



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

MOURNING THE DEATH OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH, PATRON OF RTBI

KEEP SAFE

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

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

VIRTUAL NATIONAL AGM

The National AGM is scheduled for Saturday 24th April at 10:00 a.m. All clubs have been contacted and asked to nominate a voting delegate.

The National Secretary will contact clubs who have nominated a voting delegate with details on how to register for voting for the meeting.

All members are, of course, welcome to attend the meeting but only 1 member per club will be allowed to vote.

No proxy voting is allowed. If members wish to vote on behalf of more than one club of which they are a member they must contact the National Secretary to make arrangements in advance.

Details of the nominations and proposals have been distributed to all clubs by the National Secretary.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER....

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

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

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

10TH JUNE 1921 – 9TH APRIL 2021

On behalf of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers Clubs, I wish to express our great sadness at the news of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. I extend our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen, and other members of the Royal Family, and indeed the Nation and Commonwealth as a whole. Prince Philip epitomised service, duty and dedication and whilst mourning his death we look to celebrate the great life that he lived. As Ex-Tablers we remember particularly his role as National Patron of RTBI, a role for which he was particularly suited and which we cherished. We will be looking to celebrate his life and his extraordinary service to others – an extraordinary life, he lived well and died respected.

Peter Good

National President

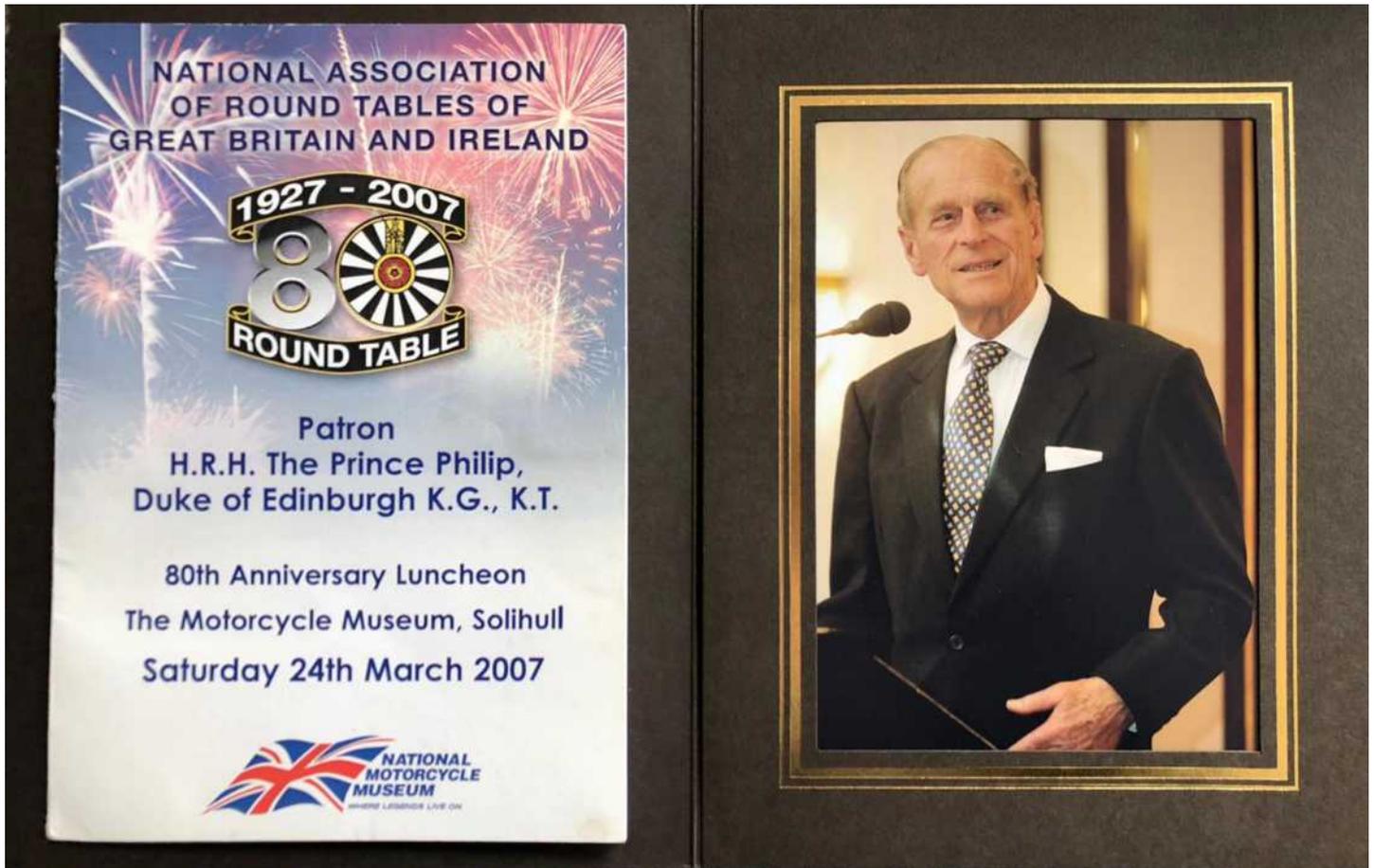
Above is the notice issued by President Peter when we learnt of the sad news of the death of Prince Philip on Friday. Since then many members have been posting of their reminiscences of the Prince, and as we are looking to celebrate his life here are a few of them selected from the many posted.



Many of the comments were regarding RTBI's 80th Anniversary Lunch in March 2007.

Bernie Skivington, who provided the image on the following page, writes "It was an honour and a privilege to attend and share the company of this extraordinarily great man, and the Patron of RTBI since 1958."

Don Mullane recall's "There used to be a clamour to replace the Duke with someone more appropriate to RTBI's age group – say Harry or Wills. But at that lunch he was absolutely brilliant - witty, sparkling, fun. Myself and the majority (in my opinion) entered the lunch thinking his patronage was an anachronism - and left as his erstwhile fans. I am saddened by his death, and the impact it will have upon the Queen especially, but his was a life of duty and service and the right approach is to celebrate and be thankful for his life and contribution to society."



Tom Abbott writes: "RIP HRH Prince Philip, patron of RTBI . I worked with him once as a Toastmaster in Birmingham at the RTBI Anniversary's Lunch, an event which many will remember. He was lovely to a lot of very nervous people when he didn't have to be , including me , when I had to go over the technical details of which mike he wanted to use and the introductions for his speech.

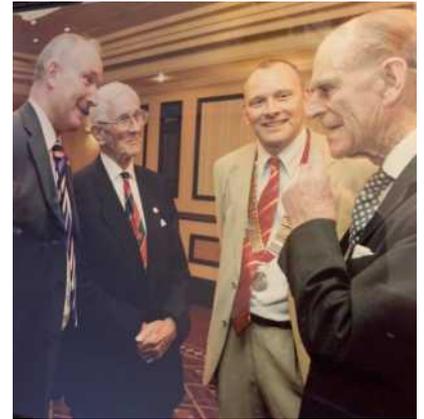
"This was at a time of quite high threat level to VIPs so I also had to brief the armed close protection officers on a secret know only to a few of us and not yet communicated to them , that as part of the performance by the magnificent police silver band , all the lights would go out and plunge the huge function hall into complete darkness for a surprise turn by the drummers using fluorescent painted drum sticks. So it was agreed that the bandmaster would signal me at the start of the number, I would then discreetly signal the officer in charge and they would then quietly move into a closer cover position for the duration of the blackout which was in fact what happened.

"We were sharing a backstage 'green room' where the packed lunches were laid out and another lasting memory was going back their famished to find the security detail had eaten the lot ! As for the Duke, among the other practical protocols in the briefing was a note that he was to be served only real ale from a separate jug to a wine glass which was only to be refilled when he indicated, a really professional touch for a guest speaker that maybe some of us could learn from when in his position!

"He laughed along with everything including the over 700 mostly Ex-Tablers linking up napkins and standing on the chairs for 'Dambusters' although I did think it best at that point to make a rare toastmaster's intervention and suggested to the then RTBI President Richard Du Bois that perhaps he should remind HRH about this weird custom of ours (it had been many years since he had attended an RTBI function). He made a clever and very funny speech, without reference to his A5 green tagged cards I noted, in which he formally apologised for his non-attendance without requesting leave of absence from the President and in which he showed he still understood who we were and what we stood for. Needless to say he was cheered to the rafters when he had to leave as it was a very long and enjoyable lunch."

Nigel Baxendale writes: "That was a fantastic day. One of our Tablers had tendered his resignation prior to that event, but attended the luncheon with us as we had booked his limo... So, he was driving the 6/7 of us from our club that attended the event, coping with the fact that we started drinking champagne as soon as we entered the limo at about 9:00 a.m.He called me the following day and withdrew his resignation, such was the impact of the event on him."

Robert Jones writes: "I have a very special memory of that day. I was Area 14 chair and had taken my Tabler brother and our 41 member father to the lunch. Our Dad in 1943 had served on the same ship HMS Wallace as the Duke in WW2 and had very fond memories of him. RTBI President that year Richard Du Bois managed to get the 3 of us into the meet and greet with the Duke and my Dad explained how they had served together on board the same ship for 9 months. The Duke was clearly very interested and they spent 5 minutes talking about the War and Royal Navy together and his parting words were " it was all a long time ago" We were so pleased as a family and it all came as a complete surprise to my Dad. Thank you to my Dad and to Richard Du Bois for making that day and both now sadly RIP"



George Ritchie recalls: "I remember speaking with RdB after the lunch when he admitted that after one of Tom's bangs of the gavel HRH had asked him "what's happening now" to which RdB had replied "I'm going to do the Queen". Cue "oh sh*t" moment!"

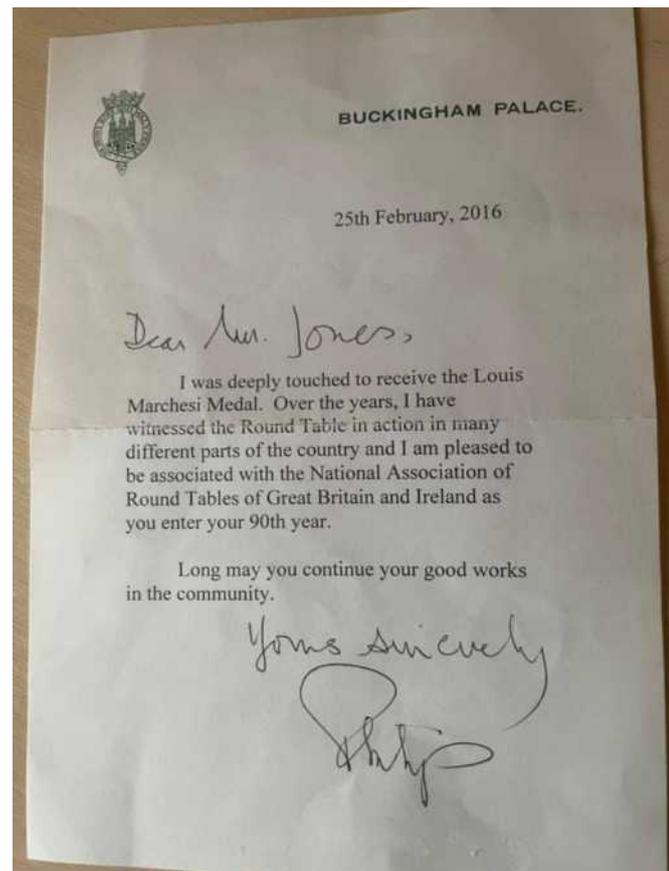
David Grose writes: "At the lunch we were briefed on pain of death not to say "... and Phil the Greek" in the Loyal Toast - a warning we all totally ignored! When our Patron heard us he grinned from ear to ear as the years fell away and he was one of the lads again! A magnificent man by any measure."

But not all comments were regarding that Anniversary Lunch.

Mike Brace CBE DL writes: "I would like to add my appreciation of the outstanding work undertaken by the Duke of Edinburgh over many years. I had the privilege of meeting him on 3 different occasions the most memorable one being when I had dinner with him and the Queen at Buckingham Palace as part of the IOC evaluation of the London 2012 bid! He mentioned his carriage driving and I asked if he was still doing it at aged 85 (when I met him) He said "yes I am going through my still period, I'm still driving, I'm still drinking, and I'm still alive!" He then noticed my Round Table Badge (plus 41 Club) and remarked on his patronage of Round Table! I had received my OBE the previous day from the Queen and as I was presented at the dinner the Queen said, "Oh Philip, I gave this man his award yesterday and he said he was coming for dinner" (not sure she believed me and probably thought I was mad!). Rest in Peace."

Marcus Jones writes that Prince Philip was "an amazing funny man and someone who always remembered the 80th Round Table celebration, he told me "it was a noisy affair and your lot drink a lot". In 2015 [Immediate Past RTBI National President] Steve Glaister and I with partners visited Buckingham Palace as representatives of RTBI. It's fair to say Steve and I have great memories of "that conversation". In 2016 I made the decision to award Prince Philip the Louis Marchesi Medal on behalf of the members for his longstanding support and patronage towards our members over the years."

(Keen observers might spot Marcus hidden behind the Duke below.)



National President Peter (who did his DoE Award by the way!) will hold a minute's silence in remembrance of the Duke at our 41 Club Connects Snooker Event on Thursday Evening, followed by a Toast in celebration of his life.

FORTHCOMING 41 CLUB CONNECTS EVENTS



15TH APRIL 2021
SNOOKER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL



**JOHN PARROTT
&
DENNIS TAYLOR**

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/97717336126](https://zoom.us/j/97717336126)



22ND APRIL 2021
A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER



KEVIN CONNELLY

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/99770673988](https://zoom.us/j/99770673988)



 **41 Club**
CONNECTS

29TH APRIL 2021
7.30pm

THE GREAT VIRTUAL TOUR OF
AN RNLI STATION

<https://zoom.us/j/95885295374>



 **41 Club**
CONNECTS

6TH MAY 2021
7.30pm

AN EVENING WITH WW2 VETERAN
NORMAN BARTLETT

<https://zoom.us/j/96246028945>

 **41 Club BUDDIES**
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP 03301 07 07 40



If you're in need of a chat any day except Bank Holidays from 10am to 10pm, call the Buddyline: 03301 07 07 40

All calls are answered by friendly volunteer fellow 41 Club members who will be there for any member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them or if they feeling lonely or isolated.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Written prior to the death of The Duke of Edinburgh)

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a good Easter and were able to see some of your family and friends. We had my son and his family on the Saturday with the outside heater blasting away, and we downed more than a few bottles of Peroni, so we were oblivious to the cold. He phoned the next day to say he had a thick head, so I counted the bottles and we had definitely had a good session, which I suppose we were not used to after all this time in lockdown. It was great to see the grandchildren again after such a long time.

The following day my daughter and her son came, and that was a bit more civilised, but great to see them. They were all sad that we could not have been altogether.

I am busy with the AGM season at the moment and sometimes I have 2 or 3 meetings a night. When hopping from one meeting to another it's interesting to see how different clubs run their meetings, but we all have the same goals in mind, which include having a good programme to make the club interesting to join, and still doing something in the community. The end result is proving really promising. We are getting guys in their 50's to 60's that left Table and didn't want to join the dinner club that they perceived 41Club to be, coming back and joining 41 club.

Lesley and I attended another murder mystery put on by Market Harborough on Zoom. A great night was enjoyed by all, and they raised around two thousand pounds. Well done guys. We are still opening up new clubs which is exciting and Glen tells me there are another six clubs in the pipeline which is fantastic. It's great news that we have Scotland building back up. Our councillor up there Kevin Stewart is doing a great job.

Also, as a result of our Connects meetings, it looks like we have Ireland represented again with a new councillor to be announced at the AGM. The Connects is just going from strength to strength. I am getting so many guys saying they have never been interested in National before but with coming onto Connects they feel that they are involved in the bigger picture of the organisation.

Some clubs are asking me if Subs need to go up because the value for money they are getting is tremendous. We do have an enthusiastic team working behind the the scenes, and we have great fun and banter at our committee meetings, which is what 41 should be all about.

There is a great selection of speakers leading up to the AGM. I don't know if you will receive this newsletter before the AGM as I usually find I have written history, but I do hope you are able to join in.

We are slowly coming out of lockdown and most of us have had the first jab and some the second, so hopefully we can soon meet again Face to Face.

Plans are back on track for a great weekend together on the 1st and 2nd of October 2021. This is the 41 BIG Weekend with the SGM on the Saturday morning, some special fellowship happenings in the afternoon, and the Gala dinner at night with a fantastic band that will get you all moving again.

Really looking forward to seeing you all.

Take care and Stay Safe we are not out of the woods yet.

Peter

A CAUTIONARY HEALTH NOTICE

Gentlemen, we are sharing some information brought to our attention by one of our 41 Club buddies. We should all be mindful of our health in these difficult times. Please take note of the symptoms stated below and if any of these apply to you, please for your own sake, take action. Stay safe.

Being aware of the symptoms of bowel cancer is still very important. Symptoms include:

- blood in your poo (faeces)
- looser poo, poo-ing more often and / or constipation
- a pain or lump in your abdomen (tummy)
- feeling more tired than usual for some time
- losing weight for no obvious reason

These symptoms do not necessarily mean you have bowel cancer but if you notice any of them, please see your GP.

APRIL TRIVIA

1. What star sign are you if your birthday falls between March 21 and April 19? And what about April 20 - May 20?
2. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.', is a quote from which book? And who is the Author?
3. On what date in April is St George's Day?
4. 'April is the cruellest month', is the first line of which T.S. Eliot poem?
5. Which major UK sporting event was held on April 4th, 2021?
6. What is April's birthstone?
7. April's birth flower is often listed as *Bellis perennis* - this is the Latin name of which flower?
8. On which holiday in the United States, on the last Friday in April, are individuals and groups encouraged to plant trees?
9. Which event made British news headlines on the 2nd of April, 1982?
10. April Windsor, played by Amelia Flanagan, is a character in which soap?
11. Which birds arrival in mid April, is said to signal the start of Spring?
12. What was first introduced into Britain on the 1 April, 1973?
13. On what date in April is the Queen's birthday?
14. The April Lyrids last from April 16 to April 26 each year; what are they?
15. In a famous TV prank from 1957, the BBC broadcast a film showing Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown what?
16. Which famous Englishman's birth remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on the same days as Saint George's Day?
17. On the first of April Apple Computers was founded in California. In what year?
18. The writer of Jane Eyre was born in April 1816, what is her name?
19. 12th April 1941 was the birth date of an English footballer and captain during the team's finest achievement. Name him.
20. One of the great Hollywood actors, born in April 1916, and who starred in To Kill a Mockingbird.

ATTENTION ALL MAMILS*

(*MIDDLE AGED MEN IN LYCRA)

THE NATIONAL CYCLING WEEKEND FRIDAY 17TH – SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

This year's National cycling weekend will be based in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Due to the planned distance and terrain to be ridden, this weekend is aimed at experienced riders. The itinerary is a long ride on Saturday, say 70 miles or so and a shorter ride on Sunday morning.

I have arranged a discounted rate with the IBIS Hotel in Shipley and am currently awaiting a response from a local camping ground to discuss discounted pitches. Other Hotels are available locally if riders would prefer to stay elsewhere, please contact me for further information.



The IBIS Hotel rate is £50 per night, per twin or double room and £5 per person per night for Breakfast. The Hotel will provide facilities for bike storage. Bookings should be made directly to the Hotel using a discount code which I can provide. Similarly, for the camping ground once we have confirmation of availability and costs.

I have contacted a number of suitable "ride captains", who are familiar with the Hilly Yorkshire terrain and they are happy to lead the rides. I have arranged catering at a local club for the Saturday evening and planning is still ongoing for Friday night and a Sunday lunch following the Sunday morning ride. I am looking into refreshment stops during the rides in discussion with the ride captains.

In the meantime, if you are interested in attending this event, please contact me at region6@41club.org for further details. I will provide further details in next month's newsletter or directly to you via email, once you have registered an interest.

Wynn Parry Shipley 41 Club & National Councillor Region 6

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP VOLUNTEERING & TICKETS

John "Kilsh" Kilshaw & I have already registered to be volunteers at this year's Rugby League world Cup. The tournament is being held in October and November this year. The venues are primarily along the M62 corridor with a few games being held further afield, spreading the word of the game.

On the 8th April, the 41 Club connects Team arranged for Chris Brindley, the tournament CEO, to give us a presentation on the preparation and planning to organise such an event during these difficult times. The presentation was very well received, even by the "Southern Softies" who have no idea what Rugby League is all about. We were all impressed by Chris' enthusiasm and dedication to the getting the tournament staged. The inclusivity, equality and diversity of the event is to be applauded, this if the first tournament where the Men's, Women's and Wheelchair world cup will be held at the same time and organised by the same organising committee, with many matchday venues hosting "double headers" of the different competition on the same day.

Many people expressed an interest in purchasing tournament tickets and in becoming volunteers.

If you'd like to attend a match, you can purchase tickets at <https://www.rlwc2021.com/>

If you want to join Kilsh & I as volunteers you can register at <https://volunteers.rlwc2021.com/>

Wynn

41 CLUB CONNECTS NOW OFFERS MORE TO MEMBERS

Following feedback from many clubs about support in helping make meetings a little easier to organise, two new directories have been added to the 41clubconnects.co.uk website.

Speaker Directory



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SPEAKERS



We're delighted to introduce a new speakers directory to the site. This includes details of speakers including fees and contact details. All of the speakers can be arranged into their topics to make viewing easier and we hope you find it easy.

If you would like to view it, go to: <https://41clubconnects.co.uk/speaker/>

We will always welcome more entries, so if you would like to make suggestions, please send:

Name / Bio / Email / Phone Number / Website link / Fees and whether fees go to a charity

Along with an image that you have the rights to use to webmaster@41club.org and it will be added.

Event Ideas

We've heard of some fabulous ideas for events and clubs are always on the look out for more exciting things to do. To help this, there is also an event ideas directory at https://41clubconnects.co.uk/event_idea/ and this is just waiting for contributions from you all!

If you can share: The event idea name / The event idea description / Your name / Your Club / Your contact details

A photo you have the rights to and you think is appropriate

To webmaster@41club.org and it will be added as soon as possible.

We are sure that there will be some competition for sharing the best speakers and ideas, so please share as soon as you can and we can all help each other during these times and also when we are free to get out.

All of this work is part of the Communications & IT, Fellowship and Memberships committees' efforts to support more clubs and if you have other ideas or suggestions about these pages, please do pass on the feedback and we will look into what we can do.

Yours in Hinges

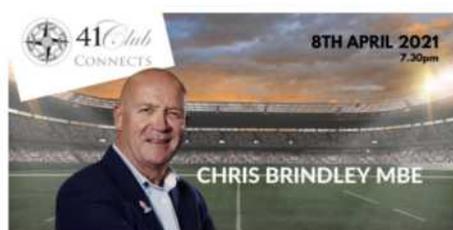
The 41 Club Connects Team

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM OUR 41 CLUB CONNECTS EVENTS ?



JOIN OUR NEXT CONNECTS EVENTS

CHRIS BRINDLEY



From 7.30 8th April

Join the Zoom Meeting

JOHN PARROTT & DENNIS TAYLOR



From 7.30 15th April

Join the Meeting

KEVIN CONNELLY



From 7.30 22nd April

Join the Meeting

The 41 Club Connects events have been running for around 12 months now, with a brief hiatus over Summer as the team was built to deliver even more meetings with even higher profile speakers as the evenings drew in over Winter.

The Connects Team decided to focus on famous and topical speakers, think Agnew & Miller just before the Cricket started, or Wayne Barnes before the big rugby weekend, something for those with special interests, think Chris from the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, some fun or inspiration, like our cookalong, race night or Richard McCann, and then special events like Chinese New Year, Burns and St Patricks that would help bring us all together.

Overall, there has been around 25 events streamed live on Zoom and Facebook, covering something like 50 hours of entertainment with thousands of people attending. We know they've been viewed from all around the country as well as from France, Spain, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, USA, China, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand to name a few. Better still, we know that people have been viewing the events afterwards using the 41 Club You Tube channel or the Facebook Forums.

Our current programme is set to the end of April, and we'd now like your help in helping us decide what we could put on for you. The programme will more likely move to fortnightly or monthly (depending on your feedback!), so we'd like to know whether you have enjoyed the events so far, and then your ideas on who we can approach or what topics to include so we can get it right.

We can't promise them all, but we'll consider each one and publish the results after we get them in.

To get your view heard, please head to: <https://41clubconnects.co.uk/41-club-connects-survey/>

Thanks

The 41 Club Connects Team

Played a round of World War II golf today... Out in 39, back in 45...

I couldn't get tickets for the Plan B concert... So I had to go with my first choice instead...

Just dropped my old nokia on the floor and it broke... Time to get some new flooring...

I wonder what "don't touch" is in Braille.

National Golf Finals 2021

Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th October



Following the cancellation of last year's event, the rescheduled 41 Club National Golf Finals will take place at the **Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club** in Morley, Derby on **Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th October 2021**.

All players must be 41 Club affiliated. The cost is £120 per person for sharing a twin room and £165 for a single room - these include a small top-up for individual and team prizes and the include the following:

Sunday 3rd October 2021

- Bacon roll & coffee
- Moorland Course tee-off from 11:40am
- 3 course dinner & Finals prizegiving
- Overnight stay



Monday 4th October 2021

- Breakfast
- Priory course tee-off from 8.30am
- Day 2 Prizegiving

STOP PRESS!
Only one four-ball tee time
remaining for the last 41 Club to
enter!

Contact Peter McBride on Region24@41club.org or 07710 063394

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

APRIL TRIVIA ANSWERS

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| 1. Aries. Taurus | 2. Nineteen Eighty-Four. George Orwell | 3. 23 rd of April |
| 4. The Waste Land | 5. The Oxford & Cambridge University Boat Race | 6. Diamond |
| 7. Daisy | 8. Arbor Day | 9. Argent invaded the Falkland Islands |
| 10. Emmerdale | 11. The cuckoo | 12. Value Added Tax (VAT) |
| 13. 21 st April | 14. A meteor shower | 15. Spaghetti |
| 16. William Shakespeare | 17. 1976 | 18. Charlotte Bronte |
| | | 19. Bobby Moore |
| | | 20. Gregory Peck |

WHISK(E)Y CORNER

An enjoyable inaugural evening of the WAGs!

When Glen Lyon, Peter Milburn and I decided to establish the 41 Club Whisky Appreciation Group (and a whole new meaning for the term 'WAG') on Facebook, we hoped that at least around 50-60 members would sign up and even nervously thought there might be a few fellow 'uisge beatha' (*pronounced 'ishka bah-ha'*) fans who might be interested to join a future virtual tasting event.

Little did we realise that our wildest expectations were about to be blown away!

We now have 107 members registered on the WAG Facebook group, sharing their whisky experiences, preferences and asking each other questions and seeking recommendations and on Friday 26th March we held our inaugural virtual whisky tasting event – for which 83 members signed up for.



Glen Lyon must take the lion's share (no pun intended) for organising the event, having to purchase, decant and distribute five x 5cl bottles of whisky for 83 members – a grand total of 415 bottles! With the enticing aromas escaping through the open windows from his mini production line at home, his neighbours and HMRC must have thought he had set up an illegal distillery plant!

The event itself was a real joy to be a part of and we made good use of Zoom's random Breakout Rooms technology after each of the five whiskies, to enable members to share their thoughts with up to five or six others, before returning to the main 'tasting room' to hear about the next whisky.

After hearing about the history, production and the different types of whiskies, the evening set off on a virtual tour around the five (some will say six) Scottish whisky Regions followed by a wee dram of a classic example of a whisky from each Region.

Our first whisky was a **Lowland - Auchantoshun 12 yo** - who's name means 'Corner of the Field' in Gaelic and is the only Scottish distillery that uses triple distillation for all its whiskies. It is believed to have been started by Irish settlers driven from their homes by famine – who brought the Irish custom of triple distillation with them. Unusually all of its production used for single malt with nothing going into blends.

The whisky has been matured for a minimum of 12 years in ex bourbon casks and ex sherry casks

Nose: Crème brûlée with a burst of citrus and nuttiness, a touch of green leaf.

Palate: Smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime.

Finish: Gingery and slightly drying with a pleasant lingering nuttiness



Our second whisky was a **Highland – Old Pulteney 12 yo** - from one of the most Northerly distilleries on the Scottish mainland. Operating for 200 years the distillery has around 30,000 casks in warehouses exposed to the sea air blowing in off the North Sea, which explains why it's known as 'The Maritime Malt'. This whisky has been aged entirely in Bourbon casks for a minimum of 12 years, giving a heavy influence of Bourbon sweetness

Nose: Medium to high intensity with a briny hint of sea air

Taste: Dry, medium bodied and smooth, redolent of honey and cream, faintly salty with a slight spicy note and a sweet long-lasting finish

Finish: Toffee, brine and lemon

Our next whisky was a **Speyside – Speyburn 10yo** - from a distillery set in a steep valley so limited in space that the distillery had to be built vertically over three levels with layered mesh drying floors and is often described as the most photographed distillery in Scotland.

This whisky has been matured in a combination of American Oak ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks for minimum of 10 years.

Nose: Fresh, honey, clean with a hint of lemon

Taste: The peat is there with lemon and green apple and a hint of honey & mint

Finish: Long, smooth & sweet



Our penultimate whisky was a **Islay (pronounced 'Eye-la')** – **Bowmore 12yo** – from the first licensed distillery on Islay with the name that means 'Big Bend' in Gaelic and with one of the world's oldest Scotch maturation warehouses ('No.1 Vaults') where malts have been meticulously matured and transformed for over 240 years. This whisky has been matured in a combination of ex-Bourbon and Sherry casks for a minimum of 12 years.

Nose: Subtle lemon and honey, balanced by peaty smokiness

Palate: Warm and delicious on the palate with subtle dark chocolate flavours

Finish: Gentle peat smoke, leading to a delicious, long and mellow finish

Our final whisky was a Campbeltown – Glen Scotia Double Cask – which when it opened in 1835 was one of the 29 thriving Distilleries in what was known as the 'whisky capital of the world'. This powerful whisky is a NAS 46% ABV and has been aged in ex bourbon barrels before being finished in PX sherry casks.

Nose: Peach, green apple peels, chewy vanilla fudge, slight salt with oak spices

Palate: Fudge with dusting of sugar. Powerful, oily, some herbs with brandy character

Finish: Sherry notes come through

A short survey will be sent out to all attendees to capture feedback on this and future tasting events – and you can find the 41 Club Whisky Appreciation Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142626607700074>



"I'm on a whisky diet. I've lost three days already." – Tommy Cooper

Slainte!

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

My wife is so unpredictable... You never know what lie she's going to catch me out with next...

If laziness was an Olympic sport, I'd come in fourth... Just so I wouldn't have to walk up to the podium to collect my medal...

Any salad can be a Caesar salad if you stab it enough...

I have just found a mask, a whip, some handcuffs, and knee-high leather boots in my girlfriends bedroom... She must be one of them superheroes.

41 WINE CLUB

The latest 41 Club special interest group to be found on Facebook is the 41 Club Wine Club. It has certainly sparked interest as currently 140 members have joined since it was launched mid March. It is open to any member of the Round Table Family of Clubs to join who appreciates or has an interest in wine or simply likes to drink it!

When new members join they are encouraged to introduce themselves, giving details of their involvement with the Round Table family and to say a little about their favourite wines.

We are planning to arrange the clubs first virtual wine tasting evening via zoom on Saturday 8th May, followed by a second in June. Details will be publicised shortly on the club's Facebook page. We look forward to welcoming more new members and talking all things grape related.

Kevin Chard, National Councillor Region 21

NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY LAUNCHES WITH NEW 41CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

We are excited to now opening bookings for the 2021 National Caravan Rally which will take place between Friday 10th and Sunday 12th of September. This will take place at Hardwick Parks in Oxfordshire. Click the link to see more about the park. <https://www.hardwickparks.co.uk>

We are hoping we will have enough caravans or tents to have exclusive use of the main field which has a bar, shop, and full facilities. We have the whole field reserved until 30th June when unsold pitches will be released to the public, so early booking is advisable. The location of the park gives you a great opportunity to visit the Dreaming Spires of Oxford, and many Cotswold villages and see wonderful scenery..

The weekend includes a 'fizz' reception, a fish & chip supper, and a supper at a local village hall. The rest of the time is there for fellowship, exploring the area, or doing your own 'thing'! We will be joined by National President Peter on the Saturday.

We are proud to be the first users of the new 41Club Booking System which has been developed by National Honorary Webmaster Mark House. This enables participants to smoothly book an event and pay online. The system allows you to specify any requirements you may have and gives us the details we need to accommodate you. This is a really excellent way of doing things and reduces paper and messing around with cheques etc.

If you require any further details please contact Martin Green (M:07767 192387 H:01235 529257 E:caravanrally@41clubevents.co.uk) More details will be sent on booking.

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



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HARDWICK PARK, OXFORDSHIRE

Martin Green National President 2013-2014

DUNDEE 41 CLUB HELPS THE RNLI #CONTINUINGTODOMORE

Dundee 41 Club came to the aid of a local Dundee RNLI Station at Broughty Ferry following their appeal for donations.

The photo shows Coxwain Murray Brown accepting a cheque from Allan Keillor, the 41 Club Chairman, with Past Chairman John Bennett in the background.

Well done chaps! 41 Club #ContinuingToDoMore

At the end of April the 41 Club Connects Event is a virtual tour of a lifeboat station on the Norfolk Coast.





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BOOKING DETAILS COMING SOON

As I get older and I remember all the people I've lost along the way... I think, maybe a career as a tour guide wasn't for me after all...

I love sitting down so much, that I don't mind getting bad news...

Does anyone else stop their microwave at 0:01 seconds to make them feel like a bomb defusing expert?

It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub.
It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.
The difference is staggering!

Just came home and told my wife about a funny encounter I had this morning helping a man in a black robe with a scythe clear the ice off his car. She seems to think I was de-icing with death.

My wife's leaving because she's fed up with me talking like a newsreader... More on this story later!

It's lucky William the Conqueror won the battle of Hastings... With a name like that, it would have been embarrassing if he'd lost...

I was cleaning out my loft yesterday and I found an old Commodore that's been there for years... That'll teach him to go dancing on the ceiling!

I was all excited the other day to fly 1st class... But there's less room in those envelopes than I'd imagined...