



## CELEBRATING JOHN CARBERRY'S 50 YEARS OF TABLING

On Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 a group of his friends gathered to celebrate the contribution of John Carberry to Round Table and 41 Club over the past 50 years, by presenting to him the 41 Club Association award at the Royal Ulster Yacht Club. The presentation was made by the National President of 41 Club Terry Cooper.



John has been a member of Bangor Round Table / 41Cub for 50 years and has been a great inspiration to several generations of Tablers.

His fellow friends and members of the Round Table Family had a few words to say about their memories of John, here are just a few:

***John – Congratulations attaining this very prestigious Award.***

***I recall the days, nights and the odd occasion day and night trips on your rounds as Regional Chair - Laytown - Bettystown come to mind.***

***To me John you where an inspiration for any member of both Round Table (Best Young Men's Club) and now 41 Club. You have been a friend and I have, I am honoured to be associated with you in both clubs.***

***May I wish you all the success you deserve.***

Desi McLaughlin Ex Bangor Round Table & 41 Club  
Now Hollywood 41 Club.

***A gentle giant! Always able to give a considered answer on any topic!***

Denis Nelson Bangor 41

***Always remembered as the Organiser of great rallies; a great sense of humour and full of fun.***

Roy and Grace Wilson Bangor 41

Editor Ray Hill  
National Communications Officer  
[comms@41club.org](mailto:comms@41club.org)

***Strong supporter and first President of Donaghadee 1186. Always remember lessons on making money at ballots and his put downs.***

Rodney Brown Bangor 41

***Memories of an excellent WOCO in Dublin (whatever year that was!).***

Alan McIlmoyle Lisnagarvey 41

***Ladies Circle were having a 'Nearly New' sale in High Street, Bangor. We were given an empty shop to use for the sale but found the floor and entry to the shop unsafe. John became a willing carpenter and repaired the floor and the entrance for us and we had a most successful 'Nearly New' sale for Round Table Charities.***

***Thank you John.***

Jennifer Boyd

***Copy Date for May Newsletter***

***23rd April 2016***

## 41 CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY

National Council agreed this year that a role for the Immediate Past President should be to develop a plan for 41 Club in the community. We also agreed that implementation of the plan would continue for a minimum of three years. Whilst I have started it Terry will continue with it next year and Barry the following year. We are fully aware that many, if not most clubs, do not do or want to do any form of Community Service independently from Round Table. There are some great examples of independent activity and whilst it would be great if more clubs were involved that is up to each club. So what can we do to give 41 Club a voice and identity in the local community?

The survey of clubs and members last year gave a strong view that community activity should be geared to support of Round Table. I have spent the past few months working closely with Round Table to find out what we could do to support them but also create an environment which supports the local community. We have now developed a programme of support to do the best thing we believe we can do which is to help Round Table grow by supporting their initiative to open or re-open new Round Tables.

Here's some very good news. Round Table is growing again and they have re-opened a number of new clubs during the year and more are in the pipeline. They have had a very significant demographic report done which clearly identifies where the best places are for them to start new clubs. This has been aligned with where we have 41 Clubs. It is not an ad hoc approach but a clearly organised approach based on the size of town, the nature of the population and the proximity to other Round Tables. A list has been drawn of the top 75 locations. We have taken this list and spread it around our Regions to identify our best targets which support this initiative. The list is now in the hands of the Regional

Councillors to act on it in conjunction with Round Table and local 41 Clubs.

Let us be clear opening or re-opening a Round Table is not an easy task but with determination it can succeed. We have built in support levels from local Round Tables, Round Table Regional representatives and fully supported by the Round Table Board and HQ.

So what are the benefits for 41 Club? Firstly by supporting this initiative we are clearly showing the strong links with Round Table and doing what our membership are telling us to do. Secondly by initiating this new club there is an immediate bonding between 41 Club and Round Table at a local level. Finally by having a Round Table you are ultimately benefitting your local community.

Full details of the 41 Club target list and the Round Table top 75 are shown on the web site in the new box "41 Club in the Community" by following this link ([hyperlink to page](#)). There is also a document we have developed jointly "Guidance to opening a new Round Table" which is on the web site. Please have a look at the list of clubs and if your club is there and you haven't already been contacted by your Regional Councillor either e-mail me or phone. If your town is not listed and you are interested then please contact either me or your Regional Councillor.

**This is a real opportunity to be involved and make a difference to both Round Table and your local community and apart from anything else have some fun and fellowship. I wish you every success.**

**Jim Smith**  
**Immediate Past President**  
[pastpresident@41club.org](mailto:pastpresident@41club.org)

## FOR THOSE WHO WONDER WHY FACEBOOK EXISTS

*Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same Facebook principles. Therefore, every day I go out on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will be doing tomorrow. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening and spending time in the pool. I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love to hear about their life. It works, I already have 3 persons following me .... Two police officers and a psychiatrist.*



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# TERRY'S TRAVELS

I can't believe it's that time already when I'm writing my last piece for the Newsletter as your President.

I'm going to start off with my Travel Log as March has been another amazing month plus there's a visit I omitted to mention last month as the publication deadline meant I could not include Swadlincote 41 Club. I had a very enjoyable visit to their club night to talk about "my life on two wheels" which is not about 41 Club but my involvement with classic motorcycles and always seems to go down well as there are usually a few 41ers who have ridden, or still ride, motorcycles in the room.

On Tuesday March 1st I visited Oxford Cherwell 41 Club for the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the formation their Round Table and a 70<sup>th</sup> Charter celebration of 41 Club. It was an excellent night in Oxford at a venue I'm familiar with and amongst very old friends. I even got to use my bus pass to travel in and out of the city with club chairman Bob Taylor, another Past Area Chairman of Isis Area 50, who hosted me for the night. Wednesday found me driving to Montgomery to attend the Mid Wales Cluster that evening, joined by National Councillor Lawrence Bamber and Past National President Ernie Husson, who took some excellent pictures of a very good evening. Thursday found me in Gloucester for the Severn Vale Dinner driven by Clevedon and again joined by a National Councillor this time Kevin Chard and Past National President John Bellwood for another brilliant evening. Travelling again on Friday to Bournemouth for the Dorset Knobs Dinner where the array of dignitaries would fill the rest of this newsletter so I'll stick to just mentioning Past National Presidents Richard Matthews and Martin Green and National Secretary Manny Martins. The thing about all of these events other than they were all brilliant nights is the very generous amounts of money raised for my charity, the Stroke Association, a big thank you to all the organisers for doing such a good job to increase my total.

The week finished with Lin and I attending the Round Table Ball at the Round House in Derby which is an old steam engine shed which used to house a turntable for the engines, now turned into a library and function suite. Together with National President Marcus Jones from Table, Alex Voller from Tangent and Zoe Gaskill from Circle we had a wonderful evening. It was brilliant for me as I was "off duty" with nothing to do except take a quick bow when introduced and then enjoy the evening. Mention of Marcus, Alex and Zoe gives me the opportunity to say how much I've enjoyed sharing my year with such a great group of friends and I look forward to



continuing the friendship into the future.

The following week together with VP Barry and Tangent President Alex we visited the Lamb in London for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch another event where it's not possible to list all previous and current 41 and Tangent Past National Officers in attendance. On the Thursday with two drivers from Clevedon I visited the AGM of Dawlish Warren 41 Club where I was joined by National Treasurer Mark Fairchild and a member of his club for another good fellowship event. A quick trip up the motorway on Friday in time for the amazing night of Lytham St Anne's 75<sup>th</sup> Charter. Being a founder Club I anticipated a big crowd and at 125 attending I was not disappointed. Again it was a very good turnout for National Council with many Councillors and two National Board Members Ray Hill, National Communications Officer and Andrew Mackereth, National Fellowship Officer, to mention just a couple. We drove back down on the Saturday to be in time for Norton Radstock 41 Club and Round Table Ladies Night. With its James Bond theme and excellent food, it was another night to remember.

I attended my own Club's AGM on the following Monday and was able to thank Chairman Peter Brackstone and the members of Clevedon 41 Club for their support this year. Tuesday found Clevedon driving me again this time to Burnham on Sea 41 Club at the invitation of Past National President John Mellor for an enjoyable speaker meeting.



The following day Lin and I flew off to Costa Blanca 41 Club in Spain for their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter in Javea. Home hosted by Peter and Ethna Williamson we had a great couple of days with, not only the Charter Dinner, but a walking tour of Denia organised by Past National President Gordon Macnab and his wife Elaine, followed by an evening of fellowship at Peter and Ethna's home to celebrate St Patrick's day that evening.

Mentioning home hosting gives me the opportunity, on behalf of Lin and myself, to thank all of you who have hosted us either in your home or by providing hotel accommodation for us. We've been delighted and truly grateful for the wonderful generosity shown to us during this year and would like to thank all of you for doing so much for us. We have really appreciated the friendship and fellowship shown to us, thank you.

On Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> I visited Newport 41 Club, again with

a driver from Clevedon, for another very well attended event to enjoy an excellent evening with the international rugby referee Nigel Owens, a really great speaker. Wednesday it was off to Wickford 41 Club in Essex with yet another driver from Clevedon for their Club Meeting where I was joined by National Councillor Sean McCormack and that evening completed my visits to every Region in 41 Club during my year as president.

Easter gave a few days off from travelling but gave me the opportunity to catch up on the paperwork and prepare for the AGM which will be with us soon enough. My last event of the month is a trip to Belfast on this coming Wednesday but more about that next month when I complete Terry's Travels and

round up my year in the May Newsletter.

I would like to thank National Council, my lovely wife Lin and my club Clevedon for their help and support this year and to wish Vice President Barry, and all those standing for new posts at the AGM, well.

I would also like to thank you, our members, for the fellowship you've shown me as I've travelled around the country this year and for giving me the privilege and pleasure of being your 70<sup>th</sup> National President, it's been brilliant!

Yours in continued Friendship,

**Terry**

**National President 2015-2016.**

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# 2016 YEOVIL COURT CLASSIC RALLY

A quick update on the 41 Club Classic Car Rally on August 5th to 7th later this year.

We've been delighted so far with the number of entries and with 4 months to go we already have 24 cars entered and 48 people.

The Yeovil Court Hotel, other than 4 single rooms, is now fully booked on doubles and twins. However the good news is we have a second excellent hotel on stream called The Hollies Hotel in the village of Bower Hinton which is just a couple of miles away through the lanes from West Coker. The Hollies has double rooms available at a special rate to Rally entrants of £110 a night including Breakfast. Evening meals, for both Friday and Saturday night, will be at the Yeovil Court together with the other Rally entrants and can be booked separately on the Rally Booking Form.

The Hollies Hotel also has safe parking for our cars behind the hotel and the car park is not visible from the road. The Hollies can be contacted by calling 01935 822232 and asking for Kath Garry. Please be sure to mention the 41 Club Classic Car Rally on booking to get the Rally discount.

If you have any questions about the Rally or the hotel accommodation available, as we do have other alternatives, please call me on 07891 761599 or call Lin on 01275 341464.

For Classic Rally details and an entry form click here:

<http://www.41club.org/files/2016-02-08/Booking-Form-for-Classic-Rally-20161456338933.pdf>

Alternatively you can email Lin on [lin@cooperbradbury.co.uk](mailto:lin@cooperbradbury.co.uk) for an Entry Form or download one from the 41 Club website at [www.41club.org](http://www.41club.org). Remember the Rally is for all types of classic and cherished cars and motor cycles, including modern classics.

The Haynes Motor Museum trip on the Saturday is going to be excellent as we get to park our cars in front of the museum whilst we have lunch and then take the guided tour.

On the Sunday morning we will be visiting the East Somerset Railway which is in steam that day. The Railway has a Coffee Shop and Gift Shop and although we will only be stopping there for coffee Rally Entrants are welcome to take a Steam Train ride and then catch up with us later at the lunch venue.

The South West Classic Car Rally Team are looking forward to welcoming you to Yeovil in August. We're looking forward to receiving more entries so blow up the tyres and top up the oil on your jalopy and come and join us in sunny Somerset, they're bottling the cider as I write this ready to welcome you.

**Terry**  
**National President 2015 -2016.**



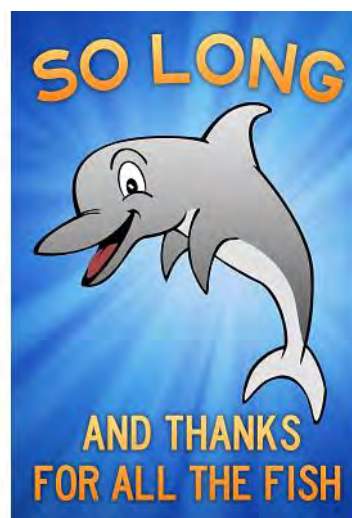
## FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR

October 2009 marked two firsts for me. it was the the first time my wife Sue and I embarked on a cruise and whilst on that cruise I penned the editorial and articles for the first 41 Club National Newsletter. A six months experiment to see if there was a demand for such a publication. Now six and half years later I have produced my last newsletter and I will be handing over responsibility to a very able group group of 41ers who I am sure will adopt, adapt and improve all club communications in the future.

For the last five years Sue and i have both been members of our respective national executives. It has been a struggle at times with redundancy for myself and serious ill health for both my wife and I, but 41 Club has always spurred me on and we are both very grateful for all the friendships we have built up over that period.

I ask all members to remember that members of the Board and Council are volunteers who perform their tasks for the benefit of all, not for self gain.

Thanks for all your contributions and I leave you with the words of the late, great Douglas Adams:



P.S. Sue and I will soon be embarking on our eighth cruise, the first when I do not have to rush back and put together another newsletter. WOW!!!!

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**Make sure you and your club's voices are represented at National.**

20 years ago who would have thought that the Rolling Stones would play a live concert in Cuba on Good Friday 2016, but they did! Things can and will change and our National Councillors are the catalyst of change. Your National Councillor makes sure that your Region and club have a clear voice at National level. You cannot complain that National does not listen if you are not represented.

We have vacancies in the following regions:

Region 2 – Scotland East

Region 4 – North East

Region 5 – North West

Region 6 - Yorkshire

Region 8 – Lancs & Manx

Region 22 – West of England

National Councillors provide the eyes, ears and mouths for the association, but more importantly they drive the future via committees and meetings four times a year. Get involved. Let's Rock and be like "Mick, Keith, Ronnie and Charlie" and change 41 for the better.

All regions could also use deputies to support the National Councillor in his role, so to find out more info or to get involved in the first instance contact Phill Ellis at [phillipellis@41club.org](mailto:phillipellis@41club.org) or ring 07828021807

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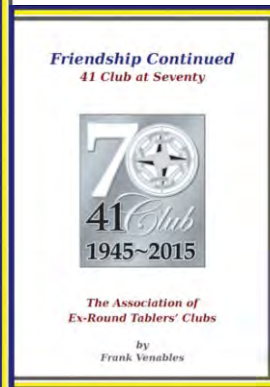
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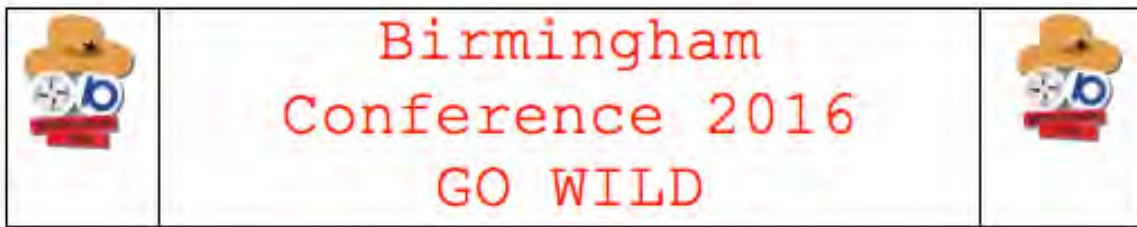


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### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome by the National President.
2. Purposes and Objects.
3. Appointment of Tellers & Scrutineers.
4. Confirmation and adoption of the Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 18th April 2015 at the HIC, Harrogate.
5. Matters Arising from those Minutes.
6. To receive the National Council Report for 2015.
7. The Association Strategic Plan 2016-2020.
8. Governance Review.
9. Resolutions.
10. Election of Officers for 2016-2018/19
11. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2015
12. Presentation and agreement of Budget for 2017.
13. Appointment of Independent Examiners.
14. Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations.
15. Installation of National President 2016-2017.
16. Installation of National Vice-President 2016-2017.
17. Installation of Officers 2016-2018/9.
18. Any other Business relevant to the AGM.
19. Date of 72nd AGM – Saturday 22nd April 2017 - Blackpool

## **NATIONAL AGM PROXY VOTES**

Any Club can appoint someone from another Club to vote at the AGM on their behalf.

That person must be a member of a fully paid up constituent Club.

The Proxy Voter can vote for his own club or clubs as well.

The Proxy Voter can have two or more votes. i.e. for his own Clubs and for the Club he represents as a proxy voter.

The National Secretary must be informed by the Club appointing that person.

The National Secretary must be informed by the club appointing that person name and details of the Proxy Voter **IN WRITING** to arrive **THREE** days before the AGM. Information may be sent to the National Secretary by: e-mail (secretary@41club.org) or Post: 78 Portchester Road, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 8QJ.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE POSTAL PROXY VOTER DETAILS AFTER MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016 AS HE WILL BE IN TRANSIT TO BIRMINGHAM.**



## ABINGDON 41 CLUB VISIT THE SOMME BATTLEFIELDS

Sixteen Members of Abingdon & District 41 Club, led by Chairman Andrew Humphries, left a cold and cloudy Abingdon early on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March to visit the Somme Battlefields in Northern France.

On the first day they visited De-Lorette and the Vimy Ridge Memorial followed by an evening of fellowship & hospitality at a nice hotel and restaurant in Amiens by the side of the Somme river and the Cathedral.

Saturday was a longer day where visits were made to several First World War graveyards and the site of the Lochnagar Crater created by a huge bomb blast. The visit to the Memorial to the 'Missing' at Thiepval was most moving – where 72,000 names of British and South African Forces who have no named graves are inscribed on the memorial.

Lunch took place at 'Le Tommy' in Poziers, where there is a museum dedicated to the battles which includes a full replica of the British and German trenches which has been created by its owner Dominique.

Baguettes and the inevitable 'pomme frites' refreshed the team ready for further visits.



*'TOMMYS'*

The afternoon saw visits to many memorials including the Beaumont Hamel Memorial Park where soldiers from Newfoundland are remembered. This was opened in 1925 by Earl Hague and has a magnificent statue of a caribou which towers over the area.



*THE CARIBOU*

There were many moments on our stops that we all found

very emotional. The gravestone with the following words was most poignant.

**'JUST A BRAVE ENGLISH BOY WHO DID HIS DUTY  
SO SADLY MISSED BY MOTHER'**

This was inscribed on the stone of a Corporal from the Royal Berkshire Regiment who died in the trenches at just 19.

One of our members located a distant relation and a small wooden cross was laid at his stone, and finally Chairman Andrew laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Club at a Memorial in the Queens Cemetery at Serre.



*ANDREW HUMPHRIES – ABINGDON CHAIRMAN*

On the Saturday night we returned to our hotel and restaurant in Amiens where we watched the England - France Rugby Match in the company of a restaurant full of French! In line with all rugby supporters there was much entente-cordiale – particularly helped by a number of bottles of excellent red wine!

On Sunday – more visits. A German graveyard – so sombre place with austere slate grey crosses – not the wonderfully laid out allied graveyards so wonderfully tendered by our Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Another member's relative found in a very remote graveyard, and then lunch in a very non-French hostelry – McDonalds! Not many places are open on a Sunday in France and time to get back to our train was getting close!

On the way back we called at the Blockhouse at Eperlecques – a reminder of the Second World War. The Blockhouse is where V1 Doodlebugs were launched and the Germans assembled the V2's that were never launched after the RAF bombed the site.

A tired group eventually arrived back in Abingdon in the middle of the Sunday evening.

All of us are very grateful and indebted to Chairman Andrew Humphries expertise and detailed knowledge who led us on a journey never to be forgotten.

**Martin Green  
Abingdon & District 41 Club  
National President 2103-2014**

## 41 CLUB EAST OF MALAGA - NERJA 41 CLUB AXARQUIA

Calling all former Round Tablers! If you have been a member of one of the many Round Tables around the world, then why not find out more about your local 41 Club which has members from as far afield as just East of Malaga to Motril.

Round Tablers exists in more than forty countries having started in Norwich in the UK some 84 years ago. It is an organisation of fellowship where members help others while having fun and enjoying new experiences. Round Table is now for men aged between 18 and 45. However, the upper age used to be 40 and that is how 41 Club was invented for ex-Round Tablers wishing to continue the link and wanting to maintain the enjoyment and friendship that Round Table provides. You could call us the 'Golden Oldies' of Round Table.

Our Club was started in February 2004 by Troels Peterson and Ragnar Sandsten and has ex-Tablers from many countries although the British are in the majority. Mike Proctor, our current chairman, had many years in Round Table and found out that it was a wonderful way of meeting people. He found a new circle of friends by joining Round Table and this experience is now being repeated now by joining our 41 Club. Mike lives near Lake Vinuela and finds the trips to meetings are simple due to the motorway along the coast.

Our Club meets twice per month on the first and third Thursdays. The first Thursday is called our 'Munch Bunch' meeting with our partners where we move around our catchment area trying 'menu del dia' at various restaurants. These normally occur at lunchtime. Our meeting on the third

Thursday is for the men however our ladies often go out for a meal on the same night if they wish. At this moment we meet at the Hotel Al-Andaluz in Maro next to the Caves of Nerja. Some of these evenings are shared with our ladies if we have a splendid speaker and on other evenings the fun and fellowship learned in Table comes to the fore!

There are seven clubs on the Iberian Peninsula namely Nerja, Estepona, Calpe, Javea, Mallorca, Gibraltar and the Algarve Club in Portugal. We meet for a superb weekend of fun once a year and this is hosted in turn by all of the clubs. This year in October we will meet in Portugal.

41 Club's motto is 'May the hinges of friendship never rust' and this certainly proves correct in our club. If you are an ex-Round Tabler and would like more information please look at our website or ring Alfie.

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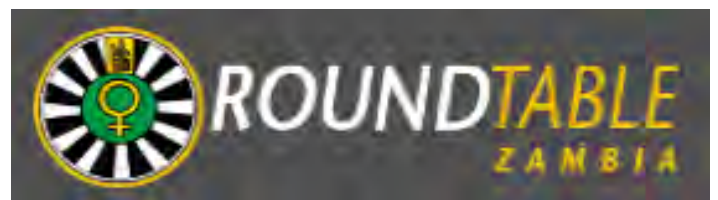


## 41ERS SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT



Barry Durman made it onto the ITV News Desk when he recently made a visit to see Dave Campbell before he retires on April Fools Day. He chatted to weather girl Laura Tobin and was on the set with Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield. He also spotted Lorraine in the canteen.

We all wonder if Barry will make the news when he becomes National President on April 16th in Birmingham.



Lawrence Bambe, r the National Councillor for Region 12, recently attended the AGM of Round Table Zambia. Whilst there he took the opportunity to create some honorary Welshmen.







## Lichfield 41 Club National Memorial Arboretum

March 15th. Club President David Cole and Rob Horton attended the Topping Out ceremony of the new Remembrance Centre, due to be opened in November this year in time for Remembrance Day. The £15.7 million project - £10.8 million has been raised so far - includes a Remembrance and Learning Centre, remodelled restaurant, shop and event space, together with a new outdoor space, Heroes' Square.

The new building is very impressive and we felt privileged to be there and Lichfield 41 Club is proud that it was one of the very first supporters of the National Memorial Arboretum all those many years ago.

David and Rob are pictured with the Chief Executive of the NMA, Sarah Montgomery.



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## LYTHAM ST. ANNES 41 CLUB IS 75 YEARS OLD!

It's not every day that you are able to join the party for a 41 Club celebrating 75 years of existence, but Lytham St. Annes is one such Club and over 100 of us celebrated this milestone birthday on March 11<sup>th</sup> with the Club Chairman, Phil Kay, pictured to the right.



National President  
Terry Cooper

There has been much ado about the Association's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. National President Terry has been giving out special 70<sup>th</sup> pin badges to new members that he has inducted during the course of this 70<sup>th</sup> year and "70<sup>th</sup>" trophies have been awarded to Clubs or individuals who have organised events with a "70<sup>th</sup>" theme. So, how can Lytham St. Annes 41 Club be 75 years old?



Chairman Phil Kay

The four Founder Clubs had already existed independently for a number of years before the Association was formed and it's only on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1945 that the 41 Club that we all know today came into existence when those Clubs met with the specific intention of starting the "National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs". Indeed, Liverpool N° 1 was formed in 1936, London Old Tablers' Society, often referred to as "LOTS", in 1939 (apparently completely unaware of the existence of Liverpool's Club), Forty-One Club St. Anne's-on-Sea in 1941 and Wakefield 41 Club in 1943. St. Anne's-on-Sea 41 Club was renamed Lytham St. Anne's 41 Club in March 1947.

National President Terry attended the Charter Night, of course, as did members from London Old Tablers' Society and Wakefield 41 Club. Liverpool N° 1 were unable to attend but as National Councillor for Region 8, yours truly represented the Club.



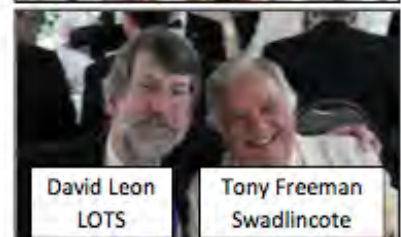
G. H. Smith  
National President  
1952 - 1953

Lytham St. Annes 41 Club has a history of involvement in our movement beyond its formation. Founder member R. T. Lewis became the first National Honorary Treasurer and became National Vice-President 3 years later. G. H. Smith became National Vice-President in 1951 and followed on as National President the following year, during which Trevor Lewis was National Honorary Secretary.



Andy Waite  
Wakefield

From the three founder members from Lytham Round Table 130 to today's 42 members, the Club has peaked at over 80 members, survived a (heavily



David Leon  
LOTS

Tony Freeman  
Swadlincote





defeated) motion to disaffiliate in order to bring costs down in 1975 and outlived the rival "Lytham Ex-Tablers' Club" (aka. "Lytham Breakaway Club").

The Club has always enjoyed close links to Lytham Round Table and as early as 65 years ago started sending members to attend Table meetings. For a number of years, the Club also donated funds to Lytham Round Table to help it send a delegation to RT National Conference. Some of the members of Lytham Round Table, of course, attended the Charter Night.

Lytham St. Annes 41 Club also has a history of organising successful events where fellowship is king. One such event that springs to mind immediately is the 2013 edition of the Red Rose Dinner, which had then National President Martin Green clog-dancing and a hilarious performance of Albert and the Lion updated for the 21<sup>st</sup> century by Club members Dave Curran and Graham Sloan. Going back a bit further in time, the Club's 21<sup>st</sup> AGM in 1962 was postponed in order to allow for a 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner to take place on the anniversary date of the Club's formation (April 17<sup>th</sup>). Similar milestone events were celebrated in 1971 for the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> year, in 1991 for the 50<sup>th</sup>, for the 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> and this year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations were no exception to the rule with all the stops pulled out. President Terry entertained us and spoke about his chosen charity, the Stroke Association, then handed the floor to our guest comedian for the night, Terry Cotta, who kept us in stitches with some good, clean fun throughout his performance.



There is no doubt about it, the evening was a great evening of fun and fellowship that will be remembered by all who attended, one of the reasons for which is the 75<sup>th</sup> commemorative pin badge that we all received. I am told that preparations will soon be under way for Lytham St. Annes 41 Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, an event that I have every intention of attending!

As well as being one of the Founder Members, Lytham St. Annes 41 Club has contributed hugely to our Association in many ways and it was only normal that the Association should support the Club for this event. Not counting the National President, there were no less than 7 members of National Council in attendance, plus Past National President Frank Bull (1987-1988). All in all there were 102 guests from numerous Clubs within the Association.

Lytham St. Annes 41 Club, thank you for a great night out. We can't wait for the next knees-up for your 80<sup>th</sup>!

Special thanks go to Graham Sloan for all the cracking photos that he took during the course of the evening.



*Godwin Stewart*  
*National Councillor Region 8 Lancs & Manx*  
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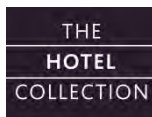
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