



# 41 Club

MAY/JUNE 2023

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



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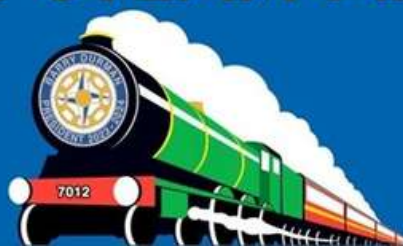


# Introducing your new 41 Club International President

Mr Barry Durman,  
who appears very happy to  
have at long last received  
the gong. Apparently, he  
had to wait a little while to  
receive this, but now it's



## FULL STEAM AHEAD





# 40th Charter Dinner

## Llantwit Major 41 Club

Invites you to Book in to their 40th Charter Night Dinner

on

**Friday 16th June 2023**

at

### Llantwit Major Rugby Club

7 Boverton Rd, Llantwit Major CF61 1AF

**19.00 for 19:30**

Dress:- Djs

Our National President, Steve James, will be in attendance

**3 Course Dinner**

plus Tea/coffee

and **Guest Speaker**

£40 per Head

To Book In Contact: Bryn Morgan [bryn.morgan63@gmail.com](mailto:bryn.morgan63@gmail.com)



EASTERN REGION

## GOLF DAY

JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST GOLF DAY IN THE  
41 CLUB CALENDAR

CONTACT JIM SMITH FOR MORE DETAILS



# Welcome to the May/June Newsletter

Now that the conference season is over, we have two new 41 Club Presidents to welcome, Steve James 41 Club GB&I and Barry Durman, who has reached the great height of President of 41 Club INTERNATIONAL having had to wait for some time before his coronation due to Covid. Congratulations to them both and wishing them an enjoyable and memorable year in office.



Your Comms committee will endeavour provide relevant and interesting details of upcoming events from both club and national level along with reports from both the National Council and clubs, for both the newsletter and magazines.

However, as every Comms Officer will have said, the only way we can do this is with your help, so please assist by sending articles, notices, photographs, particularly Community events and projects, club twinings and even jokes.

Sharing our ideas, events and experiences can only make us all aware of ways to enhance or enjoyment of our great organisation.

Please sent your copy to either Comms@41 club or your National Councillor who will pass them to the editorial team.

*Dave*

**Dave Chard,**  
National Communications and IT Officer

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!



## SUPPORTING PROSTATE CANCER UK

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## Forthcoming Events

### June 2023

Tangent Northern Regional Lunch - Sunday 25th Poynton

### July 2023

Saturday 1st July National Council Meeting 11am Cardiff

Saturday 1st July President Steve's Charity Ball Cardiff

Details and booking at [www.stevejames.wales](http://www.stevejames.wales)

National Walking Weekend Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July at Alcester, Warwickshire.

Details and booking [www.41clubevents.co.uk](http://www.41clubevents.co.uk)

National Motorcycle Weekend Friday 14th July to Sunday 16th July in the Peak District.

Details and booking at [www.41clubevents.co.uk](http://www.41clubevents.co.uk)

### August 2023

41 Club Cruise - Azores and Madeira Sunday 13th to Friday 25th

Details on [www.41clubevents.co.uk](http://www.41clubevents.co.uk)

### September 2023

National Golf Championship Sunday 25th to Monday 26th

**Waiting list only**- contact Peter McBride on [membership@41club.org](mailto:membership@41club.org)

### October 2023

National Sporting and Social Weekend (NSSW), Stranraer Friday 6th to 8th October.

Details and booking at [www.41clubevents.co.uk](http://www.41clubevents.co.uk)

# Steve James

## National President



It has been a whirlwind few weeks since my last newsletter article having been both the host President and the chair of the organising committee of the World meeting held in Stratford upon Avon.

The team pulled out all the stops to ensure the 479 delegates from 27 countries had an amazing time and sorted out any issues that arose in a prompt manner such as sourcing a babysitter, acting as water waiters when the water jugs ran dry for example. They certainly did GB&I proud putting on an excellent conference and I am humbled at the kind messages and thank you's that we have received as a result.

On 12 May, we held the first ever face to face meeting with the International Board. Discussions centred around sharing best practice between member associations, the launch of our 41 Club Strategy and Action plan, the 41er world membership database and how we can assist Portugal contacting members from the clubs affiliated to GB&I in Portugal.

Following the joint Board meeting we had a very short GB&I Board meeting where we concentrated on our progress on our action plan, the revision of the budget (following the decision on capitation at the AGM) to be put forward to the July National Council meeting and Kelly Clarke, our National Fellowship Officer informed us that 2 new Special Interest groups relating to fishing and gardening have been set up on Facebook.

My visits in the last few weeks have been to Chew Valley, Newport, Calpe, Gordano, Risca, Henleaze, North Cotswolds and Llandeilo and Llandovery. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and generous hospitality that I received and the contributions made towards my charities. Last weekend, I attended the Round Table and Ladies circle AGM and conference in Blackpool. The discussions and enthusiasm to grow Round Table were encouraging and I look forward to the 2 Boards working side by side especially as 41 Club both Nationally and locally can assist local Round Tables grow or start up again.

# Steve James' President's Report cont/.

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The photo is myself with Chris Bush and Lara Lachello, the Presidents of Round Table and Ladies Circle. Unfortunately, Shirley the Tangent President could not join us because she was otherwise engaged attending the Welsh Regional Lunch.



If you would like me to attend a club meeting, please book me by visiting [www.stevejames.wales](http://www.stevejames.wales). Please don't forget to look at my online auction site, we have some fantastic prizes, proceeds of which will go towards my charity Prostate Cancer UK and Prostate Cymru.

*Steve*

Steve James,

**41 Club National President**

# Prostate Cymru 20th Anniversary

Prostate Cymru are celebrating their 20th birthday with an exciting summer of events.

The unveiling of our 20th birthday artwork took place at the beginning of the month.

The creation, which was revealed at National Museum Wales Cardiff was designed by Welsh artist Nathan Wyburn to celebrate the charity's 20-year story, raise awareness and to reinforce the message that prostate cancer is not an "old man's disease."

A Midsummer Concert, organized by the Welsh Association of Male Choirs in aid of Prostate Cymru, will take place on Saturday, June 24th at St David's Hall in Cardiff. This event will feature 15 male voice choirs with over 350 choristers. The concert promises to be a spectacular celebration of music and will help to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cymru.

Prostate Cymru's flagship event The Big Walk will return for 2023 and is gearing up to be one of Wales's largest weekends of walking. The year 2023 represents a significant milestone for Wales's principal prostate health charity, as it not only commemorates 20 years but celebrates 10 years of arguably its most popular fundraising event, The Big Walk.

Over the 8th-9th of July weekend, several Prostate Cymru Big Walks will take place within iconic Welsh locations. The Vale of Glamorgan is set to host a heritage walk, paying homage to the area where the charity was founded two decades ago. In addition, there will be a coastal walk in Pembrokeshire, a country walk in Carmarthen, and a seaside walk in Aberystwyth. All routes vary in distance, meaning there is something for everyone, walkers of all ages and fitness levels.

Sign up here for The Big Walk 2023

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheBigWalk2023>



**Prostate Cancer UK is Steve James's National Charity for 2023-24**



THE PRESIDENT'S

Summer  
BLACK TIE CHARITY *Ball*

1ST JULY 2023



HILTON HOTEL, CARDIFF



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# **41 Club National Walking Weekend 2023**

## **7th - 9th July 2023**

### **The Kings Court Alcester, Warwickshire**

**All walks are based on Millennium Way Circular Walks**

**2 & 3 Night Packages Available**

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**41 Club  
National Sports &  
Social Weekend**



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# An Experience Not To Be Missed

Would you like to experience life on board a **Fred Olsen** Ship followed by an amazing three course lunch in one of the ship's restaurants, then we have the perfect opportunity for 41 Club members.

**For a donation of £25pp towards my Presidential charity, Prostate Cancer UK/ Prostate Cymru, Fred Olsen are offering places for a ship visit on the following days at the following ports:**

**16 Jun Liverpool, onboard Borealis**  
**25 July Newcastle, onboard Bolette**  
**14 October Southampton, onboard Bolette**

Places are limited so if interested please email me at [stevejames@41club.org](mailto:stevejames@41club.org)

The programme for the day will be as follows:

## **0900 hrs**

Welcome! Arrive at cruise terminal for visitor health screening and check-in. Please arrive no later than 0930hrs to allow time for health screening and passport checks.

## **1015 hrs**

Embark ship with the Fred Olsen team, to learn more about the purpose of your visit whilst enjoying fresh tea, coffee and delicious breakfast pastries.

## **1045 hrs**

The Fred Olsen team will accompany you on a full tour of the ship – areas such as main and speciality restaurants, bars and lounges, plus a range of different cabins – and you will have the pleasure of meeting some of our lovely on-board team, who will talk you through their roles and answer any questions you might have.

## **1230 hrs**

If the pastries weren't quite enough, you will then enjoy a three-course lunch in one of the main dining venues.

## **1400 hrs**

Join the sales team for a fun and interactive presentation where you will have time to ask any questions about the Fred Olsen way of cruising. You might even get to enjoy a handmade chocolate or two!

## **1500hrs to 1530hrs**

Sadly, all good things must come to an end, and you will depart the ship.



# National Motorcycle Rally The Peak District Motorcycle Weekend 2023

## Friday 14th July - Sunday 16th July

A gathering of like minded Motorcyclists of the Round Table Family, open to all abilities, bike sizes, wives and partners.

**FRIDAY 14th July:** Arrive at Hotel

**SATURDAY 15th July:** Enjoy a 160 mile ride, that will take in the many delights of Derbyshire's iconic motorcycling roads, including the Snake Pass and Cat and Fiddle, passing through Matlock Bath, Chatsworth Estate, Derwent Valley, Macclesfield, Leek and Bakewell.

**SUNDAY 16th July:** Enjoy a 20 mile, half day ride. Including Chesterfield town centre to view the well known Twisted Spire of the town's parish church.

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Hotel, South Normanton (near Matlock and Chesterfield)

**Accommodation Details:**

- £149 per night, Twin/Double Room, Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- £129 per night Single occupancy, Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Leisure facilities with swimming pool available for use.

**Event Registration  
only £25**

**Book in at <https://motorcycle.41clubevents.co.uk/>**

**Join Region 20 again in the Dreaming Spires of Oxford at the splendour of Exeter College.**



**FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023**

**7:30 for 8:00pm Black Tie & Jewels**

**TICKETS £75.00**

**After the success of 2022, Isis Area 41 Club invite you to return to Exeter College for an evening of good food, drink and fellowship in the presence of the National President - Steve James.**

**Guest Speaker: Sir Winston Churchill KG**



**Tickets and information from Martin Green**

**07768 192387 [oxdinner@martingreen.biz](mailto:oxdinner@martingreen.biz)**

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# WONDERS & WILDLIFE OF THE AZORES & MADEIRA

As a family-run cruise line, Fred. Olsen really take your experience personally. While the rest of the cruise industry has gone for bigger ships, Fred. Olsen has always believed that smaller is better. They have less guests on board so the service is personal and the atmosphere is warm and civilised. Their elegant, smaller ships can reach places the bigger ships cannot and are able to dock at smaller ports in more interesting places. This passion for cruising has led to them having more returning guests than any other cruise line.

Cruising on smaller-sized *Bolette* is a great way to explore the hard-to-reach, remote archipelago of the Azores, which boasts dramatic, volcanic landscapes. This Azores itinerary also feature the 'Garden Island' of Madeira.

Sailing from Southampton | *Bolette* | 13th August 2023 |  
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# 'XRT Clubs' launched at the RTBI AGM in Blackpool

As outgoing RTBI Nat President Matt Fallon reminded us in Jersey in May, is it a sad fact that only 10% of Tablers who leave RTBI go on to join 41 Club.

Why is this?

Well, we must face up to the fact that whilst we all consider our Association to be an awesome collection of warm and welcoming Clubs, the primary reason for such a low transition of Tablers is that many 41 Clubs don't offer the type of activities that leaving Tablers have been used to.



There isn't just one type of 41 Club of course, rather there is a wide spectrum of

Club formats, styles, members and activities right across the Association. If we are to increase the numbers of Tablers joining 41 Club however, we must create a more active type of 41 Club to attract younger members.

At the 2023 RTBI AGM at Blackpool in May, a quartet of enthusiastic, engaging and extroverted Membership Committee (see photo) launched XRT Clubs – younger profile 41 Clubs aimed at Tablers who are leaving or have recently left Round Table and can offer leaving Tablers a more attractive programme of activities.

The good news is that we already have two new XRT Clubs wanting to affiliate!



Our motley crew can be seen modelling their new 'you can't ignore us' bright yellow t-shirts, sporting the new XRT badge, that is a fusion of Round Table and 41 Club rondels emphasising the connection between both

Associations. Round Table's Tagline on all their social media is #DOMORE. XRT Clubs have the tagline #DOEVENMORE and a social media campaign will be focused on raising awareness across all Round Tablers.

# Club visit by Peter McBride - National Membership Officer

41 Club Membership article - 27th April 2023

## Lively FIVE-Leigh-on-sea!

Leigh-on-sea in Essex has come a long way since it's description in the Domesday Book in the 11th century as 'five smallholders above the water who do not hold land' – and it's now frequently cited as one of the best places to live in the UK.

Maybe one of the reasons for this could be their warm, welcoming and whacky 41 Club under outgoing Chairman Marcus Lester and their Secretary – a certain Mark House, our National Webmaster?

During my visit to their AGM in April at the Shagor (!) Tandoori restaurant in Westcliffe-on-Sea (*is everything on-sea there?*) was a record-breaking one, as I was honoured to induct not one but **FIVE** new members to join their happy band!

So a warm welcome to Kane Denyer, Joe Harris, Marcus Bennett, Darren Bull and Bill Shirley to our Association – you're now part of one awesome 41 Club! (I've no idea to the photo-bomber is in the background! – but you know who you are)

Mark House also produces their regular Club Newsletter – The Splash – and was awarded an award from the Club. The AGM edition was a cracker – it even included many reports from Club Officers who hadn't actually written any reports themselves – courtesy of ChatGPT the AI chatbot. It was hilarious and they were better than anything the Officers could've submitted! 😊

Maybe Clubs could adopt this technology to write their own Club reports! I might try it for my National Membership reports and see if anyone notices the difference! 😊

**Peter McBride – National Membership Officer**

## Chortle Corner

Just put an electric fence round my garden...  
The neighbours are dead against it...

The Man who invented the Jigsaw sadly died  
today...  
His family are in pieces...

It's been 4 years since my job interview...  
I'm beginning to suspect they chose someone  
else...

## Deadline Dates for Newsletter

**Please note that deadline for copy for  
this Newsletter is 1st of each month  
for publication later in that month**

**You are encouraged to send any copy to  
your National Councillor for your Region  
or alternatively direct to  
[comms@41club.org](mailto:comms@41club.org)**



# International News

May I begin by congratulating Dave Chard on his appointment as the new editor for GB&I. Having been there myself I know just how much time and effort it takes.

Congratulations too, to President Steve and his team, who created an excellent World Meeting in Stratford-upon-Avon. The 470+ delegates from 27 countries left, singing the praises of an excellent event with lots of surprises and running so well to plan. The next World Meeting is the HYM in Cyprus in October. It would be great to see more GB&I members in Paphos.

After a long four year wait, Barry Durman finally took over the Presidency of 41 INTERNATIONAL. It has been a trying time with Covid playing a major role in the delay and the lack of travel opportunities. At the AGM he promised to continue the good work of his two preceding presidents. These include; maintaining best relations with the other members of the Round Table Family, help Round Table around the world to find new members and spreading the 41 INTERNATIONAL family to all countries with Round Tables, no matter how small they are.



**The coronation of King Barry I**

I am grateful for the number of articles I have received from GB&I members for the International publications. It is always good to spread the word about the things you are doing to promote 41 Club, to helping those in need, to help Round Table and just to just enjoy yourself with other 41ers, such as the Classic Car Rally, the Walking Weekend or the Club Cruise. I am always on the lookout for fresh stories, particularly when they involve contact with overseas clubs such as Number Clubs or hosting the YAPs on their first visit to the UK.

How many of you have fond memories of overseas events when you were in Table, but have never considered attending an international event when in 41 Club? They are great fun and you make new friends from all over the world. Often, you can combine them with a holiday in the same country as many did when we visited Morocco a few years ago for the HYM. Have a think about it!

Dave and I have agreed that we will keep each other informed about events and I will be providing an International News item for future newsletters and magazines, but if you want to explore further, please have a look at the 41INTERNATIONAL webpage ([41international.net](http://41international.net))

or follow us on Facebook [41 INTERNATIONAL a.s.b.l.](https://www.facebook.com/41INTERNATIONAL.a.s.b.l.) | [Facebook](#)



**International Night at the British Motor Museum**

# 41 INTERNATIONAL Charter of Old Tablers Spain

5th - 8th OCTOBER 2023

OLD TABLERS 1



SPAIN

CHARTER EVENT

Feria de Fuengirola



41 INTERNATIONAL HYM 2023 Cyprus

Pafos - 12th-15th October 2023

see [www.hym2023.com](http://www.hym2023.com)



## Your help is needed



## GB&I Young Ambassadors Tour 2023

GB&I 41 Club will be hosting a Young Ambassadors Tour in 2023.

There will be 12 young people from other countries arriving on 16th July for 14 nights.

We have an itinerary for them to be home hosted in various areas of England & Wales

London

North West

West Midlands

South Wales

I am now looking for help in making sure that the experience we give to them is second to none. So, I am looking for clubs/individuals to sponsor or make a donation for:-

- a Welcome banner to be used at Heathrow
  - a goodie bag including T-Shirts, GB&I items
  - entrance fees to activities
  - entertainment
- or offers of reduced/free entry to attractions.

To make a donation, offer of help or to find out more, please get in touch with Andy Ventress, IRO by email [yap@41club.org](mailto:yap@41club.org) in the first instance and I will be able to send further details.t



### A message from Bob Parton (International)

We and the victims of the war in the Ukraine, are very grateful to all UK 41ers, who have sent donations to our appeals for help.

We have, up to date, received from 41 Club in GB&I over 28500 € (£24,600), during the last 12 months and we thank you for your kind generosity.

# 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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