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Young Ambassadors Programme... on tour



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DORSET KNOBS 50th GOLDEN DINNER

Friday, 29 November 2024 at 18.45hrs for 19.30hrs

Hosted by Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club at

THE UDDER FARM SHOP & RESTAURANT

Gillingham Dorset SP8 5LQ Black tie and medals Tickets £50



The Dorset Knobs Dinner was founded in 1970 by Ken Wickenden of Wimborne 41 Club. We hope this milestone celebration will encourage Members and Clubs to make a special effort this year to attend.

Our formal Traditional Dinner of "Knobs" Fayre will be followed by entertainment from Ian Irving (above), in the presence of National President Wynn Parry and National Councillor Trevor Langford.

A Special Event Deserves a Special Effort

For the 50th Dorset Knobs Golden Dinner, Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club have agreed to make a generous donation in support of the National President's fundraising for My Name'5 Doddie Foundation to help MND sufferers. Our contribution will represent all members including those that may not be able attend the dinner.

MY NAME'5 DODDIE FOUNDATION

S&G 41 Club appeals to all Clubs throughout the Region to add to our donation so we can together make a meaningful contribution for the fight against this cruel life limiting disease.

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FORECASTER OF THE YEAR 2025

Save the date

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025



Guest speaker
JAKE HUMPHREY

Can you forecast 2025...politics, sport, business?

As well as becoming 'Forecaster of the Year 2025' and winning the coveted Crystal Ball trophy, the winner will now receive a branded certificate and £100 for your own nominated charity.

Join the **Wensum and Yare 41 Club** for this major event and an evening not to be missed!

Find out more: stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com



SAVE THE DATE 18-20 July 2025

Riding through Dorset is like embracing freedom on two wheels. With the wind in your face and the stunning countryside unfolding before you, every mile brings a new sense of adventure. The rugged cliffs of the Jurassic Coast, the rolling hills of the countryside, and the charming villages with their timeless beauty—Dorset offers a perfect blend of nature and history for every rider.

Feel the thrill as you navigate winding roads, each turn revealing breathtaking vistas and hidden gems. Whether you're cruising along the coastline or exploring the tranquil rural landscapes, there's an unparalleled joy in discovering Dorset's scenic routes on a motorcycle.

Every ride is a journey of discovery, where the road becomes your canvas and the landscapes your masterpiece. So gear up, ride with the spirit of adventure, and let Dorset's enchanting beauty fuel your passion for the open road.

Joint organisers

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NSSW 2025 - Okehampton

An event not to be missed!

41 Club National Sports and Social Weekend

Our annual Sports and Social weekend returns to the Ashbury hotel in Okehampton, Devon over the weekend of 6th to 9th February 2025 and promises to be an excellent weekend of sporting excellence and fun and fellowship.

The Asbury hotel is set in the heart of Devon and boasts the title of 9th largest golf resort in the world and with its sister hotel the Manor House only 2 miles away, both hotels offer an outstanding choice of over 70 different sport, craft, leisure and spa activities. NSSW attendees will be able to use all the facilities including the spa at either hotel including playing golf on Friday and Sunday as well as playing in the Saturday golfing competition.

For those wishing to be crowned overall NSSW 2025 champion, participants must enter at least 3 sporting events. Details of all events will be confirmed nearer the time but will include archery, curling, badminton, darts, ten pin bowling, table tennis, green bowls, novelty bowls, a novelty event, adventure golf, rifle and pistol shooting plus several more.

For those who only want to attend the sports and Saturday presentation dinner we are offering 1 night accommodation sharing a twin room for £105pp (£140 pp single room) this includes Sat eve meal and breakfast on the Sunday
The standard 2-night package Friday to Sunday is priced at £230pp for single occupancy or £190pp sharing a twin room which includes Dinner B&B plus lunch on the Saturday.



For those who want to make the most of the facilities 3-night packages are available, priced at £310pp single occupancy and £255 sharing in a twin room. This package includes Dinner B&B plus lunch on both Friday and Saturday.

Further details and booking forms are available at
https://forms.gle/LrKCtnX8BH4m3waHA

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Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the magazine.

This edition focuses on National and Club, events and activities plus an International section.

Thank you to all individuals and Clubs that have submitted articles and stories, there has been a notable increase in the number received, making the editing difficult but we have tried to include as many as possible. Please keep them coming as we are looking to post more news on the website and of course there is the newsletter as well.

We still have only 30 pages available for the magazine , so if possible, can submissions be a maximum of 2 pages including photographs, preferably up to 1 page to enable as many articles as possible to be included.

Enjoy the magazine and continued friendship.

Dave Chard

David Chard.
National Comms and IT Officer



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Your opinion counts...



National President - Wynn Parry 2024 - 2025

Hello Gentlemen,

As I have said on many occasions I am humbled, honoured and privileged to have become your National President. My year started with a bang at a somewhat elongated AGM in Liverpool followed by a Wonderful Saturday Night party in St. George's Hall, where my first duty, along with my substitute wife for the year Emma (Tangent National President) I had to judge the fancy dress competition, which obviously upset everyone but the winners. I thank the Liverpool team for putting on what was an excellent conference weekend which was enjoyed by all who attended.

My first engagement was in London at a multi-club event hosted by LOTS, particularly Bernie Skivington, which turned out to be more like a Round Table event, the only thing missing was the gravy soaked bread rolls being propelled across the room. It was a baptism of fire where I was supported by a number of Board and Council members, a great time was had by all.

The following evening, the same board members and few ex-Councillors then joined me at Chester RT's charter, where we then inducted/created Chester XRT, where I installed Rory "2 or 3 gongs" Tompsett as their Chairman. We then followed on to Chester Grosvenor Knights AGM to join them for some Port. Another busy but very enjoyable evening.

In May I attended the RTBI & LC conference in Bournemouth before jumping into the car to travel up to Wolverhampton for their 60th Charter then down to Eastbourne to celebrate their 75th Charter, all in the same week. The following week I was "Down South" again attending Ringwood's 60th Charter. I am spending a lot of time in the car! I then went to Spain to join Calpe 41 Club for their charter, without the car, what a wonderful trip that was.

> I am humbled, honoured and privileged to have become your National President.

I also attended the International AGM held in Marrakech accompanied by many members of 41 Club GB&I where much business was discussed, and much friendship and fellowship was shared. I exchanged banners and gifts with Barry, the outgoing International President and welcomed Aziz into his new role as 41 Club International President. The news from Marrakech is that next year's Internationalm AGM will be held in Iceland on the weekend of 8th – 11th May 2025.

During the past few months, I have attended sporting events whilst visiting clubs. Rifle shooting with Shirley Late Knights, Hovercrafting with BOTS, Motorcycling, as a pillion with Howard Gibbons, my first time on a motorcycle and I travelled about 450 miles in a weekend, the Southeastern Regional Golf Day and hosted my own charity Golf Day. I have also attended many club meetings up and down the Country. So far, I have made over 40 visits, inducted 33 new members, 1 new club and had contact with members from approximated 120 Clubs. I also had the pleasure of attending Tredegar's 50th and ISIS 30th Charters.

This summer has also seen me attending 3 National fellowship events, The car Weekend, the motorcycle weekend and the Walking weekend, all of these weekends are full of fun and fellowship and I encourage more of you to attend them.

In early July, Heather & I hosted 8 YAP's from India, Germany. Austria & Italy, we showed them the lovely sights of Yorkshire and introduced them to crown green bowling, which proved to be quite a challenge. We also treated them to a traditional roast dinner, a curry and even fish & chips, but none of them would try the mushy peas! Andy Ventress and I had to eat them all!, much to Heather & Gail's objections.

I also chaired my first board and council meetings in Lincoln and thank all of those who attended for their contributions. This was closely followed by a visit to RHS Tatton Show where Rory Tompsett had created a show garden using "My Name'5 Doddie" as the theme. I hope you all saw the pictures and coverage on my Web page and the 41 Club members forum.

> I am continually delighted and surprised by your generosity.

August has just started and looks to be slightly quieter. I attended Brentwood's 60th Charter but was unfortunately taken ill and I missed what has been described as a fantastic event with the "best ever" speaker, perhaps the event was aided by the fact I didn't speak. Thanks to Kelly Clarke, your National fellowship Officer, for stepping in at the last minute. This was followed by a trip to Somerset to attend Wellington's summer BBQ.

The review of our Association is still ongoing and will be completed in October when the results will be published. We expect there may be a need to convene an SGM to deal with the many changes that are being identified, this is to ensure that the AGM in Aviemore doesn't continue until Tuesday. The membership roadshows have started, the first was held in Leeds in June, which has been very well received by those who attended. Keep an eye on social media and emails for one near you, I encourage all clubs to send at least one representative.

September, October and November are going to be very busy, and I look forward to sharing fun and fellowship with the Clubs I am visiting and at events I am due to attend.

A very big thank you to all of the clubs that I have visited, to the organisers and attendees of the 3 fellowship weekends we have had so far this year. Thank you to everyone who has made very generous donations to my Charities I am continually delighted and surprised by your generosity.

Remember,

"YOUR OPINION COUNTS"

YiCF,

Wynn

















An amazing year



Immediate Past President Steve James 2023 - 2024

As the saying goes "all good things come to an end" and it is now 6 months since I stood down as the 77th 41 Club National President.

The first 2 months "in retirement" were spent catching up on the neglected garden chores such as painting the fences, pruning the bushes, repointing a patio and white washing the side of the house. Work has also been extremely busy and it would have been difficult to find time to visit clubs if I were still the President.

It was an honour and privilege to have been President, and the welcome and hospitality received wherever I visited was second to none. I made a lot of new friends along the way and also discovered some interesting facts whether it be from the arranged speakers at meetings or from the members themselves. The memories I have made will be cherished forever and the photos I have taken at every visit/function will bring fond memories back to life. I had a fantastic year and I wish to thank every club and member for making my visits so special. Diolch yn Fawr! (Thank-you very much).

Whilst the role of Immediate Past President is normally that of "tea boy" at Board meetings and be there to provide support and mentoring to other Board members, I agreed to chair the wholescale review of our Association which includes the structure, governance and legal status and as a result my time has been very busy chairing on average 2 meetings a week until July, before moving to weekly meetings.

In addition to this, I am heavily involved on the 41 International scene, being a member of the 41 academy initiative, a member of a 3-person review team looking at establishing a 41 International regional structure and I have recently been asked to Lead the inaugural 41 Health initiative programme which will be launched in May 2025 and will focus on Prostate cancer, more details of which will follow in the coming year.

This appointment to lead the 41 International health initiative on Prostate cancer is timely because I am sure readers will be aware that my Presidential charity was Prostate Cancer UK and Prostate Cymru. I would like thank all the clubs and every member who donated, the support given to me was absolutely tremendous and I exceeded all my expectations on the amount raised so far. With a final cheque having been received last month the total raised was £71,799.93 although Stuart Dent from Chepstow Active 41 Club has recently undertaken a second cycle ride for Prostate Cancer UK raising a further £,1503 to date.

I wish to thank every individual and club from the bottom of my heart, who donated or raised money with raffles, auctions etc. Particular thanks go to Steve Lord, Trudy Kennedy, Peter Hunt, Stuart Dent, Mike Foley, Sophie Shipway, Tucker Williams, Paul Addison and Jon Meadows who undertook various activities to raise money for my charity. The money raised will make a big difference to both charities and I hope that the current research in detecting prostate cancer through MRI scanning proves successful in order for all men to receive automatic screening. A new breakthrough has recently been announced in the fight against prostate cancer with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence approving a new pill to treat hormone sensitive prostate cancer which will benefit more than 40,000 people.

I would not have got through the year without a number of people behind me and I would like to thank my employer for being so supportive, the National Board, the National Council, my Plc under the chairmanship of John Kilshaw, comprising John Bell, Beth and Matt Bladon, Mark House, Tracey Impey, Karen James, Duncan and Trudy Kennedy, Sue Kilshaw, Heather and Wynn Parry and Roger Spensley. The team have been fantastic but I feel I must give a special mention to Duncan who organised both my charity ball and rugby dinner and to John who chauffeured me across the country when I used home as my base.

I also wish to thank my sponsors, Marcus Jones from Inchcape Derby, Jason Thomson of Thomson fire, Richard Wileman of Select Car Leasing, Matt and Beth Bladon from MBC hospitality equipment, Simon Haydock from Truly Independent and Penderyn Whisky and Fred Olsen. Thanks to my father-in-law Nigel Williams of Carmarthen 41 Club for introducing me to Round Table when we left west Wales to pursue our careers, the Round Table family is such a wonderful organisation.

I thank everyone for their support but most of all, my thanks must go to Karen for being so understanding and supportive last year, when on average I would only be home for a couple of nights a week, apart from holidays, and when I was at home it would be spent in the study dealing with 41 Club matters. Karen had become used to my 41 activities because prior to becoming Vice President I was the National Fellowship Officer for 4 years, and prior to that a National Councillor for 3 years both roles being fairly busy so we are really enjoying our company together, whether it be out walking, going out together or catching up on all the series that we recorded.

YiCF, Steve

Doilch yn Fawr!..

THE PAST PRESIDENTS VISIT THE BLACK COUNTRY



The Associations Past National Presidents have not met since 2019, partly due to the pandemic and difficulties in getting a suitable venue.

This year we set our intrepid Jim '007' Conway on a special 'mission' to get us together, with our partners, firstly for a weekend of fellowship, and to induct the 'new boy' Wynn Parry into the fold.

We met on the Friday at the Village Hotel in Dudley. The evening consisted of a buffet dinner and lots of discussion amongst old friends. The highlight was one of the PP's mistaking the ketchup for his chips with raspberry sauce. (We will not disclose who it was – but he was President in 2005).

On the Saturday we visited the Black Country Living Museum. This was a superb venue where you could experience the life of the Black Country in all sorts of ages and styles varying from mining, canals, a Victorian school and houses furnished in the style of different ages. Peaky Blinders featured regularly in the tour – much of which was filmed at the museum. Traditional shops sold cakes and sweets of the era – sadly though at twenty first century prices.

We all had to attend school! The fearsome teacher who insisted we called her 'Ma'am'. She ensured all us pupils were appropriately 'clean and tidy'. Sadly in the 'hand inspections' – several of our ladies were found to have flouted the rules by having their nails varnished and wearing 'costume jewellery'. These miscreants were brought to the front of the class to be publicly humiliated and the rest of were asked to chant 'shame on you' to them.



In the afternoon the Past Presidents met with Wynn for a briefing and he eloquently responded to the various questions thrown at him. The Saturday evening consisted of an excellent meal in a very smart room with entertainment being provided by a Race Night organised by Jim Conway, with the winners being Mike Fitchett and Jill Harris.

All in all, a very good weekend with everyone renewing friendships from over the years. The next meeting will be in June next year organised by Peter Good.

Martin Green
National President
2013-2014



Vice President Jason Thomson 2024 - 2025

Work hard , play hard

I am honoured and privileged to have been elected as your National Vice President at what was an excellent National Conference in Liverpool.

I'm already very much enjoying the year working with the National Council and President Wynn on his theme of 'Your Opinion Counts' (YOC) and hope you have already seen how we are keen to consult with you, the membership, to move our Association forward.
I have always lived by the motto **work hard, play hard** and that really has taken off in earnest over the last 3 months with sometimes several meetings a week dealing with the business of the association and social events strengthening the bonds we are fortunate enough to form. The emails and newsletters have spoken about the work hard part, so this article is more about playing hard. So, in terms of the events attended at differing levels...

Local:

The first 41 Club event I attended after Liverpool was my own Saffron Walden club AGM. It was a wonderful welcome home whilst also celebrating Chairman, Eamon and his very successful year raising £11,000 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. I was privileged to induct new Chairman Andrew Gillar and remain very grateful to the club for their great support over past years.

I also attended Halifax 41 Club's boules evening with their RT and Elland 41 Club and RT members, and it was good to catch up with guys I have known for years, one being Simon Roberts who sadly and unexpectedly passed away a few days later...makes those moments of fellowship even more special and significant.

I experienced a first, attending a meeting in a forest...what a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship, a BBQ and games with North Walsham RT, 41 Club members and the future members of an XRT Club with 26 of them; YES, 26 looking to get a new club started.
The same week, I attended an evening celebrating a London Charter's night. City of London 95th, London Old Tablers 85th, London West End Table 65th and the chartering of a new London XRT 41 Club! So much history in one room, whilst making new memories at the same time.

The following night took me to Chester, where I attended their RT AGM, then the charter of the new Chester XRT Club and last but by no means least, Chester 41 Club's AGM where a passionate discussion with all 3 clubs in the room took place.

Regional:

In June we had the Eastern Regional Golf Day, run by Past National President Jim Smith, with this being the 20th year of the event! It was well attended, and a great time was had by all.

Congratulations to all the winners and I'm still not sure how President Wynn secured a trophy as he said hadn't played for some time.

National:

With President Wynn, Immediate Past President Steve and Membership Officer Peter, I attended RTBI and LC National Conference in Bournemouth. It was great to be there promoting and showcasing to Table the proactive efforts of Peter and his team in terms of attracting new 41 Club members. Some stand out moments from the AGM were:

- hearing about the increased membership in Round Table after many years with their forward-thinking strategy, marketing and regional workshops proving that all the hard work is worth it!
- seeing Beverley Wall, office manager from Marchesi House, being celebrated for supporting the RT membership for 20 years of service - thank you Bev and all that you do for 41 Club membership as well.
- knowing that we continue to play a pivotal role in the journey of the Anthony Nolan Trust, a partnership that was forged fifty years ago and this year's nominated National President's charity.

Following the AGMs, finally all four Vice Presidents of the RT family met for the first time, and I know as a team we will make sure that our approach is aligned where it can be - more details to come on future joint partnerships.

International:

My first overseas trip as VP was the world meeting in Marrakesh, chaired by outgoing President Barry Durman whose journey as International President was delivered with as much power as possible as his strapline 'Full Steam Ahead!' suggests and with good amounts raised for his two chosen Moldovan charities.

The other awesome part of our time away was to experience, with Helen and other members of 41 Club and Tangent, all that was on offer - from the White Party to the Nations Night and then Gala Dinner...thank you to our fellow travellers for your company.

Whilst at the National Council weekend we had a special visit from those youngsters who were on the Young Ambassador Programme. Well done to Team Ventress and all of the RT family members who offered these young people so many different opportunities as they toured our country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss any of the above or are keen to be involved in the future direction of the Association. I look forward to meeting up with many of you in the near future and seeing first-hand the continued fellowship which is the fabric of our Association...
vicepresident@41club.org

Then it was the National Council weekend in Lincoln, where both the board and council meetings were really productive with positive discussions taking place. There was a presentation updating the Councillors on the different workstreams in operation and all that has been accomplished so far, with votes cast and decisions agreed.
The next National event was the Walking Weekend, with Helen, where we both enjoyed the rambling and the mingling. Thanks to Team Bizley for touring us round the Norfolk coastline with its nature reserves and seaside resorts.







YiCF, *Jason*

International President Barry's farewell.





Congratulations to Barry Durman for a great year as international Present. He certainly did a great job and respresened GB&I fantasticallly.

15 Board Meets (13 via zoom), 16 country-meetings (zoom), zoom-meets with all Presidents and VPs from the Family every other month, and attended around 26 weekend events in 24 countries.

President Barry summed up his year under a the motto "Full Steam Ahead" with a slide show of photos at the AGM from his meetings around the world, to the tune of "Rockin all over the world" (Status Quo).

Raising over 30,000 euro to the President's charity projects in Moldova, House of Hope and Hope4

Thank you Barry

41 Club Ellesmere visit to OT97 Frankenstein

...from June 21 to 23, 2024. Article supplied from their German friends.

On Friday, June 21, 2024, the moment we had all been waiting for finally arrived: For the highly anticipated "Cultural Exchange" with us from OT 97 Burg Frankenstein, Tom Bunce, Andrew Pritchard, Gary Millington, and David Webster from the 41 Club Ellesmere arrived at Stefan's house. The English friends drove all the way from Ellesmere and stayed overnight in Belgium. Alan Birch and his wife Suzanne joined us from their exciting European trip with their motorhome and trailer. The evening kicked off with the eagerly awaited Welcome Party in Stefan's garden. From OT 97, Agnieszka and Peter, Fabian, Kristina, and Stefan were present, and Maria also joined the celebration. Stefan grilled delicious food, and the cheerful group enjoyed a wonderful time with wine and beer.

Saturday started with a highlight: Fabian took his guests Andrew and Gary on an exciting tour through Bensheim. At 1 PM, we all eagerly met in Mainz at Café Extrablatt for a delightful lunch. Afterwards, we continued to the charity drinking event at the RT66 stand at the Johannesfest, held in honor of the great printing press inventor Johannes Gutenberg. The subsequent visit to the impressive Mainz Cathedral was overwhelming. After a few relaxing beers by the Rhine, we concluded the day with a cozy dinner at Augustinerkeller. A final drink at the RT66 stand at 11 PM perfectly rounded off the evening before heading back to the hosts Stefan and Fabian.

The crowning finale of the weekend was the farewell on Sunday morning at Steckler's in Oppenheim by the Rhine. The weather was perfect: brilliant sunshine. Unfortunately, it was then time to say goodbye, and our English friends began their journey back to Ellesmere. Time flew by.





We had an unforgettable weekend with our English friends – some memorable moments are captured in the pictures. We are already eagerly looking forward to next year's visit to Ellesmere in mid-June 2025!









Reading Valley Veterans visit Club de 41 Club Forbach

Reading Valley Veterans formally twinned with Forbach in 2004. Ever since the two clubs have alternated annual visits to each other's home town

2024 was no exception, albeit this year RVV had been invited to Forbach for a double celebration, their 30th Charter and the 20th anniversary of our twinning

As the Club IRO, I had only been one job to do, and that was to organise our trip to Forbach to help them celebrate!

The invitation form Forbach came early in the year, 5th July to be precise. By 13th July 12 couples had confirmed their attendance, flights were booked via a block booking organised with BA! And, what a compliant lot they proved to be, requests for money, passport details, mug shots etc. all delivered on time without having to chase anyone, definitely a first! Then nothing to do until February 2024, when again, requests for the balance of the airfares and contribution for the cost of the weekend were all dutifully paid on time. Deciding on a gift for Forbach however proved to be considerably more problematic, collective memories were clearly blunted with the passage of time, the proposal to present them with an inscribed Bell was unanimously accepted, though wisely after discretely checking with our Forbach hosts, a very nice photo of the Bell we had presented in 2017 appeared! A close shave indeed. The proposed Bell became a boxed Gavel Set and with it much embarrassment avoided.

On April 26th 2024 twelve 41er's together with their partners met up very early in the morning at London Heathrow Terminal 3, some taking and excellent breakfast in "The Curator", others picnicking in the seating area of the main concourse, before everyone headed off to the departure gate for an early push back and take-off.

A slightly early landing at Luxembourg allowed time for everyone to practice the Forbach anniversary song in baggage reclaim, the words suitably updated since it was last performed in 2014, before transferring en-mass to the arrivals hall and a very warm welcome from our French friends.

For the next 48 hours we did a little sightseeing, plenty of eating, even more drinking, attended a civic reception in the Forbach Hotel de Ville hosted by their very young Mayor, performed numerous banner exchanges, well, our Chairman did, listened to several speeches, and even managed some dancing and dubious singing, all with little or no sleep!

A fantastic time was had by all, Club 41 de Forbach home hosted us all, laying on a first class programme, culminating with their 30th Charter Gala Dinner with 130 in attendance, including Pierre Frank, a former National President of Table Ronde de France and Forbach member. He, together with Arawn Johnson, former Round Table International President and member of Reading 6, who himself had been introduced to Table by our Chairman Bill-Gornall-King. Their meeting at an RTI event in Istanbul back in 2001 was instrumental in our two Clubs being introduced and our eventual twinning in 2004.

Forbach were delighted with our attendance and are eager to agree a date for our next coming together in Reading in 2025. Preparations are already underway!

Jerry Wilson
RVV 41 Club IRO.



International Relationships Officer Kevin Stewart 2024 - 2025

Around the World with **Kevin Stewart**

In April Steve and I were invited to the French board meeting and to speak to the French Board and N/C on the state of the 41 club in GB & I.

Along with Steve's wife Karen we took the Friday morning ferry from Dover, on arrival in Calais, alcohol buying was very much on the agenda. The Friday night function was held in a local village hall and the French certainly do know how to put on a party. The only downside being that the Frech intersperse dinner with dancing, so it was very late till we were even served desert.

We met up with the French for the afternoon board meeting session, the French are very passionate about 41ing and there were several robust discussions held. (We had a French translator which helped) Our presentation went down very well, though everything having to be translated back to French made for a shorter presentation. The final night party was again brilliant, this weekend was one of the best I have attended in terms of fellowship. As of June, the French voted at their AGM to return to 41 International. It will be good to see them back again.

The 41 Club conference in Liverpool was very well attended by International Guests, we had attendance from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, & Switzerland. The internationals danced the night away on a river cruise on the Thursday and were impressed by the splendour of St Georges Hall on the Friday night. On Saturday they were treated to a historic tour of the pubs in Liverpool, followed by the fancy dress party on the Sat night. Suffice to say there was a very wide interpretation of Mersey Beat costumes on the night.

At The start of May, I attended the Italian AGM in Naples. Thursday night we were treated to a typical Naples Pizza meal, and on the Friday, we visited Pompei. Friday night was a disco evening, it was good to catch up with everyone. Saturday morning, I attended the AGM roll call before going on a walking tour of Naples.

On the Sat evening the Italians made up for everything, as the venue for the gala dinner happened to be a cathedral that happened to have a very famous Italian old master painting in their collection. The meal along with the classical quartet made for a very enjoyable evening.

At the end May along with 35 other 41ers and Tangent members, I attended the 41 Club international AGM in Marrakesh. The Thursday night entertainment was traditional Moroccan dancers and a band all this happening around the pool.. The Friday night was nations night which gave us the chance for other countries to taste food from GB & I. Needless to say this involved a considerable amount of whisky and Tunnocks teacakes and caramel wafers on offer from my neck of the woods. Colin and I went full on AGM selling mode, so we are hopeful we will see a good few internationals in Aviemore.

Saturday night was the traditional Gala dinner, with the new boards being introduced Lessons learned from the last AGM in 2018 in Marrakesh, meant that I did not each much that night, though again it was good to meet other internationals.

On the serious side of the event, National President Wynn and I represented GB & I at the AGM putting GB & I views forward and voting on delegates standing for posts on the board.

Robert Lerch from Germany was voted in as the VP elect. Iceland will hold the FYM in May 2025. Israel will host the FYM in 2026 however this will be reviewed in Berne given the ongoing situation has no end in sight at the current time. GB & I proposals on office terms for board managers were accepted and will be voted on at the HYM in Berne in October.

At the start of July myself and fellow club members from Edinburgh 41, welcomed the YAP tour to GB & I with a bbq to get things going. Over the following days, we took them on a boat trip on the Falkirk Wheel, visited the Kelpies horse statues and had an open top bus ride in Edinburgh. Their visit to Edinburgh was completed with crazy putting and a meal at a street food café. The weather was agreeable throughout and it was good to let the YAPs see Edinburgh.

YiCF,
Kevin



Windsor Twinnng - June 24

On the weekend of 14th – 16th June 2024 Windsor & Eton 41 Club warmly welcomed 13 of our great friends from Dreux, France, 41 Club for our annual twinning event.

A welcoming party waving Tricolors greeted our guests at lunchtime on Friday on their arrival at Heathrow from Paris Orly and then transported them to their hosts for refreshments and to freshen up after their journey.

Later in the afternoon we all met up, together with other W&E members, at Jon & Liz Moores' house for a reception in their beautiful garden – and yes the weather was kind to us! The Prosecco and beer flowed and canapés were enjoyed amid much laughter and chatting in French, English & Franglais.

For dinner we headed to GOGOS restaurant at the Windsor Marina where we had booked a private room. There is also an upstairs balcony which gave us views across the marina towards Windsor Racecourse. A splendid meal accompanied by the obligatory wine was enjoyed by everyone and our Chairman Richard Moelwyn-Hughes pleased our guests with his welcome speech in French as did their Chairman Christophe with his in English. Christophe was presented with a bottle of exclusive malt whisky and he presented Richard with a painting from Dreux.

After a reconnaissance trip a couple of weeks before we all set off early on Saturday for a day in Oxford which we had not visited with our 41 Club guests. (Many of us can remember a visit there in RT days but that was a looooong time ago!!). Some of us drove and some went by train and we all met up (on time!) at Oxford Railway Station to take the hop on, hop off city bus tour. We all enjoyed the informative commentary on the history of Oxford and of the various colleges and places of interest in whichever language we chose. We hopped off the bus and then enjoyed a pre-arranged walking tour (included in the price of the bus ticket) down some of the side streets and lanes before heading off for lunch.

We had pre-booked the Cosy Club in Cornmarket St. Our guests were amazed by the unusual, vivid decoration in the restaurant and were impressed by the quality of the food, wine and beer we enjoyed.

After heading back to Windsor for a quick change and refresh we then headed out for the Saturday evening frivolities at the son's house of our member, David Wheeler. In the garden was set up a number of games – badminton, pétanque, connect four, shuffleboard, pool, etc. for a Dreux v Windsor Jeux sans Frontières. All good natured and great fun which continued until some typical English weather interrupted play! The rain was short-lived and we then enjoyed a splendid barbeque with all the varieties of salad you could wish for, followed by an amazing array of desserts. Of course there was also plenty of wine and beer to quench our thirst. To complete the entertainment our very own Bob Dylan (or is it Robert Zimmerframe) Robert Briggs played guitar and sang a number of well known hits which we could all join in. A great way to round off the evening.

Our guests were returning home on Sunday but not until after a hearty brunch at Geoff & Denny Kidd's house. A wonderful array of full English, toast and croissants greeted us accompanied by lashings of coffee and tea. It set us all up for the day ahead. After lots of hugs, kisses, au revoir and à bientot we took our guests back to Heathrow for their early afternoon departure. What a great weekend we had all enjoyed and many of us look forward to the annual Beaujolais Nouveau trip to Dreux in November.

The first meeting of Windsor & Eton and Dreux Round Tables took place in 1971 and the formal twinning of the two Tables took place in Windsor Guildhall on 2nd May 1975 so next year when we visit Dreux we will be celebrating 50 years of the original twinning and the continuity of the relationship we have all enjoyed since then.

Long may it continue!



A busy Summer of **friendship, fun and fellowship**

National Fellowship Officer Kelly Clarke 2024 - 2025

We kicked it all off with the car weekend in Fareham. Thanks to Manny Martins and his team who ably hosted us and sent us for a drive out into the countryside and through parts of the New Forest. We savoured all the delights of the area and encountered a small herd of cows that we just had to sit and wait for while they decided which way they actually wanted to go, as animals have the right of way.



Next up on home turf for myself the walking weekend hosted by Stuart and Jane Bizley with a few friends from Dereham and Norwich 41 clubs at Kings Lynn, we walked around the Sandringham estate, sadly none of the Royal family were at home to great us. Followed on Sundaywe walked parts of Ken Hill Wildlife reserve (they film Springwatch from here) some beautiful sights along the Norfolk coast, just a shame all the wildlife from the Friday night quiz of name that bird didn't make a big appearance a few did, but none the less the weather held for us for an enjoyable experience.



The motorcycle weekend organised once again by Howard Gibbons in Llandrindod Wells, completely the opposite side of the country to me but what a great weekend. I Personally clocked just on 700 miles from leaving home on Friday to getting back on Sunday, some great scenery and mountains to climb a bit nervy at times with the shear drops and sheep grazing on the side of the road when riding a motorbike.

Following on in the new year National Conference in Aviemore from the 24th April. A great weekend of events is planned for this trip into Scotland

National Sporting and Social Weekend in Oakhampton at the Manor a venue we have visited before for the weekend of 6th to 9th February will be open for bookings shortly.

All of these events were great to attend and a great deal of thanks goes to all who had a hand in organising them. All of these events have lots in common the main one being Fellowship and as usual at all 41 club events the banter flows throughout the whole weekend, it was also very encouraging to see new people coming along to these events there is so much to take away from every one, smiles all round for everyone.

I look forward to reading the various reports from people who were there in the newsletter and magazine.

If you are interested in organising one of the above events or even have an idea for another weekend then please drop me a line Fellowship @41club.org

Next years events are on the events page as a save the date:

- The classic car weekend is open for bookings in Norwich June 6th to 8th
- The Walking weekend Guernsey 2nd to 6th October and there will be options of staying longer available.
- The Motorbike weekend will be in Bournemouth from18th to 20th July

YiCF, Kelly



Motorcycle Rally 2024

on 'yer bike...



It takes a few meetings for new members to feel at ease in any club, doesn't it?

For one that meets only once a year this is particularly true and is certainly the case for the motorcycling fraternity within our Club. At our first meeting in Hinkley we were indeed a motley collection of faces and bikes mostly unknown to each other, but over the intervening couple of similar weekends at Kings Lynn and South Normanton the faces have become familiar even if the bikes remain motley. But this time the social side of the weekend really took off, the by-now familiar faces becoming, well, familiar, friendly and humorous. 41 Club, in fact.

For a weekend that started and finished with fine, sunny weather the setting in mid-Wales couldn't have been bettered. This area has everything that we motorcyclists hold dear – superlative scenery and roads that just bend and sweep their way into the far horizon and it is only the Harley riders with their open-face helmets who give away their true feelings through their ear-to-ear smiles at the sheer pleasure of it all. Our leader Howard had planned a route to Aberystwyth from our base in Llandrindod Wells via the "Devil's Staircase", more a tarmac lane than a road through wonderful rolling, green Welsh county valleys the full experience of which only the motorcyclist can enjoy to the full; even with the windows open the car driver just can't come close.

Devil's Bridge was particularly congested with, yes, motorbikes, but the lunch break on the sea front at Aberystwyth, ever-popular with bikers not only because of the free parking, heralded the arrival of the forecast rain and the need to tog up, which is the act of putting on waterproofs. Not a pretty sight, that of old men trying desperately to get booted feet into tangled up waterproofs whilst fighting muscles and limbs that once upon a time found such manoeuvres easy-peasy. And so back towards our base via another jewel of this part of the world – the Elan Valley, a collection of lakes set amid the hills and interconnected by a series of dams to provide water for Birmingham and hydroelectric power at the same time. This monument to Victorian engineering is described well in the visitor centre that provided much needed tea to a bunch of dripping wet bikers before they headed homewards on the final leg of a fascinating and memorable day's motorcycling.

As is, I am sure, traditional on all such 41 Club weekends the Saturday evening dinner is not complete without formal thanks to organiser Howard Gibbons and welcomes to National President Wynn Parry, National Fellowship Officer Kelly Clarke and National Councillors Martin Allison and Trevor Langford. Though not a motorcyclist himself President Wynn rode pillion throughout the weekend with Howard and, said through gritted teeth, loved every minute of it. The ensuing round of Sargeant-at-Arms caught just about everyone and resulted in a generous donation to Nat Pres's motor neurone disease charities.

Next year's event is to be held in Bournemouth and will feature the captivating scenery of Dorset and the Jurassic Coast, fish n chips that will give even Whitby a run for its money and an unusual boat ride. Save the dates; 18th to 20th July, 2025, and we'll hope to see a few more 41 Club bikers; it's a great weekend. Ask Wynn.

John Spinks, Christchurch 41 Club

An absolute Classic time... but rum or wine?





I enjoyed taking part in many Classic Car events so I decided to bid to run the 2024 41 Club Classic Car Weekend.

We do not mention the word Rally because of the Association's Insurers and their exclusion clauses... I was most fortunate to form the Pit Stop Crew from members far and wide ranging from Troon in Scotland to Titchfield in Hampshire, all of whom were dedicated to make the event a success.

The central venue was the Holiday Inn in Fareham. Cars (and Delegates – we do not use the words Drivers or Navigators – warning as above) started arriving from midday on Friday and were welcomed by Reception Manager Gail Leaver and her team, Brenda Steptoe, Denise Bird and Jo Leach. The Goody Bags that were handed out were produced by Robert and Diane Peacock. On hand was Chief Mechanic Mike Steptoe who was immediately called upon to repair an MG Midget and the next day an Aston Martin.

Within the Goody Bags were the sophisticated and impressive Classic Car Booklet, containing information on each car and its picture. Worth a Pulitzer Prize, it was printed by Lisa and John Ballard from the information gleaned from our Registration Officers Robert and Diana Peacock.

With the Goody Bags was the first surprise of the weekend – all the Delegates had been divided into two groups, one group going clockwise and the other anticlockwise – it was the only way to ensure that the lunch pit stops could accommodate us all. The Saturday routes had been designed and tested by Chief Navigator Duncan Brown and his copilot Robert Peacock. The Sunday routes had been designed by Manny Martins and copilots David Payne, Mike and Brenda Steptoe and Tim Shaw.
So the sleek and shapely bodies of cars poured into the car park and were duly lined up for Saturday's morning start. There should have been 67 of these gorgeous beasts but two had to withdraw due to personal matters.

Adjourning to the bar, previous event attendees were reunited and new members introduced who become friends within two or three drinks. The Friday evening dinner was a joyous event with 153 41ers, Tangent and Partners from all over GB&I. This included the first part of the 'Rum or Wine' theme. I described our Naval tradition of the Loyal Toast being undertaken siitting down, the drink being a tot of rum which for some became addictive. Our Treasurer, David Leach, managed to dispose of a bottle all by himself. This was speech night and our President Wynn Parry stretched his talk to three minutes. A few more drinks and off to bed.

After a hearty breakfast President Wynn and Chief Marshal Tom Abbott undertook the dangerous (for the Insurers I mean gentle and delicate) task of starting off the high revving, throaty roaring, flying scarves and cravats of 65 delegates, alternate ones taking off in different directions. Both Wynn and Tom took turns jumping (skipping) out of the way of the 0 to 60 in 4 seconds sedately accelerating cars. So the clockwise group had a morning pit stop at Bucklers Hard, lunch at the Bakers Arms (Droxford) and afternoon tea at Stansted House. The anticlockwise team had morning pit stop at Stansted House, lunch at the Horse and Jockey (Curbridge) and afternoon tea at Bucklers hard and then all of them home to the hotel, a swim, drink(s) at the bar and a wash and brush up for Saturday evening dinner. The drive through the countryside was a pleasant experience. Bucklers Hard was just outside the Beaulieu Motor Museum. Yes, a double whammy. More expensive and lovely cars. At Bucklers Hard we (yes, I drove the route too) found not only an old ship building village, but a Maritime Museum. Bucklers Hard is part of the 9,000acre Beaulieu Estate, a hamlet with its Georgian cottages running down to the banks of the Beaulieu River. Those that visited Beaulieu Motor Museum saw one of the world's best collections of classic and super cars.

The lunch times pubs were idyllically situated in small pleasant villages where food had been pre ordered and delivered by helpful staff.

Stansted House for morning or afternoon refreshment – Pavilion Tearoom, a touch of nostalgia. In 1983 the 10th Earl of Bessborough made Stansted Park, his family home, its beautiful contents, and the arboretum open to the public We explored the state rooms that are furnished as though the 10th Earl was still at home, giving us a real sense of a bygone era, including the extensive servants' quarters below stairs. The history of the house and the family are brought to life by knowledgeable and friendly guides who assisted us during our visit.

So, on to the Saturday Night extravaganza. A night to remember beginning with a great meal served by smiling young staff, some of whom bore a passing resemblance to the cast of Fawlty Towers and played out a Murder Mystery. Afterwards, there were prizes awarded for:

- The car you'd most like to drive home!
- The car you'd most like to drive after a shotgun withdrawal from the bank!

The meal was followed by the surprising and most engaging speaker – Margaret Thatcher who told us her life story with emphasis on her special relationship with Ronald Reagan. What a night enjoyed by all!

Sunday was a different experience as Wynn and Tom again waved the flag at the same two groups of cars who went in opposite directions tackling a short (50 miles) cross country drive through the narrowest tracks I had been able to find. Much fun was had by most of the Delegates though I have to confess three cars would not undertake a particular narrow and long track.

Finally, everybody arrived at Portchester Community Centre for the Farewell Lunch. Catering Manager Andrew Klimaytys and his team, Yvonne MacDermid, Janice and John O'Neill, Tom and Sylvia Abbott served up a fantastic Ploughman's Lunch fit for a draft horse. With many a tear the Delegates departed for all parts of the UK promising to relive the experience next year in Norfolk.

Manny Martins and the Pit Stop Crew.

Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club raise £6,700 at annual fundraiser



...which will be split equally between Alzheimer Scotland and Marie Curie

We were delighted to hand over cheques for £3,350 each to Alzheimer Scotland and Marie Curie, taking the total raised by the club for good causes since 2015 to an incredible £99,536.

for the 2024/2025 session Steve Barton said 'We would like to thank everyone who has supported us to put on this event. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves while raising money for two worthy causes. Funds raised will provide much needed support for both charities. The members of the Club were astounded by the final amount raised, much more than we had anticipated."



Charlotte Gilbert and Sarah Green from Alzheimer Scotland are pictured receiving the cheques from chairman Steve Barton and members of Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club.

Our club held a successful fundraiser at the Dobbie Hall in Larbert in May with 220 people attending. Guests enjoyed live entertainment from Abba Voyage and raised funds from a race night and raffle on the night. Chairman



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DARWEN 41 CLUB

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 5th December 2024
7:00pm for 7:30pm

Three Course Christmas Dinner

Guest Comedian (Bill Woolland)

Carriages at 12:30am Dress Code: Lounge Suits

Tickets £30

At Whitehall Hotel
Springbank, Ross Street Darwen Lancashire BB3 2JU

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Tavistock & District 41 Club

60th Anniversary Dinner

to be held at

The Bedford Hotel, Tavistock. PL19 8BB

Friday 6th June 2025 at 7:00 pm

Black Tie & Jewels

Gentlemen, come and join us in Devon for a great celebratory evening in our glorious ancient Stannary Town situated on the edge of Dartmoor National Park and just 5 miles from Cornwall. Make the evening, the start of a great weekend in the West-Country.

3 Course Menu (3 choices for each course) £50 -
Wine & Coffee or Tea included

Guest Speakers include: -
Jason Thomson – 41 Club National President 2025/26
David Trick – Ex Bath & England Rugby Player
Group booking welcomed – up to 8 per circular table

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CAVERSHAM 41 CLUB

ANNUAL CHARITY WINE TASTING DINNER

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2024
7:00pm for 7:30pm

At
SONNING GOLF CLUB
Duffield Rd, Sonning, Reading RG4 6GJ

Guest Presenter
Josh Norris
Beers, Wines & Spirits Trading Executive
MAJESTIC WINES

3 Course Dinner, Wines included
£45 per Head

Proceeds to Alzheimer's Society
the Caversham 41 Club 2024 Charity

Initial Reservations to Caversham 41 Club Member
johnbayford@btinternet.com

Final numbers will be confirmed nearer the time.

'Chipping Away!'



41 Club National Caravan, Motorhome & Camping Weekend 2024

Well after 8 months planning an event in Hawes North Yorkshire and getting kicked in the teeth when the caravan site was closed down with planning issues in July giving us just 2 months to relocate 80 plus people & events, the rally team picked themselves up and started the planning all over again which ended up being 50 miles south in Chipping, Lancashire. (Team 2024 Rally Moto: We can do this).

Chipping 2024 although having to be set up over two sites 3 miles apart with 30 Caravans & Motorhomes set up on one site & Campers & Luxury Lodges dwellers on the other site, the weekend still turned out to be a fantastic experience for all who attended.

Friday afternoons meet & greet with fizz, beer & nibbles in the afternoon sunshine followed by tea in the Chipping Village Hall Lancashire Hot Pot followed by choice of deserts:

Then onto a night of drinking and dancing with live entertainment from Mark Stevenson and & Neil a great duo, they gig up and down the country if you are looking for someone: (theblackmarcs@ rocketmail com).



Saturday started with a nice 5 mile walk across Longridge fell for the walkers in the morning sunshine, to be back in time to catch the coach to the Wild Fox Gin Distillery & Gin tasting, with the number of bottles of Wild Fox Gin purchased I think the tasting went well, with Ivy Signature winning the vote for best tasting Gin.

Saturday evening, we took over the local village pub Sun Inn Chipping, what a great night of Fun, Fellowship, Booze, & Food, Wood Fired Pizza, Garlic breads & buffet, (there was so much food we boxed loads up and finished it off Sunday afternoon) with members drifting back to caravan awnings to carry on the Fun, Fellowship & drinking.

Sunday saw the rain returning, unfortunately for safety reasons the planned 8 mile walk had to be cancelled, this did not deter members getting together jumping in their cars going out and visiting local towns & villages, we set up pub type games in the village hall on Sunday afternoon, Darts, Domino's, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, Golf (nearest the pin) with fantastic prizes for the winners, mid Sunday evening we had the thank you speeches, Presentations, Wynn Parry, Kelly Clarke, The rally team, Furthest travelled, Games winners. The evening carried on with yet more drinking, dancing & karaoke!

Monday was time to say goodbyes to the people who were leaving for home or going onto their next stop, for the rally team relax and a game of Crown Green Bowling with Richard & Helen from Ringwood.

2024 Rally furthest travelled Morag & Michael Daley (356 miles)

2025 Rally Host Viv Wyss & Adrian in St Austell, Cornwall (Date change to 4th July)

Frank & Liz, Kevin & Kath your 2024 Rally team, would like to thank everyone for supporting the 2024 rally weekend, especially for all the messages of thanks. We look forward to seeing most of you again next year & having a beer or two in Cornwall.

‘Yap-perty Yap’...

Our Young Ambassadors Programme goes from strength to strength...

After a first successful year last year we again ran a tour of GB&I in the first 2 weeks of July.

This year we started the tour in Edinburgh and on first Sunday IRO Kevin Stewart, Gail and myself collected the 7 YAPers from Edinburgh Airport and Waverley Railway Station. Kevin had arranged the programme in Edinburgh and the group met up at Paddy's



for a BBQ on the first night. Over the next 2 days the group visited the Falkirk Wheel, The Kelpies and also went on the Open Top Bus in Edinburgh. They had lunch in the Frankenstein themed pub before visiting The Royal Mile and playing Crazy Golf with members of Edinburgh 41 Club and eating at Edinburgh Street Food Market.

After the visit to Edinburgh the group travelled via The Borders, having lunch at The Angel of The North before arriving in West Yorkshire to meet National President Wynn who gave us a tour of Saltaire before having a traditional roast dinner at his house. The next day after a breakfast at Wynn & Heather's they had a trip on the steam railway between Keithley and Howarth. In Howarth there was a visit to The Bronte Museum. On return the group were introduced to Crown Green bowling before a Fish & Chip Supper. On our last day in Yorkshire, they visited Leeds for some retail therapy before enjoying Archery followed by an Indian Meal.

We then moved to Dereham in Norfolk calling into the National Council meeting



in Lincoln for lunch on our way. Once in Dereham the YAPers were taken by their hosts Andy, Viv, Michael and Jane who had activities organised for them as well as a home cooked meal. The next day the group visited Norwich and were able to see the Louis Marchesi pub, unfortunately not open but did have a drink in Suckling Hall, where the first Round Table meeting took place. In the afternoon they enjoyed a game of Ten Pin Bowling before having a BBQ at Andy & Viv's. The group did see the great British weather as it was sunshine when we arrived followed by a thunder storm and then again sun to finish



Moving into the second week we travelled on to Market Harborough, meeting the hosts at Rural Retreat. The group including hosts met up in the evening for a guided walk around Market Harborough and a meal at Mercado Lounge. The following day we had a trip to Leicester to learn about Richard III and the cathedral as well as visiting the National Space Centre. Later we met up for a meal and then a pub visit, attended by members of MH Round Table. Next day there was a visit to Warwick Castle to see a Falconry display, jousting competition and a visit to the castle. The day culminated with a BBQ at chairman Ashleys.

It was good to have members of RT join us, one young enough to be interested in going on a tour next year. Before leaving Market Harboprough we had breakfast at “2 Old Goats” and again a chance to look around the town before moving to Reading. The group had a new experience at Clip 'n' Climb before enjoying some home cooking from Gail. The next 2 days were spent in London visiting the Tower Of London, Covent Garden and Oxford Street on the first day before enjoying “A Ghost Story 02:22” at the theatre. The last day started with taking one YAPer to Slough train station at 5.00am to begin their journey home. The rest enjoyed another day in London



with our guides Graham Smith and Karen Durie visiting Buckingham Palace, Horseguards Parade, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament and The London Eye. In the evening we had a final meal at Graham and Karen's. We packed a lot into 2 weeks and many thanks must go to all of the 41ers & their partners we met on our tour, it really wouldn't be such an enjoyable experience for the young people without your support.

Yap 2024 – taking off in Market Harborough

So, if as a Club you get the opportunity to be involved in the Young Ambassadors Programme should you take it?

The answer from Market Harborough41 Club, Tangent and Round Table is a resounding “Yes”.

Why should you get involved?

- It's a perfect opportunity to demonstrate to a group of “Young Ambassadors” the Fun and Fellowship we have all enjoyed over the years as members of the Round Table Family and long may it continue.
- You get the chance to showcase your home environment. Market Harborough is a delightful market town in Leicestershire and with all the negativity surrounding us these days we sometimes forget how great a place the UK is – having young visitors along and showing them the sights makes us remember all the good things.
- It's a great chance for the Round Table Family to work together and demonstrate the strength of the organisation. We will definitely all look back on the YAP Market Harborough Tour with conversations starting “Do you remember when...”
- And don't forget the Quid Pro Quo – we have hosted the children and grandchildren of 41ers from around the world. Many of you will have children and grandchildren in the “qualifying age range” (18 to 24). Get them to take advantage of the opportunity and get them on a trip as a Young Ambassador.

A few hints and tips...

We don't want to teach people how to suck eggs but here you go...

- Give the Ambassadors information upfront about what they can expect whilst they are with you, together with emergency contact numbers – it gives them comfort and helps answer some of the inevitable questions.
- Give the Ambassadors opportunities to work as a group.
- Don't have a rigid timetable – give the Ambassadors freedom to explore things they find interesting at a relaxed pace and let them have some downtime.
- Make use of the local tourist attractions – you don't need to make great efforts to organise events.



Even in a quiet country town like Market Harborough there are plenty of places within easy reach to provide great entertainment.

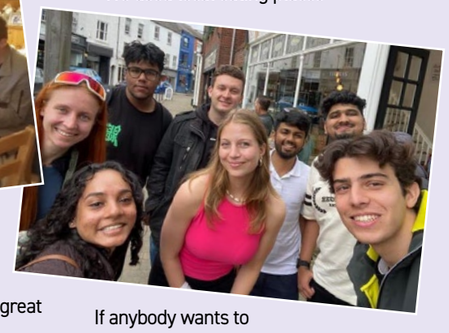
- Get a few of you to travel along with the Ambassadors during the day to offer friendship and support – you will enjoy it as much as them.
- Get young people involved. There could be one if not two generations difference between 41ers and the Ambassadors.

Getting Round Table, Ladies Circle or younger relatives involved makes sure the Ambassadors will have appropriate activities during their stay with you – and they are not necessarily the same as what you think they will enjoy.

So, what did we do?

We kept it simple. We Home Hosted and involved Round Tablers and children of 41ers. We used local tourist attractions.

- A Blue Badge guided tour of Market Harborough
- The Richard III Exhibition and National Space Centre in Leicester
- Warwick Castle
- We used local eating places



If anybody wants to know more, please contact Andy Ventress on yap@41club.org. And “Good Luck” if you decide to get involved in organising a GB&I YAP Tour.

From all in the Market Harborough Round Table Family

YAP in 2025...YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Is your club prepared to help with the 2025 YAP tour of GB&I, if so see below a guide as to what is required. I am looking forward to 2025 and am hoping that clubs will come forward to host up to 10 young people (maximum) plus myself and Gail if possible. The way that the 2 tours have worked so far is for the clubs to host for 2/3 nights, preferably 3 nights. This works with the group arriving on Day 1 sometime in the afternoon and then having an activity early evening and a meal. On Day 2/3 I would look for help in planning activities for the day including the evening. Day 4 the group would move on after breakfast to the next club/location. I expect that next year the tour will again be in the first two weeks in July. I will sort the route after I have offers of hosting.

For all of the tour the group are escorted and moved around using a minibus by myself and Gail, obviously the bus is available to be used whilst the YAPers are with you.

I am looking to get next year organised as soon as possible so please get in touch if you/your club are able to help. The other side of YAP is that we are able to send relatives of 41ers that are aged 18 - 25 on YAP tours to India, South Africa, Nepal, Cyprus and Europe.

See https://www.yap-exchange.org for more details of this year, I expect next year will be very similar.

If you can help or would like more details about YAP then please contact me on YAP@41club.org or on 07710 404678

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS... but does it really?

I'd like to ask a very simple question. Does our National Membership numbers matter to your Club?

I ask the question above because my Membership Team and I really want to know.

Do you discuss how to increase your membership regularly within your Club meetings? Or are you happy with your current numbers and contented to just meet up with your existing friends? The recently-launched Members Survey will give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and I encourage you to complete this – or if you're reading after the Survey window closed on 11th October, I hope you did so!

I don't want to duplicate the Survey responses – but if you missed the chance of submitting your thoughts, I'd welcome your input and contribution regarding how we can improve membership.

These days, this published National Magazine is only published twice a year, due to ever-increasing production costs and member feedback that most of you prefer email communication. Consequently, I use the more regular monthly National e-Newsletter that is sent out to all members to update you about Membership number trends.
Hopefully you will have read in the recent Membership Addendum to the July/August Newsletter that landed in your email inbox around 3rd September, that 41 Club enjoyed its first increase in Membership numbers for many years and certainly since I have assumed my role. No-one is getting carried away as it's only a small increase and we have many challenges in the coming months, but it was an encouraging sign that our strategy of Recruitment & Retention is starting to make a difference.



As reported (but repeated here for those who didn't receive/read the latest Newsletter) our total membership as of 1st July 2024 is 12,101 of which 390 are duplicate memberships (members of more than one Club), thus giving 11,711 'unique' Members.

You may have already read that we have seen 11 new Clubs affiliate to date in 2024 with 10 of these being new XRT Clubs.

XRT Clubs – complimentary not competition

I need to say something about XRT Clubs as some existing 41 Clubs may feel they have been set up in competition to existing local 41 Clubs, rather than complimentary to them.

Let's take a step back.. In 2022 I reported that we had received a big, loud wakeup call – and whilst members' own Club experiences may have been everything they wanted it to be, our numbers Nationally were continually dropping. To be blunt, we needed to act immediately to ensure our continued existence in future years.

I make no apology for repeating this but analysis from Round Table showed that only 10% of Tablers were joining 41 Clubs – which meant that over 90% of Tablers were simply leaving the RT Family. The reasons varied but primarily it was because many considered their local 41 Club programme of meetings and events not to be attractive to younger 40-45 plus Table leavers.

Following on from this, the earlier 2024 National Survey feedback included two critical figures that stood out for me above everything else: 80% of 41 Club membership are aged over 60.

Assuming an average maximum age in 41 Club of around 80 (my apologies to the many members who are happily older than 80!), this means that within 20 years our membership will reduce by 80%.Over half of 41 Club membership are over 70.

Similarly, using the same assumption, it means that within 10 years our membership will reduce by 50%.

within 20 years our membership could reduce by 80%

To address the issues, it was imperative that we increased our efforts at National, Regional and Club level and to encourage 41 Clubs to make their Club programmes more attractive to recruit younger members into our Association – especially from their local Round Tables. Where this wasn't followed locally and we knew Tablers leaving weren't joining their 41 Club, rather than have them leave the RT Family altogether, then – and only then - we suggested they consider starting up a local Extended Round Table (XRT) Club to continue doing RT activities but still within the 41 Club Association.

90% of Tablers in 2022 leaving due to the age rule and not joining 41 Club

It's important to emphasise however, that such XRT Clubs are intended to be complimentary to existing 41 Club not in competition.

Other 2024/25 Membership Initiatives
This year, we have continued to introduce and deliver a number of initiatives focused upon improving the recruitment of new members and increasing and retaining existing members. These include the following:

Membership Roadshows

- Six Regional Roadshows have been organised across the country, offering every Club at least two free delegate places. Each Roadshow is a unique opportunity to learn techniques, ideas and insights - from improving (or starting up) your Club's Social Media presence and how your Club engages with your community, to providing practical advice, tools and proven techniques to grow your Club.

- Clubs will learn how to improve the quality of their Club meetings and events, along with regenerating the attendance of their existing (and some AWOL) members - and should you wish to, show how simple it is to recruit new members from your local community.

- Accommodation and all food is free of charge for up to 2 members of your Club, based on sharing a twin room - though single supplements are available for a small upgrade.

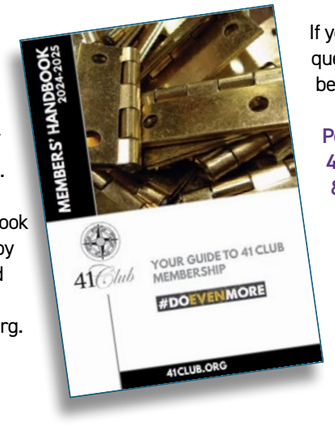
- Clubs can book in via the webpage https://roadshows.41clubevents.co.uk/

2024-25 Members Handbooks

- These are now available to all members. In addition to explaining Purposes & Objects, Grace and other Toasts, it also includes the formal new Member Induction, explains the various Council roles and what the Young Ambassadors Program is.

- There links to the many Member Benefits, as well as the other GB&I and International Round Table Family Associations.

- The Handbook is available on the 41 Club website https://members.41club.org/pages/members-handbook and a printed copy can be requested by emailing admin@41club.org.



New Members Pack



- Our commitment was to ensure that when a new member is inducted into their Club, we needed to proudly celebrate the occasion. Well now there is a new publication available to all new members who joined in 2024 - the New Member's Pack (NMP).

- Each pack contains a Members Handbook, pin badge, Certificate of Membership, a personal welcome from Wynn Parry and other items – plus a £20 voucher for the new member to spend at the 41 Club Sales website!

- Those brand new Clubs who were affiliated this year will have their NMPs automatically emailed to their Club Chairmen shortly. For other existing Clubs, if your Club is planning to induct or has already inducted a new member, you can request your New Member Pack by contacting admin@41club.org.

If you have any Membership questions. Just contact me below.

Peter McBride
41 Club National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer

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Winchester 41 Club Raise £4,000 for local Motor Neurone Disease Association in Southampton

Winchester 41 Club Chairman Tom Dierckx recently presented a cheque for £4,000 to the Southampton branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

The presentation was particularly significant as Winchester 41 Club President Graeme Sewell (pictured holding the cheque) was diagnosed with MND in October 2022.

Graeme has been a member of Winchester 41 Club for the last 23 years and has been Chairman (twice!), and still attends meetings whenever possible.

The funds were raised through a combination of events over the last 18 months including the annual Winchester Peddle, Paddle, Pace (a triathlon with a difference organised by the Winchester Round Table Family to support local charities and community groups), a Winchester 41 Club fund-raising Ceilidh, organised by the IPC Conor Gately, as well as working in partnership with Winchester Round Table at their annual Bonfire & Fireworks display

MNDA focuses on improving access to care, research and campaigning for those people living with or affected by MND.

At a local level this means they sit alongside the NHS & the Hospice and the funds they receive are used to produce a monthly newsletter, provide advice on applying for disability benefits, grants for equipment to help with quality of life, plus regular meetings and days out.

On a practical level each person is assigned an Associate Visitor who is available to talk through all aspects of their condition and the support that may be available to them and their partner.

Winchester 41 Club Chairman Tom Dierckx commented "we are pleased to have had the opportunity to support MNDA at a local level and we hope our contribution will help in the good work that the MNDA carries out."

"Winchester 41 Club have adopted a small community role and would like to help make a difference within the local community whilst at the same time supporting our younger club, Winchester Round Table. This is also a reason why a large number of Winchester Round Table members are transitioning into Winchester 41 Club as charity is close to their hearts."



Millennium Way

New Website and Insurance Cover

Many 41 Club members will be aware that The Millennium Way was created back in 2000 as a community project by Solihull 41 Club. It has had fantastic financial support from 41 Clubs locally and nationally over the years.

We have regular positive feedback from the walking public who find the 44 circular walks very enjoyable with clear directions and maps. Some even manage to complete the 100 mile linear walk from Pershore in Worcestershire to Middleton Cheney in Northamptonshire.

Last year it became clear that our website was looking somewhat dated and we embarked on a project, with the help of 41 Club National, to create an entirely new modern look. We have now launched the new wesbite and would encourage you to have a browse:

www.millenniumway.org.uk

It would not have been possible to embark on this project without the expert help of Paul Hampton & Mark House, the 41 Club Honorary Webmaster, who have given us expert advice and we have been able to work closely with them to create a more modern looking website which is very user friendly. Thanks guys. We presented Paul with a small replica wooden signpost at the recent Walking Weekend as a token of our appreciation of his hard work.

We were very pleased that the activities of our 5 County Wardens and over 50 Circular Walk Wardens from various 41 Clubs are now covered by an updated insurance policy. They regularly walk the routes, secateurs in hand, to ensure the walking instructions are up to date and footpaths are easy to navigate.

As an ongoing community service we hope The Millennium Way will continue to provide walkers with up to date walks and encourage more people to enjoy the delightful countryside along the routes. Next year we will be celebrating our 25th year, so watch out for some celebrations.

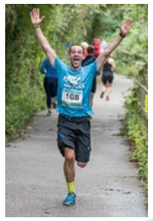
Barry Durman, Chairman of Millennium Way.
Peter Travis, Circular Walks Manager



PEDAL PADDLE PACE WINCHESTER







Another Pedal Paddle Pace Success in Winchester!

On Sunday 7th July 2024, around 250 cyclists, runners and kayakers gathered in Winchester to complete a 20km cycle race, a 5km run and 2km kayak course in the city. Either individually or as a relay team.

Organised by Winchester Round Table, Winchester 41 Club, Winchester Ladies Circle and Winchester Tangent it really was a true "Four Clubs Event" with the funds raised (in excess of £2,000) due to be given back to MND or other local community projects through grant funding.

In addition to the three main sporting activities (running, cycling and kayaking) the event was an inclusive, family-friendly day which also included a duck race, entertainment and raffle on the event site, plus stands from local sporting organisations and other charities.

Tom Evans, the current Pedal Paddle Pace Chairman from Winchester Round Table, commented: "We are delighted to bring back this special event to the city calendar. Many people commented on the lively, friendly and supportive atmosphere on-site, and I am grateful to over 60 volunteers on the day who have made Winchester proud. We had almost 250 participants competing in the challenging course, travelling from across Southern England and London."

Tom Dierckx, Chairman of Winchester 41 Club added: "It was fantastic to have all four clubs, involved in some way, not just on the day itself but in the many months of organisation! In addition to having even more entries for the event next year (Sunday 13th July 2025) it would be great to see members from other Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Tangent Clubs taking part, either as individuals or as a club team!"

The PPP event would like to expand in number to raise additional funds but more importantly be seen to become an enabler for local groups or individuals to raise funds for their own charities they support.

To find out more about Pedal, Paddle, Pace visit: https://www.winchesterppp.co.uk/

Photos Courtesy of Jake Purse

Region 23 Annual Golf Competition

33 golfers, of varying ability, made up 11 three-man teams, gathered at Crane Valley Golf Course on Friday 12th July to play for the Regional Golf Shield and some alcoholic prizes.

All teams were Dorset-based 41 Clubs save for Ringwood & District Ex-Tablers Club, and all are regular supporters of the Competition.

After coffee & some munching of large bacon butties, the first tee-off was at 10.28 on the Valley course of 6,142 yards off the yellow tees [par 72] through to 12 noon. The main competition was a Team Stableford Bowmaker with 2 golfers out of 3 scoring.

At the same time, an Individual Stableford competition was played plus the usual "Nearest the Pin" and "Longest Drive". The course was in exceptionally good nick, having hosted 2 weeks previously the Dorset Mens Championship as well as having, following our day, the Club's own Mens Championship.

A good day's golf was had by all, followed by a snack "tea" and plenty of beer on the Clubhouse terrace, interrupted by the anticipated drizzle at about 4pm, driving all inside for the prize giving. Our new Regional Councillor Trevor Langford had very kindly been on hand all day and was available at the end to present the prizes.

The Team Bowmaker Shield was won by a hybrid team from Ferndown & Bournemouth North "B"41 Clubs. The winning score was 77 points with Ringwood coming second on count back with 75 points followed by Christchurch "C" team. The Individual Stableford competition was won by Martin Giles of Bournemouth North on 38 points, followed by Paul Mills of Christchurch on 36 points and Paul Clarke on 34 points. Michael Farley of Ferndown 41 won the "Longest Drive" and Mike Bromley of Shaftesbury & Gillingham won the "Nearest the Pin".

A great day of fun and fellowship coupled with some good golf enjoyed by all.
Roll on next year!



Gerry Gallop - Bournemouth North 41 Club

The BIG 60

Wolverhampton 41 Club at 60



These are some personal thoughts and memories of Wolverhampton 41 Club which celebrated its 60th birthday on May 13th 2024 with a lunch at South Staffs Golf Club in the presence of National 41 Club President Wynn Parry and 25 members, Old Boys and guests. Wynn was accompanied by 41 National IPP Jim Conway.
Wynn spoke to the assembly about his hopes for the coming year and future of 41 Clubs in general. He proposed the toast to Wolverhampton 41 Club.

By comparison to the old days of Wolverhampton Round Table No 17, it was a pretty low key event – gone are the days of 200+ people eager to attend a grand, black-tie "do". Nevertheless, it was a very enjoyable occasion with some old boys coming along to reacquaint past friendships.

The lunch did become a bit of a "Wolvesfest" with many members being long time season ticket holders and with John Richards, newly appointed Wolves Vice President (along with ex-player Steve Bull and Led Zeppelin front man Robert Plant) regaling us with his memories and giving an insight into the current scene at the club.

The continuity of membership was interrupted like all Round Tables when the age rule changed from to 45; later relaxation of membership rules have not resulted in increased numbers in our case. We tried to maintain contact with the membership with some very well attended Old Boys and Presidents' dinners but our numbers declined as the inevitable toll of time took effect. Our current attendances currently are, typically, about 10 for our monthly lunches.

Wolverhampton RT No 17 declined with an ageing, continuing membership – some well into their 50's. The link between Round Table and our 41 was lost. A new Wolverhampton 41 Club emerged as some ex-Tablers wanted to begin meeting again; they formed the new Wolverhampton West 41 Club which is now very active but separate from our club. There is a crossover with local Rotary Clubs where we lend support in their community efforts.

Our Round Table – RT17 – boasted a proud history with two National Presidents (uniquely, father and son). Our Golden Anniversary year, 1979, was celebrated in style and coincided with the National Conference being held at Birmingham NEC. Table numbers then were well over 40. Our Table always had an active RT17 European Number (ENM) annual meeting; 41 Club didn't have these until 1995 when we received an invitation from our opposite number in The Netherlands, Zutphen OT17. (41 Club is referred to by our European friends as "OT" – Old Tablers). This was to be the first of a series of annual gatherings with our wives, partners and, at one event, lover, that were held every year until the last one in 2016.



We hosted our first international meeting in 2001 which culminated in a gala dinner at The Molineux. In 2008 we hosted an "English Village Weekend" in Shifnal with a round of golf, visits to the RAF Museum in Cosford, and a fine lunch at David Austin Roses; accommodation and the gala dinner were provided at The Park House Hotel.
It's too long to mention all the OT17 European Number Meeting clubs, but of note are Zutphen, the founder club – very enthusiastic and entertaining folk; Odda ,at the end of Hardanger Fiord and described in the Rough Guide as the ugliest town in Norway – not true, with the Hardangervidder plateau to the east and the Folgefonna glacier to the west it is truly magnificent; and Venice – yes VENICE No 17. We had two meetings here and were lucky to be taken on a traditional boat around the lagoon to places that are off the tourist track.
The last OT17 meeting was organised by Wolverhampton 41 Club in Oxford, where we were hosted at Oriel College, alma mater of member Mike Ager – Mike and wife Chris attended every International Weekend since the first in 1995.

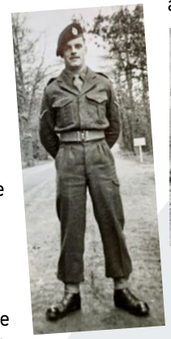
Wolverhampton RT17
The theme that is constantly mentioned at our 41 Club meetings is Wolverhampton Round Table – the Club that brought us all together in the first place. Reminiscences of past events with the usual personal anecdotes keep the memories alive – at our time of life, more than what we did last week.

Wolverhampton RT17/41 Club Alumni
Eric Tatlow – RTBI National President 1936/7
David Tatlow – RTBI National President 1966/7
Tim Godfrey – Grandson of A4 Pacific Designer Sir Nigel Gresley



YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO BE A TABLER

Maldon 41 Club Vice Chairman Roy Thompson celebrates his 95th birthday and 65 years of Tabling in October this year.



Roy's life in the Round Table movement started in 1959 when he participated in a meeting in Wickford to discuss the formation of Wickford Round Table. It was at that meeting a vote was taken in favour of forming the Club, and the venue was agreed to be the local pub, 'The Castle'. The first formal meeting of Wickford 41 Club was held in 1960 and Roy became one of the founder members. One of the many acts of kindness and support given by Roy and other Wickford Tablers was in 1963 when there was a devastating earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia on the 26th July. The earthquake killed over 1,070 people and injured an estimated 3,500.





Wickford Round Table, together with their great friends at West Ham Round Table, decided to purchase a 30 foot long caravan to help provide shelter for survivors during the cold winter months. The caravan had stood in a local caravan park for a number of years and needed some serious attention!

The caravan was towed to the Club's Chairman's works premises where it was fully serviced and painted in two colours, black on the lower half and light green above. It was also sign written with the words on the rear and side of the van, "Wickford and West Ham Round Tables to Scopje".

Wickford and West Ham were the fifty third van to make the journey, with many more following closely behind. The purpose was to provide temporary housing for displaced families over the Christmas period. The van was positioned on the site that the British army Royal Engineers were establishing. There were two Tablers from Wickford and two from West Ham. Roy was one of the Wickford members.

A Royal Engineers officer took a photo of a family who posed outside the van; there was a mother with her four children. This particular photo came into Roy's possession and is now a much treasured memory of that time.

A few years later Roy and other Tablers went to Calais to witness a Round Table Charter being presented to Liege which had recently been formed. 10 years later the group returned to join in the Anniversary celebrations.

Ringwood boules fellowship, fun and bring a guest night

August is usually our 'away' meeting when we have an informal Club gathering away from our normal venue.

This year we returned to a local pub for boules and had a welcome sunny evening, excellent meal and lots of fun.



Three other Clubs attended and a keen 8 team competition was held with the final and third place final taking place after the meal under floodlights to allow for further inebriation.



We had also promoted this night to members as a 'bring a guest night' as it was essentially an easy going, informal social event. The aim of course was to help boost our membership drive. Of the 40 present 7 were potential members, 5 are ex RT family and 2 with no previous membership. We are now following up all 7 and are confident that new members will result this year and one application has already been received.

Important website notice

As you will be aware we are transitioning to the new website where you can receive all the latest updates on National and Club news, plus details of National events with booking details where applicable.

If you need CAS access, please use the members drop down of the new website that will direct you through the authentication process.

It is recommended that if you have stored members@41club.org in your favourites, this is replaced by 41Club.org to access the latest up to date news and event details.



Breaking News – **Two Diamonds Found in Market Harborough**

It all started in 1964 in Ashby de la Zouche, a market town in Leicestershire when Tony Wren joined Round Table and the following week his wife Pat joined Ladies Circle.

Back in the day, Pat could only join Ladies Circle if she was married to a Round Tabler – how times have changed thankfully. After 6 years in Ashby de la Zouche Round Table and Ladies Circle, they arrived in Market Harborough in 1970 and immediately became a formidable driving force in the local Round Table Family.

Over the years they have been involved in everything going on in the Market Harborough Round Table Family - 60 years of twinning with Halle Round Table and 41 Club in Belgium; running a major fund raiser with Fanny and Jonnie Craddock; the Market Harborough Carnival and going to many Round Table and 41 Club conferences as you can see as Tony tries to hide his modesty at a Round Table National Conference.



But their main achievement has been making lifelong friendships over their 60 years in the Round Table Family.

And so, this year we come to the Diamond Jubilee of Tony and Pat being members of the Round Table Family - we think that makes them a unique couple but please let us know if you can match their achievement.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the Club, Chairman Astley Sharples presents Tony with an engraved tankard – unfortunately not filled.



NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR WEEKEND
THE FOUNDER'S GRAND TOUR

FRIDAY 6TH to SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025

Dereham & District 41 Club cordially invite you to the National Classic Car Weekend in Norwich, Norfolk and surrounding countryside. The Weekend will be based at the magnificent Dunston Hall Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort. We will have our own exclusive private area of car park.



WEEKEND PACKAGES STAYING AT DUNSTON HALL HOTEL,SPA & GOLF RESORT

Double (£465) or single (£365) occupancy, including weekend food & Drink*. Shoulder nights available (from £115). *Full details on request.

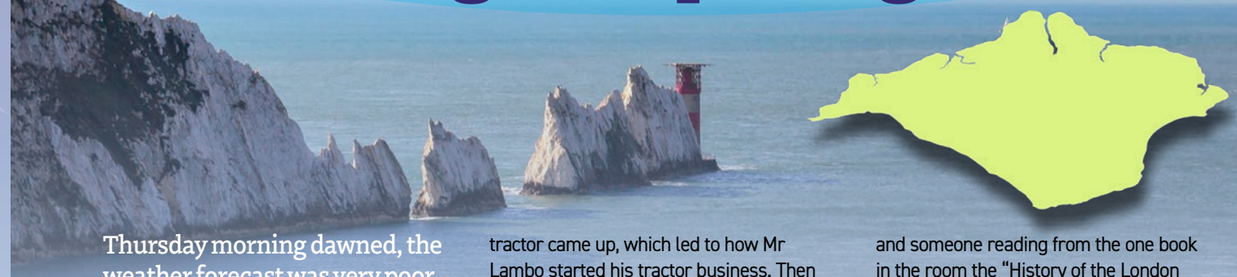
Registration cost of £55 includes entry for one Vehicle at the 41 Club National Classic Car Rally, a picture and profile of your pride and joy in our Souvenir Rally Brochure and your commemorative Rally Plaque and Rally Stickers.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Following payment of the registration fee you will be sent via email the necessary booking code for the Hotel.

Scan the QR code for more information or for any queries contact the team at foundersgrandtour@gmail.com Or call Andy Bebbington: 07887 868 397

Bournemouth 41 Club No. 5 – **Isle of Wight Trip 8 August 2024**



Thursday morning dawned, the weather forecast was very poor, but 9 intrepid 41ers started their journeys to Lymington Pier for the ferry to Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

The advance party in Poole, had a change of trains thrust upon them by a member of South West Trains staff "you better get this one just in case the next gets cancelled due to someone on the line at Hamworthy." Mr Glazier was asked where is your travelling companion? He, the dog, had a better offer from his owner, the daughter of Mr Glazier. A farm visit. Didn't blame him taking that up.

We made it to Bournemouth, where we were joined by our President, Kevin and Mr Sadd.

Your scribe made a poor fist of explaining that he had been listening to Radio 3's Breakfast programme on the Tuesday when they played music from an act who had appeared at the 1970 Isle of Wight festival, the presenter asked if any of our listeners were there. I managed to email the programme, yes I was there and also in 1969. The inevitable email back do you remember the act? Nope, it was 54 years ago of course not.

Our President chipped in I was there in 1970. I wonder why we had not seen each other. Our National Councillor (Trevor) joined our group at Christchurch and on we trundled to Brockenhurst.

The conversation was not of the highest quality. Somehow Clarkson and his Lambo tractor came up, which led to how Mr Lambo started his tractor business. Then Mr Lambo went to the Ferrari offices to see Mr Ferrari pointing out how the Ferrari could be improved. Mr Ferrari told him to go away, stick with the tractors. Result? Mr Lambo started production of his sports cars. Prior to our trip I sent the Hon Sec a risk assessment. On the following Saturday at our Summer Games Lunch with Tangent I mentioned having to shepherd our group out of the way of vehicles in Yarmouth whilst they stayed in the highway chatting about which pub to go to first.

Hon Sec retorted that wasn't in your assessment. You live and learn.
Being creatures of habit, we started in the Wheatsheaf again. Then moved on to order our pasties for lunch.

Consternation. The pasty shop was no more. Your scribe was quizzed had you not checked that it was open. "Of course not". Salvation was at hand. Up the lane was a café selling pasties and meat rolls. Not only that but it was claimed that said rolls were endorsed by James Martin, a celebratory chef. Shall we say that our foodie, Mr Head, who ordered a pasty and meat roll was not impressed. But the café welcomed our spend and we were well behaved.

By now it was raining hard and we raced to the Bugle. Whilst we were ordering our next beverages, our President asked if we could have a room. Credit to the Bugle they gave us a dining room and we spent the next two and a half hours, watching Mr Head eat his selection of Bugle cheeses and consume a carafe of wine. But we enjoyed ourselves with the usual 41 Club banter, stories, jokes, recalling memories and someone reading from the one book in the room the "History of the London Underworld".

Then an early dinner at "On the Rocks" where we met Tony Knight from Shanklin 41 Club. President Kevin had previously contacted Shanklin. They kindly agreed to meet us, changed the venue for their regular club evening, and organised a joint visit to the Yarmouth Planetarium. Afterwards we had a beer with them in the Wheatsheaf before making sure we got the ferry back to Lymington.

Thanks to Shanklin Chairman Lee, plus Tony Knight for organising our meeting. We have told them that Bournemouth 41 Club "will be back". We look forward to more meetings with our new Shanklin friends. Mr Sadd and I were the only two to make it back to Brockenhurst Station. Southwest trains service was their usual figment of their timetable. We got back to Bournemouth where Mrs F had kindly agreed to collect us and take Mr Sadd home.

I never ever thought that I would put this down on paper. Here goes. When I mentioned to Mrs Sadd at the Summer Games that Mrs F felt that Mr Sadd should be a role model for me, shall we say, Mrs Sadd was somewhat taken aback. Mr Sadd was over the moon!

A lovely time on the Isle of Wight, thanks to my fellow travellers. Remember what happened on the IOW stays on the IOW.

John Fairhall
Vice President Bournemouth No 5

Ashby 41 Club Memorial Walk,

31st August 2024



Adam Dean was a well-liked and respected Ashby Tabler, who was instrumental in setting up our regular country walks.

Ashby Tablers and 41ers would embark on a 10-12 mile walk over the course of a day, via (inevitably) a number of pubs along the way. The walks would either be around Ashby or a route in the Peak District, becoming an annual event (apart from during Covid, which we don't need to discuss here!). It was always an excellent day, with good exercise, plenty of banter, food and of course beer.

Sadly, we lost Adam ten years ago in 2014. To commemorate this occasion, Andrew Johnson, a good friend of Adam's and now an Ashby 41 Club member, decided to organise a special walk in Adam's memory. A circular route in the Peak District was selected, and to avoid any driving or minibuses home later in the day, we would all stay over in a bunkhouse for the night! The date was set for Saturday 31st August. A good turnout of eleven Ashby 41ers and two Ashby Tablers were there for the walk, with one further 41er driving around and meeting us for the stops along the way, just to keep an eye on us.

The weather was excellent, with some cloud cover initially, but becoming clear blue skies for the afternoon. Our route took us from Stoney Middleton (the bunkhouse location) via Eyam, Grindleford, Froggatt Edge, Curbar and Calver. The views from Froggatt Edge were truly spectacular, the huge stone edges could remind you of a scene from the Lion King and certainly facilitated some stunning poses (yes, there are a few posers in the club!).

Maybe we should mention the refreshment stops as well: the Eyam Tea Rooms for coffee and bacon rolls, then the Sir William Hotel, Grouse Inn (lunch), to the Bridge Inn late-afternoon – ten miles completed to this point. What could be better than sitting outside in the sunshine drinking beer? The final part of the route from the Bridge Inn presented a disagreement between those that wanted to complete a further four miles via the scenic route back to the bunkhouse, and those that decided that the shorter one-and-a-bit miles by a more direct route would do! So we split up, with the pubs added by the respective groups being the Eyre Arms and the Prince of Wales.

All made it safely back to the bunkhouse, from where we proceeded on a (very) short walk to the Moon Inn opposite, where we had booked our evening meal. A splendid meal was had, with even more banter and wine added to the beer quantities.

Then the moment of truth when everybody had to share the same bedroom! A few went downstairs and probably did better with the camp beds, but those of us on the upstairs bunks had to endure the loud snorers of the group. It was particularly galling to have one regular loud snorer punctuated in the gaps by a second, almost as loud. It made a good sound recording on the phone though! Names have been omitted to protect the guilty!

Sunday morning and a full English breakfast at the local Yondermann cafe before heading home. All in all, an excellent weekend, and a fitting tribute to our friend Adam – he would definitely have been proud of us. RIP mate.



OBITUARIES

Ken McElwaine - Linsagarvey 41Club
David Demick - Linsagarvey 41Club
David Ardron - Clevedon 41 club
Jack Watson MBE - City of Bangor 41 club
Mike Butcher - Weald of Kent – 41club
John'Cooky' Cook - Ipswich 41 Club
Peter Lee – Welwyn 41 Club





Are YOU a CAS 'CASualty'?

41 Club's Club Administration System (CAS) is our IT system that maintains the details of all our Members and Clubs.

The details held on CAS include your name, address, email, 'phone number, year of birth, if you require a magazine etc. This is all held securely and conforms with all GDPR legislation.

Why is this important?

- It ensures that you receive regular communication from National. This includes e-mails and the newsletter.
- It ensures you receive our four times a year glossy magazine and that it is delivered to the correct address.
- It provides your details to your National Councillor who works hard in keeping your Region ship-shape.
- It allows us to budget accurately each year by knowing how many actual members we have in the Association.
- It allows us to understand the age profile of our members – so we can tailor our Regional and National events to suit.

But more importantly it registers you as a member of 41 Club, which means:

- The Association Insurance covers your liability in the unfortunate event that an accident occurs while you are representing your Club.
- It entitles you to many of the benefits we offer in our Member Benefits Package

Every member who is registered is able to update their details themselves. You have the choice to allow other members of your Club to see your details or not.

It acts as a Club Directory if every member allows their details to be seen. But **ONLY** your Club can see them – no-one else. Please be assured that CAS is extremely secure and we will **NEVER** pass on members details to any third party.

So: If you are already on CAS – please check your own details – and correct them if they are wrong.

If you are not – then ask your Club Secretary to add your details to the system.

We know that we have about 1500 members nationwide that we have no details of whatsoever – please help us correct this. And we're sure that many of the details we have are probably either out of date or have information missing.

Don't be a 'CASualty' – please help us get the information right for everyone's benefit!

For details how to access CAS, scan the QR code below – there is simple guide at the following address: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/3y3yluvm7tvqmqpjtzky8/CAS-GUIDE.pdf?rlkey=xw3t68qvsy4elgzc343919hwn&dl=0

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