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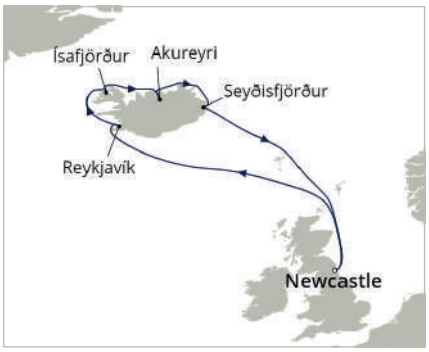
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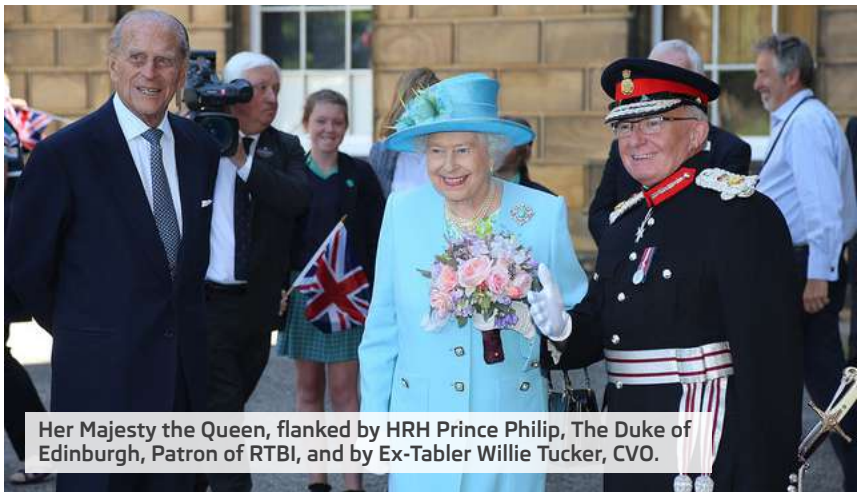
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Welcome

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Her Majesty the Queen, flanked by HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of RTBI, and by Ex-Tabler Willie Tucker, CVO.

This issue of the magazine is slimmer than normal because it includes a Members' Handbook. Our theme is value for money – by using the member benefits in the handbook and in this magazine you can recover the £14.50 per annum cost of national capitation many times over.

The Covid goal posts are moving once again. As a Board we stress the need to look after yourself and those around you, in your families and in your clubs. Mental health has gained more attention and deservedly so. At a National Level we are doing our utmost to facilitate your meeting with other members through the medium of on-line speaker evenings and other events. If your Club hasn't partaken in these yet, then lead the way – they are open to all members.

In our Summer Magazine we featured a story on the Zero Suicide Alliance and their free on-line training. At the risk of sounding like a broken record I encourage you all to undertake their free on-line awareness course at www.zerosuicidealliance.com

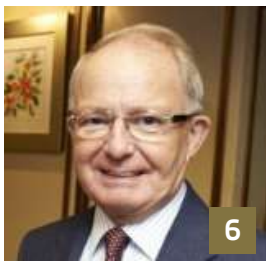
The '500 + 500 More' walkers are going from strength to strength in their fund raising for the National President's charity – Dementia UK. If you are looking to make a tax efficient donation using Gift Aid you can do so at https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterGood

Lastly, more and more clubs are using CAS2 to update and maintain their records. If you require assistance, please contact the National Councillor of your Region or come direct to me and we'll help you.

Last but not least, do please check out the proposal on page 10 for 41 Club to do more for the widows or partners of deceased members.

Keep safe.

Yours in Continued Friendship
Don Mullane, LOTS, National Comms & IT Officer







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Any Club seeking assistance in using Zoom to hold on-line meetings is encouraged to contact Mark House, the Honorary Webmaster, who would be happy to assist. His email is webmaster@41club.org

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A message from...

The President

Peter Good - National President

41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



After just starting to enjoy meeting a few clubs face to face on outside meetings; walks, treasure hunts etc., we are now back to further Covid restrictions. However, that doesn't mean we have to stop doing things, as I am sure Round Table didn't in the six years of hard times during the wars in the forty's, which must have been far worse than we are going through.



When I became President I said I wanted to raise the profile of 41 club and these circumstances we are going through now still give us an opportunity to do this. Wherever you live in the UK, your city, town or village will have a park or common land which over the past years local authorities have neglected because they say they haven't the funding, not that they are lazy.

We can still meet in groups of six outside in most areas but will be at different times, so why not approach your local town clerk and tell them your going to tidy a certain area up. This is two-fold it gets you guys to meet in small groups and gets you known in the community for helping and doing worthwhile work.

We also have "The Follicley Challenging Cookery Group", with members around the country cooking nice meals for themselves. Coming up to the festive season why not do a bit of research in the area where you live and find out if any old people are alone and take them a Christmas dinner round near Christmas or make them a Christmas cake.

That's just a couple of ideas from me, now let's hear some ideas from you members, I am sure you all have some so let's get out into our communities and make ourselves known, but at the same time always promoting the Round Table Family.

My Charity this year is Dementia UK; I am pleased to say that fund raising is still going well with donations from clubs still coming in and the 500+500 more walk sponsors money coming in.

I would like to congratulate all the 41ers that took part in the virtual London Marathon well done.

I am back on zoom meetings with clubs again now the summer break is over.

I know I wont be doing all the normal things a President does like charters or clusters etc but we can still have some fellowship and banter on the electronic platforms. I know Round Table are doing very well with it. I haven't had any membership figures yet but my own club have got three new members during lockdown. They have still been very active all the way through by different means; it's all about adopt, adapt and improve.

Our speaker nights and other activities on zoom will be starting up again soon and go through the winter.

Stay safe all but still keep in touch with your fellow members by any means you can, we have to look after each other.

YICF

Peter

Team 2020-21
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An update from Tangent Exec

Tangent Exec have used this 'bonus' year to work on developing a new Central Directory and administration system and to design a new website. We have also taken the opportunity of having a bit more thinking time to seek members views on how we take the Association forward.

In addition we have continued to meet via Zoom and to do everything needed to keep our Association running including obtaining new insurance cover, collecting capitation, putting together the directory and the magazine, the newsletter and Membership Matters, supporting clubs to affiliate and sadly dealing with disaffiliations, ordering brooches and jewellery, being active members of TCI, keeping in touch across the RT Family, working with Aviemore Conference Committee and dealing with queries and concerns of our members.

So lots of work going on behind the scenes.

We have also tried to host some online events to replace the lunches and events we are missing and have enjoyed a fund raising coffee morning and afternoon tea, two cocktail evenings where we demonstrated making cocktails to different groups which meant we each made (and unfortunately consumed) 6 cocktails during the evening! We held an online Malaysian BBQ, which turned out to be a good plan as the weather was not up to outdoor activities that day. Our Clubs have done what they do best – looking out for one another, making the opportunity to laugh together and do their bit in the community. We were just starting to see Clubs being able to meet with social distancing but the Rule of 6, local lockdowns and further restrictions on Covid safe venues has put this back on hold. Together and individually the Exec continue to try to join Club meetings by Zoom, which we really enjoy, and to support all members in whatever way we can.

So... we continue to plan for the best whilst preparing for the worst but really hoping that events in the Spring will be able to go ahead; always looking on the bright side.... though none of us are totally unscathed by this pandemic, we still have the support and friendship of the RT Family.

Until we meet again – take care.

The NATC Executive 2020-2021

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Ex-Tabler Willie Tucker retired as Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire

Author?

Past Chairman of Ilkeston 285 Round Table, Past Area Chairman of Round Table 14, and Past National Treasurer of RTBI (1984-85), Willie (as he is universally known) retired as Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire after 11 years in the office.

So what precisely is a Lord Lieutenant? They were first appointed to a number of English counties by Henry VIII in the 1540s, when the military functions of the sheriffs were handed over to them. Each lieutenant raised and was responsible for the efficiency of the local militia units of his county, and afterwards of the yeomanry and volunteers. He was commander of these forces, whose officers he appointed. These commissions were originally of temporary duration, and only when the situation required the local militia to be specially supervised and well prepared; often when invasion by Scotland or France might be expected. Lieutenancies soon became more organised, probably in the reign of Henry's successor Edward VI, their establishment being approved by the English parliament in 1550. However, it was not until the threat of invasion by the forces of Spain in 1585 that lieutenants were appointed to all counties and became in effect permanent. Temporarily abolished under Cromwell they were re-established following the Restoration. A Lord Lieutenant is the British monarch's personal representative in each county of the United Kingdom. The lieutenant's responsibility over the local militia was removed in 1871, however, it was not until 1921 that they formally lost the right to call upon able-bodied men to fight when needed. Until 1950 in Derbyshire the post was held principally by the Earls and Dukes of Devonshire. Lord Lieutenant is now an honorary titular position usually awarded to a retired notable person in the county.

Retiring from the post during lockdown was strange as rather than experiencing the busiest 6 months of his period in office, the last 6 months turned out to be six of the quietest for Willie.Two Royal visits planned for June, one by HRH The Duke of Gloucester and one by HRH The Countess of Wessex, were cancelled. And a farewell dinner for Willie and his wife, Jill, was similarly postponed. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire were to host a reception for the couple in the Painted Hall at Chatsworth a few days prior to his July retirement date.

'What we were really looking forward to was getting around the county and especially all the organisations with which we have been involved for the last 11 years, just to say our thanks and goodbyes,' Willie said.

In an interview for Derbyshire Life Magazine (to whom we are grateful in basing this report upon), Willie named the distribution of the Royal Maundy in Derby Cathedral in 2010 as the highlight of his term in office. 'It was a spectacular, wonderful day,' he says with pleasure. 'It was in my first year in office and after the event I had many letters from people thanking us for organising it and for inviting them. I always remember one of my Deputy Lieutenants saying, 'You do realise it's all downhill from now on. You will never better that!'

'It's the only major state occasion that is held outside of London or Windsor and it has for many years gone around the country to the different cathedrals. The choice is made by the Queen herself. It was a fabulous way for me to start.' He recalls with awe the choirs of the Chapel Royal; the presence of the Queen's bodyguard, the Yeomen of the Guard; the gold plating arriving from London. 'It was a day many people will look back on for many years.'

Few of us ever get to be in the company of the Queen for long periods, never mind have lunch with Her Majesty. I wonder, does it all seem a bit surreal at times? 'It certainly does,' he says emphatically. 'You have to keep pinching yourself. There have only been three Lord Lieutenants in Derbyshire in the past 43 years and I've had the great privilege of being one of them.

'It's a huge pleasure to do it. The Royals are all incredibly easy to deal with - they put you at your ease, every one of them. I've never lost sleep over a Royal visit but, nevertheless, you are on your toes all the time. My job, once I have done all the formal greetings and introductions, is to stand back and keep an eye on things and see that everybody is doing what they planned to do - and that nobody tries to introduce something at the last minute that was not programmed and approved by Buckingham Palace.'

He has hosted 44 visits for the Royal family and has 'nothing but the utmost admiration,' for the Queen. 'She really is quite an exceptional person. A very good boss!'

Another highlight for Willie was the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the Derbyshire Dales in 2014, when they visited the John Smedley factory at Cromford and went on to lunch at Chatsworth, hosted by the Duke and Duchess.

'On the day there was not a cloud in the sky. She saw Derbyshire at its very best,' Willie remembers. He hosted a drinks reception at lunchtime for all the leaders of the major charities in Derbyshire and says with warmth and admiration, 'The Queen and the Duke went around the Painted Hall and spoke to every one of them.

'The day she came, the streets were absolutely lined with people. She had particularly asked for a low-key arrival at Matlock Station and when we greeted her from the train with the Duke of Edinburgh and we were walking from the platform to the car park, I had to pre-warn her, 'Your Majesty, there are two thousand people waiting for you.'

'What she said to me was interesting, before we were in sight of everybody. 'The sad thing, Lord Lieutenant, is that none of them will look me in the eye. When we turn this corner, they will all have phones in front of their faces.' And when we turned the corner, that was all we could see – rows and rows of phones. And even when people were presenting her with flowers, they had the phone in the other hand! I've heard that said by other members of the Royal family since, in interviews on television. It's not a problem but it is an issue.'

Willie says that the Royal Family are known to love Derbyshire, something reinforced on the last Royal visit to the county, on the occasion of the severe floods before Christmas last year. 'The Prince of Wales came to visit some farmers in the Wye Valley who had been seriously affected by the flooding. He came to the kitchen table in the farmhouse for some tea and cake and to listen to the problems and try to help them as much as he possibly could,' Willie remembers.

'And when we arrived at the farm, he looked across the valley and remarked to me, 'This valley has such wonderful memories for me. I think I've walked every single inch of it in my younger days.' He used to spend a lot of time at Chatsworth; he knows the area and the county well and loves Derbyshire. They have been going to Chatsworth for many years - most of the Royals have been there at some stage.' He pays sincere tribute to the Devonshires as 'fantastic hosts and incredibly helpful to me and to the Lieutenancy.'

Derbyshire people are particularly appreciative of Royal visits, he observes. The Princess Royal has been here nine times, the Queen twice, plus a joint visit to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire which was held in the Market Square in Nottingham. Other highlights of Willie's time in office have been the big major services and events attended in London - for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, for instance, and the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Organising a Royal visit is a precision task in which nothing is left to chance. Everyone is meticulously timetabled and scheduled by the Lord Lieutenant's office and approved by the Royal Household before the royal personage actually arrives. It is a huge amount of detailed work, especially as a Royal visit can entail as many as four occasions in a day and up to 12 prior visits to organisations spread all over the county.

'The first is to give them the good news they have a royal visit, and then I leave them for a few weeks to get their mind around it. They're going to have a member of the Queen's family on their premises for an hour - what do they want to do in that hour? Then I go back and tell them what they can or can't do and we build a detailed timetable.

'We play it by the book and I think Derbyshire and the Derbyshire Lieutenancy has the reputation of getting it absolutely right. That goes a long way to securing as many Royal visits as we do.' There can be times of stress - a fogbound London preventing helicopter take-off on the morning of a visit to Derby by Princess Anne last September, for instance, bringing with it the possibility of either delay or, worse, cancellation.

'It's absolutely out of your control when something goes wrong with the travelling arrangements,' Willie says. 'You're trying to keep to the individual timetable, when the helicopter has a booked slot for flying back to London. Fortunately, within the hour we heard that it was able to take off, and the Princess was very happy to go ahead with everything as planned.'

In November the Queen appointed Willie a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. The investiture at Buckingham Palace was always going to be a great day, he reflects, but the discovery that the Queen would be presenting it herself made it even more exceptional. 'We didn't know until we stepped into the Palace, when the footman said, 'You've got the Queen today'. There she was and she was fantastic. Jill and I with our two daughters, Laura and Elaine, had a super day out.'

Jill has been at Willie's side for over 90% of his official functions. 'People love seeing Jill. She has been fantastic and we've loved doing it. Not many people get the role; there's a fair amount of hard work involved but we have certainly enjoyed doing it. I hope people will look back and say: 'They didn't change over 11 years; they remained approachable.' It's been an honour and a privilege.'

Willie has been patron or president of 26 organisations or fundraising appeals in the county over the past 11 years. Notably, he has been President of Derbyshire Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (RFCA) and of East Midlands RFCA; Patron of Marie Curie Cancer Care (Derbyshire); President of the County Show; President of SSAFA (Derbyshire); Patron of the Royal British Legion (Derbyshire); Governor of Repton and Foremarke Schools; Life Patron of Kinder Children's Choirs of the High Peak; President of the Dalesmen Male Voice Choir; Patron of RELATE; Chairman of Derbyshire Magistrates Advisory Committee; Chairman of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Magistrates Advisory Committee; Patron of Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, President of the Army Benevolent Fund and President of Council of St John Ambulance (Derbyshire). For the past two years, he has also been Lead Lord-Lieutenant in Magistracy matters for the whole of England and Wales. He will step down from all these on retirement.

'It's brought me into contact with some fabulous people,' Willie says. Willie expressed his pleasure that he would be succeeded in the lieutenancy by a woman - Liz Fothergill – the first woman in 400 years of history. 'Wonderful' says Willie, 'Jill and I wish Liz and her husband Richard every possible success.'

Willie was quick to point out that he has "never held the dizzy heights of Chairman of Ilkeston 41 Club".

Regrettably Ilkeston 41 Club disaffiliated from 41 Club in 2015. Perhaps this article and the article on "What has National Ever Done for Us?" on the following page will lead Ilkeston to reconsider that decision and to join the clubs who are choosing to reaffiliate – if only to read this article on Willy!



What has affiliation to National ever done for us?

Author

What has affiliation to National ever done for us? (with apologies to Monty Python)

They've bled us white, the b******s. They've taken everything we had, well £14.50 per member per year. And what have they ever given us in return?

Continued friendship opportunities at regional, national and international events.

Oh yeah, yeah they gave us that. Yeah. That's true.

And national events such as the classic car weekend:

Oh yes... the classic car weekend.

All right, I'll grant you that the regional, national and international events and the classic car weekend are two things that National have done...

And the national motorcycle weekend...

Well yes obviously the national motorcycle weekend... the national motorcycle weekend goes without saying. But apart from the regional, national and international events and the classic car weekend and the national motorcycle weekend...

National camping and caravanning weekends

national dinners.....national sports and social weekends....national conference...

Yes... all right, fair enough...

And cruise holidays (at discounted rates)...

Oh yes! True!

Discounts on shopping and utilities!

Yeah. That's something we'd really miss if we disaffiliated.

All right... all right... but apart from;

- continued friendship opportunities at a regional, national and international level,
- national events such as classic car weekends,
- motorcycle weekends,
- camping and caravanning weekends,
- national dinners,
- national sports and social weekends,
- national conference,
- cruise holidays at discounted rates,
- discounts on shopping,
- discounts on insurance,
- discounts on hotel stays,
- a monthly newsletter,
- a magazine 3 times a year,
- contact at a National and international level with other members of the Round Table Family of Clubs (most important perhaps for those 41 clubs which no longer have their own feeder Table),
- this year a programme of national speakers on Zoom,
- social media opportunities,
- the potential to advertise services to other members,

What has affiliation to National done for us? **Gotten Barry Durman elected as International President!**

Your National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer has perhaps a better answer to the question.....

By joining a 41 Club which is affiliated to the Association of Ex-Round Tablers Clubs, you are remaining part of the Round Table Family and this is the way we 'aged out' Tablers can continue to be part of the future of this wonderful organisation which has given so much to our communities and allows us to continue to develop the friendships established in our time in Round Table

'The best thing is that from that relatively small cost of membership £14.50 per year (about 1/3 pint of ale a month) you are helping to assist our membership teams in supporting RTBI in opening new and re-opening 'resting' tables across the country so a whole new generation of young like-minded young mencan enjoy the fellowship & friendship we enjoyed whilst being of service to their local communities.

We have many of our fellow 41 Clubs across the country actively involved in the opening and reopening of Round Tables in their local areas.

I'll leave you with one of my favourite proverbs:

"A society grows great when old men plant trees, whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Your Experience of Member Benefits

You are hopefully all aware that membership of 41 Club entitles you to special discounts from various organisations but how many of you have looked into benefiting from these discounts?

When we emailed members recently regarding the imminent withdrawal of the Halfords 10% discount (which is now gone, albeit Steve James is working hard to get it reoffered) Steve James was deluged with applications for it – more than had been received in the year to date.

The reality of the discounts is that it's not just on the big things you can benefit, although the discounts on cars and on cruises (see the two adverts featured in this issue but the discounts are available on ALL Fred Olson cruises) are certainly large enough to cover your national capitation cost (currently £14.50 per member) for many years, you can also save money on your day-to-day shopping too.

In the following example, a member is referring to his weekly supermarket shopping; if you spend over £365 in a supermarket (in total – not in one go!) you will have saved enough to cover the cost of your national capitation assuming 4% saving.

Of course, your saving doesn't end after you've saved £14.50 – it goes on and on for as long as you use the scheme. Wise up chaps – do take advantage of the benefits available, a list of which are itemised in the Members Handbook enclosed with this magazine.

New benefits are being added regularly and will feature in the forthcoming Members-Helping-Members section of the website. Also below is a letter from John Bellwood, past National President and Past 41 International President, extolling the benefits of the car discounts.

YiCF,
Don Mullane

I am writing to confirm my thanks for pointing out the benefits of the Wider Wallet use of storecards for the likes of M&S, Sainsburys, Tesco and others. As you are aware, my wife is an accountant. We were previously using similar loyalty schemes from CIMA [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants], and one from the CSMA [Civil Service Motoring Association], but she prepared a spreadsheet comparing the relative discounts and the one offered through 41 Club and Wider Wallet is the most generous for the stores we use! So we have swapped to the 41 Club scheme – for us it's a no brainer! We have also found loading money on to the Sainsburys and Tesco cards is much quicker, even at weekends. The Sainsbury's card also carries a QR code so you are able to scan and instantly read your balance which is certainly an advantage.

YiCF,
Martin Manuel

Gentlemen,

I am often asked what benefits we receive as members of 'National'. It is a very good question.

One benefit I can recommend is 41 Club's membership of the Affinity Scheme run by Hyundai, a leading motor manufacturer in South Korea. (41 Club members also attract a discount with Fred Olsen cruises). Large discounts are available. My wife, Helen, bought a Hyundai iX20 two years ago and I took delivery of a Hyundai Kona Hybrid last month. See picture attached. With the Affinity discounts, both vehicles are even better value for money and we are delighted with them.

When I mentioned the Affinity Scheme to the local Hyundai garage in Gloucester, they said that they have a number of satisfied customers who are members of 41 Club and Tangent. They are from Gloucester 41 Club and Newent 41 Club and the respective Tangents and no doubt from many more in the area.

YICF,

John Bellwood





Sparrowhawk Attack!

The 41 Club and Tangent National Photography Competition

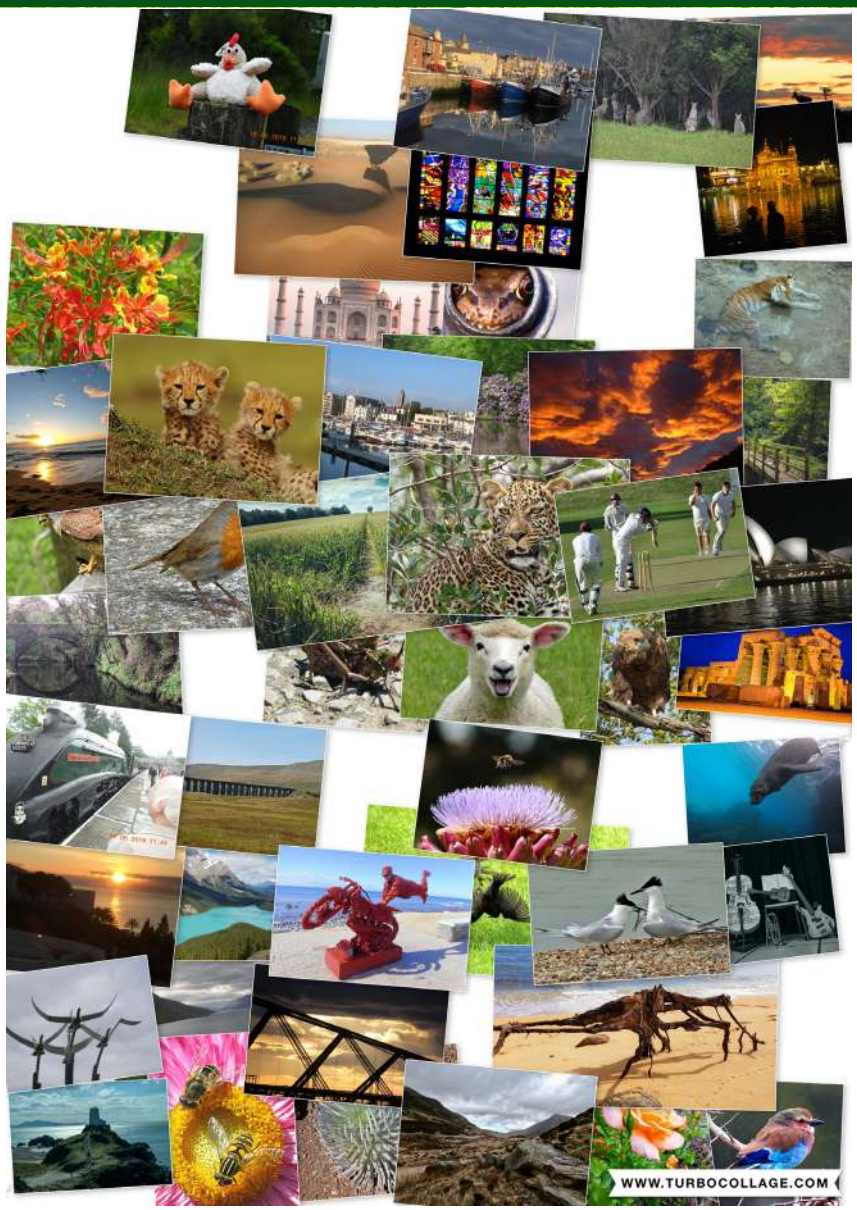
What a talented lot you are – the entries to the 2020 41 Club & Tangent National Photography Competition were by and large excellent

One worthy winner emerged, which you can see above and on the front cover of the Members Handbook which accompanies this magazine.

The winning photographer was David Hewitt of Whitchurch 41 Club.

All other entries were a close second – and a selection of them will go on to feature in the 2022 41 Club and Tangent Charity Calendar (the 2021 Calendar has been cancelled as it is not possible to visit clubs to sell them). [The other media competitions are still being judged as we go to press.]

Other notable entries are shown on the right:





A Proposal to care more for Widows or Partners

Don Mullane, National Communications & I.T. Officer

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You will always be able to see the latest version and the full details of our Plain Sailing Guarantee on our website.

I am canvassing for your opinions on the following, so please assist me by providing your feedback on this.

The worst part of being National Comms & I.T. Officer is amending the CAS records when 41 Club is informed of the death of a member.



At that point emails and magazines to the member cease. It got me thinking that whilst many, if not most, 41 Clubs are highly supportive of any surviving widow or partner left behind when a member dies, it sadly isn't always the case due to clubs closing and other factors.

The vast majority of widows or partners are not in Tangent. I thought it would be good if we, as an Association, could offer ongoing support to our members widows or partners. Simple things like continued access to our member benefits discount schemes, and continued receipt of the magazine and newsletters. Perhaps also regionally organised events – recognising that not all widows and partners are invited to Ladies Nights, Christmas meals or Summer barbeques and the like.

I see it as not just a service to them but a service to you our members that you might take comfort and assurance that your widow or partner would be looked after in some small way after you have died; I see it as a service that you know that whatever happens to you in the future, 41 Club will provide some support for their loved ones.

It sounds simple and ultimately it is but it might require rule changes to effectively create a new class of membership or similar – hence I am enquiring if there exists a sufficient mandate to progress this idea.

So, if you are supportive of 41 Club adopting such policies please let me know by emailing comms@41club.org – the cost would be minimal, but I believe the appreciation would be great. If you are opposed to the idea or have reservations or queries, please advise in a similar vein.

Thank You.



Hugh Milward will be stepping down as Honorary Archivist at the end of the current 41 Club year.

Any member interested in succeeding Hugh in the role is invited to contact the Honorary Secretary, Bernard Elwen, for further information.

The Role of the Honorary Archivist

Hugh Milward, Honorary Archivist

Introduction
As the Honorary Archivist for 41 Club, I have been asked to put a short article together on what my role actually does.

The job that the Honorary Archivist does for The National Association, roughly falls into three areas; maintaining the Archives of 41 Club, assisting Clubs and individual Members with enquires about the past and maintaining our "Book of Remembrance" on our Website.

In addition, there is the job of maintaining our 41 Club Archive Room at Marchesi House, were items that cannot be scanned into electronic storage are kept and put on display.

Let's have a look at the electronic storage side of the role first.

Documentation
The preferred method for storage for all AGM, Board, National Council Agendas and Approved Minutes is SharePoint within the 41 Club email system. Here documentation from the early days to the present is kept. Hard copies before the advent of electronic documentation, has all been scanned along with Affiliation Lists, Charters (where issued) and other similar documents.

Other lists are kept of Association Award Holders, Honorary Life Members and Citations.

Magazines and Newsletters
These give a very good indication of what has gone on within the Association at any given time and as well as electronic copies being stored, a full set of hard copies of the Magazine are kept at our Archive Room at Marchesi House. The Magazines contain photographs which are very useful in identifying past members, Club Chairman and Officers of the Association in any given year as we are an Association of Clubs, not members.

National Conference and National Events
Hard copy folders of information on past National Conferences and past National Events such as the Classic Car Rally are kept at our Archive Room. As Archivist I am always on the lookout for items such as menu cards, table plans, flags, badges, programmes, brochures etc., for the many events (even more so now) that take place throughout the year.



Miscellaneous Items
I also look after other items which are usually stored in the Archive Room, such as past President's Scrapbooks and Photograph Albums, tapes, CD's, Past President's Banners, Jewels and Gifts (received or given) and any other item that may be of interest such as a framed signed copy of the first meeting of The Association.

Our 41 Club Candelabra, Hand of Friendship are all stored in the Archive Room and now that the Loving Cup has been located, it may well return to it's original home!

There is even a collection of 41 Club ties!

Also held are copies of any books related to 41 Club as well as a full set of current "Platinum" Jewels in a display case.

There are a couple of card index boxes from the early days of 41 Club showing hand written cards when Clubs were first affiliated.

The photo graphs accompanying this article show the display cases in the Archive Room.

So what about helping individual Clubs and Members?

Enquiry Service to Members
Clubs usually contact me about their past when a special Charter is due, asking about their Affiliation Date and first Officers etc. I can usually find a funny story about the early days of their Club by searching past Magazines. This is also useful for the National President when giving a speech to have such information when visiting Clubs.

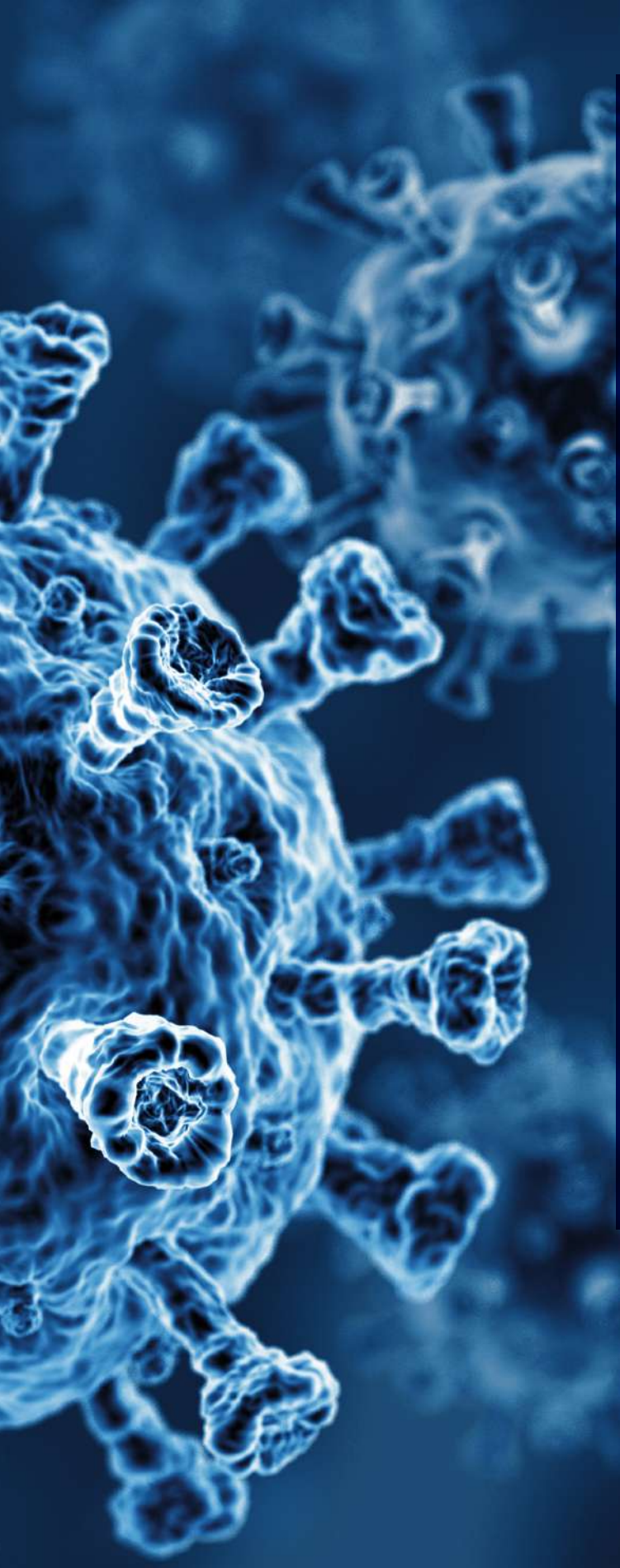
One of the sad things are requests on past Round Table documentation, but as they do not fall within my remit I am unable to help. My understanding is that Round Table does not have an Archivist which is a pity.

The third area is unfortunately all about Obituaries.

41 Club Book of Remembrance
As the Archivist, I receive all Obituary emails addressed to obits@41club.org following which I keep a record of all that I receive and place them along with Photographs, in chronological order on our Website under our Book of Remembrance. I also keep a list of Names and Clubs of those members who have passed away (including those who do not necessarily send in a full Obituary) and pass these on to the 41 Club Communications Officer for inclusion in the respective edition of our Magazine three times a year.

I always reply to the sender of any Obituary acknowledging receipt and offering condolences to the Club from the Association as well as from myself.

I hope you have enjoyed this little insight into the role of the 41 Club Honorary Archivist of which I have had the privilege and pleasure of holding for the past seven years.



Covid Tracker App

Arthur Spencer, a member of London Old Tablers' Society, and a Rotarian, invites all 41ers and their families, to join in with Rotarians and support this important research into Covid-19.

With the co-operation of Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals, and the US Company Zoe, King's College, London has developed a Covid Tracker app, which has a reported 1.5 million UK regular users and up to a further 3 million have downloaded the app. With the resurgence of the virus in the UK, and with winter just round the corner, more users of the app are sought who will provide daily reports on their health. It would be valuable if all 41-ers and their families were to subscribe to the app and report daily.

Users create an account, provide limited personal information including age, sex at birth, height, weight, residential location, pre-existing health conditions, habits such as smoking. Users report daily on whether and what symptoms of Covid -19 they have. .... including fever, persistent cough, fatigue, breathlessness, loss of smell or taste, hoarseness, chest pain, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, drowsiness and confusion, and lack of appetite or unusual symptoms such as loss of smell etc. If the symptoms match those of patients testing positive in your locality, you are advised to get a test yourself. The aim is to gauge the distribution of the virus, identify rapidly any hot-spots in incidence and detect new symptoms. Loss of smell as a symptom was first detected this way. The information is then aggregated and compared to the number of cases, symptomatic and non-symptomatic in your locality.

To make this data actionable by the NHS, a secure, anonymised data pipeline has been established to deliver contributor information from the COVID Symptom Tracker app into the NHS via BREATHE – the Health Data Research Hub for Respiratory Health and SAIL Databank at Swansea University, supported by Health Data Research UK. This can support the effective deployment of the limited NHS resources such as healthcare personnel, testing kits or ventilators to where they are most likely to be needed.

You can join by downloading the app https://covid.joinzoe.com/

The app is also available to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play from the links at covid.joinzoe.com.

Daily symptom maps etc available via https://covid.joinzoe.com/blog



Hoylake & West Kirby (HaWK) 41 Club and Round Table Mountain Mission!

Rory Tompsett, Region 12 National Councillor

As National Councillor for Region 12, I am lucky to have a great relationship with my Round Table Equivalent for RTBI Region 7 National Councillor Shaun Stanton (still doesn't make sense why we don't just have the same Regions between the Clubs? – but that's a debate for another day....Ha!)



We decided to join HaWK Round Table and the newly reformed HaWK 41 Club on their Mountain Mission to climb Moel Siabod and spend some quality time getting to know what makes both Clubs tick.

We met up at Capel Curig just in time to bag the last couple of Car Parking Spaces – The Police & Traffic Wardens are a bit keen in Snowdonia of late!

The Walk was a beautiful initial stroll across a bridge and pinch point of the two lakes of Llynnau Mymbyr up through the woods – and then a meandering rocky path with some stunning views opening up – as we climbed higher the temperature quickly dropped, along with some light rain - for some the Short Trouser Option which seemed oh so appropriate in the warmth of the valley, all of a sudden became incredibly inappropriate! Ha! We soldiered on and after a very rocky final scramble the Summit was reached! We took shelter in a long standing rock built ring of stones, grabbed a quick bite and coffee before the obligatory Moel Siabod Summit Pic!

The youngsters shot off like rockets whilst some of the more mature Team (including me!) took their time and savoured all that the Snowdonia could offer withs its rugged beauty.

The main benefit of a day out like this was the opportunity for intimate conversations and having the undivided attention of the different guys in the group.



What I have learnt on my Round Table/41 Club Journey is every RT/41 Club has a different dynamics, reasons and motivation – for some it's the warmth and intimacy of a known group of established friends to meet and just chew the fat and fan the flames of long term friendships – for other Clubs it's the cut and thrust of new activities, new friends and Community engagement – and for some it's a blended mix. There is no One Size fits all and that's what makes it so interesting to get to know as many Clubs as I (& Shaun) can. Its an opportunity for us to share ideas and thoughts on what works with other Clubs and also what we can learn to share from the Club we are visiting.



Spending time with the guys in HaWK RT & 41 Club its clear they are a great bunch of guys who have close affiliations between both Clubs and use each other for mutally beneficial support.

They are located right at the tip of the Wirral Penninsula so it was my feeling that perhaps they may feel a little detached form the rest of Area 36/ Region 7 / Region 12 - but with the benefit of Social Media and Technology and when this pesky pandemic calms down - I am sure that can rectified to feel a bit more Area & Regional Love! Ha!



What is in encouraging is the energy and enthusiasm which naturally exudes from the guys in both Clubs and Shaun and I came away reassured that Round Table/ 41 Club is alive and well and Rocks in Hoylake & West Kirby!



Metty Runs Away From Home!

Author?

Duncan Metcalf 57½ years old and a Past Chairman of and member of Blackburn Greys 41 Club had signed up to run the London Marathon this year.

Along with many others he was very disappointed to learn that it would not go ahead due to the coronavirus restrictions and didn't want to let all his training go to waste. So he was relieved to find that he could still run the marathon virtually. Duncan decided to do this and the only question then was where to run and what route to choose. Duncan wanted to choose an equally iconic venue for his virtual marathon and so decided to set off from Blackpool Tower. So on the day of the marathon his wife Emma dropped him off outside the tower on the promenade and waived him off.





Duncan then ran along the highways and byways of West Lancashire proudly displaying his race number of 18804. Being a true ex-tabler he ran to a pub – the Pig and Whistle at Lea near Preston - where he was joined by his son Oscar. This was the halfway point and the pair then ran the final 13 mile leg back to Duncan's home at Langho – just outside Blackburn. Duncan's time for the run was a shade under 5 hours – it is not recorded how long he spent in the pub! Emma reports that he was still smiling at the end. Duncan reports that Oscar arrived back as fresh as a daisy.

Oscar now lives in Royal Leamington Spa since 2019 after living in Henley in Arden. He had made good friends in the area playing for his local football team, Claverdon United FC and at his local Crossfit Gym – which probably explains why he found the running so easy. It is not known how badly Duncan took to being shown up by him at the end of the marathon run but he is now as proud as Punch to see that Oscar has been inducted to Leamington & District Round Table 164. However, that should make it more difficult to maintain his fitness! Oscar's first job in Table is to organise the Christmas sleigh, which Duncan comments will be a "a baptism of fire for sure" – it certainly will be this year Duncan.

All of us here at Region 5 want to welcome Oscar to the Round Table (and 41 Club) family to enjoy many happy years of fun, fellowship and friendship, raising money and giving up his time, all for worthwhile causes and to express our admiration for his 'old man' Duncan who in true 41 Club style did a proper job of the London Marathon. Very well done father and son!



WACWAC
Wallington and Carshalton Whisky Appreciation Club



Peter McBride, Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club and Region 24 National Councillor

Like every other 41 Club, Wallington & Carshalton have members who have developed a discerning palate for the finer (and not-so-finer) aspects of alcohol over their years in Round Table and 41 Club Associations. I know many of you will be shocked at this revelation!

Four years ago following 'active procrastination' a number of us decided to form an informal Whisky Appreciation Club to meet, taste and share our enjoyment of the 'uisque beatha' – Gaelic for 'water of life'.

We combined our 41 Club name with the purpose of the whisky club – and the 'Wallington and Carshalton Whisky Appreciation Club' (WACWAC' for short) was born and a wonderful adventure into the whiskies of the world began! With initials like this, of course our emblem had to be a duck!

Each meeting has a whisky 'theme' or have whiskies from a specific country. We pay £25 each time and the monies enable us to taste unusual and quality whiskies we would never taste on their own. Whiskies are purchased from a range of website sources but mainly from the Whisky Exchange https://www.thewhiskyexchange.com/ and Master of Malt https://www.masterofmalt.com/ websites.

"There is more history, geography and geology in a bottle of whisky than in all the textbooks in the world" – Anon

History of whisky

There are varying claims to who actually 'invented' whisky.. the process of distillation was practised by the Babylonians back 2,000 BC with perfumes and aromatics being distilled. There were chemical distillations by Greeks in Alexandria around 1,000 AD and medieval Arabs adopted the distillation techniques in the 9th century, but again these were not distillations of alcohol. (What a waste of effort!).

Distillation of alcohol occurred in Italy in the 13th century, where alcohol was distilled from wine and its use spread through medieval monasteries, chiefly used for medicinal purposes, being prescribed for the preservation of health, prolongation of life, and for the relief of colic, palsy and even smallpox. This is thought to have created the name for whisky being 'the water of life". Distillation was finally adapted to fermented mashes of cereals in countries where grapes were not plentiful.

Legend has it that St Patrick introduced the art of distillation to Ireland in 5AD, having acquired the knowledge in Spain and France but realistically it wasn't until around 1500 that whisky started being produced in Scotland and a hundred years later in Ireland.

"Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whisky is barely enough" – Mark Twain

Up until the 1700s Scotland's whisky production was individual, small and irregular with no brands – whatever came out of the farms' distilleries was individually labelled and sold. The local grocers & merchants however wanted consistency and regular supplies – their names are now well known, including Johnny Walker, George Ballentine, Robert Haig and others. These became the famous brands and welded influence for quality blended whiskies.

To be labelled whisky, it must be matured for 3 years in oak barrels and be a minimum 40% ABV (alcohol by volume) – and to be labelled 'Scotch' and has to be produced in Scotland.

Scotch whisky today

Whisky is a huge industry within Scotland and employs 10,000 people employed directly, with 60,000 dependant upon whisky for a living. In 2019 its 130 distilleries contributed over £4.9 billion in exports – around 85% of all Scottish food and drink exports.

At any one time, at least 20 million barrels of whisky are maturing in warehouses throughout Scotland (if only we knew where?)! A staggering 90% of all whisky sales are to the export market but tragically 77% of the cost of a bottle of whisky sold in the UK is tax.. Ouch!

WACWAC today

Over the last four years, WACWAC members have observed, smelt, tasted, discussed, rated and enjoyed 60 different whiskies from 15 different countries far and wide – not just the traditional producers but also from countries you'd never think produced whisky including India, Belgium, France, Australia, Taiwan, England, Israel and Switzerland!

"What whiskey will not cure, there is no cure for" – Irish proverb

We each rate the whiskies out of a maximum of 20 points with 5 points for Nose, Taste, Finish and With water and calculate an average rating. There is no right or wrong score of course – every palate is individual! Our league table 'top ten' is below – the full league table can be found on our website.





Ashby 41 Club
County Tops of England Challenge

Hugh Milward, Treasurer Ashby de la Zouch 41 Club

As our National President Peter is a member of our Club, our Chairman Andy Moss wanted to support Peter and his Charity during his extended term of office.

Tossing ideas around the club last week and trying to think of something that will fall in line with Covid19 restrictions, it was noted that the total number of hills and peaks in England amounted to the magic number of 41!

The historic county tops of England are a diverse bunch. They range in height from just 80 metres at Boring Field, Huntingdonshire to 978 metres on Scafell Pike in Cumberland. Some such as Bushey Heath in Middlesex are in urban surroundings which can be reached within yards of a road while others are remotely situated and require long walks to reach them. Some are on flat ground with a summit hard to establish and some are pretty obvious.

So having worked up the idea of visiting the tops of all 41 hills and peaks during President Peter's year, the Ashby 41 Club TOPS Challenge is being planned.

In true Table style, initial discussions took place as to how we can raise money for Peter's charity as well as having fun!

So we plan to take a life size cut out of Peter to the top of each hill or peak where Peter is unable to accompany us for the obligatory photograph to prove we have climbed to the top.

As to raising money, the initial thoughts were just to seek sponsorship from friends and families as well as any major sponsor we can find. We may well do this, but taking into account current Green issues the plan is to collect litter on the way up and down and then for "Joe Public" , friends and family to how much bags or weight of the litter we collect after climbing all 41 tops via a raffle book. We already have a great prize for the winner which has already been donated.

We also want to involve other clubs in the litter pick once we have worked out the details so please keep an eye out for the 41 Club Newsletters.

Andy is pulling a committee together from Club members and as you can see we are still at the planning stage, so please watch this space for further information on the ASHBY 41 CLUB TOPS CHALLENGE via the 41 Club Newsletter and Magazine.



The WACWAC has grown to 12 members and prior to the lockdown, we rotated the host venue between members' homes but in recent months we have held virtual tastings. We order and deliver tasting sets of five different whiskies in 5cl bottles to every member and taste them together on a Zoom call.

Descriptions of the whiskies tasted and ratings along with some good links to whisky links can be found on our website www.wacwac.co.uk – feel free to peruse at your leisure.

I confess that the frequency of our WACWAC meetings have increased during lockdown times – but no-one seems to be complaining!

Pos	WACWAC Whisky Ratings League Table	Avg. rating
1	**Yellow Spot** 12 yo	16.75
2	**Talisker 2003** 11 yo Distillers Edition	16.67
3	**Bushmills** 21 yo	16.60
4	**Glengoyne 1996** 21 yo	16.44
5	**Miltonduff** 21 yo	16.25
6	**Inchmurrin** 18 yo	16.25
7	**Amrut Intermediate Sherry**	16.14
8	**Glen Scotia** 18 yo	16.00
9	**Bowmore** 15 yo	15.75
10	**Starward Tawny** single malt	15.56



PERT - Rule of 6

With Six members in Past Epping Round Tablers 41 Club, The rule of six means that we can still meet face to face, despite the problems we are facing at the moment

With two of our number being vulnerable and deciding to opt out of the pot luck supper, we invited a wife and a girlfriend to join us to enhance the company and to improve the quality of the meal. The idea of a pot luck supper is that one couple organise the starters, one the main course and the other the dessert. Tom and Sarah, well Sarah prepared a fantastic dressed crab with prawns for starters, Ronnie, who was hosting, treated us to Shepherds pie, green beans and broccoli and as the Conways had a 140 mile drive to get there, they had to be creative, so nipped into Tesco for Magnums to precede a luxury cheese board that was accompanied by a fine port. So that those that couldn't attend didn't feel left out, we skyped with them so that they felt a part of a club built on years of friendship. Next month, Government permitting, we are having a Halloween get together.

(from left to right: Jim Conway, Vicky Conway, Ronnie Fern, Sarah Woodrow, Tom Smith and Simon Read)

Wider Wallet

41 Club
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So what is Wider Wallet?

Wider Wallet is an exciting employee discount site, providing **41 Club** members with privileged access to a tempting package of discounts and benefits.

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Sign up today to make the most of your member benefits!



Remembering absent friends

Please continue to submit unlimited length obituaries and multiple photographs to **obits@41club.org**.
They will appear in "The Book of Remembrance" on our website within seven days of receipt.
www.41club.org/remembrances/index

Members of the Association's National Council offer their sincere condolences to the families and Clubs of the following members. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Joe Hogg
Leyland

Peter Wood
Stoke on Trent Wedgwood

David Brocklehurst
Stoke on Trent Wedgwood

Rod Budgett
Chingford & Woodford

Jeremy Howard
Derby 16

Chris Shore
Littlehampton

Mary Howard
Newton Abbot Tangent

Noel Porter Smith
Atherton & Tyldsley

Manoj Nagrani
Gibraltar

Vince West
Cheshunt

Tony Mace
Wythall

David Short
Leicester St Martin's

Dennis Miller
Wakefield

Roy Dobson
Rotherham

David Cakebread
Littlehampton

Nigel Sturgeon
Daventry

Brian Curson
Rotherham

Richard Frost
Minehead & West Somerset

Macrae McLusky
Wotton-under-Edge

Henry Harries
Aldridge

Paul Cliff
Cannock

John Searl
Somerton

Mike Fitzpatrick
Nene

Peter Robinson
Nene

William Berry
Avalon

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Stephen Capper
Stone

Neil Harries
Aldridge

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Barry

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