

**MEMBERS' HANDBOOK  
2024-2025**



**41** *Club*

**YOUR GUIDE TO 41 CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP**

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## WELCOME TO THE 41 CLUB MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

Welcome to the 41 Club members handbook which introduces you to key information regarding 41 Club, such as purposes and objects, inducting a new member, regional contacts, together with a list of all of the member benefits discount schemes.

41 Club is a network of approximately 650 mens' clubs across Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I) with over 11,000 members with a focus on fun, friendship and community projects. Established almost 80 years ago, 41 Club is open to men aged 41+ who are looking to join in fun activities, make friends and contribute to the local community. It is also part of a wider International 41 Club in 27 countries around the world.

In recent years as the age profile of GB&I 41 Club has increased, there have also been a growing number of 'Extended Round Table' or XRT Clubs started, which provide a continuation of Tabling activities for those leaving under the 45yr age rule who have not been able to join a local established 41 Club for whatever reason or are already members of an existing 41 Club but want to create an additional younger age profile Club within the 41 Club Association. The XRT rondel is a merger of Round Table and 41 Club rondels - as shown at the top of this page, though in this handbook, '41 Club' applies generically to both.

You can find out more about our Association on the 41 Club website <https://41club.org/>

Please don't hesitate to get in touch at [membership@41club.org](mailto:membership@41club.org) if you have any questions or queries.

**Peter McBride**

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer 2022-2025



# NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2024-25

## WYNN PARRY



Welcome to the new 41 Club Members Handbook.

My theme for the year is *"Your Opinion Counts"*, and as members of our great Association I encourage you to make your opinion known – either to me via [president@41club.org](mailto:president@41club.org) or via your National Councillor for your Region.

We're a great Association, but we know we can always be better. This is why we will be carrying out a full review of all aspects of our Association, including our structure, rules, policies and everything else that Clubs and Members do. The outcome of this will help us shape our Association's future to be suitable and relevant for the times in which we now live.

Moving forward, 41 Club is adopting a three-way strategy: Member Retention, Member Attraction and Growth.

### Member Retention

- We must remember our current members, we need to understand and assess who we are as an Association and where we fit into today's society.
- I encourage joint meetings between Clubs as well as encouraging participation in cluster, regional and national events. We need to invite your neighbouring clubs to join you for an evening of fellowship. We may know a member who is struggling with mental health or loneliness issues and whilst we do have the Buddies and wellbeing groups, a quick phone call from you can do more than you can imagine and encourage them to attend meetings again.

### Member Attraction

- Being a 41er is about you and me being loud and proud about being a member of this great Association. To attract new members, any Club must provide a well-planned, attractive and diverse programme of events. We also need to raise our profile and share how we give back to our local communities.

### Growth

- Only by challenging ourselves as an Association and retaining our current membership will we then be able to attract new members from both Round Table and from the wider community resulting in our growth.
- Increasing Membership is always a high priority for our Association. We have the XRT initiative, which is now gathering momentum and resulting in even more Round Tablers joining our Association.
- During this coming year, we plan to organise Membership Roadshows across the Association and I encourage your Club to attend one nearest to you. We as an Association are not used to recruiting members from outside the RT Family - we did it in Round Table and we need to start recruiting within 41 Club now.

Above all, we are a Fun and Friendship Association – so in whatever you do, make sure you enjoy it!

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible to share fun and fellowship.

YiCF,

**Wynn Parry, National President 2024-2025**

[president@41club.org](mailto:president@41club.org)



# PURPOSES & OBJECTS

## WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

- 1 To continue to promote opportunities for fun and fellowship amongst former members of Round Table. *(This wording will be reviewed, subject to Members' formal approval.)*
- 2 To encourage active involvement in the community.
- 3 To use our experience in support of the Round Table Family
- 4 To encourage international relationships

These objects to be promoted through regular meetings and other activities. It is requested that these are read at all appropriate Club meetings.

## 41 CLUB GRACE AND OTHER TOASTS

*"Lord as we enjoy this food and fellowship, may we be ever mindful of those less fortunate. Amen."*

Or some clubs may want to continue using the Round Table Grace:

*"May we oh Lord adopt thy creed,  
Adapt our ways to serve thy need  
And we who on thy bounty feed  
Improve in thought, in word and deed. Amen."*

The Final Toast

*"May the hinges of friendship never rust"*

Alternatively, the following may be used:

*"To Continued Friendship"*



## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

New members are the life blood of our Association, so it's important we make them feel very welcome when they formally join 41 Club.

This Induction ceremony is important and consequently should be undertaken with a degree of seriousness and solemnity with Club members standing, and wearing jackets, if the dress code is formal. Members should charge their glasses with an appropriate drink prior to this, ready to toast to the new member.

The Induction should be carried out by the Club Chairman / President, however should a National Councillor or a member of the National Board be present – it is usually courtesy to invite them to carry this out.

The Club should ensure that a new 41Club badge is available for the ceremony. At an appropriate time the new member should stand next to the Chairman / President, who should say:

“Gentlemen please be upstanding - [Name] further to your previous attendances it has been agreed that you should be formally invited to join in membership of [Name of Club].

Your acceptance of membership carries with it an obligation to uphold the Purposes & Objects of our Association, which is a member of the Round Table Family of Clubs.



# NEW MEMBER INDUCTION (CON'T)

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- ❸ To use our experience in support of the Round Table Family
- ❹ To encourage international relationships

Do you accept this obligation? [Response: Yes, I do]

Then in the name of our Association and of [Name of Club] I welcome you into our fellowship. The presentation of this badge [present the badge or place on suit lapel] is now a symbol of your connection with a world-wide Association of thousands of like-minded men.

Wear this badge at all times, and remember as you wear it, that you carry the good repute of 41 Club into all that you do - for this Association is judged by those who recognise you as a member.

Fellow members – please be upstanding. I commend [Name] to you and ask you to drink a toast to him and remind you that the obligation he has accepted today is an obligation of which you should be equally mindful, for it binds you together in life long fellowship.”

After the toast members of the Club should applaud, and the new member may feel it appropriate to say a few words.



# YOUNG AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



The YAP seeks to promote exchange visits between young adults between the ages of 18 and 25.

## **Objectives of these visits are the following:**

- 1 Exposing young adults to different cultures, lifestyles and histories
- 2 Building friendships and close relationships across continents
- 3 Developing confidence, trust and international understanding

## **Requirements to be an ambassador:**

You must be between 18 and 25 years of age and familiar with the idea of international friendship as promoted by 41 INTERNATIONAL and Old Tablers. You have a working knowledge of English and are able to express yourself in the language of the host country.

You are prepared to travel along wherever required.

## **Selection**

### **The selection of the candidates is based on the following criteria:**

The candidate must be:

- 1 Aware of the idea of international friendship as promoted by 41 INTERNATIONAL and Old Tablers.
- 2 Have good academic record
- 3 Able to pay for the trip to and from the country of visit
- 4 Physically and mentally fit
- 5 Understanding of the responsibilities as a representative (ambassador) not only of their club and city but their country as well.

For more information contact the YAP Convenor at  
**yap@41club.org**



# YOUR NATIONAL COUNCIL

## THE NATIONAL BOARD

*In addition to the National President, the following are members of the Board:*

### **National Vice President**

**[vicepresident@41club.org](mailto:vicepresident@41club.org)**

The Vice President role is to stand-in for the President wherever required as well as to lead the Forward Planning committee, whose primary task is to help steer and shape the future of our Association for the benefit of us all.

### **National Secretary**

**[secretary@41club.org](mailto:secretary@41club.org)**

The Secretary's job is a wide-ranging one, taking in AGM organisation, National Board and Council meetings, interpretation of 41 Club rules and standing orders, along with all the queries that don't obviously sit with anyone else.

### **National Treasurer**

**[treasurer@41club.org](mailto:treasurer@41club.org)**

The Treasurer's role is to oversee and management the Association's finances, including Capitation, Budgeting and answering any finance-related queries.

### **National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer**

**[membership@41club.org](mailto:membership@41club.org)**

To promote and assist with the creation of new 41 Clubs where there is an opportunity, demand and sustainability. To recruit and retain past members of Round Table into a 41 Club. To encourage strengthening the bridge between Round Table and 41 Club, locally, Regionally & Nationally.

### **National Communications & IT Officer**

**[comms@41club.org](mailto:comms@41club.org)**

Informing the membership through the 41 Club Magazine and monthly newsletters. Managing the 41 Club website and other social





media outlets, such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Managing the Association's Office 365 email systems, and the Club Administration System (CAS).

### **National Fellowship Officer**

**fellowship@41club.org**

Managing and overseeing all National events including National Conference. Managing all members benefit and affinity deal schemes. Organising National Council meetings and venues. Management of the regalia of National Council.

### **International Relationships Officer**

**international@41club.org**

Supporting our clubs and individuals to develop and maintain relationships with clubs in other countries. Assisting overseas 41 members to improve links with GB&I. Traveling abroad to attend AGMs to represent GB&I in other countries that are members of 41 Club International. The IRO along with the President are the normal voting delegates at 41 International meetings, two per year, AGM and HYM.

### **National Councillors Liaison Officer**

**nclo@41club.org**

To lead, train, communicate with and represent the National Councillors in the day to day operations of the Association at Regional and Club level supporting the Association Objectives and assisting in maintain good communication within the association.

### **Immediate Past President**

**pastpresident@41club.org**

The IPP role is to provide advice and support to the National Board, using his experience and counsel. The other important task is to make the teas and coffee for Board meetings!.



Details of who's who on the National Council can be found on the 41 Club website at <https://41club.org/41-club-management/>



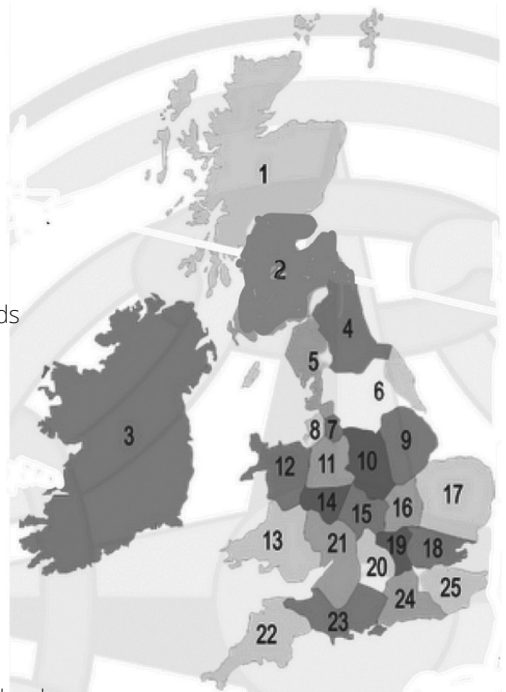
# YOUR NATIONAL COUNCIL

## THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

Each Geographic region is represented by a National Councillor, who serves for a period of 3 years.

Your National Councillor can be contacted at Region'X'@41club.org, where 'X' is the region number:

- 1 Scotland North
- 2 Scotland South
- 3 Ireland
- 4 North East
- 5 North-West
- 6 Yorkshire
- 7 Greater Manchester
- 8 Lancs & Manx
- 9 Lincolnshire
- 10 East Midlands
- 11 Cheshire & NW Midlands
- 12 North Wales, Wirral
- 13 South Wales
- 14 West Midlands
- 15 Heart of England
- 16 Mid Anglia
- 17 East Anglia
- 18 Essex & NE London
- 19 London Chilterns
- 20 Thames Valley
- 21 Mid West
- 22 West of England
- 23 Wessex and Channel Islands
- 24 SW London, Surrey, Sussex
- 25 South East



There is also a Region 26 - for all International 41 clubs affiliated to the GB&I Association.

### **There are four honorary members of the National Council:**

- The Honorary Solicitor, the Honorary Archivist, the Honorary Webmaster and the YAP Convenor

### **There are four Council meetings a year, held in different locations:**

**June/July & October:** Friday and Saturday with partners,

**February:** Saturday & Sunday Men only.

**April:** Thursday to Saturday with partners, includes the Annual Conference and AGM



# NATIONAL BENEFITS

The Fellowship Committee has worked hard to develop opportunities for 41 Club members to get more for their money, enjoying exclusive discounts on all of the following brands and more. The range of benefits is constantly improving and details of all the benefits can be found on the 41 Club website at

[https://41clubconnects.co.uk/member\\_benefits/](https://41clubconnects.co.uk/member_benefits/)

## CLUB MATERIALS

41 Club Sales -  
Club Materials



## MOTORING BENEFITS

Heritage  
Multicar Insurance



Kwik Fit Club  
From £7.50  
plus 4% Discount



## CRUISE BENEFITS

Fred Olsen Cruises



Victoria Mekon Cruises  
and Wendy Wu Tours



Select Car Leasing





# NATIONAL BENEFITS

## HOME & LEISURE BENEFITS

**HMCA**  
Private Medical Cover  
with guaranteed  
acceptance



**N.E.Stoves**



**Noveltunity E-books**



**Patchwork Pate**



**Utility Warehouse**



**Wider Wallet**



**Hashtag Travel Group**



**English Heritage**



**Cotswold Outdoor**





# NATIONAL BENEFITS

## HOME & LEISURE BENEFITS

Runners Need



Holiday Extras



The Northern Belle



Snow + Rock



Needham Insurance Services



**NEEDHAM** INSURANCE SERVICES  
Insurance and Risk Management Solutions for Individuals and Businesses  
**Your Independent Insurance Experts**

## HOTEL BENEFITS

Best Western  
Hotel Group



Hilton  
Hotels



Potters Resort  
Hopton





41 Club is one of the four GB&I Associations that together, make up the Round Table Family. These are listed below, and more details can be found on their respective websites:

<b>ROUND TABLE</b>	<a href="http://www.roundtable.co.uk">www.roundtable.co.uk</a>
<b>LADIES CIRCLE</b>	<a href="http://www.ladiescircle.co.uk">www.ladiescircle.co.uk</a>
<b>TANGENT</b>	<a href="http://www.tangent-clubs.org">www.tangent-clubs.org</a>

The Executives of all four clubs meet regularly to develop ideas of working together and finding mutual methods of increasing membership. 41 Club encourages its members to work with the 'Family' wherever possible.



## INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE FAMILY



41 Club is part of a wider 41 Club International Association in 27 countries around the world. 41 International is a worldwide social Networking Organisation for men aged over 40 who are usually former members of Round Table. More details can be found on <https://41club.org/41-club-international/>



**Round Table International**  
<https://round-table.org/>



**Ladies' Circle International**  
<https://ladiescircleinternational.org/>



**Tangent Club International**  
<https://www.tangentclubinternational.org/>



# DATA PRIVACY

## GDPR Statement

To enable us to validate and maintain your membership an amount of personal data will be processed to ensure:

- your right to join the National Association of ex-Round Table Clubs (41 Club)
- your continued membership of 41 Club.

This data will be processed using both consent and contractual obligation as the legal basis for processing under the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR), Data Protection Act 2018 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003.

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs (41 Club) will treat that personal data fairly, responsibly and in a transparent manner.

To protect our Club and Association status, documents proving your membership eligibility must be kept on file for the duration of your Club/Association Membership. You have the right to request us to delete those documents from your file, by doing so we will not be able to further extend your membership and your membership will be deemed lapsed without refund.

A more detailed GDPR statement can be found within the Association Rules on our website <https://41club.org/rules-of-the-association/>

# ANNUAL EVENTS



National Events are a perfect opportunity to meet fellow '41ers' from all over the UK - and beyond! Details of all events can be found on the 41 Club website at <https://41club.org/41-club-events/>

**FEBRUARY** sees the **National Social & Sports Weekend** - NSSW involves members competing in conventional (and unusual) events for trophies and bragging rights!

Our Annual **National Conference** weekend in **APRIL** includes the AGM and is a great opportunity for all members to come together and celebrate the best of our Association! The 2025 Conference venue is Aviemore, Scotland.

**JUNE** sees the popular **Classic Car rally**, which this year takes place in Fareham, Hampshire and surrounding countryside.

In **JULY** or **OCTOBER** the **National Walking Weekend** takes place and is always well supported - with North Norfolk being the location for 2024. Also in July, the **Motorcycle Weekend** takes place.

The **National Golf Weekend** is scheduled every **SEPTEMBER** - Staverton Park Hotel & Golf Club, Daventry is the 2024 venue, and the **Caravan & Camping Weekend** takes place in the same month at Bainbridge Ings Country Park, Yorkshire.

**WWW.41CLUB.EVENTS.COM**