETER GOOD AND TERRY MAHONEY

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hopefully, if this newsletter gets out on time, you will be able to read this at the same time as the Mental Awareness Week for which the theme this year is nature.

I work with nature, and there is a lot that can be learnt from it. Whatever happens, given time nature will always right itself.

The lesson for us is that if a problem occurs there is always a solution, and that talking to someone can help.

I am very proud to say that we at 41 club addressed the Problems that could occur.

During the lockdowns, at the start of the pandemic, we set up the walking group which has connected us with nature. The benefits for our wellbeing are really significant just taking an interest in the countryside we live in and saying "hello" to a stranger whilst out walking.

We now have the cycling group, another outside activity. These groups are not only helping us mentally, but also physically helping us to stay fit.

We set up the Buddy line so members can talk to someone if they wish. This group is learning all the time on zoom calls, how to address problems people may have.

Sadly, we do have a few members that have been affected mentally by the pandemic, and 41 club nationally and locally are there to help these members

The Connects events on a Thursday night have helped lots of members living alone to feel part of something, communicating and enjoying themselves.

Let's all engage with the outside world and enjoy the beautiful country we live in..

*Peter*

## FUNNY LITTLE WORD 'IF' ISN'T IT "WHAT IF....." A MEMBER WRITES...

Well what if happened to me..... at the beginning of the year I retired at the grand old age of 75 fully fit and decided to have a BUPA Wellman check done on me .....they gave me 99% health reading for heart, lungs, blood, prostate etc..... "body of a 40year old!" .....so why didn't you give me 100%?....well we found some blood cells in the 'poo sample' we tested and you should get yourself checked out – check in with your doctor.  
.....but what if it's Cancer.

In good humour I checked in without any pain, discomfort, any irregularity etc. and had a colonoscopy – not the most pleasant experience but hey ho needed to be done..... to my shock and surprise they found a number of malignant cancers growing away quite happily in my bowel without any external symptoms.

In March they took my appendix out with two foot of bowel affected by the Cancer attached to it. Bowel cancer has a 80% mortality rate so I'm thinking ..... "what if.....".

With prayers, a good surgeon and a mini miracle, from the full biopsy of the removed bits, not one cell had passed through the gut into my major organs and all I need now is to have a blood test in six months time and a CT scan in a year....no chemo; no stoma bag.

Some of you may have already gone through this procedure – and the gene I'm told is hereditary so if you have it, tell your kids to have a FIT ( poo sample) test done when they get to 50 – my mother and aunt had bowel cancer .

Down to you now .... "what if I didn't tell them.....what if I didn't warn them."

Eight weeks on I feel fit as a fiddle now, 20lb lighter and well on the mend – so keep well.

*Terry*

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LINDA ELLIS

## THE DASH OF LIFE

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral .....of a friend who referred to the dates on the tombstone .....from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth .....and spoke of the following date with tears.  
But said what mattered most of all ... was the DASH displayed in the middle.....between those years.

For that DASH represented all the time they'd spent .....alive on Earth....  
And now only those that loved them ...know what that little line or DASH is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own ..the cars, the houses and the cash.  
What matters most is how we lived and loved .....and how we spent our DASH.

So think about this long and hard – are there things you would like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left .....that still can be .....re arranged.



To be less quick to show anger....and show appreciation more.  
And love the people in our lives ..... like we have never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect .....and more often wear a smile.....  
Remembering this special little DASH .....might only last .....an equal little while.

So if your eulogy is to be read today ....with your future life's actions and decisions smashed...  
Would you be proud of the things they say about you ....and how you lived your DASH?

*Linda Ellis*



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

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VARIOUS

## THE DONKEY



One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone... We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.

Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.

Live simply and appreciate what you have.

Give more.

Expect less

NOW .....

Enough of that tosh. The donkey later came back, and bit the farmer who had tried to bury him.

The gash from the bite got infected and the farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.

## MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON:

When you do something wrong, and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you.



## COMEDY CORNER

I parked my car outside Parliament. "Sir, you can't park here," said a cop. "This is where our politicians work." "Don't worry, I've locked it."

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

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PETER GOOD, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## **PRESS RELEASE DOUBLE INITIATIVE PRAISED FOR SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR MEN AGED OVER 40**

A series of star-studded online meetings and the introduction of a 'Buddyline' service by one of the UK's largest organisations for men aged over 40 have been hailed as 'positive actions' to combat mental health.

41 Club, which has more than 13,500 members across the UK aged from 45 to over 100, has chosen Mental Health Awareness Week to shine a light on the proactive measures it has taken to ensure the welfare of its members during the pandemic.

Leading the way has been its weekly 41 Club Connects Zoom meetings which has provide a range of talks and activities for members. Amongst the star names to appear have been 'The Shepherdess' Amanda Owen, TV sports presenter John Inverdale, BBC cricket correspondent Jonathan Agnew, snooker duo Dennis Taylor and John Parrott and Emmerdale actor Dean Andrews.

The series, which has been provided free to members, has also included tours of Jaguar, cooking nights with Great British Menu chef Dave Critchley, tasting

events and a range of other talks on a wide range of subjects including the warder of Nelson Mandela and WWII veteran Norman Bartlett.

Since its launch, the 41 Club Connects events have attracted a combined total of 12,000 attendees in 26 countries, more than 18,000 Facebook views, with a further 2,000 watching on YouTube.

In addition, 41 Club, whose members are all former Round Tablers, also launched "Buddyline" - a call in service where "members could support members" on a totally confidential basis, for anyone feeling stressed or depressed or simply lonely and isolated.

41 Club National President Peter Good said: "41 Club wanted to demonstrate it is there to support its members - and the feedback from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Mental Health Awareness means addressing mental health issues - sometimes, but not always, by speaking about them, and other times by simply taking matters in hand to do something which addresses them.

"While the UK may now be coming out of lockdown, the last year has been challenging and we have members who are older, less mobile and alone.

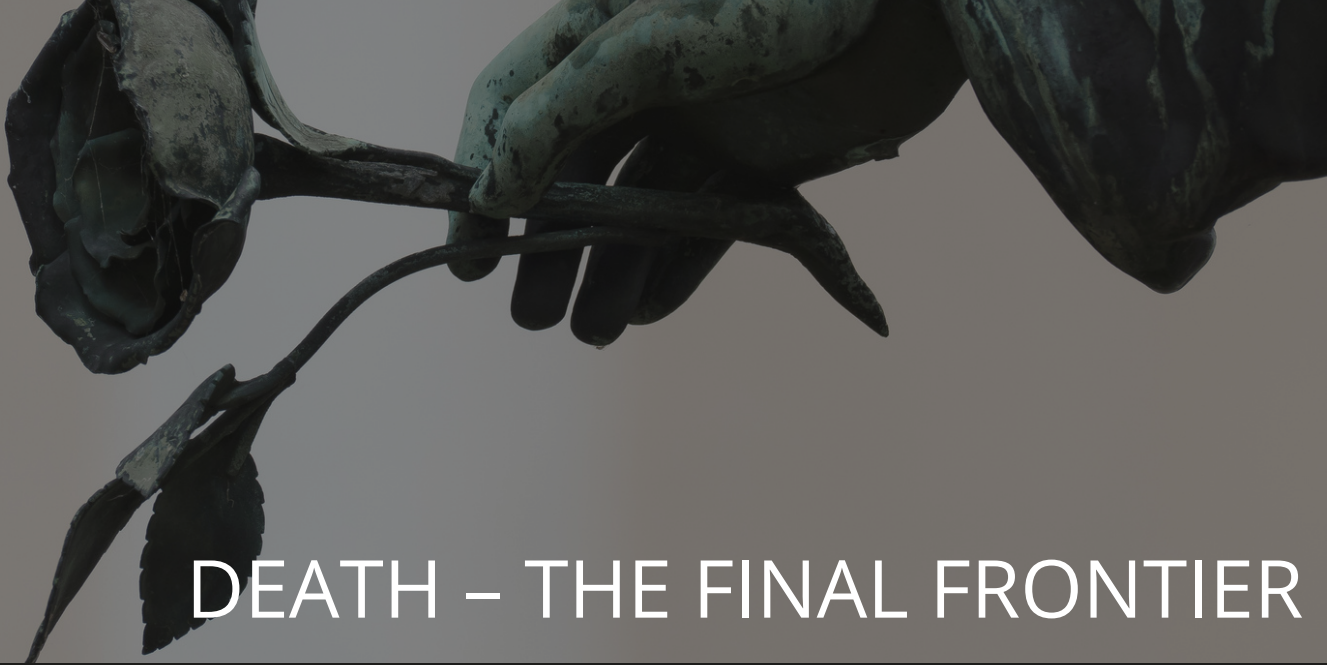
The 41 Club Connects meetings have provided an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy a shared and entertaining experience, while Buddyline has been there for those who needed someone to talk to.

"This has all been done voluntarily and the members of the 41 Club Connects team and the Buddyline volunteers have continued in the Round Table tradition of doing more for others."

The 41 Club Connects events are continuing and this week's guest is footballer John McGovern, who captained Nottingham Forest's European Cup Winning Team.







# DEATH – THE FINAL FRONTIER

DON MULLANE, NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND IT OFFICER

# How to *die* well

A practical guide to  
death, dying and loss

Accompanying this Newsletter is a precis of 'How to die well – a practical guide to death, dying and loss' produced by Royal London plc the pensions and insurance company, which has given us special permission to quote extracts. I believe this to be of relevance whether you are going to cross that frontier next week, or in 60 years or more time.

It is a taboo subject but I believe it is of relevance to everyone – as the one certainty we all face is our own eventual death. It is a well thought out book, and you can download the complete original version should you wish from Royal London's website at [www.royallondon.com](http://www.royallondon.com).

I have edited the extract from the original, any errors therein are mine – I am merely trying to make it more readable and appropriate for you all :

In due course it will be part of the new welfare section of our website. Given the feedback on Bandanas I shudder to think what the feedback will be on the subject of death – but I do invite your comments, supportive and critical.

In the meantime, keep safe,  
Yours in Continued Friendship,

*Don*



JOHN S ALFORD, MEDWAY 41 CLUB



TIM & CHRIS, KINGS LYNN

# 41 CLUB NATIONAL CAR RALLY 2021

DATE REVISED TO 2ND TO 4TH JULY 2021

Due to the current road map in place, unfortunately, the Car Rally could not take place as planned in June and therefore rather than cancel the event, we have made the decision to hold the Rally on the weekend of 2nd July

Everyone who booked last year has had their hotel reservation transferred to the new date, but we totally understand if anyone should wish to cancel rather than travel to Kent.

The event is about fun and fellowship and you do not need to have a classic car to participate in the event.

For anyone wish to attend, the booking form can be found at [www.41club.org/events/1385](http://www.41club.org/events/1385).

Medway 41 Club look forward to welcoming everyone to Kent and being able to let their hair down as this will be one of the first major 41 Club National events for 16 months.

Should you have any queries regarding the event, please contact John Alford on [john.s.alford@btconnect.com](mailto:john.s.alford@btconnect.com) or call 01634 220165

*John*

# 41 CLUB NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE WEEKEND

DATE REVISED TO 1ST & 2ND JULY 2022

Having deliberated over the motorcycle meeting rearranged from last year to July 2021, Chris and myself have taken the difficult decision to postpone again.

The date for relaxing restrictions is only a couple of weeks before the meeting date, and we felt that the lifting of restrictions could slip back. We also had concerns that some potential attendees would not be comfortable meeting in groups so early after restrictions end.

We have therefore arranged to move the date on a year to July 1st & 2nd 2022. Hopefully no more changes will be needed!

Stay well and keep it shiny side up.

*Tim & Chris*



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

GRAHAM "THE COLONEL" SLOAN, NCLO



## **41 CLUB (S)**

Lytham St. Annes(No.3),  
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Blackburn Greys

## **PREVIOUS TABLE(S)**

Cheadle & Gatley 829

## **REGION**

5 - North West

**Family:** Wife Jeannie, 3 Children Lee, Gavin & Philip

**Job/Occupation:** Draughtsman, Quantity Surveyor, Designer & Installer of Kitchens & Bathrooms

**Sports:** F1 & people watching

**Place/Holiday:** Skiatho, Kephallonia, Spain & home

**Food:** BBQ, Chinese & curry

**Drink:** Shiraz, whiskey, whisky, Bacardi, Port & Gin (most bases covered)

**Hobbies:** Anything to do with Woodwork. my 3 cats, BBQing, outside cooking and BBQing with BBQing a glass of Shiraz

**Film:** The Goonies, Italian job, Laurel & Hardy, Cartoons, Star Wars, Bond

**Actor:** Sean Connery, Judy Dench, Jason Statham, Rowan Atkinson, Daniel Craig

**Book:** Too many to list

**Music/Band:** Pink Floyd, Runrig, The Shadows, Beatles, Eric Clapton to name a few

**Car/Bike:** Lambretta 175, Norton 500, Triumph Roadster & Stag, E-Type, A 22 year old 4.2 Audi Quattro named "The Harrier"



MIKE FOLEY, MOSELEY 41 CLUB FELLOWSHIP OFFICER, HEART OF ENGLAND 41 CLUB

## GRANDFATHER AND GRANDDAUGHTER TO WALK 100 MILES

Mike Foley of Moseley 41 Club and The Heart of England 41 club and his granddaughter Sophie Shipwayin are attempting to walk the 100 mile Millennium Way together this May in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity.

The logo for The Brain Tumour Charity is centered on a red background. It features the words 'THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word 'BRAIN' is on the top line, 'TUMOUR' is on the second line, and 'CHARITY' is on the third line. A red exclamation mark is positioned between 'BRAIN' and 'TUMOUR', and a red dot is positioned between 'TUMOUR' and 'CHARITY'. The entire logo is enclosed in a white, rounded rectangular border.

**THE  
BRAIN  
TUMOUR  
CHARITY**

**A CURE CAN'T WAIT**

The Brain Tumour Charity is a very much deserved Charity raising funds and awareness for anyone affected by this.

"Brain Tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40. Over 55,000 people are currently living with brain tumour in the UK and most are coping with a reduced quality of life".

Please support us in our journey, no matter how little is given it will be very much appreciated. We are not setting a target but every penny will go a long way in helping the charity in their aims to "transform outcomes and the quality of day-to-day life for those affected by brain tumours".

### "SEIZING THE MOMENT".

We have a 'gofundme' page 'Grandfather and Granddaughter walk 100 miles'. So far, we have raised in excess of £1,200.00 which is magnificent. If you wish to make a donation in support of our walk, please use the following link.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/grandfather-and-granddaughter-walk-100-miles>

*Mike*





# SO WHAT HAPPENED AT THE AGM?

BERNARD ELWEN, NATIONAL SECRETARY

For the second year running, we have not been able to have a proper face-to-face AGM, so this year, National Council decided to hold a virtual one. This meant that the majority of the business normally conducted at an AGM could be done, without having a massive backlog at the next opportunity to meet.

It was decided to conduct the main part of the business as a Zoom webinar. The panellists would be National Board Members, along with Presidents of the Round Table family who were invited to bring greetings and say a few words. We were pleased to welcome 41 International President Luc Trigaux, Tangent President Tracey Pickin, Round Table President Matt Eaton and Ladies Circle President Michelle Chapman.

Each club was invited to register a voting delegate, in the same way as a normal AGM. Things became a bit more awkward with a number of delegates voting for more than one club. At a normal AGM, such delegates just put more than one card in the air for their multiple votes to count. With a Zoom webinar, the polling facility will only allow one vote per delegate, so those voting for more than one club were required to use the Chat facility in Zoom, and the tellers would add these to the polling results.

Things became a bit more complicated again when a handful of people who were not voting delegates decided to vote anyway. This was particularly awkward when one of the resolutions (Resolution 2 on canvassing) failed narrowly to achieve the two thirds majority to be approved. It was necessary for me on the following day to download the polling results as a spreadsheet and the chatbox transcript.

Analysis of this data against the registered voting delegates showed up that a handful had voted for the resolution when they shouldn't have done, and one delegate voting for two clubs had been recorded as if he was voting for one club with a double-barrelled name. After correcting this, I was able to inform National Council and the proposer of the resolution that the final figure was even further way from the two thirds majority required.

However, I am pleased to report that the other four resolutions were much more straightforward.

Resolution 1 – New rule 17.5 to remove proxy election voting. This was carried.

Resolution 2 – Deletion of rule 6.6 (Canvassing). This was narrowly defeated.

Resolution 3 – Amend rule 6.5 to require all candidates for National Board posts to have served as a member of National Council for a minimum of two years. This was carried.

Resolution 4 – Sharing of Conference costs with Tangent. This was carried.

Resolution 5 – Amendment of rule 6.2 regarding terms of office of National Council members. This was carried.



A close-up photograph of two wooden blocks. The block in the foreground is light-colored and has the letters 'AG' in large, bold, black font. The block behind it is also light-colored and has the letter 'M' in large, bold, black font. A hand is visible at the top right, holding the 'M' block.

# SO WHAT HAPPENED AT THE AGM?

BERNARD ELWEN, NATIONAL SECRETARY

There was a total of 177 voting delegates registered, with a further 62 attendees who just wanted to log in to see what was happening. All attendees were invited to register from the Zoom invitation link, and all received (or should have received) an automated acknowledgement containing the link to log on and attend. It became apparent that several members had not received their confirmation, and I have no explanation as to why those who were approved to attend failed to receive their message. I expect some had been blocked by spam filters and company firewalls.

There were contested elections for two positions, these being National Vice President and National councillors' Liaison Officer. The National Vice President post had three candidates, and so it was necessary to have a system which would allow for instant run-off voting, which is what we call single transferable voting.

This worked well, with 185 ballots cast for the Vice President and 175 for the NCLO. Each of the five candidates submitted a video of the required length, and these were shown as part of the meeting.

Delegates were able to speak on a subject, once they had signalled their intention to speak in the Q&A facility in Zoom, and they had been unmuted by a technical assistant at the point they were invited to speak. It would have helped if all those speaking had remembered to give their name and club. My colleague John Kilshaw (National Councillor for Region 8) has put together a questionnaire for those who attended. The conclusions from this will be included in a future edition of the newsletter.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Big Weekend, which will take place on 1st and 2nd October in Nottingham. This will include a Special General Meeting on Saturday 2nd October, with more details to be circulated nearer the time.

*Bernard*



THE BIG WEEKEND - [WWW.41CLUB75.ORG](http://WWW.41CLUB75.ORG)



# YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS

## THE 41 CLUB AGM

Fellow members, this year we entered into uncharted waters and with trepidation we held our AGM via zoom.

Following a year of uncertainty, the National Council agreed that the Association needed an AGM and the only way to deliver that was electronically.

We can assure you that there was a lot of work put in behind the scenes to ensure that we delivered you the AGM, providing the platform for you to be able to have a say in our future and vote for the delegates standing for election.

We would now ask for a little of your time to complete a small feedback questionnaire. This will help us to continue to develop and enhance the AGM experience, with the aim of having as many Clubs as possible represented on the day to join in the debates and discussions.

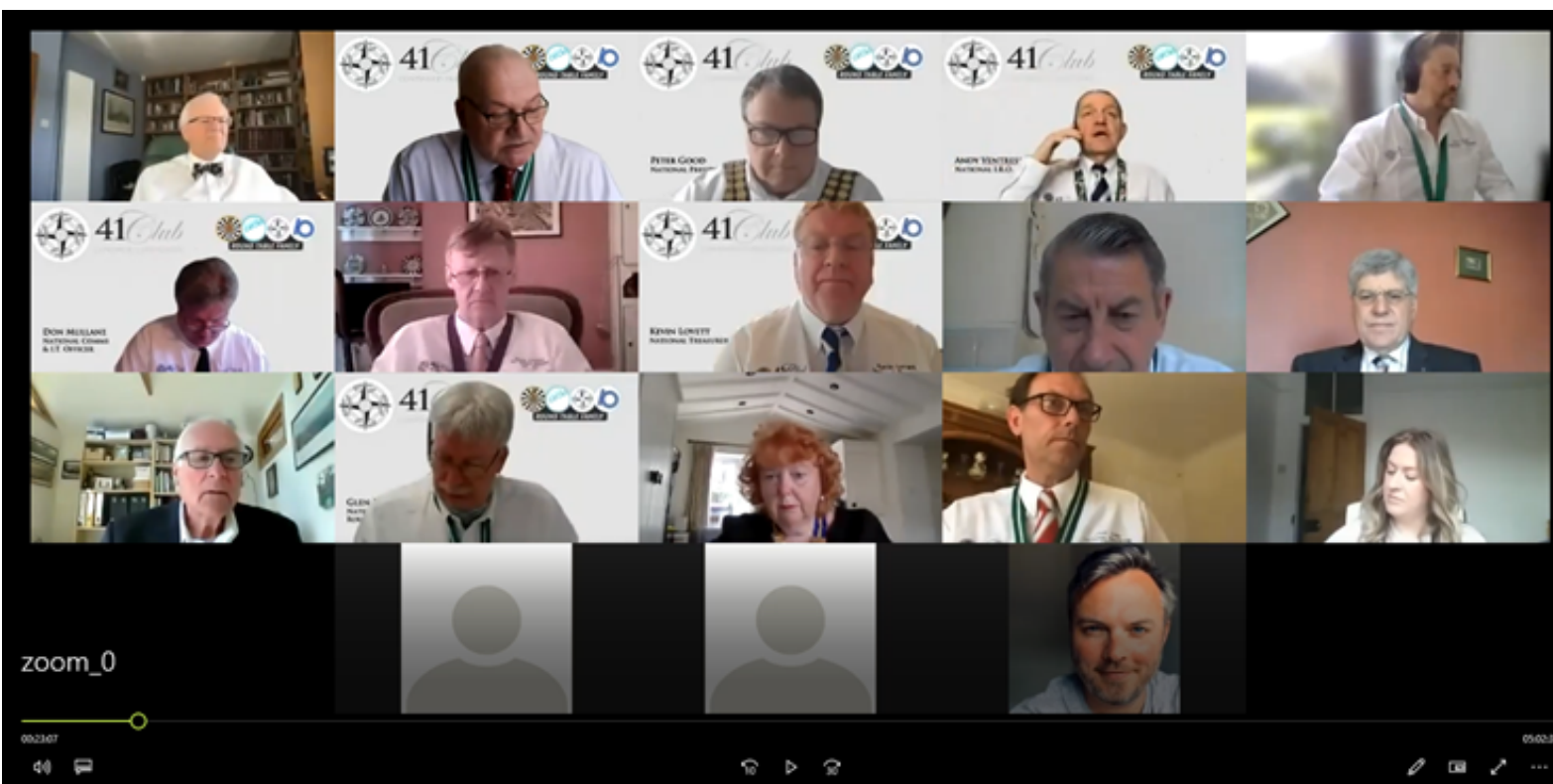
The link for the online questionnaire is:

<https://41clubconnects.co.uk/41-club-virtual-agm-2021-feedback/>

Please can you complete the form by 1st June

Many thanks  
YICF

*Bernard*





# THE BIRTH OF A PETROLHEAD

CHRIS BARNEY, KINGS LYNN 41 CLUB

It is said that destiny is sometimes pre mapped in life. To be born as a true petrol head means that the sound and smell of a living - breathing engine is as natural as breathing oxygen to survive.

My mother moved to Norfolk with my father to live in a small hamlet called Eastmoor, basically a single track road with a scattering of houses.

Tucked in the Norfolk countryside between Oxborough, Barton Bendish, Beechamwell and Stoke Ferry, my early days were spent with farm workers tending live stock or arable crops.

To live in such a rural location, having your own transport to be independent was a necessity. The story is told that my mother's final pre-natal appointment with the family doctor in Stoke Ferry went something like this:

Doctor: How did you get here today?

Mother: By my Motorcycle!

Doctor: If you feel a little funny on your way home, please ride to the hospital!

Mother: ok....

So yours truly was a bump on the petrol tank waiting to arrive into the big wide world.

The transport was a motorcycle and sidecar, a Triumph 6T Thunderbird registration number CJL906, 650 cc with the classic parallel twin design and two into one pea shooter exhaust. From the sidecar the smell of the engine oil and sound of the exhaust was all that was needed to send me off to sleep in my carry cot.

Both my mother and father belonged to a motorcycle club, based in Norwich, the motto of the club was nulli secundus (second to none), The Triumph Owners club. My mother being only 5' tall, riding the Thunderbird made a name for herself, only two positions on the throttle open or closed.

The following is an extract published in the news letter:

The TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB. January 1960.

The P.O.D. Monthly.

A "110" Owner is amazed.

Which member thought that women were incapable of driving a motor cycle??

Well, I believe we now have a member who is convinced that some ladies can drive equally as good as men. This member was taken for a drive on a 6T combo with one of the fairer sex at the helm at a steady speed of 75 MPH!! She then proceeded to take the members 110 down the road, winding it up through the gears like any of us mere males. This little lady was just five feet tall. Whack Ho!! (I am keeping my 120 well out of sight in case she wants to show me a short cut to Kings Lynn - Ed.)







# THE BIRTH OF A PETROLHEAD

CHRIS BARNEY, KINGS LYNN 41 CLUB

## In answer to the '110' Owner.

I ride a 6t Triumph, and I am only five feet tall,  
There's an open invitation to everyone and all,  
To come out here to Eastmoor, a lovely little place,  
I'll give any 120 a tidy old race.  
As my bikes a combination, I think it would be fair,  
To have that 120 hitched to a dirty great chair,  
Why cos I am a woman should it mean I can't ride,  
With my son in the sidecar, I'm the happiest girl alive.



## EIRENE.

A Bonnie Owner.

I just own a Bonnie, a bike thats up to date,  
I'd not take you on for money, because I'd meet a certain fate.  
The fate of which I'm talking, is one that I should fear,  
Combinations are better at cornering, so I'LL wish you a Happy New Year.  
Brian.

At the age of five, my father presented me with my first motorcycle a Suzuki A80,

A small 80 cc two stroke which would be the start of my own motorcycle path.

Many motorcycles followed, Honda CB200, CB500T, CB550K, fully rebuilt CB550F, Suzuki TS90 , GS750 GS1000, BSA 350 B31.

After working with my father for some 6 years at Anglian Motorcycles looking after parts and sales as Store Manager I rode and sold some fine motorcycles which brings me full circle to today, I now belong to the same club and own a Triumph Thunderbird 900, Hinkley 95 vintage.

*Chris*



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# NATIONAL CYCLING WEEKEND

WYNN PARRY, NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

This year's National cycling weekend will be based in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

The IBIS Hotel rate is £50 per night, per twin or double room and £5 per person per night for Breakfast. The Hotel will provide facilities for bike storage. Bookings should be made directly to the Hotel using a discount code which I can provide. Similarly, for the camping ground once we have confirmation of availability and costs.

Please contact the Hotel directly to book your accommodation using the following confirmation number: 240851, this rate is valid until 16/08/2021.



The campsite we are going to use is Esholt Caravan and camping, please contact the site at <http://esholtcaravanpark.co.uk/> to book your pitch. The pitches are £17.50 per night for 2 adults, £5 per night extra per adult and electricity is charged at 25p per kWh.

The Friday night catering will be a BBQ at the Campsite, where there is also a bar ☺. Saturday night will be a curry at Baildon old Hall. I will try and get some of the local guys to come along to share some fellowship on both evenings. When I have finalised the costs, which will be very soon I will be putting a booking form onto the 41 Club connects website. We are looking at some challenging cycling routes to test you guys out.

It is the responsibility of the attendees to organise and pay for their own accommodation. The cost of the weekend will be £30. (Friday night BBQ and Saturday night meal).

In the meantime, if you are interested in attending this event, please contact me at [region6@41club.org](mailto:region6@41club.org) for further details. I will provide further details in next month's newsletter or directly to you via email, once you have registered an interest.

*Wynn*

## THE CHALLENGE

AFTER COMPLETING THE 500 MILES AND 500 MORE WALKING CHALLENGE, AN INTREPID BUNCH OF 41ERS ARE EMBARKING ON A NEW CHALLENGE – A VIRTUAL BIKE RIDE FROM AVIEMORE (WHERE CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN) TO NOTTINGHAM (VENUE OF THE BIG WEEKEND) VIA CARDIFF (WHERE CONFERENCE WILL BE NEXT YEAR).

**OUR AIM IS TO RAISE £7060 (£10 PER MILE).**



## THE ROUTE

IT WILL TOTAL 706 MILES AND RIDES WILL BE IN THE 41ERS OWN LOCATIONS, WITH PROGRESS PLOTTED ON A VIRTUAL MAP TO SHOW HOW FAR THEY HAVE PEDALED AND HOW CLOSE THEY ARE GETTING TO THE BIG WEEKEND.

WE'RE STARTING ON 8TH MAY AND THE FINISH WILL BE 2ND OCTOBER (THAT'S AN AVERAGE OF 4.8 MILES PER DAY). HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO RIDE THE LAST DAY TOGETHER IN NOTTINGHAM.

## SIGN UP!

TO SECURE YOUR NUMBER, DONATE £10 TO PRESIDENT PETER'S FUND RAISING PAGE AT [HTTPS://UK.VIRGINMONEYGIVING.COM/PETERGOOD](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/petergood) PLEASE MARK YOUR DONATION WITH OYB.

THEN EMAIL ME, PETER WALKER (REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR) AT [ONYERBIKE@41CLUB.ORG](mailto:ONYERBIKE@41CLUB.ORG) AND I WILL ALLOCATE YOU A NUMBER (REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BUT SOME HAVE GONE ALREADY).

## YOUR CO-CONSPIRATORS

*Tom Atkins (Rider 001) & Peter Walker (Rider 007)*





# NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY LAUNCHES WITH NEW 41CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

We are excited to now opening bookings for the 2021 National Caravan Rally which will take place between Friday 10th and Sunday 12th of September.

This will take place at Hardwick Parks in Oxfordshire. Click the link to see more about the park. <https://www.hardwickparks.co.uk>

We are hoping we will have enough caravans or tents to have exclusive use of the main field which has a bar, shop, and full facilities. We have the whole field reserved until 30th June when unsold pitches will be released to the public, so early booking is advisable. The location of the park gives you a great opportunity to visit the Dreaming Spires of Oxford, and many Cotswold villages and see wonderful scenery.

The weekend includes a 'fizz' reception, a fish & chip supper, and a supper at a local village hall. The rest of the time is there for fellowship, exploring the area, or doing your own 'thing'! We will be joined by National President Peter on the Saturday.

We are proud to be the first users of the new 41Club Booking System which has been developed by National Honorary Webmaster Mark House. This enables participants to smoothly book an event and pay online. The system allows you to specify any requirements you may have and gives us the details we need to accommodate you.

This is a really excellent way of doing things and reduces paper and messing around with cheques etc.

If you require any further details please contact Martin Green

M: 07768 192 387 H: 01235 529 257

E: [caravanrally@41clubevents.co.uk](mailto:caravanrally@41clubevents.co.uk)

More details will be sent on booking. Book at: <https://41clubevents.co.uk/>

Martin Green  
National President 2013-2014





# WHISKY CORNER

THE WHISKY APPRECIATION GROUP

## OUR NEXT EVENT - WHISKY FROM UNUSUAL PLACES

Looking forward to joining you  
for a glass (or 4) of something different on  
28th May 8PM

Slainte



We're looking forward to seeing more Whiskey lovers joining us for our second tasting on the 28th May from 8pm.

The time to order the drinks has passed, but if you want to join in, just drop the team a line on [whisky@41clubconnects.co.uk](mailto:whisky@41clubconnects.co.uk).

*"NEVER CRY OVER SPILT MILK... IT COULD'VE BEEN WHISKY" - MAVERICK*

## CRY GOD FOR HARRY, ENGLAND, AND SAINT GEORGE!" (AND OTHER DISTILLERIES)

So you think England can't make whisky? Well, there are records of whisky making in England stretching back to at least the mid-18th century and word is that it existed in Chaucer's day. When the country's last distillery, London's Lea Valley, closed in 1903 it sounded the death knell for English whisky – until a few years ago.

After a dry spell lasting for more than a century, the last decade has seen a boom in English distillers right across the country.

It was in 2006 that the renaissance truly began, when The English Whisky Company opened its St George Distillery in Norfolk - the first distillery in England for 120 years. Much research and the exploration of several different concepts ensued, including a micro-distillery. They persuaded Laphroaig distiller Iain Henderson out of his planned retirement to help get them going, and by December 2006 made their first 29 barrels – and the foundation of a new generation of English Whisky.

Fast forward to today when there are now around 33 distilleries across Blighty producing or planning to produce whisky... what Scotland and Ireland (and Wales) can do, it seems that England can also do – with some delicious results.

So, if you are tempted to sample a wee dram of English Water of Life, here are four I have tasted and can recommend.





# WHISKY CORNER

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## The English - Smokey Virgin Oak Cask – 46% ABV (~£52)

From the first English Distillery opened in 2006, as the name suggests, this Smokey Virgin Oak Cask expression was matured in virgin oak casks.



Nose: Rich bonfire smoke, with a touch of oak spice, blueberry loaf cake and vanilla

Palate: Medjool dates, caramelised nuts and burnt toast, with lots of wood smoke in support alongside milk chocolate

Finish: A drizzle of honey and dry smoke, with oily citrus peel

## Filey Bay Flagship – 46% ABV (~£50)

From Yorkshire's first ever single malt whisky distillery near the village of Hunmanby on the coast, where all the barley used is grown on family farm and the family is in control of every stage of the growing and distilling process from choosing the variety of barley and how it is grown, right

through to bottling at the distillery. Very few other distilleries in the UK can claim this and it's something they're exceptionally proud of.

Nose: Peach, apricot, buttered crackers and a hint of mint leaf  
Palate: Chocolate chip cookies, maple syrup, barley, more peach, honeycomb and walnut  
Finish: Gingerbread, orange peel, very slightly floral



## Adnams Triple Malt Whisky – 47% ABV (~£34)

From the first brewery / distillery (a bristillery?!) in England and where beer has been brewed for 670 years. Built in 2010, the Copper House Distillery sits within the Adnams brewery in Southwold, Suffolk. This whisky is produced using a trio of malted grains - barley, wheat and oats. It's then allowed to mature in new American oak casks for five years.

Nose: Complex, notes of spice, coconut and toasted oak, citrus fruit and sweet honey

Palate: Continued chocolatey elements, with a touch of bubble gum and charred oak

Finish: Long, satisfying



## Steel Bonnets – 46.6% ABV (~£43)

From the Lakes Distillery, a renovated old Victorian model farm surrounded by the stunning Cumbrian hills, next to the River Derwent. This whisky is the first cross-border blend of exceptional English and Scotch malt whiskies

and has been produced to honour the memory of those people who lived in the Border Marches of England and Scotland during the 13th – 17th centuries.



Nose: Notes of vanilla, sweet spice & woodsmoke

Palate: Creamy, nutty & full-bodied; Vanilla, ginger, nutmeg, woodsmoke  
Finish: Long & warming



# IT'S YOUR ROUND

JIM SMITH, EASTERN REGION GOLF ORGANISER

## THE LARGEST GOLF DAY IN 41 CLUB IS BACK ON 14TH JULY 2021!

I'm sure all our golfers, wherever you are in the country, are delighted to be back on the course after recent closures. It's wonderful to see things opening up after the pandemic and as I write this, clubhouses are due to re-open next week so we can all enjoy the 19th hole a little better.

In the Eastern Region we are now looking forward to the return of our golf day. This is open to any club, or club member in Regions 16, 17, 18 and 19, although if anyone wants to travel a bit further we would be delighted to see you.

Braintree Golf Club in North Essex has hosted us very well for the past few years and they are looking forward to seeing us back again this year. The format is tried and tested and the day starts with coffee and bacon rolls around 11 am with teams teeing off using two tees shortly afterwards.

Afterwards there is plenty of opportunity to meet up with new friends and old to explain how that 25-foot putt was in from the moment it left your putter along with other tall stories. A two-course meal follows with more chance for banter.



Prizes will be given by our National President Peter Good to finish the day. This is a charity event. Due to Braintree giving us a bit of a discount we are able to raise some money and there will, of course, be other things like nearest the pin competitions and a raffle to enable us to give something back to charities of your choice. Not forgetting of course the President's very worthwhile charity, Dementia UK.

Teams from clubs of 3 or 4 participants (4-man teams have an advantage) but we also want to welcome any other golfer from a club that can't make up a full team to join in the fun. We will make up teams from those who want to join us. The cost of the day is £51 per person and bookings can be made using the attached form or by contacting the organiser Jim Smith at [jim.smith583@gmail.com](mailto:jim.smith583@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there

*Jim*



# 41 CLUB CONNECTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

GLEN LYON



JOHN MCGOVERN

Join us

<https://zoom.us/j/96746996574>



THE POLAR ACADEMY

Join us

<https://zoom.us/j/96070108446>



### 41 CLUB CONNECTS WINS THE SIDE BY SIDE AWARD FROM LADIES CIRCLE!

As this newsletter goes into publication, we're delighted to announce that 41 Club has been recognised as working closely with our family and helping them enjoy nights in with our members.

Thanks to whoever nominated us and for Ladies Circle for recognising our contribution.



# NEWS FROM AROUND CLUBS

THE COMMS TEAM

## MESSAGE FROM IPP ANDREW

I Hope that everyone is keeping well in these strange, difficult, emotional and often worrying times. As the vaccination roll out continues, we can all look forward to hopefully a brighter future. In these times we realise the importance of looking out for each other, a friendly voice can make such a difference.

Mildred my wife retired from the NHS two years ago, initially to enjoy and take part in the amazing year when I was honoured being the National President of 41 Club.



A few months ago, Mildred received a phone call from the surgery where she had worked asking if she would be willing to return to help as a volunteer at the vaccination centre. Following internet training on Covid injections etc she has been volunteering for the past few months. Along with thousands of other willing volunteers, in whatever capacity, who are making such a difference to the vaccination programme. The response from the public on receiving their vaccination has been wonderful to see. Everyone has been so appreciative and grateful. It has been lovely to see smiling faces again. As Mildred says if she can help in some small way, she is more than willing to do so. Keep smiling.

*Andrew*

## PAUL RAWLINSON'S 63:63:63:63 CHALLENGE



Lockdown restrictions set me thinking that I needed to do something; to set myself a challenge, so I came up with my 63:63:63:63 Challenge; That was 63 10 kilometre runs, on 63 consecutive days, each run in under 63 minutes, ending on my 63rd Birthday - 18th May.

Today I ran the 45th leg. My legs are beginning to complain and although there are only 18 days to go, it seems like an eternity. Every run starts at 6.20am, 10 minutes after getting out of bed and donning shorts, shirts, socks, running shoes and watch. Somehow I have managed to choose the coldest period of the last 12 months. Never above 4 degrees and often with a significant northerly or easterly wind.

I guess that it wouldn't be a challenge if it was easy, but I am wondering whether I will make it to the end, as everything is starting to seize up, taking longer and longer to get going as each new morning dawns.  
(The picture of myself in a local handicap race over the South Downs before the pandemic.)

Many Thanks

*Paul*





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## MAY ANSWERS

1. ILLINOIS, MISSOURI, KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA
2. GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, CROATIA, SERBIA, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, MOLDOVA, AND UKRAINE
3. CANBERRA
4. PEN-Y-GHENT, INGLEBOROUGH & WHERNSIDE
5. RIVER BANN
6. 1215 MILES
7. CITY OF LONDON
8. M898
9. BEVERLEY
10. LLANTRISANT



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