



KEEP SAFE

Whether you are in, or coming out of, lock-down do check the latest guidance where you live or work and keep safe.

As we said last month, 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.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget the Special General Meeting called for Wednesday 16th December at 7:30pm to approve the annual report and budget as submitted for the cancelled Cardiff Conference. Details of how to join virtually have been sent out to all Club Chairmen and Club Contacts – if you haven't received it please contact Secretary@41Club.org

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MORE DETAILS OF 41 CLUB MEMBERS BENEFITS

See pages 5 & 6.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR 41 CLUB GIN

REMEMBER, REMEMBER....

1. You can find an excellent guide to running a Zoom Meeting at <http://tinyurl.com/41clubliionszoom>
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

Getting busy again on Zoom meeting clubs which are working very well. I have a lot of clubs say "we only have about 12 meetings in normal circumstances but on Zoom we have full turn outs because the older members don't have to venture out on a cold dark night. They can have a chat with friends in the comfort of their home." This could carry on after all the COVID restrictions in between other face to face meetings to keep them included.

The Connects Nights will be starting again very soon, and we now have a committee dealing with these, made up of 3 board members and 3 councillors to take some pressure off Mark House and Marcus Jones who did it all up to now. They are still doing a lot now. As they say "You can't put a willing horse down."

We have some well-known celebrity speakers coming along, one every month, with other active fun meetings in between. There is a great programme set out for the next 6 months. It has become apparent to me from remarks on social media, that past-Tablers are not wanting to join us because they think we don't do anything in the community. This is not true as you all know when I took over as President, I said I wanted us to get into the community more to raise our profile. Round Table say "DO MORE" we say "MORE TO DO".

A lot of us have been involved in support work for COVID-19 groups. I must say I am very lucky as Ashby 41 is very active and we work closely with our Table, helping each other. Even their youngest member likes to visit us.

But it has not always been like that. We helped Table build back up from 3 to 18 again, and we changed 41 from a dining club to a fun, active club. Now we get them all moving straight from Table to us, first as dual members.

Guys you just have to be prepared to change with the times a bit, be inventive, and try to come up with some good ideas to help your community and have fun at the same time. We are getting more active clubs starting up and Glen is working hard to establish more.

I get people saying how sorry they feel for me, being President in these awful times. I feel I am 41 President in the very best of times. I have a fantastic team in the Board and Councillors working together to make this Association something to be even more proud to be a member of. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and Councillors for all the work they are doing behind the scenes. We really have the best team we have had in years, and we are all having lots of fun which is why we all joined in the first place.

Also, thank you to all my walking friends. Some of you have already done 1,000 miles so well done, and a lot of us are nearly there. Now, I am climbing 41 peaks with my own club, picking up litter on the way. A great way to keep sane and meet up in small groups, in the outdoors, and clean up the countryside.

Please keep a watchful eye on fellow members that might be in need of help or just a friendly chat.

Stay safe and take care All

YICF

Peter



DEMENTIA UK CHARITY WALK UPDATE

As you are hopefully aware, Tom Atkins, the National Councillor Liaison Officer, set himself a challenge. "I CAN WALK 500 MILES, AND I CAN WALK 500 MORE" to raise £2,000 for the National President's Charity, Dementia UK

IF YOU WANT TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR PETER'S CHARITY

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

If you are sponsoring a particular individual please put their name

followed by Walk in the message e.g. TomWalk.

41 CLUB REMEMBERS

So much has been affected by Covid-19 this year, especially the things that are enshrined in our DNA as an organisation daily, weekly, monthly.

Nothing has escaped the virus this year, many have lost friends and family members to this silent killer, many have fallen ill, young and old, men, women and children.

However, our resolve to carry on, but in a different way, is what defines our organisation, like many I have found solace in the fellowship, even though online it's been an anchor to so many great days of laughter and smiles.

That is why I wanted to ensure 41Club made its gesture on behalf of the membership past and present, prior to the lockdown, by attending the National Arboretum near Lichfield in Remembrance.

It was a very wet and windy day, a typical autumn day. I was lifted in my spirits that I was actually able to attend privately and lay a wreath on behalf of our members, I believed it was important to all that we did something. I managed to have a few quite moments of thought for everyone around the country at this time and for those who have, and still do today, protect the way we live, our armed forces.

This year my thoughts also included the courageous work of the NHS, Emergency Services and those who care for others, for those not able to visit their mums and dads who are maybe in a home, the truly courageous amongst us.

This year I used those my thoughts to consider what we have all been through and from that drew the determination that our fellowship and community work will get stronger, we will not leave anyone behind or forget them.

I know many clubs under the strictest of guidance from local councils managed to give respects and many this year would have stood on their doorstep in remembrance – thank you.

It was an honour to attend the National Arboretum on behalf of the members this year, even if it was a very different way. I was so glad we chose to do it before lockdown was announced.

My determination is that as we come out of this year together, we leave no one behind, we come together once again and become that force of nature in our communities and we strengthen our fellowship with each other.

That is the greatest way we can remember those who have fallen.

Yours in Remembrance

Peter



TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS GIN

Inspired by the National Association of Ex-Tablers' 75-year heritage, this very special limited edition 41 Club Gin is alive with Silver Birch, Dandelion, Burdock and Elderberry.

The Burreigh's Gin recipe is inspired by members of the club whose name is displayed proudly on its label. Incredibly vibrant and refreshing (like our members), 41 Club Gin is perfect for a classic Gin & Tonic. Pour over ice and garnish with a seasonal fruit or spice of your choice and enjoy in the company of members of the four-club family for an unforgettable experience.

Visit www.41Club75.org to place your order. In the next few days we shall be selling the following specially created 41 Club glasses for you to enjoy your Gin with: *The 41 Club Copa de Balon*.

Enjoy the ultimate TuilaGin & Tonic with the oversized Copa de Balon. This glass is a must have for any gin lover!

Glass holds 790ml (27¾ oz)
Height 230mm
Diameter 120mm
Weight 370 grams

Price £12.50 each (plus postage)



FOND MEMORIES OF NOBBY STILES

– FORMER MANCHESTER UNITES, PRESTON NORTH END AND ENGLAND FOOTBALLER/ MANAGER –
BY AMANDA HASSELL

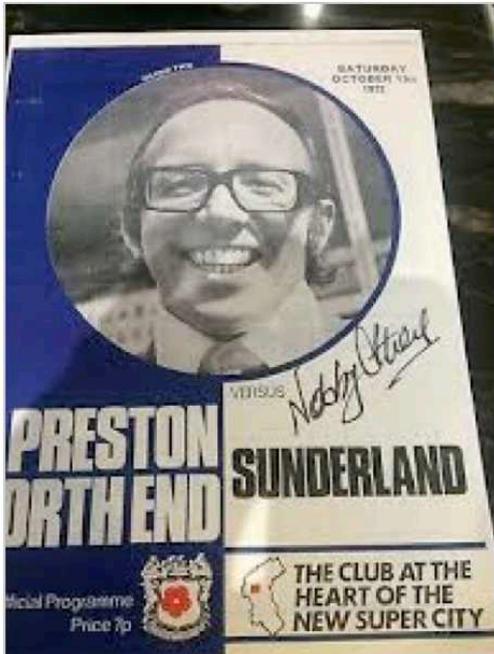


My father, Chris Hassell was a Sports Administrator for many years and was working in football whilst I was growing up. He and my mum were lucky enough to have tickets for the 1966 World Cup at Wembley – a day they will always remember. Dad recently reminded me of an incident he remembers fondly involving Nobby Stiles who recently passed away.

Chris says “I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Nobby during my time as Secretary of Preston North End FC. Nobby was the Head Coach, with Harry Catterick as Manager, Tom Finney as President and Mark Lawrenson as a young player – this was 1975-78 and I have very fond memories of my time at Deepdale. When I moved on (as Secretary of Lancashire CCC), Nobby organised the players to carry me into the dressing room where I was unceremoniously dumped into the bath fully clothed – only 4 ft deep though – as a fond farewell. I obviously needed a tracksuit to go home in following my dousing and Nobby lent me his – being of similar stature.

Nobby was signed for North End along with David Sadler and Francis Burns from Man Utd by Bobby Charlton who was manager at that time. He played for two seasons and then took over as first team coach and later as Manager.

A memory I thought I might share with you of a **great character** who will be long remembered.”



I thought this might be of interest. I was in Maghull RT and Nobby was a speaker for us way back before after dinner speakers became the theme.

Hinges,

Chris Hassell

Rainford 41 Club

BLAST FROM THE PAST BY RUSS DUMBILL CHAIRMAN 1983-84 ELLESMERE PORT ROUND TABLE 490

Of all the campsites in all the world...In early July 1982 after two days on the road we'd finally arrived in St Maxime on the south coast of France for a family holiday under canvas. Having selected a suitable pitch, I began the process of untangling guy ropes & tentpoles when I became aware of a fellow camper striding purposefully towards me.

"Michael Peckover, B'arlick Round Table!" he announced in a broad Yorkshire accent. "Which Table are you in?" he added, pointing to my RTBI car sticker. "Ellesmere Port 490" I replied, And there, thanks to one small circle of plastic on my car windscreen, 'midst the Mediterranean pines some 1100 miles from home, two strangers shook hands and a new friendship was instantly fostered.

By a strange twist of fate, I had recently been elected vice chairman of Ellesmere Port Round Table and Michael inducted as the current chairman of Barnoldswick & Earby Round Table (BERT). We compared notes and at the end of the holiday he invited us to pay them a family visit during which I would be a guest at their main Round Table fund raising event, 'A Gentlemen's Sporting Evening'.

What a splendid weekend it turned out to be, one in which I got to meet most of his fellow members and enjoy excellent hospitality in the outstanding natural beauty of the Yorkshire Dales. As a consequence, I came away with the seeds of an idea that would lead to Ellesmere Port's largest single fund raising event of the 20th century, after learning that this one-off event had raised in excess of £2000.00 for local charity.

I mooted the idea of staging such an event at the next meeting of EPRT. Some members were enthusiastic, some sceptical, but after healthy and lengthy discussion, the idea was agreed in principle for me to form a sub-committee and report back with a formal proposition at our next Table meeting. Little did I realise then just what was in store in terms of time, effort, and the ultimate rewards, but as the saying goes: 'No Pain, No Gain,'

A 'Gentlemens Sporting Evening' is centred around a formal dinner followed by several bouts of amateur boxing. Breaking new ground is always a great challenge, and this would prove no exception. Firstly, contact was made with the local Golden Star Boxing Club who enthusiastically agreed to participate. That taken care of, the next step was to agree a format, assess the numbers who might attend, and find a suitable venue able to accommodate the occasion.

The sub-committee comprised of myself, Steve Merryweather, (social and dinner secretary), Alan Wood and Ken Jones, (joint community service conveners). We shortlisted three venues, The Civic Hall, The Ellesmere Port Indoor Centre and The Woodhey Hotel, where we hosted well attended Charter dinners, but quickly dismissed the latter due to restricted space, for although it had a large dance floor, an amateur boxing ring alone measures some 20ft square plus a further 6ft space separating the ringside tables. Whilst the Civic Hall was large enough, and by far the plusher, after much deliberation we decided, after site visits, the newly extended Ellesmere Port Indoor Centre (EPIC) met all of our criteria. Furthermore, they agreed for us to set up and run our own bar, courtesy of Eamon Connolly, Travellers Rest licensee, who had kindly volunteered to donate the net bar profits to our cause.

Warrington Brewers, Tetley Walker agreed to sponsor a glossy presentation programme and further donated an 18-gallon barrel of beer to sell on the night. Rotarian Malcolm Crossland, editor of the Ellesmere Port Pioneer not only sponsored a table for twelve but provided endless free publicity for the show. Numerous local companies provided additional sponsorship by way of business card size advertisements in our Programme. Tables of ten to twelve were offered to local businesses at a cost of £120 and by the time we presented our plans to the next Table meeting, we had already received a terrific response and several advance payments.

Meetings were set up with a number of outside catering companies prior to appointing John Williamson of Chester who offered an excellent, budget friendly package with four or five course formal dinner options, Childwall Table and Chair hire, Athena Catering Hire of Middlewich (tableware and glassware) and Chester Laundry Services (Linen tablecloths and napkins). Next, we approached Mrs Butler's eldest son, Billy to be Master of Ceremonies, comedian Vince Earl for mid-session light entertainment and International footballers Brian Hamilton and David Johnson along with Olympic boxer George Gilbody to present trophies to the participating young boxers, all in the presence of Lee Stallman (Chairman of RTBI Area 36), the Mayor of Ellesmere Port and Presidents of both the Ellesmere Port Rotary and Ellesmere Lions.



The event was a huge success. From the start, all ran like clockwork, with one minor glitch occurring at around 9pm when Eamon advised we had underestimated demand for beer and were close to drinking the bar dry. Fortunately, the company van was outside, and I was sober enough to make a quick trip Little Sutton and pick up a few more barrels.

Then finally, just after midnight it was all over and after some eight months of planning, plodding and pleading, all that was left was to clean up the hall and begin counting the proceeds. In cases like this it's hard to single out one individual for praise, but I think without Steve Merryweather the task would certainly been more of a challenge. Back then, we had no mobile phones or laptops, but Steve's employers, Hewlett Packard kindly loaned us a state-of-the-art 3000 Series computer with inkjet printer.

At the end one particularly stressful day, the pair of us began feeding information into the machine well into the early hours of the morning which was strangely therapeutic, particularly once the printer finally spewing out a beautifully detailed and scaled multicolour seating plan.

Lady Luck is undoubtedly the side partner to success, however, as Clint Eastwood once commented, "You only get out of life what you put in" - Great events do not just happen they are made to happen through a mixture of planning, hard work, team spirit and luck. And so it was in 1984 when all those ingredients were put to the mix, Ellesmere Port Round Table had proudly presented an evening of fine food, fun and fellowship with a flavour of sporting & humorous entertainment for more than 400 like-minded men and in so doing, raised a staggering £4500 in aid of The Special Care Baby Unit at The Countess of Chester Hospital.



Michael Peckover, B'arlick RT!



Hinges!

Russ Dumbill

Special Thanks to Richie Minchin for submitting the article.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

This year has been extremely challenging for everyone around the world with the sad loss of loved ones and friends and unfortunate job losses as a result of the economy. Our Association has faced lesser challenges in comparison and as the National Fellowship Officer we have seen all National 41 Club events including our AGM being postponed for 12 months but on the positive side have seen the creation of 41 club connects bringing virtual events and speakers to every member's house. I am extremely indebted to all the organisers of our events who give up their time to ensure all attendees virtual or otherwise have a great time of fun and fellowship and I feel for those whose events had to be cancelled this year after spending months of meticulous planning.

I'm sure we all look forward to being able to return to some form of normal whatever that may be and socialise with our fellow 41ers. Whilst all our events have been held over for a year, we have taken the time as a fellowship committee, National Councillors Wynn Parry, Peter Milburn and Mark House to produce a hard copy members handbook highlighting useful information that we believe will be beneficial to every 41 Club member including details of all our member benefit discount schemes. The handbook is currently being finalised and will be circulated to every member via post shortly.

In advance of the handbook being issued I thought it would be helpful to highlight all our discount schemes in advance to help "your money go further" and if you ever wonder what do I get from being a member? start using some of our discounts and you will easily save the £14.50 cost of capitation and more.

A summary of the benefits are:

- Fred Olsen Cruises – 5% for first time cruisers to Fred Olsen and up to 10% for existing customers;
- Hilton hotel group – discounts dependent upon supply and demand;
- Best Western hotels – 8% discount;
- Potters resort, Hopton on sea – 10% discount off 2/3night weekend breaks;
- NovelTunity e-books – 30% discount;
- Needham travel insurance – 10% discount on travel insurance;
- Heritage multi car insurance – 15% discount;
- Hashtag Travel group – up to 10% discount;
- MBC Leasing – various discounts including cashback;
- Cotswold Outdoor - 15% discount;
- Snow + Rock - 15% discount;
- Runnersneed - 15% discount;
- Cycle Surgery – 15% discount;
- Patchwork Pate - 25% discount;
- Hyundai cars – various discounts;
- All Club Together Utility Warehouse – various discounts on utility bills
- Wider Wallet – various discounts please see separate flyer overleaf.

All details of the above schemes including how to access them and the codes can be found on the 41 Club website, alternatively please contact me directly. As a fellowship team we are working tirelessly to secure more benefits and if anyone has any contacts with companies who they know would be willing to offer discounts to 41 Club members please drop me a line at fellowship@41club.org.

NEW BENEFITS UPDATE

I am pleased to announce 3 new benefits for our members.

We have teamed up with (1) MBC Leasing; (2) N.E. Stoves, and; (3) Lu Ban Kitchens, which offers nationwide food distribution.



MBC Leasing – Partnering with 41 Club to offer competitive prices for all your new car and van needs. MBC are able to offer competitive rates for both Personal and Business leasing on all brands of new vehicles. They tailor each quotation to meet your requirements, all cars are brand new, include Road Fund Licence for the duration of the contract, and are delivered to your door. If required, you can also bolt on a full servicing and tyre package to avoid any unwanted bills. If leasing isn't for you, MBC are also able to source some brands of new and pre-registered vehicles for outright purchase as very competitive prices. To access the benefit members can either visit the website for current offers at www.mbcleasing.co.uk or contact Matt (the owner) by email matt@mbcleasing.co.uk or telephone 07766 61405. Matt's phone is always on and you can contact him any time, in fact evenings and weekends are best for him too.

MBC Leasing offer all 41 Club and Tangent, members £150 cashback on every vehicle delivered, whether it's for you or your business.

Please quote "41 CLUB" when contacting MBC so they can ensure that they provide the most competitive quotation. If you receive a better quotation MBC would like to know as they strive not to be beaten. MBC Leasing is a small family business run by a current 41 club member, Ex-Table Chairman and Area 4 Chairman



NE Stoves are a family run HETAS registered business specialising in wood burning, multifuel, pellet and gas stoves as well as mantels and finishing touches to complement your stove. Stocking major brands such as Henley Stoves, OER and Flavel their installation is all completed by in-house engineers with full service, safety and support backup. For more details call 01287 651417 or visit www.northeaststoves.com



Lu Ban Kitchen, in Liverpool's Brewery Quarter, offers delicious, authentic restaurant quality Chinese Food delivered right to your door - nationally. Their dishes include Roast Duck, Pork Belly, Kung Pao Chicken and a range of excellent dim sum. 41 Club Members can advantage of 10% off of their entire order and can order as many times as they like. Visit www.lubankitchen.co.uk and use CODE: **41ClubMembers** to get delicious meals to your door.

Lu Ban Kitchen also does virtual events - from cook-a-longs to cocktail making to custom events of your choosing. Contact hello@lubankitchen.co.uk and see how Lu Ban Kitchen could put on an event just for you or your club. Mark House, National Webmaster & National Councillor Region 18 is the proprietor.

THE DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENTS

ARE AS FOLLOWS:

15th to 18th April: National AGM and Conference, Aviemore

18th to 20th June: Classic car rally, Kent

2nd to 4th July: National Motorcycle Rally, Kings Lynn

8th to 11th July: 75th Anniversary celebrations, Nottingham

11th to 20th August: 41 Club and Tangent cruise, Iceland

10th to 12th September: National Caravan and Camping weekend, Oxford

Stay Safe

YICF

Steve

Steve James, National Fellowship Officer

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

(EXTRA POINT FOR SPOTTING THE COMMON THEME IN THE ANSWERS, ANSWERS ARE PAGE 14)

- 1) Who was the Original Magnum P.I.?
- 2) Who developed the theory of relativity?
- 3) Who was the Russian leader during World War II?
- 4) Who is the 41 Club Regional Councillor for North Wales, infamous for wearing a kilt?
- 5) The lead actor in the film "Gone with the Wind"?
- 6) Who famously said "Lies, damned lies, and statistics"?
- 7) Who was the lead singer in the group "The Commodores"?
- 8) Who is the actor who famously invented the character Borat?
- 9) Who was the surrealist Spanish artist who died in 1989?
- 10) Who was the leader of the Mexican peasant revolution?
- 11) Which actor played Smokey in the "Smokey and the bandit" films?
- 12) Who is the Warner Bros. cartoon character named after a U.S. National Park?
- 13) Who is the silent film actor who was born in London in 1889?
- 14) Who coached the Chicago Bears to their only NFL Super Bowl win?
- 15) Who said "I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception"?

COMMS & I.T. & FELLOWSHIP

DON MULLANE - NATIONAL COMMS & I.T. OFFICER



41 Club(s): London Old Tablers' Society ("LOTS"); and World RT13
 Previous Table(s): City of London 13, Beckenham 103 & Chester 76
 Region: 25 – South East
 Family: I am a widower, my wife Gaynor (who was 18 and I was 20 when we met) was diagnosed with Breast Cancer when she was 50, in March 2017, and died less than a year later in 2018. We have 3 children, Caitlin (in her 3rd year at Essex University), Grace (school - Upper 6th), and Jack (school – Year 10).
 I now have a partner named Margaret who is divorced, is a secondary school English teacher, and has 2 children of her own at secondary school.
 Job/Occupation: I am a Credit Analyst in an international bank (S.Korean) in the City of London – typically approving loans of \$20m. *(might have been better to keep that quiet !!! – Ed)*
 Favourite: -
 Sports: Arsenal for soccer, and Ireland for rugby.
 Place/Holiday: Walt Disney World
 Food: Chateaubriand or N.Y. Strip Steaks
 Drink: Champagne, Guinness, Whisky & Martinis (hic)
 Pastimes: In addition to Table & 41 I am a Scout Leader.
 I also like dining out / theatre / films / travel / cruises / and flying.
 Film: Gone with the Wind (followed by The Godfather) *(hence "The Don" naturally – Ed)*
 Actor: Tom Cruise
 Book: Pride and Prejudice
 Music/Artist: Pop & Rock / Ed Sheeran (especially his tracks "Thinking Out Loud" and "Perfect" which have particular significance for me)
 Album: The soundtrack of the musical Les Misérables
 Car(s): I have a (hand-built!) V6 VW Phaeton (everyday use); a Chrysler Grand Voyager (for the family); and a 2-seater Mitsuoaka Roadster (for fun)

STEVE JAMES – NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER



41 Club(s): Initially Pontypridd then became member of Llantwit Major 41 Club and also founding Chair of Cambria 41 Club
 Previous Table(s): Pontypridd 972 which later became Pontypridd and Rhondda 972
 Region: 13 – South Wales
 Family: Karen for 25 years who is a member of Barry and Vale Tangent. Alexander, 23 who after graduating works for a firm of solicitors and Emily, 20 a final year OT student at University of Liverpool
 Job/Occupation: National Workforce Lead, NHS Wales 111, and Urgent Primary Care Programme – only the NHS can give long titles when 3 words would be sufficient *(not if we still don't know what you do – NHS bean counter? – Ed)*
 Favourite: -
 Sports: Rugby (former club coach and referee)
 Place/Holiday: It's a toss-up between US Virgin Islands or Mauritius for the place and definitely cruising as a holiday.
 Food: Pembrokeshire prawns (caught by myself) and fresh brown crab
 Drink: Real ale (Speckled Hen, Fursty ferret, Tribute or Double Dragon) and JD and coke
 Pastimes: Walking, Sailing, gardening and watching Wales attempt to play rugby
 Film: Zulu
 Actor: John Wayne
 Book: Sadly, there's not much time nowadays for me to be able to sit down and read a good book.
 Music/Band: Clannad and Moya Brennan
 Album: Under a Blood Red Sky - U2
 Car: Mercedes E class estate

DON'T BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS



I know how this year has affected so many; and as we move into what would be a traditional festive time, we are all aware it will not be the same this year. My PLC are organising a *Christmas Day Get Together* online at 4pm for an hour or so, after the Queens Speech. I cannot promise I will be stone sober, but I can promise all are welcome especially those who are on their own. This year has been difficult enough not being able to meet up in our normal surroundings, so for me it's even more important that, on Christmas Day, those who might not see families or friends, or even need a little cheer 41 Club style, can pop online and raise a toast, tell a story or two and be merry.

Further details will be sent out to the members via email.

Peter & Leslie Good

41 CLUB ONLINE MEMBERS FORUM AND FACEBOOK GROUPS

At a time when our Clubs are unable to meet face to face due to covid-19 restrictions it's important to find other ways to stay in touch. 41 Club Nationally recognised this at the start of the March lockdown and have used every medium possible to help our members stay engaged and have provided support, encouragement and opportunities to network.

Whilst we accept that not all our members use social media, for those that do, have a look out for your own regional Facebook group. Each region has one. Simply search for 41 club and your region number e.g. "41 club region 10". Here you will find news and events on what is happening both regionally and Nationally. It is also a fantastic way for your club to promote its own events and meetings to other clubs in your region.

I do love a good online community. They're a great way of communicating with like-minded people in a similar space to you and feeling connected in this big wide world. I spend quite a bit of time in these communities, and whilst some I can go days without checking in with, others I (almost obsessively) log in to every day at least once. One of these is the 41 club members forum on facebook which now has 1,500 members. I've made some great connections there and had some interesting discussions. It's a great place to ask questions and get new ideas for club meetings.

In addition to all this as a member you will of course continue to receive the magazine and monthly newsletter and of course more information can be found on the 41 Club website www.41club.org

YICF

Kevin

**Kevin Chard,
National Councillor Region 21**

41 CLUB BUDDIES

You should have received a letter from the National President, Peter Good, on 1st November, sent to all members by email on the eve of England's second national lockdown, in which Peter warned that whilst a summer lockdown was bad for people, this winter lockdown could well be ten times worse than the previous one due to the cold dark nights and limited social contact, and urging members to please keep a lookout for their family, friends and fellow 41 Club members who could be struggling.

Peter wrote that he wanted members to know that 41 Club is a place for them to go to, if they needed a friend to talk to. Peter set out his objective to set up a group of regionally based volunteers, whom members could keep in touch with by phone or Zoom, aided by a help page on the web site; and asked for volunteers to do this. We are pleased to advise that 20 members responded to Peter's call and a network of volunteers has been created as follows. The volunteers have been assigned to cover several Regions each, under the chairmanship of Peter McBride, National Councillor for Region 24. This service by Members for Members will be rolled out in the very near future once the volunteers have received the requisite training. In the meantime, if you would like to join the panel of Buddies it isn't too late – just sign up on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/41ClubVolunteer> or use the camera on your mobile phone on the QR code below.

Signed up already are: Lawrence Bamber, Jim Conway, Terry Garner, Rod Hamilton-King, Simon Haydock, Chris Highnam, Kevin Hull, Peter McBride, John Mosedale, Don Mullane, Bob Oxley, Wynn Parry, David Phelps, Sylvain Pons, Mark Powell, Merv Sheldon, Patrick Stewart, Gerald Swift, Richard Ty and Jerry Wilson . Come register and join them!



A DYNAMIC DUO - THE LAST 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

These are the profiles of the remaining National councillors. (Some may say keeping the best 'til last, LOL, Ed)

WYNN PARRY: REGION 6 – “GOD’S OWN” YORKSHIRE



41 Club: Shipley
Previous Table(s): Baildon 1151
Family: Married to Heather (Tangent Nat. Sec.) with one son, Gareth, aged 27
Job/Occupation: I took early retirement in 2017 (*early? Seriously???* – Comms) – I was a Solution Architect (posh name for a Business analyst) for Siemens, previously I was a freelance I.T. Consultant. I specialised in Smart Metering and Utility Billing

Favourite: -
Sports: Rugby, both Codes, supporting Wales. Football, Golf & Snooker
Place/Holiday: British & Irish Lions Tour to New Zealand. Hawaii & Canadian Rockies
Foods: Chateaubriand, Roast Leg of Lamb, Curry
Drinks: Single Malt, Red Wine, Real Ale or Craft Beers
Pastimes: Golf, Gardening and growing veg on my allotment, Travel
Films: Chariots of Fire, The Shawshank Redemption
Actors: Tom Hanks, Morgan Freeman
Book: Ice Station Zebra – Alistair MacLean, probably the first book I read
Music/Bands: Fleetwood Mac, E.L.O., The Eagles
Albums: Out of the Blue – E.L.O., Hotel California – The Eagles
Car: I would like an Aston Martin

MARK HOUSE: REGION 18 – ESSEX & N.E. LONDON, & THE HONORARY WEBMASTER



41 Club(S): Southend on Sea and Leigh on Sea
Previous Table(s): Southend on Sea, Leigh on Sea and E-Club
Family: Married to Vikki with 2 children Joseph & Katy
Job/Occupation: I'm a Digital, Marketing & Communications person, so have multiple roles supporting those areas, including: Marketing and Digital Director at Lu Ban Restaurant; Marketing and Digital Director at the International Academy of Chinese Culinary Arts; Managing Director of Lu Ban Kitchen - a company that offers food to your home; Managing Director of All Things Scene - a Marketing and Digital Agency that offers digital marketing, web development and services to companies around the UK (*this is why there is an unemployment problem – he has >6 jobs – Ed*)

Favourite: -
Sports: For watching, probably football and I have a West Ham season ticket for my sins. (someone has to – Ed) I do enjoy a bit of F1 too though. For playing I used to play football and squash but breaks and snaps put paid to those!
Place/Holiday: Anywhere sunny with friends
Food: Asian, especially Chinese (of course!)
Drink: Earl Grey Tea
Pastimes: Travelling and seeing new places, reading, listening to great music, and spending time with the kids
Film: The Matrix and John Wick are pretty awesome
Actor: James Bond! I know it's many actors, but what a series of actors and actresses
Book: I read a lot and love The Brentford Trilogy by Robert Rankin as it's hilarious. If I were to pick up a book right now though, I'd read Brave New World all over again.
Music/Band: New Order – the sounds of my adolescence
Album: Right now, Simulation Theory by Muse
Car: If I won the lottery, I reckon I'd get a McLaren, but I'd also love a Motorhome!

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CLUBS NEWS

ASHBY 41 CLUB REMEMBERS THE FALLEN



Due to the rule of six restrictions the annual Remembrance Service and Parade was cancelled in our Town like many across the country.

So on a recent sunny morning our Chairman Andy Moss laid a wreath on behalf of Ashby 41 Club at our Town Memorial accompanied by four other members of our Club including our National President Peter Good.

After Andy had laid the wreath we lined up at a social distance to pay our respects for a moment before retiring to a local pub for a pint while we can.

The Royal British Legion and Town Council asked organisations in the town to lay their wreaths individually which will be collected and hung on a rack in the Memorial Garden at the back of the Memorial. The photograph shows our Chairman laying our 41 Club wreath at the Town Memorial.

ASHBY 41 CLUB'S LAST SUPPER FOR NOW!



Ashby 41 Club meets on the 1st Monday of the month, so for the month of November it was down to me to organise our meeting on the 2nd November.

We are an active Club and when the first Lockdown came along in March we embraced Zoom for a number of meetings.

When restrictions were lifted we managed to get out and do a number of walks during the summer evening at a social distance, but as the evenings darkened, we looked at other activities that we could do with groups of six.

I had planned to arrange a game of Walking Rugby under flood lights with the local Rugby Club who helped us with shopping trips for the vulnerable at the height of the Pandemic. Unfortunately the rule of six precluded us doing this, so it was plan B!

I decided to go for the arrangements we used for our October meeting which I suggested and worked quite well.

I booked two tables of six at two separate restaurants in town and took names of those who wanted to attend.

I then put the names into a random selector (a hat!) and drew names out allocated to one restaurant or the other. Members therefore did not know which restaurant or who they were sitting down with until a couple of hours before.

This worked well and we all had a good time as the photographs show. Even better was the fact that the restaurants were across the road from each other so we could wave to each other.

In addition we kept in touch throughout the evening by phone, FaceTime and Zoom which our Regional Councillor John Manley set up for those members of our Club who for whatever reason could not join us in town.

As Lockdown 2.0 was looming on the 5th November, this was our last physical meeting of sorts but we will be back together some time in the future. We definitely drank to that!!

PS. I even collected two members' outstanding subscriptions on the night so they must have had a good time!



ASHBY 41 CLUB POPPY COLLECTION

For a number of years Ashby 41 Club has helped the Royal British Legion (RBL) in the Town at their annual Poppy Collection.

This year was no exception and four members of our Club, Ian Sliver, Martin Cooper (Coops), Hugh Milward and the National President Peter Good, took it in turns to man the RBL stand at our local Tesco's on 28th November.

The RBL arranged for our 41 Club logo to be displayed and were very grateful for our contribution to the National Collection at this difficult time.

I am pleased to report that on the day we raised just under £1,000 which was not bad for a Wednesday. The photograph shows our National President helping out on the day.

Hugh

Hugh Milward, Treasurer, Ashby 41 Club (& National Honorary Archivist)



BANSTEAD 41 CLUB – THE PASSAGE

We at Banstead XRT are trying to raise a large sum for "The Passage" which is a charity which provides help for homeless people in London. (<https://passage.org.uk/>). To do this, I invite you to take part in a competition - the entry fee is £10 and there is a cash prize for the best entry.

All you have to do is to write a short paragraph minimum twenty words maximum hundred words, saying who you think should get the vaccine first. It could be anybody living or dead or even yourself, but you have to give a reason! (e.g. "The first vaccine should go to the lead scientist who invented it, as a thank-you from all of us getting life back to normality."). Send it to basilpru@gmail.com

Please send me your entry now and I will copy all the entries anonymously to be judged by a senior author. Closing date is 17th December 2020.

To make payment, please go to – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/basil-preuencers>

Please share this with your contacts. Let's see if we can raise loads of money for this worthy cause at a difficult time for homeless people.



Thanks very much,

Basil

Chairman Banstead XRT

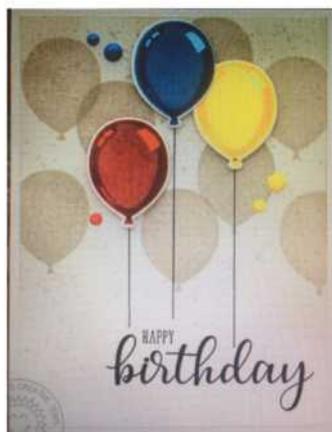
HAPPY 35TH BIRTHDAY TO ALGARVE 41 CLUB

We hope all goes well in this difficult period - we thought that our 'milestone' might be worthy of note - given we are all COVID limited, and some of our members not Zoom friendly, we circulated the Card below to all members by e-mail, asking them to press the "reply all" button and 'raise a glass' - and they did !

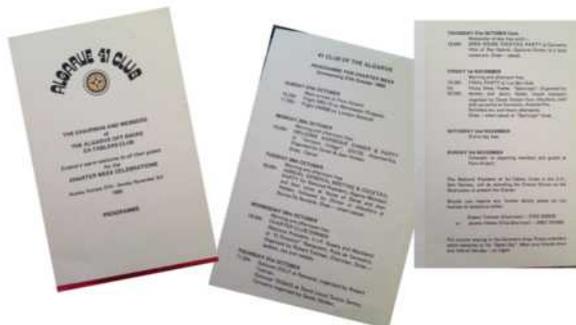
Good luck and stay safe.

Hinges,

Bob Montague & Geoff Harnett, Archivists, Algarve 41 Club



This Weekend it will be the **35th** Anniversary of the Charter of our Club.



Algarve 41 Club was created thanks to the hard work of a 'team' of Founders, led by Chairman, Robert Todman. 4 are still active Club members



Jim Russell



Alan Richards



Robert Todman



Bob Rushworth

Over 35 years, we have built on our Founders creation. The strength of our Club has grown due to the continued hard work of many of us, and to the support and encouragement that we give to each other - and long may that continue.

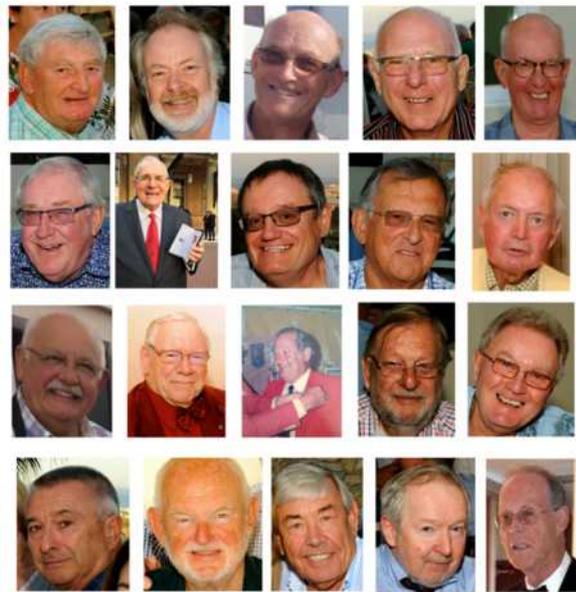
Today, lets all raise a glass in thanks to our Founders - and to wish ourselves 'Happy Birthday', and look forward to more happy times, together.

The TOAST

ALGARVE 41 CLUB, AND ITS FOUNDERS

.... please press the "REPLY ALL" button to say 'cheers' !

Here follows the latest 'Rogues Gallery' - we hope that its up to date, and apologise if we have missed anyone - its not intended !



[This Birthday Card was created by Bob Montague, Geoff Harnett and the Algarve 41 Club Archive Team - "E&OE" !]

'WHISKY CORNER'



Whisky appears to be a mysterious drink to many, full of myths and romantic tales. Hearing talk of peat, smoke, caramel sweetness, citrus notes, vanilla and many other terms seems slightly weird to some when their view is that it's just spicy alcohol.

I've always associated tasting whisky with the same principles as Round Table and 41 Club - by its very nature whisky is a social drink, which brings people together and can be shared amongst friends.

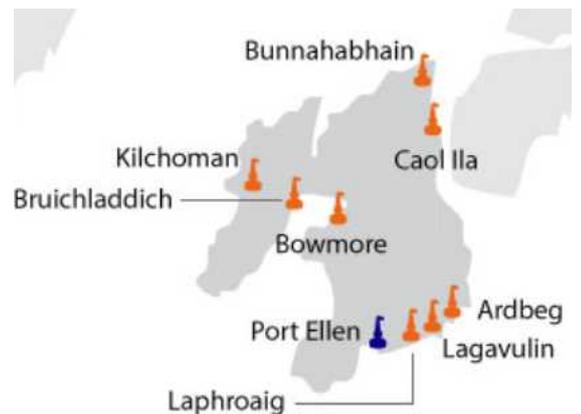
Just like the Clubs within our Association whisky can be found in different shapes, sizes, tastes and colours – and whilst having often unique backgrounds, local tales and folklores, each distillery and the whisky it produces share the same common objective of trying to ensure life is savoured and appreciated whenever possible.

Oh, and like Club meetings it's also often the reason why we return home late after an evening of fellowship!

Members who like whisky will have their own preferences for the 'water of life' and will likely buy familiar whiskies from known distilleries that they have always enjoyed. Nothing wrong with at all but with around 130 Malt and Grain whisky distilleries in Scotland alone, it would be churlish not to taste something different occasionally – wouldn't it?

In this and future articles I'll suggest some whiskies that I have tasted and you may like to try. As the saying goes "There's no such thing as a bad whisky, some happen to be better than others".

In Scotland, the six whisky regions produce different styles of whiskies but the region that generates the most 'marmite' emotions (you either love it or loath it) and happens to be my own favourite, is the island of **Islay** off the West of Scotland where there are nine distilleries on its tiny island (see map). Most of whose whiskies are peaty or smoky in their aroma and taste - but not all of them!



Kilchoman Loch Gorm (NAS = no age statement) – 46% ABV (~£67)



Pronounced ‘kil-ho-man’ this distillery is only 14 years old, was the first new Islay distillery for 124 years and is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland. It’s a small ‘farm distillery’ with all of the barley grown on the farm, the adjacent stream provides the source water and local peat is used for drying the malt.

This bottling is a vatting of 19 Oloroso Sherry Butts from three vintages (years) – 2007, 2008, 2011

Nose: Orange peel, cloves, caramel, mixed spice with waves of fruit cake and citrus

Palate: A balance of spicy richness, cooked fruits, chocolate with layers of brown sugar sweetness and earthy peat smoke

Finish: Mouth-filling peat smoke, lasting tropical sweetness, toffee and rich dried fruit

Bunnahabhain 12 yo - 46.3 % ABV (~£40)

Pronounced ‘Boon-a-havn’ (‘mouth of the distillery stands at the mouth of the Margadale River on the shores of the Sound of Islay. The only distillery on the island to use the river’s pure, spring water and their water is not by the abundance of peat found throughout the Islay landscape. This pure, non-peated water towards its the light taste.

This whisky has been matured for a minimum of 12 years in a combination of sherry, bourbon re-fill casks that were selected to achieve a lovely balance of the characteristic nutty and sherry

Nose: Fresh and aromatic, fruity floral with hints of dried fruit and a subtle prevalence of

Palate: Light with fruit notes, nutty flavours with a sweetness and slight hints of vanilla and

Finish: Lingering, beautifully rich and full-bodied.



river’) as influenced contributes

and whisky flavours.

smoke. caramel.

Bruichladdich Laddie Classic (NAS) – 50%ABV (~£43)



Pronounced ‘Brew-ich-laddie’. Their distillation stills slow and relatively uncommercial trickle, they won’t be this helps them create the purest spirit. The original Victorian machinery has allowed an unparalleled legacy of craft distilling to trickle down through the generations of men who make this sophisticated Islay dram.

Selected casks used for this unpeated whisky showcase the classic, floral and elegant Bruichladdich house style. Made from 100% Scottish barley, trickle distilled, then matured by the shores of Loch Indaal in premium American oak casks.

The particular bottle I tasted came from a vatting of 83 casks, from 4 vintages (years) and 2 barley types in 8 different cask types! Complex stuff!

Nose: Barley sugar and a hint of mint, then notes of freshly cut wildflowers with a hint of sea spray, not surprising as it is matured exclusively by the sea.

Palate: A mix of creaminess on an Atlantic breeze, with a combination of ripe green fruit and brown sugar.

Finish: Good balance between the sprightly fruit and tangy sea-spray elements.

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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 .

“Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whisky is barely enough.” – Mark Twain

Slainte!

Peter McBride

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club & National Councillor Region 24

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

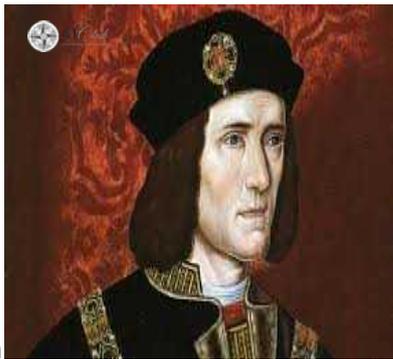
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| 1) Tom Selleck | 9) Salvadore Dali |
| 2) Albert Einstein | 10) Emiliano Zapata |
| 3) Joseph Stalin | 11) Burt Reynolds |
| 4) Rory Tompsett | 12) Yosemite Sam |
| 5) Clark Gable | 13) Charlie Chaplin |
| 6) Mark Twain | 14) Mike Ditka |
| 7) Lionel Ritchie | 15) Groucho Marx |
| 8) Sacha Baron Cohen | |

Theme: They were/are famous for having moustaches, except for Rory who has a face full of hair, but does have a moustache

THE LIGHTER SIDE – TERRIBLE PUNS

COURTESY OF RON HOTCHKISS (FROM PETER WALKER)

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| 1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. | 16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran. |
| 2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian. | 17. A backward poet writes inverse. |
| 3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still. | 18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes. |
| 4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption. | 19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion. |
| 5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery. | 20. If you jumped off the highest bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine. |
| 6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering. | 21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.' |
| 7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart. | 22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!' |
| 8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie. | 23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too. |
| 9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it. | 24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.' |
| 10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana. | 25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication. |
| 11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization. | 26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did. |
| 12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on ahead.' | |
| 13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me. | |
| 14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.' | |
| 15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large. | |



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“Bringing Richard home from Leicester”

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7:00 for 7:30PM

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(This will also include a pre- dinner tour)

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An international comedian

Raffle & charity Auction

and a mucky coffin that we will need some help with.....

Proceeds to National Presidents Charity



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.

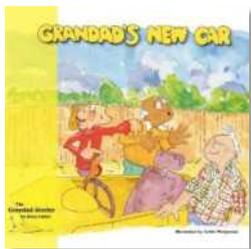


Despite this, John remains optimistic and is pushing forward with more books.

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.

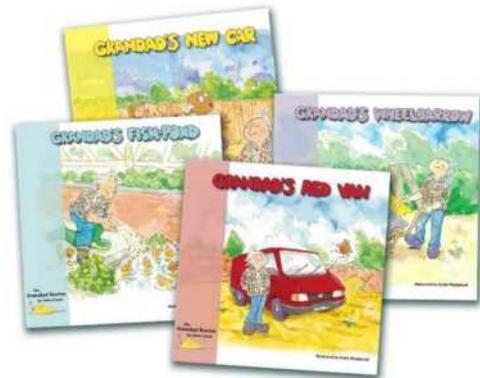
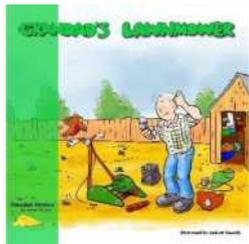
John has now moved the charity giving to his main website, so rather than just those who were made aware of the charity giving shop, now everyone who buys books is being asked to choose one of the charities.

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.



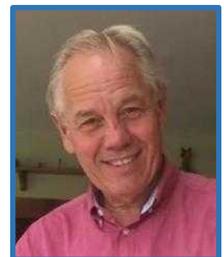
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The first four books are available at the reduced price of £4.95 each or £19 for all four (**Postage is FREE**) John will donate fifty pence from the sale of each book, to one of the listed charities, **41 Club (Dementia UK)** being one of them. You 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!

THE 2021 41 CLUB & TANGENT CLUB CRUISE



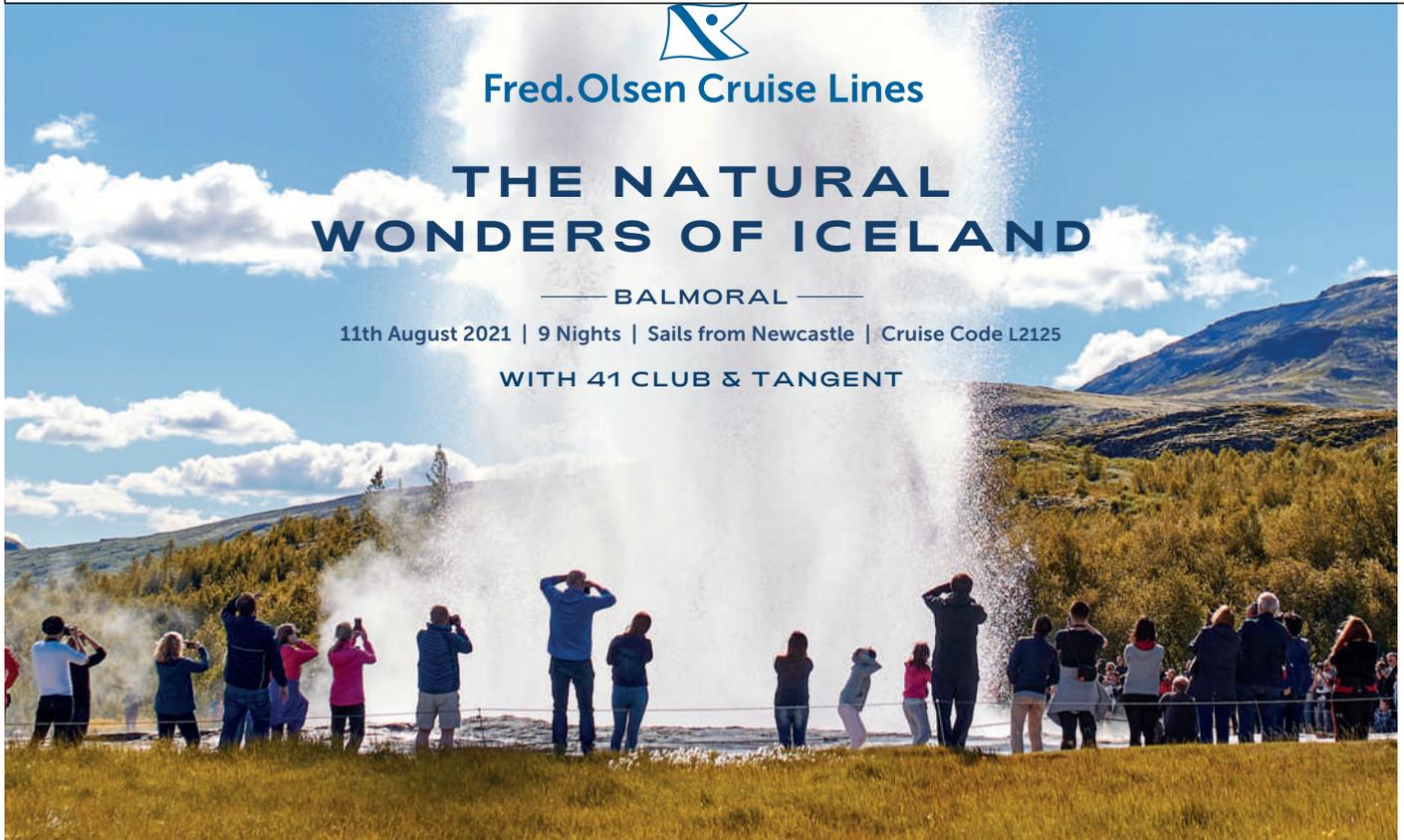
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