



A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY OF CLUBS











GREAT EVENING AT OXFORD COLLEGE DINNER

Over 100 41ers assembled at Somerville College Oxford for the Annual Region 20 Oxford College Dinner.

In superb Oxford college surroundings, the attendees were entertained by Paul Armstrong – a former RTBI National Secretary and IRO who describes himself as a 'scouse solicitor'. The evening had a 70th Anniversary theme.

National President Terry Cooper was presented with a cheque for £140 by Windsor & Eaton Chairman Richard Carlton (see picture) for his presidential charity The Stroke Association. A Heads and Tails raffle raised a further £505 for the Stroke Association which was doubled by Barclays Bank to make a donation of £1,050. The winner – Robin Holcombe of Abingdon – re-donated his prize of £100 to boost the appeal.

The evening was hosted by Isis Area 41 Club, with Past National Presidents Mike Fitchett, Richard Matthews and Martin Green in attendance along with National Fellowship Officer Andrew Mackereth. Derek Knowlden – Region 20 National Councillor appealed for other Clubs in the Region to organise next year's event.

Somerville College was originally a lady's college who amongst many other important dignitaries had Margaret Thatcher as a student.

Martin Green National President 2013-2014

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2016 CHARITY CALENDAR





CALENDAR 2016

A selection of photographs from the 2015 National Photographic Competition



They cost just £5 each (plus £2 p+p) and are available from Ray Hill, The Huntsmans Lodge, Wimboldsley, Cheshire, CW10 0LL)

Photographic Competition.

Please make cheques payable to 41 Club. Discounts are available for purchases, please email comms@41club.org for details.

Don't forget to purchase your copy of the 2016 41 Club calendar, the profite of which go to the President's charity the Stroke Association. All of the photographs are taken by 41ers and were entries in the annual National

Why not buy some for Christmas or New Year presents and help a very deserving charity at

The Tangent National Executive wish all the members of the Round Table Family a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year





TERRY'S TRAVELS

I can't believe it's December already and nearly three quarters of my Presidential Year has already passed! I've certainly not been short of things to do and places to go and the time has gone as if on "Cart Wheels" but every Past President I've spoken to has said the same.

The highlight of the last few months for me was attending the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in London on behalf of our Association along with the National Presidents of Round Table, Tangent and Ladies Circle. We were all humbled by the occasion and immensely proud to take part in such a moving and important day.

Marcus Jones, the Round Table National President, invited me to attend a morning at the Landrover factory in Solihull to see some of the last Defenders being made. It was a fascinating experience and I was not prepared for just how manual the process still is and it's no wonder that production has to cease as continuing is just not cost effective in this modern mechanical age.

Mention of Round Table reminds me to tell you that Table have gained 522 new members since their AGM in May, which is well in excess of the number of new joiners they've achieved over the past few years. Plus their average age is falling on new joiners going down from 39

to 32 in just five years all of which is encouraging for the future of both of our Associations.





One thing we do need to address going forward is the offering we can provide for Tablers when they reach 45, as it surprised me to learn that less than 18% join 41 Club when they leave Round Table. Therefore we must encourage the formation of younger active Clubs in our Regions if we want 41 Club to survive.

I've also attended, along with Lin, the Iberian Cluster in Majorca and the South East Regional Tangent Lunch. Both events were great fun and I particularly enjoyed addressing 306 ladies at the Tangent Lunch, as it was the largest gathering I've spoken to in my year thus far. We've also been guests at the Tangent Ball at Gaydon and the Circle Ball at Stansted again wonderful evenings and experiences we'll never forget.

Other events I've been privileged to attend are, in no particular order as everyone has been excellent. The White Rose Dinner, The Red Rose Dinner, The Oxford College Dinner, Kirkham and Rural Fylde 50th Charter and Cheadle and Gatley 40th Charter. I've also visited a number of 41 Clubs for evenings of fun and fellowship.

All that remains for me to do now is to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Continued Friendship, Terry

WEBMASTER APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the new Honorary Webmaster. It was decided that the post would not be filled during the development of the new website but now that is complete Dave 'Sharky' Barker has been appointed to the role. Dave was the National President of RTBI 2009-10 and is a member of Rhyl & District and Dragons 41 Clubs.

It was also decided that an assistant webmaster would be appointed to cover the periods when the webmaster is not available due to to holidays or work committments. Sean Clarke of Sandbach 41 Club has agreed to fulfil this role. Sean runs his own website development company and is eminently qualified for this position. Dave and Sean are now taking over control of the website and they have the experience to develop it in the future.

Thanks must go to Martin Green and Godwin Stewart who have managed the site for the last 18 months. We now have a modern website and I hope that all members will be using it to the full.

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

With Conference coming up fast, FlyBe have released their flight schedules for next April. This means that whether you are flying from Amsterdam or Zurich to Birmingham next year you can plan your low cost flight option. FlyBe also fly from many locations in the British Isles and with Ryanair, easyJet and other airlines flying to Birmingham there are plenty of ways of joining us from April 14th to 17th.





Birmingham New Street Station is only a 10 minutes train ride away from Birmingham International (the station next door to the airport) so there is no quicker way to get to heart of the city and the conference hotel. We look forward to seeing you all there, partners!

Andy Ventress, Conference Chairman







Friendship Continued 41 Club at Seventy

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs



This book, by Frank Venables, for the 70th Anniversary of the Club, is now available. The cost is £10 per copy (plus P&P if necessary). Copies will be on sale at certain Club Events. Full details of sales opportunities have yet to be finalised; however, for the present, enquiries can be made of Frank:

fivenie@sky.com,

01793 783803.

Frank Venables Faringdon, Isis Area & Mumbles 41 Clubs

Copies of the 70th Anniversary book are also available from the 41 Club on-line shop.

www.41clubsales.co.uk

Tips and Hints For 41 Clubs

No 2 - Obtaining the Club Magazine

The recent survey we conducted amongst all members with and email address on CAS has revealed some interesting questions and statistics. You may be interested to know:

Several requested that the magazine be available digitally on the web. It has been available as such for over 10 years, simply go to the club web site where you will find links to several years of back issues. Indeed the digital copy is online before you receive the paper copy.

9.59% of respondents say that it goes straight in the bin. Well if you really do not want a copy please request that your club contact sets your required magazines to zero. This saves the club money, saves you having to pick it up and is environmentally more friendly.

More worrying are those that say that they have never heard of the magazine. this means either that either:

- 1) They have not been entered onto the CAS system
- 2) They have no address on the system
- 3) Somebody else has decided that you do not want a copy

The magazine has changed a lot over the last five years and you may be surprised if you remove the wrapper and read a recent edition.

Ray Hill, National Communications Officer

NOTICE OF THE NATIONAL AGM 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 18.2 THAT THE 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLERS' CLUBS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (CBSO) CENTRE, BERKLEY STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B1 2LF ON SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016, STARTING AT 9.00 am.

Please note:-

- 1. Resolutions in accordance with Rule 18.4 should be sent to the National Secretary to arrive **not later than**Monday 1st February, 2016.
- Nominations for any post of an Association Officer for the period 2016-2019 (listed below) in accordance with Rules 6.1 and 6.5 should be sent to the National Secretary, on the form, available from the National Secretary's page of the club website.

At the 2012 AGM in Jersey Rule 6.2 was amended to enable Officers to continue in office for an initial period of three years from election and a further two years if elected again to allow them to gain experience and deliver against Objectives. The exceptions being the National President, Vice President and Immediate Past President - one year posts. This year nominations are sought for:-

Vice-President (President Elect)
Association's International Officer
National Communications Officer
National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer

Application forms can be downloaded from the following link http://41club.org/pages/new-page-1521

Manuel (Manny) Martins National Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR 41 INTERNATIONAL POSTS

Nominations are now open for the post of 41 International Secretary 2016 - 2019 and for the post of 41 International Vice-President 2018-2019

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please send your details, along with a brief history of your time in Round table and 41 Club.

Please also include in no more than 250 words the reason why you think you would be the suitable for the post applied for.

Applications should be sent to the International Officer - international@41club.org to arrive no later than Friday 15th January 2016

Candidates must be former members of Round Table.

Dave Campbell International Officer



STORIES WITH SANTA at the National Memorial Arboretum



Journey on the Arboretum Express to Santa's festive storytelling workshop for this very special storytelling event.

Travel to Santa's magical garden and workshop, solve the puzzle trail and afterwards join Santa in his grotto for stories and receive a special 'Fun to Grow' mini garden kit.

This year this event organized by the Arboretum people for the little'uns will also include our 41 Club Garden which will be festively decorated.

So come along if you can. Bring the children and grandchildren or just yourselves and enjoy!

The National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffs.

Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Sunday, December 6, 2015

Time 11am, 1pm and 3pm

Venue Santa's Workshop

Admission £10 per child, accompanying adult free,

Advanced booking required

DICK'S OAR RAISES MANY LAUGHS - AND OVER £200

The annual competition for the Legendary Trophy took place in Wareham in October. The pride of Dorset 41 Clubs was at stake and, as tradition dictates, hosted by last years winners. After three hours of fierce rivalry the evening of inventive and silly games and a bout of pig racing was won by Bournemouth North.

Thanks largely to Vice Chairman Ken Fletcher over £200 was raised for the National Presidents Charity for handing over at the 2016 Dorset Knobs. Ken presents the Oar to Bournemouth's Gerry Gallop.

David Tharby Wareham 41 Club



THE THINGS WE USED TO DO

Anglesey 41 met for a speaker meeting in November with Regional 12 Councillor Lawrence Bamber attending. One of the club members, Huw Roberts, gave a really interesting talk on his first trip to the continent as a 20 year old with 9 other

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friends entitled "Monte Carlo by Ambulance".

Huw persuaded nine other friends all between 19 to 21 to join in an adventure holiday in 1964 by purchasing an old 1948 Austin Ambulance and modifying it to accommodate them on the journey, enabling three to sleep overnight in it whilst the other seven slept in one of three tents. He described the ambulance modification - all done on the cheap. The ambulance had a Welsh Dragon Rampant on the side plus the name of the village Rhosllannerchrugog (the village near Wrexham they all hailed from and how it was spelt on the Ambulance) and were seen off on their adventure by a number of the village residents. He described the obstacles they had to overcome; only three of them could drive and one of the drivers lost his glasses in the Lac Leman and they all had to look for them. Going over the Alps into Italy they had been woken to help push the Ambulance up the pass since the engine would not work well in the rarefied atmosphere at altitude. In Monte Carlo they were able, in those days, to park outside the Palace where the sight of the ambulance with the Dragon and the Welsh village name on the side proved to be of interest to the locals. Sunbathing on a pebbly beach (they were expecting beautiful stretch of sand!) and visiting 'Avignion and other places of note. Then on the return trip through France, the breakdown of the ambulance and generosity of a French garage owner in allowing them to sleep in his garage whilst the cylinder head gasket was sorted out by the boys using the garage's equipment!

Ultimately the ambulance broke down completely – but they had AA cover and whilst the AA would get it back to Britain it did not cover the drivers and passengers and they eventually



had to go the British Consulate in Paris because they could not afford the rail fare. Then when they got home three of the group went down to Folkestone in a hired estate car and towed the stricken ambulance back to the home village of Rhosllanerchrugog to allow the local coal merchant to have back the wheels and tyres they borrowed off his lorry for their trip!!

One member of the group took pictures of their epic adventure on the one camera they had between them and they clubbed together to buy several rolls of film. The pictures had been "lost" to the majority of the adventurers for 45 years but the photographer on the trip, spent many months copying the photos, digitally enhancing them, transferring them onto DVD, and arranging for them to be distributed before his untimely death last year.

If you would like to see the intrepid adventurers and their transport follow the YouTube link below. It's only about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes long

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LB75C-N58Dg "

Tom Woodward, Anglesey 41 Club







WENSUM & YARE 41 CLUB

Annual Forecast Meeting, Monday, January 25th 2016

Will Norwich City FC be relegated in the 2015 / 16 season?

Did you correctly forecast the result of the 2015 General Election?

Which country will win most medals at the 2016 Olympics in Rio?

If you think that you can forecast the outcome of sporting, business, political and local events in 2016, why not join us and many other local and national 41 Clubbers and Tablers at our Annual Forecast Meeting on :

Monday, January 25th 2016 at:

The Wensum Valley Hotel, Beech Avenue, Taverham, NR8 6HP; 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Dress code: Suits or jackets and ties

(£25 per person* Please advise if vegetarian meal is required)

At which our Guest of Honour will be the owner and chef patron of Morston Hall

Galton Blackiston

Morston Hall Country House Hotel and Restaurant is one of only two Michelin starred restaurants in the County of Norfolk. Galton started his career by selling his own range of home-made cakes, biscuits and preserves on Rye market. Deciding not to pursue a career as a professional cricketer he then worked his way up to be head chef at Miller Howe in The Lake District and before acquiring Morston Hall he worked in New York, Canada, South Africa and London.

We have a finite capacity for the evening. First come, first served, so please book your place early with:

Martin Sexton

preferably by email to martin.sexton1@btinternet.com or phone 01603 474449 or write to him at 7 The Crescent, Norwich, NR2 1SA

*please make cheques payable to Norwich Wensum and Yare 41 Club or pay directly into our bank account: Norwich Wensum and Yare 41 Club, sort code 40 35 09, Account 41355902

MALLORCA WELCOMES THE IBERIAN CLUSTER

Six Iberian Clubs and a number of GB&I Visitors came together at Bahia Del Sol Hotel in Santa Ponsa, Mallorca for the Annual Iberian Cluster. The weekend, organised by Mallorca 41 Club, had visitors from the Algarve, Calpe, Costa Blanca, Costa Del Sol, Mallorca and Nerja 41 Clubs and along with the GB visitors made a total of over 130 attending the functions.

The weekend consisted of a welcome party and dinner in a nearby restaurant on the Thursday, followed by on the Friday a spectacular coach trip around the World Heritage Tramatuna Coast with lunch in the port of Soller.

The Cluster AGM took place on Saturday morning in the hotel where National President Terry Cooper updated the Iberian Clubs with what is happening in 41 Club. Saturday evening provided a Gala Dinner in the stunning nearby Santa Ponsa Golf Club.

Many of the delegates had arrived several days early and some stayed longer to enjoy the wonderful island of Mallorca for some holiday. President Terry was supported by five Past National Presidents of the Association and three former Presidents of Tangent as well of course Lin.

The event was very capably organised by a small team from



Mallorca chaired by Cluster Chairman Graham Whitmore ably assisted by Patti.

The next Iberian Cluster is Vilamoura on the Algarve on the 3rd-5th November 2016. Full details from gyharnettalgarve41club@aol.com

Martin Green National President 2013-2014

THE WOKING 41 CLUB BARGE WEEKEND - A POEM

The Woking 41 club barge weekend
Fifteen blokes on a couple of barges,
Pork pies, beer and stomachs full of curry.
Port and cheese under the stars,
Wild strumming and raucous voices.
Drunken talk and animal noises,
Snoring nights and humoured curses.
Banging doors and tinkling toilets.

First one up and on with the kettle.

Hangovers stir among groans and laughter, a first mug of tea to get things moving.

A whiff of diesel on a cold misty morning and the chugging rhythm of life returning.

The sausages are on and bacon smells waft to tantalise those on deck.

Warm autumn sun brings smiles at thoughts of the day to come.

A phast and fizz announce the first tinny, jokes and banter drift on the breeze. Football scores and tribal taunts, points scored with a grin.

Optimistic shouts accompany
the first kick of an oval ball.
Encouragement and disappointment ebb and flow.
We were rubbish, they were too good,
a Welshman sings and gets shouted down.
A pub with live music, nirvana located,
too much beer and a weaving way home.
A subdued Sunday and back to the yard.
Same time next year lads

Wouldn't miss it for the world.

Martin Bates Woking 41 Club

Some of you may remember that some time ago we had an article on self publishing author Ian Martin, this is the pen name of our poet Martin Bates. Martin has recently published some new works which may be of interest to fellow 41ers. They are:

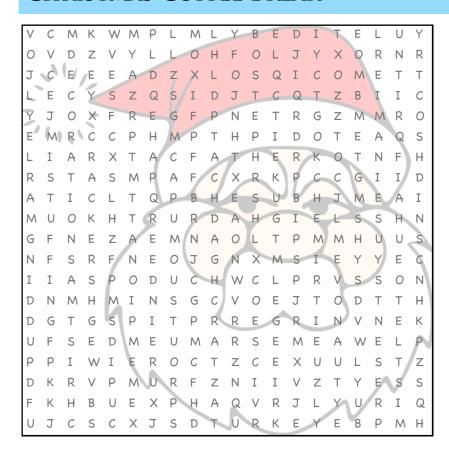
Bleak – The first mission (available on Amazon and FREE! On Smashwords)

Bleak – The story of a shapeshifter (On Amazon and Smashwords)

Dancing with the Devil – Ten short stories of the weird and wonderful (Amazon)

Details of the books and sample chapters are available on his web site www.martynfiction.com

CHRISTMAS COFFEE BREAK



Christmas Word Search

The grid contains 30 words associated with the Christmas festivities. How many can you find? The words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be in reverse.

The words are:

CUPID, TIM, LIGHTS, CRATCHIT, CAROLS, STUFFING, FATHER, CHRISTMAS, HOLLY, CRACKERS, BLITZEN, YULETIDE, TREE, DONDER, VIXEN, PRANCER, DECORATIONS, DASHER, COMET, MARLEY, PRESENTS, SLEIGH, SPROUTS, PUDDING, DANCER, MISTLETOE, ELVES, TURKEY, REINDEER, SCROOGE

Solution in the January edition.



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ANNIVERSARY DINNER 11th MARCH 2016

Fylde Rugby Club - 7.30 for 8.00 - Formal Dress

Join our National President, the Mayor of St Annes and comedian Terry Cotta to help us celebrate this special anniversary. The ticket cost of £35 includes a four course dinner, unforgettable entertainment and this commemorative lapel badge.

Tickets will be limited so book early by emailing Dave Curran at

headroomgate@gmail.com



Ashby de la Zouch & District Round Table and 41 Club Invite you to our

60th and 40th

Joint Charter Night

Guest Speaker Gerard O'Herlihy Past National RT President Liquid Brass

Friday 5th Feb 2016

7.30pm
Lyric Rooms
Lower Church Street
Ashby LE65 1AB
Tickets £35.00
Black Tie



Please contact David Crawford
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DORSET KNOBS

At Vitality Stadium

Bournemouth FC

Hosted by

Wareham 41 Club

Friday 4th March 2016 7.30 pm

£35 per person

Join Wareham

For a football-themed Knobs night in the presence of the

National President and Vice-President of 41 Club

Contact

dorsetknobs@hotmail.com

A Urgent Request to all Club Secretaries & Club Contacts

A check by our magazine distributors has revealed that at least 61 of the members we currently send magazines to are deceased. We do try not to cause any further distress to widows and other family members so I would ask that you check your membership details on the CAS database to see if you still list deceased members and remove them as soon as possible.

In addition over 3,200 are not correctly addressed and 350 are being sent to addresses that are being forwarded. All of these could soon be amongst the copies returned to Marchesi House, who attempt to identify the correct address and send them on again. All of this adds unnecessary cost, so please check your members' addresses and ensure that they do not join the group that no longer receive the magazines that they have paid for.

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Cruising to over 200 destinations Worldwide Fred. Olsen have an amazing selection of cruises, travelling to some of the most beautiful, cultural, relaxing and scenic destinations in the world. Choose from a selection of winter cruises, mini cruises, world cruises, fly cruises and exotic fly cruises. We are sure there is a destination which is right for you and if you are travelling alone there are great deals for single travellers too.







Book online at www.fredolsencruises.com or call our reservations line 0800 0355 110 Don't forget to quote your discount code 41 CLUB10 to redeem your discount

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