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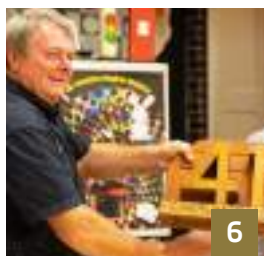
Welcome to the Winter 2021 Magazine. These are busy months for 41-ers generally as November means helping out at Fireworks Displays at the beginning of the month (the photo above (courtesy of Grace Westgarth) comes from my local Scouts Charity Display, in Beckenham, which was established by Round Table and taken over by the Scouts when the Table closed); then as the month progresses we Remembrance Sunday, followed soon after by Children in Need, with its associated collections and events, leading in to December and Santa Floats for those members who still have Tables to support. To all those members who are #continuingtodomore I salute you.

Despite the success of some Round Tables in recruiting new young members, the reality is that there are less than 3,000 Round Tablers (2,800?) in RTBI now. This has obvious consequences for the future of 41 Club. 41 Club presently has 693 clubs; so it is likely that more than 2/3rds of those 41 Clubs (in all likelihood much higher) no longer has a feeder Table. Consequently the average age of 41-ers is increasing as their clubs are not being replenished/supplemented by new blood. This is going to be a hot topic at the 2022 National AGM in Cardiff and your monthly newsletters in the lead up to it.

Hoping you and your families have a wonderful Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2022.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Don Mullane, LOTS, National Comms & IT Officer



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A message from...

The President

Peter Good - National President



My thoughts are very much on how we ensure all members are supported during these darker nights. Many of you would have seen the Buddyline that we created through the amazing work of Peter McBride and his support team.

This important support line is there for all members 7 days a-week from 10am until 10pm. Alongside this important work will be the continuation of the 41 Club Connects Events and the Special Interest Groups, from the walking group, rugby followers and of course the whisky, wine, and other sports and hobby groups.

Please join them for the extra fellowship we will all need through the winter months, each group has great activities planned, I especially enjoy the wine group!

In the last eighteen months it has been my determination to keep the business side of things going and ensuring we had a club to come back to after the dreadful Covid19 challenges, and they are still there today. However, our versatility and innovation has allowed for stronger connections, stronger than we have ever had with the support of digital activities whilst still ensure we remain a true fellowship organisation that is community focused.

Buddyline is an amazing piece of work will continue and we as an Association will ensure that there are resources for all members that support and help us in our everyday lives. Mental Health and wellbeing for all ages is important subject to me. All of us need to talk to someone occasionally.... Most of the time we're OK and deal with whatever 'stuff' life throws at us but sometimes it's good to talk. Most of the time it will be with our family or close friends

but every now and then, the very people who are closest to us aren't always the ones we can easily open up to – and being men of a certain age and background, we don't always find it easy to ask for support. That is where the 41 Club Buddies come in and why the Buddyline number has been set up.



The figures of attendance for 41 Club Connects speak for themselves with over 17k attendees to all our events over all platforms, I have never known such positive feedback from the membership on such a project that has supported the very DNA of who we are through these challenging times.

There is an amazing team working in the background who are simplifying our outdated rules and standing orders. These guys are showing real innovation and will present the way forward for the Association over the next six months and support momentum into 2022/23.

There is no doubt that our energy as members comes from getting together and making a difference. The laughter, the fun and fellowship face to face is irreplaceable.

I witnessed this personally at "The 41 Club Big Weekend", where the PLC team set out to create something that truly represented all age groups of our members, we also had one thing in mind, the costs of the event.

Finally, I would also ask as a call to action that we support Round Table through the winter months with Fireworks,

Children in Need, Christmas Floats. Round Table has a great motto of **"DoMore"** for 41 Club Member's we have **"ContinuingToDoMore"**. Let's really show our energy this autumn with true fellowship at all events and charters.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2022!

Yours in Continued Friendship

Peter

National President
The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs
(41 Club)



The 41 Club National Golf Finals finally take place

Peter McBride, Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club

Following a year's postponement due to the pandemic, the National Golf Finals finally took place at the Breadsall Prior Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Derby.

The National Golf Finals finally went ahead on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th October, with 35 keen (and some even able) golfers representing nine 41 Clubs from across the country taking part in a hugely anticipated two-day event.

The format was a change to previous years' single day format and proved to be very popular with the golfers as it enabled teams to travel from far and wide (like too many of my tee shots) and drink rather than having to travel to the golf and back on the same day.

Following the mandatory bacon rolls and coffee (with a vegan option thrown in for the weirdo organiser), Sunday saw the four-ball teams completing for the National Trophy on the challenging Moorland Course in a Stableford format with the best three scores on each hole counting towards the team total. There was also a trophy for the best individual total.

The weather held good for most of the day but decided to let rip with 45-degree rain and gale-force winds halfway round the course for an hour, which whilst making conditions very difficult, did at least provide golfers with plenty of excuses for any poor play!



The winning team trophy went to St Neots from Cambridgeshire (pictured left) with a superb 125 points over the 18 holes with Ashby-de-la-Zouch (pictured below) runners-up with 112 points.



Richard Thomas also of St Neots (pictured below left) took the Individual Trophy with an impressive score of 42 points, with Andy Moss of Ashby-de-le-Zouch (pictured below right) a close runner-up with 41 points and all winners were warmly congratulated as they collected their hard-earned prizes with supportive and anticipated cries of "Bandit!" and "Cut!" by their fellow golfers.



National President Peter Good presented all the trophies in the evening over dinner and it was a special honour that we were joined

by International President Luca Colombo, whom I'm sure had travelled all the way from Italy just to attend the Golf Finals and as an added bonus had also discovered that 'The Big Weekend' celebrating GB&I's 75th Charter had also been scheduled for the previous two days, a few miles away in Nottingham!

On the Monday morning, the same bleary-eyed golfers dragged themselves out of bed for an early tee-off time on the beautiful Priory Course to take part in a fun team competition the 'Orange Ball Double Points' Challenge. Each team was handed a bright orange golf ball which had to be rotated between players for each hole. Any points scored with the orange ball counted double and this continued all the while that the team retained the ball. Sadly, the pressure got to many teams, who lost their ball well before the 18th hole!

Shirley Late Knights walked away the prizes for the day with 128 points, with Brentwood taking second place on countback from Kenilworth with 124 points.

All who attended over the two days agreed that whilst the whole event was enjoyable, in many ways the actual golf seemed to be of secondary importance to the excellent fun, fellowship and cutting banter that filled the conversations over the 36 holes and over dinner. The noise over dinner was palpable and it was evident that the 41 National Golf Finals were back with a bang - with the occasional unwanted slice or hook thrown in.

The 2022 National Golf Finals will take place in October next year and places are expected to be filled quickly - watch out for details!

A Weekend of Sun, Fun and Fellowship!

Martin Green, National President 2013-2014

The 2021 Camping & Caravan Weekend from the organiser's perspective!

The 41 Club National Caravan Rally took place at Hardwick Park, Standlake in Oxfordshire between Friday the 10th and Sunday 12th September.

28 caravans, motorhomes and tents pitched up on the Friday and were treated to a 'fizz' reception followed by a 'take-away' from the site bar/restaurant.

Saturday was a day to explore Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds and National President Peter Good spent the day meeting everyone

in the sun. The evening took place in the local village hall with an excellent meal prepared and served by our 'catering team'.

President Peter presented the Most Distance travelled award to Gordon & Cilla Impey of Ampthill 41 Club

We were entertained by Mr Muddle a local magician who did close-up magic at everyone's table and then did a cabaret act which included a trick chopping off the President's arm!



Sunday saw 'afternoon tea' when everyone gathered for homemade cakes.

Although Maria and I did the organisation of the weekend we couldn't have done this without our very good friends Terry & Lin Cooper and Richard & Anne Dyson.

On the subject of Richard Dyson, the Saturday meal included cold chicken. Lin had bought 15 cooked whole chickens which Richard expertly dissected - he is now known as the 'Chief Chicken Chopper'!

In the end a small surplus was made, and we were able to give Peters Charity a donation of £250.00



Frank & Liz Barratt, Ribble & Lune Active 41 Club

The 2021 Camping & Caravan Weekend from an attendee's perspective!

After a nightmare six & half hour drive down to Hardwick Park it was good to be welcomed by the friendly face of Martin Green, we were quickly issued with our paper work & instructions for the weekend then shown to our pitch to set up just in time to join with everyone for the Fizz & canopies reception.



Martin introduced his committee and gave an overview of the weekend's activities, Steve James (National Fellowship officer) gave a quick update on national & other national events coming up then the drinking and chatting commenced.

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Friday evening:

Food was a pre ordered takeaway from the site restaurant which was collected and taken back to your Caravan, Motorhome, Tent to eat, then a wander round catch up with friends old & new and celebrate with the odd beer or six.

Saturday morning:

The walkers went a walking, the sightseers went a sightseeing, and the sunbathers went a sunbathing, in the afternoon National President Peter Good joined in the fun.

Saturday evening:

We all came together in the local village hall for a lovingly prepared (by the 41/ Tangent club catering crew) chicken dinner & entertainment by Mr Mumbles who entertained everyone with close up table magic followed by a cabaret act.

Then back to the caravan for some serious drinking and putting the world to rights until the early hours with various people calling in on their way to bed.

Sunday morning:

Late lazy morning for some, others out walking, running or sightseeing for us a chill out in the sun waiting for the mid-afternoon get together and tea/coffee/ beer & fantastic homemade cakes from the 41/tangent catering crew.

Sunday evening:

After dinner was spent drinking & teaching some southern people how to play the man's game of double 9 dominoes as they had only played the children's game of double six dominoes before.

Thank you to Andrew and Antoinette Hornby - Simon and Donna Randal, double 9 domino converts.

Monday morning:

Up early pack up say our good byes and the long trek back home.

A big thanks & well done for a brilliant well organised weekend has to go out to Martin & Maria Green along with their team Terry & Lin Cooper and Richard & Anne Dyson a small surplus was made £250 and donated to President Peter's charity Dementia UK.

My only recommendation for next year's organisers would be if possible is to have a large gazebo / hall for both the Friday & Saturday night get together.

In all a great inexpensive weekend of fun & fellowship which is highly recommended, if you have a Caravan, Motorhome or Tent get yourself along to the next one look forward to seeing you there.



Celebr80

Dave Curran, Lytham St Annes 41 Club

It all started way back in 2019 when, to most people, COVID sounded like a new streaming channel. It was the end of a 41 Club meeting and I was enjoying the warm glow that comes from fellowship and red wine when Vice Chairman Andrew took me to one side.

How do you fancy doing Vice next year he said - and you can help me organise our 80th Dinner he added, almost as an afterthought. Now I'm a retired Architect and I've spent my life putting stuff together - the OCD also helps. Organising a 41 Club Anniversary Dinner is only marginally more complicated than building a Hospital so I readily agreed. Also, time had passed and the scars from helping to organise our 70th and 75th Anniversary Dinners had disappeared with the years.

Vice Chairman Andrew assembled an experienced committee of four, which eventually became five - small enough for easy decision making but large enough for him to spread the blame if things went wrong. At our first meeting in February 2020, obviously in the local pub, we decided that the event would be held at the Fylde Rugby Club on 12th March 2021. It was reported that costs were being finalised, a speaker was pencilled in, a logo for a lapel badge

was being designed and a flyer was being prepared. Everything would be ready to start publicising the event at the beginning of Andrew's year - or rather his first year as it came to be known. Meanwhile, elsewhere in the UK, a few people were developing a nasty cough.

On 19th March 2020 Boris announced that he could turn the tide of Coronavirus in 12 weeks and the first lockdown started 4 days later. 41 Club meetings stopped and 'Zoom' became a verb. Still, the 'Pandemic', another new word, would all be over well before March 2021 - wouldn't it? As the year groaned on, with no signs of the virus abating, we pushed back the date of the Dinner to the middle of May 2021 - 'Just to be on the safe side'. At the beginning of 2021 Lytham St Annes 41 Club, like many similar organisations, decided to carry on with the same Council and Committee for another year and to try to erase 2020 from our collective memories. Things were

slowly looking up and the death rate was falling which was encouraging, as long as you ignored the fact that there were considerably fewer old people left to die. The date of the Dinner was pushed back, yet again, to Friday 10th September 2021, surely it would all be over by then!

As 2021 progressed the plans for the Dinner were finalised and flyers were circulated. Vaccines were beginning to prove effective and we were reasonably confident that the September date would be third time lucky. We'd fixed the ticket price at £37.50 which sounds a lot until you start to do the sums. Overheads like lapel badges, decoration, guests, the speaker and so on have fixed costs and we'd done our costings on selling about 100 tickets - as we had done for our 75 and 70th Anniversary Dinners. However, ticket sales remained sluggish. To some extent that was due to the lingering fear of Covid but we also noticed that the pandemic had had an effect on a number of Clubs who had not been able to keep things going with virtual meetings. We discovered that some of those, who had supported us in past, were a shadow of their former selves and I do wonder if they will ever recover.



We did get good support from National and the White Knights and from a number of Clubs with whom we have special ties, like Kirkham, Blackburn and of course Lytham Table. My old Club Cheadle and Gatley made a weekend of it with some of the members of our 820's Club so we had representatives from Peterhead and Llanrwst. That meant that I was able to spend Saturday having a few drinks with some of my oldest friends, or at least that what I've been told happened. Eventually we reached a total attendance figure of 77. Because of Covid we'd decided to space out the seating and we ended up with the same table layout as we had for the 102 people who came to our 75th. This meant that the reduction in numbers wasn't so noticeable. We made some savings on decorations and, as the speaker wanted his fee to go to charity, we covered that by a donation from club funds. Suddenly the numbers stacked up - sometimes God works in mysterious ways.

One of the savings we made on decoration was actually a blessing in disguise. As we'd done in the past we developed a lapel badge design with Fattorini (who are a brilliant company by the way) and I then used that design as a logo for the event. I'd had this idea that we could fill the room with balloons printed with that logo and in trying to sort out the details and the cost I learned more that I ever wanted to know about balloon printing. It is done on what looks like a condom testing machine and I do wonder if there are commercial opportunities for combining the two functions -

perhaps personalised Christmas presents or even advertising? Anyway, the balloons are inflated on a turntable and different colours are stamped on as each balloon rotates. The cost depends on the number of colours you want and, as with condoms, the final result can be disappointing. To save cost we dropped the idea and decided to have a single large logo on a banner behind the Top Table. I settled for a few plain balloons with a sigh of relief.

In the week before the event I had to produce a table plan and it struck me that if prisoners were forced to produce table plans the UN would class it as 'cruel and inhuman treatment'. It's like trying to do a jigsaw when the number of pieces and the picture on the box keeps changing. Clubs want to sit together but then some people want to sit with, or avoid sitting with, other people. Inexplicable, maybe even supernatural, rules apply. If you have tables that seat eight, Clubs will want to book either seven or nine places (or any other combination that doesn't add up to eight). A day before the event someone will drop out and someone will want to bring a guest but this never ever occurs on the same table.

On the day of the Dinner, the Committee arrived at the venue in the afternoon to sort out the decorations and to make sure that everything was OK. At first sight the table layout looked splendid with all the glasses and cutlery neatly laid out on sparkling white table cloths. At second sight it was apparent that the caterers had used Table Layout 4C from the previous week which was of course completely different from Layout 5D which was now required. Obviously no one was available to correct the mistake and so the afternoon was spent rearranging the Tables.



I'm not going to give you a detailed report on the Dinner because it was a fairly traditional 41 Club event which is exactly what we were aiming for. After an extra year of planning everything happened more or less as intended and it was wonderful to dust off the dinner suit and to enjoy a formal evening in a room full of more or less like minded people. We did however manage to include a couple of special items in the programme. As one of the founder Clubs, Lytham St Annes never had an original charter, but one was eventually presented to us and the other founder clubs at the National Conference in 1986. As is the way with 41 Club Regalia, this Charter disappeared and it is now probably contributing to someone's loft insulation. We did however manage to make a new Charter by copying the one that had been presented to LOTS and this was signed at the Dinner by President Peter and Secretary Bernard after a brief presentation of our Club's history by our resident historian Graham Smith.

To mark our 80th Birthday it seemed obvious that we should have a large cake and, after considering the logistics of 80 candles, we settled for eight large ones to mark the decades since our formation. Then, after considering the logistics of a large cake, we decided that we would make a large dummy one,

on which President Peter could blow out the candles, before our caterers served individual cupcakes to everyone. The candles were mounted on a scissor jack inside the cake so that Chairman Andrew had to wind them up before I could light them with an automatic blow torch. Everyone had been given a song sheet with the words to a modified version of 'Happy Birthday' and the plan was for everyone to sing whilst I provided the music on my Fisher Price Xylophone. I have to admit that, as 'Happy Birthday' uses eight notes and my Xylophone only has six, some artistic compromises were necessary.



We had checked with the Rugby Club that it would be OK for us to light candles but as my finger hovered over the trigger of the blow torch I looked up to see two large smoke detectors on

the ceiling uncomfortably close to our cake. I've had quite a few traumatic experiences with false fire alarms when I've been refurbishing hospitals. Surgeons seem to completely lose their senses of humour when they have to evacuate their theatres in the middle of operations. With a prayer that the cupcakes and coffee wouldn't have to be served in the car park I lit the candles and raced through 'Happy Birthday' as fast as I could. President Peter then blew out the candles in a Covid safe way with a bicycle pump (the committee had vetoed the water pistol) and I started to breathe again.

Finally, I'm happy to report that a collection was made for President Peter's Dementia UK Charity which raised £335 which was an excellent figure. This has been very much a personal report but I'd like to pay tribute to the other hard working Committee Members, Glenn Oldroyd, Graham Smith, Graham Sloan and of course our glorious leader Andrew Dalby. Lytham St Annes next major Anniversary will be our 85th and will I still be involved? Unlikely, but only time will tell.





The 41 Club Big Weekend

Marcus Jones

Having cleared up and completed what was an epic three days' worth of events. The PLC TEAM have been genuinely overwhelmed by your kind words, excitement, and support. It has been a truly difficult eighteen months for everyone, and the PLC team were determined to deliver something extraordinary for the members of 41 Club and The Round Table Family.



In this article I wanted to personally thank all those that attended the event and supported our endeavours which include our sponsors.

Friday whilst the board and council had their meetings, the PLC team were busy setting up the amazing decorations for the International Themed Night. Colourful and warm would be the words shared by so many who attended the night. Pure Steel, kicked off our amazing weekend, what an awesome steel band, that gave you all such a warm welcome with an uplifting performance, for more information please go to www.puresteelband.co.uk or contact Nicola via 07834 277334.

As attendees walked in, the music was vibrant and definitely had a beach party vibe, including the Bob Marley and Bond Music Mix which was superb! As part of the warm welcome Michael Dalton from Great Dunmow 41 Club poured some of his own Brewery welcome ale. Next "Guardino

Electric" they truly entertained the crowd on the Friday night and joined in the Nations Night, they were truly electrifying! From pop to classical, every genre you can think of. Even Vivaldi!!!!



DAY TWO

Saturday AM was the business side of things with 41Club SGM. Following that the plc has organised a special 41Club Gin Tasting session and a display of Jaguar Land Rover Classic Cars. Saturday's spectacular was THE X FACTOR with the amazing "TOO DAMN HOT – JAM HOT" However, before they entered the arena, I wanted to share with the hard work of the PLC Team and how magnificent the room looked! We wanted to create a world class feel, setting a room decoration standard to another level. Something that represented 75 years of 41 Club. The room was rocking, and you all danced! I have never seen a band get so involved with the audience and they are truly world class.



Finally, we had representation from The Round Table Family who warmly gave greetings and encouragement to each other. We also had a few special videos from our 41 Club Connects programme such as Commentator John Inverdale, former England Cricketer Geoff Miller, and The Amazing Paralympian George Peasegood. Also as part of the evening Kevin Chard and Annabel Williams gave an update on the Base Camp Everest Challenge for Dementia UK and a legacy project that supports ALL4NEPAL schools with the support of the YAP – Young Ambassador Programme, this was delivered by the amazing young lady and she definitely stole the show!

Thank you for the amazing support in the raffle and auction, Peter Good will announce his final total in Cardiff's AGM, all I can say is that you were all magnificent. All auction winners will have a separate communication for their prizes and payments.



There was also a special unique joint recognition for Past presidents of Round Table and 41 Club, along with this President Peter made a special presentation to Peter McBride, Aiden Coyne and Mark House for their special contributions during the last eighteen months, including the work of Buddies Line, 41 Club in Ireland and 41 Club Connects.

Finally, from me, I have always said our organisations are represented by Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things, and as I mentioned that Saturday night, I truly believe and have always said in any address to the members The Round Table Family: "The Round Table Family means different things to different people, for some it's community, for others it's charity, but for most and for the very reason we are members, it is the fun, fellowship and friendships for life!

I am committed to ensure that our association goes from strength to strength with the members in mind in everything we do, and I will stand for those values in everything I do on your behalf.


Finally, a sincere thanks goes to THE DREAM TEAM Bruce and Lynn Bennett, Hugh & Shan Millward, Bosco Townsend, Oliver Smith, Mark Oakland, Lesley Good, Mark House and of course Jane Smith (My Good Lady). This is the amazing team who supported the vision we set out to achieve eighteen months ago. I must also mention Andy & Gail Ventress who looked after all the international elements of the weekend. I know President Peter Good and Lesley have been overwhelmed by your support. So that is it, and now I bow out!

Thank you all for your continued friendship and fellowship.

Marcus Jones

**Chairman of Peter Good's PLC
Past National President RTBI**





Fellowship Update

Steve James, National Fellowship Officer

41 Club National Sports and Social Weekend

Our annual Sports and Social weekend returns to the Ashbury Hotel in Okehampton, Devon over the weekend of 4 to 6th February 2022 and promises to be an excellent weekend of sporting excellence and fun and fellowship.

The Asbury Hotel is set in the heart of Devon and boasts the title of 9th largest golf resort in the world and with its sister hotel the Manor House only 2 miles away, both hotels offer an outstanding choice of over 70 different sport, craft, leisure and spa activities. NSSW attendees will be able to use all the facilities including the spa at either hotel including playing golf on Friday and Sunday as well as playing in the Saturday golfing competition.

For those who only want to attend the sports and Saturday presentation dinner we are offering 1 night accommodation sharing a twin room for £110pp this includes Sat eve meal and breakfast on the Sunday. The standard 2-night packages Friday to Sunday are priced at £220pp for single occupancy or £180pp sharing a twin room. These packages include Dinner B&B plus lunch on the Saturday. For those that who want to make most of the facilities 3-night packages are available, priced at £265pp single occupancy and £225 sharing in a twin room.

Further details: nssw.41clubevents.co.uk/
This is an event not to be missed!!

Cardiff Conference Update

Unfortunately we have received notification from Sophia Gardens that we are unable to hold our AGM in the Amber Lounge at the ground and we also cannot hold our fancy-dress party at the cricket ground.

The management team explained to myself that due to the pandemic their business has suffered immeasurably with no conferences for nearly 18 months, and no sign that things are picking up quickly. From a cricket perspective they played with no crowds in 2020 and under restricted crowds for 2021 which left the team unable to operate as usual or bring in any revenue to the club. As a consequence, they were left with no option but to restructure the

business and consequently 20 plus staff were sadly made redundant, the majority of these being from the Conference and Events team. On that basis Sophia Gardens informed me that they could not deliver any major events at the stadium.

I am pleased to say that I have secured a new venue for both our AGM and fancy-dress party which is the Mercure Holland house hotel in the city centre. The hotel can cater for the same number of delegates as Sophia Gardens and therefore apart from a venue change the AGM and evening will run as previously planned. Should any delegate not wish to attend the event due to the venue change please contact me at fellowship@41club.org.

New Benefits for Members

I am pleased to announce that 3 new member benefits schemes will come on-line shortly.

The first is the cinema society which will allow 41 Club members to have discounts of up to 40% on cinema tickets with all major cinema chains and some minor ones too. With over 475 participating cinemas throughout the UK and Ireland there will be a nearby cinema for all our members. Members will be able to purchase tickets online or via an app. We are currently working with cinema society on the member logins and will provide detailed instructions on how to login in one of the forthcoming newsletters.

The second members benefit is a new car leasing scheme to complement the one we have with MBC leasing. We have teamed up with Select Car Leasing Burton on Trent which is run by Swadlincote and District 1 Club member Richard Wileman. Select car leasing is the UK's largest provider in New Car and Commercial Leasing and they are offering the best service levels and terms to all 41 Club Members.

If you are looking to lease a new car you can either go to Richard's landing page www.selectcarleasing.co.uk/car-leasing-burton-on-trent. Please quote 41 club in the comments box or when ringing. Or email Richard direct quoting 41 club at 41club@selectcarleasing.co.uk

The final members benefit relates to offering members tailor-make UK trips and

overseas holidays from the expert advice of Simon Hyde who is a tour operator and has a franchise with travel counsellors. Simon is a member of the Grosvenor nights 41 club in Chester. He and his team cover tailor-made luxury travel, cruise and adventure as well as business and corporate and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events).

His business is incredibly well placed to look after the needs of our members from a 'personal travel' perspective. In the current environment with the constantly changing rules both nationally and internationally regarding Covid he has all the expertise at hand to be able to take care of members.

The driving force behind Simon's desire to provide this seems to come from really wanting to offer more opportunities for members to meet up. Without question there is a business opportunity for personal travel but he has a real interest enhancing and growing the 41 Club community; finding ways that community and friendships can be grown and deepened on a national and international level.

As a tour operator, Simon and his team have access to cruise lines he is currently looking into securing more member benefits along the same lines as we have with Fred. Olsen. Equally, he can look at hotel groups that would provide

Hilton type offers and, through the Meetings and Events arm of the business, would certainly take the heavy lifting out of future annual conferences whilst also potentially providing discounts or referral fees with the large bookings.

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Don't forget we have numerous benefits that our members can access and these can either be found at 41clubconnects.co.uk/member_benefits/ or in the members handbook – if you have mislaid your copy please drop me a line at fellowship@41club.org and I will send a copy

Lest We Forget

National President Peter Good led a delegation from 41 Club to the Remembrance Sunday Commemoration at the Cenotaph, in London, as part of the Round Table Family.

Peter is shown below prior to that event fund raising for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Also pictured with the Presidents of Tangent, Round Table and Ladies Circle at the Cenotaph.



And with the Round Table Family in Horse Guards Parade after the commemoration.

From the records – an account of the RTBI Roll Call of WWII losses.

R.T.B.I. Roll of Honour	
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Pleased to meet you...



Having attended over 1,100 Meetings of his own Club, Letchworth 41 Club, Frank Spary has attended more meetings than any other 41-er in the world!

In November, Letchworth 41 Club, Club no 7 celebrated its 75th anniversary. Formed in 1946, they have continued to meet fortnightly until this year. As none of the first 6 clubs that are older have done the same (having moved to monthly many years ago), Letchworth believe they are the 41 Club that has held the most meetings of any 41 Club/Old Tablers/ Square Legs club in the world.

They were delighted also to celebrate the 95th birthday of Frank Spary, a member of the club for 55 years (on the left in the picture). With an attendance rate of around 20 meetings a year for 55 years, Letchworth believe him to be the 41 Club member who has attended the most meetings of his club of any 41-er in the World!

31st March-
3rd April
2022



CARDIFF 2022

a peach of a conference

We really hope that you are all doing well and keeping safe. After a really horrendous 15 months we are sure that come 2022 you will be ready for face to face AGMs and a big 41 Club/Tangent party.

The 41 Club AGM will be held at Mercure Holland House, a 20 minute amble from the main hotel, plus transport is being provided.

The Tangent AGM is being held in the Hilton Hotel a five minute walk from the Holiday Inn, plus transport is being provided.

Other fun stuff includes:

- Thursday night Welcome Party at the Holiday Inn with surprises in store for everyone.
- Friday trips to the Big Pit (go down a real mine), Cardiff Castle, and fixtures permitting, the Principality Stadium.
- Friday evening the Joint Presidents Banquet will take place in the iconic City Hall with more surprises in store.
- Saturday, the final night party will be back at Mercure Holland House, and a chance to show off your creativity.

All walkable distances, plus transport will be provided on the Friday and Saturday evenings, from the Holiday Inn only.

There will be a separate conference bar at Callaghans

(within the Holiday Inn) open all day till the early hours.

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn. Other hotels are available via the Cardiff tourism link below.

Roald Dahl said, "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." As far as we are aware, Roald Dahl never attended a 41 Club and Tangent Conference, but he definitely understands what we are going to bring you in March/April 2022!

"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable."
Roald Dahl, Matilda.

Conference 2022 will feature spectacular venues for our magical events, fabulous fellowship and friendship and a lot of FUN.

The Conference Committee are doing nothing by halves and are definitely going the whole hog, and we thank them for all their work, but it would be nothing without YOU, the members attending.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Cardiff! Remember, "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it" (Roald Dahl)" - Peter & Tracey.

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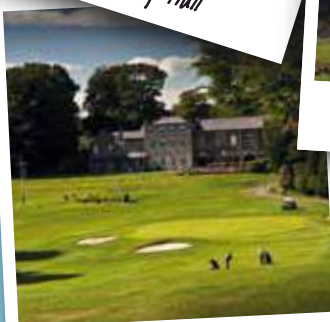
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Greetings from "Little England beyond Wales"

Steve James

During the weekend of 24-26 September, 43 intrepid 41 Club and Tangent members descended on the tiny village of Lamphey in South Pembrokeshire to attend the inaugural 41 club walking weekend.

Pembrokeshire was chosen because of its beautiful scenery and the fact that I am a native of the county I wanted to showcase what the area had to offer.



Several people decided to make it a longer break so a Thursday evening stroll around Tenby was arranged and after watching the sunset we went for a meal in a local hostelry. On Friday morning we drove to St David's the UK's smallest city and after visiting the cathedral we did a short walk across the coast path from Caerfai bay to Porthclais returning to St Davids. Whilst the group decided to have refreshments in a local pub, I had to get back to Lamphey to meet the walkers who were arriving for the main weekend.

A number of people had already arrived early that afternoon to explore the area and as is usual in 41 Club events a number were already sitting in the sunshine having a drink outside the hotel greeting old and making new friends. The main hotel for the weekend was the Lamphey Hall hotel with a number of guests also staying in the Lamphey court hotel (me included) and walking up each evening for dinner. The conversation and fellowship at the evening meal was second to none and the chef had prepared excellent meals for everyone.

Saturday was the main day for walking and I had carefully chosen 3 routes along the coastal path of varying distances (4, 8 and 12 miles) where walkers could decide to stop and return to the hotel via bus. Everyone was up early in order to catch one of the few trains - 7 to be exact that run to Tenby on a Saturday. As readers can gather Pembrokeshire is not commuter belt country and on the line the train has to slow down at every crossing because there are no barriers or signals to warn cars of an oncoming train.

As we arrived in Tenby we headed to the South Beach for the obligatory group photo before everyone departed across the mile of sand up on to the headland.



Each walker was given a comprehensive illustrated instruction leaflet which I have to thank Karen, my wife and Andy Ventress, our IRO for acting as glamorous assistants by pointing out the directions to take as highlighted in the guide photo's.

Stage 1 to Lydstep was a 4 mile walk, the first mile across the South beach before ascending on the headland for a relatively flat walk with stunning views across to Caldey island and some fascinating rock structures. Halfway along the coast path we came across remnants of First World War trenches that were built to teach troops how to build trenches and more importantly how to survive in them. On arriving at Lydstep those that had opted to walk 4 miles either took the bus back to Tenby to spend the afternoon in the town whilst others returned to the hotel.



Stage 2 Lydstep to Manorbier took the walkers up from the caravan park to the headland where we were confronted by a steep decent down a valley via 126 steps before proceeding up the headland via a meandering path on the other side. The path took us past Skrinkle Haven then we had to walk around the MOD firing range at Manorbier before heading back on to the coast path for the last 2 miles. As the path winds around the coastline, it's an exhilarating walk with outstanding views of the secluded but wide expanse of Presipe Beach and the backdrop of huge, steep and dramatically ridged cliffs.



As we approached Manorbier we were greeted by the magnificent sight of Manorbier castle which was founded in the

late 11th century by the Anglo-Norman de Barry family. At Manorbier, walkers enjoyed lunch either in the tearooms or local pub. Throughout this stage myself and Andy Ventress remained back markers to assist those who were slower in pace so by the time we arrived at Manorbier the others were ready to leave either to catch the bus back to the hotel or the hardy group wanting to navigate the most rugged and



picturesque part of the walk. The group started together but after the first mile and several ascents/descents we were soon strung out. The views across the bays were stunning and halfway along the stage we came across the secluded Swanlake bay which can only be reached by foot. There were a few people swimming in the sea and I soon felt like jumping in to cool off but realised that I would have to walk the remaining 2 miles sodden which would not have been pleasant and the option to skinny dip would not have been a pleasant sight so the hotel pool it was.



There were some tired legs and several blisters at the conclusion of the walk but some of us decided to walk the further 1.5 miles back to the hotel.

Saturday's dinner and several pints were a real welcome and it was great to listen to the tales of the walkers.

On Sunday we drove to Bosherton which is famous for its extensive Lilly Ponds, although they were not in bloom they

were quite an impressive spectacle. The walking options were either a short 1.5 mile around the lily ponds or a 5 mile walk through the lily ponds, across Broadhaven south beach, up the headland and to St Govans chapel. Karen acted as backmarker for the day which meant I was able to lead the group. Everyone enjoyed the lily ponds and walking on the soft sand and up over to the headland caused the group to string out, until we regrouped for a rest in the beach car park situated on top of the cliffs.

The walk was relatively flat with a marvellous views of the sea, however everyone was warned that we would be walking on part of the Castlemartin tank firing range and that they should stay within the white markers to avoid stepping on an unexploded shell. That sobered a few people up especially as some people commented that they had heard the thud of the shells when they were doing night manouvers on Friday night.



The final stop of the walk was St Govans chapel which is built in the side of the cliffs. Legend has it that the number of steps going down are different to the number of steps when you walk back up but sadly no one decided to test that out. We walked back to the village tea rooms for refreshments and we said our goodbyes. I would like to thank everyone for supporting me by attending this event and from reading Northampton nene 341 Club fatter magazine it was great to see the comments of Ken Banfield who wrote about the weekend by saying "So there you have it another brilliant event to add to every 41er or Tangent member's calendar and or bucket list, the National Walking Weekend just must be done even if you don't do any walking"

Plans are already in place for the next 2 years walking weekends and further details will follow in due course.

If you do like walking then you could also try getting some practice on the 44 circular walks that comprise The Millennium Way Walks which is a 41 Club inspired project. See here for more detail. Millennium Way 100 Mile Walk (41club.org)

Thanks to Paul Hampton and Barry Durman for allowing me to use their photos .



The OBE 41 Club

Mark Gray

My name is Mark Gray and I'm the current chair of the OBE 41 Club. If you have been to a national or regional meeting recently no doubt you will have seen some of our members in the dinner suits and flat caps.



Who are the OBE's?

The OBEs were founded by a small group of ex Round Table National Executive/

Board members ten years ago by the late Vaughan Harris. The title is an acronym of Old Bored Executives. It is a second club for all of our member's and it meets three

times a year for an AGM, a Charter and a partner's weekend. Otherwise, the club attends national conference NSSW and other events we also meet on-line as many clubs do these days.

To join the OBE's, you need to have served at least one year on the National Executive or National Board of RTBI between (1995 and 2020) and be a member of 41 Club. You then have to be invited by a member of the club to join; we currently have a waiting list we are that popular!

The club is national, so it has no regional base, but we use Marchesi House as our main focal point as our charter tends to be in Birmingham most years.

As you can imagine given the membership pool, individual members may still be passionate about the round table family, and many are National councillors and National Board members of 41 Club. It is important to stress this an individual choice and not a rule of our club which exists purely to recreate the fun had on serving on the national board in days past. This is no different in that respect to the

Dragons or the White Knights and it has no political agenda of its own and the same voting rights of any active 41 club.

The purpose of my article is to spotlight the remarkable work undertaken by our club in the past year raising thousands of pounds for Dementia UK cancer Research and Round Table Children's Wish.



We hope our exploits will inspire others to follow in our footsteps, saddles and wetsuits to get fit and raise money.

OBE's Fundraising for Dementia UK

Past National RTBI President John Kilshaw who is also a regional Councillor braved the freezing water of lake Windemere on the 12th June this year for Dementia UK raising Over £850 for the Presidents Charity Dementia UK.

Not to be outdone Peter Walker our Dementia miles co-ordinator has been



compiling individual walking miles from Jim Conway National Vice President and several other members and we hope to have an amazing collective mile total and fund from of us by the end of the year. However, one of our members Steve Lord former IRO of RTBI and OBE Member and Clitheroe 41 club decided to do a Cycle ride from his Home in Clitheroe to Lands End!



706 miles in total and literally got on his bike again raising £1,100 for Dementia UK he has now decided to do it in the other direction to John O Groats!

OBE fundraising for Cancer research UK

As well as becoming Chair of the OBE 41 club 2021 is a special year for me too I turned 60 in March 2021 and I have set myself a personal target of 60 things that I've never done before to be completed by March 2022.



One of those challenges was to walk the Ridgeway. An ancient Path that runs from Overton Hill in Wiltshire close to the ancient Site of Avebury to the Ivinghoe

Beacon in Buckinghamshire. This is a walk of around 89 miles end to end with additional journeys on and off the Ridgeway to accommodation it was about 101 Miles In total. I was completely solo with no support just a phone and supplies in a rucksack I completed the journey in stages over six days.

I was dropped off at the start and collected at the finish.

Each stage was dedicated to friends or family I had lost in my lifetime and was more poignant because my youngest cousin Marion died the week before the walk two days before her 56th birthday. The final day was dedicated to Cancer Survivors and was a walk of hope. The walk was hard I have a lot of underlying health conditions, I'm diabetic, Dyspraxic, overweight, and Asthmatic I also have arthritis of the hip just to spice it up a bit.



However, through the power of social media my Round Table family, family and friends got me through the week, and I completed it footsore but happy raising over £2,500 for Cancer research UK after Gift Aid.

My next challenge is going to be to walk. The 46 mile Peddars way for Dementia UK and a 24 Hour Disco for RTCW so plenty to keep me busy!

It doesn't stop there Everest in their sights.

Later this year three of our OBE's are undertaking a gruelling trip to Everest Base camp they are Kevin Chard, Greg Meadwell, and Studley already undertaking training in Wales and Derbyshire their trip is in the Autumn of this year. After listening to one of Marcus Jones "I have an Idea" apparently there will be more to come on this one I'm sure.



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Market Harborough 41 Club National Car Rally 2022

The "Three Counties" Tour - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire - Friday 29th to Sunday 31st July

Market Harborough 41 Club are delighted to invite you to the 2022 Classic Car Rally based in Market Harborough, a delightful market town in the south east of Leicestershire sharing boundaries with Rutland and Northamptonshire.

We will be based at the Three Swans Hotel, in the centre of Market Harborough - a former 16th Century coaching inn where King Charles I chose to visit back in 1645, the day before the famous battle of Naseby.

Friday 29th July

We all meet up at the hotel on Friday to prepare for our evening Welcome Party held at the hotel where you can recount motoring tales and enjoy a buffet meal.

Saturday 30th July

Meet your fellow rally guests at 10.00. am in the hotel car park and check out everybody's classic car.

We'll then have a run through the delightful countryside of the "Three Counties" before stopping off for lunch. After lunch, we will have another run back to Market Harborough.

There is a Rally Dinner at the Three Swans in the evening with a 3-course meal, entertainment and the presentation of various awards.

Sunday 31st July

We will assemble at the hotel after breakfast for a scenic run followed by an informal lunch. After lunch, entrants are free to leave for home or stay and enjoy the wonderful sights of the "Three Counties" countryside.

The National Car Rally Package and Costs

We have negotiated a National Car Rally Package with the Three Swans Hotel for 2 people at a cost of £293 in total which includes:

- A Classic Double Room for Friday and Saturday night with 2 people sharing including Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- Hot Buffet for 2 people on Friday night
- 3 course Rally Dinner for 2 people on Saturday night.

Other room types may be available, and the Three Swans are happy to discuss your requirements.

Car Registration and Cost

You can enter your car for the Rally and include a profile in the 2022 National Car Rally Brochure at a cost of £30. We are also producing a commemorative Rally Plate for £10 should you wish to buy a souvenir of the "Three Counties Tour."

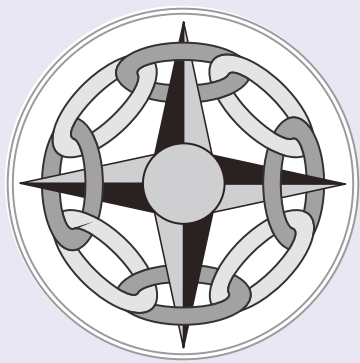


How do I enter?

To book your accommodation and meals, see the Booking Form following and then follow the instructions, contacting the Three Swans Hotel direct. To register your car and purchase your Rally Plate, visit www.mh41club.org.uk and see the relevant form in the section for the National Car Rally.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Market Harborough 41 Club via email at marketharborough41club@gmail.com

Yours in Continued Friendship
The 2022 National Car Rally Team



41 Club National Car Rally

Market Harborough 41 Club - The "Three Counties" Tour Friday 29th to Sunday 31 July 2022

Market Harborough 41 Club look forward to seeing you at the event hotel which is
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* We will create a National Car Rally 2022 WhatsApp Group for communication and messaging.

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When booking, please notify the hotel of any Dietary requirements.

Please book your National Car Rally Package, using this form, directly with the hotel via email to candeswans@innmail.co.uk quoting 41CLUB as your booking reference.

When you check in at the hotel on arrival, you will receive a Car Parking Permit to use during your stay.

Note that full payment is required at the time of booking. In the event that you need to cancel your booking there will be a full refund provided SIX WEEKS notice is given.

(It is recommended that you use Visa/MasterCard).

Geoff Capell
Chairman, Market Harborough National Car Rally 2022
Contact number 07594 561446



National Car Rally 2021

John Alsford, Medway 41 Club - The Organiser

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 Covid-19 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 Covid-19 and the Delta 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.

Which was?

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

God, everyone must have got that. Next you will be telling me that you asked which 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 Round Table 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 Religious 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 cliques?

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 Covid 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.





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Party Tyne 41 Club,
Hon. 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.

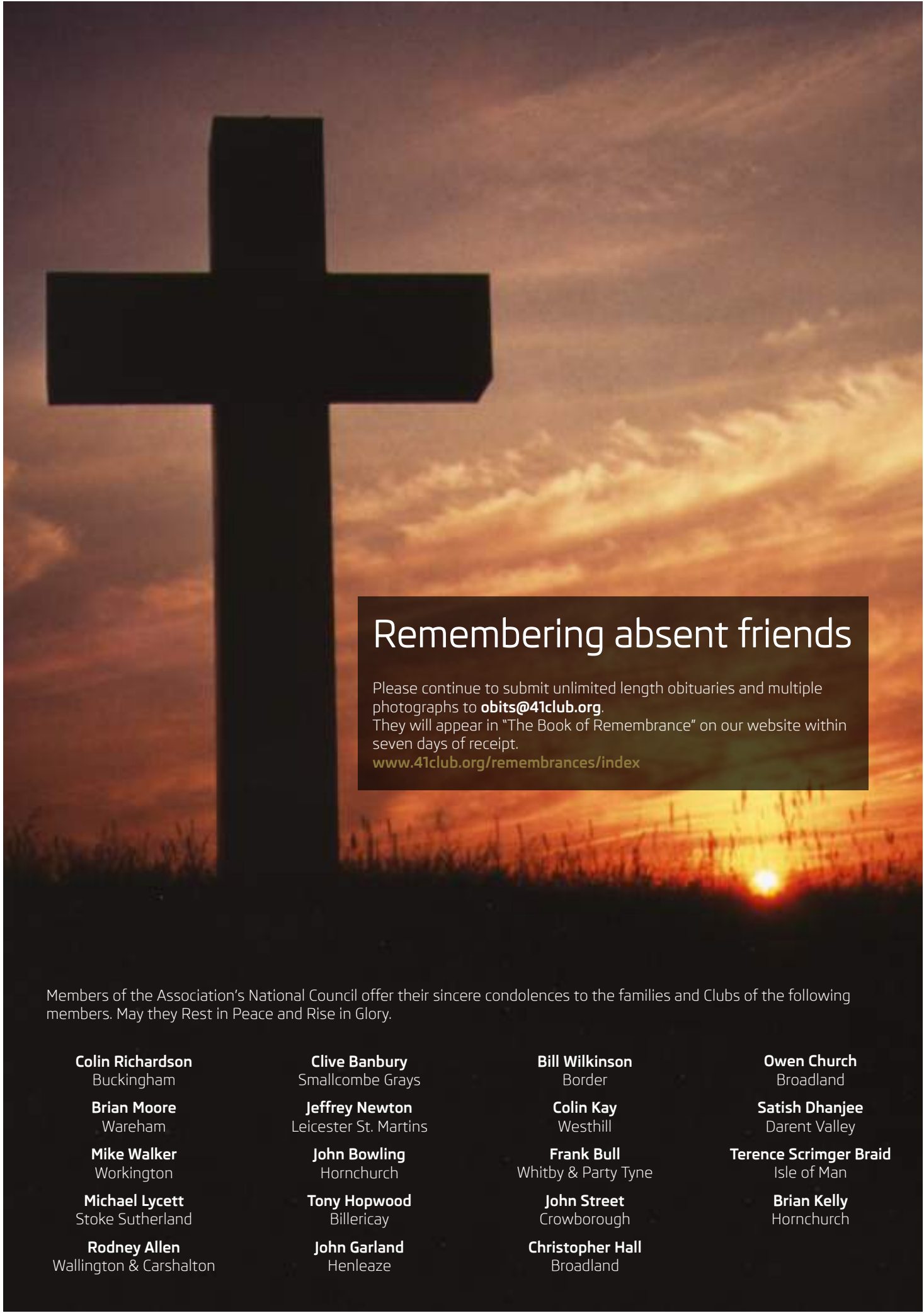
Back in Whitby he worked for GA Suffield, a firm he eventually took over. His vibrant personality and flair made him a well known and popular auctioneer.

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.



Remembering absent friends

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www.41club.org/remembrances/index

Members of the Association's National Council offer their sincere condolences to the families and Clubs of the following members. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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