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The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of
Great Britain and Ireland

41 Club NEWSLETTER



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Knobs Crisis hits Dorset!

Since 1970, nearly every year, members of Region 23 have attended the annual Dorset Knobs Dinner. It moves around the Region, with different Clubs taking responsibility to organise it every year.

The name is derived from a hard circular biscuit which is traditionally served with Blue Vinny Cheese and forms the final part of the meal at the dinner – accompanied, of course, by a glass of port.

This year, Showtime! 41 Club took up the mantle as organisers and the dinner was planned at the Hamworthy Club at Clifton Magna. Tickets sold well with just under one hundred attending in the presence of National President Steve James and International President Barry Durman.



But few knew of what was happening behind the scenes, when throughout the planning time, there were no Dorset Knobs to be found.

Members of the Committee led by Kevin ('super biscuit sleuth') Toon searched shops and garden centres throughout the south coast to seek out the elusive biscuit. Not a stone (or a counter) was left unturned!

In the end Region 23's Councillor Richard Dyson – who was the person in charge of the catering - had to 'sort it'!

After many telephone calls and some serious groveling, Richard spoke to the production team at Moore's Biscuits – who

make the little critters – and persuaded them to change their production schedule to make the Knobs in time for the event. (Such is the power of 41 Club that it can move



factory schedules as well as mountains!)

So, all was good! The Knobs arrived in the nick of time and seamlessly appeared with the cheese at the dinner to a fanfare of trumpets.

The evening was a great success with entertainment from impersonator Tony Harris as Sherlock Holmes. Perhaps we should have engaged him and his trusty assistant Dr Watson to search out the Knobs.....



Martin Green

Showtime! 41 Club



At the subsequent Showtime! meeting the next day - Richard was crowned 'Top Knob'.



**What real Knobs look like!
(Not the one opposite)**



Spot the odd one out in this photo (left)

Answers on a postcard.....



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Welcome to the December Newsletter



Hi Guys,

Welcome to the latest copy of the newsletter, slightly delayed by the issue of the magazine. As always, I hope you find the content enjoyable and informative.



During 2024, I would like to change the emphasis slightly to reflect on the importance of membership matters and community service, the latter being one of our objectives. I believe this brings our clubs and members together with a common purpose. At this point I would like to congratulate Woodbridge 41 Club on a fantastic milestone, detailed in an article later in the newsletter. I am sure that over the festive season there will have been many local projects, events, collections etc. So, let's share what this great Association does, whilst hopefully providing new ideas and opportunities for other clubs to follow.

There will always be room in newsletters and the magazines for information, events, charter flyers and the like. Can I please request that these are kept to one page maximum?

Have a Happy Christmas and a great 2024.

Dave

Dave Chard,
National Communications and IT Officer

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Various articles
PLUS the usual details of events by clubs and Internationally, plus members welfare, plus members benefits - too much to itemise individually, just read and enjoy!



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Steve James

National President



A truly humbling experience was had in November when myself and 6 other 41 Club members from Wales, Scotland and England attended the Remembrance Service parade at the Cenotaph in London along with members from Round Table, Tangent and Ladies Circle. It was a truly remarkable experience and I was extremely proud to represent the Association, the memory will remain with me for the rest of my life. Behind us in the parade were Scotland sight veterans and to the right of us veterans who had been severely injured, one of whom's daughter proudly cried out to her wounded father to wave at her and for him to stand up, it was very emotional to witness.

Our National Council was held in October and it is pleasing to report that we are making good progress against the actions that were set at the beginning of the year. The recent survey that was sent out has received over 200 responses from clubs which is excellent and the board are currently analysing the responses. The regional directories have been compiled and circulated to all clubs within the respective regions. Membership still remains our main focus with the XRT concept gaining traction, with two clubs ready to be affiliated, and a third one taking over an existing 41 Club. We currently have just over 12,000 members with 5 clubs disaffiliating in the last quarter. Peter McBride our Membership Officer is working side by side with his Round Table counterpart and we are supporting Round Table by providing some financial assistance for their membership workshops where XRT clubs feature as part of the transition from Round Table to 41 Club. The forward planning and admin committees



Steve James

National President



are currently working on some rule changes to put forward to the AGM including reviewing the structure of the regions and the eligibility criteria to stand for Board positions, the committee's findings will be presented at our next National Council meeting.

Bernard Elwen, our National Secretary and Kevin Lovett, our Treasurer are currently preparing a briefing paper regarding the idea of incorporated status for 41 Club and are also looking to go out to market regarding upgrading our current insurance policy for clubs.

I am delighted to announce that work is underway with the development of a new website for the Association. Even though the current website has a fabulous underlying structure and functionality that supports our clubs and members it is in need of a bit of a facelift. All of our thanks go to Simon Thomas, a brilliant member and owner of Toucan who have done so much for the Association over the years, and who continues to offer so much support.

The entire move is going to be supported by volunteers and to this end we are looking for members to contribute to the website by either volunteering to help, send in photos or videos of club activities or send in articles or stories. If you feel you can help, please contact the following:-

To get in touch about volunteering, please send your details to
Webmaster@41club.org

To share pictures, videos or articles, please share these to: content@41club.co.uk





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On International matters, myself and Kevin Stewart attended the World Half year meeting in Cyprus where the main discussions centred on the resolutions being put forward for next year's AGM and in particular the resolution that non-Tablers can represent their country in the World meetings. This was a very hot topic with many countries against the proposed resolution. Members will recall from the AGM in Cardiff that when the proposal for invited members was voted in, we stated that our International Relations Officer had to be a former Tabler, so we will watch the debate as it unfolds in Morocco. GB&I also made a proposal to amend the resolution regarding the appointment of the managers who support the Board proposing that they should be appointed for a period of 3 years. It was great to see so many members from GB&I fly over to attend the conference and also support us in the audience at the meeting.

As most members will be aware my Presidential Charity for the year is Prostate Cancer UK and Prostate Cymru. I would like to thank all those clubs and individuals who have donated to date and especially those members who have raised money in their own right. Research has commenced looking at the use of MRI scans to detect prostate cancer rather than using a PSA test (which is not always accurate) and then having a biopsy which is quite invasive. I wish to raise as much money as I can to support the charity and I would like to ask 41 clubs if they would be prepared to donate £41 per club to my charity please? I will be reaching out to clubs in the New Year but if you wish to help raise money for this worthwhile cause that affects so many of our members, please drop me a line at stevejames@41club.org.

To help me achieve my target we have arranged a three-course charity rugby dinner on Saturday 20th January as a precursor to the Six Nations tournament. The guest speaker will be former Welsh "wizard" Shane Williams MBE. Further details can be obtained by visiting <https://stevejames.wales/rugby-charity-dinner/>

Since my last newsletter I have visited the following clubs: Deeside, Chesterfield, Costa Blanca, Camberley, Guildford, Stonehouse, OBE's, Fleet, Bridport, Tavistock, Woking, Wareham, Ferndown, Sutton, Wokingham, City of Truro, Truro 45, Margate, Northfleet, Weald of Kent, Herne Bay and Showtime as well as attending the White Rose Dinner, Oxford College Dinner and Dorset Knobs.



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The Legend of King Arthur – Spencer That Is

As 41ers we are all very aware of the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Well, London Old Tabler's Society (LOTS) has a different King Arthur who is a legend of LOTS and that is Arthur Spencer.

Arthur was born in 1934, 5 years BEFORE LOTS (the 2nd oldest 41 Club in the world), was actually formed. Throughout his life Arthur has spent a lot of time travelling around – Germany, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland in particular, but he actually met his Swiss wife Renee in Scotland and whilst they married in Switzerland in 1958, they set up home in Palmers Green in North London.

That was fortunate for the Round Table Family because Arthur joined West End Round Table in 1960 at the ripe old age of 28. (West End Round Table actually closed a number of years ago, but reformed in 2019 and is now a thriving Round Table!!)

Arthur was kicked out of Round Table in 1974 under the then age rule of 40 and joined LOTS. Since joining LOTS, Arthur has done it all – Chairman in 1981 (he is the earliest Chairman of the Society still with us today and long may that be the case), Secretary, Treasurer (Assistant) but mainly wise counsel to all LOTS members and the “voice of reason.”



Whilst Arthur is moving away to Romsey in Hampshire to be nearer family, he will still be making the occasional visit to LOTS - after all, there are very few 41ers who have completed 50 years of service with one 41 Club.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the Club, LOTS are delighted to make Arthur their first honorary life member and he was also presented with the 41 Club Long Service Award at a recent Club meeting.





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Presenting Arthur with his award, LOTS Chairman, Bernie Skivington, said " This is an incredibly important moment for the Club and it would be wonderful and I hope likely that we will see a few more long-serving LOTS members, like yourself, being recognised in the years to come.

On behalf of the club, I wish you all the very best for the future, but most of all continued good health such that we may indeed see you again from time to time and, to once again say, you will always be a much respected and appreciated member of the London Old Tabler's Society".

In his typically modest style, Arthur replied "I wish to thank the Club for its gesture in presenting me with such an award.... I am not sure that I merit it with my modest contribution when compared to the many famous names from Louis Marchesi, and the 5* National Presidents from this Club! I will treasure my memories and hope that perhaps I might make an occasional visit!"

Au Revoir Arthur

*The 5 members of LOTS who have served as National President are John Shuter (1945-47) – the very first National President following the formation of 41 Club GB&I; David Morrison (1967-68); William (Jack) Newey (1972-73); Arthur Kennedy OBE (1981-82) and Jim Conway (2022-23)

Ralph Preston, London Old Tablers Society



Thanks to the 215 clubs that have responded so far to the Club Survey that started last month. Each club was contacted to have a member submit the responses to the survey via <https://clubsurvey.41club.org/> to assist in supporting the future of the Association... the date has been extended until New Years Eve so you still have a chance to make a difference.

Jason Thomson - 41 Club National Councillors' Liaison Officer



National President Shirley
invites you to her

Charity Black Tie Ball

In Aid Of

MyelomaUK

Saturday 10th of February 2024


De Vere Wokefield House,
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Drinks at 7:00pm,
Seating at 7:30pm
Carriages at midnight

Tickets £75

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Monday, March 11th, 2024

REGION 18 CLUSTER MEETING - CHELMSFORD

Chelmsford 41 Club

**Invites You to an evening of Old Friends and Old Jokes,
and maybe some new ones, too!**

Reconnecting with old friends helps keep you young.

**Your Guest Speaker is past Round Table National and
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Gerard O'Herlihy

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Dress Code - Lounge Suits - Jewels Optional



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41 Club Region 24 Dinner



*In aid of the
National President's Charity
Prostate Cancer UK*

Tickets £40 Dress Code Black Tie & Jewels



Speakers

*National President Steve James
King Henry VIII*



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7:30pm for 8pm*

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024 7:30PM FOR 8PM

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NORWICH WENSUM & YARE 41CLUB

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Norwich Wensum & Yare Chair invites you to their

ANNUAL FORECAST EVENING



The evening will consist of a three course meal, speeches and results of 2023 Forecast Evening (the winner takes the coveted crystal ball trophy for the year)

Tickets available from : Stuart Smith 01603 713282
email : stuartsmith41club@btinternet.com

Cost £ 31.00 - Dress code - Jacket and Tie





Scarborough 41 Club Charity Night 2023



Bernie Brown (Manager of the Westway Food-Bank) together with two of the event organisers – Charlie Hindle (centre) and Simon Lockley (right)

After a break of several years in deference to COVID, Scarborough 41 Club resumed their successful run of Charity Nights this year, with a fundraising event held at the local Rugby Club on Saturday 21st October.

The event was well supported, with 84 people attending. They were treated to a hot buffet meal, followed by a fiendishly difficult quiz, and then an hour of singing by Mark Gregory – markyouroccasion@gmail.com – whose wise choice of old favourites soon lured people on to the dance floor to strut their stuff!

Headed by 41 Club Member Simon Lockley, the evening was organised over several months by a hard-working committee which included Charlie Hindle, the current Chair of Scarborough 41 Club.

£3,000 was raised from a combination of entrance fees, a successful raffle and auction, plus generous sponsorship and donations, with the proceeds being equally divided between the Stroke Association and the local Westway Open Arms Food-Bank which is based at nearby Eastfield.

Simon and Charlie commented: 'We are grateful to all those people who helped organise and promote the event, plus all those who attended, and the various individuals and companies who donated a substantial sum of money towards the above total.'





Entries for the 2024 National Photographic Competition and Press Awards are now open.

**The deadline for entries is
10th March 2024 and the
winners will be announced at
the Liverpool AGM**

Entries are invited for:

Photographic Competition

Members are invited to send their favourite photograph based on the theme,

The Natural World around you.

Entries to be sent to Comms@41club.org

Closing date for entries 10th March 2024



The Best Club Newsletter – The David Smith Award

Entries are invited from Club Editors. Several Club Newsletters are regularly sent to the Comms and IT Officer and these will be automatically included for consideration by the judging panel. If your Club has a Newsletter that you wish to submit, please send 2 copies of your newsletter issued in the current 41 Club year for consideration to Comms@41club.org. Again, deadline for entries is 10th March 2024.



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Region 25 revives Transmanche 2023

This is a meeting of members from Region 1, Pay de Calais & Picardy, Region 25 South East England and South Belgium 41 Clubs. It all started with Dave Campbell then a National Councillor and in the early days, was hosted on a ferry between Calais and Dover. The last ferry trip was April 2011, thereafter the event was hosted in places of interest between Belgium, England, and France.

Event

On taking my role as Regional Councillor, one of the key tasks was to resurrect Transmanche (last meeting was in 2018). After finding my contact, Nic Level in France, the process started in January 2023. Nic agreed France would host and following many zoom calls, we agreed on the date, Saturday Oct 28th 2023.

After an absence of 4 years, 16 members from 3 Region 25 Clubs - London Old Tabler's, Maidstone and Margate headed across the Channel to a very wet and windy Calais to be reunited with fellow 41 Clubs from France.

My thanks to Dave Campbell, John Alford, and Phil Douce for plenty of guidance along the way. Also, thanks to Calais 62 and Calais Cac for their contribution in making the day go so well. In all, 14 Clubs from France plus the majority of the National Board of France and INPP from Belgium joined in a great afternoon, with 62 members taking part. London members opted to stay overnight and were hosted in a good English style pub for more food and drink and to watch the Rugby World Cup Final.

Martin Manuel Region 25 National Councillor



A collection of gongs!



A couple of important chaps from history



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Dinner at the pub!



Bernie Skivington , Don Mullane, Paul Chambers, Martin Manuel, Edwin Mortier and his wife Beatrice, Thierry Morchoine Philippe, Van Buggenhout and Nicolas Level



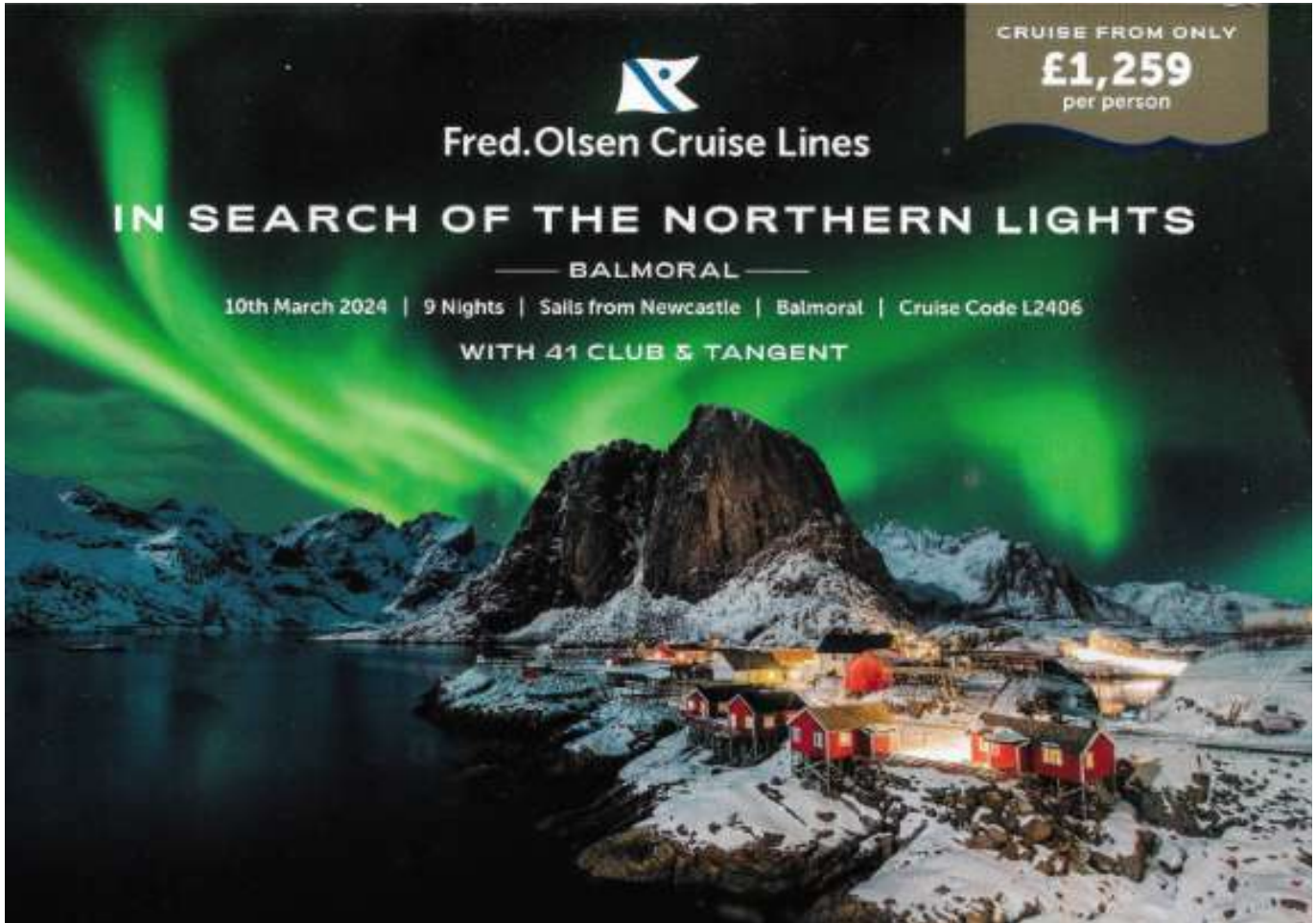
Someone concerned about the All Blacks



Anyone familiar with International trips will know of the traditional la la la to end proceedings - the lyrics are very difficult!



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To all 41 Club members

A quick heads up – the 41 Club Classic Car Rally is now taking bookings. This is a superb excuse to dust off your driving gloves and meet up with fellow petrol heads for an exhilarating weekend of fellowship. For more details & to book in just visit <https://classicrally.41clubevents.co.uk/> Places are going fast, so please book in promptly to avoid disappointment.

It's going to be a great event with -

- Two days of pleasurable driving through some of the most scenic parts of Hampshire, with interesting refreshment stops on the way.
- Ample opportunities to admire your fellow Ralliers' classic and sporting vehicles.
- Entertainment on the Saturday night.
- Friday & Saturday night meals at the hotel with table service.

We have arranged a Rally package with the Holiday Inn at Fareham – full details on the website.

We look forward welcoming you to sunny Hampshire Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June for the 41 Club "Rum and Wine Tour" Classic Car Rally.



The "41 Club Rally Team of 2024"

&

Robert (registration / marketing & general dogsbody!)

robert@pavo.co.uk

07766 426201



Walking Weekend 2024 North Norfolk Coast Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July

Save the Date - Booking Opening Soon

For Further Information Contact

Stuart Bizley region17@41Club.org





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**National Membership Officer
Peter McBride**



XRT News

XRT Club merchandise is now available from the 41 Club Sales website <https://41clubsales.co.uk/product-category/xrt/>.

Pin badges are also available and are being sent to all members of current XRT Clubs

Enquiries for the formation of more XRT Clubs continue to be received by Peter





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**National Membership Officer
Peter McBride**



41 Club National Golf Competition - Dereham & Norwich win the Cochran Cup!



Staverton Park Golf Club in Daventry again hosted the 2023 41 Club National Golf Competition on 24th & 25th September.

Congratulations went to Dereham & Norwich 41 Club for winning the prestigious Cochran Cup, with 108 points who just edged out Cockermouth 41 Club who came a close second with 106 points - the same total as Shirley Late Knights 41 Club whom they beat on countback.

Congratulations also to Andy Waring for winning the individual Winners Trophy with 35 points and to runner-up Graham Howe on 34 points - who in turn just beat Mike Clarke on countback.

On the following day we played the infamous 'yellow ball = double points' team format and the victory spoils went to Cockermouth 41 Club with 131 points who just nudged out The Nationalists (made up of National Council members) with 130 points, who themselves grabbed second place beating Brentwood on countback.



Congratulations also to all the Nearest The Pins and longest Drive winners.



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National Membership Officer
Peter McBride



Well done also to David Taylor for his good humour in accepting his 'lantern rouge' improvement prize!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed two days of three F's = Fun, Fellowship and F!"£\$%^& bunkers!

(Oh, and don't believe any fake news stories about me losing the yellow ball for the Nationalists on the Monday which resulted in us losing by one point)

Calling all golfers out there! Teams are already booking in for the 2024 National Golf Competition on 29th & 30th September – see details in this Newsletter!

DON'T MISS OUT!





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**National Fellowship
Officer
Kelly Clarke**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

KELLY CLARKE

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Woodbridge 41 Club Celebrate £1 Million Milestone

The Mayor of Woodbridge joined 41 Club members and volunteers at the Woodbridge 41 Club Charity Christmas Card Shop to celebrate an impressive milestone in November, having raised £1,000,000 for charity.



This money has been raised over the past 31 years through the sale of Christmas cards in a variety of pop-up shops in Woodbridge town centre. This year the shop was in the old HSBC bank premises in Woodbridge and was open for 8 weeks before Christmas

During the 31 years the shop has supported over 50 charities ranging from large national charities such as Barnardos and RNLI to local charities including Suffolk Punch Trust, EACH, Just 42 and many others.

Roger Parker has been managing the popular shop, since 1993. "I'm very proud that we have raised £1 million. It's something I've had in my sights and been talking about for 15 years!"

"I enjoy working with so many different charities, both big and small. There are some wonderful causes out there and because we have very few running costs, almost the entire turnover goes to them."

"It's a big team effort running the shop and I'm very grateful to all the volunteers who help in the shop, some of whom have been involved for thirty years."

"Over the years many landlords and agents have been kind enough to let us use their empty premises. As a result we have been found in many of the shops in Woodbridge plus St Mary's Church Centre and the library."

"We're also very lucky to have lots of regular customers who come back year after year. I think it's a bit of a game for them, tracking us down and working out which empty shop we've taken over!"



So what is Wider Wallet?



Wider Wallet is an exciting discount site, providing **41 Club** members with free access to hundreds of savings on top brands, services, supermarkets, online stores, events and attractions.

Boost your spending power with discounts on supermarket shopping, high-street stores, DIY, motoring and family finance.

Maximise your leisure time with special offers on theme parks, travel, eating out, experience days and family outings.

Improve your wellbeing with relaxing spa breaks, gym discounts and great value health insurance.

What's on offer?

Online discounts: Discounts are available on a wide range of websites. In some cases you will need to quote a discount code when you checkout, whilst in other cases you will be directed to a site which has already had a discount applied. Instructions are shown each time you access an offer.

Reloadable cards: Save money on everyday shopping by purchasing discounted cards for your favourite stores. The reloadable card(s) will be sent to you by post and you can then top them up with a credit or debit card, by phone or online. The discount applies every time you top up, so for every £10 you top up you'll receive more than £10 on your card.

Discounted gift cards: Save money on traditional gift cards or e-gift cards by buying them at a discount to face value. We recommend ordering several vouchers at once or combining your order with reloadable cards.

Downloadable vouchers: Some of our suppliers provide downloadable vouchers, which you can print. Downloadable vouchers are most often used for leisure activities, such as theme parks and days out.

Cashback: We've teamed up with TopCashback to provide you with access to some fantastic cashback offers. Simply register with TopCashback through Wider Wallet, then use the TopCashback website to shop online. Your cashback will be credited to your TopCashback account and you'll also receive an introductory bonus for registering through Wider Wallet.

Competitions: We love to give back to our users, so we work hard to source some great prizes. Lucky winners have received prizes including: fitness watches, smart speakers, holiday vouchers, tickets to top UK attractions, family passes to popular theme parks and cinema tickets.

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The Round Table Family Appeal for the Ukraine

The "House of Hope" Appeal

The Round Table Family has been providing much needed humanitarian aid to the people of the Ukraine since the war started, directed through the Round Table Family Foundation Germany (Stiftung Round Table Family Deutschland) and in particular their Convoys of Hope. Thank you for your support as 41 Clubs and as individual 41ers for all you have done so far. The Convoys of Hope are continuing but there is also a new specific project which offers another way to help – this is "House of Hope" in Moldova. Barry Durman, President of 41 INTERNATIONAL, has made House of Hope his nominated charity, and you can assist it by: -

- **Making a donation as an individual.**
- **Making a donation as a Club**
- **Buying 1 or more pin badges (where all profits go to the appeal) for £5 per badge plus postage.**

To order badges just email ralph.preston99@gmail.com with your address and how many badges you want.

You can make a donation by transferring money to London Old Tablers' Society ["LOTS"] at 40-26-07 a/c # 01378384 with the reference "HOPE _____" followed by your surname or Club name.

LOTS will pay the monies over to Stiftung Round Table Family Deutschland in the name of Barry's appeal.

So, what is the "House Of Hope"?

Following the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Cyril, (Kirill), a pastor from Odessa, fled with his family to Ciobalaccia, a town in the south of Moldova about 120 kms from the capital Chisinau. He discovered a derelict hospital, now the "House of Hope" a non-profit making organisation and is turning it into a home for refugees from Ukraine. Longer term, he wants to make it a refuge for the elderly and orphans not only from Ukraine but Moldova as well.

Major help has also come from the Round Table Family in Moldova and Germany together with 41 International. The help has been both financial and practical - including a "working week" in July this year when members of the Round Table Family in Germany spent a week refurbishing the House. Now, from being a derelict building a year ago, the "House of Hope" can accommodate around 350 refugees in 35 Rooms.

To date almost 3,000 refugees have registered at the House, with some moving directly on to German permanent quarters after their arrival. Cyril himself has made most of the trips back to Ukraine to collect refugees in his two minibuses and has also been back many times delivering Help Packets to people in Odessa, Kherson and Nilolai, all near the Moldovian border.



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The immediate requirement is €17,000 to pay off a loan for the now completed electrical installation and €46,000 to replace the leaking roof before Winter.

Buying a "House of Hope" pin will go a small way to help fund the "House of Hope" refuge in Moldova!

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And A Very



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