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41 Club NEWSLETTER

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The 41 Club Big Weekend Planning Committee

Bookings close on 20th September....

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IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the September Newsletter.

A reminder to book in to The 41 Club Big Weekend, 1-3 October, in Nottingham, which should be a blast! Bookings must be received before 20th September.

I regret we have had to cancel our planned Summer Magazine but there will be one for the Autumn. In the meantime the list of deceased members which would have been printed in it are included in this Newsletter, and will be included in the next magazine as well.

On page 10 we are launching the photography competition and club magazine and club website competition - entries are invited.

Please read Charles Montlake's article on page 7 - I hope to be walking with him on the final leg, as does National Vice President Jim.

On page 20 please see the request for volunteers to run a new 41 Club Book Club - our latest Facebook Special Interest Group.

Best wishes to Bruce Bennett for a speedy recovery. Bruce is our YAP Convenor and is in the photo on the cover, as a member of the committee working hard on The 41 Club Big Weekend.

Keep safe.

Yours in Continued Friendship

Don

Don Mullane
Communications and IT Officer

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THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

PRESIDENT

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT PETER GOOD

I am on the move at last. I can now go out to meet members and what a great feeling that is!

I started on the 16th August in York, meeting up with the Round Table President Paul Thompson, Matt Fallon the Vice President, and of course our Vice President, Jim Conway.

It was a productive afternoon and evening, getting to know one another and discussing our plans for the future of the Round Table Family. I can report that the future is in good hands.

From there I continued up to Scotland, where I had a fantastic few days being hosted by Region 2 Councillor Kevin Stewart, joined by Region 1 Councillor Colin Mackenzie. Kevin had gone to a lot of trouble organising the week so that I could meet as many members as possible. We did in fact reach out to 11 clubs.

The first night was in Edinburgh with two clubs, Edinburgh Capital 55 and Dunfermline meeting for a Craft Beer Tasting. It was a great night, some of the beers being 11 % and some tasting horrible. The place was owned by an Irishman with the usual Irish humour, which made for a good talk on the beers.

Next day we had the Region 1 and 2 Golf Challenge. The weather was a bit damp at the start, as we saw them tee off. This was followed by a visit to the distillery where we had a quick tour and a few tasters, and then headed back to see them all on the last few greens none the wiser that we hadn't been there.

The Trophies were all presented though not necessarily in the right order, but as Colin said "they are only going to be in the garage for a year, so not a problem!".

Colin and Matt headed off to Keswick for the charter of the new Table, and Kevin and myself headed to Dunfermline, a new club. They were a great bunch of enthusiastic guys with great interest in what's happening on the 41 Club national front. I was really impressed with these guys and I can see Kevin's replacement coming from there.



I also met guys from Troon, North Berwick, Linlithgow, Blairgowrie, Turrif, Ellon, and Larbert and Falkirk. Probably not spelt right, and saying them is even more difficult.

Finally, there was a day touring around Glencoe and we went to meet up with Larbert and Falkirk for a drink before getting on to a bus for an hour, taking us to Dundee. Al the windows and roof lights were open and a gale was blowing through, but we felt safe.

We arrived at a farm that is mainly arable but interestingly also grows blackcurrants for Ribena. Just before lockdown they started The Lost Orchard Cider Company growing trees themselves but also getting other farmers to grow for them. The cider they make is just delicious and we had a great BBQ to go with it. A great way to end my week in Scotland, thanks to Kevin Stewart and Colin for joining us.

My next meeting back home was with my plc to get things moving for the Big Weekend [ed: see cover photo]. It's been difficult with Covid as we have had to hold back to the last minute to go out for sponsors and to promote it ,having had to move this event twice already. But, hopefully it will take place now on 1st and 2nd of October and wow what a fantastic programme we have organised for us to all meet up and party again. Lesley and myself can't wait to see you all.

The next meeting that week was with Market Harborough and Corby for their annual Petanque contest. I was driven by past Archivist, Hugh Milward, and we met Region 15 councillor Neal Lowe there. It was a good night of fellowship meeting old friends and making new ones, and great venue.

Thanks to Neal for informing me of his future visits so that I can join him on a few, something I have asked all councillors to do .

The diary is getting busier than goodness, but we have a great programme of events coming up on the Connects for the Autumn and Winter nights.

So, hope to be seeing you on screen or in person in the not too distant future.

Take care guys, stay safe.
YiCF,

Peter



THE 41 Club 75 YEARS OF CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

BIG WEEKEND

NATIONS NIGHT 1ST OCTOBER

S.G.M 2ND OCTOBER

GALA DINNER 2ND OCTOBER

1ST - 3RD OCTOBER 2021
NOTTINGHAM

Book by
20th September
AT 41CLUB75.ORG



1st - 3rd October - Nottingham

Over the last 18 months the plans for The 41Club Big Weekend plans have been put on ice several times to reflect the challenges of Covid19, which has affected so many of our families and friends.

We are delighted to announce that in line with the updated national position we are ready to put on the parties of all parties. The DeVere Hotel have confirmed that there are no restrictions on numbers or any restriction on the facilities, along with this we have ensured there is a fantastic array of drinks.

The good news gets even better!

During the last twelve months the venue has received a 4 million pounds freshen up and the 41Club Big Weekend attendees will be one of the first events to use the new and improved facilities.

Hotel rooms are going very quickly at the venue, especially for the Friday night are already limited, so those wishing to make it a memorable weekend time is against you, please avoid disappointment by leaving it to last minute – table time as we used to say!

All booking details are available for tickets via www.41Club75.org, to book your hotel room call 01158 760900 and quote 41Club. The venue team are super amazing and supportive with the changes and have confirmed that free cancellation will apply to the rooms should any issues arise.

The costs for the event have stayed the same however we have shown it with an inclusive booking fee to protect for any eventualities. We believe this is a pragmatic approach with all the challenges that protects the PLC, the same approach if you booked the theatre!

Please help the team and do not leave it to last minute to book in, we only have a few weeks to give the final numbers, most of all we do not want anyone to be disappointed.

The team will ensure the weekend starts off with vibrant welcome party with a real international theme, the music will be colourful, the food will have tastes from all over the world and we hope to see as many international guests as international travel restrictions permit.

Saturday Night, The Big Weekend Gala Dinner!

You will not be disappointed, especially with the live music via TOO DAMNED HOT, 70s,80s,90s. Motown to Abba to recent great hits that we can all Jive with. Want a sneak preview, go to <https://youtu.be/DM6tnjIw7Y4>

The last 18 months has challenged the core of what we do, but we have adapted to these challenges and now is a time to dress up, get together with our friends and show that continued fellowship with 41Club and fellow members of The Four Club Family is best served together.

Not forgetting the business element of the weekend with the council meeting and SGM that is planned. 41Club Meets Again!

Marcus Jones



Charles Montlake

Virtual 2021 Virgin Money
London Marathon

Supporting



Walking The London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October

By Charles Montlake, PERT 41 Club, Region 18

Charles writes: "In December 2019 I was diagnosed as having Multiple Myeloma with AL Amyloidosis (or as we say cancer with complications!)

"Symptoms for both include a loss of energy and earlier this year 500 metres was a zillion miles and stairs or ramp were my bête noir

"But months and months of Chemo and the diseases are currently under control. This is the most energetic I have felt for 5 years. So I jumped at the chance to do the London Marathon (Virtual Virgin Money London Marathon - Virgin Money London Marathon) as this will probably be my last chance (the diseases will return).

"I plan to walk from my home (in SE10) to the O2 four times, starting at midnight, 6am, midday and 6pm on Sunday 3rd October

"If you are free why not walk a leg or two with me. Let me know which leg you prefer and also your T-Shirt size – yep, we are all going to have T Shirts

"For anyone who has cancer you will know that the help and advice that come from organisations like Myeloma UK is invaluable, I would go as far as to say it is sometimes a lifeline! Knowing and listening to people who have been through it already really helps. Their research and knowledge will help to keep me alive a lot longer. And, when I need information, I can always phone their "Ask the Nurse" helpline and speak to an expert

"It is with a huge grin that I undertake this herculean task to help raise funds for Myeloma UK. Last year we raised £11k, please help me beat that target this year

"Thank you

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CharlesMontlake>

Charles

"Please give generously and regularly and please share so that others can too."



Tangent Report

Hello Gentlemen

We missed another year's conference which was sad but unavoidable and were able to have our AGM online. I am therefore finally writing to you as President of Tangent and counting the days until I can be out and about meeting you and our lovely Tangent members. I hope that you too are well and building confidence to be out and about again with your Clubs.

My theme this year is 'Celebrating the Past – Shaping the Future' – the National Association of Tangent Clubs is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and we have plenty to celebrate, 50 glorious years of friendship, too many good times to remember and huge amounts of funds raised for charities and good causes up and down the Country and celebrate we will on 18th September with a lovely lunch at the National Conference Centre Birmingham. We will share precious memories and enjoy Tangent traditions, catch up with old friends and make new ones. I am keen however that we also start to think about the future and ensure that we will be attractive and relevant to future generations and have been seeking thoughts to be able to put together a strategy for our future.

I am hoping that as many Tangent Clubs as possible will support my chosen charity Crisis. I have seen Crisis change lives and would like to help them do more of that. Crisis offer year-round advice and support. They help people 'get back on track', overcoming the barriers of homelessness and unemployment by helping them into accommodation through education, training and addressing their health and wellbeing needs supporting them in very practical ways into work and permanent accommodation. Our first fund raising activity was a 24 hour 'Bakeathon', I also had a charity lunch in July (fingers crossed) and a Ball on 29 January 2022 in Stratford on Avon – please book in, it will be a jolly night and you will be supporting a great cause!

I am very fortunate to have an enthusiastic and talented Exec working with me and together we have ambitious plans for the year ahead. We are continuing to develop our website and Central Directory and encouraging members to use it more as well as planning for a second phase, we would like to hold membership 'drives', we have some International challenges to address, we are desperately keen to increase our profile so are working hard on publicity and we do of course want to continue to work with our partners in the Round Table Family and together 'nothing's gonna stop us now'. Hopefully see you soon.

Tracey x



TANGENT TCI UPDATE

41 Club Members may have heard that Tangent decided at its Special general Meeting to give notice at the Tangent Club International Half Year Meeting in October of our intention to leave TCI with effect from 30 March 2022. I thought it might be useful to provide some information to explain this decision.

In 2018 TCI introduced a rule (5diii) requiring that candidates for nomination to the TCI Board 'shall be active members of their Full Member Association and have been members of Ladies Circle or wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table.' Tangent GB&I voted against this as we welcome ladies who have no connection with the Round Table Family.

We have since worked to have this rule amended so that our valued members with no Ladies Circle or Round Table connection can stand for office on the TCI Board.

Our members raised concerns at our own AGM in 2018 and in 2019 a proposal to withdraw from TCI was proposed however it was ultimately agreed that we would seek to change the rule. This went forward to the TCI AGM in 2019 but did not get the required votes as TCI member countries were not happy with the wording. GB&I business was carried out by email vote in 2020 due to COVID-19 and revised wording agreed. The TCI AGM in 2020 was held on-line and the proposals were all postponed until 2021.

The matter was discussed again at our AGM in 2021 (also held on-line) as were two other TCI proposals which would have impacted on our members with no Ladies Circle or Round Table Family connection. This resulted in a National Executive recommendation supported by the meeting that if either of those proposals (concerning 5diii) were passed at the TCI AGM we would allow our members an opportunity to discuss our position within TCI. This was passed and the National Executive agreed to report back to membership and provide appropriate suggestions.

We presented our proposal at the on-line TCI AGM in 2021 and despite valiant efforts from several members of Tangent GB&I it failed to reach the 75% required to become adopted which left us with the continuing problem for our members with no Circle background.

We therefore held a Special General meeting online on 6 September to discuss our future within TCI. There was a great deal of discussion which made it clear that members would miss the friendship and opportunities provided by TCI but could not accept the continued inequality that the rule created for our Association and therefore voted to leave.

I am sure however that Tangent Members will find ways to continue international friendships.

Tracy



Congratulations to Nick Cann, BEM, Vice Chair of Newport 41 Club

We are pleased to congratulate Nick Cann on his being invested (finally) with his British Empire Medal at Caldicot Castle by the Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire. A Past Chairman of Newport Round Table, and Past Area Chairman of RT Area 4, Nick has been in the Round Table Family for about 35 years - and followed in his father's footsteps, so it really was a Round Table Family. Nick survived a stroke 8 years ago - with resultant aphasia communication and language disorder, but he says he is improving every day and is working to be the best that he can be. He received the BEM because, amongst other things, he was the third highest fund raiser for the Stroke Association before Covid hit, and has to date raised over £123,000 for the charity. His friends in Newport 41 Club are rightly proud of him, and so are we all. Nick has certainly **#continuedtodomore** so on behalf of National Council - well done Nick.



The National Photographic Competition & Press Awards

Entries are now open
until the end of this calendar year

Entries are invited for:-

- The National Photographic Competition
- The Best Club Website
- The Best Club Newsletter

Prizes will be presented at Cardiff Conference 2022. Good luck.

Submit entries to comms@41Club.org with Comp as the first word in your email heading

a peach of a conference



SAVE THE DATE!

What a torrid time we have all had for the past 18 months and do hope that you have managed to keep safe and healthy and continue to do so. The last conference was in Torquay in 2019. We are sure that you will be ready for a party and everyone sincerely hopes that come 2022 we can meet up again without restrictions. (We do have contingency plans)

So, are you ready for Chapter 2 of the Peach of a Conference?

The brand-new booking site will be available shortly but to ensure you don't miss out, save the dates

Conference 2022
31st March – 3rd April 2022

We are having one conference hotel – the Holiday Inn where there will be a conference bar just for us for the duration of the weekend.

- The Thursday Welcome Party is in the Holiday Inn.
- Friday Joint Presidents' Banquet is at the iconic Cardiff City Hall.
- Saturday Final Night Party at Sophia Gardens Cardiff (formerly SWALEC) Stadium.
Walkable transport will be provided on the Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Tangent AGM is being held in the Hilton Hotel (*walkable but transport being provided*).
- 41 Club AGM will be held at Sophia Gardens Cardiff (formerly SWALEC) Stadium, a 15 minute amble from the Holiday Inn but *transport is being provided*.

The Holiday Inn is now available to book at the price of £125 per night for bed and breakfast. Please email louise.webb@hcardiffcitycentre.co.uk in the first instance with your requirements and they will come back to you. You will be advised when the booking site is open but in the meantime to express interest in attending conference please email conference2022registration@41clubevents.co.uk.

"I've heard tell that what you imagine sometimes comes true."

Grandpa Joe (Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory)

When asked what they wanted to say about Cardiff 2022 Peter and Tracey, Presidents of 41 Club and Tangent, said: "We don't intend to 'Gobblefunk' with words instead our advice is clear - Join us in Cardiff for a Peach of a Conference 2! We have missed our AGMs, we have missed our Conferences and we have missed you! We are really hoping to see you in Cardiff to celebrate everything good about our Associations and about being together again.

The Conference Committee have found spectacular venues for a range of magical events – they are the 'music makers and dreamers of dreams' and we thank them for everything they have done and have yet to do.

Please make it worthwhile for them by booking in and remember that 'a little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men' (and women).

Well, we've got our golden tickets to this Peach of a Conference and can't wait to enjoy everything our Conference Committee have planned as well as the delights of Cardiff and of course the wonderful friendship and fellowship freely given by Tangent and 41 Club members. Let the good times begin! "

Peter and Tracey



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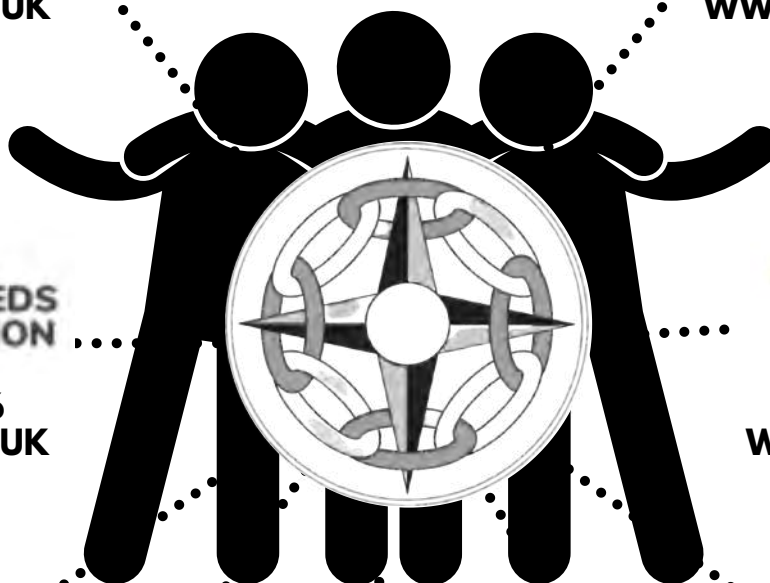
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PAUL & SUE, 41 CLUB SALES TEAM

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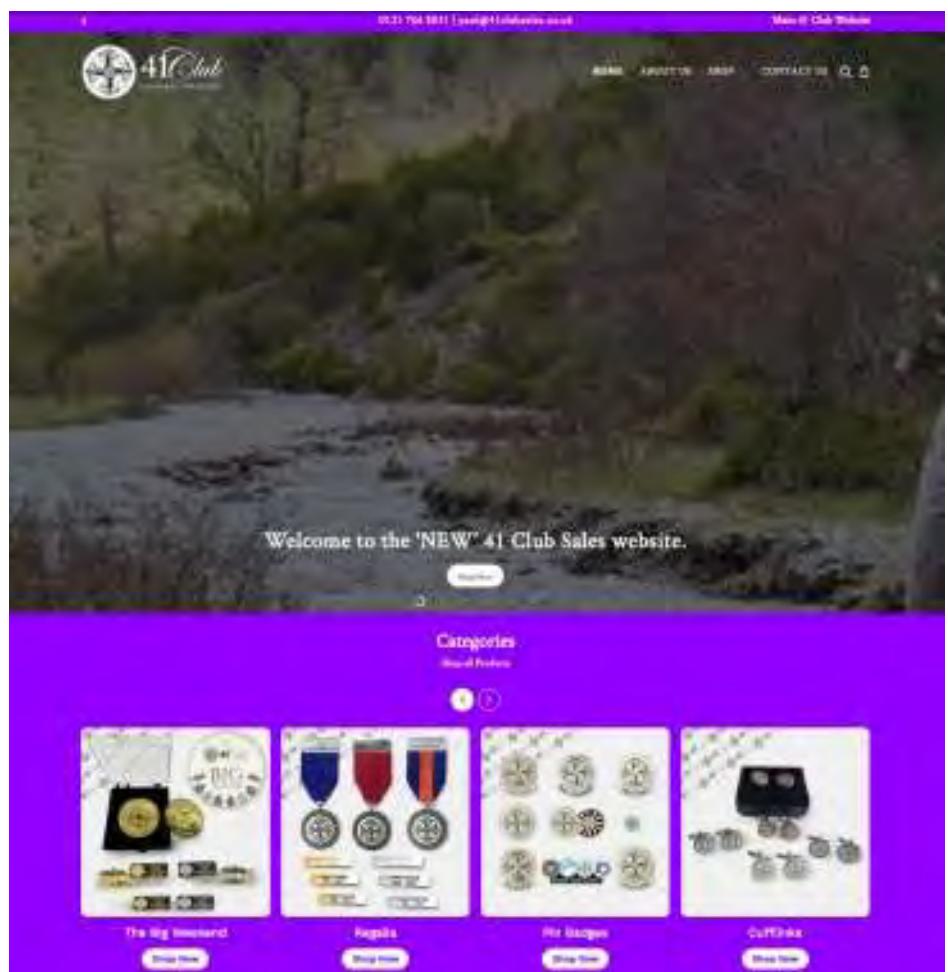
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Paul & Sue

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FULLY BOOKED

41 CLUB WALKING WEEKEND

24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

STEVE JAMES, NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER

We hope to have a full report on the Walking Weekend in next month's Newsletter.

AND a report on the Camping & Caravanning Weekend which has just passed.

It appears that 41 Club has more walkers than cyclists at present though as the Cycling Weekend in Yorkshire has been cancelled due to lack of bookings. Our regrets to those who had booked.



**CANCELLED DUE TO
LOW BOOKINGS**

NATIONAL CYCLING WEEKEND

NATIONAL CAR RALLY



Two old codgers sitting on a bench overlooking the River Medway.

Well how did the weekend go?

Fine no real problems. When I arrived, members were having gin & tonics on the terrace of the hotel with the ducks and overlooking the lake.



It was supposed to be last year in June.
Yes, but the Chinese Plague hit these shores. You were going to have a dinner dance. Yes, the date in June had to be moved to July, however, the government changed the rules again, so it was not possible. You also hoped to have some cars from France and Belgium. Yes, again the Chinese Plague and India variant put pay to that. They would have had a shorter journey than many that attended.

So, what did you do instead of the dinner dance?

Well, we Medway 41 Club were going to do a performance of 'The Full Monty'. However, on the final rehearsal at the hotel four members of staff had to be admitted to Medway Hospital overnight. I must admit

that I disagreed with the medical opinion that they were suffering from shock. As a result, the hotel banned us from performing. I ask you have you seen a fine body of men than Medway 41 Club.

So, what did you do, a quiz?

Well not really, just one question.

What were that.

What is the only professional football team not to have a number 6 shirt?

God, everyone must have got that. Next you be telling me that you asked what football club won the World Cup?

No, but luckily King Henry VIII was passing on the way to Brussel to see the EU about taking back Calais. One of the things he likes to do is visit and talk to his subjects. He did get a lot of information from his special agent Barry Durman.



So, it was a Royal Classic Car Rally
Not really. At the dinner, the raffle raised £200.00 for Anthony Nolan Charity which was started by Roundtable in Kent at Broadstairs





Where did you stop for lunch on Saturday?
The lunch stop was 'The Friars' at Aylesford. We had the private car park, and the café were told although more of the public turned up on the day. Many spent a long time wondering around the site admiring the black swans.
 The stop on the Sunday was at St James church in Cooling.



Yes, that's were Charles Dickens based 'Great Expectations' with the graves of Pip's family. He used to walk from his house in Higham which they passed. After the visit there was a garden party with tea/coffee and scones. We raised £235.00 for the Friends of St James Church. So, it was a Religions Classic Car Rally. Are you suggesting it was a Royal, Religions 41 Club National Classic Car Rally? Bit of a mouth full.





Any unusual cars
Why I think a rep turned up in a Mondeo, he was talking about jam.
 Did many come far?
Yes, we had some from Wales and Yorkshire.
 Yorkshire, that's up on the right. Any clicks?
There was a group from the north, Norfolk who sat together on the Saturday.
 What was the hotel like?
They were fantastic considering all the problems from the pandemic. They accommodated all our requests subject to the latest government Corvid regulations.
 So overall it was a successful event.
We are extremely pleased with the weekend and the weather. We are looking forward to next years and catching up with everyone at Market Harborough.
 Well, it sounds like everyone had a great time. Shall we mosey over to Wetherspoons for a pint of Spitfire.
That's the most sensible thing you said all day.

By John Alford, Medway 41 Club



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41 Club on Facebook

by Don Mullane, National Comms & I.T. Officer

We know that many members still do not use Facebook but during the Pandemic it has proved a boon to the association for communicating with our members in new and varied means. If you aren't already a member of Facebook we suggest you try it – its free after all!

Our most active forum is the **41 Club Members Forum**, which is a private forum. Every Region also has its own Facebook page (Region 1 and 2 is a joint page for Scotland) and the National Councillor of each Region is an Admin or Moderator for their Region.

We also have "Special Interest Groups" or "SIGs" as a means of linking members with specific common interests – these have really taken off, and include:-

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| 41 Club Bikers Forum | 41 Club Cricket Fans |
| 41 Club Classic Rally | 41 Club Whiskey Appreciation Group |
| 41 Club Narrow Boat Owners | 41 Club Rugby Union Fans |
| 41 Club Photographers | 41 Club Rugby League Fans |
| 41 Club Cruise Fans | 41 Club Caravan, Camper & Camping |
| 41 Club Football Fans | 41 Club Steam Railways |
| 41 Club Cycle Group ("41 Club MAMILs"
(Middle-Aged Men in Lycra)) | 41 Club Model Railways |
| 41 Club Walking Group | 41 Club Wine Club |
| | 41 Club Tennis Fans |

These are in addition to the following groups:

- 41 Club Remembers
- Round Table Family Forum
- GB&I IRO News

We are just launching two new SIGs too –

- 41 Club – International Fellowship (for all things International); and,
- 41 Club Book Club (we would love a couple of volunteers to step forward to assist with this one)

If you have a special interest (which is legal and decent!) please let me know and I'll be happy to set up a SIG for you too.

#ContinuedFriendship comms@41club.org





Battle of the Wines ALDI vs LIDL

Saturday 18th September at 7:30pm



Don't forget the next on-line Wine Tasting.

You can find the video of the recent Spitfire talk
and most of our other talks too at
www,41clubconnects.co.uk

And the next 41 Club Connects Event.....



6th October 2021
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JIM CONWAY

OUR ONLY VICE....

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

I am now trying to get out and about, so if you want for me to attend any of your events in this 41 Club year, or next year when I am President, please get in touch with the inimitable Roger Spensley, who is my diary at region5@41club.org

The Forward planning element of the Vice-Presidential role is progressing well and following the Session in Cobham, where the Council suggestions were collated; the board have met, allocated the ideas to various committees and they will come to Nottingham having reviewed them and provided recommendations. The challenge is to make 41 Club the Club of choice and after we have processed the 97 items that was suggested, we will need to stop, ask ourselves whether we have been successful and if not, we need to ascertain what else we have to do.

Wellbeing is high on my list of priorities with many of our members reluctant to meet face to face. Absolutely everybody needs to be included, especially those who may now be housebound due to a new illness, lack of confidence or they are not yet ready to risk attending meetings. Sometimes it is the simple things that can make the difference, like picking up the phone, making a home visit or just considering a Zoom link for them so that they can keep in touch.

BBQ's have featured high on my list of activities this summer as they are a great way to meet in the open air over a beer or two. I have hosted my PLC, Fiona Bull's PLC and Kevin Chard, the 41 Wine Club presenter, who broadcast live from my James Bond themed bar, "Moneypenny's." Both Roger Spensley (National Councillor for Region 5) and John Kilshaw (Regional Councillor for Region 8) decided they needed to support him and despite his protestations, the evening was a huge success as we learned which wines went best with BBQ's.

Lots of great things are coming up in the diary with the Big Weekend leading the way and with tickets flying off the shelf, I am sure Peter Good and his team will put on a fabulous party for us either side of the business side of 41 Club when we hold an SGM. I hope to meet many old and new friends over the course of that first weekend in October.

Connects has made a welcome return with Cliff Crown the Brentford Football Club Chairman kindly agreeing to us interviewing him a couple of days before the Premier League season started with them being the latest team to appear in the top tier. A programme of great events is being compiled, so get on to the www.41clubconnects.co.uk website for further details.

Looking forward to Continued Friendship, Continued Progress and Continued Tabling.

Jim



INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

ANDY VENTRESS , NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

DATES OF INTEREST

10-12 September 2021 - Cyprus AGM

More details at www.roundtable.org.cy

8-12 October 2021 - Belgium

More details at www.41agm.be

22-24 October 2021 - Switzerland AGM

More details at www.club41suisse.ch

5-7 November 2021- Malta AGM

26 - 29 May 2022 - 41 International AGM - Bergen, Norway

More details available at www.agm2022.com

Registrations will open Mid October 2021

Pretour 24-26 May 2022.



8 - 11 September 2022 - International HYM - Odense, Denmark

More details to follow soon.

International AGM 2023

The International AGM of 2023 will be held by GB&I as "There is only one" Barry Durman will be becoming International President. The committee organising this event had a planning meeting last week in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Andy



THE PRESIDENT GOES NORTH OF THE BORDER

KEVIN STEWART - REGION2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

With lock down being eased in Scotland and clubs beginning to meet up again, Nat Pres Peter was able to spend a few days in Scotland in August, presenting the prizes at the Region 1 & 2 golf day and meeting with clubs along the way,

Kevin Stewart Region 2 Councillor has the full story.

After driving across from Edinburgh where Peter had stayed the night, he arrived at my house around 2pm, meaning we had a few hours to spare before getting the train to meet up with Edinburgh and Dunfermline clubs in the evening. Scotland has its iconic tourist sites and I am lucky to live within 10 mins drive of 2 of them, so there was no way these could not shown off to Nat Pres

First on the agenda was a trip to the Kelpies, the largest free standing equine sculptures in the world which at 30m high each are a monument to Scotland's horse powered industrial heritage celebrating the horses that pulled the barges along the Forth and Clyde and Union canals and the legend of the 'The Kelpies'. In Scottish folklore Kelpies are malevolent spirits that haunt lochs and rivers usually in the shape of a horse.

After a short and pleasant walk from the car, with the sun out and light breeze, the Kelpies were revealed in all their glory with Nat Pres being suitably impressed.

The next stop was to the Falkirk Wheel, the world's only freestanding rotating boat lift built in 2000 as part of the millennium celebrations. The Falkirk wheel lifts boats up from the Forth & Clyde canal, which runs East to West connecting the Forth and Clyde to the Union Canal which connects Edinburgh. In the past this journey would have involved rising up 20 locks and taken at least a full day to navigate. With the building of the wheel, canal boats can once again make this transit albeit it takes only 5 min for the lift to operate. The amazing fact about the Falkirk wheel is that it operates on gravity alone, by 2 counter balancing water carrying pontoons. The tourist season was in full swing so Peter was able to see the lift in action and commented that past national president Dave Campbell would be in his element here.

Later on in the evening we met up with newly appointed Region 1 National Councillor, Colin McKenzie and took the train into Edinburgh where we met 41ers from Edinburgh Capital and the newly formed Dunfermline club for a meal. Of course you can't have the national president visit you without entertaining him so after the meal we had a beer tasting session of Scottish beers in the company of a very knowledgeable guide in his own shop. The beers ranged from all across Scotland and all various strengths, and needless to say all enjoyed to the max by the 41ers. On the train home Peter was made to sample a 20% cocktail which had us all in fits of laughter at his expression when he drank it.

The next day dawned drab and dreich and did not look inspiring as we drove up to the Region 1 and 2 golf day at Crieff. There was an excellent representation of clubs from both regions with 7 clubs in attendance - Ellon, Turriff, Blairgowrie, Linlithgow, Troon, North Berwick and Dunfermline.

After catching up with the teams and coffee and bacon rolls to keep us going the first of the golfers set off to play a wet and damp course with most of the golfers in full waterproofs. Once seeing all the golfers off at the first, it was decided a trip to the local Glen Turret distillery would pass the time. Glen Turret lays claim to being Scotland's oldest distillery and also one of the smallest distilleries with a very small production run. However after a tour of the distillery and sampling, it was evident that size is not everything as the whisky was very smooth to go down as Glen Turret is one of the southern most Highland distilleries. Following on from a phone call from whisky loving

Region 24 Nat Councillor Peter Macbride asking for a bottle to be purchased, Nat Pres had a great laugh in trying to decide just how much to spend on a bottle given that some of the bottles on sale went up to £1000 !!!!

After coming back out of the distillery, in the sun had broken through the clouds, we returned to the golf course to see the golfers going through the 8th and 10th and giving them chocolate to keep them going.

We then returned to the clubhouse and had an excellent meal in company of all the teams. Everyone loved the course but did comment on the fact that the greens were very tricky. After a few words from myself thanking everyone Nat Pres said a few words and presented the prizes and thanked everyone for raising £130 in the presidential raffle.

The winning team came from Linlithgow 41 club so they should be back next year on August 18th at Crieff to defend their trophy.



In the evening we then caught with some of the Dunfermline 41ers who had not been out the night before or played golf.

Friday dawned a glorious sunny day, and with not meeting up with Larbert & Falkirk 41 club till the evening, a trip to Glencoe was in order to see some spectacular scenery. The roads up to Glencoe were very busy and several times we were amazed at the recklessness of some drivers.

However on reaching the car parking spot at Glencoe the views were worth it, however Peter was not persuaded to take up munro bagging !!! A spot of lunch at Killin and then driving home via Loch Tay and Crieff sealed a memorable drive.

In the evening we met up with 41 ers from Larbert & Falkirk and went on a magical mystery tour to visit an independent cider brewery on a farm east of Dundee. On the way we were kept busy by answering questions on cider and the para Olympics, though no winner was declared.

At the farm we were introduced to 'Lost Orchard Ciders' the name deriving from the fact that the local area in 18th and 19th centuries had established orchards which over time were left to die and then used for farmland.

The scale of the operation was certainly impressive, on the farm there were 3 acres of the Swedish 'Katy' variety of apple and the farm had local growers supplying as well with the 'Katy' variety of apple being best suited to the Scottish climate. We were then shown the largest cider press in Scotland and the how the cider was made. We then partook of a few samples of the varieties of cider produced along with a few burgers to help it go down.

The journey back was then enhanced by some rowdy singing of local folk songs, with the bus then dropping us back just before midnight.

All in all it was a very successful visit for the National President and we are all looking forward to having Peter back on November 27th for a joint charter night with 4 new clubs.

Yours in Continued Friendship

Kevin

Kevin Stewart
National Councillor - Region 2



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Past National President Frank Bull BEM, Whitby 41 Club & Party Tyne 41 Club, Honorary Life Member

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Frank Bull BEM, who died peacefully on 15th August 2021. Apart from his infancy and military service, all his life was spent in Whitby until 2012 when he moved to Alnwick to be cared for by his daughter, Ruth.

In WW2, a member of the Royal Corps of Signals, he trained at Bletchley Park before serving with the Special Operations Executive in the Mediterranean and Middle East. He survived both being shot down; and being blown up by a mine in Italy. When peace came to Europe he went to Delhi to be in charge of the Pay Department for troops and civilians.

Back in Whitby he worked for GA Suffield, a firm he eventually took over. His vibrant personality and flair made him a well known and popular auctioneer.

He was a very active and life long member of the Royal British Legion. Together with his wife Joy, he was instrumental in organizing the Poppy Appeal, for which he was awarded the Gold Legion Badge. In 1955 he was a founder member of Whitby Round Table before enjoying numerous roles in 41 Club both locally and nationally, serving as National President in 1987/88. He was Life Honorary Member of Whitby 41 Club and a National Life Honorary Member.

He and Joy were active members of the Methodist Church, running Youth Clubs in the 1970s and 80s. In 2008 He became an Honorary Citizen of Whitby and was awarded the BEM in 2017 in recognition of his tireless contribution to everything with which he became involved. Frank was an effervescent character who had a wonderful enthusiasm for life and epitomised the maxim that if you wanted something done, ask a busy man.



*Frank at his investiture with
the Duchess of Northumberland*

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of the following members.
We send our condolences to their families, friends and clubs.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Colin Richardson
Brian Moore
Mike Walker
Michael Lycett
Rodney Allen
Clive Banbury
Jeffrey Newton
John Bowling
Tony Hopwood

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