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National Events this year have been very successful, articles and details inside magazine - Cover pictures from Walking Weekend



2024 RUM OR WINE CLASSIC RALLY

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
classicroally.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.

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Darwen 41 Club

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 7th December 2023

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Four Course Christmas Dinner

Guest Comedian (Tony Roscoe)

Carriages at 12:30am

Dress code Lounge suits

Tickets £30

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PRESENTS



DORSET KNOBS 2023

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THE HAMWORTHY CLUB, CANFORD MAGNA,
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FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023

BAR OPEN FROM 6pm FOR 7pm START

ENTERTAINMENT FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES
HEADS & TAILS RAFFLE IN AID OF THE NATIONAL
PRESIDENT'S CHARITY - PROSTATE CANCER

BLACK TIE AND JEWELS

£45

Please book in and pay using the following link:

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41 Club
CLASSIC RALLY ORGANISERS



Walking Weekend 2024

North Norfolk Coast

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July

Save the Date - Booking Opening Soon

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Welcome

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Hello and welcome to this, my first edition of the 41 Club magazine since becoming Comms & IT Officer. The magazine provides an opportunity for clubs to showcase our great association not only to our existing membership, but also to the community as a whole.

The articles I have already received reflect the huge variety of meetings, activities and community service projects, and when the annual National events are included, these simply confirm the variety and number of opportunities for the membership.

As stated in our purposes and objectives we should 'encourage active involvement in the community' and 'promote fellowship amongst former members of Round Table and like-minded men.' Most of the articles fall into these two main areas, with activities providing the fellowship and community service events providing the glue that holds clubs together, so please keep the articles coming.

The magazine and the newsletter enable us to share ideas, successes and sometimes not so successful events but where lessons can be learned.

We will try to provide an interesting and varied magazine. However, we only have 30 pages available per edition so can you please restrict submissions to a maximum of 2 pages including photographs. Please keep the copy coming and if we cannot include in the magazine there is always the monthly newsletter.

Dave Chard
National Comms & I.T. Officer

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A message from...

The President

Steve James - National President



I hope you enjoy this summer/autumn edition of our magazine which is my first magazine as your National President. Family is very important to me whether that be my own family, the Round Table family or the wider 41 International family..

July was a very proud "family" moment because it was the first time that our children Alex and Emily have attended a 41 Club event with Karen and I at my charity ball and we also welcomed 12 "international family" young adults for the start of the inaugural Youth Ambassador programme (YAP) tour. My thanks to Andy and Gail Ventress for organising the tour and particularly Gail who due to Andy's operation found herself escorting and driving the YAPs around in a 17-seater mini bus each day. I also wish to thank all the 41 members who either hosted or took the YAP's on various trips where they were staying, we can certainly be proud of what has been achieved.



The last few days of the tour ended in Wales and coincided with mine and Gail's birthdays and what fitting way to celebrate by having a party in our house with the YAP's and members of Cambria 41 Club who hosted them, thankfully some are my neighbours so there were no complaints of noise. A full write up of the tour appears later on in the magazine.



Whilst we entertained 12 YAP's in GB&I, 2 young adults from GB&I were selected to travel abroad, one to India and the other to S Africa. We did have more spaces allocated to ourselves so if you have a child, grandchild or great grandchild aged 18-24 who you think would benefit from attending this programme, please contact yap@41club.org. Similarly, if you can help host people as we look to organise next year's tour to GB&I please get in touch. I can certainly recommend sending young adults on a YAP tour having had first-hand experience when Emily went to S Africa in 2019.

A MUST FOR EVERY RUGBY FAN

RUGBY CHARITY DINNER

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024

JOIN 41 CLUB PRESIDENT STEVE JAMES

AT

PENARTH MASONIC HALL

55 STANWELL ROAD,

CF64 3LR FOR A

THREE COURSE DINNER

WITH GUEST

**SHANE
WILLIAMS
MBE**

Dress code: Lounge Suits

TICKETS £45 - available from
stevejames.wales/rugby-charity-dinner/



On the business side of the Association, we had an excellent National Council meeting in July and the main topics of discussion are highlighted below:

- **41 Action Plan** - good progress is being made on our actions particularly around membership with a number of new XRT (xtra round table) clubs having been established.
- **Budget**- the revised budget for 2024 was accepted and is available for any member to view on line. Whilst the increase in capitation has been a talking point since Jersey, I hope that my email to all members and the National Secretary's email to club contacts satisfactory addresses how the proposal came about from the floor and whilst some members may be unhappy with the vote, I am sure you will all agree that the democratic process was followed.
- **Conference 2024**- it was pleasing to hear that Liverpool is a sell-out.
- **IT** - we are reviewing the number of licences for office 365 with a view to decreasing our costs.
- **Insurance** - a panel of 3 experts have been tasked to review our current policy to see if it meets our needs both nationally and locally and I am hopeful that by the time we meet as a National Council in Stranraer we will have a firm idea of what our new insurance policy needs to cover. The expectation is that new policy will be far more beneficial in covering most locally organised events thereby giving added benefits to our members.
- **GDPR** - we have agreed a new policy.
- **Fellowship**- it was pleasing to report that 2 new interest Facebook groups have been set up, gardening and fishing.
- **Governance** - a task and finish group has been established to review our structure at both a Board and Regional level.

One of my key aims as President is to engage as widely as I can with members and accordingly am asking clubs if I can attend either a meeting or social event. With over 650 clubs and trying to balance work I am not going to be able to visit every club but if you would like me to visit, please do not hesitate to drop me a line. The warm welcome and excellent fellowship that I receive when I visit never ceases to amaze me and I am so proud to be your National President.

As part of my charity fundraising, I have teamed up with Penderyn Whisky and when I visit clubs there is an opportunity to purchase a bottle or 2 of which 21% goes towards my charity. Graham Hunter from LOTS purchased a bottle recently and has asked me to nominate someone who I feel has made the best speech when I visit and present them with the bottle, so you never know you may be a lucky recipient if I visit your club.



Greetings from Tangent

Shirley Chard - Tangent President 2023-24

As I write this in early August 2023 we are recovering from this year's hosting of the YAP tour who spent their last night with us.



We were fortunate that one of our Reading Valley 41 Club members has a home on the banks of the river Thames and was happy for us to hold the farewell event there. It was luckily a fine weather evening and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



This was not my first 41 Club event as President. So far, I have enjoyed the Stratford World Meeting, the Classic Car Rally, the Walking Weekend and the 41 Club President's Ball. All great fellowship events that were open to all of the Round Table Family. Maybe we can encourage some of the Round Tablers and Ladies Circlers to come along in future and make them all true Family events.

I have been fortunate that Steve James, 41 Club President and Lara Lachello Ladies Circle President were also able to attend my President's Charity Lunch in aid of Myeloma UK, a blood cancer that starts in the bone marrow and has no cure.

Steve also attended the Tangent Regional Lunch organised by Poynton Tangent in June and we even got him dancing. We hope he enjoyed it!

We have also had our first Round Table Family zoom discussion where we are all focused on growing our memberships. I would like to work together with the other Associations to plug the gaps locally where not all of our Associations have a presence. It would be good to know where the gaps are and to engage

with those eager to start working on this, so if you would like to participate please let me know and we will aim to get going with this initiative.



I wish Steve a great year and sincerely hope he is able to create an awareness of and raise a good amount of money for Prostate Cancer as both my father and brother suffered from this.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year with my fellow Presidents.

**Yours in continued friendship,
Shirley**

Adventures in the life of an International Relations Officer

Kevin Stewart - IRO

My first months as IRO have passed in a whirlwind getting to grips with the 41-club international scene, making travel arrangements and asking myself how I can bring best practice back from the international AGM's I attend.



I have also been dealing with very panicked IROs when they've realised Liverpool is sold out as well as acting as a personal travel agent to several delegates at Stratford who undertook their own pre and post tours in around Edinburgh. This included home hosting past International 41 club President Bruce McKay and his wife Tania on their way to Stratford.

My first AGM in Denmark was a good starter as I met my fellow IROs and was introduced to some weird Danish food and drinks as well as the added bonus of seeing some very highly restored American classic cars.

Onto Stratford and what a weekend that was. I cannot praise the organising committee highly enough for the event they pulled off, this has been reflected in a considerable number of thank you emails to the team for their efforts from international delegates. The agm brought home what an honour it is to be part of the international 41 club scene. I was also very pleased to raise £200 towards Barry's charities by auctioning off an NSW 2010 jacket with pins.

A few weeks later and it was on to the Austrian AGM in Kitzbuhel, being picked up by a German Tabler who thought he was the German Stig on the derestricted autobahns in Germany (very, very scary). The Austrians put on a memorable AGM, the highlight being taken to the start gates of the infamous Hahnenkamm downhill ski run.

My most recent AGM was the German AGM in Aachen which I was very much looking forward to, and seeing how the Germans would organise things in their own very efficient way. This should have been 3rd time lucky for me, however it was not to be. A 3-hour delay in and around Edinburgh meant missing my connecting flight to Dusseldorf from Heathrow and a further 7-hour delay

till the next flight. Needless to say my luggage did not transfer through with me resulting in emergency clothes buying on the Sat !!! The cultural tour of Aachen was a highlight, the architecture of the city amazing.

In late July I met up with the YAP tour of the UK as they visited the Northwest of the country around the lake district and Blackburn. The young people certainly enjoyed the experiences on offer to them, it would be great if we could send similar numbers on the YAP tours abroad going forward.

In terms of how other countries do things, there are a few marked differences already which need to be reflected on and further discussed such as the fact that we pay considerably less capitation fees, they have mechanisms in place to avoid tablers not moving onto 41 club and that national events are organised by clubs rather than national committees.

In terms of future travels, I will be attending the HYM in Cyprus in October and the Finnish and Belgium AGMS next year. The Belgium AGM is their 50th, so watch out for more info on this nearer the time as it would be good to have a strong representation from 41 club UK.

Are you at risk of prostate cancer?

Most men with early prostate cancer don't have any symptoms. That's why it's important to know about your risk.



1 in 8

In the UK, about 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime.



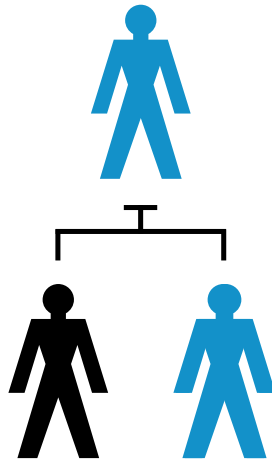
Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK.

Over 50 years old

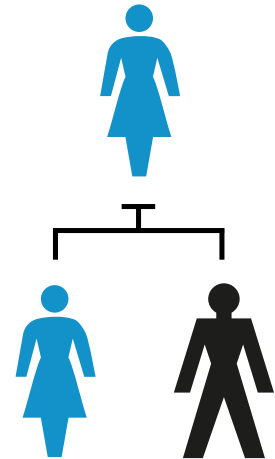
Prostate cancer mainly affects men over 50 and **your risk increases with age**. The most common age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 65 and 69 years.

Family history and genes

You are two and a half times more likely to get prostate cancer if your **father** or **brother** has been diagnosed with it, compared to a man who has no relatives with prostate cancer.



Your risk of getting prostate cancer may also be higher if your **mother** or **sister** has had breast cancer.



Ethnicity



Black men are more likely to get prostate cancer than other men, and at a younger age. In the UK, about 1 in 4 black men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. If you are a black man, your risk may increase once you're over 45.



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* Call our Specialist Nurses from Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm, Wednesday 10am - 8pm. Calls are recorded for training purposes only. Confidentiality is maintained between callers and Prostate Cancer UK.



Tanks for the memory

Ashby 41 Club

A chance conversation during a volunteering session at a local country park led to an Ashby 41 Club member arranging a meeting with a difference for the club during August. Apparently, during a recent classic car show at nearby Castle Donington, somebody had turned up with a CVRT Sabre light tank, driving it from his home to the event! Hmm...I wonder...

Contact was made with James the tank owner, who kindly agreed to bring his tank along for the evening, give club members a brief talk about why he has a tank, followed of course by rides for all who wanted them. James lived too far away from Ashby to drive the tank all the way. Fortunately, Wayne, who had arranged the classic car show and has good local contacts, was able to gain permission for us to use the car park of the local Community Centre - provided he was there to keep an eye on us all! Massive thanks to Wayne.

We were blessed with good weather for the evening. James gave us a good talk on his 'hobby', and told us that he also used to have a 10-people personnel carrier, but that has been moved on to Ukraine to help their war effort. The situation there is also making spare parts difficult to obtain for the tank, as Latvia still has some 120 of these units and those spare parts are being bought up.

Whilst the fuel consumption of the Jaguar petrol engine isn't brilliant at around 4mpg, the biggest concern on expenditure is the tracks, which used to be around £15,000, but have now increased significantly in price due to difficulties in sourcing. Fortunately, James has one spare set at the moment!

It is possible that this tank saw service in the Falklands back in 1982, but James has been unable to confirm this, due to missing records. A photo does exist from that time which confirms all but the last two characters on the number plate, so there is a chance.

Those that wanted a ride then enjoyed a couple of circuits each of the car park. We then adjourned to a local pub. James was unable to join us for that, but we have a good video of him heading off down the main street in Castle Donington!

We had a good turnout from our 41 Club, and the photo shows our complete group (minus the photographer), plus a couple of Ashby Tablers who sneaked in to join us.

A huge thank you to James. We're sure he would like it to be known that the tank is available to hire for weddings, proms, etc. - now that would be different.



Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club

Raising £5,600 for Maggie's Forth Valley

We were delighted to hand over a cheque for £5,600 to Maggie's Forth Valley, taking the total raised for good causes since 2017 to an incredible £75,066.

Carrigan Kerr is pictured receiving the cheque on behalf of Maggie's from immediate past chairman Billy Dougall and members of Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club.

Our club held a successful fundraiser at the Dobbie Hall in Larbert in May with 220 people attending. Guests enjoyed live entertainment with music from the musicals followed by DJ Andy Reid. Chairman for the 2022/2023 session Billy Dougall said 'We would like to thank everyone who has supported us to put on this event. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves while raising money for a worthy cause. Maggie's require to raise an incredible £2,400 per day so the money raised will go towards providing the fabulous support service. The members of the Club were astounded by the final amount raised, much more than we had anticipated.'



The First Young Ambassadors Tour of GB&I

YAP

41 Club were due to host the Young Ambassadors Programme (YAP) in 2020 and then 2021 due to COVID, but it finally happened this year! In 2019 GB & I sent 3 young people to visit either India or South Africa having joined up in 2018.

The UK YAP tour started on Sunday 16th July with 12 young people flying into Heathrow from around the world to be met by The National President Steve James and other 41ers. They were then taken to a Youth Hostel in Beaconsfield.

At the youth hostel Karen James and Gail Ventress welcomed them and they were able to get to know each other before starting on their adventures around the country. For the first 3 days they went into London each day. Over the 3 days they had a walk through Regents Park, a visit to Camden Lock & the British Museum. They also visited Covent Garden, did a walking tour to see Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street, Big Ben & Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace, finishing with a theatre trip to see A Ghost Story 02:22. Finally they had a visit to The Tower of London led by beefeater Spike, a visit to Borough Market plus a flight on The London Eye followed by an evening with The Round Table family at Farringdon Bounce.

Many thanks go to all the members that were involved from LOTS, City of London Ladies Circle and West End RT and particularly to Ralph Preston for all his organisation.



On July 20th they had a long drive with Gail up to Slaidburn near Clitheroe, where they were again in a youth hostel. In the evening they had a BBQ hosted by Ribble and Lune Active 41 Club. Many thanks to Frank Barratt for organising this and the activities for the next 3 days in the North West.

Whilst in the North West the group had a trip to the Lake District and went on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Steam Railway and a lake cruise on Lake Windermere from Lakeside to Bowness. They then visited Grasmere and had the opportunity to sample the unique gingerbread. The next day the group went ice skating, a first for the visitors from India, then onto a trip around an old woollen mill with an evening ghost walk in Clitheroe.

Finally, came Liverpool and where bad weather meant last minute changes, but they did manage to visit the Cavern. They were met in Liverpool by National President, Steve and International President Barry. Many thanks to Kilsh for organising the day. Whilst in the area the group were joined by Kevin Stewart, IRO, who travelled down from Scotland for the weekend.



On July 24th they had a trip to their next destination, Evesham in The Midlands to spend 3 nights. They visited Marchesi House and had lunch before being shown around various memorabilia rooms by Jim Conway. They then went to Evesham for an early evening meal and went home with their hosts.

Whilst in The Midlands the group went to the birthplace of Shakespeare before a rowing trip on the River Avon. That night they were joined by Evesham 41ers and further afield as well as their hosts for a curry. On day two, the group explored Warwick Castle and enjoyed a falconry display beforehand. Followed by a trip to Broadway village in the Cotswolds. In the evening the group had a traditional Sunday roast dinner with their hosts in Evesham before enjoying the atmosphere in the one of the locals. Many thanks to Glen Lyon and all the hosts in Evesham.



On the 27th the group left Evesham and traveled to South Wales, to be hosted by the National President Steve and his club, Llanwit Major. After travelling in the morning they visited the Big Pit and had a trip down into the old mine. After this they had some time to look around Cardiff before meeting up in the Bay to have their evening meal. The next day the group had a Jet Boat ride in Cardiff bay before visiting St Fagan's Welsh museum. They then had a game of ten pin bowling before getting together for a karaoke party in the evening which also happen to celebrate 2 birthdays, National President Steve and Gail, who had travelled with them for the 2 weeks. Before departing the following

day to travel to Reading the group went to Porthcawl beach. Many thanks to Steve and members of Llanwit Major for home hosting the group.



After a picnic lunch on a very windy beach the group travelled to the home of Tangent National President, Shirley Chard. David Chard arranged home hosting by members locally, with a final night party by the River Thames. Many thanks go to all involved in the final night and transport back to Heathrow.



Sunday 30th, the group dispersed to their various destinations.

Many thanks to all 41ers and Tangent members that were involved in any way in helping this inaugural tour be a great success. In particular, those who helped Gail when the group were traveling from one location to another by using their cars to transport the luggage.

"I just wanted to drop a quick note to say a big thanks you for the awesome two weeks we've had. Seriously, it's been a blast hanging out and making memories together. The company and fun times we've shared have made these past couple of weeks super special, and I'm really grateful for that."

"Hello Gail! I reached my place yesterday. Thank you so much for everything you did for us. I loved the entire trip and I am so grateful to have been given this wonderful opportunity. You were like a mother to us and hopefully I will get to meet you soon. Once again thank you for everything and hope you are doing well."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED NEXT YEAR?

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

Email YAP@41Club.org



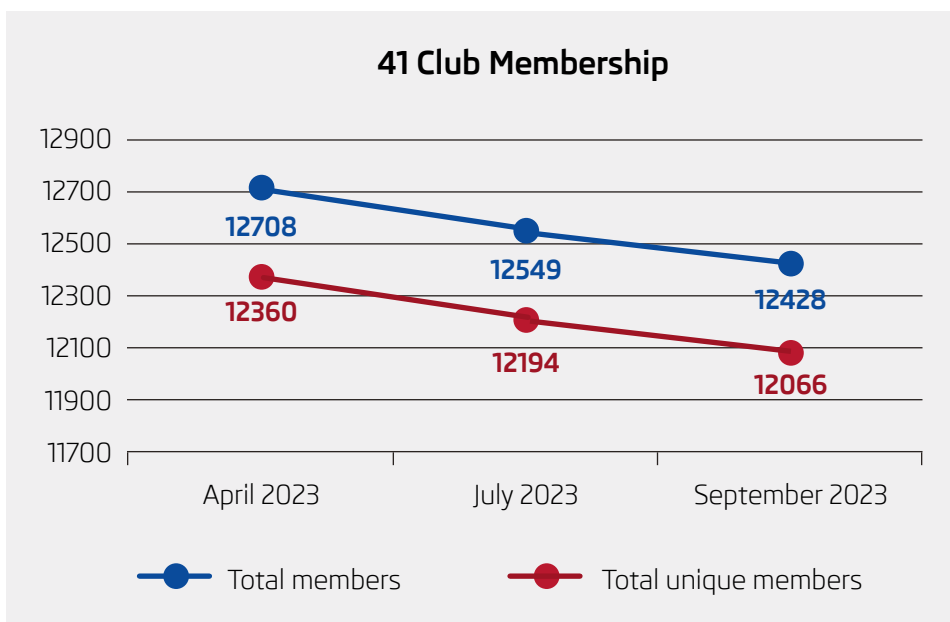
Membership Matters

Peter McBride - 41 Club National Membership Officer & Round Table Liaison Officer

My National Membership role continues to be all-embracing and since assuming the role I have engaged on a one-to-one basis with over 140 Clubs and individuals, including 22 enquiries regarding XRT Clubs and many enquiries from new members who were not Tablers wanting to join.

Membership Numbers

The number of unique 41 Club Members across the Association has fallen slightly over the past quarter. Whilst any reduction is unwelcome of course, the trend is slowing despite some Clubs having to address the twin challenges of aging member profiles and the long-term cautious response of post lockdown.



New Club Affiliations

The good news however is that the effort in raising awareness of the new XRT Club concept since April this year when we launched the new XRT concept to RTBI is starting to gain traction and it is very encouraging that in the past three months three new XRT Clubs have requested to be affiliated at the forthcoming National Council meeting in October - all with the support of their existing 41 Clubs.



Lancaster & Morecambe XRT

In Lancaster & Morecambe XRT in Region 5 North West - some of the joiners have also been members of the existing Lancaster 41 Club but where there is a large age gap with older members. Consequently, a new XRT has been formed, with the existing 41 Club supportive of the new Club being affiliated.



Ellesmere Port XRT

At Ellesmere Port XRT in Region 11, Cheshire & NW Midlands - again, the existing 41 Club has an older-age profile and are supportive of the new Club being formed from Tablers who are leaving/have left Ellesmere Port RT who wanted to continue doing Tabling activities.



Melton Mowbray 41 Club

Finally, at Melton Mowbray 41 Club in Region 15 Heart of England - the existing club and its members had decided to disaffiliate due to an older age and reducing members. Those Tablers leaving Melton Mowbray RT however wanted to continue their tabling activities by forming a new XRT club. When they heard about the 41 Club disaffiliating though, they decided to 'adopt' the Melton Mowbray 41 Club name rather than form a new XRT Club. Thus a 'new' Club has now been established and a handover meeting of the Chairman's jewel has been arranged for November.

The above are great examples of how new XRT Clubs are working with existing 41 Clubs to increase and maintain members who may have left the Round Table Family. There are more XRT Clubs in the pipeline - watch this space!

Does your Club welcome Invitational Members?

As you may recall, at the Cardiff AGM in 2022 we relaxed the criteria for men joining 41 Club, with them no longer having to previously have been in Round Table. It was for each Club however to decide whether to accept such 'invitational members'. Since then, I have received several enquiries from prospective members who want to join 41 Club but were not in Table. Currently, I cannot direct them to a local 41 Club unless I know it will welcome non-ex-Tablers. This causes delay and can be potentially embarrassing.

To address this therefore, I will be contacting all Clubs in October to advise them that it will be assumed that they are happy to welcome non-ex Tablers members unless they advise National Council to the contrary by 1st December 2023. The decision whether to accept will still be taken at Club level and is not mandatory.

Do you have any questions or suggestions about 41 Club Membership? Just email me at the following address.

Peter McBride
membership@41club.org

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*

*Payment by bank transfer/cheque to
Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club
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*Reigate Manor Hotel
Reigate, RH2 9PF
7.30pm for 8pm*

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

BOOK IN VIA PETER MCBRIDE AT MEMBERSHIP@41CLUB.ORG

41 CLUB NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

Staverton Park Hotel & Golf Club, Northamptonshire

SUNDAY & MONDAY SEPT 29 & 30

Two rounds of golf
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
Bacon rolls on Sunday arrival

£155 pp for twin rooms
£195 pp single supplement

Four-ball teams representing 41 Clubs invited

Entry open to full and honorary members of Affiliated 41 Clubs

Bookings to Peter McBride
Membership@41club.org



Big Breakfast Morning in Redditch

Who says we don't do fund raising in 41 Club? Well, Redditch 41 Club - "The Round Table for 45 Year Olds" - certainly do. .

You may remember the article in the February 2023 Newsletter which explained how Redditch 41 Club had reformed in 2016 having folded in the 1970s and now have well over 20 members. With Ladies Circle also reforming, there is a very vibrant Round Table Family in Redditch and they all work together to ensure close links are developed and maintained.

<https://www.41club.org/files/2023-02-06/41-Club-2023-02-February-Newsletter1675903283.pdf>

What was the Redditch Round Table Family's latest venture?



The "Big Breakfast" on Saturday 9th September at Webheath Village Hall in aid of the Primrose Hospice. The concept was really simple:

Cook a "full English" breakfast in a village hall at a charge of £10 per person. Advertise and get a load of people to turn up so the atmosphere in the village hall is buzzing. Raise money for a local, deserving charity.

Oh..... and make it such a great event that people will remember it for a long time; will know it's been put on for the benefit of the local community by the Round Table Family and, who knows, it might generate new members!!

Did it work?

Regional Councillor Andy Waring and his fiancé Jane from Hinckley Ladies Circle went along, and Andy says "when myself and Jane arrived we were taken back by the amount of people there, the place was full and we were queuing outside to get in.

It was a wonderful display of what can be done if all the clubs work together, 41 Club, Round Table, Tangent and Ladies Circle were all there.



An exhausted, but very satisfied, Lee Bevan from Redditch 41 Club announced the final scores on the doors.

We served 172 breakfasts and raised £1,800 for Primrose Hospice, and what a team effort from the four clubs it was".

And let's not forget, one of the Purposes and Objects of 41 Club is "to encourage active involvement in the Community".



Fellowship News

Kelly Clarke Fellowship Officer

As all of this years National events have run their course, I can quite safely say as you will have seen from the newsletters all have been well supported and a huge amount of Fellowship has evolved from them. What better way to see parts of the country and to meet fellow members of our great club, share stories and thoughts on how to move the club forward what works in your area and take ideas as well as making new friends.

With lots of charter and celebratory dinners about to happen take a look at the what's on section of the National webpage www.41club.org and book yourself into one or some of them, it will be good to see new faces at these events, you are guaranteed a good night and remember if you are organising such an event there is a pot of money that you can apply for up to £200 to help towards the costs, to apply simply drop myself an email. fellowship@41club.org.

Turning to next years National events, the club cruise with Fred Olsen is In Search of The Northern Lights departing Newcastle on the 10th March for 9 nights. Hopefully, we will get lucky and see the amazing spectacle.

Other dates to put in your diary as these are bound to sell quickly once they go live for bookings, keep an eye on Facebook and the newsletter for more information on each event.

National Conference	18th to 21st April	Liverpool
Classic Car Rally	28th to 30th June	Fareham
Walking Weekend	12th to 14th July	Kings Lynn
Motorcycle Weekend	21st to 23rd June	venue tbc
Caravan Weekend	13th to 16th September	Hawes

Facebook is the quickest way to keep in touch with members around the country if you have an event or just want to share a story there is the main forum page but also remember we have lots of special interest groups running and someone to monitor and just keep adding posts on a regular basis would be appreciated, if you feel you can help then please contact myself.



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41 INTERNATIONAL News

Ray Hill - 41 INTERNATIONAL Communication Manager

Congratulations to Andy and Gail Ventress for organising the first Young Ambassador Program tour of GB&I.

The route took them to some remarkably interesting places and to Marchesi House, the home of Round Tabling. The youngsters learn a lot, make new friends and have a greater understanding of the Round Table ethos.

July and August have been remarkably busy for the YAP tours with, in addition to GB&I, groups visiting Northern Europe, Central Europe, Cyprus, Northern India, Southern India and culminating in a tour to South Africa. Perhaps you have family

members that would be interested in participating in the 2024 tours?

International President Barry is currently engaged in his mega tour of Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, and India, calling in to Romania on the way back. He is very keen to attend the AGMs of more distant members of 41 INTERNATIONAL who rarely get visits from board members. In addition, he will represent 41 Club at the RTI World Meeting being held in Cape Town.

The international circuit is now getting back into full swing with the star attraction being the HYM in Cyprus from the 12-15th October. There is a full programme planned and I am sure that many delegates will take the opportunity to stay over and enjoy the sites, beaches, food and wines of this remarkable island.

We cannot forget that the war is continuing in the Ukraine. Many 41ers have been involved in the convoys of urgent materials, vehicles and other essentials. One project that urgently needs financial help is the 'House of Hope' in Moldova, a country Barry knows well from his Christmas convoy visits. During the summer a group from Germany spent a week at the House and decorated five rooms.

The new generator is now fully functioning and the building has been fully re-wired, but the main task now is to repair the roof. You can help in one of two ways, by either donating to the appeal or by purchasing a 'House of Hope' pin badge being sold by Bob Parton. You can read more in the following two links:

www.41international.net/2023/08/house-of-hope-needs-your-help/

www.41international.net/2023/08/house-of-hope-pins/

Hoping to meet as many of you as possible at the HYM!





The Walking Weekend 7th-9th July 2023

The walking weekend was based in Alcester, Warwickshire, attended by 43 people staying at the Kings Court on the outskirts of Alcester. There were also a few local 41ers & Tangent members who joined the group over the weekend to help on the walks.

The first arrivals met at the Kings Court at 12.30 and then moved onto The Boot Inn at Flyford Flavell to meet the others that were going directly to the Inn to walk the Millennium Way Route 7. Eventually, there were 31 walkers that were led by John Armstrong the local warden on the 4.5 mile circular walk. Many enjoyed a drink before and after the walk at the Inn. They then came back to the hotel for check in and a drink at the aptly named Twisted Boot, the pub attached to the hotel where they joined up with the later arrivals before having a group dinner.

On Saturday morning the whole group set off from the hotel on a 5.5 mile walk to Alcester walking on part of the Millennium way Circular walk 29. After lunch in Alcester the group had choices to make, did they want a long walk or a short route back to the hotel. Those that decided to tackle the long 9 mile walk set off earlier than the rest of the group who took the shorter walk, all using part of the Millennium Way. Everyone returned for a well-earned drink outside the hotel under the umbrellas as the weather had turned inclement.

In the evening we all enjoyed another excellent meal in our own private dining room and after dinner were entertained in the bar by the Welsh Male Voice Choir that also happened to be staying in the hotel. Some of our brave members joined the singing making it a very enjoyable evening.

On the Sunday those that still had the legs set off in their cars for Henley in Arden to walk the Millennium Circular Walk No 18, a 5.5 mile walk that brings you conveniently back past the Henley Ice Cream shop. All had an ice cream before some moved on for a final drink before returning home.





Zip wire rides for charity

Mike Foley - Hon President, Moseley 41 Club

My granddaughter Sophie Shipway and myself completed our Velocity 2 Zip Wire challenge at Penrhyn Quarry, Snowdonia on the 16th September.

We were blessed with a sunny day and after parking up in the free car park, that was almost full, we approached the reception desk to receive our wrist bands that would have our weight written upon it. We checked in at 13.40 to be given a harness for which we were strapped in, a helmet and a video camera affixed to our helmets. A short walk to our first ride of 30 seconds at 30mph to give us a feeling of what we were about to encounter on the Velocity ride.



Now 30mph doesn't sound very fast, but when you are hanging in a hammock like harness, face down looking forward it is a bit daunting. When we were all ready to go, safety measures checked and re checked the staff would then call one two three in Welsh and release us. Note two in Welsh is Die! Having survived our first short zip ride we were then led to a very old rusty lorry to transport us to the top of the 700 foot quarry. This slow

twisting jolting journey lasted about 15 minutes.

On arrival we were again connected to the cables in groups of four for our Velocity ride of 1.55 kilometers long and travelling at speeds of 100mph down over a precipice, across a lake and skimming over tree tops and rocks to arrive at the end with a sharp stop. That's it, all over very exciting and an adrenalin rush. All that was left for us both was to walk back to the reception centre to return our harnesses, helmets and cameras. We were given a code to view our videos on our mobile phones.

Now I was hoping that Sophie and I could make up a team of 12 41'ers but alas that did not happen though three brave 41'ers did agree to ride the zip wire but not on the 16th September 2023. So as it was such fun, I agreed to do the ride again with Jon Meadows of Shirley Late Nights, Paul Addison of Ashby de la Zouche and Gerald (Tucker) Williams of Llantwit Major 41 Clubs on Thursday 28th September 2023. Paul agreed to drive and pick up Jon, myself and Chris my wife who agreed to join the party to take photographs of us all. Tucker made his own way from South Wales. We just got there in time for our allotted slot due to a major incident on the M6 that held Paul up at the outset.

We all had a super day despite rain and strong high winds that did not curtail our rides that were now limited to two at a time for safety reasons and fortunately the rain stopped for our rides. Jon thought he was going to hit the rocks at the end of his Velocity ride but as soon as he saw Paul ahead of him safely arrive-panic over. Now Tucker kept stum for his ride and it was not until the end and we were both released from the wires that I realized Tucker was physically shaking/trembling. I asked if he was ok and then he declared that he was afraid of heights. I have loads of admiration for him attempting the ride. As for Paul, well he is an adrenalin junkie so was well prepared for the ride though his desire for nourishment meant a 5.00pm stop at the Pheasant Inn Hotel for a meal and beer before continuing our journey home.

As I write this recollection of our two days, we have raised £2000 towards National President Steve's chosen charity Prostate Cancer UK. The page is not closed as yet in case any further donations are forthcoming. On this point I want to thank everyone who has supported us and made donations towards our fund raising as it is very much appreciated.

To Donate: Go to 'JustGiving.com' Search 'Sophie Shipway Prostate Cancer UK' that should enable you to make a donation.

The "Double Gloucester Rally"

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2023

In good weather, we set off to join the 60 or so like-minded classic car enthusiasts and passengers that were to join Terry Cooper's team at The Gloucester Robinswood Hotel.



The signage directed us to the rally parking area where an impressive array of polished bonnets had already assembled. At reception we picked up our Goody Bags and yes, you guessed it, Double Gloucester cheese and very nice it was too.

The elegantly produced rally booklet holds images and history of the many of cars and their owners, including the exotic/interesting/unusual, due to the event attracts 41ers from all over, catering for all vehicles and tastes. The booklet alone is fit for any coffee table.

Our first engagement was at the bar where we recognised some from past events we had attended, hence the conversations began. We then had an enjoyable relaxed buffet style informal evening meal. Some more mingling at the bar followed and re-acquaintances with old friends was inevitable, but we were also keen to be well rested before the excitement of the following day. "Would we be able to continue being topless?" was the question in every soft top owner's thoughts.

The answer to the previous evenings question was obvious from the sunny view from our breakfast table. After Breakfast we had a stroll around the car park to look over the curves and

angles of the assembled motor bodies. The purpose to this strolling was because we were to vote for the car we would most like to take home.



Before departing Terry took to his improvised soapbox and delivered the morning prayers to the assembled voitourists. Advice and instructions were given reminding us there was no racing involved and we were all invited to enjoy our drive in the agreeable weather which Terry had arranged for us.

With an orchestra of exhaust notes and mechanical rumblings in the background the cars were flagged off by President Steve to begin the gentle 36 mile drive through the countryside. Our destination was the Cotswold based Classic Motor Hub, which was perfect.



Local points of interest were included with our information packs giving the opportunity to break the journey to let liquids in or out as necessary. At The Hub wallets needed to be

The "Double Gloucester Rally" continued

kept under firm control, as there were some delicious well-prepared cars displayed to their best advantage. Most could be bought but, in some cases, prices were in six figures which in the current fiscal climate could well require a mortgage! More affordable was the obligatory coffee and cake which we were able to devour whilst chatting in the warm sunshine outside the café. We then returned to the task of inspecting all the shiny cars, with their polished wood and metal bits.



My particular favourite was a silver drop head Maserati 3500 GT Vignale Spyder which looked as if it had come from a 1960s film set where a glamorous leading lady was sat pouting. A snip at £725,000.

Our onward journey took us to The Cotswold Water Park where Terry and Lin were stationed at the roadside to ensure we did not shoot past the partly concealed entrance. Lunch was on our mind but sadly many others there before us were thinking the same. There was a brief and inconclusive conference in the car park involving Mr Google and a small group of 41ers with rumbling tummies. Some decided to stay and some found sustenance at a nearby pub. Either option being very pleasant.

After returning to refresh ourselves we gathered for fellowship before our more formal evening meal at the Merlot Suite. Terry was on his feet with microphone in hand, he reviewed the various prize winners before introducing our surprise visitor. In deer stalker and with pipe in hand Sherlock Holmes entered the room. He began unravelling the mystery of Jack the Ripper. He was without his trusty side-kick Watson so sought assistance from the floor. Anyone silly enough to answer Sherlock's questions was seconded to be a temporary Watson and was given the bowler hat to show their new found status. Then the bowler would be ignominiously moved on to a new head to everyone's amusement. I will not reveal Sherlock's theory but let's just say he could be right. What a brilliant time we all had that evening.



Sunday was another bright morning except it was our last day. After breakfast Terry took to his soapbox again and after exchanging thanks and congratulations, he briefed us on the route to our Sunday lunch destination. He pointed out the places of interest that were en route.

Tangent National President, Shirley Chard who had dusted off her own convertible car for the event, flagged us off on the just over 40 mile route which included an optional stop at Westbury Court Gardens, a National Trust property. The staff were rather surprised by the arrival of a number of old cars rumbling into the car park at opening time. We were soon strolling around the Dutch water gardens in the morning sun then visiting the house that had some interesting features described for visitors.



After making a mileage adjustment to our Tulip book so as to keep in step, we were off again sometimes meeting up with other rally participants which was not really surprising as we were all going the same way, until someone took a wrong turn that is, then we were on our own again.

The White Hart was a well-chosen venue serving good food. Whilst it served a good range of beer and cider too that was just academic for the drivers of course. All too soon it was time for goodbyes and final thanks to Terry Lin and the team.

However, we were not let off lightly as the organisers of next year's event were keen to ensure we all went home with a flier for the 2024 Rum or Wine Classic Car Rally. This next rally is being organised by Hamble Valley and Fareham 41 Club for the weekend of 21st - 23rd June 2024.

The event Hotel is The Holiday Inn Fareham. The drives and places of interest are of course all Hampshire based. The Rum reference hints at the naval connections which all sounds like another unmissable weekend. Early booking is recommended if you would like more of the same fellowship.

Member Benefits – Affinity deals for you!

During the summer there have been some great Fellowship events with new people coming along and saying wow! I wish we had been to these before, everyone is so welcoming and friendly. This, in my mind is what 41 Club is all about, Fun and Fellowship.

I am going to concentrate on the affinity deals that we have, which help you all save money on a whole variety of things. Take a look at the members benefits page again, on the main website www.41club.org, as there is a complete list and it explains how to get the discounts; but at a glance we have deals from holidays, cruises, hotels, car hire, airport parking, insurance, household savings, chutney and pate packages to list just a few.



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QED hit the final note

A party pop band formed 34 years ago for a one-off Round Table charity gig has gone on to play more than 200 times and help raise thousands of pounds for good causes.



But they have now taken their final bow at a farewell concert back at the venue where it all began near Diss in Norfolk.

QED were born in 1989 when three members of the local Round Table friendship and fundraising club provided the backbone for the group. Journalist Richard Batson, bank manager Colin Start and vet Graham Dick played guitar, bass and keyboards and were joined by friends and family for the first ever gig at Palgrave Community Centre.

All three, now retired, were back there for the final concert, hosted by Phil Catchpole who was Table chairman at the first one, and which raised around £400 for Parkinson's Disease.

Richard said: "Colin and I used to do skit songs at Table events as an acoustic duo, then Graham piped up he played keys and suggested 'Let's form a band' - a bit like in those old Mickey Rooney movies.



"The first gig was exciting and terrifying in equal measure for those of us who were previously just front room performers. But it went down well and things just took off. We were doing a gig a month at one stage, mostly at community and fundraising events, including other Round Tables. "We mainly 'toured' in East Anglia, but also had gigs as far away as London, Sussex and Hampshire."

There have been line-up changes over the years but Richard, Colin and his wife Karen have been constants. Graham now living near Newbury in Hampshire joined the final gig line-up having last played with the band on Millennium night.

Richard added: "It is sad to call it a day as we have had some great times, and formed great friendships, but none of us is getting any younger and were just about coming to a natural end when the idea of the Palgrave gig came up - which seemed the perfect way to sign off.

Richard remains a member of Sheringham and Cromer 41 Club.



Calling all Bikers

Chris Johnson - Northwich 41 Club

In 1972 Nick Dales, a 41 Club member and former member of Surbiton Round Table, put an advert in the Tabler and 41 Club magazines "Calling all Bikers".



It produced a large number of motorcyclists from Tables and 41 clubs all over the Country, and with the assistance of Peter Thornton of Kendal Round Table, Nick put together a stunning weekend based at Brockwood Hall with a route including Hard Knott Pass and along Wastwater.

Above is a photo taken at the front door of Brockwood Hall that weekend back in 1972. Nick is fourth from the left.

From there, Table Bikers went from strength to strength and Nick arranged trips to Europe, which were the first trips

abroad by motorbike that many of us had made, and which sowed the seed for many of us to continue continental touring, and beyond.

The club brought many people together who then rode together on a regular basis. In other words, he enriched the lives of a lot of Tablers and 41ers.

The club is still active with a number of meetings per year and trips abroad. A number of Table bikers have attended the 41 Club biking weekends, the overwhelming number of members of Table Bikers being 41ers.

Over the years Nick found that he was unable to continue with the club, but his wife, Winnie, who was an enthusiastic member along with their son James, tells me that he still lived a life of adventure.

My abiding memory is of him cutting it fine at ferry ports. He said his ambition was to waste a total of no more than 30 minutes waiting for a ferry in his whole life!!



Nick died on the 10th June this year after a lengthy period of illness.

He was a gentleman, a man with vision, and he enriched the lives of so many of us, plenty of whom are still enjoying the benefits.

Those of us in Table Bikers send our condolences to Winnie and family



2023 Motorcycle Weekend

Howard & Elizabeth Gibbons - Dronfield 41 & Tangent Clubs, Derbyshire

"Yes! I can do that" I said when the National Fellowship Officer, Kelly Clarke asked me at the Kings Lynn Motorcycle Weekend last year, if I would be prepared to organise the next 2023 event on or about 14th July.

I had attended the previous two weekends, Hinkley and Kings Lynn and had been riding weekends away with the Northern Region Table Bikers and 41 group, since I was in Bolton Round Table in the early 90's, and then Area 46/41 Club, so the opportunity to show the delights of the Derbyshire Peak District where I had retired to some 6 years earlier was a great opportunity not to be missed.

Mark Goulden from Spalding and District 41 Club immediately said he would help me and so the event was born.

One of the main challenges was finding a large enough hotel in the area, that is primarily a visitor destination, that would and could be flexible enough to block book possibly up to 40 rooms in the middle of July.

The Holiday Inn at South Normanton adjacent to junction 28 on the M1 seemed the ideal location and a visit was made.

Ideal! Plenty of rooms, leisure facilities, great car parking and spacious socialising areas in addition to the possible use of a conference room for group dining and were happy to negotiate a Dinner Bed and Breakfast rate.

The only issue now was getting Kelly to agree to our choice, but that was no

problem. 40 rooms were duly reserved for either double or single occupancy D B & B.

I already had an idea of a 150 mile ride out, taking in country houses, iconic motorcycle routes and picturesque towns and villages rather than a ride out to a destination as had previously been arranged so out came a map and a yellow marker pen.

By this time Mark was on the case of designing printed T shirts and looking for sponsorship for items to fill the customary Goody Bags.

By Christmas, I had produced a draught multi page guide and route map.

From the beginning of January, booking through 41 Club events opened and it was now a waiting game.

In the spring of 2023, my son Richard, Mark and myself rode my proposed route to check mileages, timings and refreshment stops etc.

By April we had 18 booked in with a further 3 by the middle of June.

All we needed now was fine weather, not too hot to make riding uncomfortable but not rain.

Friday 14th July arrived - Rain - and hard in places.

I was standing at our event check in desk with a mop and bucket in hand cleaning up the pools of water our intrepid riders were bringing into the hotel, much to the amusement of the hotel receptionists.

A few cups of tea and a few beers later, we all sat down to dinner accompanied by our National President Steve James and his wife Karen who also had endured atrocious driving conditions to be with us that evening.

An esteemed member of the group, Norman Hyde, holder of a motorcycle with sidecar speed record in 1972 was signing photographs for sale with the proceeds being donated to Steve's Prostate Cancer Research nominated charity that raised £70 that night.

Saturday morning started out fine with spells of sunshine and 19 motorcycles set off at 09.30am heading towards Matlock Bath like a long snake slithering along the tarmac.

Passing through Matlock Bath, a popular motorcyclist destination and tourist town quickly brought us into Matlock itself and on to passing Chatsworth House to our right and on towards Hathersage and the lower stretches of the Ladybower reservoir system to the visitor centre where a well deserved hot drink and toilets awaited.



75 years ago, this area was the practice training ground for the bouncing bomb pilots in the 2nd World War.

The snake pass, Britain's most dangerous and iconic motorcycle road was safely negotiated and after descending into Glossop, made our way over to Chapel en le Frith, home of the Ferodo brake lining company.

The Goyt Valley just north of Whaley Bridge is a lovely single track road just past the main car parks and reservoir and up to the former Cat and Fiddle pub to another iconic motorcycle road, the A537 down to Macclesfield was where we stopped for lunch.



The rain held off and Leek was passed through riding up onto the Staffordshire Moorlands, past the climbers paradise of the Roaches rocky outcrop and right towards Longnor, the quaint village of Monyash and on and down into Bakewell.

A short ride later past Haddon Hall saw us back into Matlock where the sun shone, drying out our wet clothing.

We were soon back at South Normanton after our 150 mile round trip and our hotel was a welcome sight.

Vice President Wynn Parry joined us for dinner where £125 was raised towards

Derbyshire Blood Bikes in memory of one of our former Table Bikers, Lloyd Jones from North Wales, a Blood Bikes Volunteer who had donated two bikes to the North Wales Blood Bikes in his will a few years ago.

Sunday morning was a fine and at 10.00 am, ten of the group made our way to Chesterfield town centre to view the marvel of the twisted, leaning, self supporting spire of the parish church. After photographs, we then went on to the Barrow Hill Railway Roundhouse museum at Staveley that contains the only remaining operational railway turntable in the UK, where we were met by one of the volunteers guiding us to a dedicated parking area especially for us.

The grounds also house the Diesel Electric Deltic Preservation Society the engines of which replaced steam traction on the East Coast Line.

Grateful thanks go to all who attended and making it such a memorable event in addition to Mark Goulden for all his help and support and the assembly of the goody bags and all those who kindly donated items for them. My wife Elizabeth for all her support and understanding this past year whilst time was being spent planning and preparing on the computer and finally, Kelly Clarke, National Fellowship Officer for all his support and encouragement.



Around an Island with Stephen James

Fun, Friendship and many, many Footsteps

This is the account of how Stephen James came up with an insane plan to walk around the island of Jersey, how he dragged in two 41 Club members to support him and how the support of 41 Club and Tangent made it happen.

Thursday - Day One

A number of people had expressed and interest in being part in the walk. Either taking part in sections of route around the island or being one of the Social Walkers; part of the group taking part in more leisurely walks. The plan was to meet up in reception. Stephen and Karen were scheduled to land in Jersey at 11:40, so they should make it to the hotel about 12:30 with the plan to set off before 13:00 walk for 4 hours (covering about 12 miles) and then get back in time to attend the Welcome meeting.

What is that old saying "The best-laid plans of mice and men"? There were quite a few walkers ready and waiting when Stephen messaged us to say his flight had been delayed. There was nothing to do but wait.

Stephen and Karen eventually arrived at 13:30. Quick change, photo shoot and then we headed off just before 14:00.

Fifteen walkers set off from the Merton Hotel in St. Helier, a combination of Round the Island Walkers and Social Walkers. We headed down to the seafront and followed the coastal path west, around the headland, past the marina and off

towards St. Aubin. The tide was out exposing the expanse of beach. Some took the opportunity to walk on the beach while the rest followed the promenade around the bay.

We reached St. Aubin and the group split into two. The Social Walkers decided to call it a day and headed to various bars and cafe's for a well earned coffee or something stronger.

Four of us, Stephen, Paul, Jerry, and Julia continued the walk and headed to a disused rail track that is now a very popular walking/cycling trail. The path climbed from the coast through St. Brelade, past a golf course and on to Corbiere Point overlooking the Lighthouse. David was waiting and we piled into the mini bus and were driven back to the hotel in time for the conference Welcome Party.

Distance walked 9 miles, Time taken 2 Hours 38 minutes, Distance to go 35 miles

Sunday - Day Two

Our second leg started on Sunday, and we were joined by four additional walkers (Karen James, Andy Ventress and David and Karen Bentley). David was ready and waiting with his minibus and drove us back to Corbiere Point to continue where we left off.

We followed a footpath around the headland and then down to the beach. Again we were lucky with the tides and walked across the beach at St Ouens Bay; in what can only be described as a gale,

thankfully the sun was shining. A few Kite Borders were enjoying the conditions as we walked along the four mile length of beach. At the end of the beach, David and Karen left us to explore and make their own way back. We left the beach and started to climb up the north-west headland toward Grozney Castle. The path took us past a number of World War II German bunkers and gun emplacements and around Jersey race course.

The path continued to follow the coast, with steep climbs and descents. We eventually reached La Greve de Lecq on the north west coast. Where we stopped to take a quick breather and rest for 5mins.

A steep climb up from La Greve de Lecq soon brought us back to the coastal path. Here we turned east following the contours of the north coast cliff top footpath to the Devil's Hole, just north of Saint Mary's. David was waiting for us and was a much welcomed sight after another long walk. With 21 miles completed, we were just under halfway round the island.

Distance walked 21 miles, Time taken 7 Hours 6 minutes, Distance to go 23 miles

Monday - Day Three

The third and final day started with a very early breakfast, with five of us meeting at 7:30. Not surprisingly we had the breakfast room to ourselves. At 8:30 David was waiting in reception and the five of us, Stephen & Karen James, Paul, Hampton, and Jerry & Julia Wilson, piled into the back



of of the mini van to head out for the final leg of the walk. David dropped us off at Devils Hole and we started walking.



We rejoined the costal path where we had left off the previous day in glorious sunshine, albeit it was quite fresh and cold in the shade. The path continued to hug the coast and involved a lot of up climbing and descending the various valleys that were around the coast; which did nothing for our aching legs and knees. It was slow going not helped by the fact that we knew we had about 14 miles of this terrain to complete before reaching level ground at Gorey on the West Coast.

We descended to Rozel for a much needed lunch stop on the pier at the Hungry Man fast food van. Revived by a short break and some much needed sustenance the group continued on the route with the last major climb out of Rozel and on to the

headland. The path followed a couple of green lanes and then dropped back down to the coast.

We followed the coast path, which was now relatively flat to St. Catherines Breakwater. The group enjoyed a quick stop for ice creams and to take a look at the Sand Wizard's latest sand sculpture.

We continued around the bay, following the road and climbing to Gorey castle. As we descended from Gorey Castle to the harbour, we were welcomed by a large group of 41 Club / Tangent wellwishers who had been waiting for us to arrive for several hours (much of which was spent in the local bar). It was a great boost to see so many welcoming faces.

The group now grew in size as many of the Social Walkers decided to join us for the last 7 miles back to St. Helier. The last section was a relatively flat slog around the coast. The path seemed to go on for ever until we came round the corner and could see the finish line across the bay.

We headed back to the beach and regrouped to finish the walk together and pose for a final photograph. Having completed the walk we headed to the White Horse pub for a celebratory meal and a few well earned pints.

Distance walked 44 miles, Time taken = 16 Hours

Final Thoughts

We completed a hard walk, walking 44 miles in about 2 days. It was hard, also

great fun and very rewarding. The group was helped by 41 Club and Tangent members.



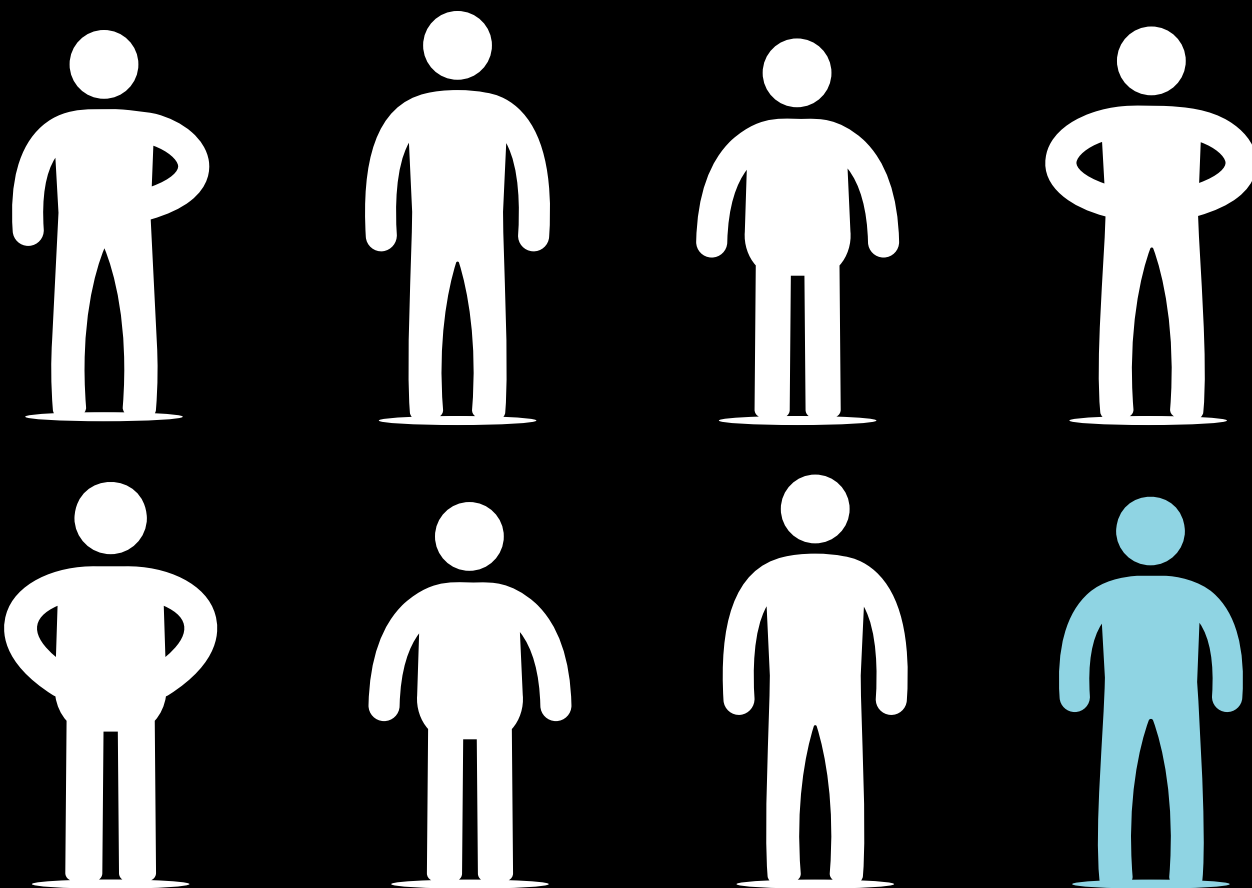
Below are some final thoughts...

- We need to thank David Liddiard. I am not sure, given the time constraints we had, that we would have completed the walk without him. David you are a star and a gentleman
- Jersey is a great place to go walking. The coastal path is very scenic, just give yourself more time to enjoy it!
- The walk was a great example of what you can do if you put your mind to it and we need to thank 41 Club and Tangent for their help and support

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Members of the Association's National Council offer their sincere condolences to the families and Clubs of the following members. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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