

KEEP SAFE

Your National Council and the Board are working on ways to support you as best we can. If your club isn't meeting by Zoom or similar and you would like to, then please please please let your Regional Councillor know and we will give you all the support and assistance we can.

New on-line evenings and speakers are being arranged. Your mental health is as important as your physical health so we are looking to provide ways to enhance this.

SORRY – NO 41 CLUB CALENDARS FOR 2021

Because of lockdown the decision was taken not to produce calendars for 2021. The 2022 Calendar will comprise the best photographs from the 2020 and 2021 National Photographic Competition.

**INTERESTED IN STANDING AS
TREASURER OF 41 INTERNATIONAL?**
See Pages 6 & 7 and contact Andy Ventress,
National IRO for Further Details

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REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

1. You can find an excellent guide to running a Zoom Meeting at
<http://tinyurl.com/41clublionszoom>
2. You can find the national speaker videos on our YouTube Channel at
<http://tinyurl.com/41clubyoutube>
3. You can find the latest UK govt advice on Covid-19 including what you can and cannot do at
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
& the latest Irish govt advice at
<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c36c85-covid-19-coronavirus>

**STAY SAFE
KEEP SANE
KEEP IN TOUCH
SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's been a busy month with lots happening. I have attended 16 club meetings on zoom, which is fantastic because more and more clubs are now meeting this way. We have had some great fellowship and banter, and I have made friends with members I have never met face to face, but in true Round Table style the bond has been set. I am meeting members on these zoom meetings that probably wouldn't attend a cluster or large event, so I feel I am touching base with grass root members.

Lesley and I attended the Murder mystery organised by Market Harborough 41 club. This was just superb! So well organised, with over 130 people attending online. We were split into tables of six, and it really did feel that we were actually sitting with our table. In fact after it had finished people were saying "can you put us back on our tables we had so much fun!". We are looking to roll this out as a national event on the 41 Club connects programme.

This week, we started up the 41 Club connects meetings which will run up until the AGM in April. We now have a committee to contribute with ideas, and for organising behind the scenes on the night. These events don't just happen!! with over 300 members in attendance, we have to have guys watching everyone to make sure that they are muted and not able to interrupt the speaker and spoil it for others- yes, unfortunately this has happened occasionally.

We started with sports commentator John Inverdale, we had around 325 watching on zoom and face book with members from Cypress, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Australia and that's just the ones I saw. What a great speaker to start with; he is a smashing guy, very knowledgeable on all the sports he covers, and so enthusiastic. It's all recorded for you guys that didn't manage to get on so that you can use it for your meetings.

Next week we have the beer tasting, and on the 23rd our Christmas night together to start off the festive period. We have a Welsh choir singing carols, with some that you can all join in, and have a few festive drinks together.

There is a fantastic programme for the new year, which will all be published now that we have a committee to do all that.

The buddy system is ready to go now. I would like to thank Peter McBride for all the work he has put into this and all the guys that are getting involved and going on the training. I suggested we needed this in place because I am sure during this second lockdown there are more people who are feeling more depressed and lonely, so we have the buddies at the end of the phone during the day from 9:00 until 22:00, if anyone needs someone to talk to. It may be just that to talk to someone is what is needed.

All the other speciality groups are going really well and on their own WhatsApp groups, having lots of fun with the banter. I think we will be a while yet before we are all out and about, so let's just make the most of the digital world, which I am sure is here to stay anyway to use in between face to face meetings.

I am a proud member of The White Knights. In normal times we would only meet about 4 times a year, but we are now on zoom every month and have got to know each other better in a sober state.

Well I do hope they manage to get this out before Christmas, otherwise I have just wasted half an hour.

I would sincerely like to wish you all a very happy healthy Christmas and a much better new year. Stay safe and take care All.

YICF

Peter

**THE BUDDY LINE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL
MEMBERS FROM MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
FROM 10AM-TO-10PM EVERY DAY**

03301 070 740

THE 41 CLUB SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

All members have been given notice of the extraordinary General Meeting via your individual email addresses.

This event is taking place on **Wednesday 16th December at 7.30** and you're all invited to attend.

Many of you will have questions and concerns, it would be great to see you there as the business is undertaken.

DEMENTIA UK CHARITY WALK

"I CAN WALK 500 MILES, AND I CAN WALK 500 MORE"

to raise £2,000 for the National President's Charity, Dementia UK

GET FIT! GET THIN! LOSE WEIGHT! STAY HEALTHY!

HELP US TO RAISE MONEY FOR PRESIDENT PETER'S CHARITY.

Please make your Dementia UK Donations at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterGood>

41 CLUB BUDDIES

All members should have received a letter from National President Peter Good on 1st November, in which he warned that whilst a Summer lockdown had been bad for people, the Winter lockdown including the new 'Tiers' would be a lot worse due to the cold dark nights and limited social contact. He urged members to ensure they kept a lookout for their family, friends and fellow 41 Club members who could be struggling.

Following this, a request went out for volunteers to become 'Buddies' whom any 41 Club members could contact if they felt lonely, isolated or just wanted a chat. Around 20 volunteers came forward and have joined me in setting up the 41 Club Buddies service.

The team of volunteers have done a great job working together in a short period of time to agree processes, undertake some befriending training, review and agree relevant support documents, as well as successfully testing out the new 'Buddyline' telephone service for all members.

I am pleased to inform you that the 41 Club Buddyline is being launched on Monday 14th December and will operate from 10am until 10pm seven days a week. Outside of these hours, a message will be heard informing the caller of the Buddyline hours as well as hearing the contact numbers of specialist befriending and support organisations.

THE BUDDYLINE NUMBER IS 03301 070 740

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 10:00 – 22:00 EVERY DAY

All calls to the Buddyline will be anonymous and answered by a friendly and helpful 41 Club Buddy, who will simply be there for any member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them. Members may be lonely or feeling isolated; they may have lost touch with their old Club; or may be just feeling down.

A Buddy will not judge, but will be respectful, patient, empathetic and understanding of every caller. Buddies are friendly fellow 41 Club members who will speak with any caller as a distant friend; may help provide contact numbers of Clubs within our Association or perhaps signpost a caller to a specialist support organisation.

Buddies will answer Buddyline calls in rotation so a caller will not necessarily speak to the same Buddy if he calls again.

In these challenging times, it is important to remind **all** Clubs that ours is a fellowship association and that consequently we should all ensure we support our own members. So, if one of your members hasn't attended Club meetings recently or hasn't been in touch – then maybe it would be helpful to reach out and make a call just to see if they are OK.

At the end of the day, we are all buddies to each other – and I would ask every Club to please ensure we are all living up to our Association's Toast – 'To Continued Friendship'.

Peter

Peter McBride, National Councillor Region 24

41 CLUB CONNECTS

During December, 41 Club Connects has provided some excellent evenings of entertainment for the enjoyment of our members. On December 3rd we hosted "An Evening with John Inverdale", which was hailed by those who attended as a great event. Last week a beer tasting evening was held with Moon Gazer Beers, which again was excellent and enjoyable.

We're delighted that National President Peter Good has pulled together some singing friends so that we can all join with some mulled wine and mince pies and have an evening of great fellowship.

JANUARY 2021

We're pleased to say that we have more news about speakers and other events that will be coming up in January and we will announce these in time for you to join – Look out for news of those.

23rd DECEMBER 2020

Continued Friendship and Carols with
PRESIDENT PETER
And Friends



Please note – there will be a Choir and a professional Choir Master at this event

– some members have apparently been deterred by the thought it's just President Peter singing!

There's no need to register and details for the evening will be published on www.41clubconnects.co.uk so that you can join. We do have a limit of 300 guests on the Zoom call, and if you can't join that, we will be streaming live on Facebook, so will welcome any more listeners on there.

More details here: <https://41clubconnects.co.uk>

Join the meeting here: <https://zoom.us/j/91451966048?pwd=bW5UTTh1VllxQktBSjlleEtVRlFWQT09>

WONKY OBJECTS FROM ALGARVE 41 CLUB

We are putting together **35 years of history of the Algarve 41 Club** - Its what Archivists do in their spare time ! - along the way, all manner of 'stories' have emerged, (and we will share some of these with you !) - today we wanted to share **one modern story** with you.

One of our members has been spending his time 'in lockdown' in a special way - KERRY HARRIS (see photo) was a member (and past Chairman) of Wanstead & Woodford RT Club, No 276, Area 17 - Bob knows so much about him, because that was his Club too ! - Kerry & his wife Pat (ex-Circler) now live in Colchester, but are regular visitors to the Algarve and of course, Kerry, is a member of our Club - in his working life he was a PR Consultant (among other things) - in reality he was always a 'secret' ARTIST - these days he always has his sketch book with him, and, has a formidable portfolio - just for fun

"WONKY OBJECTS" - he says this is how he saw COVID and lockdown ! - we hope you like his skill ! - More from our Archive soon !

YICF



Bob Montague & Geoff Harnett

Archivists - Algarve 41 Club



MYSTERY AT MARKET HARBOUROUGH

Like most 41 Clubs, Market Harborough had their Ladies Night planned with the date already set in the Club programme when we started our year. It would be the usual formal affair with a dinner booked at a local restaurant, dancing until late followed by the usual morning after headaches. But of course, the pandemic put paid to that.

So what to do instead? The idea that we should pay £20 for a Murder Mystery game which would entertain everybody on -ine for the evening started it. But wait!! One of our Club members, Roger Collings and his Tangent member wife Linda are thespians and members of PLCC Drama group so could we do a bit better than that?

Out of that thought grew the “Howl of the Basketcases!!” a fancy dress Murder Mystery at Basketcase Manor hosted by Simone Scary and her friends.

Roger and his fellow PLCC Drama group, not being able to meet up and go out during Lockdown, started to have Friday evening Zoom dinner parties and realised a coordinated dinner party works well, so the format of the evening took shape. The result - PLCC Drama group wrote, produced and performed the Murder Mystery.

What did 41 Club do? We provided the technical Zoom support and made sure we had an audience.

So, on Saturday 21st November, over 130 guests from various Round Table Family clubs Zoomed in to Basketcase Manor and help raised £1,300 for Dementia UK, National President Peter’s nominated charity, and a local Leicestershire and Rutland charity, Hope Against Cancer.

We aimed to make it seem like a normal theatre evening so guests entered the theatre foyer before being escorted to their designated table for pre-show drinks. The Murder Mystery was in 3 acts and between acts guests returned to their tables to eat, drink, be merry and work out “Who Did It?” At the end, all of the audience were brought back into the theatre, given the answers to an anagram quiz which had been running through the evening and joined in a poll to find out “Who Did It?”

PLCC Drama had asked each table to submit a limerick at the end of the night based on the performance and all were read out. None of them can of course be reproduced in a 41 Club Newsletter, suffice to say that our Harborough Club member played the part of “Roger the Butler” and the vast majority of limericks contained one word sounding very similar to his name!!

Not only was it a scary night for the audience, it was a scary night for us!! As the audience grew in size and the technical requirements of making sure everybody logged in; moving people into and out of breakout rooms and getting limericks to a central point to be read out became clearer to a bunch of 41ers with no more than the average experience of Zoom, it felt at times like we had bitten off a bit more than we could chew. But the PLCC and 41 Club team working together cracked it – oh, and we had great fun doing it.

Did it work? Yes.

Did everybody have a good time? Yes

Would we do something like this again? Definitely

PLCC Drama group was formed by 6 friends who started acting together way back in the 80s. Remaining firm friends whilst they all brought up families, they spent an evening watching a pantomime, decided they missed being on stage and that they would enter the One Act All England Theatre Festival. At the Festival, they won 7 awards including Best Actor, Best Actress, and the one that meant the most, Best Team Spirit. Our photograph shows PLCC Drama members receiving their awards – their superb team spirit made the whole evening a great success.

If a 41 Club wants to book PLCC Drama for a social or fund-raising event then contact Market Harborough 41 Club member Roger Collings at roger@rdc.ltd



Ralph Preston

Market Harborough 41 Club

BELATED HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO WILLIAM MOORS

Mrs Jane Moors advises that her husband William (“Bill”) Moors turned 100 on 27th October 2020.

Bill is a founder member of Deal & District 41 Club, which was founded in 1961. Bill was an active member until he was unfortunately diagnosed with dementia in 2018.

The picture on the right from a local newspaper shows Bill in 2011 with the original Charter Certificate of Deal & District 41 Club. The newspaper article is regarding the Deal Memorial Bandstand, built in 1992 as a result of the bombing of the Royal Marines School of Music in 1989, in which 11 musicians were killed. The bandstand was built mainly through donations raised by Round Table. Bill’s father was a Royal Marine. Unfortunately, Deal Round Table, like so many others, has closed. Bill, who had a building business, joined the Table in the 1950s.



DAVE MULLAN – 102 ON CHRISTMAS DAY 2020



This is a short article about one of the most active members of 41 Club I know. Dave Mullan a founder chairman and current active member of Omagh 41 club and from what I hear, a long-time member of Omagh Round Table. Round Table and 41 Clubs most westerly club in the British Isles. On Christmas day 2020 Dave will be 102 years young and I hope everyone in 41 will sing happy Birthday for him before tucking into their turkey. In the photo is Dave with John Paysden the current secretary of Omagh 41 Club. John tells me that during this pandemic Dave misses his light-hearted banter of his fellow 41er's and most of all his bridge nights with friends in Omagh.

Speaking with John and a lot of 41 club members especially during this pandemic how lonely it can be in the rural communities and people like Dave are so grateful of a phone call just to catch up. Two years ago, when Dave reached 100 years of age, President Andrew called Dave and wished him a happy Birthday and sent him a card, I am not sure how we stand with sending cards during this COVID-19 time, but I am sure that our most senior members would welcome some sort of gesture come Christmas.

A Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2021 from Dave, John and all the 41ers in Ireland and beyond.

Phill Ellis

Past National President

(Ed – Yes Centenarians receive a birthday card from the National President, and now receive a framed certificate from the National President upon turning 100.)

THE OLDEST 41-ER

41 International recently queried who was the oldest living 41-er. In 41 Club there are several Centenarians, whose birthdays were featured in recent newsletters and magazines.

We have (to our knowledge!):-



Jimmy Gordon,
of Ringwood &
District Ex-
Tablers' Club,
who turned 100 on
12th June 2020



Michael Prince, of
Bournemouth 41 Club,
who turned 100 on 8th
July 2020



William Moors,
of Deal & District 41
Club, who turned 100
on 27th October 2020



Dave Mullan of
Omagh & District
41 Club, who should
be celebrating
turning 102 on 25th
December 2020.

The oldest is, we believe, Dave Mullan.

Unless you know otherwise.....



41 INTERNATIONAL

NOMINATION FOR THE POST OF TREASURER 2021-24

In accordance with 41 INTERNATIONAL rules 5(a),(c),(d),(e) and (f), nominations are invited from member countries for the post of Treasurer 41 INTERNATIONAL to reach the Secretary before the 1st of February 2021. The Nomination form is attached. The completed form to be sent to secretary@41international.net

For reference:

5. OFFICERS

- (a) The officers shall be the International President, the International Vice-President (who shall be President Elect), the Immediate Past International President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Each person shall take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected and hold office until he resigns or until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Candidates for the post of Treasurer must be supported by the candidate's Association and their names notified to the Secretary in writing by 1st February prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for a term of 3 years and may stand for a further term of 3 years.
- (e) In the event of more than one nomination to host the Vice-Presidency or more than one candidate for the post of Secretary or Treasurer, the Association in the case of Vice Presidency and the candidate in the case of Secretary or Treasurer will be requested to address the Annual General Meeting. Guidelines on procedure will be issued by the Board prior to the AGM.
- (f) All officers must be former members of Round Table.



Nomination for 41 INTERNATIONAL Officers-TREASURER 2021-24

Candidate:

Country:

Details:

Round Table	Dates	Role
41 Home Club		
41 National		
41 INTERNATIONAL		
Experience in Finance & Accounts		
Professional Qualification		

AS IT'S CHRISTMAS, A SPECIAL PRIZE QUIZ

(THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR MONTHLY TRIVIA)

Email your answers to comms@41Club.org to arrive by mid-day London time on Friday 18th December 2020

Correct answers will go into a draw, to be drawn on Friday 18th December, to win a bottle of Malt Whisky which we will endeavour to have delivered in time for Christmas! Normal Quiz Rules apply, including the decision of the judge (Don Mullane) is final.

This Quiz was originally presented to London Old Tablers' Society by John Graham, so its members are excluded from the competition – sorry.

Question 1

In 1852 five Christmas stories by the same very famous author were published together;

"The Chimes"
"the Cricket on the Hearth",
"The Battle for Life" and
"The Ghost's Bargain"

Were Four of them - Name the Fifth

p.s. Don't worry, they get easier!

Question 4

Who Wrote

"I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"?

Question 2

"T'was the night before Christmas
and all through the _____,
not a _____ was stirring
not even a _____."

By Clement Clarke Moore 1823

Fill in the blanks

Question 5

On Christmas Day in 2003,
the final Christmas Special
of which popular TV show was aired,
called "Sleepless in Peckham"?

Question 3

These Four were born on Christmas Day
Name them



For a bonus point name the fifth.



Question 6

In the 1996 Christmas Special of
The Vicar of Dibley,
What is Geraldine invited to
four of, on the same day?

(keep it clean!)

Question 7

Carols from King's College has been a regularly broadcast every Christmas for decades.

But where is King's College?

Question 9

Which actor played Ebenezer Scrooge in The Muppet's Christmas Carol?



Question 8

In Charles Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol'

What is the exact name of the fourth ghost?

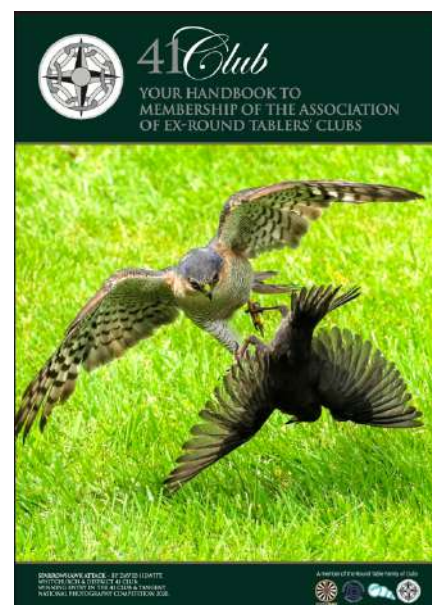
Question 10

Name the Following Christmas Favourites:

1. Adeste Fideles
2. Nos sunt tres reges oriens
3. Sonantis Campanae
4. Regis Quondam in Civitate David
5. Paulo Asinus

(In English, Clever Clogs!)

COMING SOON TO A LETTER BOX NEAR YOU



A Blast from the Past

MY YEAR AS RTBI NATIONAL PRESIDENT BY DYFRIG JAMES CHESTER ROUND TABLE 76, NATIONAL PRESIDENT RTBI 1993-94

I remember with considerable fondness those freewheeling days with boisterous good fun yet contributing significantly to self-development and to our local communities. I owe Round Table in particular Chester Round Table 76 and Area 36 RTBI so much for incredible unforgettable experiences and lifelong dear friendships.

To identify one experience in over 15 years of tabling is a tough task. The bottom line I guess for me and I trust for the 260 or so Tablers, Circlers and partnersthe day of my installation as National President at the AGM in the winter Gardens in Blackpool in front of circa 5000 delegates was really really special. Made more so by one of the best Area Interruptions ever seen by Area 36 organized by the wonderful Presidential Liaison Committee.

Imagine, I had just received the Presidents chain from Immediate Past President Gerard O'Herlihy and was nervously focusing on my opening remarks and priorities for the year ahead, 5000 delegates looking at you, when suddenly into the Ballroom came Area 36 boys and girls, clad in gold uniforms, carrying placards, balloons and making a hell of a joyous racket. It really took everyone at the AGM by complete surprise and shock at the number of people involved.

This was nothing, as to follow was a fantastic stage set up for a game show introduced wittingly by Paul Armstrong as "BLOW YOUR MIND". Producers, Directors, Stage Hands from KRAP TV buzzed around setting up props and we were ready for the Host of the show Bruce Monkhouse otherwise known as our very own Frank Rogers! He was magnificent in his gold jacket, long black wig and one liners that had the audience in uninhibited hysterical laughter.

The competition involved 3 teams; Spunky Sportmen, Randy Royals and Dasterdly Dictators. I was

as invited to join Hitler and Saddam to captain The Dics!! The three Team Leaders wore a helmet surrounded by dynamite sticks and plungers were at the ready! The Host gave me the encouraging words "Never mind Mastermind we are going to Blow your Mind Boy" and to the audience "a warning not to try this at home!!" The Host had a glamorous Assistant from Deeside 602 introduced with the statement "Sex Appeal she lost the case!!"

After a series of questions laced with wit and side splitting statements it was evident that nobody got any correct answers and so with the heads of the other two captains having gone up in smoke and been carried away in a coffin by Mr Rig and Mr Mortice! ...the very last question was directed at me, a life defining moment.. Question from the Frank the Host was "What was the membership of RTBI on April 16th 1967 at 8.45am?". At this time Saddam and Hitler slid away from me and I was all alone, a life defining moment...(fortunately the Host had some numbers written on his hand)... 24,687 said I. Huge Cheers and I had won the role of President of RTBI!

That turned out to be Part 1 of the Interruption as then we had the famous Chester 76 band "Danny Goldstein and The Duffrells" who sang a song to the tune of YMCA, substituting the chorus with RTBI and all the Area 36 participants lifted placards and joined in a great great song, words are attached. Well Done to Dave Hinds, Nick Spall, Peter Lamb and Dave Jones.

Every time I hear that song it reminds me of you guys on that stage that special day.

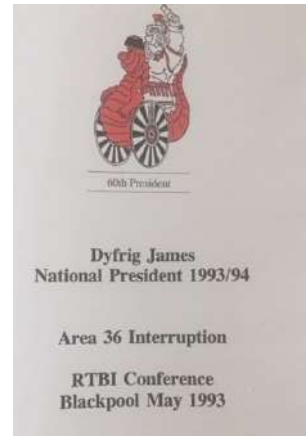
An emotional moment followed as my own Gold Jacket came on a wireline over the audience as my wife Glesni and two sons Rod and Huw joined me on stage. In best Table traditions Frank brought humour and reality back into proceedings by stating "Glesni wants to know if Michael Palin can go around the World in 90 days why is it going to take you 365 days to go around the UK"

Memories of a lifetime indeed, Area 36 I remain in your debt! Cheers!

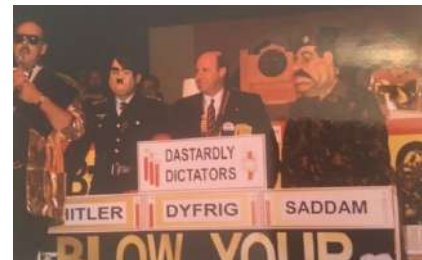
HINGES

Dyfrig James.

(With special thanks to Richie Minshull for submitting this article)



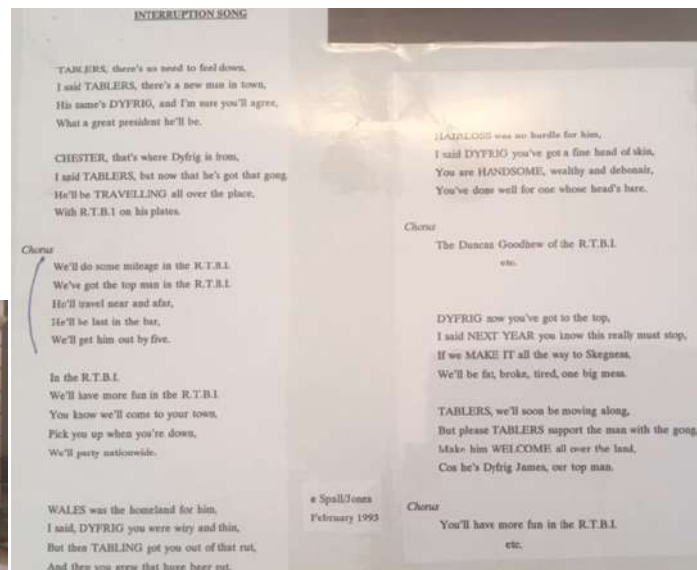
Dyfrig's wife Glesni and their 2 sons Rod and Huw joined him on stage



Paul Armstrong, now Heswall 41, introduces the Blow Your Mind Game



The Area 36 PLC



Interruption Song by Spall and Jones to the Tune of YMCA

THE HONORARY ARCHIVIST

Hugh Milward – The Honorary Archivist



41 Club(s): Ashby De La Zouch
 Previous Table(s): Ashby De La Zouch
 Region: 10 – East Midlands
 Family: Married to Shan for 45 years this March. Identical twin daughters and 3 Grandchildren William, Tom & Ruby.
 Job/Occupation: Retired, last job as Customer Strategy Manager for CITB having worked there for 34 years.
 Favourite: -
 Sports: Watching Rugby
 Place/Holiday: South Africa, Cruising, safaris, Anywhere hot !!
 Food: You can't beat a full English Breakfast
 Drink: A nice Pint of Real Ale plus a shot of Drambuie
 Pastimes: Narrow Gauge Model Railways, Collector of 1940/50's Micromodels, Volunteer at the Great Central Railway.
 Singing for the last 45 years in my local church choir.
 41 Club, Rotary and Freemasonry
 Film: Fargo , the original , not the TV re-make
 Actor: Clint Eastwood
 Book: Anything by Antony Beevor
 Music/Band: Moody Blues and Choral Music
 Album: Days of Future Passed (great memories of the 1970's)
 Car/Bike: Has to be my 10 year old Volvo C70 which I purchased as my retirement present to myself when I retired

THE HONORARY SOLICITOR

David Smith – The Honorary Solicitor



41 Club(s): Long Eaton, Dragons and Costa Blanca
 Previous Table(s): West Ealing 596 & Long Eaton 461
 Region: 10 – East Midlands
 Family: Married to Kay with Children: Ben (47) and Alix (44), and stepsons Craig (40) and James (38) and 7 Grandchildren, Christmas is expensive!
 Job/Occupation: Retired Solicitor
 Favourite: -
 Sports: Cricket, football, rugby union, squash (till osteoarthritis kicked in)
 Place/Holiday: Javea (Spain)
 Food: Chateaubriand, Barnsley chop
 Drink: Gin & tonic, Guinness, Real ale
 Pastimes: Sailing, gardening, watching sport
 Film: Zulu, Where Eagles Dare, MASH, Dirty Harry, the Jason Bourne series (is there a common theme here?)
 Actor: Tom Hanks (I used to believe he'd never make a bad movie but then I saw The Circle!)
 Book: Diary of a Nobody (George and Weldon Grossmith) or any of John le Carre's works
 Music/Band: The Kinks (Ray Davies should be Poet Laureate) and most other groups/acts from the Sixties
 Album: Please Please Me (the first LP I bought), Nilsson sings Newman, Adele's 21
 Car/Bike: In my dreams an AC Cobra, Reality BMW X2

THIS MONTH'S CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

(EXTRA POINT FOR GETTING THE MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH ANSWER, ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE)

- 1) What is the Type of Calendar Used at this time of year?
- 2) One of the 3 wise men, who gave Jesus Gold as a gift?
- 3) What is the Religious name for 12th Night?
- 4) What is the name of the Reindeer with the red nose?
- 5) What is a usual flowery named sweet that we eat from a tin at this time of year?
- 6) What is the period 21/12 through to 01/01 sometimes called?
- 7) What songs are traditionally sung at this time of year?
- 8) In which Christmas themed film did Donald Trump make a cameo appearance?
- 9) What is the type of bird usually seen on Christmas cards?
- 10) What grows along with the Ivy?
- 11) What is Santa's mode of transport?
- 12) In which modern-day Country is St. Nick said to have been born?
- 13) The name of the Embalming oil given to the baby Jesus by one of the wise men?
- 14) Which actor played Ebenezer Scrooge in the 1951 film of the same name?
- 15) What was the character name of the man who became Santa in the Santa Claus film trilogy?
- 16) What decoration was traditionally made from strands of silver?
- 17) Who banned the singing of Christmas carols in 1647?
- 18) What is the traditional Chocolate treat with a forestry connection?
- 19) In the film "It's a wonderful life", what was the surname of the guardian angel?
- 20) What do you do to access your Christmas presents?
- 21) What heavenly body normally sits on top of a Christmas tree?
- 22) What does Santa always check twice, to see if you are naughty or nice?
- 23) What is the well-Known Wham Christmas song with a video based in a skiing lodge?

UPDATE ON ASHBY 41 CLUB 41 COUNTY TOP CHALLENGE

If you were not aware, Ashby 41 Club has planned to climb all 41 peaks in England by the end of next year in support of the National President's Charity Dementia UK. Details of all the 41 peaks can be found here: <https://www.walkingenglishman.com/lists/countytopsengland/master.html>
Our Just Giving Page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashby-41club-41-tops-challenge>
Some of our club members have been keen to get going on this challenge, and have recently taken the opportunity to tackle the peaks close to where they happened to be spending a few days away. So congratulations to:

- Andrew and Barbara Johnson for tackling Cornwall's Brown Willy (please, no comments) at 420m,
- David and Heather Grose for completing no fewer than three peaks: Berkshire's Walbury Hill (297m), Dorset's Lewesdon Hill (279m) and Hampshire's Pilot Hill (286m).

Being aware that Lockdown 2.0 was coming we decided our next challenge will be Rutland's Cold Overton Field at a massive 197m on Sunday 1st November. So on a bright but windy morning we sent off for Rutland, meeting up at a Garden Centre where we had a Full English breakfast while we could before driving to the start of the peak.

We parked up, completed our Risk Assessment, suitable clothing – check! Suitable footwear – check! First Aid – check! Torch – check! Map- check! Compass – check! We then headed off at a social distance up a track and then into a field. Somewhere around here was the trig point but could we see it!

Now don't get confused by the 197m in height. From where we parked the cars it was a flat walk for about only 10 minutes! We eventually found the trig point and were surprised to see the view all around us, in the distance was Rutland Water and the far hills on a number of counties.

Having taken the obligatory photograph with the President (We have a pull up photograph of our National President to take with us when he cannot make it!) we collected a big bag of litter on the way back to the cars which is also part of our challenge.

Now that Lockdown 2.0 is with us we wait till better times to get back finding those 36 peaks to go!

You can follow our adventures on this challenge via:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Ashby-41-Club-41-County-Top-Challenge-100306265224079/>



Hugh

Hugh Milward, Treasurer, Ashby 41 Club

LOCKDOWN CYCLING CHALLENGE – THE RESULT:



As you are aware when the LOCK DOWN was announced most of the clubs social activities were put on hold. Of course as ex Tablers and current 41 club members we don't let a few rules stand in our way. Mike Nicholas had a dream one night and suggested to council that we should raise £5000 while cycling or walking as individuals. Council was whipped on to ZOOM and after extensive discussion agreed to support it.

FIRSTLY: our Ebor 41 Team members thank our Club 41 members for the "unprecedented" support we received from them. So many of you and all very generous - thank you !!

SECONDLY: because of their support, we doubled our targets from 5,000 to 10,000 Miles and £10,000 and we achieved both on the last day of Lockdown 15 June !! It really was tough going, especially in isolation, but we all enjoyed the challenge, which was a combined effort of cycling, running and walking !!



York Against Cancer and St Leonard's Hospice have both received over £6000 (including gift aid) !! This is far more than we first anticipated and shows the kindness and support that exists amongst our own members and personal friendships.

David Mooney

Ebor 41 Club

FUN WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- An Oxford comma walks into a bar where it spends the evening watching the television, getting drunk, and smoking cigars.
- A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.
- A bar was walked into by the passive voice.
- An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.
- Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."
- A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.
- Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.
- A question mark walks into a bar?
- A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.
- Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Get out -- we don't serve your type."
- A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.
- A comma splice walks into a bar, it has a drink and then leaves.
- Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.
- A synonym strolls into a tavern.
- At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar -- fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.
- A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.
- Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.
- A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.
- An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.
- The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.
- A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned a man with a glass eye named Ralph.
- The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.
- A dyslexic walks into a bra.
- An alliteration bounded breezily beyond both bars
- A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.
- A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.
- Predictive text wallows into a barn and ordains a drive
- A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.
- A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony.

Bernard

Bernard Elwen, National Secretary

Whisk(e)y Corner



It seems from your feedback that more than a few of you are fans of the ‘uisce beatha’ or ‘water of life’ as Whisky is often referred to ever since Irish monks of the early Middle Ages coined the phrase to distilled alcohol.

That’s very good to hear – and encourages me to continue my mission to spread the word within 41 Club that ‘what whisky cannot cure, there is no cure for’.

Now, don’t say this too loudly in case our fellow members North of the border overhear, but whisky distillation was not introduced to the British Isles by Scotland as most people believe – but rather in Ireland! Irish whiskey (spelt with an ‘e’) pre-dates distillation in Scotland with the earliest records being around 1527 (or around 3:30pm 😊). Early Irish Whiskey however was drunk unaged and flavoured with herbs, rather like Gin (but they soon got the hang of it). There is also the small matter of them having the oldest

distillery in the world - over 400 years - with a grant to distil being signed in 1608 by King James I and there has been distillation on this site since then, using the unique water from their own stream and Irish barley.

A few years later, Ireland was given a Christmas present the Whiskey industry will never forget, when England imposed taxation on whiskey – at the exorbitant cost of 4p per gallon. Despite this, the distillation industry increased hugely and by end of 19th Century there were around 2,000 stills in operation (though many them were illegal!) with the result that Irish Whiskey was the most popular spirit in the world.

Also around this time, all whisky producers received a huge boost to sales, when the Phylloxera virus decimated French vineyards and their wine industry especially in the Cognac regions. With a nation of drinkers still eager for strong liquor however, demanding locals turned to whisky as a substitute to Cognac or Armagnac – such was the success and impact that even to this day the French still drink more whisky than Cognac!

Take it from me - nothing tests the ‘Entente Cordiale’ with our French colleagues more than when you share that morsel of information with them over dinner - or a Zoom meeting! Why not try it for yourself and let me know the outcome?

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DECIMATION OF IRISH WHISKEY

Sadly the good times for Irish Whiskey didn’t last – in the early 1900s the Irish Temperance movement expanded; the great famine decimated the population with a million deaths and a further million emigrating; Scottish distilleries fought back, buying and closing distilleries, war and independence followed and US prohibition virtually cut all trade there. The industry was reduced to just one company - Irish Distillers Ltd - and two distilleries: New Middleton in Cork and Bushmills in the North.

RESURGENCE

All things come to those who wait and the dark days have been replaced with bright blue skies. Over recent years, thanks to dogged entrepreneurship and incredible distillation technology, Irish whiskey has seen a resurgence in popularity since the late twentieth century and has been the fastest-growing spirit in the world every year since 1990.

Exports have been growing by over 15% per annum, existing distilleries have been expanded and a number of new distilleries constructed. As of June 2019, Ireland has twenty-five distilleries in operation, with a further twenty-four either planned or under development! So there’s even more reason to try Irish whiskey if you haven’t already – I recommend the following three whiskies:

REDBREAST LUSTAU EDITION 46% ABV (~£51.45)

Aged for 9 to 12 years - traditional Bourbon and sherry casks before being finished for one year in first fill sherry butts seasoned with Bodegas Lustau sherry, from the Jerez region.

Nose: Rich infusion of dark fruits, prunes, dates and figs with liquorice, marzipan, toasted oak, almonds and orange peel

Taste: Creamy pot still with spices balanced with richness of sherry finish and contribution of fresh Spanish oak

Finish: Endless. Sweetness and pot-still spices endure while Oloroso Sherry and Spanish Oak have the last word.





THE IRISHMAN 12 YO 43% ABV (~£55.95)

Launched 2012 - matured in Oak Bourbon & Oloroso casks for 12 long years – only 6,000 bottles produced each year.

Nose: Exquisite aroma of ex-Bourbon casks with the light sweet spicy notes of Vanilla, Cinnamon and even a tincture of Clove.

Taste: The initial sip is a burst of rich flavours, sweet with Vanilla delicately bolstered by Black Peppercorns, succulent fruity mid-section.

Finish: Lingering succulent flavour of Barley and Oak. A touch of creamy dairy fudge and Dark Chocolate adds to the complexity.

YELLOW SPOT 12 YO 46% ABV (~£71.95)

Yellow Spot is a delicious single pot still Irish whiskey which has been matured in three types of cask: bourbon cask, Spanish Sherry butts and Spanish Malaga casks for a sweeter flavour. It was the top-rated my whisky club until it was pipped to top spot by Johnny Walker Blue Label.

Nose: Mown hay & cracked black pepper; red bell peppers; nutmeg; clove oil & green tea; sweet honey & from Malaga casks

Taste: Honey sweetness with pot still spices; flavours of fresh coffee & creamy milk chocolate & crème notes of red apples & toasted oak

Finish: Sophisticated & complex; sweetness throughout with a mix of red grape and dry barley on exit

If you fancy trying some of these or other whiskies I can recommend a couple of excellent whisky websites:

The Whisky Exchange www.thewhiskyexchange.com
Master of Malt www.masterofmalt.com

You can buy miniature bottles if you don't want to buy a full size - also you can find some helpful articles and links on my own Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club Whisky Appreciation Club's (WACWAC) website www.wacwac.co.uk.

"Always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake." - WC Fields

Slainte!

Peter

Peter McBride Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club & National Councillor Region 24



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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

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| 1. Advent | 2. Melchior | 3. Epiphany | 4. Rudolf | 5. Roses |
| 6. Yuletide | 7. Carols | 8. Home Alone 2 | 9. Robin | 10. Ivy |
| 11. Sleigh | 12. Turkey | 13. Myrrh | 14. Alistair Sim | 15. Scott Calvin |
| 16. Tinsel | 17. Oliver Cromwell | 18. Yule Log | 19. (Clarence) Odbody | 20. Unwrap |
| 21. Angels | 22. (his) List | 23. Last Christmas | | |

Message: A Merry Christmas to you all !!

NEW BOOKS FROM THE GRANDAD STORIES

John Carter, Secretary of Stratford-upon-Avon 41 Club, has just published his fourth book in the Grandad Stories series, and progress on number five is very advanced.



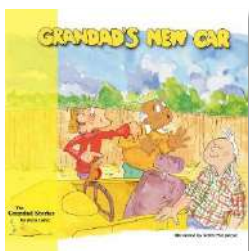
John (**Grandad**) launched his first three books last year, and what a year it has been . . . Self-publishing has turned out to be much more difficult than he'd imagined, and when Covid-19 interrupted his book signing tour of the Midlands WH Smith stores, this was a huge setback.

Despite this, John remains optimistic and is pushing forward with more books.

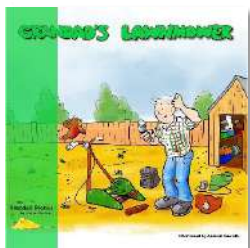
On-line sales, resulting from both 41 Club's and Tangent's involvement, together with help from Andrew Mackereth, Barry Durman, Sue Hill and Rosemary Livingston from Stratford Tangent, who all sold books at meetings prior to last March, has so far raised £196 for the National charities.

John has now moved the charity giving to his main website, so rather than just those who were made aware of the charity giving shop, now everyone who buys books is being asked to choose one of the charities.

The latest book **Grandad's New Car**, is the last book to be illustrated by John's neighbour Keith Phelpstead. Regrettably, Keith has a worsening eye condition and is unable to continue.



The next book **Grandad's Lawnmower**, which is due to be published very soon, is being illustrated by Andrew Gentilli. Andrew's Dad, Adam Gentilli, is a Stratford 41er. Unlike Keith, who illustrated with acrylic paints, Andrew paints digitally, directly onto a computer screen.



The first four books are available at the reduced price of £4.95 each or £19 for all four (**Postage is FREE**) John will donate fifty pence from the sale of each book, to one of the listed charities, **41 Club (Dementia UK)** being one of them. You can have a sneak preview of the books by visiting the website theGrandadStories.co.uk and you get to choose from the options given, which charity receives a donation when you buy. You can also choose from complimentary Grandad themed Christmas and/or Birthday cards for the children (**Up to 1 card per book**)

Regrettably, due to Covid-19, Tangent are not promoting the books at present, but John has chosen **NHS Charities Together** as one of his charities, as this is very relevant at present and is one which is listed on the Tangent website.

Finally, a personal comment from John

I would like to thank Barry Durman, Andrew Mackereth, Ray and Sue Hill, Don Mullane, Kate Jones and Rosemary Livingston, for all their help during my first year. Thank you also, to all the 41ers and ladies from Tangent, who have already purchased books and supported me on my journey, and of course, supported the charities.



There are five more stories already written and more in my head so please support me if you can, or let any friends with little ones know about the books, but remember to ask them to choose the 41 Club charity if they buy!

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Tue 17 Aug	Cruising Seyðisfjörður
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