

41 Club

THE NEWSLETTER

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2018 a new year and a new style newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed and up-to-date with the activities of your 41 Club. It is your opportunity to share information with fellow members, to invite them to your events and share your successes.

The content is dependent upon your input, so please send articles and photographs to region5@41club.org. We look forward to receiving your input.

National President Dave Campbell invites you to his major fundraising event of the year. All profits from the event will be donated to The Prince's Trust, his chosen charity.

Ticket price: £69.50 per person.

Date: Saturday 24th March 2018.

Venue: The Lakeside Country Club, Wharf Road, Frimley Green, Camberley, GU16 6PT.

Accommodation: rooms at £85 single occupancy, £99 double occupancy, both include breakfast. Call The Lakeside on 01252 838000 and quote "41 Club Las Vegas Event" when booking.

Parking: Free at the venue and at the hotel.

Dress code: Black Tie.

Start time: Casino open from 6:30pm, drinks reception from 7pm.

Dinner: Served at 7:45pm, three courses and coffee, half a bottle of wine per person. Vegetarian option available.

Entertainment includes: The Rat Pack, The Supreme Showgirls and a Casino comprising Black Jack and Roulette Tables, playing for a prize. Complimentary chips will be provided. Dancing and bar open until 1am.

Carriages: 1-30am.

For a booking form [CLICK HERE](#)

The National President of 41 Clubs
invites you and your guests to join him at:
The Lakeside Country Club
for a Las Vegas style Dinner Dance with a Casino
featuring



The Rat Pack and The Supreme Showgirls
Saturday, 24th March 2018

Frank Bull BEM.

We are pleased to announce that Past 41 Club National President Frank Eric Bull, 93, from Alnwick, has been honoured with the British Empire Medal (BEM).



Frank Bull, who lives at Robert Adam Court, in Bondgate Without, will receive his BEM for services to the Royal British Legion and the community in Whitby. After training at Bletchley Park, he was shipped out to the Eastern Mediterranean, where he was a wireless operator in the field. After five years' service, he returned home to his job as auctioneer and estate agent and has spent 70 years supporting the Royal British Legion. Between 1965 and 2008, a sum of more than £375,000 was raised in the Whitby district and, in 2015, he personally raised £493 in Alnwick. He was a founder member of Whitby Round Table. At the age of 40, he joined Whitby 41 Club and is still a member to this day. He even held the role of National President in 1987 and, during his time, spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for the RNLI. This is another charity he supports and the club managed to raise enough funds to purchase four inshore lifeboats. He actively supports the Whitby Methodist Church where he ran the youth club with his wife in the 1970s and 1980s to keep young people occupied. He now attends Alnwick Methodist Church and gives support as much as he can. In 2008, he was made an honorary citizen of Whitby in recognition of his work in the local community. His complete dedication to the cause is truly commendable.

(Reproduced from the Northumberland Gazette)



Become a Mentor for the Prince's Trust in 2018

Financial support for "The Prince's Trust" is always welcome and is to be encouraged but why not harness your own particular varied and extensive experiences and become an on-line Mentor for the Trust thereby providing a most valuable service?

To find out more, please take a look at the dedicated webpage for the Trust's e-mentors: [CLICK HERE](#)

In simple terms, the recruitment process is the completion of:

- a simple application form which includes giving the Trust the names of 2 referees.
- a simple 5 question online video interview
- 4 modules of On-line training - this includes safeguarding and how to get the best out of the mentoring relationship.

These PDFs will also help:

- As to the procedure to follow: [CLICK HERE](#)
- As to the role description for the "Employability" scheme: [CLICK HERE](#)
- As to the role description for the "Enterprise" scheme: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you do apply and are accepted as an on-line Mentor, please let Kevin Toon (Bournemouth 41 Club) know: info@kptoon.co.uk If you are already a Mentor for the Trust, please also let Kevin know.

Belfast Bookings

Thank you for responding so swiftly and in such numbers to the recent email regarding Belfast final balances. It's going to take me some time to respond to them all, so please be patient. You have not been forgotten.

Judi Steen, Registration

Forthcoming National Social Events

National Social and Sporting Weekend

This promises to be an excellent weekend of fun and fellowship for the incredible price of £160pp sharing a twin room (single supplements apply). It includes two nights Bed and Breakfast, two 3 course evening meals and lunch on Saturday. There is live entertainment and full use of the hotel's sports, craft and spa facilities plus golf for the whole 3 days (from the day of arrival to the day of departure). Saturday will see the competitive and novelty events taking place.

The event will be held over the weekend of 9th to 11th February at the Asbury Hotel complex in Okehampton, Devon, which is the only sports, craft and spa hotel in the UK and boasts being the UK's largest golfing complex.

For those wishing to book please [CLICK HERE](#)

But you will have to hurry as bookings close on Friday 19th January!

Classic Rally 2018



A warm welcome to all 41ers and Tablers who enjoy their cars be they old, new, classic or just plain loved! This will be the first time that the Rally has come to Wales and we hope that as many of you as can will attend.

Our base for the weekend will be the Holiday Inn, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, situated just three miles from the centre of Cardiff and only a short distance

from the M4.

We start our journey on the Saturday morning, taking in some of the South Wales Mining Valleys which have been really transformed these last thirty years, then onto Sunday where we will be enjoying the South Wales Coastline starting down on Mermaid Quay, formerly known as Tiger Bay. We will finish at quite a special place of interest for lunch.

We will be having the Friday and Saturday evening meals at the hotel which will be our H.Q. for the weekend and those just wishing to attend just the evening meals are very welcome to join us.

For full details and a booking form [CLICK HERE](#)

41 Club and Tangent Cruise 2018

Why not join your fellow 41ers and Tangent members as we sail on the second Club Cruise? We are pleased to announce that the 41 Club and Tangent Cruise for 2018 will be departing from Liverpool on the 8th August for a 9-night cruise to the Norwegian Fjords and the Shetland Islands. You will receive a 10% discount on the published fare for your cabin and £50 per person onboard spend, In addition, we will have a club drinks reception and plenty of time to socialise with fellow members.

You can read all about the 2017 Club Cruise to the Waterways of Belgium and Holland in the November Club Magazine. ([CLICK HERE](#) for the magazine)

Early booking is recommended to take advantage of our special deal with Fred. Olsen Cruises.

The full details of the cruise are on the next two pages.



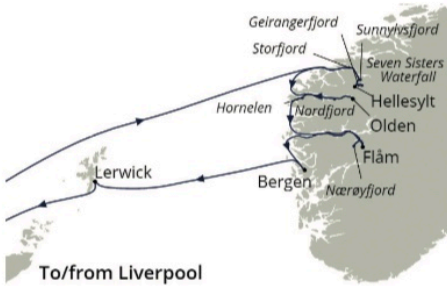
Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

Fjords, Mountains & Glaciers

with the 41 Club & Tangent

8th August 2018 • 9 nights • Sails from Liverpool • *Black Watch* • W1817

From only **£1,169** per person



Date	Arrive	Depart	Destination
AUGUST 2018			
Wed 08		PM	Liverpool
Thu 09 - Fri 10			<i>Cruising</i>
Sat 11			<i>Cruising Geirangerfjord</i>
Sat 11	early am	early am	<i>Cruising by Seven Sisters Waterfall</i>
Sat 11	late am	late pm	Hellestyt, Storffjord, Norway
Sat 11			<i>Cruising Sunnlyvsfjord</i>
Sat 11			<i>Cruising Storffjord</i>
Sun 12	early am	late pm	Olden, Nordfjord, Norway ↓
Sun 12			<i>Cruising Nordfjord</i>
Sun 12	late night	late night	<i>Cruising by Hornelen</i>
Mon 13	early am	late pm	Flåm, Aurlandsfjord, Norway ↓
Mon 13	late pm	late night	<i>Cruising Nærøfjord (to Gudvangen)</i>
Tue 14	early am	late pm	Bergen, Norway
Wed 15	early am	early pm	Lerwick, Shetland Islands
Thu 16			<i>Cruising</i>
Fri 17	AM		Liverpool

↓ Anchor port



This sailing is a medley of captivating Norwegian destinations, interspersed with stunning scenic cruising. Divert down spellbinding Nærøfjord, filled with twists and turns; witness Geirangerfjord's beautiful Seven Sisters Waterfall; and marvel at the lush, green mountainsides of Nordfjord. You'll also have the chance to see magnificent glaciers, take a thrilling train ride, admire unspoilt landscapes and explore the Hanseatic city of Bergen.

The 41 Club & Tangent Group Fares:

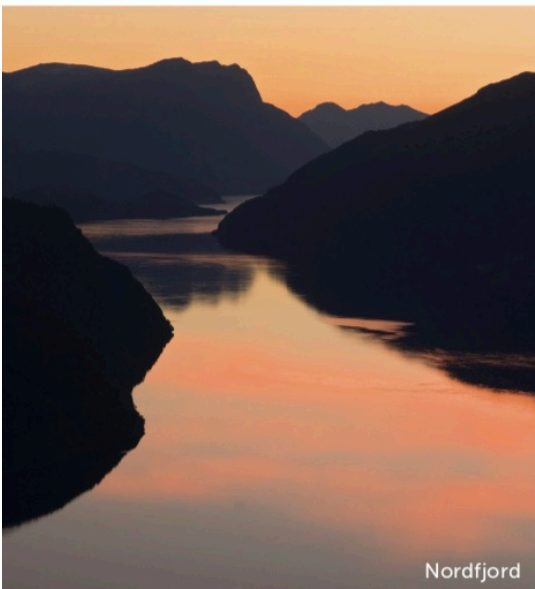
Room type	Price from
Interior Twin	£1,169pp
Ocean View Twin	£1,309pp
Superior Ocean View Twin	£1,619pp
Balcony Twin	£2,029pp
Balcony Suite	£2,069pp
Single Interior Room	£1,979

Your first two days will be spent at sea, after which *Black Watch* will sail breathtaking Geirangerfjord, which is ranked joint top as the best-preserved natural UNESCO site in the world by *National Geographic* and known as the 'Jewel of the Fjords'. Flanked by towering cliffs dotted with abandoned farms, the fjord also boasts many beautiful waterfalls,

such as the Suitor, the Bridal Veil and, perhaps most famous of all, the Seven Sisters, which splits into seven streams.

Then, arriving into your first port of call Hellestyt, you'll find trails and valleys meandering off into the stunning surrounding mountainsides. Further highlights to look out for include the

To book, or for more information, call the **Reservations Department** on **01473 742 424** and quote group account code **GRP0210**



Nordfjord



Bergen



Flâm

impressive Hellesylt Waterfall, the enchanting Tystigen Glacier and Hornindalsvatnet, Europe's deepest lake. Your evening will end with more scenic cruising along the picturesque waterways of Sunnyslvfjord and Storfjord.

The following morning you'll arrive at the charming village of Olden. It's the gateway to the astonishing Jostedal Glacier and its famous branch, Briksdal, as well as the stunning Lovatnet Lake and Olden Church. Later, marvel at sloping green mountainsides as you depart via Nordfjord,

past Europe's highest sea cliff, Hornelen. Next on your itinerary is Flâm, where there are plenty of opportunities to take in Norway's renowned scenery. You can capture magical views from the Stegastein Lookout, admire the mighty waterfalls of Tvinde and Kjøfossen, or journey up high into the mountains on the iconic Flâm Railway. In the evening *Black Watch* will deviate down the size-restricted Nærøyfjord, one of the most dramatic passages in Europe. Rated joint top in *National Geographic's* list of natural heritage sites worldwide, each twist and

turn gives the impression of heading towards a dead end, but then opens up as you draw closer.

You'll then have the chance to explore Norway's second largest city, Bergen. You can take the funicular railway to the top of Mount Fløyen, explore the colourful, UNESCO-listed Bryggen Wharf, browse the vibrant fish market, and more. All this before heading home via Lerwick, the capital of the picturesque Shetland Islands.

All included in your cruise price: Comfortable en-suite accommodation • Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, five-course à la carte dinner, late night buffet and self-service tea & coffee • Varied daytime activities • Lectures and talks • Swimming pools, Jacuzzis and gym
Choice of live evening entertainment • 2 formal nights

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Fares are per person, based on twin occupancy of the lead-in twin cabin, subject to availability. Offers may be amended or withdrawn at any time without prior notice, are subject to availability & cannot be applied retrospectively. All bookings are subject to Fred. Olsen's standard terms & conditions, available on our/their website & on request. Some ports may be at anchor, intermediate days are at sea. FOCL reserve the right to amend itineraries for operational reasons. Oceans member benefits apply in conjunction with this group promotion. Please note that the 41 Club and Tangent affinity scheme discounts are not combinable with the group discounts, as the terms and conditions of the affinity scheme stands outside of group promotions. *The £50 per person free on board spend credit is automatically charged to the on board account, is non transferrable and cannot be exchanged for cash. **Group drinks party is subject to minimum numbers. E&OE.



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Wareham Beerex Cheque Presentation Evening

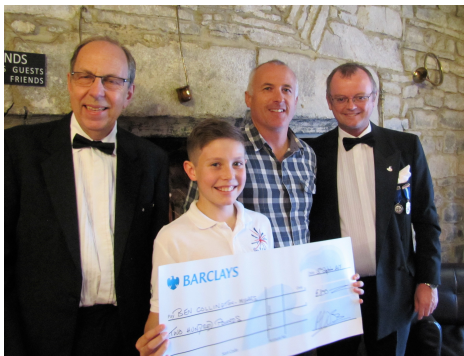
Thanks to the generosity of the many sponsors, businesses, landlords and individuals in and around the town and Purbeck, Wareham 41 Club were delighted that the 24th annual Beerex festival of real ales and cider was so successful that a substantial sum has been distributed to make a real difference, in many ways, to our community.

Among the recipients were a number of local organisations, charities and worthy and deserving causes within the Wareham and Purbeck area. The final figures showed that almost £5,000 was raised and will make a big difference to the many volunteers and groups involved.

At an evening held at The Anglebury cheques were presented that included:-

Sandford Scouts, Wareham Hospital, Swans Mini Rugby, Melanie Moriarty, Wareham in Bloom, Wareham Youth and Community Group, The Rex Cinema Trust, Purbeck MS Society and talented young international gymnast, Ben Collington-Mears have all been assisted.

Wareham Round Table and 41 Club, through Beerex, have raised well over £100,000 during the past 24 years and will add to that in the future.



Plans are well in hand for the 25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary Beerex and will focus on “Showcasing Local Real Ales and Proper Cider” from Dorset and the surrounding areas.

The response from our brewers has been amazing and a superb selection to match the demands of the most devoted aficionados is guaranteed. Plus entertainments each session and a return of the excellent on site catering.

Thanks again to Ian Harris, the Ceramic Potter and Artist of East Street Corfe Castle, who produced the artwork for the unique logo that will adorn the souvenir glasses and the Beerex Programme.

The hardworking 41 Club committee are ‘On the cask’ as ever, so please put Beerex for Good Friday and Easter Saturday 2018 in your diaries.

Advance Notice

The 41 Club Caravan and Camping Rally will be held on the weekend of 7th - 10th September 2018.

Make a note in your diary

National Councillor for Region 6, Ian Burnett, had the privilege of presenting Ilkley 41 Club with their Charter.

Ian also presented Ilkley Olicana 41 Club with their Charter in 1991, over 25 years ago!



Shirley Late Knights International Trip to Bordeaux October 2017

It was the Friday evening. We were outnumbered, sixteen 41ers from Shirley Late Knights met up for a meal with about 27 members of the Bordeaux 41 Clubs. The Bordeaux guys were supplying the wine, some from their own vineyards! We chatted in French and English and neither understood the other, .. but hey ho .. 41 Club Franglais & fellowship got us through. Our Chairman gave a wonderful speech (so he said) in French and banners were exchanged. After the formalities, about half of those at the meal went on to an Irish bar until the early hours. Guinness transcends all nations.

This year was the thirtieth anniversary of our travels abroad. Earlier in the day we had gone to the Cite du Vin, an ultra-modern museum dedicated to wine in all its glory. A great building with the best collection of Georgian (the country) sixth century BC wine drinking vessels. Yeah. Really.

We had ridden the trams through a beautiful eighteenth-century limestone city to get to the museum, where we looked out on one side over brutalist Nazi concrete submarine pens and on the other a glorious river and bridge. We tasted the wine and then wandered back along the river bank in the sunshine, stopping at the reflecting pool to watch a few of the group dance an impromptu can-can in the shallow water.

Up early the next day we caught the train to Arcachon, a beautiful coastal town where we took a catamaran yacht around the bay, and sun bathed in the warm sun with a beer in hand.

Back in Bordeaux we regrouped in our hotel to ride the trams out for a delicious meal, sitting outside in the warm evening heat, enjoying the food and wine before heading back into the centre of Bordeaux to meander from bar-to-bar in little groups meeting up with our fellow 41ers. It was another action-packed weekend away with everyone having had a great time. Would we do it again. You betcha! Here's to next year!

Rex Smith Shirley Late Knights



41 Club TV Star

On the 7th January and for the four following Sundays, Dick Strawbridge and a team of 56 model railway enthusiasts attempt to build the longest model railway in the world, 71 miles across Scotland, from Fort William to Inverness. One of those enthusiasts is Northwich 41er Simon Clough who mysteriously 'disappeared' for two weeks last year. All will be revealed on Channel 4 at 8pm over the five Sundays in 'The Biggest Little Railway in the World



In episode 1 Simon discusses his favourite topic - breakfast!

National Club News

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 18.2
THAT THE 73rd
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-
ROUND TABLERS' CLUBS
WILL BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL, THE PRESBYTERIAN
ASSEMBLY BUILDING CONFERENCE CENTRE, 2-10 FISHERWICK
PLACE, BELFAST, BT1 6DW
ON
SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2018, STARTING AT 9.00am,
WITH REGISTRATION FROM 8.30am.**

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 2018**.
2. Nominations for any post of an Association Officer for the year 2018-2019 (listed below) in accordance with Rules 6.1 and 6.5 should be sent to the national Secretary, on the accompanying form, to arrive **not later than Monday 1st February, 2018**.

Vice-President (President Elect)

National Fellowship Officer

National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer

Candidate for 41 International VP Election

For job descriptions and nomination forms please [click here](#)

Sean McCormick - 41 Club National Secretary

secretary@41club.org

Annual Press Awards

At the Belfast AGM we will be awarding the David Smith Trophy for the club with the best newsletter. Gordano Valley holds the title currently, so if you would like to have a go at taking it away from them, just add me to your distribution list! The aesthetic of your newsletter and the clarity of its presentation as well as the level of information that will be of interest not only to 41 Club members but also to individuals who are not (yet!) members are all important.

We also have the David Hewitt Trophy, for the club with the best website. Any club member can nominate his club's website. Simply let me have its URL and the name of the member responsible for it.

The closing date for both trophies is Wednesday, February 28th, 2018.

I await your entries and nominations!

Godwin Stewart

National Communications & IT Officer (comms@41club.org)

National Photographic Competition 2018



All registered members of 41 Club can enter the National Photographic Competition. The entries will be published online and when voting opens it too will be online, so that as many of you as possible can cast your votes, not just those attending National Conference.

The winner shall be announced at the AGM in Belfast and a selection of the photos will appear in the charity calendar, profits from which will go to National President-Elect Phill Ellis' chosen charity.

Your entries have to be of sufficient resolution. As a rule of thumb, a JPEG file that is at least 2.0 to 2.5 MB in size should do the trick but bigger is better in this case. If you'd rather send me a link to the picture in your DropBox, OneDrive, Google Drive or other then that's fine too.

The competition rules are as follows:

- Each photograph must be the work of the person entering it and entries are limited to four per member.
- Entry is only available to 41 Club members who can be verified on the CAS database.
- Entries are to be submitted electronically to comms@41club.org
- Digital enhancement of photographs beyond basic colour correction and cropping is not allowed. The idea is to show off your photographic skills, not your image editing skills.
- All entries must include the name and Club of the photographer and a title.
- Photographs entered into this competition must not have been entered into any other competition.
- The closing date for entries is Wednesday, February 28th, 2018.

The photographer grants permission for 41 Club to use the photographs for charitable fund-raising activities.

BARRY 41 CLUB 50TH CHARTER 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

Come and help us celebrate Barry 41 Club's 50th Anniversary in the company of National President Dave Campbell.

Barry Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dress code – lounge suits

Three course meal plus coffee

Cost – £27.50 per head

Question and answer session with Lee Selby
the IBF World Featherweight Champion

Further entertainment.

RSVP to Duncan Kennedy

duncankennedy@jahughes.com

07814-932336

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

National Council Meeting

The next National Council meeting will be held on Friday 9th February 2018 at the Ashbury Hotel, Higher Maddford, Okehampton, EX20 4NL.

Any declared member of the Association is entitled to attend as an observer. Please notify the National Secretary if you plan to attend.

Featured Club Benefit

ParknCruise is the only fully indoor undercover, safe and secure parking company for Southampton's cruise passengers.

We currently have spaces for 270 vehicles and the second stage build will increase this to 550, all inside and undercover with full Hi-Def CCTV coverage, fully alarmed and security patrolled, keeping your vehicle safe from the elements and bird fouling.

Our prices include the transfer to and from the port of embarkation in our fleet of Mercedes minibus or coach with our staff being at

the port to welcome you on return and direct you to the transfer point making the process as seamless as possible.

Secure parking at competitive prices for passengers with all operators including: Azamara, Carnival, Celebrity, Cunard, Fred Olsen, P&O, Princess, Royal Caribbean and Silversea.

We are delighted to offer any member of 41 Club a discount of 10% on all bookings over seven days although for longer cruises, our prices are both competitive and adjustable depending on cruise length.

In order to receive this discounted rate, bookings will need to be made directly with our office quoting code '41 Club' as these rates are not available on our website, our contact number is 02380 789966

Please visit our website at www.parkncruise.co.uk or to take a look at our video on YouTube showing how we operate [CLICK HERE](#)



It Makes you Think

** If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.*

** What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?*

** Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?*

** Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?*

** Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.*

** Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.*

** The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".*

** Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.*

** 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.*

** If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.*