



41 Club
THE NEWSLETTER



A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY
OF CLUBS

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41 Club is 70 years old!

2015 sees the 70th anniversary of the forming of the National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs as it then was. The word 'Round' was added more recently.

The Association was formed in 1945 at the Town Hall in Wakefield, Yorkshire, when Wakefield, Lytham, Liverpool and LOTS (London Old Tablers) formed the Association under the Presidency of John E. Shuter.



This is a significant milestone for us, and we intend to celebrate this during 2015 in a very big way.

So what is planned?

CELEBRATORY LUNCH

On Saturday 12th September 2015 we will be having a major Celebratory Lunch at The Armouries in Leeds. We have secured the former BBC and ITN Newscaster Martyn Lewis as the guest speaker for the lunch. The lunch will include all the tradition you would expect at such an event, including a brass band and inevitably 'Jerusalem' and 'The Dambusters'!

Full details, booking forms, etc. will be sent to you later in the month. We are hoping we can fill the venue with 500 guests (but we can take more!)



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41 Club is 70 years old! (Continued)

REGIONAL EVENTS

We are asking that every Region carries out a 70th Anniversary Regional event during the year. This could be an adaptation of an existing 'Top 12' event or a special new one. The National President will be attending where possible, and will present the organiser with a special commemorative gift.

We have also designed a special slideshow detailing our entire history from our archives that will be shown at Regional events.

NEW BOOK

Many of you will have a copy of the book we produced for the 60th called 'Continued Friendship'. This is currently being updated and will be available in limited quantities from September.

COMMEMORATIVE CLOTHING

A special range of clothes including shirts, fleeces and polo-shirts have been designed for the 70th year. These will be available in limited quantities from 41Club Sales. Full details on these will follow later in the month.

BADGE

A special commemorative badge has been made. These will be available from 41Club Sales and your National Councillor. The badge will reflect the design below.

NEW MEMBERS IN THE SEVENTIETH YEAR

Another special badge has been designed for anyone who is inducted into 41Club during the seventieth year. This will only be presented by the National President. If you have a potential new member, please try and get him to your regional seventieth event so he can be presented with the badge.

OTHER IDEAS

If you have other ideas on how we can celebrate our 70th year, please contact our 70th Anniversary co-ordinator – Martin Green - on 41seventieth@martingreen.biz .



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THANK YOU



I would personally like to thank everyone for all their kind e-mails and Facebook messages following Vaughan's sudden death. This has kept me going over the last 2 months and shows the power of social media. I am sorry I have not been able to reply to each one, but I have received over 500 messages from RT and 41 Club members both within Great Britain and Worldwide and they are still coming in. Thank you all for your offers of weekends away, I will definitely take some of you up on them and I hope to attend many more 41 events over the coming years. I definitely do not want to lose touch.

I would also on behalf of my whole family thank you all for your generous donations, we have collected over £5400 in respect of Vaughan's charity collection for Round Table Children's wish; and there is more in still coming in each week. The first wish granted was to send a child and their family to Disney France before Christmas and we already have enough for a second wish next year in the Charity's 25th year. Vaughan supported this charity for many years and we as a family are delighted he has managed to help them right through to the very end of life and beyond.

Jill Harris

RINGWOOD CELEBRATES

50, 62, 70 and 94 years !!

Founded in 1964 Ringwood and District Ex-Tablers Club held its 50th Anniversary Black Tie Dinner at the Canford Magna Golf course in November.

"Little did we realise what we would bring to Ringwood when we started over 50 years ago." recounted founding Vice Chairman Jimmy Gordon, now into his 94th year and recently celebrating his 70th wedding anniversary.

To honour this unique milestone National President: Mr Jim Smith travelled down from Bishop Stortford to congratulate the Club. He also presented current Ringwood Chairman David Phelps with a personal long service medal and certificate in recognition of his 62 years active contribution to Round Table and Ex-Tabler Clubs in the south.

Over 110 past, present and neighbouring members enjoyed a vibrant evening of fine dining, reminiscence, presentation plus speeches including Tim Tremlett: Ex Hampshire Cricketer and currently Operations Manager at the Aegis Bowl in Southampton.

Each month the members of Ringwood Ex Tablers Club meet and conduct an active social and community programme.

Ian Stockdale, Ringwood and District Ex Tablers Club,



Tim Tremlett, Jimmy Gordon. David Phelps and Jim Smith

REGION 11 NEWS (CHESHIRE AND NORTH WEST MIDLANDS)

As reported in the Winter club magazine, Stafford 41 Club organised the first Region 11 lunch. It was a great success and a few weeks later Stafford were delighted to present President Jim with £1,000 for his Anthony Nolan appeal. (Stafford kindly topped the sum up to a nice round figure.)

The lunch was a joint event with wives and two clubs have already volunteered to organise similar lunches, Alsager in 2015 and Whitchurch in 2016. So we look forward to further fellowship in Region 11.

Following on from the region's success in the National Golf Tournament (winning three of the last four years), the sporting calendar for 2015 will see two new regional events:

Golf - organised by Newport (Salop) 41

Bowls - organised by Stoke Sutherland 41

Boules - organised by Sandbach 41

Dates and venues will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

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Noveltunity®

Every year 41 Club raises money for the President's Charity. This year we are looking to raise even more by teaming up with the internet's fastest growing ebook club - www.Noveltunity.com.

Typically we ask for members to help raise money with no return to the participants (*other than the great feeling that comes with raising money for charity of course*).

This time we will offer donors a discounted membership to Noveltunity® in exchange for giving money.

What is Noveltunity?

Noveltunity® is a worldwide ebook club. Each month those who participate will receive three ebooks, get to meet the authors and make friends around the world. 41 Club Members, friends and corporate sponsors will get a 30% discount off the regular price, plus the President's Charity will also get \$10 (about £6). What's even better is Noveltunity® will make that donation every year people renew their Noveltunity® membership, so this really is a fundraising gift that will keep on giving.

Let's look at some of the details:

- 30% Discount – From \$49.95 to just under \$35 (approx £22 per year)
- \$10 (about £6) Donated to the President's Charity EVERY year someone renews
- A note each month to the donor mentioning 41 Club and thanking them
- 36 free to download ebooks/year, writing classes, author meetings + make new friends around the world

To benefit from this great fundraising offer simply go to www.noveltunity.com/signup and use the following discount code after choosing the yearly membership subscription plan: **41NOV35**

Giving something back to our donors and having recurring revenues for the President's Charity is a great way to give. Remember this isn't just for 41ers. This is for everyone in your communities!

41 CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Please be advised that nominations for the following 41 International board posts are now being sought.

International Treasurer **2015 - 2018**

International Vice President **2017**

In accordance with International rules 5(a), (b), (e), (f), and 10 (f) nominations are invited from member countries. These should reach the International secretary by 1st February 2015.

All officers must be former members of Round Table.

Please let me know if you are intending to apply for one of the above posts or if you require any further information.

Dave Campbell
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There are 11 types of people in the world! Those who understand Roman numerals and those who don't.

MEETINGS AT 'THE LAMB' 2015

All members of 41 Club are invited to attend any of the monthly meetings at 'The Lamb' in Leadenhall Market in the City of London. The dates for 2015 are: January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th and December 9th.

For more details and to book in contact Dave Leon on 07710 422705 or email david.leon@btinternet.com

Enjoy some excellent fellowship in historic surroundings.



NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2015

Entries are now invited for the 2015 competition. Rules and conditions:

- 1. Each photograph must be the work of the person entering it and entries are limited to four per member.**
- 2. Entry is only available to members who can be verified on the CAS database.**
- 3. Entries to be submitted electronically to comms@41club.org.**
- 4. All entries must include the name and club of the photographer and a title.**
- 5. Photographs must not have been entered into any other competition.**
- 6. The closing date for entries is 31st March 2015.**
- 7. The photographer grants permission for the Association to use the photographs for charitable fund-raising activities.**

Full details appear in the Winter edition of The Magazine



Time to make a reservation in your diary

The 41 Club 70th Anniversary Classic Rally

4th and 5th July 2015

***Based at Shrigley Hall Hotel, Golf and Country Club,
Pott Shrigley, Cheshire***

All 'Classic' vehicles welcome' 2, 3 or 4 wheels

It does not need to be old ... just a classic in its own era

Enjoy the fellowship of likeminded 41ers

Visit the wonderful Cheshire countryside with calls at several places of interest

Come early on the Friday and bring your golf clubs

Special rates negotiated at the hotel for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Saturday night Rally Dinner with a fun quiz and prize giving

Special prizes for the vehicle most people would like to take home

and the driver who has travelled the furthest

Full details and booking form in next month's newsletter

Register your interest by emailing comms@41club.org

See you there



TRY READING THIS POEM OUT LOUD !!!!

Dearest creature in creation.
Study English pronunciation.
I will teach you in my verse
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse, and worse.
I will keep you, Suzy, busy,
Make your head with heat grow dizzy.
Tear in eye, your dress will tear.
So shall I! Oh hear my prayer.
Just compare heart, beard, and heard,
Dies and diet, lord and word,
Sword and sward, retain and Britain.
(Mind the latter, how it's written.)
Now I surely will not plague
You with such words as plaque and ague.
But be careful how you speak:
Say break and steak, but bleak and streak;
Cloven, oven, how and low,
Script, receipt, show, poem, and toe.
Hear me say, devoid of trickery,
Daughter, laughter, and Terpsichore,
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles.
Exiles, similes, and reviles;
Scholar, vicar, and cigar,
Solar, mica, war and far;
One, anemone, Balmoral,
Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel;
Gertrude, German, wind and mind.
Scene, Melpomene, mankind.
Billet does not rhyme with ballet,
Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.
Blood and flood are not like food.
Nor is mould like should and would.
Viscous, viscount, load and broad.
Toward, to forward, to reward.
And your pronunciation's OK
When you correctly say croquet,
Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,
Friend and fiend, alive and live
.Ivy, privy, famous; clamour
And enamour rhyme with hammer.
River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,
Doll and roll and some and home.
Stranger does not rhyme with anger,
Neither does devour with clangour.
Souls but foul, haunt but aunt.
Font, front, wont, want, grand, and grant,
Shoes, goes, does. Now first say finger,
And then singer, ginger, linger,
Real, zeal, mauve, gauze, gouge and gauge,
Marriage, foliage, mirage, and age.
Query does not rhyme with very,
Nor does fury sound like bury.
Dost, lost, post and doth, cloth, loth.
Job, knob, bosom, transom, oath.
Though the differences seem little,
We say actual but victual.
Refer does not rhyme with deafer.

Foeffer does, and zephyr, heifer.
Mint, pint, senate and sedate;
Dull, bull, and George ate late.
Scenic, Arabic, Pacific,
Science, conscience, scientific.
Liberty, library, heave and heaven,
Rachel, ache, moustache, eleven.
We say hallowed, but allowed,
People, leopard, towed, but vowed.
Mark the differences, moreover,
Between mover, cover, clover;
Leeches, breeches, wise, precise,
Chalice, but police and lice;
Camel, constable, unstable.
Principle, disciple, label.
Petal, panel, and canal,
Wait, surprise, plait, promise, pal.
Worm and storm, chaise, chaos, chair,
Senator, spectator, mayor.
Tour, but our and succour, four.
Gas, alas, and Arkansas.
Sea, idea, Korea, area,
Psalm, Maria, but malaria.
Youth, south, southern, cleanse and clean.
Doctrine, turpentine, marine.
Compare alien with Italian,
Dandelion and battalion.
Sally with ally, yea, ye,
Eye, I, ay, aye, whey, and key.
Say aver, but ever, fever.
Neither, leisure, skein, deceiver.
Heron, granary, canary.
Crevice and device and aerie.
Face, but preface, not efface.
Phlegm, phlegmatic, ass, glass, bass.
Large, but target, gin, give, verging,
Ought, out, joust and scour, scourging.
Ear, but earn and wear and tear
Do not rhyme with here but ere.
Seven is right, but so is even,
Hyphen, roughen, nephew Stephen,
Monkey, donkey, Turk and jerk,
Ask, grasp, wasp, and cork and work.
Pronunciation (think of Psyche!)
Is a paling stout and spikey?
Won't it make you lose your wits,
Writing groats and saying grits?
It's a dark abyss or tunnel:
Strewn with stones, stowed, solace, gunwale,
Islington and Isle of Wight,
Housewife, verdict and indict.
Finally, which rhymes with enough.
Though, through, plough, or dough, or cough?
Hiccough has the sound of cup.
My advice is to give up!!!

Thanks to Doug Dix of Teddington 41 Club



TEA TIMES



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Joint Conference April 2015
News from Party Tyne and Angels of the North

Sponsors put more wine on the Tables

Sponsorship deal confirmed on a Thirst come, Thirst Served Arrangement!

This week, the Chief Hatter confirmed a sponsorship deal which should put a smile on the face of any self-respecting Cheshire Cat planning to attend T' Mad Yorkshire 'T' Party in Harrogate this coming April.

The Holiday Property Bonds organisation recognised that conference-going was thirsty work and agreed that we should spend a significant portion of their lagesse on that most essential of items - wine for the members!

Bookings for Harrogate 2015 are still running at higher than anticipated levels so, if you or your friends haven't registered for the Joint Conference, there's no time like the present.

Our One-Stop booking service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on-line, or (if you'd prefer to speak to a human being) you can ring our booking line during normal office hours on:

08448 223 227

One-stop bookings now on www.41-tangent-conference2015.co.uk

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CONFERENCE IN
HARROGATE
2015

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Our thanks to HPB for their generous sponsorship of many of the fun events this coming weekend. Their input and support have played an important part in ensuring the success of Harrogate 2015.

Please take a moment to visit their web site on: www.hpb.co.uk/41club

Friday
Neet



t' Masked
Ball



Saturday
Neet



t' Mad
Yorkshire
'T' Party



Dress to
Impress



Dance
'til ya
drop

BEAUJOLAIS TO BEAUJ-OLÉ



30 Years after Lichfield 1200 Tablers, first hit the road in France in pursuit of the “nouveau”, three survivors of the original trips, augmented by five others from our 41 Club, set out to celebrate and meet up with Nerja 41 Club.

Driving like maniacs through the night to be first back with the filthy stuff had been ruled out.

Warmth on our aged backs was placed high on the wish- list And thus Mijas Costa in Spain was selected because one of our number has a “drum” there.

The date was a week too early to find the French stuff locally but hey the Spaniards aren't that big on selling ANY foreign wines so we were going to have to make do with Crianzas.

And so at 4 am on a cold November day we reluctantly dragged ourselves from our comfy pits and set out for the sun.

The packing regime was certainly different with medicaments for most ailments taking up most of the 10kg hand baggage allowance and, we thought, causing some consternation at Security at Brum airport. But it wasn't the tablets. It was the size of the plastic bag (an inch too big) in which Mac carried his perfectly legal toiletries. Gear duly transferred to an official bag he was declared only mildly dangerous and was allowed to proceed.

Day one in Mijas/Marbella wasn't great weather-wise but early fortification with the local brandy helped immensely and set us up for our special meeting with the chaps from Nerja 41 scheduled for our second day.

The day dawned with blue skies, not a cloud, and temps of above 20 c. And so it stayed. We took lunch at the well known El Pimpi (yes there is a joke there somewhere), a Tapas bar much used by the locals. Conductor in chief, Ragnar Sandsten, Chairman of our hosts had reserved a table in the courtyard. With his Scandinavian ability to speak in many tongues (and since Mac's Portuguese was not impressing the locals) Ragnar placed himself in charge of delivering some excellent food, lots of excellent wine and especially enjoyed was the ice cold sweet Malaga Wine (delivered by this eye catching young lady) which preceded the bill.



Nerja 41 were a great bunch. A great friend of Mac's from Elford, Nr Lichfield, Derek Harris, had been a member at Nerja until his untimely death some three months ago and glasses were raised in his memory with best wishes to his wife Vanessa.

The spirit of Table (for that is what we are-Tablers-but now maybe long in the tooth) was there for all to see. We were immediate friends. Jokes and insults were quickly exchanged. Perfect !

Member Chris (Nerja and Walsall) reminded us that his Walsall Table was Grandmother to Lichfield 250 and Great Grandmother to Lichfield 1200 (membership of our 41 is drawn from both those clubs and this togetherness has served us well for 60 years!)

In true 41 Club fashion the wine bill topped that for the food by a factor of 3:1

One or two of the Nerja ladies had accompanied their men (in their role as drivers one suspects) and on being given crisp €5 notes departed for the shops to spend their windfall ! Happily all were back with us later to close out the visit.

And then after many farewells it was back to Mijas.

More days of sun filled chumminess followed. G & Ts to consume, Vino Tinto to savour, Brandies to anaesthetise. Bar bill to settle !!

Was it all worth it? Yes. Fellowship always is. It, not “rules”, is the bedrock of our club and our organization.

Mac Cummins, Lichfield 41 Club



Left. An imperious Ragnar summons more wine whilst below a Nerja member flanked by two of Lichfield's finest show signs of over-indulgence!



FUTURE EVENTS

LICHFIELD 41 CLUB 60TH CHARTER MEETING

SAT. 17TH JANUARY 2015

WHITTINGTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

12 NOON - LOUNGE SUITS - £29.50 PER HEAD

SUPERB 5 COURSE MEAL + COFFEE AND MINTS

AND LIMITED COMPLIMENTARY WINE

SPEAKERS

KEN KNOWLES - LICHFIELD TOWN CRIER

JIM SMITH – 41 CLUB NATIONAL PRESIDENT

To Book – Please contact John Godson – Lichfield 41 Club at:

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Hexham 41 Club 50th Anniversary and Region 4 Dinner

We invite all 41 Club members, Ex-Tablers, all current Tablers, and their male guests to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Held in conjunction with the Region 4 cluster on : 13th February 2015 (7.00 for 7.30 p.m.) at the Tynedale Farmer Function Suite, Tyne Green, Hexham, NE46 3SG. Tickets: £35.00

In attendance will be the National President of 41 Club, Jim Smith; and National Councillor Region 4, Colin Steen.

The Guest Speaker is Brendan Healy, the well-known North East Comedian.

There will be a five course meal with time for fellowship and reminiscing. The usual Club Travel Award, Raffles, Prizes, and much more.

The supported charity is the National President's choice – The Anthony Nolan Appeal

Contact: Tom Gillanders email: tom@gillanders.demon.co.uk or

Tel: 01434600560



41 Club Region 12

Llangollen 41 Club

are pleased to announce we will host the

St Davids Day Dinner

In aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust

Date: Friday 27th February 2015

Location: White Waters Hotel Llangollen

Time: 7-0pm for 7-30pm

Cost: £25.00 (3 Course Meal with Tea/Coffee)

Dress Code: Lounge Suit

After Dinner Speaker: Dai Davies, Welsh International Footballer

For more information and to book places at the Dinner contact Paul Gay email :- paul.gay234@gmail.com.

Accommodation :- White Waters Hotel Llangollen
01978861661, www.whitewatershotel.co.uk

The Iberian Cluster 2015

41 CLUB MALLORCA invite you to join them on the beautiful Island of Mallorca for a fun and fellowship weekend

29th October to 1st November - 2015

4* Hotel Bahia Del Sol, Santa Ponsa, Calvia, Mallorca
(www.hotel-bahia-del-sol.com)

Our full Cluster package consists of

Either * Three night package including accommodation and breakfast

plus

* Thursday Evening Dinner

* Friday Welcome drink
Buffet dinner with wine in the hotel
After dinner cabaret

* Saturday AGM Plus ladies' event
Lunch in a seaside restaurant
Gala dinner and Cabaret

* Sunday Farewell Breakfast

Or * Two night package
As above, but commencing Friday evening



Optional Events

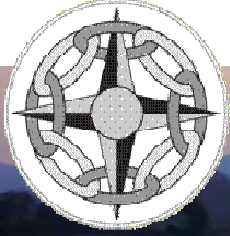
* Friday morning coach excursion along the World Heritage Tramuntana Coast, with coffee stop, via the beautiful mountain village of Valldemossa to the delightful port of Soller

* Friday Golf at a nearby course

* Free Ladies' event during Saturday morning's Iberian AGM

* Extra nights at great rates before and after Cluster Weekend (up to 3 Nov departure)

Full details and booking forms from - chriswaters46@gmail.com



The Annual Reunion of ex-Tablers & 41 Club Members

Area 23 Severn Vale Dinner
Thursday 5th March 2015
Brickhampton Golf Complex
(Old Cheltenham Road Gloucester GL2 9QF)

GUEST SPEAKER

Squadron Leader George “Johnny” Johnson DFM
The last British Dambuster

Also attending

41 Club National President Jim Smith

Fund raising in aid of
617 Squadron Benevolent Fund
and National President’s Charity The Anthony Nolan Trust

Cost - £26.00 per person for 3 course dinner
7pm for 7.30pm

Dress code - Lounge suits with gongs

Payment, please, before the evening

All enquiries and bookings to Ray Jones region21@41club.org

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

***Be at war with your vices,
at peace with your neighbors,
and let every new year find you a better man.***

Benjamin Franklin

**A New Year's resolution is something that goes
in one year and out the other.**

Author Unknown

**Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's
resolutions, and I've stuck with it ever since.**

Dave Beard