



41 Club NEWSLETTER



Crewe & Nantwich Round Table has rebuilt their Christmas float after noticing after last year's collections that the floor of the trailer, which carries Santa's sleigh had started to collapse due to water damage. Repairs would have meant a complicated refurbishment, with costs running into the many thousands of pounds.



Luckily, some of the Round Table's retired ex-members - now members of Crewe & Nantwich 41 Club, offered to donate their time, experience and skills to complete the refurbishment at no cost, apart from the materials that were needed.

Chris Meredith, current President of the ex-Round Table members 41 Club said..."Our amazing Christmas Float was generously built by Crewe based Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Vans back in 2015. Since then it has helped us raise over £110,000 but cold, wet and sometimes snowy weather had sadly taken its toll on the floor.

Replacing the floor with a superior material has been a mammoth task, but we have all got stuck in and the new floor should hopefully last another 20 years! As ex-Round Table members it's our way to help current members continue to be able spread festive cheer and raise much-needed funds to support local worthy causes".



It was a major undertaking - the work entailed stripping the trailer back to its bare steel chassis to undertake restorative rust treating, paintwork and floor replacement - and then fully rebuilt and rewired again, to look and sound as good as new for the run-up to this Christmas.

Sean Liddle, Chairman of Crewe & Nantwich District Round Table said, "Our Santa float collections are the highlight of our year, spreading Christmas joy to our community and enabling us to fundraise for local good causes and charities. In the past year we have been able to donate an amazing £23,000 across lots of different causes and we hope to have another brilliant year collecting, now that we have a revitalised float.



Quite simply we wouldn't be able to go out and do our collections this year without the hard work and dedication of our friends in 41 Club to repair our float for which we are ever grateful."

It is worth saying that as a 41 Club with excellent membership numbers and with an age spread from mid-forties to mid-seventies, we know we are very lucky to still have a feeder RT and value their membership hugely. We do what we can and whenever we can to support our RT guys...it's an important ethos of our 41 Club.



The amazing finished article!





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Welcome to the December Newsletter



Season's Greetings everyone

It's amazing how quickly the year flies by, especially in the life of our 41 Club Association. 2024 has been a potentially pivotal year for our Club following the Members Survey, so thank you to all who replied.



IN THIS NEWSLETTER

As you will all have seen, this resulted in a full detailed review of the way forward which generated into various proposals for change which will be discussed at the SGM on Sunday 5th January 2025 at 4 pm. It is important that we change with time, reflecting how the world has changed.

It's also been a very busy and active 12 months. All the National events were sold out and many clubs have celebrated important Charter anniversaries, social and community events. This has resulted in an increase in submissions for both Newsletter and Magazine with the result of having to choose which articles should be included. I am sorry if your entry did not make it to print.

However, please keep sending your stories, articles and forthcoming event details as we do try to include as many as possible, preferably with no more than 350 words and some photographs always help.

Enjoy the festive celebrations and let's move positively into 2025.

Yours in continued friendship.

Dave

Dave Chard,
National Communications and IT Officer

Various articles

PLUS the usual details of events by clubs and Internationally, plus members welfare, plus members benefits - too much to itemise individually, just read and enjoy!



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Wynn Parry

National President

2024-25



The whirlwind continues, as I travel the length and breadth of the country attending club meetings and enjoying amazing fun and fellowship at its best.

Since the last newsletter, I have visited Cornwall to Liskeard & Looe where I attended a cluster meeting organised by National Councillor Stuart George, to play 10 pin bowling. The meeting was attended by over 50 members from 8 clubs. A great night was had by all. I've been in Wales to Ynys Mon (Anglesey), Cocker mouth in the North West for their 50th Charter and many other clubs along the way.

I have attended two of the Associations "Big Dinners", the White Rose Dinner, organised by Beverley 41 Club and the Dorset Knobs Dinner, organised by Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Club. Both Dinners were excellent, both well organised with very good speakers, except me, these were well supported with lots in attendance. Congratulations to both clubs for putting on great events.

So far December has been a very busy month, I have attended many meetings and have had 15 turkey dinners, it's good job I like turkey! Heather says it will be goose at home for me on the big day this year. My diary is filling up for January next year and I have 7 Burns nights to attend, also a good job I like haggis Heather has educated me very well!



Sadly, for my last function of 2024, I will be attending the funeral of Tom Atkins, a past member of the National Board and a legend of the Round Table family both in GB&I and overseas, he will be sadly missed.

With no disrespect to any event organised this year, the most humbling and the most honoured I have been was to attend the Cenotaph Parade in London on Sunday 10th November. 20 members of 41 Club joined with members of the other Round Table family Associations to represent us at the event. It is an experience I will never forget. I thank you all for allowing me to be your National President to represent you at this significant National occasion and place a wreath on your behalf.



Thank you to everyone who has invited me to an event during this year, I still have a few gaps in my diary for next year, so if you'd like me to attend your club, please drop me a line on diary@wynnparry.co.uk

As for things National, the Review Team have completed part of their task, we now have a list of proposals being taken to the Special General meeting to be held on Sunday 5th January 2025. I encourage you all to read the documentation you have been sent and to attend the meeting to express your opinion and cast your votes to enable us to take our Association forwards.

The Membership Team have continued to hold Membership Roadshows around the country, with 2 more scheduled for early 2025. These Roadshows are being very well received by all who attend them - please attend one if you can. A huge thank you to Peter and his team for their effort and dedication in putting them on.

As part of our Forward Planning, we are now undertaking a review of our I.T. Solutions to determine how, where and when we need to make improvements to help support and benefit the whole Association going forwards. There will be more to come on this initiative during the next few months leading up to the AGM.

I look forward to sharing some more fun and fellowship during 2025 with you all.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

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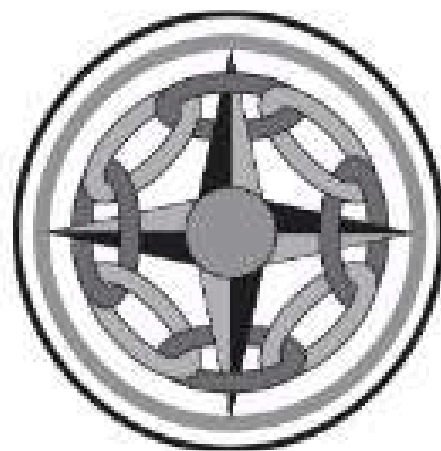
Wynn





Fundraising
in support of

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foundation



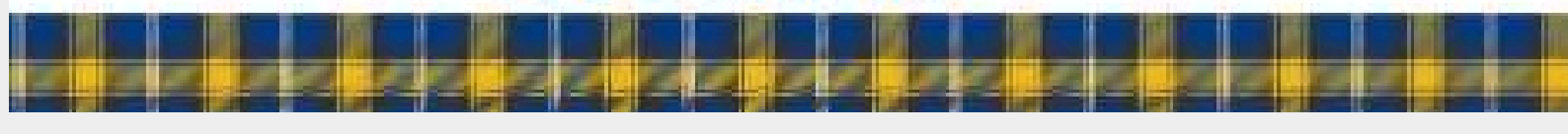
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In aid of

mnda

motor neurone disease
association



Wynn Parry, President of 41 Club, has chosen to support two MND charities during his year in post (April 2023-24). Find out more about each of the charities below, and by following the QR codes to their websites.

My Name'5 Doddie Foundation

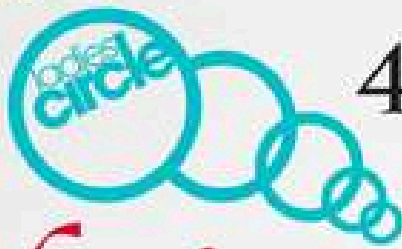
My Name'5 Doddie Foundation has a clear vision of a world free of motor neuron disease. The charity was established by Doddie Weir and the trustees in November 2017 following Doddie's diagnosis with MND. It was founded in response to his frustration at the lack of options given to MND patients – no effective treatment, no access to meaningful clinical trials and no hope. The aims of the Foundation are simple:

- To raise funds to aid research into the causes of MND and investigate potential cures.
- To make grants to individuals suffering from MND, to enable them to live as fulfilled a life as possible.

Motor Neurone Disease Association

The MND Association improve care and support for people with MND and their families and carers. We fund research that leads to new understanding and treatments and brings us closer to a world free of MND. We campaign and raise awareness, so the needs of people affected by MND are recognised and addressed by wider society.





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Christmas Day get together

Join your Round Table Family Presidents

11-12 O'CLOCK ON ZOOM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83174963477?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83174963477?pwd=XJSYwdILxENZW9k3VFRHXkc5dOIRIk.1)

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RSVP TO YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FOR THE ZOOM INVITE

See you there!





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National Vice President Jason Thomson (JT)



Fellow Members,

Following my last newsletter as we continue the journey with the National Review to improve the experience that we all have as members, below are some of the latest updates:

Member Survey: Thank you to the 1345 members that responded to the questionnaire. As you can imagine we have a great deal of data, and the committee members are working very hard to analyse the detail. We will be issuing the findings in the near future, and this will also connect with the Association forward planning strategy and action plan.

As you will remember there was a prize draw for submitting the survey and the successful member is Peter Irving from Bentham and District - congratulations.

Website: The Web Team have been working hard behind the system on updating the new site with the files and documents from the old one. This has taken some work and thank you to the team for all their continued commitment especially Paul Hampton, Mark House and Ralph Preston for making this phase happen. When you visit the Association site you will now see that there is a member's area when you click on the member's button. To access the area the login details are:

Username: **41Club** Password: **friendship**

You will then be able to access all the documents, files and member benefits that are located in relevant sections for ease of searching.

IT Systems: Under Forward Planning, I have been tasked with setting up a team to review the IT systems we currently use to establish what is needed for the future function of the Association. We have a knowledgeable group of members that have offered to be part of the review and we recently held our first workshop to start the process. We now have an overall scoping document and will be holding smaller workshops to look in more detail at each aspect of the systems and services needed (if you want to get involved in the work of the review team, just contact me by email at vicepresident@41club.org).

I would just like to take this moment to thank all the members that have been working hard in the background making things happen and supporting the different work streams and national review. Your efforts and dedication have been outstanding; enjoy the festive break and be ready to continue in the new year ahead.

Presidential Liaison Committee: This awesome team of RT Family members have been working hard putting plans in place for my year as President and we recently had a great weekend meeting and also attended Saffron Walden 41 Autumn Ball. You will have hopefully seen my website jasonthomson.co.uk is available for information and access to my diary bookings, as well as the recent release of tickets sales for the Presidential 'Groove and Give' ball on the 11th October 2025...25% already SOLD!! Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets and to the PLC team for their organising so far!



Helen and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!





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Colin Steen
National Treasurer



Calling all Club Treasurers

- We do not send out an invoice. We ask Club Officers to ensure that their Membership numbers are correct and pay £20 per head
- If paying online, please ensure the reference is the name of the Club
- If paying by cheque:
 - a) the account name is: **41 Club – The Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs**
(The bank **will not** accept any variations)
 - b) please use black ink and, if possible, print our name and the amount in words
 - c) **do not send cheques to Marchesi House** – they'll only be sent on to me at my address:
c/o C Steen
• **19 Polwarth Drive**
• **Newcastle upon Tyne**
• **NE3 5NH**

Many thanks

With all good wishes for Christmas and Happy New Year

Colin Steen
National Treasurer





HAS YOUR CLUB BOOKED IN TO ONE OF THE THREE REMAINING MEMBERSHIP ROADSHOWS YET?



Grow your membership! Raise your Social Media presence! Improve your engagement with the local community! Build an engaging programme! Increase attendance from your existing 'AWOL' members!

AND MUCH MORE!!

TWO FREE PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVERY CLUB. HURRY - DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH OTHER CLUBS, SHARE INIGHTS AND LEARN VALUABLE TECHNIQUES!

BOOK INTO A ROADSHOW NEAR YOU VIA THE LINK BELOW

<https://roadshows.41clubevents.co.uk/>

BE A PART OF THE FUTURE!



19-20
OCTOBER

LEICESTER

Holiday Inn Hotel Leicester



16-17
NOVEMBER

MAIDSTONE

Mecure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel



1-2
FEBRUARY

PERTH

Mecure Perth Hotel



22-23
MARCH

THURROCK

Stifford Hall Hotel



"Great fun and fellowship! Well worth attending, came away with really positive ideas to implement in our Club, good to meet up & exchange thoughts and ideas with the guys from other 41 Clubs."



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**National Membership Officer
Peter McBride**



Membership Roadshow - topics

- Why membership is declining
- How to increase members - new and existing
- How to run Clubs more effectively using a '3 pillars of success' approach



- Establishing an exciting, balanced programme
- Problems Clubs have and how to resolve them
- Impact of poor/good products
- Ideas & examples of good programmes

- Raising awareness & advertising
- How to use Social Media
- Gaining & retaining new and existing members
- Clubs' biggest challenges and how to resolve them



- On boarding & engagement
- Identifying best practice
- Setting goals & direction
- Communicating and organising with members

- Guidance & examples of using Spond
- Members Wellbeing
- Member benefits
- Focus on Regions
- Next steps - so what are you going to do differently?





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**National Membership Officer
Peter McBride**



Membership Roadshows – Relearning to Adopt, Adapt & Improve

I have regularly shared with you that not enough Tablers (only 10%) join their local 41 Club after they leave Table. The reasons for this are various – but the primary reason being that Tablers leaving still wanted to take part in more active ‘Table-style’ activities and perceived rightly or wrongly that their local 41 Clubs were just not attractive to them.

The bottom line is that if 41 Clubs really wanted to increase their members, they have to take a long look at themselves and become more attractive to prospective joiners.

To support Clubs who wanted to do this, six weekend Membership Roadshows were scheduled in 2024/25 around the Country. Four have been held in Leeds, Bristol, Leicester and Maidstone with the remaining two taking place in Perth on 1st & 2nd February and in Thurrock on 22nd & 23rd March. To date approximately 90 delegates representing around 75 Clubs have attended and the feedback has been really positive.

Each Roadshow is a combination of interactive presentations, discussions and breakout sessions, providing attendees with a practical range of ideas, tools and techniques on how to grow their Clubs, including growing their online presence, building an engaging programme, and attracting ex-Tablers and invited members from the local Community.

It is not just a one-year investment to focus on membership however, rather it will continue to be a National initiative and priority focus every year going forward **with six more roadshows being planned for other regions of GB&I in 2025/26 – venues and dates to be released in the New Year.**

Peter McBride
National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer





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**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. The hotel is situated close to Norwich on the A140 just south of the junction with the A47 Norwich Southern bypass. We will have our own exclusive private area of car park.



ACCOMMODATION: DUNSTON HALL

Dunston Hall Hotel in Norwich Norfolk is an Elizabethan style country retreat dating back to 1859. Tucked away in rural Norfolk, Dunston Hall is the perfect place for a leisurely break. Whether you want to enjoy a game of golf, relax in the health club and Spa or catch up with friends over afternoon tea, a warm East Anglian welcome awaits at this luxury 4 star hotel in Norwich.

Sat centrally in Norfolk, you will be spoilt for choice on where to go, and what to do and should any party wish to arrive before the Friday or stay on after the Sunday the hotel is offering a superb deal for shoulder nights to enable you to do for example:

- Visit Historic Norwich & Shopping – Park and ride available adjacent the Hotel
- Take advantage of using the Spa, or playing 18 holes of Golf at Dunston Hall, can be booked directly with the Hotel. (If enough interest we will host a Golf 4, 6 or 8 ball or competition Thursday or Friday to suit)

- See the Norfolk Broads the best way by booking a cruise or taking out a day boat from Acle Bridge, Horning, Oulton Broad, Potter Heigham, or Wroxham
- Visit Caister Castle & Car Museum –It includes the largest private vehicle collection in the UK (not open Saturdays)
- Visit one of the magnificent Country Houses such as: Blickling Hall, Felbrigg Hall, or the Royal residence at Sandringham,
- Charming seaside towns, beach walks and much, much more.

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

The Event Room Package costs £460 for two people sharing a double or twin room for the weekend (two nights) including a Hot Fork Buffet on Friday evening, a 3 course Dinner with ½ bottle of wine per person on Saturday evening & breakfast each morning.

Alternatively £365 for a single occupancy room for the weekend (two nights) including a Hot Fork Buffet on Friday evening, a 3 course Dinner with ½ bottle of wine on Saturday evening & breakfast each morning.

Shoulder nights at just: £125-Thursday and/or Sunday night, standard double room BB rate double occupancy. Or £115 Thursday and/or Sunday night, standard double room BB rate single occupancy.

BOOK YOUR RALLY PLACES



41 CLUB NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR WEEKEND 2025

Your 2025 organising committee is looking forward to welcoming you at The Founder's Grand Tour 2025

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

Please send the completed registration form by email to foundersgrandtour@gmail.com

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

For any questions or queries contact the team at foundersgrandtour@gmail.com
Or call Andy Bebbington: 07887 868 397



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**National IRO
Kevin Stewart**



HYM Bern, Switzerland 2024

The Half Year Meeting (HYM) meeting kicked off in true Swiss style with a fondue party, hosted by Swiss 41ers at their homes and various other larger venues. The venue that most of the UK contingent were hosted at was a traditional Swiss style barn in the middle of a forest with most of us struggling to remember what fondue was and how to eat it. Suffice to say, hot molten cheese, bread and potatoes followed by ice cream went down very well. As an added bonus, we were treated to a local Swiss choir singing yodelling songs.

On the Friday morning, workshops were held, covering finance, rules and regions, with GB & I having a presence in all 3 meetings, with the finance one being the most relevant. The International Treasurer was putting forward the proposal to change capitation from a club-based fee to a per member fee. This was not received particularly well by a number of nations including ourselves and that the International Treasurer was left in no doubt that a lot more review work would be required to take this forward in any capacity.

The Rules Workshop went over the current rule changes whilst the Regions Workshop went through the proposed changes to have 41 Club countries divided into regions. All 3 workshops will be held again at the World Meeting in Iceland next year where further progress will be presented and debated on.

The Friday night was the traditional fancy-dress night with the theme being Swiss chic. Needless to say, this theme had a very wide interpretation, from cheese themed costumes, traditional Swiss dress to the Sweden RT Family members who went full-blown ABBA. We had a traditional Swiss buffet meal, accompanied by Swiss music both traditional and modern with a disco at the end. The disco highlight was The Proclaimers and "I Will Walk 500 Miles" had to be played, which allowed myself and Colin McKenzie to promote our AGM in Aviemore with lots of whisky being shared.





The HYM AGM was held in a roof top Conference Centre with spectacular views over the city of Bern and with a full complement of delegates and observers present the meeting progressed. There were several presentations put forward, in particular for the Full Year Meeting (FYM) in Israel 2026. Delegates agreed that if there were no ceasefire by the end of Jan 2025, then Israel 41 Club would step down from hosting. Presentations were given for the FYM in Iceland and the HYM in India in 2025. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, the AGM did not get through all the required business, which will now be dealt with in the World Meeting in Iceland 2025.

The evening gala was held in a very upscale basement restaurant, with traditional Swiss food, followed by a band and disco. Needless to say, the party made its way back to the hotel, where the last remnants left at 4.30am in morning after much networking.



All in all, an excellent HYM and thoroughly enjoyed by over 400 RT Family members especially the GB&I contingent, which also took part in the pre-tour organised by the Switzerland 41Club, look forward to seeing all travellers again in Iceland in May 2025.





Is It Ever Too Late?

Paul Cole, a member of Edgbaston Birmingham 41 club and a past member of both Thirsk (North Yorkshire) and Edgbaston Round Tables, thinks not.



Paul, throughout his life has always made time for sport and exercise, and when 55 years old, shortly after losing both his parents he met a man known affectionately as Blind Dave Heeley, whose inspiration prompted Paul to run the London Marathon and raise almost £6k for Macmillan Cancer Support. Shortly after, Dave invited Paul to run again in the London Marathon, this time for Guide Dogs. For Dave this was the final leg of an amazing 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days. Subsequently Paul ran 30 marathons in support of Acorns Children's Hospice a local charity.



In 2019 an experienced race cyclist suggested that Paul train and complete the Birmingham Velo a 103-mile closed road event. This appealed to Paul as he's always viewed road cycling as a very dangerous adventure and the thought of cycling in a traffic free environment was ideal. He duly purchased his first 'road bike' and only ventured out on the public roads five times before the first Velo, having trained for extended periods on gym-based spinning bikes. Whilst fit from his first ride he completed the 'Tour of Cambridge' and Yorkshire Velos.



The arrival of Covid caused most Velo type events to be cancelled and prompted Paul to look to a different sport for fitness -Swimming.





Throughout his life Paul had never learned how to swim a recognised stroke and he was determined to become a proficient freestyle swimmer. Thanks to Jon Cook, the father of his son-in-law, he'd found someone who would help him. Despite developing a good style and even with swimming three or four times a week Paul found his heart rate high and was only able to swim around about ten lengths continuously. Then it happened suddenly. Paul found himself being able to swim for over an hour without stopping. And effortlessly!

At around this time a close family member passed away and their wish was that the congregation at the funeral contribute to a charity called 'The Pituitary Foundation'.

Paul responded to this by setting up a charity page and completing three challenges before his 75th birthday namely:



An abseil from the top of Anfield Stadium



**The London 103 mile
Cycle Velo**



**A 5k (3.1 mile, 200 lengths)
Swimathon**

Paul successfully completed all three challenges.

Over the period from his first marathon Paul has raised over £40k.

Paul would be happy to attend other 41 Club meetings to talk about his experiences. He would do this for a small fee which he would pass on to the Pituitary Foundation.

For he's a jolly good fellow!



CAMBERLEY 41 CLUB REACHES THE SUMMIT OF AMBITION

At a recent Dinner Meeting, the Club proudly welcomed HARI BUDHA, the world's first double amputee to summit Mount Everest to give the after dinner speech.

As a former Corporal in the British Army's legendary Gurkha regiment, Hari lost both of his legs in Afghanistan following an IED explosion in 2010.

Not wanting disability to stop him, he has been continually working to positively transform the way people with a disability are perceived, and how they perceive themselves. In 2018, he joined forces with other climbers and disability organisations, and in 2023 successfully summited Mount Everest.



With this amazing achievement he is inspiring other people facing similar circumstances to believe anything is possible with the right mindset. Hari has blazed new trails for people with disabilities. He has kayaked around the Isle of Wight, completed multiple skydives, paraglided and bungee jumped, and is now embarked on completed his climbs of the highest mountain in all 5 continents.

His talk was humbling, emotional, and inspirational. Everyone was enthralled, and rightly so. Hari received a standing ovation driven by respect and awe for his achievements. His message that anything is possible if you fight off negativity and drive relentlessly to achieve your goal, was pertinent not just to people with physical disabilities but also to each and every one of us as we fight our own anxieties and self imposed barriers to success.

The Club presented Hari with a Donation of £300 to add to his fund assisting Disabled people to achieve a better life. To learn more go to Hari's website at <https://www.haribudhamagar.com>

Some 59 members and guests attended the evening, including our own members, friends, brother 41 Clubs members and several of Hari's comrades from the Royal Gurkha Regiment.



And unsurprisingly, Hari is good at Golf too. On the afternoon of the talk, Mike Mawtus, Mike Franzkowiak and Kaji Sherpa hosted him at the Top Golf Range. Would have been playing at Camberley Heath but we were sadly rained off.



XRT: Shirley Late Knights 41 Club Adapt their ways A divorce averted

Shirley Late Knights (SLK), as Shirley 41 Club are known, is a strong well attended club. We have about 50 members and at our last dinner meeting in November about 40 of them were there. We have numerous sub-groups, including walking football, golf, board gamers, drinking groups, dining groups, travelling groups, classic car clubs, train enthusiast groups and many more.

What we don't have is a steady flow of new members into SLK when they leave Shirley Round Table (SRT). So, our average age is gradually creeping up.

For over 50 years we have operated a subs system whereby we pay £150 a year for membership, and that includes all the usual capitation fees, but also six meal and speaker meetings per year. Everything else is on a pay-as-you-go basis. Many of us have thought that this is one of the strengths of the club- you have paid up front for your meal so you may as well go to the meeting. Hence 40 members out of 50 at our last meeting perhaps.

But there have always been members who thought that we should move over to pay-as-you-go, and with the changing nature of work for Tablers many of their members thought the same and have told us so.

Tablers leaving SRT have said that the major reason for not joining was the way we pay for six meals in our subs. Many in SLK thought that they might not want to join what they saw as an "Old Man's Club". One which they perhaps thought of as "just a dining club", even though in reality, it isn't. We, in SLK always felt that if they were to join, then they would get the same carry over of friendship in the long term that the rest of us have so much enjoyed.



**SLK Chairman., Alan Short with
Jan -Eric Andersen**

Because of their concerns about subs, some of those leaving SRT were proposing to set up a separate Shirley XRT club, a route that has now been sanctioned by 41 National. Many of SLK's members thought that the splintering of the XRT club from SLK would in the long run be good for neither group, even if they were a 41 Club affiliated organisation. We would drift apart. As everyone inevitably got older SLK would probably wither and eventually die. So, the committee of SLK came up with a proposal to adapt our existing rules, so that Shirley XRT should in effect be a part of the main SLK, but be organised in a partly independent way.

This was the proposal:

1. A single SLK club with an active Xtra night on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
 - 1.1 A new committee post will be created called X events organiser.
 - 1.2 All SLK members are welcome to attend these Xtra events nights.

1.3 X members are full members of SLK and can stand for any SLK committee posts.

2. X members can attend all SLK nights including meal nights on Pay as You Go basis.

2.1 Transferring to this PAYG membership will be open to any SLK member currently under 50 years olds (4 people) and any new ex-SRT joiners. Once on this PAYG membership they can stay on it permanently.

2.2 Dinner/speaker nights to be charged at full meal cost £27 + £2 towards speaker costs.

2.3 X annual subs to be £20 National + £10 local for SLK admin costs.

2.4 XRT members are under no obligation to attend meals nights, but hopefully they will.

Advantages:

- Continuing friendship between past Tablers old and new with a single route after Table
- Single Treasurer/ Secretary/ Beer Festival/ 4 Clubs liaison etc
- No conflict for Table over Honoraries/ Presidents/ support for Joint Table events
- New SLK members that previously did not join us

There was a very healthy discussion. Then, to allow those members to vote who were not able to vote in person, as they were away, we held a PollsEZ vote on WhatsApp.

There was an overwhelming vote in favour (33 for, 5 against and 7 abstentions).

What did we learn?

- 41 Clubs have to listen and adapt. Be flexible. The new ex-Tablers will eventually take over, so what do they want?
- In particular, listen to what the RT members retiring from RT are saying about why they won't join their 41 Club.
- See if you can address their concerns and avoid a divorce, perhaps by setting up a sub-group within the original 41 Club. We have conceded a 50-year-old practise. From the point of view of the SLK members this was not something to do lightly. But we have changed.
- Let everyone have a vote with PollsEZ.
- Keep the vote tight and directed to the proposal on its own, don't let it get subsumed into a general discussion about the future of the club. If needs be, make the point that any such discussions are appropriate to the AGM. Keep the two issues apart.

Will it be a success in the long term? We don't know, but the omens are good in that one past SRT member has already joined. And if it is a success, it will be good for SLK, SRT and those retiring from SRT.

Maybe worth thinking of doing something similar in your club?



2025
Tours abroad

Do you have a relative (aged 18-25) that would like a trip of a lifetime!!!!!! If so read on.

In 2024, GB&I hosted a YAP tour as well as being able to send 3 of our young people on tours to North & South India and South Africa.



In 2025, we will continue to be involved and have the opportunity to send young people that are relatives of 41ers on tours/programs as well as receive young people from other countries to GB&I to experience life here.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A YAP-PARTICIPANT

- You should be between 18 and 25 yrs old and a relative of a 41er.
- You will be asked to pay your flight ticket, your transfer and administrative fees.
- You should be capable of giving a presentation about your country in English and, in so doing, act as a young ambassador.

Before departure:

- Send all forms digitally to your National Convenor and to the International YAP Convenor. (Application, Guest letter including photo)
- Send Proof of Medical and Liability Insurance.
- Pay the administrative fee (in €)
- After your return, you are expected to deliver a report to your National Board and to your club.



Tours are available to North India, South India, South Africa, Nepal, Cyprus. At present the dates are only provisional but expected to be:

North India	13 July to 3 August
South India	20 July to 10 August
Nepal	23 July to 3 August
South Africa	22 August to 7 September
Cyprus	25 August to 8 September

If you have a relative that fits the requirements above and would like to apply to go on any of the tours please see more information on the YAP website <https://www.yap-exchange.org/> and email Andy Ventress GB&I YAP Convenor, yap@41club.org to express an interest.



Aviemore

National Conference 2025

24 – 27 April

Join us in Aviemore



It is with immense pleasure and anticipation that we extend a warm welcome to you for the National Conference of the 41 Club and Tangent Associations of Great Britain, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Aviemore.

As we gather in this picturesque setting, nestled within the heart of the Scottish Highlands, we embrace the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and celebrate the spirit of fellowship and the continued friendship that unites us.

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FORECASTER OF THE YEAR 2025

Save the date

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025

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!



Guest speaker
JAKE HUMPHREY

Find out more: stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com



JAKE HUMPHREY
TV PRESENTER, PODCASTER, ENTREPRENEUR

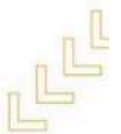
Kids TV took Jake around the world, including reporting from two Olympic Games, until in 2009 he became the face of F1 on the BBC. In 2013 he move to BT Sport, where for 10 years he hosted Premier League and Champions League football.

He is the co-founder and Director of an award winning production company - Whisper and hosts the hugely successful High Performance Podcast.

Jake is also a Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk and President of the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, the spin off charity of Norwich City FC.



41 Club



NSSW 2025 - Okehampton



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 Ashbury 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:

[NSSW 2025 Booking Details](#)

This is an event not to be missed!





Entries for the 2025 National Photographic Competition and Press Awards are now open.

**The deadline for entries is 9th
March 2025 and the winners
will be announced at the
Aviemore AGM**

Entries are invited for:

Photographic Competition

Members are invited to send their favourite photograph based on the theme,
The World Around You.

Entries to be sent to Comms@41club.org Please note that no more than two photos per entrant should be submitted. Closing date for entries 9th March 2025



The Best Club Newsletter – The David Smith Award

Entries are invited from Club Editors. Several Club Newsletters are regularly sent to the Comms and IT Officer and these will be automatically included for consideration by the judging panel. If your Club has a Newsletter that you wish to submit, please send 2 copies of your newsletter issued in the current 41 Club year for consideration to Comms@41club.org. Again, deadline for entries is 9th March 2025.



At the time of writing we are in the run-up to the festive season, so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As Boxing Day arrives so do adverts for holidays start to plague us on the television. Why not take a look at all the weekend events that 41 Club run for you throughout the year and enjoy a weekend break with like-minded men, their wives and partners and the odd four-legged friend or two for company. If you have read the newsletters and magazines, you will have noticed that the general theme at each and every event is Fun and Fellowship, which spill over with abundance with new friendships made and old ones rekindled.

If you want more than a weekend break then take a look at the Club Cruise or indeed any of their cruises on their website, sit back and let the Fred Olsen team take the strain as you enjoy your time aboard, but remember you can only get the discount by telephoning the office and quoting our group code; 41club5.

Of course, the jewel in the crown is National Conference, this year in Aviemore. You must have seen the adverts with the Hairy Coo popping up on Facebook in various guises - you can even book to go and meet one! And of course, with a weekend in Scotland there is a distillery tour. A great weekend of fun is planned and along with some lively debate at the AGM's it promises to be a great weekend.



If you are planning a holiday, we have affinity partners that can help you save money, such as Holiday Extras for all your needs at the airport or cruise terminal. As well as other things, you can buy some wine to take with you from The Four Walls Wine Company. We also have deals with various hotel groups for that weekend away or stop over on the way to your final destination.

As well as weekend breaks there are the Membership Regional Roadshows to help your Club grow and the President's Sportsman Dinners, again all listed on the Events page of the website.

The Fellowship events for 2025 are all open for bookings and can be found at www.41clubevents.co.uk

NSSW	Okehampton	6th to 9th February
National Conference	Aviemore	24th to 27th April
The Car Weekend	Norwich	6th to 8th June
Caravan Rally	Pentewan Sands	4th to 7th July (fully booked)
Motorcycle Weekend	Bournemouth	18th to 29th July
Club Cruise	French Rivers and Bordeaux	18th August 11 nights
Walking Weekend	Guernsey	2nd to 6th October

LAST-MINUTE SAILINGS



There's still time to escape this year on a relaxing cruise aboard one of our smaller ships.

Bolette and *Borealis* will head to the Canary Islands at Christmastime on island-hopping sailings full of festive cheer and winter sunshine, plus there'll be a chance to enjoy New Year's Eve fireworks in either Lisbon or Funchal.

Alternatively, you could opt to start 2025 with a journey in search of the magical Northern Lights or an exploration of cultures and landmarks in Spain and North Africa.

From sun-kissed sailings to immersive Arctic adventures, we have a great selection to choose from below.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & NORTHERN LIGHTS

Sails from Southampton
22nd Dec 2024 • 14 nights
Balmoral • L2437

Prices from **£1,699pp***

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IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Sails from Southampton
18th Jan 2025 • 15 nights
Balmoral • L2503A

Prices from **£1,199pp***
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DISCOVERING SPAIN & NORTH AFRICA

Sails from Southampton
5th Jan 2025 • 13 nights
Balmoral • L2501

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IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Sails from Portsmouth
1st Feb 2025 • 14 nights
Borealis • S2502

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Prices from **£8,499pp**
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& Sydney hotel stay
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Sails from Southampton
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WINTER WARMTH IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

Sails from Southampton
2nd Feb 2025 • 13 nights
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FESTIVE SPANISH BREAK

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12th Dec 2024 • 9 nights
Bolette • T2428

Prices from **£749pp***

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DISCOVERING SPAIN & MOROCCO

Sails from Portsmouth
15th Feb 2025 • 12 nights
Borealis • S2503

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CANARY ISLANDS CHRISTMAS & LISBON NEW YEAR

Sails from Liverpool
21st Dec 2024 • 14 nights
Bolette • T2429

Prices from **£2,399pp**

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RAINFORESTS & RUINS OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Sails from Southampton
15th Feb 2025 • 45 nights
Balmoral • L2504A

Prices from **£3,299pp***
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CANARY ISLANDS CHRISTMAS & FUNCHAL NEW YEAR

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21st Dec 2024 • 14 nights
Borealis • S2428

Prices from **£2,199pp**

[Find out more >](#)



41 Club

Experience the Extraordinary on a fully inclusive escorted group tour

The 41 Club are excited to announce that we have teamed up with the UK's leading touring specialist, Wendy Wu Tours. Offering extraordinary, fully inclusive-escorted group tours to Japan, China, Southeast Asia, India, Sri Lanka, Africa, Central Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America, your adventure with Wendy Wu Tours will be full of iconic highlights, hidden gems and authentic cultural experiences.

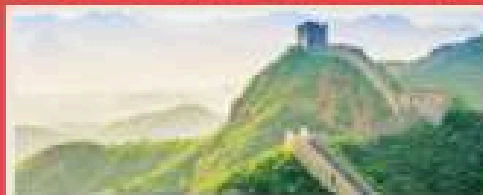
As a 41 Club member, you can enjoy an exclusive 5% discount on any tour featured in Wendy Wu's extensive collection. Visit wendywutours.co.uk to see their full range of tours.

**EXCLUSIVE
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Exclusive 5% off ANY Wendy Wu Tour for 41 Club members Here are just some of the most popular tours...

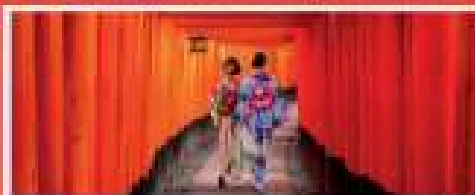
Tours include return flights, all hotels, all meals, expert guide, all transport in destination, all sightseeing & entrance fee



WONDERS OF CHINA

16-day fully inclusive tour
From £4,290pp

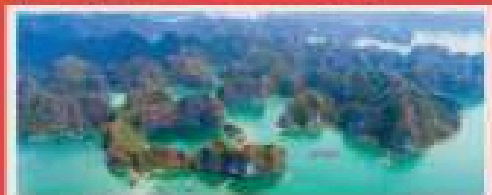
China is a land of many wonders – ancient and modern, natural and manmade. This is a comprehensive journey through China's most iconic sights, from the magnificent Great Wall to the mighty Yangtze River.



JAPAN UNCOVERED

17-day fully inclusive tour
From £7,590pp

This extensive Japan tour includes all the classic sights and key cultural activities. Featuring modern cities, historic sights and beautiful landscapes, this tour ensures you get the most out of your trip to this fascinating land.



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From £4,490pp

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Boost your spending power with discounts on supermarket shopping, high-street stores, DIY, motoring and family finance.

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What's on offer?

Online discounts: Discounts are available on a wide range of websites. In some cases you will need to quote a discount code when you checkout, whilst in other cases you will be directed to a site which has already had a discount applied. Instructions are shown each time you access an offer.

Reloadable cards: Save money on everyday shopping by purchasing discounted cards for your favourite stores. The reloadable card(s) will be sent to you by post and you can then top them up with a credit or debit card, by phone or online. The discount applies every time you top up, so for every £10 you top up you'll receive more than £10 on your card.

Discounted gift cards: Save money on traditional gift cards or e-gift cards by buying them at a discount to face value. We recommend ordering several vouchers at once or combining your order with reloadable cards.

Downloadable vouchers: Some of our suppliers provide downloadable vouchers, which you can print. Downloadable vouchers are most often used for leisure activities, such as theme parks and days out.

Cashback: We've teamed up with TopCashback to provide you with access to some fantastic cashback offers. Simply register with TopCashback through Wider Wallet, then use the TopCashback website to shop online. Your cashback will be credited to your TopCashback account and you'll also receive an introductory bonus for registering through Wider Wallet.

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from

The Comms & IT Team



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