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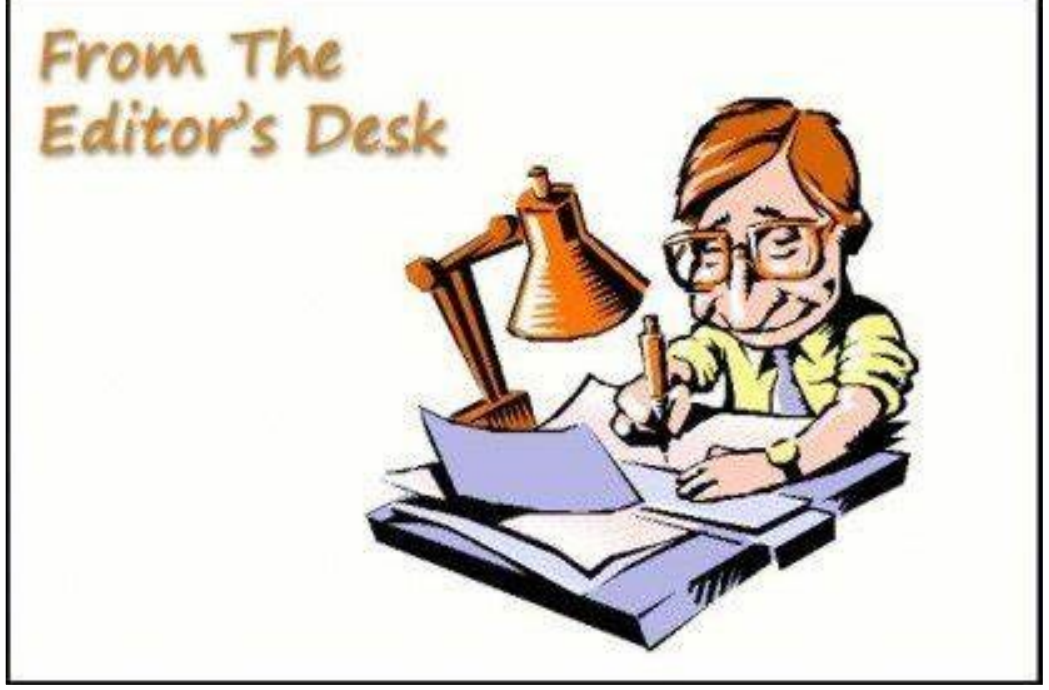
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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Times.

The final part of Bob Parton's History of 41 INERNATIONAL, first published in 2016, appears in this edition. It concludes with the original set of eight rules, how different from the ten pages that now appear in the directory. My thanks to Bob for all his help.

It is important that you please read the announcement on page 5 concerning the 41 INTERNATIONAL AGMs for 2025 and 2026.

Good news from Canada. In the next few weeks a group of ex-Tablers will be holding meetings to discuss the formation of a 41 Club in Montreal. Emmanuel Pioger spoke to the International Board Zoom meeting and it looks very positive for the future.

I have received comments that there are many articles in the Times and the News about activities in Germany and GB&I, but not many others. The answer is simple, I can only publish the articles I receive. If you have something to share about activities in other countries then please send them to me at the link below. I am always keen to hear from any member country, so get writing (and include some photographs).

Over the last three months there have been virtually no international events, but the calendar for the next six months is filling up fast, so have a look at the diary near the back of this edition and see if you might want to participate in international fellowship.

The next issue of the Times will be published mid June and will cover the events at the Marrakesh AGM.

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Front Cover: The Ethos of 41 INTERNATIONAL. See the full version on page 10
Copy date for the June edition: 14th May. To contribute Click Here



What A Difference the Internet Makes!



Do you remember the days when the President (or other board member) would visit your country or a copy of the 41 INTERNATIONAL magazine was occasionally passed around at a Club meeting but you never had a personal copy? International communication to members in those days was difficult and usually depended upon others sharing post.

The Internet has changed all that dramatically. Zoom has meant that the Board and managers no longer only meet at major events, instead they hold a monthly meeting to report and discuss all current matters. In addition they hold meetings with the Boards of National Associations to discuss the current situation and to put faces to names.

The website, 41er.World and social media all help spread the news of activities and events all over the Round Table world. Members of all five members of the Round Table Family can contact each other at absolutely no cost.

Finally we can share the 41 INTERNATIONAL and national publications, which can either be read on-line or downloaded by anybody who wants to read.

The world has changed and will continue to change! Hi-Tech has made fellowship so much easier.

President Barry's Remaining Visits

After a hectic first six months the last three months have bee very quiet for Barry, but all that is about to change for the last three months. Here is a list of events where he will be representing 41 INTERNATIONAL:

February	Nepal for RTI
March	Finland AGM
	Belgium 50th
April	Portugal AGM
	Denmark AGM
May	Italy AGM
	Iceland AGM
	Germany AGM
	Morocco for World Meeting
June	France AGM

Important Announcement

41 INTERNATIONAL AGMs 2025 and 2026

The 41 International Board has received notification from the Israeli World Meeting organising committee that they cannot host the 2025 World Meeting and wish to postpone the event until 2026. The Board agrees that it is sensible to cancel 2025 and will ask delegates to vote at Marrakech on their request to go for 2026 for which no alternative bids have been made.

We thank David Kakon and his team for taking what the Board considers is a sensible decision.

Bids to host the World Meeting in April 2025 are invited from all Associations and must be submitted to the International Secretary by May 1st 2024. All bids must make a presentation to the World Meeting in Marrakech with indicative pricing and programme.

Nominations For 41 INTERNATIONAL Office

The following nominations have been received for the offices of Vice President 2025-26 and Treasurer 2024-27. The voting will take place at the AGM to be held in Marrakesh on 1st June 2024.

Nominations for the post of Vice President (in alphabetical order):

Nominee Name	Club	Country
Povl Aalund	Ex-Table 121 Faaborg	Denmark
Robert Lerch	OT74 Hanau	Germany
Harold Telebwe	41 Club Ndola/Luanshya No. 3	Zambia

Nominations for the post of Treasurer:

Nominee Name	Club	Country
Bob Standaert	Tienen 21 & Liege 50 International	Belgium

Applications to host the 2026 Annual General Meeting

Applications closed at the end of January and as of that date none had been received.

Workshop on 20 March 2024

The way to digitalisation and collaboration with 41ER.WORLD!

Get to know the new era of member management! Our workshop offers you the opportunity to revolutionise the efficiency of your table/club organisation. Learn about the latest technologies and best practices to take your member management mailings and document management to a new level.

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Make valuable connections with other associations such as Round Table, Ladies' Circle, Agora, Tangent and Club 41. Unleash the power of co-operation for joint projects and strengthen your common goals with 41ER.WORLD.

Date? Wednesday, 20 March 2024

Time? 7 pm CET

Where? Virtual Zoom Meeting

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuduCtpjgiGdO5V9x4h4V5n2FD6k9SAotB

Discover the future of membership management and revolutionise your organisation, district and Club beyond your time as a board member! Join the workshop and reshape the success of your association, district and club. Join us to ask questions, learn, network and get inspired!

Fabian Engler

International Webmaster
International 41ER.WORLD Manager



THE LAMB LUNCHTIME CLUB
MEETING VENUE IN LONDON

"We have been meeting on the **second Wednesday** of each month at The Lamb in Leadenhall Market, London, EC3 for over 37 years." SO, WHAT!!

The concept of an informal lunch meeting was started by Dennis Smith of Catford & Lewisham Round Table in the early 1980's when they met at The Green Man. We have met at various venues since viz The Bouncing Banker near Cannon Street and then briefly at the Arbitrage in Throgmorton Street. Finally, it was agreed to find a venue which was central, and which would attract visitors. **The Lamb, Leadenhall Market,** part of the tapestry of the City of London since 1780, was chosen and the first meeting was held there on 12th March 1986. There were 25 of us. We have been meeting there ever since.

What are the rules? There aren't any (well just one: Wear your badge). Anyone who is either a Tabler, 41er, Ladies Circler, member of Tangent or guest can attend. We also look forward to meeting travellers from overseas as well as those on business from around RTBI. We meet in the basement bar (aka Old Tom's Bar) **from 1300hrs** onwards and stay until the last one leaves! The aim is to attend as often as you can and to stay as long as you can. This is what makes us unique!

Since 1986, over 5545 have attended at 432 meetings. The most to attend was 103 and the least was 1 - yes 1! Over this period the average attendance has been 12. In case you are wondering how I know these statistics we have an attendance register which we all sign.

I nearly forgot, despite being informal we have had our own ties and badges.

I only have one question for you all. Have you been? If not, give us a try. We would like to see you there, either on a regular basis or for a fleeting visit if you are passing by.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Leon on +44 7710 422705 or by email at david.leon@btinternet.com.

It is important to let other people know and the best way is by word of mouth. So please discuss at your next meeting and pop in whenever you can.

Dave Leon

Honorary Informal Secretary, Archivist and Statistician!





A Message From the President of RTI



Dear Round Table Family Members,

Esteemed fellow sisters and brothers,

It has been a few weeks since I assumed the esteemed role of Round Table International President.

My journey with Round Table began twelve years ago when I was just 20 years old. I eagerly embraced Round Table's mission and had the privilege of serving on the national board of Round Table Austria. This experience exposed me to the diverse facets of our worldwide movement.

The Round Table Family exemplifies our incredible diversity and the various fields in which we can be active. We engage in local, regional, national, and international collaborative activities, all driven by our unwavering dedication to community service projects. Our commitment to facilitating and supporting our organization's growth is evident. We've recently signed a memorandum of understanding within the international organizations, emphasizing mutual respect and equal rights among all organizations under the single identity of the Round Table Family. This spirit of cooperation should also extend to our local, regional, and national levels.

Remember that true leadership goes beyond titles and positions; it is a commitment to a shared vision and a dedication to our collective aspirations. We are not just a group of individuals; we are a cohesive community and a united family bound together by a common purpose.

Unfortunately, our organisation is currently facing a challenge in the form of declining membership. Global membership figures are a cause for concern, demanding our immediate attention and collaborative efforts at the local and regional levels. Our esteemed Secretary wisely stated, "If there are no members, there is no Round Table."

We can be individual members, clubs, areas, associations or regions, but together, we are a singular movement. Our actions in the coming year will shape Round Table's future, and we should strive to make future generations proud of our accomplishments.

Here are some of our primary goals for the upcoming year:

Sustainable Growth:

We've witnessed the importance of expansion in recent years, as seen in the Czech Republic and Albania. We will support and promote the growth of current associations while focusing on strengthening our own.

Supporting Associations:

Over half of our worldwide associations have fewer than 50 members. We need to understand why they struggle to grow and provide them with the support they need. We must also address the significant shrinkage in some of our larger associations.

Keep Round Table Cheap:

We recognize that Round Table events have become increasingly expensive. It's crucial to make these events accessible to as many Tablers as possible, ensuring they remain affordable and provide excellent value. The RTIWM in South Africa should not be the only event embracing this.

RTI Structure:

After the restructuring of Round Table International in 2016, it's time to evaluate its effectiveness for all associations. We should ask critical questions and be open to adopting, adapting, and improving our structure.

RT Cares – Disaster Relief Fund:

We aim to establish a global charity foundation to provide support during disasters. Collaborating with the Round Table Family, we can efficiently respond to emergencies and raise funds for charitable initiatives.

RT Family App:

In addition to developments within Tabler.World, our focus will be on the RT Family App. This app will facilitate communication, information updates, event management, and access to Tabler.World features.

RTI Team Work:

Achieving these goals requires a robust and dedicated team. The International Board comprises voluntary members worldwide, all passionate about serving our fraternity.

Remember that monumental achievements start with small steps. It's the daily choices, small gestures, and consistent efforts that lead to great success. Each of you is indispensable in our journey, and your contributions are immensely significant. Your commitment, passion, and unwavering dedication drive us forward.

The theme of the year

This year's theme is "UNITED IN DIVERSITY." It symbolizes how our associations unite as Round Table International to work for community service and prosperity while celebrating the richness of cultures, traditions, and languages worldwide. Round Table is the common thread that unites us all.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for entrusting me with this role. Together, let us script the next chapter of our journey - a chapter defined by inspiration, achievement, and the indomitable spirit that defines us. Here's to overcoming challenges, realizing aspirations, and leaving a bright legacy.

Yours in international Tabling and friendship

Marc Germeshausen

RTI President 2023/2024

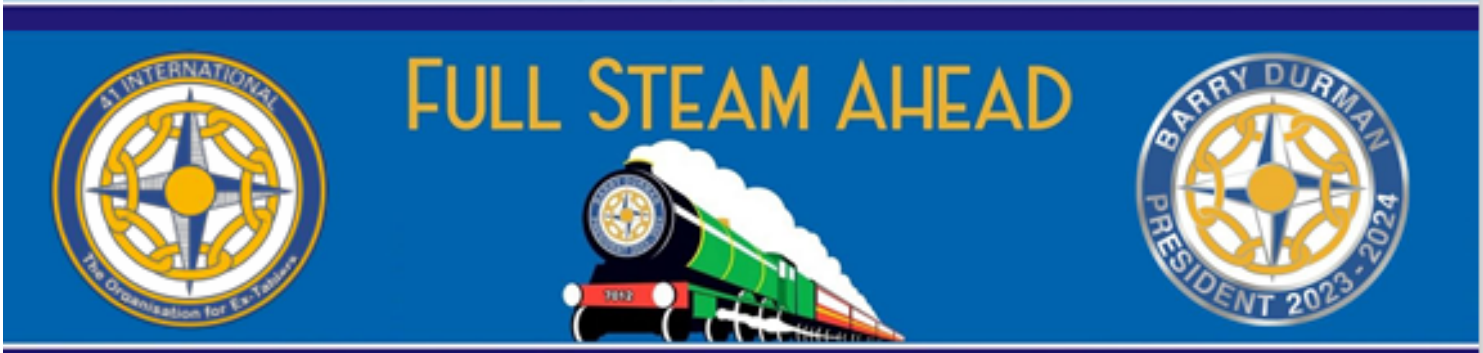
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International Friendship

Fellowship is the FIRST theme, which is pretty obvious. Clubs that do a good variety of events are those that are most successful and will attract ex Tablers and those guys just leaving Round Table. So don't just have a monthly dinner meeting – do stuff! Internationally look at the Events List on our website and41er.world – there are over 60 events for you to enjoy

Round Table Family

The Round Table Family is the SECOND theme. I am passionate about it and I hope that everyone in all 5 International Associations will encourage each other, support each other's events and look for new members for each other. Tell everyone what a fantastic time we are having, while doing some good for the community.



Community Involvement

The FOURTH theme is Community Service. Through our fellowship we have the opportunity to help the less fortunate. We have splendid examples of 41 Clubs doing incredible work. My club helps run an incredible Beer Festival which raises tens of thousands of pounds each year. Tom has done incredible work to support children in Sri Lanka with the Gift of Knowledge. The Italian clubs have built an incredible community centre for victims of an earthquake. I just cannot understand guys who say that they did their Service in Table and that's an end to it.

Worldwide Membership

Membership is the THIRD theme. Clubs need to have a varied progam of activities so that current members enjoy their club and resignations are minimised. We need to stay active to be attractive to those Tablers leaving each year – far too many do not join us and become what Tom calls Lost Boys. We should Link to 41 International Website, Link to 41er On membership we also need to get all countries onto 41er.World – this is the future and it's here today. It is such a fantastic system which can do so much for every single association.



OT Iceland - AGM 2024

Attend the hottest AGM this spring

OT-10 Iceland is hosting the OT Iceland AGM

09. - 11. May 2024

May 09 – Thursday pretour around the volcanic Reykjanes peninsula (150 euro)
May 10 – Friday Reykjavik city tour (free/on your own)
– Friday party (20 euro)
May 11 – Saturday AGM meeting including lunch (30 euro)
– Blue Lagoon (60 euro)
– Gala event (65 euro)

Register

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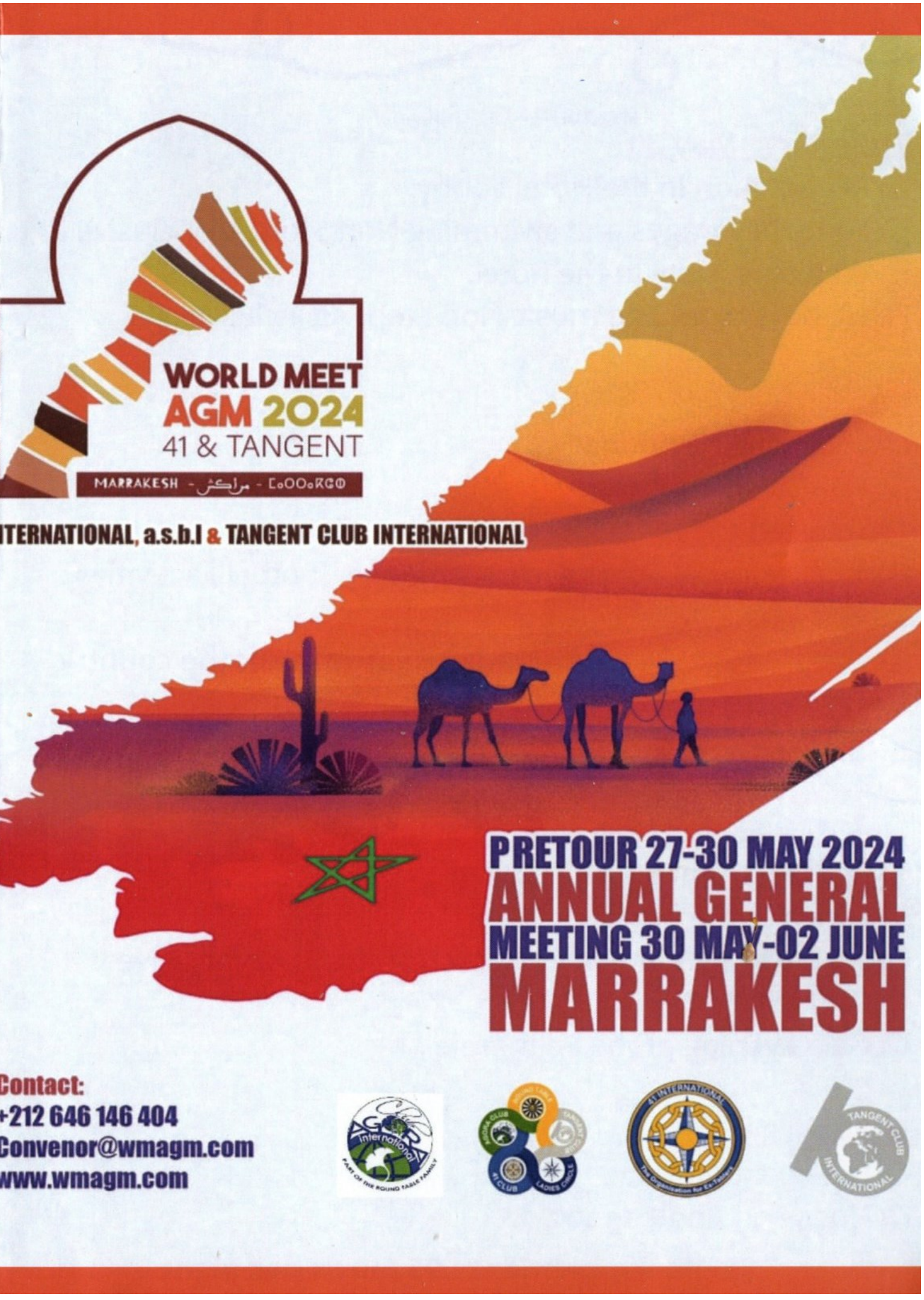
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Program :

Thursday: May 30

♤ Registration In the Hotel Lobby.
♤ Food, beverages and swimming Non Stop. All inclusive !!
♤ Welcome Party at the hotel.
Food, beverages and music Non Stop. All inclusive !!

Friday: May 31

♤ Four visits "Optional"
♤ All inclusive
Between the breakfast and culture night
Food, beverages, agua gym, swimming, football, activities..
Workshops
♤ Culture Night Party around the garden with the country stands

Saturday: June 1

♤ AGM 41 & Tangent.
♤ Agora Forum
♤ Lunch at the hotel.
Food, beverages and swimming Non Stop. All inclusive !!
♤ Cocktail 🍸
♤ Gala evening at the Palmeraie.

Sunday: June 2

♤ Breakfast Buffet.
♤ Hugs and Photoshoot.

Single supplement : 95 Euros per night

Without Hotel :

- **Separate Bird :**
  - Welcome Party : 60 Euros
  - Culture Night : 80 Euros
  - Saturday AG Coffee break & Lunch : 85 Euros
  - Gala Dinner : 130 Euros
  - Full Pack : 340 Euros

- **Four Optional Visits on Firday 31st May**
  - Visit Marrakech : 40 Euros
  - Excursion Ourika Valley : 60 Euros
  - Excursion Agafay Desert : 65 Euros
  - Excursion Essaouira : 70 Euros

- **Pre-Tours From 26th to 30th May**
  - A. The Sea Side Tour
    - Price per person in Double room : 550 €
    - Price per person in Single room (except Bivouac it's double Or Triple) : 740 €
  - B. The Sahara Desert Tour.
    - Price per person in Double room : 590 €
    - Price per person in Single room (except Bivouac it's double Or Triple) : 760 € Marrakech :

Pages From The Past

In this edition we start a new addition with interesting stories about the past history of 41 INTERNATIONAL. The first is the day John N Bellwood from GB&I became the 41 INTERNATIONAL President. It only goes to show that the events and queries of 2023-24 are not necessarily new!

John Bellwood Named New International President for 2009



Saturday morning's conference in Gloucester's council chamber, damaged walls set in the docks with hints of a glorious seafaring past.

OK we want to focus on the past.

In the evening the shock: no banner exchange!

It came to the AGM professional and who was persistent in writing real feelings of retreat. Because, genetically imprinted: "No gala is complete without a banner exchange with champagne accompaniment"... Instead, "6:50 p.m. sharp" you will be present before drinks in the bar area. And a seamlessly opulent gala evening.

In between, at some point, between appetizer and main course, then the Banner Exchange. Only two delegates were compulsorily admitted, per country. Which, of course, many countries grossly disregarded except for us Germans, although we were five present took the number to heart but we lined up at the front with two, our best of course.

The writer of this report, Hans Dieter Gesch, was not one of them. Which caused him to have severe stomach cramps. He remained seated, angry and very ostentatious, and how ostentatiously that he stayed seated. Unfortunately, no one notices him!

It should be added that the further instructions to those stepping forward were: "....No Jokes and no Gifts please..."

In short. The evening hurried through lamb and mint sauce towards its true climax - the chain of office exchange on the high stage, worthy and confident and routinely moderated by a very professional Bob Parton. The author Hans Dieter Gesch depicts this most essential act as part of the life of every Tabler.

Confined in a dull dressing room. Because he had to change his clothes there, that is, among other things, in black tights (model Schiesser fine rib), assisted by his IRO friend Bruce Morgen from Italy, who had already turned himself into a high-ranking cleric.

Everything for the following performance. Elke Gesch and Gisela Parton were standing in front of each other, that is, they whistled loudly when the rusty chains were finally received – and on stage, with measured steps, the two moved us, now accompanied by Bob Parton, who somehow had transformed himself from his moderators outfit into an English nobleman.

In a bright red, wide cape and something funny on his head. Bruce Morgen as the High Priest and Hans Dieter Gesch as the Squire, with the aforementioned all-encompassing tights

Turquoise coloured sponges and tricorn hats (all transported with Ryanair) signalling royalist dignity, we were now grouped around a chair on which in the meantime initiated, reliable aides had placed the before said President John Bellwood. He refused and resisted at first, especially when he perceived that Bob Parton was involved. Because, not without reason, he did not fear anything good was about to happen.

Something like cold water over his head or something else... But nothing of the kind was foreseen and so followed the real, the only true coronation, masterfully prepared by Gisela and Bob Parton, according to the old authentic coronation ritual - "Are you Mr. President, willing to swear the oath", further "Will you solemnly swear that...." John Bellwood was grateful, visibly peaceful and relieved that he remained calmed with the oath and that he didn't get a cold shower or anything like that unpleasantness, further "Swear that you will accept the International Rules 41!" A good humoured John Bellwood would now have to continue to "ensure that the chains of friendship never rust". He did it cheerfully. John Bellwood also endured Bobs hand, approaching this potent president, to his heart (Bob Parton fumbled on and in John's purple cloak until he had felt John's heart) and moved his hands to his head to anoint it with oil.

High Priest Bruce Morgan asked for divine blessings.

Pork pie replaces the orb

Breathlessness spread as he then very, very slowly placed the crown on John's head. The only thing left to do was to hand over the orb from Hans Dieter Gesch (a standard 1.50€ Pork PIe) and a glass sword, embellished with RT emblem.

Combined with the admonition to rule mercifully, to punish the wicked ("at 41 Club?"), to do justice... and so on.

The fun outweighed the required solemnity!

John Nigel Bellwood was now our only, truly powerful, actually crowned president. See you at the next AGM in Finland 2010

How was that again- **"honi soit qui mal y pense? "-** ("Shame be it to who thinks ill of it " This is what is stated on the English coat of arms).

Report from the late Hans-Dieter Gesch translated by Bob Parton



Ocado is a British on-line grocery business and as the business closes down for Christmas it, like several other large grocery store retailers donate perishable foods foe distribution to deserving causes. Basingstoke is one of the 41 Clubs that helps to distribute the goods and here is their story for Christmas 2024.

Following on from our successful 2022 Ocado purge event we again partnered with Basingstoke Spotlight and Bidfood to carry out the 2023 purge.



Ocado Regional Services Manager, Ruth Curry working out of their Andover depot once again was crucial in ensuring the organisation of collecting the food pallets ran smoothly.

This year we had so much food that it required two loads to be delivered which in turn meant a second journey for driver Mick Gilluley to our base at Hatch Warren Infant School.

A total of 25 pallets were sorted by nearly 100 volunteers. Drivers from Basingstoke Round Table, 41 Club, Basingstoke Spotlight and Basingstoke Neighbour Care delivered food to Local Care Home and hostels for the homeless.

The volunteers were motivated by the fact that the identified vulnerable families and organisations would benefit from the high quality food donations in this current cost of-living crisis.

Spotlight's network of Basingstoke schools and local families were also contacted and queues of people that afternoon showed the success of their operation.



A large surplus of vegetables was avoided this year by more careful planning. A small load of vegetables and bread was delivered to a local pig farm and surplus carrots were provided for various donkeys and horses stables in the area.

The impact on the community was apparent almost immediately with email, text and video responses thanking us for our efforts.

Our temporary volunteer WhatsApp group was a very useful tool to co-ordinate our tasks and we soon got to know that targets had been reached and plans completed; as obviously we all wanted to get home that Christmas Eve!

Our grateful thanks for the generosity and community spirit shown by all our volunteers, Ruth from Ocado, Spotlight who supplied over 30 willing sorters and baggers, Hatch Warren Infant School, Marks and Spencer, Basingstoke, who supplied carrier bags and to Bidfood whose driver Mick had worked so hard.

In the end we had fed over 1300 people and in the aftermath of our success National President Steve James said, “This year's was Ocado's biggest purge with both Andover and Bristol depots having zero waste, which is truly amazing.”

Basingstoke 41 Club hopes that this great initiative can continue and maybe encourage more local Community Food Partners in future to follow this example.

In addition here is a brief report from the West country:

Members of the Round Table Family joined together to distribute unsold fresh food from the Ocado Warehouse at Avonmouth, Bristol, on Christmas Eve to charities that feed the homeless in the South West over the Festive Season.

Organised by Past National President, Terry Cooper and his wife Lin, local 41 Clubs, Tangent and Round Tablers past and present used their own transport to deliver the food giving up part of their Christmas Eve to be involved. The volunteer drivers came from Bristol 41 Club and Round Table, Clevedon 41 Club and Tangent, Gordano 41 Club, Thornbury RT, Weston-Super-Mare 41 Club and a past Tabler from South Wales.

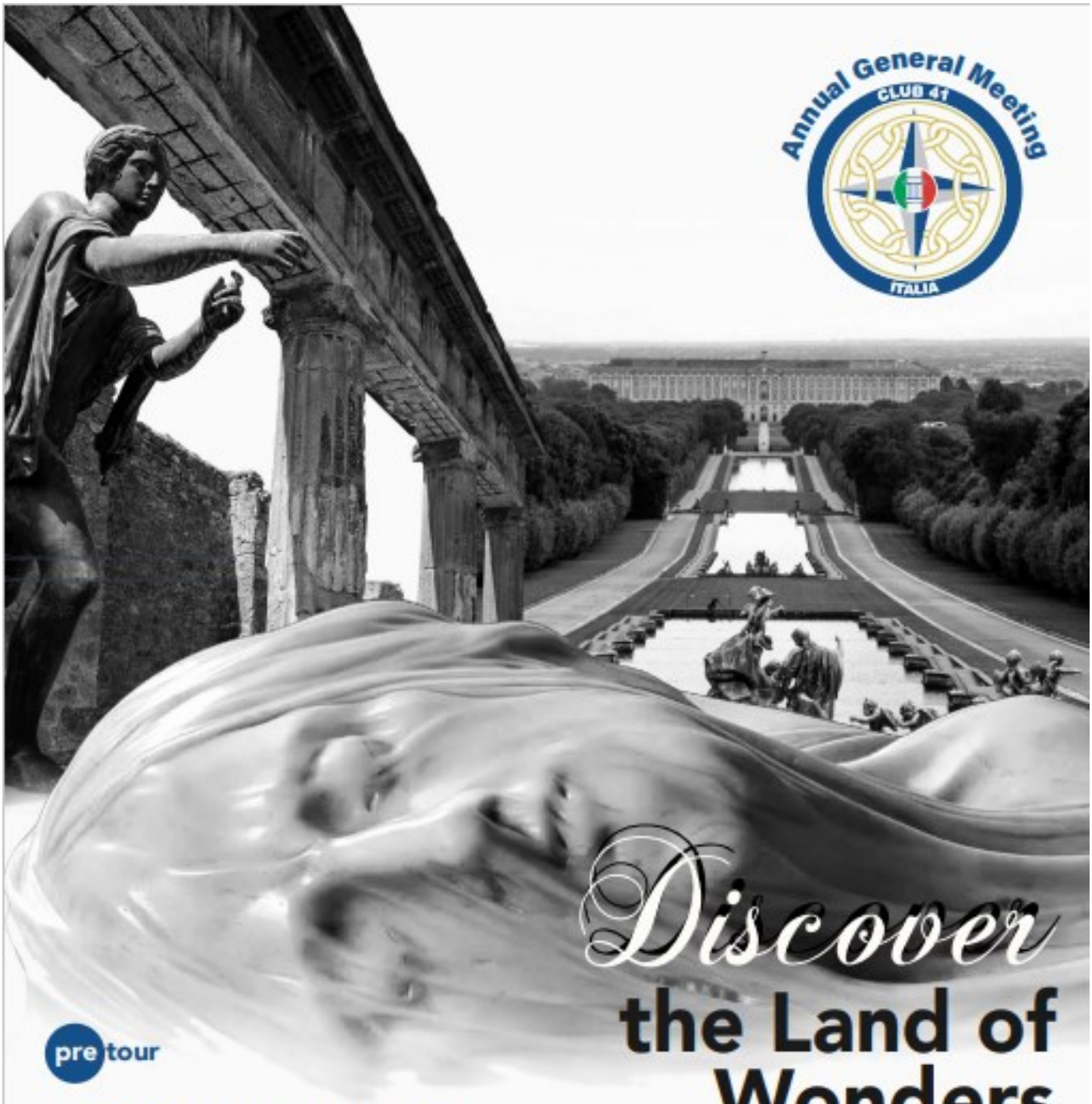
Between them they delivered 92 trays of unsold food to 11 locations in Bristol, Bath, Nailsea, Portishead, Thornbury, Cardiff and Weston-super-Mare. They could have delivered more had the food been available, but Ocado had been very busy on the run up to Xmas and had sold out of many items. Terry said, “I had 27 volunteer drivers and vehicles of various sizes available, as every local Club offered assistance. It was an amazing response in the true spirit on the RT Family.”

Update from the House of Hope



Amazing things are happening at the House of Hope and we now have the latest update video. So wonderful to see the children having a holiday there, but look at the outdoor clothes they are having to wear indoors and the lack of smiles on the childrens’ faces. Let us hope that things can soon be resolved but the home will still need more support in the future.

Click on the picture above to view the monthly news video.



pre tour

- **MAY 1/WEDNESDAY**
  from 5:00 PM onwards, guest registration
  - Welcome Dinner / € 35

- **MAY 2/THURSDAY**
  - 10:00 AM - Visit to the Royal Palace of Caserta / € 55
  - 13.30 PM - Light Lunch / € 35
    6:00 PM - Return to the hotel
  - 8:30 PM - Typical Dinner / € 45

tour

- **MAY 3/FRIDAY**
  - 10:00 AM - Visit to the Pompeii Ruins / € 50
  - 1:30 PM - Light lunch / € 35
    6:00 PM - Return to the hotel
  - 8:00 PM - Dinner Show / € 70

MAY 4/SATURDAY

(for those not participating in the program)

- 9:30 AM - Tour of the historic center of Naples: Santa Chiara Monastery, Veiled Christ, etc. / € 50
- 1:00 PM - Lunch in the alleys / € 35
  5:00 PM - Return to the hotel
- 8:00 PM - Gala Dinner / € 150

MAY 5/SUNDAY

- 11:00 AM - Farewell Lunch / € 45

COMPLETE PACKAGE (pre-tour + tour) € 605
(including transfers to Pompeii Ruins + Royal Palace of Caserta)
TOUR PACKAGE € 435
(including transfer to Pompeii Ruins)

Affiliated Hotels

1. Hotel Royal Continental €269 per room per night
2. Hotel NH Panorama €218 per double room per night

These prices are guaranteed for bookings made by January

Transfer

Transfers to and from the airport and train station are not guaranteed (due to the city's traffic conditions and the number of expected guests), so everyone will need to arrange them independently.
Transfers to the Royal Palace of Caserta and Pompeii Ruins will cost €20 per person.
Transfers to the gala dinner will cost €10 per person.

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German Christmas Parcel Convoy

The volunteer

In these unsettled times it is quite daunting to think of joining a humanitarian aid convoy to the Ukraine border. Having said that Barry our International President and others have sung its praises for a few years.

I did my research. School children in Germany (with the parents help) pack a gift for another child. The Round Table family, that's Round Table, Ladies' Circle, Old Tablers and Tangent club together with many other supporters, take these Christmas gifts to orphanages, hospitals, institutions for the disabled, kindergartens and schools in the poorest, most remote, and rural regions of Eastern Europe. For many of the children there, it is the only gift they receive at Christmas. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to wrap gifts, coordinate collection, load trucks, donate vehicles, supply the teams with food & drinks, prepare the customs documents, travel to the various countries as driver, helper and to distribute the parcels.



I have been a member of the Round Table family for some 50 years. I have seen a lot and taken part in a fair number of challenges in life. This though looks like a massive way of putting a bit back in to an organisation that has given me so much.

Getting ready

Not a difficult job selling the concept to my wife and I apply to join.

As the weeks went by most of the details emerged, albeit in German, thankfully Google Translator made that easy.

The 1st of December soon came round, and I was meeting Andy and Gail Ventress at Birmingham Airport for the 6am flight to Frankfurt.

My main contacts in the planning were Bob and Gisela Parton who thankfully had seemed happy to take me under their wing. A few minutes after meeting and we both realise we had a lot in common - both Coventry kids, a lifetime in the Round Table family, a passion for rugby with Bob being an ex-Coventry player and me a true supporter. Reports back to Coventry Rugby and Bob has invites in place to visit his old rugby mates in 2024



Here we go

Early morning and I meet up with Andy and Gail plus Sharneigh Brown, Ladies Circle membership officer. Team England is now complete.

The Evonik lorry site was a hive of activity. The front parking lots were full of lorries, coaches and support vehicles and hundreds of people, mostly in the branded red coats and compulsory Hi Viz jackets. Walking around I was gob smacked by the organisational skills on display. All lorries had been loaded over the last few days. Now all the coach holds are filling up half with supplies for the trip (food, drinks and obviously more than a few beers) and the other and the other half our luggage. Many of the lorries had curtains beautifully printed with the branding plus smiling children's faces, Christmas presents, teddy bears and balloons, a hugely impressive sight.

Lots going on including all the convoys being labelled, ours to Moldova, which was through from one to twelve of twelve (seven lorries, two coaches, two support vehicles plus an ambulance which is being donated whilst we are in Moldova). We are officially a Humanitarian Aid convoy. Numerous photos are being taken, those in charge giving interviews on local TV and all but me, the Newby, seemed to know what to do and what was going on.

Eventually all seems in place, and we are called to order. Formal speeches and the final convoy statistics are announced - separate convoys were off to Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Moldova and the Ukraine border, some thirty-five lorries, five coaches, ten support vehicles, 280 volunteers travelling (including more than one hundred drivers) taking 143,095 parcels to deliver to the children, and we must not forget the hundreds of volunteers necessary to achieve getting to where they are today.

Formalities over and on to the coach and I meet lots more of the Moldovan team members. The exit from Hanau was pretty dramatic, an imposing convoy, horns blasting, the police having blocked off the roads and it looks like the town is out to wave us off. That is it, now a two-day drive to Moldova, circa 2,500 kms. The forecast was pretty grim with promises of severe weather. We saw plenty of snow in Bavaria and heard that some of our convoys had to park up awaiting snow ploughs. Luckily, that was the worst the Moldovan convoy witnessed. Yes, cold out there but we had to remember we are in Eastern Europe in winter.



Having so many drivers meant that our stops were kept to the minimum. Our convoy made great progress across Eastern Europe. From Hanau across Bavaria to the border at Passau, across Austria keeping south of Vienna, across Hungary, across Romania, finally half the way across Moldova to Chisinau the capital.

This afternoon we start the children's visits. Our team very efficiently emptied one lorry which disappeared to Odessa. We are joined daily by a local Round Tabler, who is also a former local mayor, and his lovely wife, a morning TV presenter. They knew everyone, did lots of the speeches and presentations and were great with both us and the kids.

Who and where did we visit

Over the next two days our coach and lorry travel hundreds of miles, what seemed from one border to another, visiting something like a dozen different orphanages, schools for kids of all ages, specialist schools of many types, day centres, village halls, etc. At each the kids, the teachers and local communities were so excited. We were welcomed by lovely kids with massive smiles, showing great affection and gratitude. At various of the 'projects', when the kids had gone, we were entertained by the local mayors and adequately fed and watered (or even a little glühwein and schnaps).

Stories

Funny this - on one of our 'projects' - the scene - a dark country road in the middle of absolutely nowhere - a police vehicle stopped with lights flashing - both our lorry and coach stop - our leaders talk to the police and we are instructed to leave the coach - our lorry opens and ten boxes, or about 100 gifts, are moved to the police vehicle - I took photos thinking this was corruption or that some form of crime was taking place - back on the coach and off we drive - our leader and the local mayor then explain - we are behind with our schedule and that the local police had agreed to do some of the deliveries for us.



Our first 'project' on day two is to an area of Moldova that is classed as 'off the map.' We have driven two hours to get here. When I asked why here I am told because no one else comes.

A junior school in the middle of nowhere. We are visiting a new project and handing out another 250ish presents. One present is given to this young lad aged about eight. Not a movement, not a thank you, nothing. Five minutes later and a lady member of our crew notices him sobbing his heart out. She eventually, with teacher help, calms him. Taken aside he was asked why the tears. Eventually out comes the heart breaker - it was the first either Christmas or birthday present he had ever been given. The room was incredibly quiet.

They are still children. This is truly why we are participating.

Homeward bound

Our final night in Moldova and we are all invited to the Moldova 1 Round Table Convoy Celebration Party, food and a few beers at our hotel. Really nice meal and great fellowship.

I am invited to take part in a pretty lengthy detour before heading home - to travel south before entering Romania, to visit another Round Table project called House of Hope, near the Ukraine border. This is a centre to accommodate fleeing Ukrainian ladies and children. The tale goes that this was a fairly derelict former rural hospital with the local priest taking in those fleeing just to give them respite from the cold and wet, food and a few nights rest. The local Round Table picked up on the story and in no time the German Round Table family take on the massive challenge of refurbishment to make the property habitable. Remember it has not been uncommon for one hundred at a time to be housed both before and whilst renovations were going on. When we visited, the refurb was half complete with new windows, doors, electrics, a generator (that also now powers the village) and half the roof is complete. No argument they still need a lot of cash and manpower to bring all of the property up to scratch. Lovely that when the Ukraine war is over the plan is to make the property into an orphanage. We are also told the stories of the regular aid convoys and work parties organised by the German Tables. A fabulous initiative. Since returning home we have been sent the photos of a completed roof. Great as now water and wind proofed.

We then drive west and hope to rejoin the main convoy later tonight. By the way it is -3C and lots of white fields but we are feeling great, as for a change, we are back on tarmac roads. Tonight, we have an invite to attend, en route, a Romania RT No 1 meeting. Lovely meal, some really nice local beers but importantly great fellowship.

We arrive at 5am at Arad on the Romanian/Hungarian border. We are still five in a Mercedes minibus having driven 1,000 km in the last 24 hours, easy with three drivers. Our convoy should be passing before noon, 7 hours behind us. We must be all together to do an Aid Convoy crossing at the border. Had a couple of hours walk round the centre whilst the rest slept. Great photos – very Christmassy and yes even a branch of the Bank of Transylvania.

Back on the coach after lunch and pleased our bags are in the hold. Just had one of the most touching parts of this trip. All vehicles in our convoy are linked by CB radio. For an hour or so everyone regardless gave their personal stories and thanks, including their outstanding moments. Halfway through with one after another of real touching statements, gobsmacked as various broke down in tears. No embarrassment as all the stories and emotions came from the heart. After this we all admitted to a tear or two every project.

Well, we made good time across Europe, and it seems the drivers now wanted to get home. I was kindly given a lift to the airport, straight to the Lufthansa desk and with no begging or discussion and at no cost I am rebooked on today's flight, marvellous.

Looking back

A massive honour to be allowed to participate – the way we all were together as one reminds me of my younger Tabling days – you were a team, and all did whatever was needed together – nothing was too big or too small – nothing was above us or impossible - there were no old stagers or youngsters – you all enjoyed a natter, a beer, and a hearty laugh

Importantly a big, big thank you to all who looked after Team England and made their journey one to remember.

I sit here with a huge smile on my face. No argument, experiences of this nature make you proud to be a member of the Round Table family.

John C Barrett


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The History of 41 International

Chapter 10

The Club 41 Logo





The records show the formation of the Logo from 1949 whereby the Round Table emblem was rejected by RT, because they said, it was copyright, a further example showing 41 (XLI) in Latin numeric was rejected by members, because it made reference to a popular beer XX -L, at the time brewed in Blackpool by Cattrall & Swarbricks, (whether their objection was because of fear of being sued, or a fear of being reminded of over-indulgence, is not recorded, although this might have been a good reference to us after I consider all of the beer, that must have been drunk over the years at RT and 41 Club events.)



They decided at the end, in 1949 for the logo spilt in half horizontally. The top half represented a glorious sun, with rays leading us into our new life in 41 Club, the setting sun to represent us leaving Round Table, the bottom half read, simply and modestly 41. My own original Badge, a present from Eric Miller, is now at rest and inspection in the 41 Archives.

To explain the makeup of the ring of hinges in the chain, since April 1955 till today, the North and South cardinals pass from over then under the chain, the East and West cardinals passing from over then under.



On the original logo the loop of the chain, the top chain went over the link, then again over the link, then were the next over and under ,until it reached the East link, where it had to correct itself and went under and under to correct the balance of the chain. This design, was then abolished for the design of the current logo, with links going over the link and under for the 8 links in the chain. This, by the way, after an engineer had tried to produce this shape and found it impossible to do so, he redesigned it. The original logo, designed by the daughter of a Southend-on-Sea 41er, used to have the name in the chain, when this was removed they got it all mixed up, that is how the problem became known.

After a long 39 years, in 2014 we decided, our Logo should be registered and this was achieved, albeit at some considerable expense.



So our original Motto came into being:

"When we are going up the hill of fortune
May we ne'er meet a friend coming doon
May ne'er war be among us
May the hinges o' freendship never rust
Nor the wings o' luve lose a feather"

This was written in the Scottish form, therefore the words *of Friendship* and *of love* are written differently to us all, except the Scottish people. For the non-English readers: *ne'er* is *never* and *doon* is of course *down.*

Chapter Eleven

The Future

Today 41 International is as strong as ever and growing. We are developing into a more Exclusive Club, whereby our Networking and Service Activities will improve daily, moving away from our just a "Dining Club" image.



Birmingham to Moulin Rouge in Paris, Charity Ride



School of Hope in Kenya, service project, Round Table and Old Table Germany

Much more 41ers (Tablers) effort and time is going into Community Service projects, like "Children's Wish", "The Charity Ride from Birmingham to the Moulin Rouge in Paris", "The School of Hope" in Kenya, the incredible efforts and their success from the Italian 41ers, after the L'Aquila earthquake in 2009.





Onna, L'Aquila Italy devastated in 2009. Service project 41 Club Italy, 41 International , Ladies Circle, Agora, Tangent Italy and Round Table Italy "Side-by–Side"



Meeting hall built by the Clubs





70,000 Christmas packets, taken and distributed in Romania, Ukraine and Moldova. 30 Trucks, 150 Helpers. A Round Table, old Table, Friends, Ladies Circle and Tangent Side by Side Project.

The 70,000 packets for the Christmas Packet Convoy, to the old Eastern Bloc countries, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. Not to forget, the Charity project every year the GB National President nominates a Charity for causes, like "Air Ambulance" or "Anthony Nolan Cancer Foundation". Many national Associations are following the pattern, set by International, joining with their own local National Round Tables and agreeing an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with each other.







Children's Wish RTBI, RTD and OTD involvement

Most national 41 Clubs have their own community service projects, some like in India and Cyprus, have been running for many years.

The next “real” MOU “Side-by-Side “event between Round Table International and 41 International Clubs involved, is the helping hand to “All4Nepal”, which we hope, will successfully proceed through this coming year 2016.

All of this will not only improve our image in the World, but also make even more interesting for Ex-Tablers to grow into our organisation, when they reach leaving age of RT, and move across to us.

By then we will all just be called TABLERS

Appendix 1—DRAFT RULES

RULE No. 1 - INTRODUCTION
At Le Touquet on the 14thday of June 1975 the Presidents of:
The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs
41 Club France
Old Tablers Deutschland
41 Clubs Belgium
founded 41 International.

RULE No.2 - OBJECTS
The 41 INTERNATIONAL has for its aims to encompass all the Associations consisting of Clubs of former members of Round Table, to maintain at International level the bonds of friendship which unite the former members of Round Table and to maintain at the same International level the contacts between all these Clubs.

RULE No. 3 - MEMBERSHIP
41 INTERNATIONAL is constituted by the tour founder member Associations designated in Rule 1 and is empowered to admit at its discretion at a General Meeting other Associations representing at least five Clubs of former members of Round Table; each Association retaining its own rules. National Associations less than five Clubs will be represented by the Association of their choice: large Groups or National Associations may elect to this style of representation as an alternative to full membership of 41 INTERNATIONAL.

RULE No. 4 - COUNCIL
The Council of 41 INTERNATIONAL shall consist of
The International President who shall not be re-elected.
The International Secretary, also undertaking initially the duties of Treasurer.
(The first President and Secretary were elected by the International Councillors at the inaugural meeting of 41 International mentioned in Rule 1.)
Two Councillors elected by each member Association at its own Annual General Meeting.
At its first Annual General Meeting the Council will appoint a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and, should the Council deem such appointment necessary, a Treasurer.
At its Second Annual General Meeting the Council will appoint a President and Secretary and/or Treasurer.
The Immediate Past-President shall be a member of the Council but withno vote.

RULE No. 5 - DUTIES
(1) The Function of the Council

It will manage the business of the Association during its mandate, on all plans, development, co-ordination, activities and rules. It will receive those standing to (election for the following year and convene, through its Secretary, the General Meetings.

(2) Function of the International Councillors

They will be called upon to give their advice and the views of their Association and will be entitled to vote on all matters requiring decisions.

(3) Expenses

The expenses of the Officers and Councillors will be borne by their own Association. Any expenses of 41 International will be borne by the member Association of the President of each year.

RULE No. 6 - MEETINGS

A General Meeting of 41 INTERNATIONAL may be convened at any time end 28 days' notice. There shall be an Annual General Meeting. At the Second Annual General Meeting and thereafter a member Association shall be elected the host Association for the following year. That Association only shall then elect the International Vice-President, the Secretary and/or Treasurer to take office upon their nominated Vice-President assuming the Presidency in the following year and also organise the next Annual General Meeting at its own Association Conference. At any Annual or General Meeting an International Councillor who may be prevented from attending may be replaced by a member of the Council of his own Association for whom he may then vote by proxy. A quorum shall be one-half of the Officers and Councillors of 41 International. All the members of any Association represented at 41 International are encouraged to take part in the discussions but will not be entitled to vote. It is the wish of the founder members that all meetings should take place in different member countries year by year. The Annual General Meeting will elect the new Council who will enter upon their duties at the end of the meeting.

RULE No. 7 - EXPULSION

Any member Association which modifies its rules in conflict with Rule 2 above shall bring such modifications to the notice of the Council of 41 Intern a- tional by sending to the Secretary a copy in writing of such modifications. The Secretary shall notify and forward a copy to all other member Associations at least 28 days before an Annual General Meeting.

The Council of 41 INTERNATIONAL may thereupon propose at any Annual General Meeting the expulsion of any member; Association ,which has so aliened er modified its rules subsequent to admission which renders such rules incompatible with the spirit of the existing rules. Such expulsion shall take effect at the next Annual General Meeting unless at such meeting such mender As- sociation shall have so further modified its rules as to be compatible with the rules of 41 International. Expulsion will require a two-thirds majority decision.

RULE No. 8 - MODIFICATION OF RULES

Any proposal to alter the rules of 41 INTERNATIONAL must be submitted to the International Secretary before the 1st February in any year who will then give notice of the proposed change to all other member Associations before the 1st March. A vote will be taken at the following Annual General Meeting but the adoption of any modification or change of the rules will require a two-thirds majority.



Bob Parton, joined Round Table on 1st April 1964 in Peterborough

Tabler, though and through

50 years of 41 Clubs Belgium

23.03.2024 @ Brussels

PROGRAM & REGISTRATION

As we raise our glasses in a toast to the golden jubilee of 41 Clubs Belgium, let us remember the bonds we have forged, the service we have rendered, and the memories we have created.

May the spirit of fellowship continue to thrive, and may our association continue to be a force for good in the years to come.

https://www.41agm.be/

Bikermeeting in Hof, Germany

AN EVENT BY AND FOR OT-RT-LC-ACT-TC

FROM 17.05. - 20.05.24

ALL BIKERS OF ALL AGES AND SPEEDS ARE WELCOME.

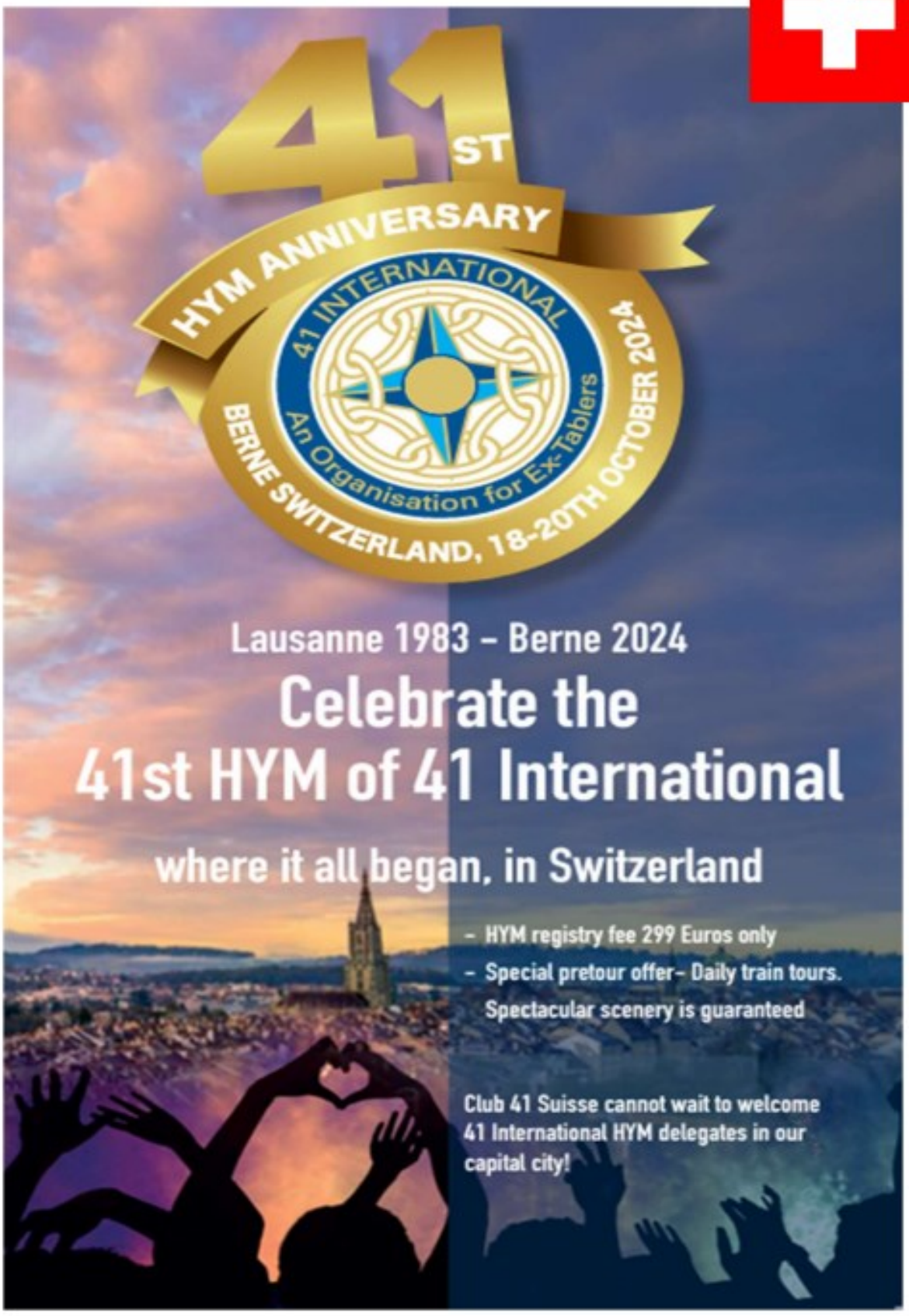
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International Diary for the Next Six Months

Dates	Event	Location	Link	Email
28 Feb—3 Mar	RTI HY World Meeting 2024	Nepal	Link	
10-19 Mar	41 INTERNATIONAL Cruise	Northern Lights		
14-17 Mar	Finland AGM	Ikaalinen	Link	
22-23 Mar	Belgium 50th Anniversary & HYM	Brussels	Link	Email
30 Mar	Senegal AGM	Sine-Saloum		
30 Mar	Zambia HYM			
6 April	Portugal AGM	Porto		Email
12-14 April	Denmark AGM	Billund	Link	Email
18-21 April	GB&I AGM	Liverpool	Link	Email
23-28 April	Mauritius AGM			Email
1-4 May	Italy AGM	Naples		
4 May	Switzerland HYM	Luzern		
11 May	Iceland AGM	Reykjanesbaer		Email
11 May	Sweden AGM	Leksand/Rattvik	Link	Email
17-20 May	Bikermeeting, Hof	Hof	Link	
18 May	National Charter Estonia	Tallin		
25 May	Germany AGM	Regensburg		
1 Jun	41I AGM, TCI AGM & ACI Forum	Marrakesh	Link	
8 Jun	Norway 41 and TC AGM	Kongsvinger		
14-16 Jun	Austria AGM	St. Veit an der Glan	Link	
21-23 Jun	Netherlands AGM (10 Years)			
26 Jul	Sri Lanka AGM			
24 Aug	Botswana AGM	Gaborone		
24 Aug	LCI AGM	Casablanca		
31 Aug	Zambia AGM	Lusaka		

41 INTERNATIONAL HYM 2024





Get ready for a jam-packed weekend of excitement and connection!

Three incredible meetings will be happening side by side, making this event one for the books. Join us for HYM 41 International, AGM Club 41 Suisse, and HYM of Round Table Switzerland all in one place. But that's not all – the fun starts early with our pre-tour from October 14th to 17th. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

41 International HYM Programme:

Thursday evening	Local dinner parties, hosted at homes of 41ers.
Friday afternoon	Delegate workshops, city tours of Berne and learn to play curling!
Friday evening	Experience the swiss tradition of raclette and fondue, accompanied by live music.
Saturday Morning	3 meetings side by side, city tours and a regional lunch provided by Round Table Switzerland.
Saturday evening	Gala Dinner with live music for the 41st jubilee.
Sunday	Farewell Brunch.

Registration fees for the 41 International HYM in Berne :

Thursday to Sunday	320 Euros
Friday to Sunday	299 Euros (drink vouchers and 3-course-dinners included)

Hotel 2* or 4*star choice (135 /175 Euros per room per night).
1 minute walk between the hotels. Home hosting possible on request.

COME CELEBRATE 41ST 41 INTERNATIONAL HYM IN BEAUTIFUL BERNE !!



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41 Club Cyprus | Ex-Table Danmark | Old Tablers Suomi Finland |

Old Tablers Deutschland | 41 Club Great Britain & Ireland | Club-41 Hungary

Old Tablers Island | 41 India | 41 Club Israel | Club 41 Italia |41 Club Kenya

41 Club Lithuania | Club 41 Malagasy | 41 Club Malawi | 41 Club Melita | Club 41 Mauritius

Club 41 Morocco | 41 Clubs Nepal | 41 Club The Netherlands | 41 Norge | 41 Club Portugal

Club 41 Romania | Club 41 Senegalais | 41'ers Association of Southern Africa

41 Clubs of Sri Lanka | 40+ Suriname | Old Tablers Sverige

Club 41 Suisse | 41 Club USA | 41 Club Zambia