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This issue focuses on our connection with Scouting: Scouting is a great movement and many of our members, and Tablers have Scouting backgrounds. This episode highlights the story of a handful who have come forward in response to my request for their experiences but there are many many more out there who help and contribute but remain silent. More importantly there are many out there who might be willing to contribute to Scouting but have simply never been asked – well that's all changed now because I am asking you to contribute.

You don't need to abseil off a cliff (although you can if you want to!) but if you have administrative or accounting skills you can help your local scout group all the same. There's a Scout poster for adult recruitment which says Do More / Share More / Be More – does that remind you of anything? The Round Table slogan is #DoMore – 41 Club now says #ContinuingToDoMore ; you can perhaps see the parallels. Scouts of today are the potential Tablers of tomorrow and the potential 41-ers in due course. So let's make a positive difference whilst we can.

It's not just about Scouts though – we also highlight in this issue Marcus forthcoming trip to the Himalayas, Santa's sleighs, yachting help and Market Harborough's laptop appeal. PLUS more info on 41 Club Connects and lots more including news of the planned 41 Club's Big Weekend in October.

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







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A message from...

The President

Peter Good - National President

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Well! That's been a different year. No need to dress up, no dry-cleaning bills, no aftershave, no shouting at Lesley because shirts are in the wash. In all, a very casual year.

Everything has happened from the comfort of my home, which as the wife says, I didn't appreciate until lockdown because I was never in it.

My PLC had such a fantastic year planned all of which had to be cancelled except the 75th Gala Dinner, which will hopefully go ahead on 3rd October (see The 41 Club Big Weekend).

The first few weeks of the first lockdown I was on the phone on a daily basis to my PLC chairman, Marcus Jones. I said I must find some way to stay in touch with the membership, so we did "a Questions to the President" on Zoom. Then Marcus said "let's get some speakers lined up", and so from then on his wealth of knowledgeable contacts proved very useful, as they were all willing to talk to us about their various experiences and the positive ways of dealing with problems that they had been faced with while achieving their goals.

We then got Mark House, our webmaster involved in the IT side of the events, and I helped Marcus with speaker ideas. This worked ok, but as more people started to attend the events, the pressure was on Mark, who never complains. So by the time we came to our summer break we decided to form a committee to help us behind the scenes, and bring more ideas for the "Connect events".

I have a fantastic committee. All are very committed, but we also have great fun with each other whilst putting these events on, which is how all that we do should be. This is our hobby so it should be enjoyable. There have also been the Murder Mystery nights organised by Market Harborough 41 Club, and the Burns Night with the "president of Scotland", Kevin Stewart, in charge who went to school with some famous people.

The "Cook-Along" with Lu ban was a great night organised by our web master, Mark House, at his restaurant in Liverpool. This was with wives, and some stayed on to chat afterwards with friends they hadn't seen for a while, which was really enjoyable, and needless to say so was the food!!



We called these events "Connects" because we are connecting with you, the members. We try and keep to Thursday evenings, so that members can now expect something to be happening every Thursday night. With the participating numbers creeping up and up, I think we can say it is proving to be a success.

On top of the Connects to keep in touch with members, I have now attended over 250 club meetings be it AGMs, Charter nights or just ordinary club meetings. All of these have been an absolute pleasure to attend, and which I am sure must be the most members a President has met in one year. I love these meetings, because I am meeting members who say they have never been interested in National before. There are some really nice people out there who are great to get along with. I suppose it's because we are all like-minded.

The other thing we started right at the beginning of my year was the "Walk 500 miles, then walk 500 more".

This started with a phone call from Tom Atkins: He said "I am exercising every day during lockdown, so I have decided to do it for your charity, Dementia UK. I said, "that's a great Idea, how about us opening it up for members to take part?" Tom agreed, and we invited members to join in. It's turned into a mixed group with ladies joining in, and here again we are having great fun with each other on our WhatsApp & Facebook groups.

The 500 miles came about to be around the average miles for us to walk to the AGM in Aviemore, and the 500 back home; but as you know that has now had to be cancelled, and I will now be walking from the lounge to my office for the AGM! We will start erecting the stage next month in there.

I would like to thank Tom and all the members and wives that are taking part in

the walking. They have been very successful, while keeping fit at the same time.

Also at the start of my year I launched the 41 Club Gin - which has been selling steadily throughout the year. We also had the guy that put the botanicals together for me, to give us a talk on Connects. Most of these talks have been recorded for you members to use at your online meetings. I also have 41 Club Gin glasses on sale and you can take a look at these on the website. They make a great gift (see tinyurl.com/41ClubGinGlass).

Entering the second lockdown I felt that there would be more people suffering with mental health issues and loneliness particularly with it being the Xmas period, so I felt we should have something in place to help any member, should this occur. We formed the Buddies system now headed up by Peter McBride, National Councillor for Region 24. We have a team of volunteers (that have had training) on the special phone line 7 days a week and the contact number 03301 07 07 40 features on our CAS2 emails, newsletters and websites.

41 Club now has lots of special interest groups for members to join on Facebook, these include a variety of interests and hobbies. Again, the (growing) list is on the website.

The Pandemic has forced us to make full use of the digital world, and I am sure many of you like myself 18 months ago hadn't heard of Zoom; I thought it meant getting on the M1 and putting my foot down!! It really has been a life saver for the association during this different year, I won't say difficult because we have adopted, adapted and improved as the year has gone on, and I am sure for many of us Zoom will be here to stay after lockdown. In fact I now have members requesting that we keep the Connects going.

I certainly will carry on with the Connects events, maybe just once or twice a month and see how it goes, but I am sure it has a future with us as we are able to reach out to members far and wide that look forward to this contact.

I would like to send a special thank you to all members that have got involved in helping at the vaccine centres, food banks, and all volunteer work carried out during the pandemic.

I do hopefully wish that we can all get together soon face to face, especially since a lot of us will have had at least one dose of the vaccine by now, but for the time being let's make the most of what we can do by the digital means available to us.

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National President

Peter



An update from Tangent



As we come up to a year of living with Coronavirus and the changes it has brought to our lives it is difficult not to think back over the many things we have missed during the year, not only with our families but with our Club friends.

Instead let's focus on some of the good things to come out of these strange times.

- We continue to be impressed with 41 Club's Connects Programme – thanks for allowing Tangent to join you on these events – we all need every bit of help to get through this third lockdown.
- We have embraced new technology. Being able to have online meetings and events has allowed our National Executive to have regular access to our members and it's something we'll continue in the future. We tried a Pantomime at Christmas and a quiz – we have Bingo on 3 March and will be holding our AGM online on 17 April.
- We've reminded the Country that organisations like Tangent and 41 Club are still there and come into their own when their communities need them.
- We have been able to rely on the continued support and friendship of the RT Family.
- Most of us have had more time; time to spend with those in our 'bubble', time to dedicate to our hobbies, catch up on jobs around the house and garden, cook and bake or perhaps just to relax more.
- We've perhaps discovered or re-discovered beautiful places on our doorstep, perhaps dusted off an old bicycle or reconnected with old friends and neighbours.
- We've become experts on epidemiology, we know about spike proteins and reproduction numbers
- We've found new words – Covidiot for those who ignore the rules, Blursday – the new day of the week for when you don't know which day it is, we've re-purposed words like furlough and circuit-breaker and introduced the Quarantini and Coroni.

There is light at the end of the tunnel with a commitment that all adults will be vaccinated by July which will hopefully allow us to resume the Club activities we have all missed so much until then bring on the Quarantinis!

Tracey

Tracey Pickin
Vice President



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Dave Grose, Mark Sargent and J. Allan Thomson

Dave's Story.



My Scout career started as a Cub in 1972 and I continued through Scouts and Ventures. When I moved my family back to Ashby in 2000, our two sons joined the same group that met in a smart replacement to the old leaky wooden hut that my father helped to build. It was therefore my turn to pay back for the childhood fun by volunteering to be their Group Chairman.

In 2010, our eldest son Alex died suddenly whilst working with the Explorer Scout service team at a local campsite - a place he loved and among friends. We were naturally devastated by this loss but the Scouting family helped us through the dark times. My wife Heather & I became Explorer Scout leaders shortly afterwards, motivated by a desire to help young people experience and achieve things that Alex could no longer.

I also took a career break to qualify as a mountain leader, dinghy instructor, canoe coach and yacht master so I could better share my passion for outdoor pursuits with Scouts. Heather and I helped lead a number of exciting international expeditions for Explorers whose numbers included our other son, Chris. We had two yachting adventures around the Western Isles of Scotland, visited Brazil and Morocco and were the first Scout group in the world to traverse the white mountains of Crete unsupported in the scorching summer heat.

One of the proudest moments of my life was seeing Chris receive his Queen's Scout Award at Windsor Castle.

Having decided I'm now far too uncool to lead teenagers, my Scouting role hinges around training and assessment - for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and hillwalking activities! Some of my skills have been put to good use with fellow Tablers & 41ers including navigator when we took on the National 3 Peaks Challenge and a wild camping experience sleeping in (or under for some) hammocks, drinking water from a lake and poohing in a hole! We are now taking on a challenge to summit all 41 Old County Tops in England to raise money for the National President's charity.



I cannot commend the Scouting Movement highly enough. It provides fun, excitement, personal challenge and skills for life - whatever your age!

Dave Grose. Ashby 41 Club

Mark's Story.



Table and Scouts both seem to have that Hotel California feel about them,

"You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave!"

Table for me started in 1996, but it was another 10 years before Scouting got it claws into me.

I volunteered as a parent helper, at a Scout regatta on Bala Lake with 4th Heswall Sea Scouts, as my kids were competing. Turning up with a kayak was enough for the leaders to realise I had some potential with the Sea Scout Group.

From there, it just sort of happened, I morphed into a Scout Leader – it was a bit like becoming Chairman of Area 36, I was away at work on a rig in the North Sea, blissfully unaware of the plotting that was going on at the area AGM!

My work offshore has meant I can't commit fully to either Scouts or Table, but my periods of extended leave mean, that when I am home, I can really get stuck in and with both.

Seeing youngsters grow and develop in Scouts is one of the rewards of being a volunteer. When we first put them in a sailing boat, they are often rigid with fear and hold on like their life depended on it. Give it a season of expert tuition (not from me) and they'll be sailing solo and "pirating" each others boats. Similarly, a new Tabler may be a bit reserved and wonder what they've joined. Give it a beer festival and a season on the Santa Wagon and they're soon Tablised!

Having a foot in both camps, there's been some great cross party co-operation. With Table being relatively low on active numbers, I drafted in the Scouts to help on the Santa Sleigh – we cover 2 nights most years for Table in return for a suitable donation. The Scouts really enjoyed their night with Santa and appreciated the efforts that are made to raise funds for charity.

Having a boat house full of maritime equipment has enabled us to have a "Come and Try" session with Table and their families : sailing, kayaking, canoeing and Stand Up Paddle Boarding. In fact one of Table was so inspired by his sailing adventure with the Scouts, that's he's taken it a step further and is set to embark on a couple of legs of the Whitbread Round the World Tall Ships Race!

My lack of Scouting skills have also led to some serious mickey taking as well : The Scout Leader who managed to not only get lost on a Heswall Table Walking Weekend in Cumbria, but persuaded others to follow his dodgy map reading!

I've gained much from both Scouting and Table. Loads of laughs and great experiences that I'd never get otherwise, life long friends and I can even sail a boat now!

Mark Sargent, Heswall 41 Club

Allan's Story.



It was in August 1949 that I left the house as a fresh faced 8 year old and joined the

1st Inverurie Scout Group as a Wolf Cub, the Cubmaster was Bill Simpson but apart from that the memory fails after 70 plus years.

I moved on to Scouts in June 1952, Scoutmaster was a local teacher Douglas Prosser who, during the 2nd World War was a very young Squadron Leader and by July I was off to my first 10 day Scout camp at Cullen, the nights were cold!!! Camps over the years followed at Kirriemuir which was a District camp, Castle Forbes and Glentanner twice, at the latter part of that period we were without a Scout Leader so two other Patrol Leaders (Scouts) and myself ran the Troop. In May 1958 Geoffrey Gill returned from National Service joined his father's Practice as a Doctor and also became Scoutmaster and we moved forward from there and in June 1959 I was 18 and was appointed Assistant Scoutmaster, Warrant no C.47656 on 03/07/59, Scoutmaster Warrant, old Parchment style No C.93046 on 15/11/62 signed by Sir Charles Maclean Chief Scout this was followed on 05/04/74 by the Group Scout Leader Warrant No 4 3001 signed by Sir William Gladstone Chief Scout.

Returning to the year 1964 we had a visit of the Chief Scout Sir Charles Maclean to Haddo House in Aberdeenshire, this was in strange circumstances as only Scout Leaders were present,. It was held during the Typhoid outbreak in Aberdeen and, like as present, "No Handshakes". Over the years we have also hosted, in my time, the following Chief Scouts; 1978 Sir William Gladstone, 1985 Major General Michael Walsh, 1993 Sir Garth Morrison, 1998 George Purdy who was the last to visit as the Association policy re Chief Scouts visits was changed.

From the age 18 to 23 I attended 16 Rover Scout Moots, both North of Scotland and Scottish, the following are memories from some of these; the first 9th North of Scotland at Parkhill, Dyce in 1960 where I got the "Rovering Bug", 17th Scottish 1960 held in the grounds of Erskine Military Hospital in Renfrewshire, where the staff took many of the patients in wheelchairs around the activities. 18th Scottish, 1961, held on Inchcolm Island in the Firth of Forth, drinking water rationed, with your Moot book you got the first Quart free thereafter one shilling per quart, Chief Scout Sir Charles Mclean was in attendance, the weather was wild on the Saturday night and Sunday; imagine the scene, I came off by open boat with a pair of waterproof trousers on top of the Kilt. 19th Scottish, 1962, at Auchengillan, first Rover/Ranger Moot, yes an experience, memory of the "thin blue line do not cross!! A challenge to 300 Rover Scouts. 20th Scottish 1963 Binny, West Lothian, Sunday activity, went down Polkemmet coal mine and walked to the coal face, another experience gained through Scouting. In 1961/62/63 and 64 I attended 4 Deep Sea Rover Moots at Blair Atholl. Why Deep Sea you ask? Organised and run by the members of Deep Sea Rover Crew at R N A S Lossiemouth, organisers I remember are John Ryan, Brian Challis and Doug Bell.

Throughout these years and up to the present date I have maintained my Scouting life, be it at Group, District or Area level. From 1984 we have held Gordon Gatherings with up to 700 in attendance by the Sunday with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts along with 30 Gordon County Guides and Leaders who by invitation attended for the whole weekend, Guides being present was much appreciated by a Chief Scout when visiting.

During the years with changing boundaries we have moved from Aberdeenshire County to Gordon Area and I was appointed District Commissioner for Central Gordon on 30th April 1982. Another change of role on 14th April 1988 when I became Area Commissioner, a much bigger role with greater responsibility, but I had a good team around me, some of whom moved on to Scottish Headquarter Appointments after I retired as Area Commissioner in April 1996.

During my years as Area Commissioner I organised three Awards evenings, with the Scottish Commissioner Dorothy Kinloch in attendance to hand over Awards be it Long Service, Medals of Merit etc. This took the form of a cheese and wine in Inverurie Town Hall and was much appreciated, and boosted continued service

In August 1994 for 10 days; 14 Scouts, 3 Leaders and myself attended the Inaugural European Jamboree at Dronten in Holland, a great opportunity and open to all of those who never have the chance to a World Jamboree in their Scouting lifetime, 12,500 in camp, we were in a sub camp with Dutch Scouts which was an eye opener for our boys with their boys and girls sharing tents. Some great activities which all were allocated daily to all including Leaders, took one day off when it was learn to be a Circus Performer!!

During my term as Area Commissioner I was along with my wife Moira privileged to be invited and attend twice the morning service and the Queens Scout Parade at Windsor and twice the Queens Garden Party at Holyrood House in Edinburgh. On the second time at Holyrood we were approached by Lord Airlie if we would consider being introduced to the Queen, only one answer yes, very pleasant conversation and made at ease, another moment to retain in the memory.

I took over my old District as District Commissioner from 01/09/96 to 31/12/01 and from now to present date lead a quieter life as Area Vice President, District Chairman and present District Vice President. During my District Commissioner and Area Commissioner terms my wife Moira was Secretary for both.

For the record; Scout Wood Badge 21st August 1967 No 27854; Group Scout Leader/ Commissioner Wood Badge 16th January 1990 No 115301; Medal of Merit 1st August 1981; Silver Acorn 23rd April 1992 and Bar to Silver Acorn 22nd April 1997.

J. Allan Thomson
Inverurie and District and Area 13 41 Clubs



Scouts

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My Scout Journey

Don Mullane, National Comms & I.T. Officer

I signed up to be a Scout Leader in the Summer of 2011. I had been a Cub whilst a boy, but hadn't progressed into Scouts myself. The reason I joined in 2011 was simply because my eldest daughter, then 11, wanted to join the Scouts.

She, and her sister two years younger, had been in Rainbows, and Brownies, but my daughter wanted to join Scouts rather than Guides because she was more interested in the variety of events offered in Scouts vs Guides. (Some of you reading this might be surprised to learn that Scouts went mixed sex in the mid-1970s.)

My dear departed wife had been a Queen's Guide (the pinnacle in Scouts and Guides), and a Brownie Leader, and was from a Scouting background – her father had been a Scout Leader, and both her brothers had been Scouts. So I saw myself following in a family tradition of becoming a Scout Leader, albeit my wife's family rather than mine.

The waiting list for kids to join Scouts is simply horrendous – or at least it was pre-Covid. The BBC reported in October 2019 that;-

"More than 60,000 children are on waiting lists to become Scouts, Beavers, Cubs or Explorers. The organisation behind the movement said the figure had increased by 20% over the past three years. The Scout Association said it had more volunteers than ever - but many were offering less of their time and some groups had closed as a result. Some 475,000 children belong to the Scouts in different age ranges, either as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers. More than 100,000 adults volunteer, which the Scout Association said was "more than we have had at any point in Scouting's history", but it also said the demand for leaders was at an all-time high. "Our most recent census showed that we grew our volunteer membership by nearly 2,000 in a 12-month period," it said. "However, with the nature of volunteering in the UK changing and more adults offering their time flexibly, more people are needed to run Scouting than ever before."

Our local Scout Group, the 5th Beckenham South (Bromley District, Greater London South East) had been founded after WW2. It had an existing Scout Troop running on Thursday Nights, and the Group Scout Leader wanted to create a new Scout Troop to run on Friday Nights (the only free week day night at the Scout Hut), so he made me an offer when I enquired about my daughter joining the Scouts. Put simply, Thursday Night was full and she had no hope of joining the waiting list; but they were looking for volunteers to run a new group on Friday nights and if I volunteered she would be in. So as a good father I sacrificed my social life on Friday nights throughout school term times (as the Scouts runs in parallel with school term times) and became an "Occasional Helper", except my occasional help became every Friday and I was really an Assistant Scout Leader. Then in April 2018 I ceased being the #2 in the Troop and became the Scout Leader. Every adult helper in Scouts is a scout leader, but this is broken down into the units you are in, so some scout leaders are Beaver Scout Leaders, Assistant Leaders, or Helpers; some are Cub Scout Leaders, etc.; some are Scout Leaders; and there are Explorer





Leaders too. See box for details of the age differences.

All the different roles have their own pros and cons but in the opinion of many the role of Scout Leader is the best, but then I might just be biased. You take youngsters from the age of 10 ½ (school year 6, final year of state primary) and they move up to Explorers after their 14th birthday. Many come back as young adults (suitably DBS checked – its an absolute priority in the Scouts) to assist at Summer Camps. You get more than your share of Mr Chips moments as a Scout Leader.

A key difference between being a teacher vs being a Scout Leader is that sometimes a Teacher might find nowadays that a child in their class is carrying a knife – whereas as a Scout Leader I frequently know that every one of my Scouts is carrying a knife, because I have just given it to them! Axes and hatchets too. One of the mandatory training courses you do when you become a scout leader is, needless to say, First Aid. I am an Advanced First Aider in Scout terms, which has led to my volunteering to be trained as a St John's Ambulance Covid Vaccinator during the present pandemic. It's funny in life how one thing leads to another. I also hold a Green Fields camping permit, am a qualified archery instructor and a qualified air rifle instructor too.

My Scout Group used to help the local Round Table, Beckenham 104 (my mother Table), run their Fireworks Display each year. Well, we used to do the litter picking the following day! When the Table sadly closed, I proposed that the Scout Group could take over the display, which we duly did, and have continued to raise thousands of pounds not just for the Scouts but for other local charities as well.

Scouting is a great organisation for kids, and I like to think it brings out the best in its adult volunteers too. 41 Club (and Round Table) is full of former scouts and current scout leaders. Only yesterday I was hosting a virtual Scout Meeting by Zoom which was joined by a Scout group from Finland whose Leader is a Finnish Tabler and whom I met through the RT13 International Meetings. Adopt – Adapt – Improve.

The reason I am writing this article isn't to highlight what I do, or even what the other Scout volunteers in 41 Club in the accompanying articles do. It's really to highlight that it isn't too late for many of you to step forward and volunteer to help your local scout groups – not just leading groups of kids but there's also a demand for volunteers to be Group Treasurers, and Group Secretaries, and various other admin roles which are needed and are invaluable to making the whole organisation tick.

The reason everyone involved in Scouting does Scouting is first and foremost for the kids. My two daughters, now aged 21 and 18, have both been through Scouting; my son, aged 15, is currently an Explorer. The eldest was chosen to be a member of the UK delegation to the World Scout Jamboree 2015 in Japan, when she was 15; those memories will be with her forever. My 18 year old has asked to become a Scout Leader. My 15 year old used to be taken on Scout Summer Camps by me even when he was too young to be a Cub, so he was the camp mascot but joined in as much as possible.

I remember him telling me about an ice breaker game they played at his first day in Secondary School which involved saying 3 things about yourself, two of which had to be true, one of which had to be a lie; he said, (1) I've been on a bobsleigh run; (2) I've jumped off a cliff into a river; and (3) I have two dogs, one named Bentley the other named Ford. #3 was the lie, and no-one got it.

Scouting has suffered financially during the pandemic and many groups are struggling. On a National basis assets are being sold to try to make up for lost income, but many groups are tottering on the brink due to the impact of covid on leaders and on the families of the children – the financial impact of job losses as well as the impact on individual health.

If you were once a Scout (or a Cub) you'll always be a Scout - Peter Good is a Scout by the way. I will end with this little gem: **Did you know that of the 24 men who travelled to the moon on the Apollo 9 through Apollo 17 missions , 21 were Scouts, including 10 of the 12 men who physically walked on the moon's surface, and all three members of the crew of Apollo 13. Three Scouts travelled to the Moon twice.**

Not pictured: the mini bus driver, sandwich maker, photo taker.



Section	Core Age	Flexibility
BEAVERS	6-8	5 ¾ up to 8 ½
cubs	8-10 ½	7 ½ up to 11
SCOUTS	10 ½ -14	10 up to 14 ½
EXPLORERS	14-18	13 ½ up to 18
network	18-25	From 17 ½. Members cease to be a member of the Scout Network on their 25th birthday, and should be encouraged to take on a new role in Scouting, such as undertaking an adult appointment or joining a Scout Active Support Unit.

The Scouts Section comprises:- Scouts, Sea Scouts and Air Scouts

All are part of the Scouts. Sea Scouts do more marine based activities and Air Scouts do more aviation backed activities – and the uniforms of these two groups differ from the normal Scout Uniform.

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Project Himalayas



Marcus Jones

For members of 41 Club "Doing Extraordinary Things" is the norm, how many times over the years have we witnessed amazing projects that bring the best out in people.

Sometimes in life all we need is a nudge, someone to say would you like to be part of something extraordinary? Life changing, and at the same time the chance to make a difference to others.

Someone to say....."Guys I have an idea!"

That is exactly what has happened in the last six months and I am delighted to announce the launch of the "Doing Extraordinary Things – Go Beyond" project.

Born from the amazing work of 41Club Connects and the tough time we have all had over the last twelve months. I was inspired by the conversations by one of our speakers Mark Wood Adventure and Explorer. We discussed bringing a group of people together with our likeminded views and a real ethos for helping the communities we live in, which describes 41Club members and our DNA as Ex Tablers.

The aim of the project is to support all areas of society from wellbeing, sport and health, mental health, young people development, simply put charities and organisations that encourage and help all generations.

At the same time, we aim to give individuals life experiences with a thousand one off's, you could say allow individuals to become explorers and adventurers in their own rights, give the opportunity to discover the world around us in a different way.

So, the aim is to create an event and travel with Likeminded people, all shapes, and sizes. Don't worry no one has to be superhuman! Just a sense of adventure and most importantly a sense of humour.

One thing is guaranteed when we planned this adventure everyone who is on our team will make new friendships or continue those friendships and memories that will stay with them for a long time. Our adventure builds a thriving community of people sharing their journeys exploring the world and ticking off their travel bucket lists, you may say Doing Extraordinary Things is in your DNA.

We will also share with the opportunity of sharing your experiences through blogs, talks and engaging with educational groups, meaning you develop life skills at the same time!

What's Going On This Year!

I decided that in my 50th year to do something a little bit special and for our inaugural event in 2020 we are taking a group of 10 guys all in their 50's to Base Camp Everest up 5376 meters in altitude over 16 days. A gruelling trek across an amazing Nepalese landscape. We will visit the amazing villages on route to base camp and we have planned to engage with local schools on route with an amazing educational support plan.

The Team Are as Follows;

Kevin Chard, Stuart Hadley (aka "Studley XTabler'), Malk Hall, Rory Tompsett, Steve Smith, Carl Dent, Greg Meadwell, Neil Crouchman and Darren Barker- U.K. base camp lead

And of course those who know the lunatic, my marathon wing man Keith Bedford.

Also, Mark House, a guy who has always supported me behind the scenes with his creative tech and knowledge.

So, the adventure is on - subject to any Covid19 challenges!

We go October 14th 2021.There is no doubt the last 12 months has been, and will continue to be, difficult for our communities; so at 50 years young and definitely not out, it's time to make a difference and Go Beyond!

Before the event itself in October the team are working very hard to get into shape and prepared for the gruelling trek, part of this preparation will include three practice treks in the UK.

Many of our first group are from Round Table and 41Club, supported by amazing individuals who also work with the local communities. All this however could and would not be possible without the amazing skills and knowledge of Mark Wood - International Explorer and Ad-venturer - and his team who will lead the trek over 16 days and up 5,276 metres in altitude!

Find out more about Mark via http://www.markwoodexplorer.com

During the next six months of preparation, the team will be sharing their individual blogs and training updates via Strava (Follow via Everest Base Camp Group), it will be a very personal journey for everyone. A journey that they will tell and share in their own words, which is a huge part of this adventure.

Supporting others is a key aspect and this year the team have decided that we will support two UK charities and a smaller Nepalese one.

The two UK Charities are;-

The 41 Club National President's Charity: Dementia UK
www.dementiauk.org/ and

The Frank Bruno Foundation
www.thefrankbrunofoundation.co.uk/

Yes the Big Man himself will support the planned events and fundraisers we have planned!

We are wish to support a Nepalese charity which provides educational support for Nepalese schools and their students.

Some may remember the horrific earthquakes in 2015 in the region, today those effects are still there to be seen, so the team want to give something back to the country who will embrace and support our trek.

Just giving pages have been set for all the team individually, why not support your friends?

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DoingExtraordinaryThings

Finally, if you are an individual or part of an organisation that may be able to help or support the trek in different ways we would love to hear from you, equipment for the schools, laptops, iPads or even trek gear – it will make a huge difference to the team!

Follow the adventure via
www.DoingExtraordinaryThings.co.uk

41 Club **#ContinuingToDoMore**

Santa's Sleighs



41 Clubs everywhere continue to help their local Round Tables run a Christmas Santa's Sleigh – or where the Table has closed simply run it themselves. Here are accounts of Christmas 2020 received from some of the many clubs which are worthy of being recorded in the Magazine for posterity..

Santa's Sleigh in the North East

At Guisborough 41 Club several of the members relive the prime of their Tabling lives and take the opportunity to dress up by running the local 'Santa round the streets', in a similar fashion to many other clubs. The original group that began the event as a 'Santa's Grotto' on the town's late night shopping event are all still intact in 41 Club and have seen the event adapt over the years . The biggest change being in September 2001 when we were invited to the Black & Decker apprentice training centre to build ourselves a new popup sleigh which initially was used in the grotto and for many years since then has been hauled round the streets of Guisborough, Redcar and Marske by the Sea covering most of the areas where our members live.

Over the years we have been assisted by the Sea cadets, St Johns, Rotary and other local groups to make a success of our event and raised thousands for local charities.

Christmas 2020 was an exception for all of us, with limited numbers, unable to book licenses and to be honest so many other much bigger things for us all to deal with we just could not manage to organise the event.

However, using our "adopt, adapt, improve" ethos we have been able to ensure a great Christmas treat for many children in the area by loaning our sleigh and our Santa on one occasion to local community groups in Redcar, Skelton, Boosebeck and Margrove Park to boost the spectacle and kids enjoyment at their town and village Christmas events.

We have forged some great connections, our kit was used to the maximum and more importantly all the children had a great time.

The Moral of the story, old dogs don't need to learn new tricks, just adopt, adapt and improve their old ones!

Helping to Run the Christmas Float in 2020 .....with surprising results



Harpenden 41 Club have good links with Round Table and every year we liaise and help with the Christmas Float, usually taking over completely a number of the 18 or 19 nights they run it.

However, of course, the float has been operated very differently this year, due to COVID.

The Council announced that knocking on doors was not allowed, and for a while we wondered how we would be able to do anything.

Round Table were very ingenious and innovative, and a plan came together with 41 Chairman Graham Dicks, and committee member Paul Pepperrell involved.

First, RT developed a web page to take volunteer bookings. 41 Club did not have their normal designated nights, but could book in to help on any night. The system worked well and through Social Media RT could quickly call for more help when needed.

Second, they arranged online donations and cash-free collections, and advertised the routes widely, again through Social Media (Facebook, WhatsApp, Next Door etc). See www.harpendensanta.uk

Third, as the Float made it's way along, two guys (Elves!) were 10 minutes ahead pushing leaflets through letterboxes. This brought many, many folk, and kids, out just in time to see Santa, and the bucket collection was heavily supported.

The result after 6 nights was that £4120 was collected through bucket, cashless and online, and that was 21% higher than the same stage last year. This continued with over £1300 taken on one night, our highest night on record. After 13 of 19 nights, the total was over £10,000 NET, compared with £9,500 for the whole three weeks last year.

Now of course, with Tier 4, there can be no leafletting so we expect the remainder of the routes to be down, but nevertheless, it's a great achievement by Round Table, helped by many of our 41 Club members, in adverse times.

The charities this year were:-

- Luton & Dunstable Hospital Helipad Appeal
- Herts Young Homeless
- Round Table Children's Wish

And, as well as the money raised for these worthy charities, there has been the satisfaction of seeing the joy in Children's faces as they see Santa.....



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Lending an Elfing hand

Paul Molley, Sandbach 41 Club

Well, it started like most things do recently, with a throw away comment during a Zoom meeting of Sandbach 41 Club. Initially it was about how we could assist Table with their Float – bearing in mind we were having this Zoom meeting in the Summer! Planning is what makes it successful or is that we easily forget what we are doing?

Anyway, one discussion led to another and then, in the usual style of 41 Club we were discussing the Old Folks Christmas Party – I think the link was Santa! Anyway, it turns out that due to Covid neither of these events are likely to take place, especially with a Table who at that time had only five members.



Our 41 Club Vice Chairman asked a question. Frankly, none of us can remember what it was, but out of it came two groups: one to help the Tablers with the Float and the Vice Chairman to explore the possibility of delivering a hamper to 100 of the Town's Senior Citizens who would have been going to the Party.

Fast forward a few months, and we have just completed the first ever delivery of 100 food hampers to our Senior Citizens in a project that was managed by 41 Club with the complete engagement of both Round Table and Ladies Circle – the Round Table Family had been drawn back together by 41 Club.

The whole Family Group pulled together to raise funds and get the contents donated. A team from Ladies Circle stepped up and in a Covid secure environment assembled 100 hampers ready for delivery. Then Table, 41 Club and Circle delivered them in one evening across the Town to some very happy recipients!

In addition, 41 Club members discussed and debated the options for the Float settling for a drive-by option to ensure the community was brightened and heartened by the sight of the traditional Santa Float.



Initially with no towing vehicle, this was going to be awkward! One of the Tablers came up with a bright suggestion of asking two former Tablers who work for Bentley if they could help. The usual car dealers said they had no stock with a tow bar this year to assist. Would you adam and eve it? Bentley said "yes" and promptly advised a Bentayga and a driver would be provided!

Rushing around to make sure this could be done in a Covid secure way, preparing the float, creating rota's and providing maps that divided the Town up, 41 Club were involved in every step. During the rounds, members provided driving and escort duties for the lead vehicle or acted as Elfs on the Float – Santa was well chuffed to have people his own age assisting! Ladies Circle were also there on each night even taking a whole afternoon and evening of routes around the Town themselves, with a little more assistance from Table and 41 Club.



The upshot? Well, it was not about collecting cash this year, it was about bringing some cheer to our local Community. The positive aspects were the huge amounts of compliments obtained via social media thanking Table for their hard work to assist Santa.

We know we are not unique in what we are doing but we wanted to illustrate the close bond of friendship across the Round Table Family and how 41 Club can often lead, then sit back.

Two great events that have drawn the Round Table Family closer together; provided a positive message of fellowship across our community; and created the skeleton for both Table and Circle to explore the opportunities of new members knowing that 41 Club are there to help when called upon.



Digital Santa

Mike Mawtus, Camberley 41 Club

The Camberley 41 Club Santa Float could not venture out last Covid Christmas. So, what could we do instead to raise money for our local Charities?

Easy, we went digital. Members searched their lofts and garages and their Partner's drawers (so to speak) and found items they were prepared to disown, that would be worthy of re-sale or auction. A catalogue was prepared, and items were digitally offered for sale (proceeds to charity) on eBay, and local digital marketplaces. A good example was the autographed Cliff Richard Sweater that auctioned for £150. Some members made personal donations, well the Government does say if you don't need your annual fuel allowance, give it to charity.

Now we normally raise about £8,000 with the Santa float, on the streets and at Shopping Centres, but our Digital Santa raised a total of £1,880.15, all of which is being donated to our chosen charity, which is The Besom* (www.besom.com). Camberley 41 Club is thrilled and delighted to achieve this result first time out. It was relatively easy and perfectly safe. Perhaps it is a blueprint for the future, either at Christmas or throughout the year. The side benefit being we might clear our houses of junk and save our kids the bother.



It would have been easy to "have a year off": But not us! As a result, a very worthy Local Charity, The Besom* run entirely by volunteers, is better able to help meet the varying needs of Local residents through giving out tailored packs of essentials including food and household basics. Well Done to everyone involved!

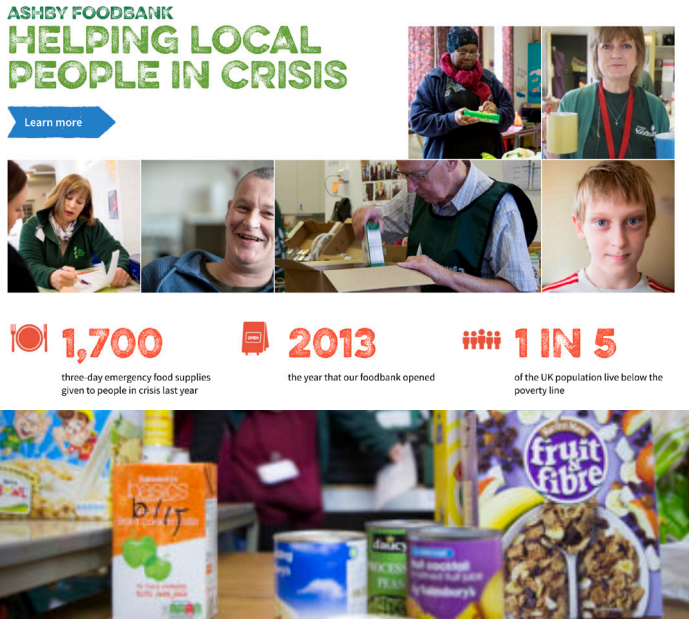


Festive Foodbank

Hugh Milward Ashby-de-la-Zouch 41 Club

One of Ashby 41 Club's Christmas tradition is to meet in December at a local restaurant to enjoy a meal and a beer in fellowship.

An essential part of the evening is the auction of pre-wrapped mystery gifts, with the proceeds going to charity. As that couldn't happen this year former-Chairman Andrew Johnson suggested an alternative. After hearing an article on 5 Live about the rapid rise in requests for help from the UK food banks, he contacted his neighbour, a food bank volunteer of many years, who confirmed that the demand in his local area had risen dramatically. And so, an idea took seed.



In lieu of their Christmas night out, Andrew invited club members to donate goods from the Food Bank wish list instead. He put out the call and the members responded in traditional 41 Club fashion.

Andrew was delighted to deliver 170.7kg of food, toiletries, washing up liquid and festive treats. Which equated to 7 people being supported for 3 days. And while it may not have been the case, we like to think that was 7 people we supported on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.



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Sailing into the Local Community

David Moss, Hon. Sec. Hamble Valley Stick Club

We are a very proud Club, with a mention in the published book of 41 Club History but that was long ago!



Recently Chairman Manny received a request to help a retired Marine suffering from PTSD, his pride and joy was a Cabin Yacht (called a Folkboat). But, due to ill health and all the costs of maintaining it, it was not seaworthy and in a very dilapidated state. Each month we set aside monies from our monthly standing orders into a Community Chest and with this and a team assembled by Manny, the Club set about restoring the Folkboat. The team had it lifted into a boat yard, carried out the repairs and it is now up for sale so that the owner has relief from all the financial worries of owning such a fine vessel.



The man shown on deck with the rigging is Nick Leaver, Manny is busy with his varnishing brush and Derek Ellinor is replacing the wet rotten wood and inserting epoxy divots. Work has also been carried out on the sails, covers and internal fixtures, new LED lights have been installed and a major battery replaced.



We continue in other ways to try and help our community, very sadly our Club recently lost one of its members to Covid, Councillor Keith Evans, and in his memory and in recognition of how this awful pandemic has



resulted in food poverty for so many families and individuals we donated to our local food bank. Our Treasurer went shopping for the food pictured and Nick Lever volunteers as a driver for them. A number of our members have volunteered to be stewards at vaccination centres.





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Home Skooling – a Laptop Appeal

Market Harborough 41 Club

We are all aware of the extent to which children's education suffered as schools had to close in the Coronavirus lockdown and many children moved to online education.

Parents and schools were faced with the major challenge of ensuring that children had access to suitable devices and the internet to be able to learn remotely. This, of course, was particularly difficult for families who only had tablets or mobile phones which might also need to be shared between children.

Three members of Market Harborough 41 Club, Dave Berridge, Matt Jones and Duncan Murray decided to do something about it. They quickly realised that because the cost of new laptops had increased so much during lockdown the Club could not afford to buy enough new laptops to make a significant dent in the problem. So, working with a local Trust, Learn Academies Trust (Learn-AT) established in 2016 to serve children and families in 11 Primary Schools across South Leicestershire, the cry went out to Club members to get their old laptops out of the cupboard and donate them to help children home school. A dozen laptops were donated by members of the Club to local schools to help children's education.

The Club also worked with local press to get publicity for the Market Harborough Round Table Family and ask local people to donate their old computers to the Trust. This led to people in the community donating another 80 laptops and, with added publicity from local radio, the icing on the cake came when a Leicester-based charity, the Sir Thomas White Loan Charity heard of the appeal and donated nearly £30,000 to buy over 150 new laptops

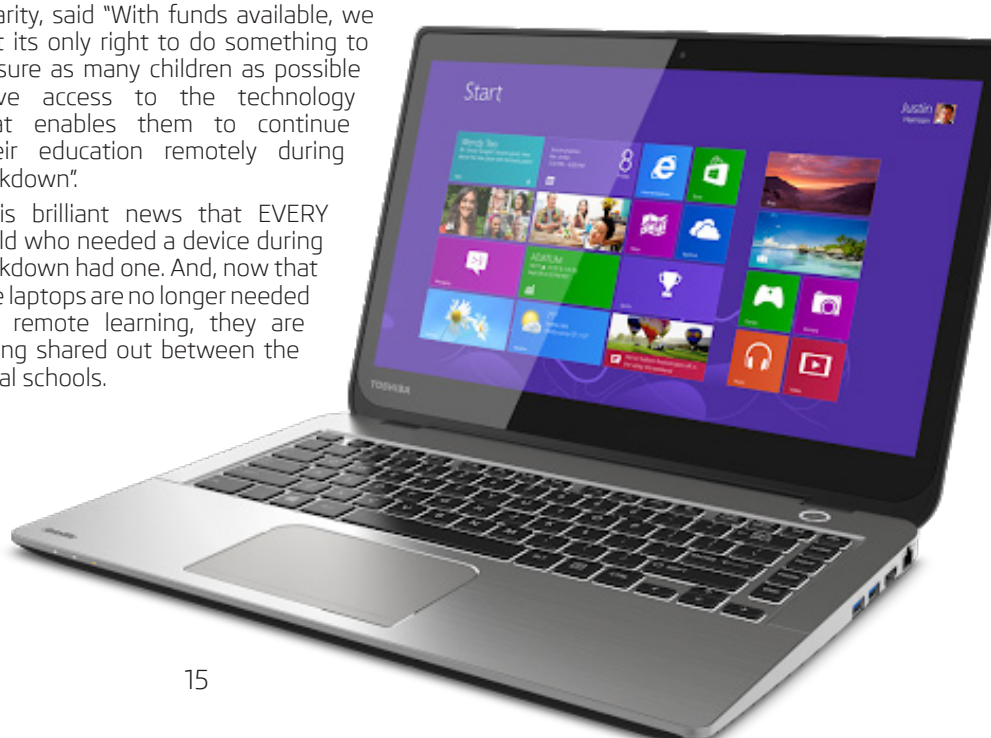
Joe Bladon, Learn-AT's IT Manager said "We are very grateful to Market Harborough 41 Club for their generosity and these computers will go a long way in allowing us to get many of the children with limited access to devices learning again online."

David Howard, Chair of Trustees at the charity, said "With funds available, we felt its only right to do something to ensure as many children as possible have access to the technology that enables them to continue their education remotely during lockdown".

It is brilliant news that EVERY child who needed a device during lockdown had one. And, now that the laptops are no longer needed for remote learning, they are being shared out between the local schools.

All in all the appeal has generated great local publicity for the Round Table Family as well as providing over 250 laptops.

The photograph shows Matt Jones of Market Harborough 41 Club presenting the rescued laptops to Joe Bladon of Learn-AT. Whilst at the socially distanced photo call, Matt even strong-armed the photographer who also agreed to donate a couple of old laptops.









If you're in need of a chat any day except Bank Holidays from 10am to 10pm, call the Buddyline:

03301 07 07 40

All calls are answered by friendly volunteer fellow 41 Club members who will be there for any member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them or if they're feeling lonely or isolated.

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41ClubConnects - An Idea Out of Adversity



Twelve months on...

A year ago, it was clear that all the plans for the 75th Year of 41club were about to change and so it was the same for all our lives. Peter and I spoke in the lead up to the end of March with the unfolding story of covid19 hitting everyone.

Mark Wood - Intrepid Explorer



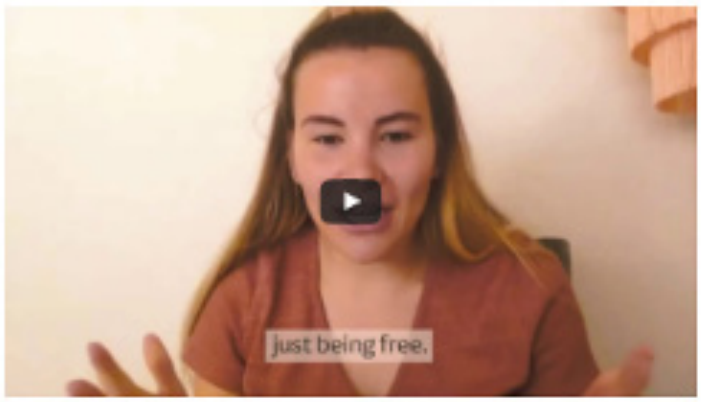
Sally Kettle - Atlantic Adventurer



An Evening with 45 Gin and Friends



Dementia UK



The Jaguar Land Rover Classic Tour



Dean Andrews



41ClubConnects - An Idea Out of Adversity continued

In some cases impacting in a way that no one could consider, the loss of a family member or friend.

Whilst it may seem a very trivial discussing a subject around social events today, especially after over 126,000 deaths in the UK. We like many clubs and associations recognised the need create activities that support the members, which was a total reshape of the year we had planned for Peter as 41Club President.

I remember in late April 2020 we held a PLC meeting online and discussed the current challenges for everyone. Peter's main concern was very simple, it was your welfare. It was a conversation I will never forget. The weeks drew in a month's and so on, we realised very quickly that as President Peter needed to have a way of connecting with everyone but at the same time ensuring a sense of fellowship and support for each other.

That 41Club was indeed there for our communities and especially our members.

After the plc meeting, I remember calling my very good friend Mark House, "Mark I have an idea", we discussed the idea of creating an online programme and as usual when we get together the ideas started flowing and shaping, within days 41ClubConnects was created. Little did we release the impact it would make on the 12 months ahead.

Zoom – we knew what it was, but little did we realise this amazing platform would become so vital to everyone, not only for fellowship but also for family and friends alike. It is fair to say we have all educated ourselves towards a great understanding on technology and how it can be used to bridge the gap for continued fellowship around the world, not just in the UK.

We thought about weekly updates from Peter, but that alone was not enough, plus his jokes are bloody awful, I thought we cannot put the members through that every week!

We had the partnership still in place for VE Day, how could we bring that to life?

What speakers could I pull on as favours to help and create an event?

It was time to pull those favours in.

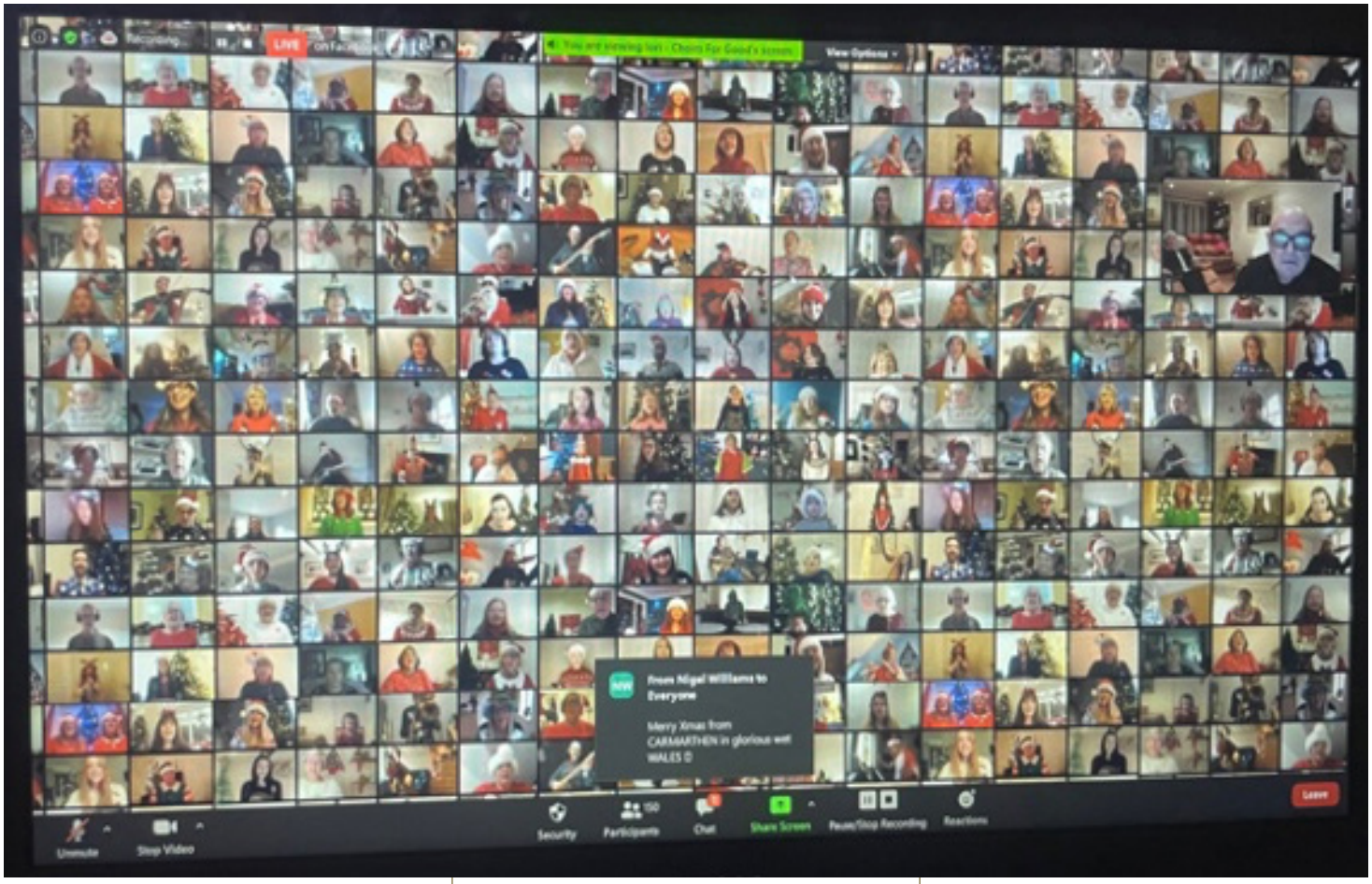
Before we knew it, we had an initial programme was created, Actor Dean Andrews, A visit to the Jaguar Classic Car factory, Dementia UK, 41 Gin Club (twice!), Sally Kettle Adventurer, Tim Bradshaw ex SAS and my good friend Mark Wood Explorer.

Mark and I alone could not do all the work, so at the beginning the help of those you can always depend on helped the journey and detail. Bruce Bennet for his support and investigation work behind the scenes, call it the homework on each speaker, and of course Jim Conway always there in the background supporting the membership. When we held the first block of events Mark, Jim and I worked the technology between us, it was clunky, and we were learning the tricks of ZOOM, but we are fast learners.

Then lockdown changed, we hit the summer and life for a short period seemed kind of normal, whatever that is! Come September and observing the news it was clear that the winter was going to be



41ClubConnects - An Idea Out of Adversity continued





dismal and worrying for our members, we needed to act once more.

We all understood a new programme must be created for the members, this time Zoom had expanded and so had our knowledge. This time we need to create a programme in advance for everyone to look forward to throughout winters dark nights and a website to host such detail.



The 41Club Connects Committee was created – amazing guys who have made my winter months more enjoyable, Wednesday nights will never be the same again. We get together every week to discuss, plan and talk about the events ahead. In fact, we have created a club of fellowship which I know everyone looks forward too, even before event night!

41ClubConnects - An Idea Out of Adversity continued

Please recognise these guys at this year's online AGM because for me they have been the glue that kept

What started as a quick 30 minutes now is a fun hour or so every week, this type of fellowship is what its all about, most of us are eating our tea as we are online.

This last lockdown has affected everyone harder, in the midst of it was Christmas, we still managed a cheer with carol singing.

Th events have gone to another level with John Inverdale, cook along events for Burns Night and Valentines and of course who could forget the cricket special a few weeks ago with Jonathan Agnew and Geoff Miller.



Over the year we hope to have achieved more than 10,000 attendees by the virtual AGM, in fact Wayne Barnes (who was worried that he would be beaten by the 875 who watched the North Yorkshire Moors Railway) broke all records with 1,338 viewers, and the events have been re-watched several times over through club zoom nights.

But there is no stopping us there, the committee are committed to carrying on these talks even when life gets a bit brighter, simply because you have said it makes a difference and we know it brings people together, even those we have not seen for a long time pre Covid19.

These events have shown the reach we can make to all quarters of the UK and in fact the world.

We are now planning events beyond this year online AGM and no matter what lies ahead of us all, please know that a group of guys get together every Wednesday night ready to make all lives a little warmer.

Even a live broadcast via Everest later in the year!!

To finish off this article I wanted to share the words of an an extraordinary man, and ex-Tabler:-

"For all those people who are finding it difficult at the moment, the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away" – Captain Sir Tom Moore.

This article is a reminder that even in these adverse times looking after each other must be the no1 aspect of what we do.

Yours In continued fellowship

Marcus Jones

President Peter's PLC Chairman

Keep following via
www.41clubconnects.co.uk

A Railway Tour



From 7.30 18th February

Join the Meeting

Wayne Barnes



From 7.30 25th February

Join the Zoom Meeting

Amanda Owen



From 7.30 25th March

Join the Zoom Meeting

Fun Night with the Family



From 7.30 4th March

Join the Zoom Meeting

NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY LAUNCHES WITH NEW 41CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you require any further details please contact Martin Green
M: 07767 192387
H: 01235 529257
E: caravanrally@41clubevents.co.uk

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

Martin Green
National President 2013-2014





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Where are they now?

Michael Atkins

The Louis Marchesi Waveney Class RNLI Lifeboat presented to the RNLI at The Round Table Conference in Great Yarmouth



What happened to the old Waveney class of RNLI Lifeboats....here are some that were shipped to New Zealand...."The newly-acquired Waveney class boat was named Nicholsons Rescue at a sponsors' naming ceremony at Mana marina on 21st May 1998. This particular boat carried the number 44017 in the R.N.L.I. fleet, and was built in 1976, and carried the name The Nelsons of Donaghadee, stationed at Donaghadee until 1980.

On 3rd September that year, she was renamed as Wavy Line at a ceremony in St. Katherine's Dock, London, by the Chairman of Wavy Line Grocers Ltd., Uxbridge, Middlesex, and was then allocated to the Relief Fleet, being used to relieve other lifeboats from their station to permit them to undertake surveys and overhauls. During this period, she served at Newhaven, Dover, Ramsgate, Hartlepool, Eyemouth, Whitby, Blyth, Humber, Amble, Sunderland, Teesmouth, returning to most stations for relief work on several occasions. Her R.N.L.I. service finished, she was stored at the R.N.L.I. Poole Depot from 25th April 1997 until loaded on to Pegasus Bay at Southampton on 8th March 1998. During her active career in U. K. waters, she had answered 230 call-outs and saved 74 lives.

The second Waveney class lifeboat was built by Bideford Shipyard Ltd. in 1975, carried the operational number 44-019 and was named The Louis Marchesi of Round Table. Round Table raised all of the money needed for The Louis Marchesi. It was handed over to the RNLI at the Round Table Conference at Yarmouth. She had 506 service call-outs and saved 264 lives. Upon arrival in New Zealand it was re-named P&O Nedlloyd Rescue by Waiheke Volunteer Coastguard.





The third Waveney class lifeboat was donated to Kaikoura Volunteer Coastguard on 20th November 1999 and named John Barton Acland Rescue, after an early pioneer of high country station Mt. Peel, Canterbury. The boat was built by Fairey Allday Marine in 1982, carried the operational number 44-022 and was named The William and Jane. She had 149 service call-outs and saved 54 lives.

The fourth Waveney class lifeboat was named Rotary Rescue at Raglan on 5th December 1999, with aid from Hamilton Rotary Club. Raglan Volunteer Coastguard operates her. The boat was built by Fairey Allday Marine in 1979, carried the operational number 44-020 and was named John Fison. She had 270 service call-outs and saved 102 lives.

The fifth Waveney class lifeboat arrived in New Zealand on board the container ship Mairangi Bay at Napier on 29th January 2000. She is to be operated by Hawkes Bay Volunteer Coastguard. The boat was built by Fairey Allday Marine in 1980, carried the operational number 44-021 and was named Barham. She had 275 service call-outs and saved 82 lives.

The sixth Waveney class lifeboat arrived on board the container ship Resolution Bay at Wellington on 11th February 2000. The boat was built by Groves & Guttridge, East Cowes, in 1974, carried the operational number 44-010 and was named Thomas Forehead and Mary Rowse, stationed at Plymouth, England. She had 358 service call-outs and saved 126 lives. Operated by Taranaki Volunteer Coastguard, she was renamed Westgate Rescue, and is to also serve as a back-up pilot boat. She was unloaded directly into the harbour on arrival at Wellington and spent a few days in Chaffers and Seaview Marina before sailing for New Plymouth. With the exception of the Kaikoura lifeboat, all the others were purchased with a fifty per cent grant from The Lottery Grants Board. The balance came from local business and community sponsors. P&O Nedlloyd shipped all the lifeboats from Tilbury to New Zealand free of charge. All unloading charges were waived at Wellington, Napier and Auckland.

Michael Atkins, the author of the above, advises he had the pleasure to sail with the Sheerness Waveney Lifeboat and with the one in Wahike in New Zealand. During his time in the RAF he was stationed at Alness (Invergordon, Scotland) on Air Sea Rescue Launches and then again in the Maldives and Singapore. Shortly after moving to New Zealand in the 1980s he served with the Coastguard for 14 years as a volunteer (same as the RNLI in the UK). He recently moved back to the UK and now lives a few minutes from the Walmer Lifeboat Station in Deal. Once it in your blood it's there forever!





41 Club National Car Rally 2021

Revised Date: 2nd to 4th July 2021

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GARDEN OF ENGLAND
CLASSIC RALLY

Due to the current road map in place unfortunately the car rally could not take place as planned in June and therefore rather than cancel the event we have made the decision to hold the rally on the weekend of 2nd to 4 July.

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

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

For anyone wishing to attend the booking form can be obtained at www.41club.org/events/1385

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

Should you have any queries regarding the event please contact John Alford on john.s.alford@btconnect.com or telephone 01634 220165

John S Alford
Medway 41 Club



Marcus Jones - Chair of Peter's PLC

There is a light at the end of tunnel and with the support of our membership we can now start the process to reopen our plans for the year head which includes the belated celebration of the original 75th Year previously planned events along with a weekend that can only be described as "THE 41 CLUB BIG WEEKEND".

We aim to bring together all aspects of the membership over this amazing weekend, fun, fellowship, entertainment, and the business side of things with an SGM, whilst ensuring it is an inclusive event for all.

We want to create an event that celebrates the amazing efforts by so many over the past

75 YEARS and in special recognition of the past year in dealing with Covid19 and the supportive work our members have shown in their communities.

The dates are set aside are Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd October 2021 at the amazing venue of DeVere Orchard Hotel & Conference Centre Nottingham and the booking site will open once we have the government updates.

It is intended to hold a Special General Meeting of 41 Club

on the morning of Saturday 2nd October.

Everyone who had booked in to the original 75th celebrations scheduled for last July will receive information on the new event from the event team as soon as practicable.

Visit www.41Club75.org for the updated information and "The Big 41 Club Weekend Store" that supports Dementia UK, the Presidents Charity. Further updates to follow.

Marcus

The Next 5 Pages feature the election addresses of the Candidates for Election at the AGM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ADDRESSES WERE AS SUBMITTED TO THE CANCELLED 2020 CARDIFF AGM – THEY WERE ALL WRITTEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE FAIREST NOT TO ALLOW THESE TO BE AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.

PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND WHILST READING THEM.

Candidate for National Vice-President

Jim Conway



41 Club Memberships: Old Bored Executives; London Old Tablers' Society (London No 2); Smethwick; Past Essex Round Tablers.

From	To	Role
1989	1992	Banstead Round Table 815 Sports & Community Services Officer
1992	2006	Epping Round Table 706 Chairman x7, Vice, Treasurer, Secretary & IRO
1995	2002	Area 33 Essex Secretary, National Councillor x2, Media & PR, IRO x3
1997	1998	National Councillor International Committee - Welcome Tour Organiser
1999	2000	National Councillor International Committee - Conference Host
2000	2001	National IRO - International Tabler of the Year
2002	2004	Vice Chairman - RTBI/NALC Conference, Southend
2005	2007	PLC Chairman to National President Richard Du Bois
2008	2010	PLC Liaison to National President Dave Barker
2012	2014	PLC Liaison to National President Stephen Sprod
2017	2019	PLC Treasurer to National President Richard Holand
2010	2012	Witham 41 Club
2012	-	London Old Tablers Society (LOTS)
2014	-	Old Bored Executives (OBE's) Chairman & Vice Chairman
2018	2019	Active Black Country (ABC) 41 Club
2018	-	Smethwick 41 Club

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." - Martin Luther

The Round Table Family has given me so much over the years that I have concluded that however hard I try to repay the debt; I will die owing a fortune that would take a million lifetimes to repay. It's impossible to put a price on the opportunities provided, the lifetime friendships gained and the experiences we have all enjoyed by being members.

Having worked hard to repay part of the debt in this lifetime, it was a proud and humbling moment, when at the last RTBI AGM, I was presented with the Marchesi Medal for outstanding contributions to the Association, only the 13th recipient since its inception.

It will be no surprise to you, when I say, "I believe that the successful future of 41 Club hinges on the success of Round Table as well as a seamless journey for retiring Tablers to 41 Club." For that to happen, the simple, yet effective PIE principle must be implemented. Programme; Invitation; Engagement.

As your President, I will make three promises: -

1. I will encourage the development of ideas and events to help you produce exciting programmes and publish them on our website for every club to access.
2. I will support the invitation of new members and creation of new clubs any way that I can.
3. I am fortunate enough to be able to and I will take a work sabbatical, so that I am available to engage with you as much as possible, listen to your ideas, support the viable ones and help bring them to fruition.

If we all plant one apple tree, by the end of the year, we will have created an orchard.





Candidate for National Vice-President

Duncan Kennedy

41 Club Memberships: Barry; Cambria.

From	To	Role
1990		Joined Round Table
1991	1994	Secretary - Barry Round Table 516
1994	1995	Vice Chairman, House & Programme - Barry Round
1995	1996	Chairman - Barry Round Table
2001	2005	Secretary - Barry Round Table
2005	-	Life Honorary Member - Barry Round Table
2006	2007	Honorary President - Barry Round Table
2007	2008	Honorary President - Cardiff Round Table
1997	1998	Area Treasurer - Area 4
1998	1999	Area Vice Chairman
1999	2000	Area Chairman
2005	2006	Area Honorary President
2001		VC National Conference RTBI/NALC - Cardiff
2003		VC National Sporting Weekend RTBI - Cardiff
2004	2005	National Councillor RT Area 4
2007		VC National Conference RTBI/NALC - Cardiff
2004		Joined Barry 41 Club
2006	2007	Chairman
2008	2013	National Councillor Region 13
2011	2012	Chairman
2013	2018	National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer
2020	-	Chairman National Conference 41 Club/Tangent - Cardiff

Sloan Wilson once said that "Success in almost any field depends more on energy and drive than it does on intelligence".

I believe that this is true and as you will see from my CV I have plenty of the first two and I believe enough of the third.

I joined 41 Club before leaving Table and after a couple of years applied to be on National Council. I felt very honoured to represent Region 13 for 5 years serving on several committees. After my 5 years as a National Councillor I was delighted to be elected as your National Membership Officer.

I led the agreement with Round Table to obtain details of those about to retire from Table and the historical database of those who left Round Table in the last 10 years. A team of us contacted all 9,000+ and since completing that project I believe that there have been 22 affiliations and I do believe that the effort of all involved then is continuing to bear fruit. It has also greatly helped successive membership officers to bring in other brilliant programmes to attract ex-Tablers as 41 Club members.

My time recently has been taken up with the need to concentrate on Cardiff National Conference as your Conference Chairman and this has been rewarding and also kept me connected at a national level.

I am very passionate about this Association and the membership of it. Indeed all the strategies put in place are and should be about attracting and retaining members. I wish to continue the good work of the current and past National Presidents and past and present Council members by continuing to encourage and drive all on Council and in Clubs across the country to find ways, however small, to achieve that aim.



Candidate for National Vice-President

Manny Martins



41 Club Memberships: Hamble Valley Stick; Kingston Ex-Tablers; Alpha Knights; Medway.

From	To	Role
1971		Joined Burgess Hill Hassocks & District RT 779
1976	1984	RT area delegate, Sports, Sales, Press, Programme & Social, Fundraising, Community Services & IRO Officer
1984	1987	Table Secretary, Vice Chairman & Chairman
1981	1986	Area Sales, Press, Sports, Membership & Comm Services
1988		Joined Crowborough Round Table 980
1986	1989	Area 2 Secretary
1989		Joined Crowborough 41 Club
1994	1995	Club Chairman - Crowborough 41 Club
1998		Joined Hamble Valley Stick Club
2005	2006	Chairman - Hamble Valley Stick
2010		Joined Kingston Upon Thames ex Tablers
2011	2012	Chairman - Hamble Valley Stick
2013	2015	Chairman - Kingston upon Thames x2
2015	2016	Chairman - Hamble Valley Stick
1993	1997	National Councillor Region 11
1997	2001	National Editor
2010	2012	National Councillor Region 24
2012	2017	National Secretary
2017	-	Assistant National Councillor Region 23

I believe that the role of National Vice President, then President is to ensure that we all enjoy our experiences of 41 Club whilst safe in the knowledge that all statutory duties and activities are carried out professionally.

As the previous National Secretary, I have gained the knowledge and experience to fulfill these duties.

Our number one Purposes and Object of 41 Club is 'To continue to promote opportunities for fellowship amongst former members of Round Table'. By imbedding this, we will deliver the complete Purposes and Objectives. We belong to our individual clubs because we were in Table with our fellow 41 Club members or because a move took us to a new location, made new friends and transferred into another club. We enjoy each other's fellowship. I wish to continue to provide this and other opportunities for us to meet and take pleasure in each other's company.

I will attend any club or event that I am invited to as a visiting member or Vice President with the latest news and views. I will listen to your views and opinions on how we are doing and what we need to do to improve our Association and discuss these at National Council Meetings to deliver our club of choice. If there is one thing I've learned during my 41 Club life, it's that when two FortyOners get together and start talking about their clubs, events and experiences — there's just no telling where that might lead, sharing a memory, exchanging ideas, or helping each other.

I promise that I will work harmoniously within our National Council, Round Table Family and individual clubs to ensure we can sustain your interests and involvement.

I sincerely hope that your views coincide with mine and you will support my nomination as your Vice President.





Candidate for National Councillors' Liaison Officer

Graham Sloan

41 Club Memberships: Lytham St Annes No.3; Cheadle & Gatley; Dragons; Kirkham & Rural Fylde

From	To	Role
1975	1988	Cheadle & Gatley RT 829 - CSO, Editor & on Council
1983	1984	Area 34 Sales Officer
1986	1987	Chairman Cheadle & Gatley Round Table 829
1988	-	Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club
1992	-	Lytham St Annes 41 Club
2002	2003	Chairman Lytham St Annes 41 Club
2010	2011	Chairman Lytham St Annes 41 Club, Treasurer x7 years
2016	-	Dragons 41 Club
2016	-	Chairman Dragons 41 Club
2016	-	National Councillor - Region 5
2017	-	Kirkham & Rural Fylde 41 Club

I am Graham Sloan currently Chairman of Dragons 41 Club and National Councillor for Region 5 (North West) having held this position since June 2016.

I am also a member of the Comms Team and have effectively maintained the CAS club data and password resets along with a host of other raised queries.

Currently the Comms Team is involved in the development of "CAS2", which, when it goes "live" will be closely monitored by the Comms team and me!

My role has also involved me in working with current and past NCLOs in the monitoring and collection of overdue Capitation by liaising with Marchesi House Admin Team, Regional Councillors, the National Treasurer and the individual clubs involved.

Communication is vital between all members of the Exec and is one of my main strengths. Maintaining and communicating up to date information to all parties involved is imperative for the smooth running of the Association. I use emails, Facebook and meetings to achieve this.

The role of National Council Liaison Officer is very important. Having worked with Phill and Tom to deliver training to councilors, gave me great insight into what is required and what needs to be delivered by our Councillors, along with updating the Board. In addition, I would see my role, as NCLO, as being the conduit between the Board and National Council, sharing information between them, so that members benefit.

As the current holder of "The Terry Cooper Shield" I am fully aware of the requirements and demands that the councillor role involves and I am best placed to assist the Councillors.

I have consistently demonstrated that I have the skills, experience, knowledge and passion to support councillors in their roles, to promote continued friendship and to develop our Association





Candidate for National Councillors' Liaison Officer

Des Fulcher

41 Club Memberships: South Norfolk; Alpha Knights.

From	To	Role
2004	2008	Thetford Round Table
2008	2009	Harleston Round Table
2008	2009	Round Table Area 6 Media & PR Officer
2010	2015	Norwich 41 Club
2014	2015	Kings Lynn 41 Club
2011	2014	Deputy National Councillor, Region 17
2012	2013	RTBI National Presidents PLC - Sales
2015	-	South Norfolk 41 Club Founder Member
2014	2017	National Councillor Region 17

As an immediate past 41 Club National Councillor and prior to that in a deputising position I have seven years valuable experience of the opportunities and challenges which often exist.

ideally suited to this position which acts as the link between National Councillors and the National Board.

After a four year tenure as a District Councillor in South Norfolk was completed in April 2019 I decided to take semi-retirement, maintaining ownership of a professional licensed display firework company which is mostly seasonal, this means I have the time and resources to afford the position of National Councillor Liaison Officer.

Some of my previous work experience included managing field based sales teams in different parts of the country, this invariably brings transferable skills to 41 Club which can help National Councillors to maintain and develop clubs in their region.

The welfare of National Councillors is an important aspect which I would prioritise, along with helping to encourage a positive approach towards their clubs, which will then ensure a healthy outlook is possible in their region.

Regional 41 Club National Councillor vacancies require extra focus and support to encourage local members to consider this important position, something I would work with members of National Council and clubs in the region to fill.

Motivating National Councillors to maintain a good relationship with clubs in their region is another important aspect which I would encourage and support, additionally feeding back any matters which are raised for discussion at board level.

I would work closely with the National Membership Officer to support membership initiatives in the regions and clubs, provide articles and notices to the National Communications Officer for inclusion in various media streams, and liaise with other parts of the Round Table Family to help support the overall objectives of the organisation.



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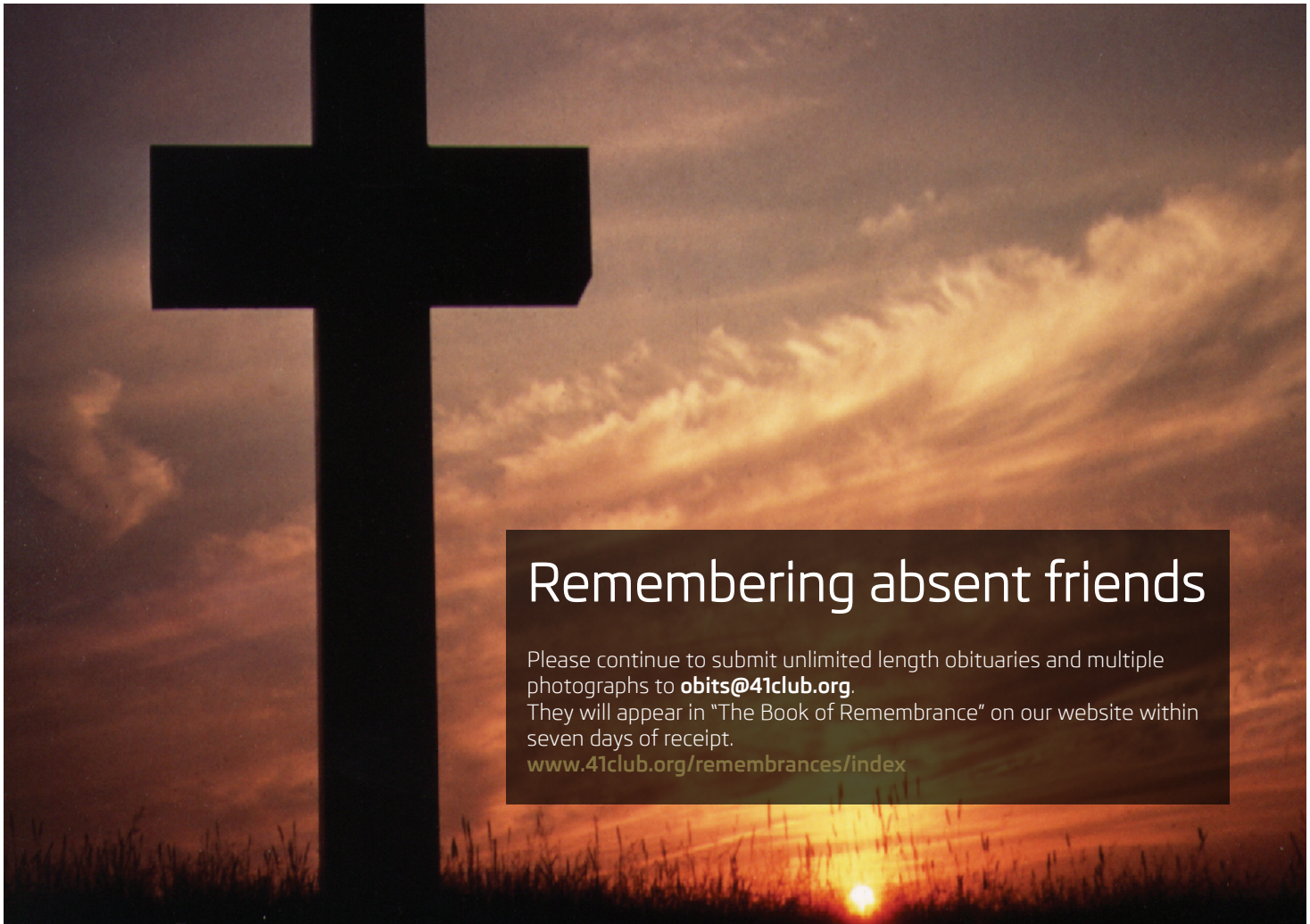
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Roger Adams
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Ampthill

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Mallorca

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Roy Chalfont
Norwich Past Tablers

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Windsor & Eton

Paul Heerey
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Barrie Hempstead
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