



41 Club
THE NEWSLETTER



A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY
OF CLUBS

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THE RESULTS ARE IN ... AND AVAILABLE TO YOU!

Many thanks to all members that completed the recent 41 Club on-line survey. The response has been overwhelming and far exceeds any exercise in the past. A total of 1,891 members completed the questionnaire from the 11,640 notified via email. This represents a 16.25% response rate from those that we were able to contact and around 11% of the total declared membership.

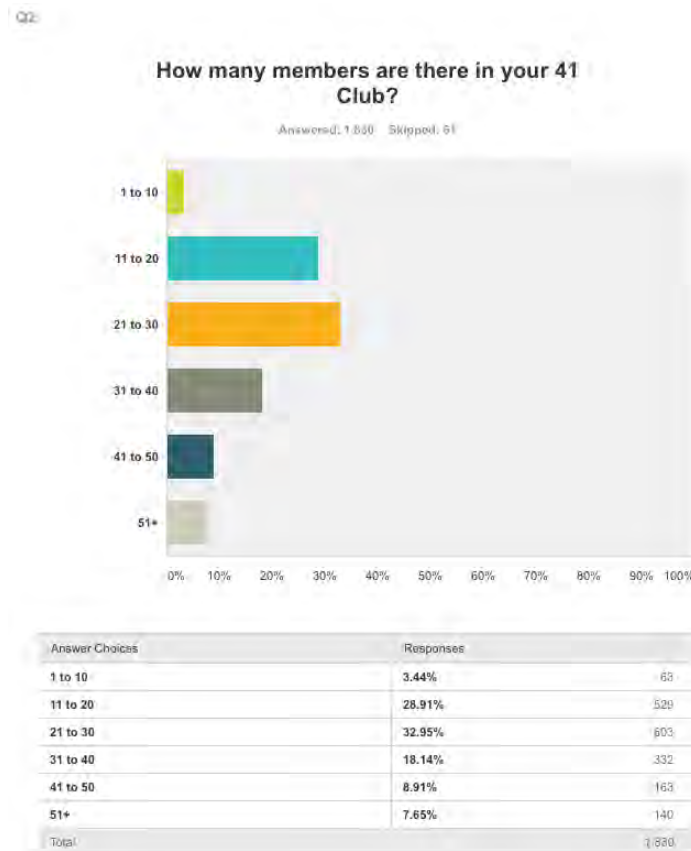
The survey has produced some very interesting results. Many confirm the beliefs that many have about the current and future makeup of the Association, but there are also a few surprises. The age profile shows confirms that we are an ageing club with many members beyond retirement age. The number of members in clubs shows quite a lot with healthy figures but we must temper this with the fact that many in the very small clubs probably do not accept email or answer questionnaires.

The full results are available to you using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.net/results/SM-G79QD5HY/>

The information contained will be used as a guide in all future planning discussions and will be discussed at the meeting with the clubs that have volunteered to meet later this month to discuss their views of the future of 41 Club.

As a taster here are the answers to Question 2 regarding membership numbers.



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VICE PRESIDENTIAL PRATTLE



I was very proud to be elected your Vice President in Harrogate. So far this year I have been busy preparing for my year. Lots to do including organise sponsorship, transport, diary, drivers, a charity and a Council Weekend. I have a Presidential Liaison Committee of about 12 people to help me with all this and more. As well as all that I have to play my part within the Board and National Council. There is a surprising amount to do and I guess that I spend about two hours every day on 41 Club. Last week I decide to have two days off work to visit the 70th Dinner in Norwich. That is in addition to working virtually full time at the moment and driving 160 miles per day to Bristol and back. As next year approaches I would like to get out and visit as many clubs as possible. We never get as many requests for visits as we can do. I am not sure why that is – perhaps clubs

think we won't bother with them if they are not very big or are a long way away, but they are wrong. What you need to realise is that we are mad! If someone asks for a visit, we say yes, then ask where it is! So I urge you to come up with a suitable date and invite us. There is both a Presidential and Vice Presidential diary request form on our website.

Do also remember to support our commercial partners. Use Wider Wallet to save money on shopping, use Utility Warehouse to save money on energy bills. Also Hyundai give us a tremendous discount on their lovely cars – I know they are lovely 'cos I am driving one this week. I take advantage of these deals personally because they are really good and I urge you to do the same. I save many times my annual subscription each year - £14 per month on Wider Wallet and £100 per annum on Utility Warehouse.

Take care and enjoy what your 41 Club has to offer.

Barry Durman – Vice President

ALICE IN EUROLAND

The Location Northwich in Cheshire

The Date September 2015

The Event Euro 48s Weekend 2015

This year was Northwich's turn to host the Euro 48s Weekend, originally a Round Table event now a joint event between Table and 41 Club (with a great deal of help from Tangent and Circle). How Northwich 348 got involved in the 48s is a long story, but the clubs have always taken the Euro weekends very seriously. Months of planning and the weather gods shining on Northwich resulted in a great weekend for 35 overseas guests from 6 countries. The theme for the weekend was Alice in Wonderland.

A full report will appear in the November magazine but here are a few crazy photos to show what a great time was had by all.



Alices's Tea Party



Agri-Games Challenge



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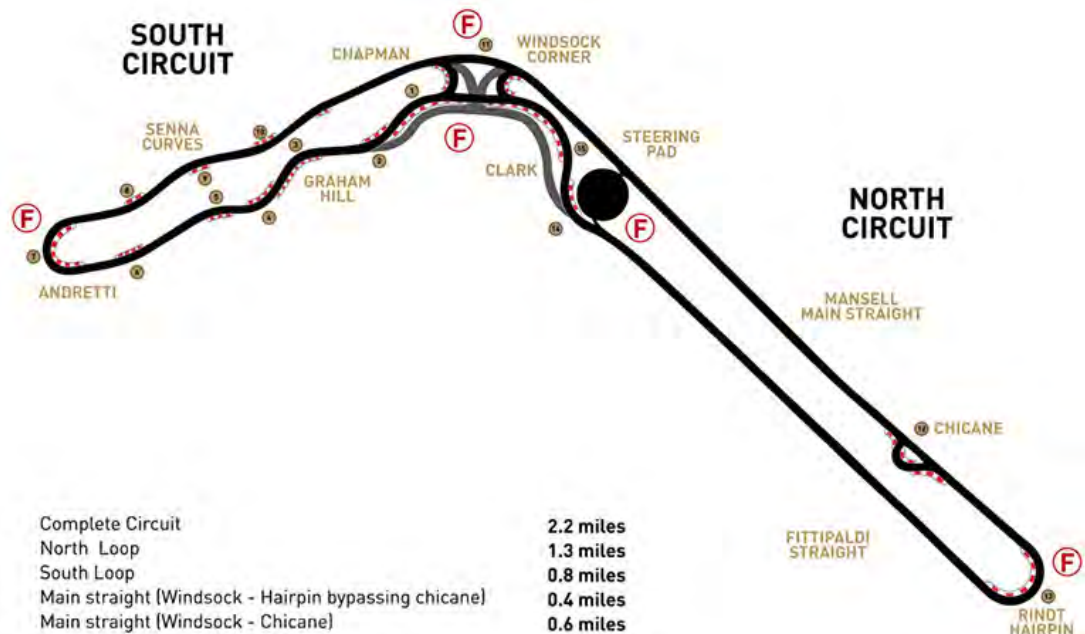
41 CLUB SALES OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE, PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND CLOTHING

WIN A DRIVING EXPERIENCE & HELP A CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



If anyone would like to make a bid for a fantastic Driving Experience for two at the Lotus Test track in Norfolk, please email vicepresident@41club.org for details. The proceeds will go to the East Anglia Children's Hospice, so we are looking for substantial bids. The full day out is worth around £250 and involves you driving your own car around the circuit and visiting the Lotus factory, so if we can get a bid somewhere near that, that might win the auction.

Barry



HELPING DISABLED RAMBLERS

The Disabled Ramblers run about 50 rambles a year spread across England and Wales. So far this year we have been to Cumbria, North York Moors, Cannock Chase, New Forest, Cotswolds, Pembrokeshire, Richmond Park, Malvern Hills and now, thanks to the work of the 41 Club, the Easy Access Route linked to the Millennium Way in Worcestershire. Yet to come are rambles in Suffolk, Norfolk and Derbyshire.

Way back in 1992 our founder, Dr Mike Bruton MBE, organised the first ramble for disabled people using wheelchairs and electric scooters when 10 members covered 40 miles of the Ridgeway over a weekend through heavy rain and this mud. As the number of members grew, the distance covered each day reduced and now our rambles are between 5 and 8 miles long. Using mobility scooters which are designed for off-road use, we are able to cover a wide range of difficult situations – and some our members love to see how far they can push themselves, last year a couple of members tackled the Land Rover test track at Eastnor Castle! We can tackle 1:4 hills and 1:4 cross-slopes, steps of 5" and water 6" deep using the Trampler which was designed with the help of one of our members – Robin Helby.

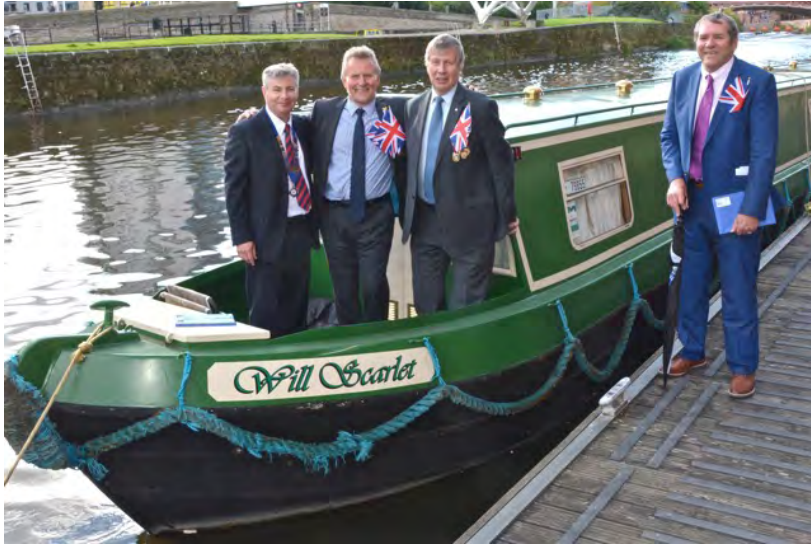
The early rambles were before the rights of the less able to access the countryside was recognised by most people in authority and many battles had to be fought at Government level before changes began. Members of the Disabled Ramblers were instrumental in the publication of Natural

England's guidance to countryside managers – "By All Reasonable Means". This sets out our position that we are not looking for the countryside to be covered in Tarmac, quite the opposite. We simply ask for the removal of man-made obstacles – steps, stiles and locked or too-narrow gates.

There are thousands of miles of footpaths across the countryside but only a relative few are accessible to the less able. While many stiles are now coming down, they are often replaced by gates which are too narrow so we still have a lot of work to do in educating the decision makers that the less able – and those with baby buggies - just need a bit of consideration to enable them to enjoy the countryside. We are very pleased that this has been recognised by the 41 Club working with Worcestershire County Council to open up a delightful circular ramble between Broughton Hackett and White Ladies Aston. The seven members of the Disabled Ramblers who took part in the opening ramble thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank all involved in making it possible especially John Armstrong from the 41 Club and Amanda Hill from Worcestershire CC Rights-of-Way.

John Cuthbertson
Rambles Organiser & Director
rambles@disabledramblers.co.uk

70TH CELEBRATIONS IN LEEDS



Four men and a boat - arriving in style

The introduction



Sng- along time

The dam Dam Busters



A photo montage of the events at The Armories, Leeds to celebrate the 70th anniversary of 41 Club

A full report will appear in the November magazine.



The Squadron Leader!

Even the top table can still wave a flag



Chocks Away!!!



Setting the scene



Hands Of Fellowship

WANTED - YOUR MEMORIES

What are your greatest memories of Round Table and 41 Club?

As part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations we will be publishing, in the Autumn magazine, member's fondest memories of their Tabling experiences. It may have been a major fund raising event, a social event, an overseas visit or just a particular club meeting, We would like to hear from as many of you as possible and especially from the older members.

Just a paragraph will do and photographs will be especially welcome.

Please send your memories to comms@41club.org



We make memories!

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE EVACUATED !



The committee have recently visited Edgbaston to discuss further plans for the Birmingham Conference 14 - 17 April 2016. We were in discussions with the hosts after a good look around the venue when the fire alarm went off. Initially our host, Felicity, hoped it was a check for the next day, the ODI between England and New Zealand. This was not the case and we all had to vacate the venue and stand in the car park!

We have also visited the conference hotel. On the visit to the Crowne Plaza, the committee along with Tangent president, Alex, were shown around the venue and discussions were

had about the events to be held at the venue - registration, the international presentation, the Tangent AGM and the final handover.

All is taking shape and the plans are progressing well for a great conference - Don't forget to book in before 31 October to make big savings with our early bird discount!



BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE
14 - 17 APRIL 2016

FUTURE EVENTS

Vaughan Harris Memorial Dinner



Saturday 26th September 2015

The Grand Ballroom, The Felbridge Hotel, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 2BH

18.30 for 19.00 Hrs

3 Course Dinner + ½ Bottle Wine
Live Band

£50.00 A Ticket

Dress Code :- Black Tie / Ballgowns

Bookings via:- vaughanharrismemorialdinner@gmail.com
payment to Sort Code 60-18-37 Acc 20095988
Organiser - Andy Kennedy 07889 005014

Discount Room Rate available at the hotel (Quote the event name)
Raffle in aid of Round Table Children's Wish (Prize Donations welcome!)



OXFORD COLLEGE DINNER 2015

(Formally Region 20 Dinner)

Somerville College Oxford



Somerville College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford in England. Founded in 1879 as Somerville Hall, it was one of the first women's colleges in Oxford. Today, around 50% of students are male. Margaret Thatcher was a student there.

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2015 – 7:30 FOR 8:00pm

Black Tie & Jewels
Entertainment
Three Course Dinner & Coffee
'College price' beers, wine and port!
National Presidents visit
70th Anniversary event
One of 41 Club's 'Top Twelve' events
£40 per head

For further information and to reserve your seat for this prestigious occasion, contact **Derek Knowlden**
region20@41club.org



Organised by Isis Area 41 Club

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

TWO CHARTERS - ONE VERY SPECIAL CHARTER DINNER

CHEADLE & GATLEY 41 CLUB

40th

50th

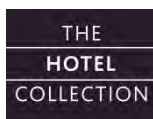
CHEADLE & GATLEY ROUND TABLE

THE VILLAGE HOTEL CHEADLE

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2015 : BLACK TIE : 7.00 PM FOR 7.30 PM : COMEDIAN JOSH DANIELS : 41 CLUB NATIONAL PRESIDENT : ROUND TABLE NATIONAL PRESIDENT : 3 COURSE DINNER WITH PORT : TICKETS £35 : TO BOOK EMAIL cgtrt41charter@gmail.com

DAVE MEETS THE DUCHESS

On the 9th September the nation celebrated the Queen's entry into the record books as the longest serving monarch in our history, but on the same day another anniversary was being celebrated by another member of the royal family. ITV marked the 60th anniversary of the network by hosting the Duchess of Cornwall at their newly refurbished riverside studios at Waterloo. During the visit Camilla met the presenters and staff from This Morning, Good Morning Britain and Loose Women. She was also introduced to our own National IRO Dave Campbell who is the technical director. Dave is seen here explaining some of the technicalities of broadcasting major programmes to the whole of Britain.



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- **The Hotel Collection** offers 25% off accommodation, 20% off beauty and pampering & 15% off dining prices members must contact this link <http://www.thehotelcollection.co.uk/offer/partners-first/> then enter "Partners First" 41c scheme code **PFLW315**
- **The Wider Wallet** uses the stores own gift cards at many major high street retailers. Register for free at www.41club.widerwallet.com use access code: **S424698A**
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