

# A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY OF CLUBS









# Golf Days and an opportunity.



Jim has been enjoying travelling around the country to some of the Regional Golf Days in Alsager, Shirley and Chelmsford. Some great opportunities for fellowship and the opportunity to meet many members of 41 Club. There are a number of other days to come with Regional Days in Regions 20, 21, 22 and the Scottish golf day at Blairgowrie before the National finals in Ladbroke Park near Solihull on 22 September. If there isn't one in your region just talk to your Regional Councillor and if not this year, maybe next year.

# Play golf with the President

Now here's a challenge for the golfers. We have the opportunity to put a team into the very prestigious Anthony Nolan Golf Day to be played at Sunningdale on the 7<sup>th</sup> October this year. This is a real opportunity to do two things. First of all have a great day out playing one of the country's most famous courses. Secondly to raise some money for the President's charity, Anthony Nolan. There are 3 places available to play and it maybe that an individual wants to do it or a club raises sponsorship for one of their members to play. As you can imagine this is not a cheap event to enter and that is why there is a minimum bid price. All funds raised go towards our total funds raised for the charity.

- 1. To get the benefit from the day it is recommended that a maximum handicap of 20 applies
- 2. Bids for places to be made to the President and the National Secretary Manny Martins to ensure the result is fair. E-mail <a href="mailto:president@41club.org">president@41club.org</a> and <a href="mailto:secretary@41club.org">secretary@41club.org</a>.
- 3. Bids have to be a minimum of £500 per person.
- 4. Winners will be the club or individual with the 3 highest bids.
- 5. Closing dates for bids will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Confirmation will be made to the winners over that weekend and the winners will be announced at the National Golf Finals on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Support the charity and have a fun day out



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### **EDITORIAL**

Many of you reading this have never attended any regional event organised by 41 Club and even less will have attended a national event. I find this strange, that in an organisation built upon fellowship so few venture outside the confines of their own club. In Round Table days we all travelled far and wide, making new friends in other clubs, regions and even overseas. We did silly things and were proud that we raised funds and hope for so many that were less fortunate than ourselves. So why at the age of 41 did all that end?

In late June 20 couples met at the Hinckley Island Hotel for the inaugural "41 Classic Rally". A fantastic selection of cars were assembled in the rally car park and there followed a full two days of entertaining events. (A personal review by one of the couples appears later in this newsletter.) Several of those attending said that it was the first time that they had ever participated in a nationally organised event but they all agreed that they had enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship. All were

agreed that they would be attending next year's rally and were keen to spread the word to the 41ers that they know.

So why stop at just a car rally? There are 41ers all over the country who share common interests and hobbies. Why not have weekends for walkers, bird watchers, golfers, caravaners? The list is endless. It just needs someone to organise a venue and a date. All events can be promoted nationally through the newsletter, magazine, website and social media. So I challenge you to think of something you would enjoy organising (just like you did in your Table days) and I will help promote the event for you.

Let's get some real fellowship back into 41 Club and show that Ex-Tablers still know how to enjoy themselves.

Ray Hill comms@41club.org

# Rhyl 41 Club raise £ 2,000 for Glan Clwyd Cancer Unit

Current President George Owens and IPP Wynford Davies recently presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Cancer Unit at our local Glan Clwyd Hospital.

The cheque was received by Mrs Barbara Evans, who was the wife of Mally Evans, a committed member of 41 Club, having served as President on two separate occasions.

Hence the Cancer Unit was Wynford's nominated Presidential charity in memory of Mally who died of cancer.

**Lawrence Bamber** 



Koos Coetzee from South Africa is seen receiving the Tom Hodge - Victor Michitsch Award for outstanding international contribution.

Koos was absent at the Bournemouth AGM due to illness on the day and Dave Campbell presented his certificate to him in Korsor at the International AGM



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## POYNTON 41 CLUB REJUVENATED

It is quite amazing what can be achieved when people sit round a table and decide to tackle a problem head on rather than bury their heads in the sand.

Just over two months ago I attended a meeting of Poynton 41 Club, in which there was a serious case being made for the Club disaffiliating from the National Association. It was felt that the Club had become very much disconnected from its local Round Table, Poynton & District 1064, and that as such, it no longer served a purpose within the organisation. Why should the members still pay capitation fees in order to be a part of an association in which they felt that they had little interest?

The entire premise for disaffiliation was based on the perceived disconnect between Round Table and 41 Club, which had drifted apart over the years. Thanks in no small part to the efforts of Poynton 41 Club member and National Councillor for Region 12 (North Wales), Lawrence Bamber, who got former two-time Chairman of Poynton & District Round Table, Karl Colebrook, a soon-to-retire member, Dave Jacks, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Poynton 41 Club, Bryan Sinclair and Nigel Humphries, sat at a table and discussing how to tie links between Round Table and 41 Club once again, the main reason behind the call for disaffiliation was called into serious question.

During the course of that meeting in February, which was also attended by Karl and Dave, we learned that there were around 15 men, some already retired from Round Table and some soon to retire, who were interested in joining 41 Club. This was not a case of these men simply pondering the idea, they were committed to joining. The only question in their minds was whether they should join the existing 41 Club or start their own new Club.

They were leaning towards starting their own 41 Club initially because of the difference in age between themselves and the existing members and because they wanted to remain active rather than simply join a dining club. Also, they didn't want to join en masse because they felt that such an influx could be perceived as a rather too aggressive move. Little known to the Tablers, Poynton 41 Club is an active Club. Its members had just returned from a trip to Tenerife a matter of days before the February meeting, for example. Karl and Dave were told in no uncertain terms that the existing 41 Club would welcome new blood, a sentiment echoed even by the member who put forward the initial case for disaffiliation. At this point in time, the prospective members were now leaning towards joining the existing Club. Over the following 2



Outgoing Chairman Bryan Sinclair presents newly inducted Karl Colebrook with the Chairman's jewel of office

months, Bryan, Nigel, Karl and Dave agreed that the prospective members would join the existing club and started to define more clearly the role that they would play within the club.

Fast forward to Tuesday April 29th and it was Poynton 41 Club's AGM, attended by no less than ELEVEN members past and present of Poynton & District RT 1064 including Karl Colebrook and Dave Jacks. All ELEVEN were inducted into 41 Club by Bryan Sinclair. Furthermore, this is but the beginning. There are several more prospectives who will be brought into the fold in the near future.

When the time came for Bryan to stand down and hand the jewel of office over to Nigel Humphries, Nigel announced that it was time to let the new blood shape the Club. Consequently, it is Karl Colebrook who has now taken the Chair of Poynton 41 Club, and Dave Jacks is the new Vice-Chairman. Further positions in the Club have also been filled by newly inducted members.

This can only be qualified as a great success. In the space of two months, Poynton has gone from a club on the brink of disaffiliation with little to no contact with its local Round Table to a thriving Club, meeting twice a month, now with close ties to its local Table in the form of several members only just retired, and with every intention of taking up the Anthony Nolan 40/40 challenge with Poynton & District RT.

Long may it last!

**Godwin Stewart – National Councillor Region 8 Lancs, Manx & Greater Manchester** 



## **Celebrating 40 Years**

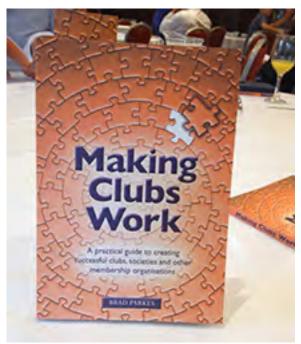
2014 is the 40th anniversary since the founding of The Anthony Nolan charity. But a little bird has told me that the couple featured on the right on their wedding day in Leicestershire are also celebrating 40 years together. Congratulations to you both.

Who do you think they are ...

Answers on a postcard to Jim Smith.



### MAKING CLUBS WORK - BRAD PARKES



Brad has been a member of Solihull Round Table, a past National Membership Officer for Round Table and is currently involved in helping to bring those past Tablers who have never joined 41 club in Solihull back to the club. Over the years Brad has become a good friend and I was fortunate to be invited to join him along with many other Round Table family friends at the launch of his book. He has written it from a real experience of working with clubs and organisations both in Round Table and work related. It has some wonderful nuggets of information, ideas and many 'hand grenade' warning signs.

This is not just a plug for the book (and No I'm not on any commission!) but for those of us who have a passion for our organisation, or indeed any other organisation I would heavily recommend it as a very good and inspirational read. Over the next few months as National President I will certainly be taking many learning points into things I do. We are just about to embark on a major project to try to assist clubs in bringing back to 41 Club those people who have left Round Table but never joined. We all know there are some things that need to change in many clubs to encourage them not only to join but also to stay and become valued members of 41 Club. More details on the project are included in our next magazine. If you want your club to be successful and encourage those friends to join us you could do a lot worse than to read the book.

Making Clubs Work: A practical guide to creating successful clubs, societies and other membership organisations

By Brad Parkes

Synopsis

As anyone knows who has tried to organise any sort of group, from a book club to the National Trust, from a scout troop to a business networking group, it is an enterprise fraught with challenges – acquiring members, involving members, retaining members, keeping the organisation focused, functioning and vibrant – none of this is easy.

Brad Parkes has been involved with membership

organisations at the highest levels for a number of years, and has developed a number of tried and tested strategies and approaches which, when applied, will help any membership organisation to flourish.

A skilled and much sought-after speaker, Brad presents his ideas in a lively and attractive way, using a threefold approach – through the story of a young man, Billy, just starting out on his career, his boss and mentor Alex, and a café called Archie's; through case studies and real-life examples; and, finally, through suggestions, hints and tips to apply in order to a membership organisation successfully.

It is Brad's great belief that membership organisations play an incalculably valuable role in providing individuals with a sense of belonging, a place and a purpose, and that, in today's increasingly fragmented society, it is crucial that membership organisations of all sorts and sizes survive and thrive.

## ANTHONY NOLAN 40/40 CHALLENGE

Just a quick update from the last newsletter. We have had four of these events take place so far. In terms of gathering potential donors information they have been quite successful and hopefully the follow up will add many new names to the register. One of the key benefits to this challenge is the opportunity to introduce potential members of the right age category to Round Table and Circle. It is absolutely vital therefore that clubs undertaking the challenge really explain to their Table those potential benefits to them and why they should fully support it but equally follow up on the contacts as soon as they can to offer those people the opportunity to look

at Round Table. Perhaps when you are planning your event one of the key things in the planning should be the follow up to include contact and a suitable meeting being held by Round Table to invite those guests to.

If you need any more information or want to undertake a 40/40 challenge please contact lan Mackenzie (<a href="mack@tiscali.co.uk">imack@tiscali.co.uk</a>) or Jim Smith

Jim Smith National President 2014-2015

### Presenting The National Councillors 2014-2015

If you need to ask your National Councillor anything with regards to 41 Club nationally, please do not hesitate to give him a call. Also if you would like to be nominated for the position for National Councillor or Deputy National Councillor, ring me Phill Ellis 07828021807 or your National Councillor to find out more.

Your councillor is here for you and your clubs benefit, he will support the region and help with regional events that you have. If you have any questions no matter what ask your National Councillor, if he can't answer it he will know a man that can!

National Council Liaison Officer + Region 3 (Ireland) National Councillor "Temporary"

#### **Phillip Ellis (Phill)**

Place of residence, Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland

41 Clubs Bangor 41
Married Yes to Sandra

Children 3, – 1 in Circle – 1 Joining Table and

the other is only 12

Grand Children 1 Enzo what a chap

Profession Lecturer in Electrical, Electronics & Telecoms

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# National Councillor Region 1 (Western Scotland)

#### **Nick Lawton**

41 Clubs Inverness
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Children 1
Grand Children 1

Profession Chartered Surveyor

Hobbies Golfing – badly, Theatre, Travel How can you contact me – email, region1@41club.org

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# National Councillor Region 18 (Essex and North London) Sean McCormick ('Shrek')

Place of residence, Saffron Walden 41 Clubs Saffron Walden

Married Nearly
Children 2
Grand Children 0

Profession Recovering reinsurance claims

Hobbies Rugby, fly fishing, running, water skiing

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## IN MEMORY OF JAN

Many of you will have known Jan Mulqueen who, tragically, died suddenly in May. An unstoppable force, Jan has left a big gap in our lives and in Tangent.

Jan's husband Eddie, Party Tyne 41 Club, is currently recovering from Oesophageal cancer, which was diagnosed just over 2 years ago. Both Eddie and Jan worked towards raising awareness of the Northern Oesophageal Cancer Unit and supported the charity through fundraising. Eddie is

recovering so well that he is now the ward pin-up – Jan was very proud of that.

They had plans to take part in the Great North run.

In memory of Jan, Eddie is still planning to complete the Great North Run in September – I think Matron's running too!

Colin Steen, Area Councillor Region 4, Party Tyne 41 Club.

With the excellent care of the Northern Oesophago Gastric Cancer Unit, and Jan's tireless support, I have continued to improve in health and fitness. As a thank you to the unit, we planned to complete the Great North Run - me running and Jan rattling the tins. (I don't know who would have had the better option.)

A past National President of Tangent, Jan has always been one for giving. During her year as National President she raised over £160,000 for Help for Heroes, together with 41Club NP Richard Matthews.

Only this year Jan took part in the Boxing Day Dip and raced into the icy North Sea, dressed as a Christmas Stocking. She raised over £1,000.

I am going to complete the Great North Run in memory of Jan, who suffered a massive brain haemorrhage at the tender age of 60. A fantastic girl, with the heart of a lion, Jan was full of life and would always help others.

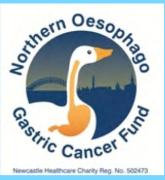
Please help me to support the Northern Oesophago Gastric Cancer Fund in memory of Jan.

Eddie Mulqueen, PartyTyne 41Club.

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## **CLASSIC RALLY 2014**

# The Inaugural 41 Club Classic Rally - 21st/22nd June 2014

So it was early on a still and sunny June morn in Great Billing, the neighbours had just turned over for a last



snooze, the pigeons and blackbirds rooted around the lawns for their breakfast and a couple of cats looked on lazily, thinking about the breakfast they might have if only they could be bothered to run after it. A tranquil scene, until that is, the raucous bark of a lightly baffled MGB exhaust shattered the early peace. Yes it's those Banfields again, off in that

darn noisy sports car "I hope they are going somewhere

far away and staying there for a while" was probably the communal thought.

Never wanting to disappoint our neighbours we were doing just that. We were off to Litchfield to meet other 41 Club car nuts and to spend a weekend doing car stuff. Oh and some eatin 'n drinkin' as well of course. A bit like a walking weekend without the walking.

We decided it was a good enough day to go topless, so after slipping the leather and latex into the boot we set off with the sun already warm on our exposed skin, so I put on a hat.

We avoided motorways and busy areas and woke up sleepy villages instead. Soon we hit the A5 and saw a few other cars that looked like they might be from our gang. However the Sat. Nav. said turn right off of the A5 so we did as we were told, thinking all the others must be lost or going somewhere else. Nope they were all there in the car park when we arrived at the hotel a bit later.

Several 41 Club dignitaries like Jim Smith the National Prez. Terry Cooper National Vice Prez and other

National Council members were there chatting. Their 41 Club shirts proudly displaying name rank and serial number. I however was dressed so as to colour coordinate with the Bronze Yellow of our car. I hadn't done this deliberately but it seemed to interest several of the ladies with whom we chatted, so I went along with it - as you do!

We checked out the car park, sparkling chrome and polished bodywork was everywhere. We found a Healey 3000 that was even louder than the MG and began chatting to the various car owners and their wives. Soon we were all feeling quite relaxed and ready to be briefed on the rest of the day's activities by whom else but the National Communications Officer- Ray Hill.

Goody Bags in hand we eagerly fixed our Rally Plaque and stickers onto our cars. The fun was about to begin. We were off to the MIRA establishment to watch a stage of the Midland Rally and then onward to Mallory Park Circuit where the same motors were completing a tarmac stage.

The Mallory visit included a drive around the circuit at a pace which was a little less crazy than the rally cars. The children and grandparents in the crowd waved and cheered as we convoyed past. Everyone else except a few keen photographers ignored us finding their burgers and each other's tattoos much more interesting. It was fun though for most of us that is until Dennis' DB6 began playing up and retired hurt to be replaced next day by a Lotus.

We all returned at our own pace to the Hinkley Island Hotel and checked into our rooms. Ours was a very nice room with mod cons. Most importantly of course there was wi fi access. Marg had her laptop and we could connect via the internet to our Virgin Tivo Box enabling us to watch most of the final England v All Blacks game which we had earlier thought we might miss.. They had narrowly lost the previous two test games so surely they were ready for a win.

They lost, but we did not let that spoil the very convivial evening ahead. Our new friends met us in the bar and then we moved on to the separate dining room. We passed the evening over a pleasant meal and battled with the motoring quiz, we finished mid table which is code for we know nothing!

Jim presented the prize for the car which those assembled would most like to take home to Rob Horton

and his Bristol which is a truly wonderful vehicle.

We chatted on over coffee by which time we were all keen to get some sleep. We did have a big hotel style buffet breakfast to tackle next day so plenty of sleep was essential so that we were ready.

After breakfast we were again briefed for the second day's programme but this time John Martin from Corby 41 Club did the honours as he had organised things. John had documented a smashing route through the bye ways of the Warwickshire and Leicestershire countryside during which we covered around 80 miles. Most of them were completed before we reached the nominated pub where a hearty lunch was available at a sensible cost. The excellent fellowship over lunch was of course free.

We moved on to Coventry city centre, the last mile or so through the city's complex road system was perhaps the most difficult section of the route. Apart from an MGB (not ours) which lost its clutch all drivers arrived at the Coventry Transport Museum in time. We parked up on the paved area in front of the museum and arranged ourselves photographically avoiding the skateboarders who looked less than happy that we had parked on their skate park.

John had thoughtfully provided cardboard drip trays to protect the paving as a number of the participants leaked a bit when warm and their cars dropped some oil as well.

The Coventry Transport Museum is a great place to visit and we whiled away a happy couple of nostalgic hours there. The highlight for me of course was shaking off Margaret and sharing a 700+mph ride with National President Jim in Thrust 2 - the Richard Noble jet car. It was just a simulator but tell that to my underwear!

Sadly we said goodbye to our new friends but not before there was general agreement that this inaugural event was so good that we really must do it again but perhaps a bit further North next time. We will certainly be keen to put our names down as this was a memorable 41 Club Weekend for all the right reasons. A lot of people had a hand in making everything run like clockwork. We thank you all for putting your time and effort into making this a great weekend.

#### Ken Banfield Northampton Nene 41 Club



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Last minute Registration and Payment After 1st March 2015 €350 | per person

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Double room - €116 | per room | per night



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Andros Kontos George Philis Nicos Zevlaris
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#### **Programme**

#### FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2015

11:00-19:00 Registration

19:00-12:00 12.00 Welcome & Get together Party - Cyprus Night

(smart casual)

#### SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2015

**09:00-13:30** 41 International AGM

10:30-13:30 Partners Tour of Limassol

13:30-15:00 Lunch

18:30-20:00 Banner Exchange

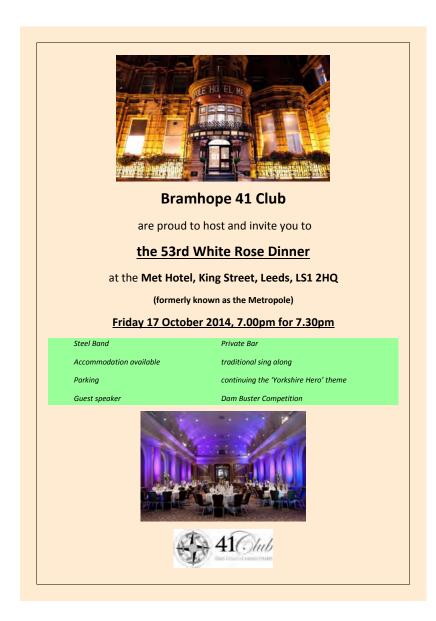
20:00-20:30 Pre-Gala Dinner Cocktail

20:30-01:00 Gala Dinner

#### SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2015

09:00-11:00 Farewell Breakfast

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