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Welcome

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Like many of our members, we are deeply concerned by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine which is leading to a growing humanitarian crisis. Our preferred way of donating is via the Round Table Family route set out below because we believe it benefits from negligible overheads AND the aid will, we believe, get to where it is needed quicker:-

The actual situation in the Ukraine is for all of us incomprehensible – we are shocked. Whilst there is no 41 Club in the Ukraine, and only a nascent Round Table; Old Tablers' Germany ("OTD") together with Round Table Germany ("RTD"), Ladies Circle Germany and Agora Club Tangent Germany) has organised an annual Christmas Parcels and Help Aid Convoy to the Ukraine. Over the years we have built a great network of friends who will coordinate locally all efforts of these convoys. OTD has initiated an appeal immediately, using the infrastructure of the 2 convoy organisations which act under the "Foundation Round Table Germany".

OTD write: *There is an immense need for monetary donations and medical large equipment we would like to inform 41ers what is needed and about the way, how you can support.*

Here a few more facts for you to understand:

Important: we are not going to a war zone! We deliver to the border regions in Poland and Moldova, where our friends from the Ukraine will pick the donations up. Donations in kind in smaller units are enormously difficult at the moment, because the Ukrainians have communicated to us relatively clearly what is needed. At a later stage, this will certainly become even more relevant.

We "only" get as far as the border. The storage capacities at these places are limited and the risk of picking up and the effort for it, is gigantic for the Ukrainians. That is why we ask for monetary donations. Only with this we can deliver exactly what is urgently needed, especially during the first important trips. **Monetary donations can go straight to the account of our foundation or directly to: paypal@rtd-stiftung.de reference/usage: "Convoy" ; transferring through "family and friends" to avoid additional cost of PayPal.**

We show our solidarity. We show that we have not forgotten Ukraine. We show our support.

Our Ukrainian partners would like us to accept donations from abroad and use them in this project.

What stronger proof of trust can there be towards us? Let us build on it.

Robert Lerch, Präsident 2020 – 2022, Old Tablers Deutschland

So, if you as Clubs or as individuals, reading this want to assist the peoples of the Ukraine, we suggest that you make your donations through the OTD Appeal.

RTBI has pledged to raise £95,000 for the RTD/OTD Ukraine Appeal – with the support of 41 Club. The National Council has already donated £2,000, the most possible to assist Ukrainian people. From 10th – 13th March, Ash and Emily Gardner walked from Marchesi House to the Ukrainian Embassy in London, to raise money on behalf of the Round Table Family of Clubs for the appeal – raising many £000s more, and 41 Club has supported them.

Clubs & Members - please give now AND email international@41Club.org so that we can keep track of your donations.

At the Cardiff AGM there will be a Proposal to donate monies from National too.

Peter Good, National President

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A message from...

The President

Peter Good - National President



Two years ago I took over as your National President and unfortunately we went straight into COVID Lockdown.

I am not a person to just sit back and do nothing, so I was on the phone daily to my PLC Chairman, Marcus Jones, and one morning I said "I have to have some way of connecting with membership or the Association will die." Marcus said "That's it - Connects", we got Mark House, our IT expert, to set it up; and Marcus used his contacts from work to get the speakers. Originally during the first lockdown the speakers were free of charge, as they were people returning favours to Marcus and were only too happy to help.

This worked brilliantly with some big named celebrities and sporting personalities. The numbers of members participating increased which made Connects very successful.

The second Lockdown came again quickly, and by then speakers wanted to charge. This was understandable as they were unable to work, in the same way that I couldn't visit clubs, so I said to pay for them from my expenses allowance. We continued to have an excellent line up of speakers and the attendance was great with over a thousand at some events. This was achieving my aim of keeping the members of the Association in touch with each other, which was great.

On the back of Connects we had other things starting up and I thought we should be looking to help any members with problems during Lockdown, so we set up the Buddies Line. Peter McBride took this on board and did a lot of research setting up the buddies on a phone line manned 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Peter also started

the wellbeing group. Thank you for your help in this Peter.

We have lots of special interest groups for example Wine Tasting, whiskey enthusiasts etc., the cookery nights with the ladies getting involved, a walking group, and others. Clubs also launched virtual activities like the Murder Mystery evenings on Zoom hosted by Market Harborough - and there were others too.

Also, on Facebook there are various hobby groups, so there are many interesting things happening in the Association to bring us together more, and I hope these will continue in the future.

During the lockdown we had the Zoom meetings where I probably met more members than in normal times. I would be on Zoom every night seven days a week when possible and sometimes with three clubs in one night.

All of these things didn't happen in the Association before the pandemic, so the digital world not only saved us but helped us move forward. They are available to all members, and the Connects meetings were normally recorded for members to use for meetings.

Lesley and I managed to attend the caravan rally organised by Martin Green. This was a very good event and enabled us to meet with old friends and make new ones. We were made to feel very welcome which was much appreciated.

We had the Big Weekend in Nottingham in July 2021 during a break in restrictions. This

was to celebrate 41 Club being 75 years old and should have taken place the year before. A lot more things were planned that unfortunately had to be cancelled. We all had a great weekend with lots of fun and fellowship. My thanks go to my PLC chaired by Marcus Jones, and everyone who helped, putting this event together.

Then a few more months of cancellations followed. Thankfully I did have the honour to represent 41 Club at the Cenotaph. This was a very humbling experience which I will never forget. My thanks go to Don Mullane and Dominic Price for getting us accommodation at the Reform Club which just made the weekend even more special.

There were a few Christmas events but most were cancelled, then it was the Burns nights. I attended Christchurch that had three other clubs attending, a great night of fellowship and fun and the best haggis I have ever had. Then I attended a local club, Swadlincote, with my driver for the night being Scottish having to address the haggis for them.

January over, things start to get going with Brentwood Ladies Night followed by a drive through the night to Devon for NSSW in Okehampton. Definitely getting too old for this kind of thing. I was shattered! But, after a few hours sleep I was ready to go. Having not booked in for any sports I planned on just walking round supporting everybody, but actually ended up taking part in 5 events. Had my name been Barry I would have won!!

This was a great weekend. It was buzzing with loads of fun and fellowship Looking forward to Scotland where the next NSSW is taking place.



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From February to the end of my term at the end of March, I am trying to cram two years visiting into two months, going up and down the country to visit clubs and chartering new Clubs. There are up to 24 new clubs now and still more to do, 4 clubs reaffiliated and 3 Phoenix clubs started up. The future of 41 club is now looking good for the on coming years. Our National Membership Officer, Glen Lyon, has done a great job whilst having his own problems to contend with.

My thanks go to National Councillor Kevin Stewart for his hard work in Scotland, starting 7 new clubs up there and keeping existing clubs going. I had some of my best times visiting the guys up there.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Clubs that have supported my Charity, Dementia UK, with their generous donations.

I would also like to say it was great to hear about clubs getting out into their communities during the pandemic, helping with prescription deliveries, shopping etc and helping out at the food banks and vaccine centres. This is not just doing worthwhile things, it's raising the profile of the Round Table Family because when people ask who we are, they don't know what 41 Club is about, but when we explain that we are ex-Round Table, it raises Table's profile also.

My thanks go out to all my Board members and Councillors for working so hard

supporting me and the Association in these two different years. They have had to Adopt, Adapt and Improve!

It's been a pleasure to serve alongside the Four Family Presidents. I feel we have a close relationship with Round Table again and we should make a big effort to help them keep growing.

Yours in Continued Friendship

Peter

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



Your Vice President Elect for 2022-23

Steve James

41 Club Memberships: Barry; Llantwit Major.

From	To	Role
1998	1998	Programme Officer - Pontypridd 972
1999	2000	CSLO - Pontypridd 972
2000	2001	Vice Chairman - Pontypridd 972
2001	2002	Chairman - Pontypridd 972
2006	2007	Vice Chairman - Pontypridd and Rhondda 972
2007	2008	Chairman - Pontypridd and Rhondda 972
2009	2011	Area Executive - Area 4 Cambria
2011	2012	Vice Chairman - Area 4 Cambria
2012	2013	Chairman - Area 4 Cambria
2012	2014	National Programme Committee RTBI
2015	2018	National Councillor - Region 13
2018	2022	National Fellowship Officer

I am absolutely thrilled and honoured to be elected the Vice President for this great association. I could not ask for a better place to be handed the VP chain on "home soil" in Cardiff.

The last 2 years have been a difficult time for all member associations, as the restrictions ease there will be members who will be reluctant to meet physically and we must do all we can to make them still feel part of 41 Club.

As an NHS HR professional, I am acutely aware of recruitment and retention challenges and these are no different in 41 Club. As President I would want to ensure:

- We lay the foundations to increase our membership base,
- We make 41 Club attractive for retiring Tablers.
- A smooth transition for retiring Tablers,
- We assist Round Table to grow.

Having a varied programme is key to attracting new members. Over the last 4 years our National offerings have increased significantly. I would like to assist in developing cluster events where they do not exist and continue proactively establishing the very successful "area" clubs that have been affiliated. It is often financially difficult for clubs to put on events and that is why I have put a resolution to the AGM to allow clubs to apply for a grant to help stage such events.

In terms of retention, we must not forget our current members, engagement is the key, I will want to hear the views of our members, so that they stay committed to remain in 41 Club and not disaffiliate. I will achieve this by not only visiting clubs, but by undertaking surveys and establishing Q&A sessions with the President and/or Board.

I look forward to meeting and engaging with as many of you as possible.





Your National Fellowship Officer for 2022-25

Kelly Clarke

41 Club Memberships: North Walsham; Founders Area Past Area Chairman

From	To	Role
1995	2008	North Walsham & District - all posts
2000	2001	Chairman - North Walsham & District 331
2001	2003	Sports Officer - Founders Area 6
2003	2005	Area Chairman - Founders Area
2005	2007	National Councillor - RT Area 6
2008	2009	President - RT 331
2009	2010	Chairman - North Walsham 41 Club
2011	2012	President - RT 784
2015	2016	Chairman - North Walsham 41 Club
2014	2015	Liaison Officer - NSW 41 Club/Round Table
2017	2022	National Councillor - 41 Club Region 17

Having joined Round Table in 1995, I quickly progressed through all the Officers' roles. I went onto the Founders Area Executive Committee, performing the Area Chairman's role for 2 years, then became National Councillor for the area for another two years..

After Table, I migrated to 41 Club, twice becoming Chairman of my own Club and taking on my present role of National Councillor for Region 17.

I quickly realised in those early Table days that a varied event programme is the key to a successful club and to membership. The fellowship gained from a fun night followed by the chatter with friends can quickly spread and bring new members along. It's my firm belief that it's still true today and the key to creating a club that people want to be involved in.

I have been on the Fellowship Committee since becoming a Regional Councillor, plus the Connects team since it's induction. Working alongside Steve James the current Fellowship Officer and the other Committee Members, we have seen the list of events grow. This is something that I would like to look at in more depth, to see if we can produce even more fun events, for everyone to enjoy at a cost we can all afford (I'll take on board the results of the recent Conference Survey).

I had the pleasure of organising two very successful 41 Club National Sporting Weekends at the Potters Resort in 2019 and 2020 and was part of the Table team which organised Norwich National Sporting weekend in 2015 and am currently part of the International 2023 Conference team.

Helping to organise events does not deter me and I look forward to the challenge.





Your National Councillors' Liaison Officer for 2022-23

Wynn Parry

41 Club Memberships: Shipley.

From	To	Role
1986		Joined Baildon RT
1990	1991	Secretary - Baildon RT
1992	1993	Chairman - Baildon RT
1998	1999	Chairman - Baildon RT
2009	2010	President - Baildon RT
1987	1999	Various Officer Roles - Baildon RT
1996	1997	Area Treasurer - Area 32 Yorkshire Dales
1994	1999	Various Officer Roles - Area 32 Yorkshire Dales
1999	2000	Area Chairman - Area 32 Yorkshire Dales
2000	2001	National Councillor - Area 32 Yorkshire Dales
2009	2010	Area President - Area 32 Yorkshire Dales
1993		Chairman - NSW 93 Leeds
2011	2012	Chairman - Baildon 41 Club
2019	-	Chairman - White Rose Dinner Committee, Shipley
2019	-	Vice-Chairman - Shipley 41 Club
2019	-	National Councillor, Region 6, Yorkshire

RNLI Presentation for the National Presidents Joint Appeal for 2019-2020

Due to Covid restrictions 41 Club National Past President Andrew Mackereth and Tangent National Past President Sue Hill finally managed to visit Poole the RNLI headquarters. This was to present the cheque to the RNLI, an amazing amount of money raised from their joint charity during their year in office. The presentation was made to Jayne George head of Marketing and Media.

The members of both organisations were very generous as £55,173 was collected. The money has purchased 6 water rescue craft to work from beaches throughout the UK. The first 2 rescue craft will be stationed at Crantock and Fistral Beaches in Newquay to work with the RNLI Lifeguards. They have all been named Continued Friendship 1 to 6 and have the 41 Club and Tangent logos on them. The RNLI have promised to send us more details about where the other watercraft will be positioned.

Andrew and Sue had a tour of the College, taking in the workshops followed by the training pool. The bravery and strength of the volunteers who man these lifeboats, risking their own lives on many occasions was very evident.

Andrew and his wife Millie are now volunteering for the RNLI and are helping at their Morecambe seafront shop.





Candidate for National Membership Officer for 2022-25

Peter McBride

41 Club Memberships: Wallington and Carshalton

From	To	Role
1995	2008	North Walsham & District - all posts
2000	2001	Chairman - North Walsham & District 331
2001	2003	Sports Officer - Founders Area 6
2003	2005	Area Chairman - Founders Area
2005	2007	National Councillor - RT Area 6
2008	2009	President - RT 331
2009	2010	Chairman - North Walsham 41 Club
2011	2012	President - RT 784
2015	2016	Chairman - North Walsham 41 Club
2014	2015	Liaison Officer - NSW 41 Club/Round Table
2017	2022	National Councillor - 41 Club Region 17

I owe the Round Table Family much since joining 35 years ago and like you, it has given me lifelong friendships and personal support - and I'd like to give something back.

It was this feeling that encouraged me to establish the National Buddyline in 2020 to support our members.

My role over 4 years as National Councillor of one of the largest 41 Club Regions as well as being NCLO overseeing the other National Councillors for the past year, has given me a realistic 'feel' for our Association (that and setting up the National Whisky Appreciation Group).

We are at a critical point however, regarding membership of Round Table and 41 Club - the next three years may be the most important in the history of our Associations.

The first step in solving any problem is recognising there is one.

- New members are joining Round Table but not enough to grow their net membership
- The majority of retiring Tablers do consider 41 Club to be their first Club of choice and continue to enjoy the fellowship of the Round Table Family but many do not

As your National Membership Officer, I promise to:

- Engage tirelessly with the RTBI Board to actively support them in their initiatives to increase membership
- Ensure every 41 Club National Councillor engages with their local RTBI Regional Councillors to actively support Round Tables and help rebuild bridges with local 41 Clubs
- Identify and engage with past-tablers who have not joined 41 Club for whatever reason, understand why and help them to either join an existing Club or start up a new one
- Encourage and enable all 41 Clubs to share their creative ideas, activities and best practices for other Clubs to learn from to improve the richness of all meetings





Candidate for National Membership Officer for 2022-25

David Chard

41 Club Memberships: Reading Valley Veterans; Isis

From	To	Role
1984	1993	Member of Reading Valley Round Table 830
1985	1986	Secretary - Reading Valley RT
1987	1988	Vice Chairman - Reading Valley RT
1988	1989	Chairman - Reading Valley RT
1989	1990	Vice Chairman - Area 25 Thames Valley
1990	1991	Chairman/National Councillor - Area 25 Thames Valley
1991	1992	National Councillor RT
1995	1886	President - Reading Valley RT 830
1993	-	Joined Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club
2001	2003	Chairman - Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club
2004	2005	President - RT Area 25
2018	-	National Councillor - 41 Club Region 20
2020	-	Member - Isis 41 Club
2021	-	Vice Chairman - Isis 41 Club
2021	-	2023 International Conference Committee

I am proud and privileged to have been a member of Round Table and 41Club for over 35 years now. I have held many posts at both local and National level.

41 Club as we all know is made up of individual clubs. The clubs themselves are created in their own individual styles this being formed by the members. This is the fabric of our organisation, membership is the lifeblood, the beating heart of 41 Club.

In the visits I have made as National Councillor of Thames Valley for the past 3 years it has become clear that each club has a different personality reflecting the make-up of the members. I believe this is a real positive and the role of the Membership Officer is to understand those differences, taking the positives and sharing them throughout the organisation. There is no hiding the fact that we currently have a reducing membership. By sharing those positive messages throughout the organisation there is a great opportunity for growth in both 41 Club and Round Table

My Key aims now and in the future are to:

- Work closely with Clubs and understand what the National Association can do to support their membership objectives
- To communicate with all clubs and members as we are all key stakeholders, sharing the many good membership ideas
- To liaise with Round Table, to develop a close and honest dialogue about how we secure growth and a bright future for both our Associations.

Gentlemen, members should enjoy going to meetings, look forward to the fellowship, the banter, the Speakers and activities –we will grow if we are vibrant and welcoming.

Please help me make both our Associations the 'Clubs of Choice' for like-minded men of all ages.





Resolutions submitted for the AGM

See Appendix B of the Order paper for full details of each

RESOLUTION 1: An Endowment to be purchased at a cost of £28,427.92 to provide maintenance in perpetuity for the 41 Club Garden located at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Prior to the endowment being accepted by the National Memorial Arboretum some minor works require to be undertaken at a cost of around £1,500. The total cost to be charged against Cash Reserves in the current year (2022) will be within £30,000. This is proposed by Lichfield 41 Club and seconded by Ashby-de-la Zouch 41 Club

RESOLUTION 2: 41 Club members may invite like-minded men who are not past members of Round Table and are aged 45 and over to be regular guests at club meetings. After a period deemed suitable by each Club, such guests may be invited to join that Club and such invitations may later be ratified by a majority vote of full members of said club. Such new members would enjoy full membership rights in the local club and also in the National Association.

Should this change be adopted it is noted that:

- Association Rule 2.1 will require a change to the definition of "Full Members" to include "Invited Members who are not past members of Round Table and are aged 45 or over"
- Rule 4.1 and "Model rules for an affiliated Club (April 2010)" will require supporting amends.
- Acknowledging 41 Club International rules, Members who have not been Round Tablers may not stand for the position of International Relationships Officer, nor vote for the Association at any meeting of 41 Club International

This is proposed by Wokingham 41 Club and Seconded by Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club (both Region 20).

RESOLUTION 3: Amend Rules 6.5 and 18.4, replacing the date of 1st February with 10th January in each case.

Rationale: This change of submission dates will allow National Board and National Council more opportunity to consider resolutions submitted by clubs and reach a decision as to whether they are supported,

prior to the Order Paper being circulated to clubs within the set timescales. It will also allow more time for publication of candidates' election manifestos in the 41 Club magazine

RESOLUTION 4: National Council seeks the approval of the 41 Club membership to register as an unincorporated charitable association.

Rationale: Our association was set up primarily as a fellowship organisation, to provide a means for former members of Round Table to continue their friendships after Round Table, in accordance with Purposes and Objects. 41 Club is increasingly being involved in fundraising and community activities, and National Council considers that there is benefit from our Association being formally recognised by the Charity Commission.

RESOLUTION 5: National Council propose that all income received from our Members' affinity deals such as Fred Olsen etc should be put in a separate budget line to be used to support local or National fellowship events.

Rationale: Organisers of events such as charters, dinners, National events etc can apply to receive a grant of up to £200 which can be used for matters relating to entertainment for the event e.g., speaker, band, DJ etc.

All applications should be sent to the National Fellowship Officer who will determine the merits or otherwise of awarding a grant and the amount given based on the income available in the affinity budget.

RESOLUTION 6: That the Association has a Mascot to represent them at major events.

This is proposed by Clevedon & District 41 Club (Region 21) and seconded by Isis Area 41 Club (Region 20).

Rationale: We believe that a prestigious and inclusive organisation such as 41 Club should enhance its profile by the provision of an Association Mascot. This mascot should be present at all major events staged by the Association, and it should be within the remit of the retiring Immediate Past National President to ensure the health, safety and welfare of

such an important feature be maintained. Full details of the proposed mascot and how this will operate will be detailed to the membership at the AGM.

RESOLUTION 7: Amend Rule 20.9 to remove the phrase "without exceeding an increase of 4% (£0.50) to each Member per annum"

Rationale: In these uncertain times to allow the National Treasurer to adjust Capitation in-line with the recommendations of the Finance Committee and with National Council approval to maintain the Reserve's Policy of the Association and to keep within each Annual Budget.

RESOLUTION 8: Amend Rule 9.3.1 to include: Any former National Councillor may seek re-election for a further term of three years, after a minimum of three years has elapsed since the end of the previous term as Councillor.

Rationale: National Council propose to add this rule, so that any member of 41 Club can seek election as a National Councillor after there has been a break of at least three years on National Council. This will enable the Association to draw upon those with experience on National Council, whilst still giving the opportunity for members to seek election for the first time.

RESOLUTION 9: National Council seeks the approval of the membership to allow online voting and participation at Annual General Meetings, in parallel with physical attendance. Amend all Rules and Standing Orders where necessary to allow for this to happen. This to take effect from Annual General Meeting in 2023.

Rationale: The coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated that many clubs and club members are far more comfortable with taking part in online meetings and events than they were previously. The 2021 Annual General Meeting was conducted entirely online, as an emergency measure due to the pandemic, and there have been several requests for online voting and participation to continue on a permanent basis. If this resolution is approved, the online participation and voting instructions would be issued 35 days in advance of the meeting, to accompany the Order Paper.

National AGMs

Towards the end of 2021 with the easing of travel regulations I was able to attend the National AGMs of both Belgium and Malta. Travel to both countries was relatively easy after we had got to grip with the testing needed and the forms that needed to be submitted when travelling in both directions. It was of course great to be able to join in the fellowship, Welcome Parties, lunches and Gala Dinners, offered by both countries and attend their AGMs and take the greetings and best wishes from GB&I to the boards of both associations. It is very interesting to listen to different AGM debates and realise that all associations are discussing the same issues, even in Malta that is an association of one club.



International AGM in Bergen 26-29th May 2022 (Pre-Tour 24-26th)

More details available at www.agm2022.com





Derek Moss
Chairman of Formby 41 Club
50th Anniversary Charter

Formby 41 Club celebrate a major milestone



On Thursday 10th March Formby 41 Club Region 8 celebrated their 50th Charter at West Lancashire Golf Club.

Out going Chairman Mike Walling installed the semicentennial Chairman Derek Moss, Derek being a founder member of Formby 41 Club.

There were over 50 guests in attendance including members from Clubs within Region 8 and also surrounding Regions, with Region 5 and Region 6 National Councillors Roger Spensley and Wynn Parry supporting and helping Formby celebrate this major milestone.

The evening ran like clockwork under the watchful eye of John Bamberry who acted as MC. As part of the celebrations Vice President Jim Conway proposed the Toast to Formby 41 Club and Derek Moss replied, Past, Present and Future of 41 Club in Region 8 was proposed by Region 8 National Councillor John Kilshaw.



There was a poignant moment during the evening to celebrate and remember past member and Marchesi Medal winner Kevin Allars and all the work Kevin did not only for Formby Round Table and 41 Club but also for Area 8, National and Round Table Children's Wish. Kevin's widow Lesley had been invited to join in the celebrations and it was especially nice to have her there.

I would like to thank all members of Formby 41 Club for their hospitality and congratulate everyone on a fantastic evening.

Good Luck to Chairman Derek for the coming year.

Yours in Continued Friendship.

"Kilsh"

John Kilshaw
Region 8 National Councillor





Ponteland 41 Club has two records to its name!!

Steve Roberts - Ponteland 41 Club

New Year's Day every year is a special day for Ponteland 41 Club. Since the 14th Century (!!) the village has regularly staged a Wheelbarrow Race - apart from war years and, for just for one year only, a pandemic.

Ponteland Round Table started to become involved in the annual Race from its inauguration in April 1968 and later offered and took over the full organisation of the event. Since Ponteland 41 Club was formed in 1978 it too assisted and supported its Table by becoming very actively involved.



When Ponteland Round Table closed in 2006 our 41 Club took over the full responsibility of staging the event, with the grateful help and support in recent years of members of Ponteland Rugby Club. This year the Race, watched by thousands of spectators, raised £3,000 for two local Hospices and over the years Table and 41 Club have been instrumental in raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for local charities, excluding other fund raising activities, by organising this very Race alone.

Three races (Junior, Open and Ladies) are held and this year the Ladies Race broke a new record. It was won by local ladies Abi Leiper and Caitlin Flanagan covering the one mile course in just 7 minutes and 36 seconds.

41 Club broke its own record too this year! Marshalling, yet again, was 94 years young 41 Club Member, Neil Buchanan. Neil joined South Shields Round Table (No. 162) in 1954 and has now been a member of our 'Table Family' for 67 years! At the age of 40 he became a member of 41 Club and has been a member of our great 41 Club organisation for 54 years!

Retired Chartered Civil Engineer Neil has been an avid attendee of numerous national conferences and also an international conference in Durban over



his years as a member of the Association. Of his (safety) marshalling duties Neil says 'I seem to have been doing it for as long as I can remember!'

Ponteland 41 Club will endeavour to keep on breaking records with, hopefully, Neil's continuing involvement!!







National Walking Weekend 2022

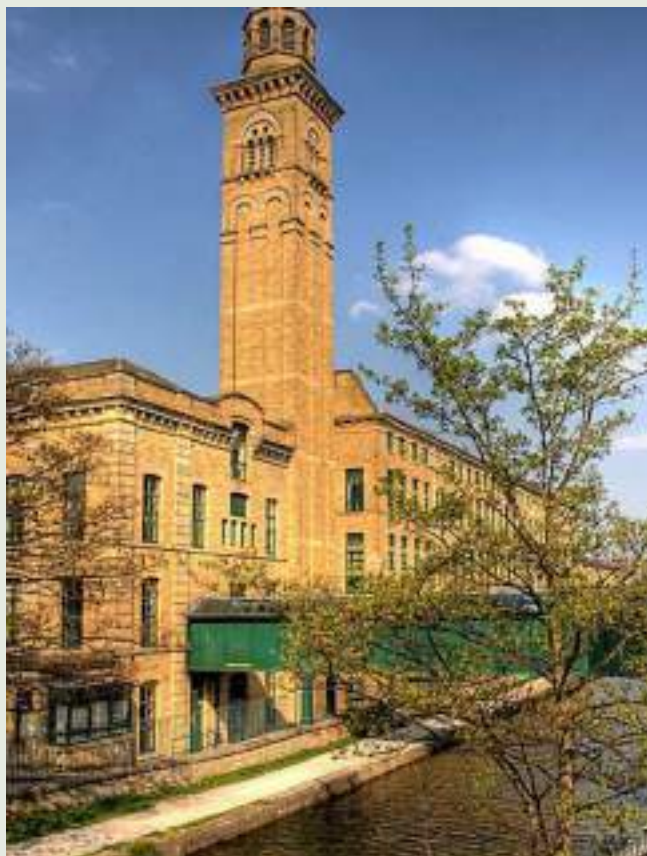
1st - 3rd July 2022 : Oakwood Hall Hotel, Bingley

Wynn Parry - Shipley 41 Club

Following the great success of this year's inaugural National Walking weekend held in Pembrokeshire that attracted more than 40 enthusiastic walkers.

I am delighted to inform you that the 2022 National Walking weekend will be held in "God's own" Yorkshire. The event will take place on the weekend of the 1st to 3rd of July 2022.

Our base Hotel will be the historic Oakwood Hall Hotel in Bingley, where we have secured favourable rates for the weekend.



If the demand is sufficient we will be able to use an overflow Hotel which is less than 200 yards from our base.

There are several walks available to us from a gentle 4 mile walk along the Leeds Liverpool canal, passing by famous Five Rise locks and proceeding to the village of Saltaire, a world heritage site, where walkers can spend some post walk time exploring the village and learning it's history along with enjoying some refreshments in the many establishments available.

For the slightly more enthusiastic, we have a gentle 8 mile walk along the canal from Apperley Bridge to Saltaire, via the village of Emmerdale in the TV series. We plan to meet up with the 4 mile walkers in Saltaire to enjoy lunch and/ or other refreshments.

For the more ambitious walkers the afternoon walk will be a "yomp" over Baildon Moors to enjoy some fantastic scenery and to get your heart pumping, returning to the Hotel for Tea and scones in the late afternoon.

Similarly to the event in Pembrokeshire, for those

arriving on Thursday evening, A trip to a local restaurant will be organised and on Friday we will have a 6 mile riverside loop walk from Grassington to Burnsall. Walkers may then spend time exploring Grassington or travel to the nearby town of Ilkley for a stroll around the shops. A short walk will be arranged on Sunday morning with a suitable venue to be found to enjoy lunch.



Accommodation can be arranged for those who wish to stay an extra night on the Thursday or Sunday.

Booking details for the weekend will be on the 41Club booking site very soon.

Any queries, please email me at region6@41club.org or look out for regular updates in future National Magazines, Newsletters and Facebook.

We look forward to welcoming you to Yorkshire.

Wynn Parry

**National Councillors' Liaison Officer,
2022-23**



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."



Sorry - Now Fully Booked

The great news is that this year's Car Rally is fully booked with over 100 people and 50 great cars coming along to Market Harborough for what will be a great weekend of fun and fellowship - and we have a waiting list.

It is a great collection of cars - just look on our website to see photographs of some of them National Car Rally 2022 - Market Harborough 41 Club (mh41club.org.uk)

**Yours in Continued Friendship
The 2022 National Car Rally Team**



National Camping & Caravan Rally

23rd - 26th September 2022 Supported by Ringwood 41 Club

The National Camping & Caravan Rally (open to Caravanners, Campers' and Motorhomers' !) has now become an eagerly awaited event in the Association's annual calendar, the 2021 rally this year attracting 28 units and 62 participants.

Organised in Witney by Martin and Maria Green, ably supported by Terry and Lin Cooper and Richard and Anne Dyson, all the effort and thought ensured that a superb weekend of fun, fellowship and banter was enjoyed by all. We were delighted that President Peter with Lesley and Fellowship Officer Steve with Karen were able to join us.

Buoyed by this success, work has already started to organise next year's 2022 rally, heading further south to the market town of Ringwood, on the edge of the New Forest National Park. We will be supported by a happy group of helpers (!!) from Ringwood 41 Club, Ian and Jenny, David and Jean and Will and Julie, what more could we offer you!

This stunning area of the UK has fabulous walks and cycle tracks to explore, and is close to a range of natural amenities (all within less than 1 hours drive) including

- **Jurassic Coast**
- **Salisbury Cathedral**
- **Portsmouth Naval Dockyard and Mary Rose Museum**
- **Isle of Wight**
- **Corfe Castle and Swanage Steam Railway**
- **Southampton's Titanic Museum**
- **Red squirrels on Brownsea Island**
- **and so much more**

You could even extend your holiday using Portsmouth's Ferry Terminal less than an hour away and venture to France – Parlez Vous Francais messieurs-dames?

The fully serviced site where we have negotiated our rally is Shamba Holiday Park, near Ringwood. On site are restaurant facilities, a licenced bar, small shop and a superb 18metre indoor heated swimming pool, so bring your cossies!

An adjacent site has static caravans to hire for non-caravanners/ campers wishing to join us. Any queries, please email me region23@41club.org or look out for regular updates in future National Magazines, Newsletters and Facebook.

We look forward to welcoming you

Richard Dyson, Region 23 National Councillor





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Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd October 2022

36 GOLFERS

Two rounds of golf, dinner, bed & breakfast

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See next page for details
Bookings Now Open
at <https://golf.41clubevents.co.uk>



41 Club National Golf Finals 2022

**Staverton Park - 2nd-
3rd October 2022**

**The 2022 41 Club National Golf Finals take place at
the Staverton Park Hotel & Golf Club, Northamptonshire
on Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd October 2022.**

**Affiliated Clubs are invited to submit a Team of four players.
One team per 41 Club and all players must be 41 Club members.**

The cost is £125 per person for sharing a twin room and £160 for a single room.

Price includes two rounds of golf, 3 course dinner and bed & breakfast.

A Team Captain for each Club will be able to register and book in four players
and either pay in full or pay a non-refundable deposit of £140 for four players,
with the balance being payable on 28th June 2022.

**Player handicaps will need to be submitted nearer the date
and require official certification.**

The format of the event will be:

Sunday 2nd October

Bacon roll & coffee

18 hole National Finals - tee-off from 11:06am

3 course dinner & Finals prizegiving

Overnight stay

Monday 3rd October

Breakfast

Team Event – tee off from 09:30

Prizegiving

**Teams of four players can be booked in via the webpage
<https://golf.41clubevents.co.uk>**

Any queries should be directed to Peter McBride on pmcbride001@gmail.com



YAP Looks set to happen in 2022

As GB&I 41 Club YAP Convenor, I recently attended a meeting of the International Convenors on Zoom. For a change there was real optimism regarding the tours that were penciled in for this year.

Europe, India and South Africa don't appear to be as far advanced as we are with the easing of restrictions, but it was felt that the program of events for the year would go ahead – which is great news for everyone involved with the Program. It was decided that the program details would be published now to give people wishing to participate time to make plans and hosting counties a little more time to clarify their position.

So, the production of a robust disclaimer regarding the booking of flights etc. due to insurance issues that the program and participants may encounter has been included and **CONFIRMATION THAT THE TOURS WILL TAKE PLACE WILL NOT BE BEFORE THE 31ST MARCH AT THE EARLIEST.**

Full details of the Program and Disclaimer can be seen by following the link below.

What I can say is that it was very reassuring to finally see progress and a real chance of the YAP program being back on course this year.

I am sure you will all agree that the recommencement of the Tours is most welcomed as they offer a fantastic opportunity for the children/grandchildren of 41ers to be able to travel and experience the culture of countries around the world.

<https://yap-famex.org>

Bruce

Bruce Bennett
YAP Convenor



Walking Together Side-by-Side for the Ukraine

On Saturday 5th March, The RTBI National Board and Council agreed to donate £20,000 to Round Table Deutschland's humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.



It was further agreed that they would look to set a target of raising £95,000 in their 95th Anniversary month, demonstrating that they are #rootedincommunity.

Immediately accepting that challenge was Ash Gardner from Beeston & District Round Table 573 and his wife, Emily Gardner, a member of Long Eaton Ladies Circle. They

decided to walk from Marchesi House in Birmingham to the Embassy of the Ukraine in London between Thursday 10th March and Sunday 13th March - >120 miles in 4 days. Two great people doing something amazing to help those most at need.

Who are Ash and Emily?



Just normal Tablers and Circlers like you once were! Ash is the Vice Chairman of Beeston 573 and on the RTBI National Council as the representative of Region 8. Emily is a member of Long Easton Ladies Circle 611. They had been watching the humanitarian crisis unfold in the Ukraine in recent weeks and have been desperate to help. They were inspired by the work that Round Table Deutschland has been doing in coordinating the funds already raised (now over €2million) into relief convoys.

What was their route?

- Day 1
Marchesi House to Wellesbourne.
- Day 2
Wellesbourne to Weston on the Green
- Day 3
Weston on the Green to Wendover
- Day 4
Wendover to the Ukrainian Embassy.

Jim Conway supported the couple and met up with them at the start and during the walk. Jim said: 'You can't help but admire their mental fortitude. They are fatigued, injured and have feet full of blisters, yet despite that, the smiles and strength of character has been incredible...if walking 120 miles to raise money for the Ukrainian relief fund wasn't amazing enough, it is pouring with rain and their blisters have blisters!'



Did they make it?

What do you think!

Emily said: "We made it. So much emotion and so much pride to carry the Ukrainian flag 121 miles. What a wonderful welcome from the strongest and most admiral people. Your support has been incredible, what a team effort this has been. We will reflect properly over the next few days, but the overwhelming feeling is pride in our Round Table family and what we can achieve when we work together. When Ukraine are victorious, we will be there to help them rebuild."

Asdh and Emily are two amazing people who undertook a monumental challenge on behalf of others. It was a demonstration of how pain, emotional lows and fatigue can be overcome by mental fortitude, as they captured the spirit of what the Round Table Family stands for...

If you can afford to, consider making a donation from your club or personally, every amount, no matter how big or small will make a difference towards the appeal.

So What is 41 Club Doing for the Ukraine?

As well as supporting Ash & Emily in their fundraising, 41 Club has promoted the RT Deutschland/Old Tablers Deutschland appeal to all members. We haven't run a separate fund because the urgency of the crisis demanded that monies be sent immediately rather than collated and sent. Ash & Emily aren't the only members of the Round Table Family doing amazing feats - Mark Hinchliffe, National Councillor Region 22 - West of England, has been co-ordinating shipments of aid materiel from 41 Clubs, Round Tables, Rotary Clubs, Masons and other in the West of England; Mark Boersma in Thirsk 41 Club has done similar, with two 40-foot articulated lorries (about 25 tons) sent already, and more locally furnishing homes for arriving refugees. We have asked clubs

and individual members to inform Andy Ventress international@41club.org in confidence how much they have donated so that we can keep track of the totals. So far 31 lorry loads of relief aid have reached the borders of the Ukraine from the RTD/OTD Appeal. At a national level we have supported Mark Hinchliffe and Ash & Emily with the maximum allowed (£1,000 each - £2,000 in total) - and an emergency resolution to donate a greater figure will be floated at the Cardiff AGM.



Calamity hit on the morning of Day 4, the Final Day, when Ash's knee gave up on him, but Emily carried on, with Ash in the support car. This showed the enormity and difficulty of the challenge they had undertaken - simply magnificent and why they needed our support and donations more than ever.



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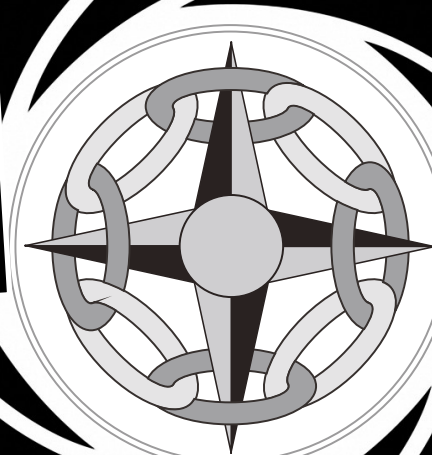
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A Licence to party

Jim Conway

This is my last report as National Vice President, so I would like to take the opportunity to share with you the targets I have set myself as well as my plans for my year as President.

My working theme for the year is going to be 'All 4 One' which is multi-faceted. It is a play on us being all 41ers, we are 4 Nations One Association, we are 4 Associations One Family and we are All for One, insofar as nobody gets left behind.

In order to progress the Association, the Board and Council have to be as one, with a laser focus on the membership. I constantly hear that we are a group of like-minded men and whilst I agree that if you asked the 10,000 odd members if they wanted what is best for 41 Club, they would say, "Yes!" If you followed up that response with the question, "What does that look like?" You would probably get 10,000 different answers. The rules are there, because that is what the members have voted on and whilst some rules are no longer fit for purpose, or are in need of review, we will continue to have this as a core to our Council meetings as and when it is needed, but I don't want this to be the sole area we look at. I am a great believer in the 'Programme, Invitation, Engagement' Philosophy. Insofar as we have a programme that a prospective would want to be a part of. We invite people to our meetings and we engage with them when they turn up. All three of these components have to be world class in order for our clubs to thrive. I want Council meetings to be more fun and more productive, running workshops on creating a first class programme, exploring ways where we can find members lost to the association as well as encouraging Round Table to come through to 41 Club and tips on how to engage and encourage the next generation of 41ers to come through.

Side by side is very important to me and I am absolutely delighted that my good friends Matt Fallon, Fiona Bull and Heather Parry will be my fellow Presidents for the year. I know that when our year is over, we will remain very close, because we have discussed our ideas, agreed a strategy and we are of one mind. We have already lined up side by side events for as many of you as possible to take part in. We are visiting all 42 Scottish League Football grounds to set a world record, we are partaking in a marathon over 2 days visiting a pub every mile and taking on the world record for making most teas in an hour by a 12 person team. The aim is to promote our associations through media interventions, raise funds for our Presidential charities and not only get the four clubs to work side by side, but encourage people to join us, because what they see inspires them. As Jill Harris says, "Together We Are Stronger."

My charity for the year will come as no surprise to those who know me, but I will keep this under wraps until the AGM.



My fun theme for the year is going to be James Bond related. I am an avid fan, I have a bar called Moneypenny's and my Ball is also going to have a Bond theme to it. As part of my fund raising, I am going to go on missions when I hit certain milestones, they will start off with easy ones that will take me outside of my comfort zone like eating a plate of feta cheese and/or broad beans which is the food of the devil, to getting a 41 Club tattoo and other things I would not normally consider to encourage you to support the charity at my expense. In order to help you, I am looking to increase the 41 Club alcohol offering from gin to pink gin, vodka, rum and spiced rum. The new range will be 41% proof of course.

I am sure you would agree with me when I say, that this along with the club visits will keep me and my diary convenor, Roger Spensley very busy. He can be reached at Region5@41Club.org if you want me to come along to a meeting.



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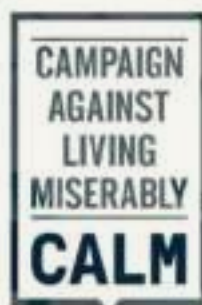
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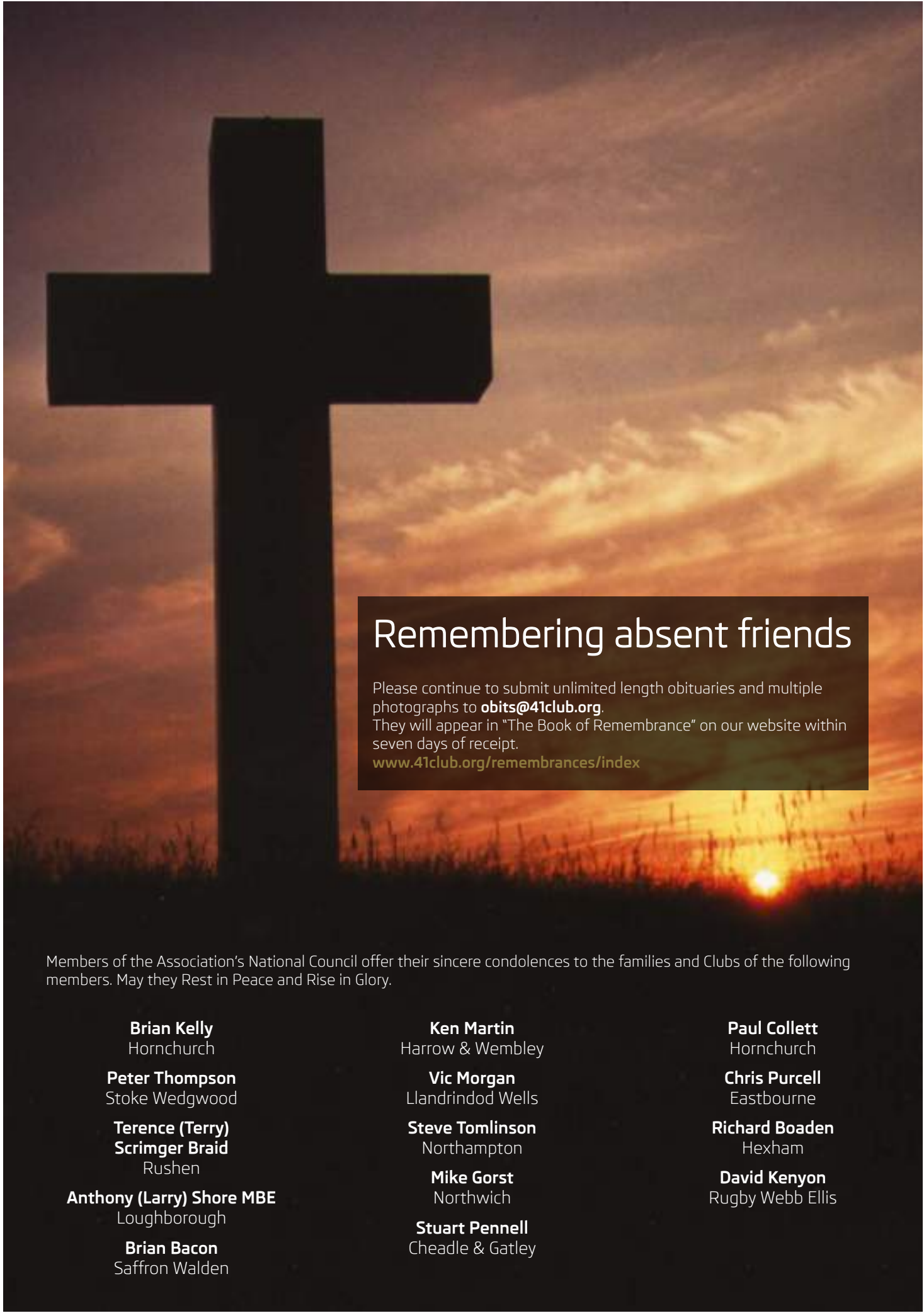
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www.41club.org/remembrances/index

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.

Brian Kelly
Hornchurch

Peter Thompson
Stoke Wedgwood

**Terence (Terry)
Scrimger Braid**
Rushen

Anthony (Larry) Shore MBE
Loughborough

Brian Bacon
Saffron Walden

Ken Martin
Harrow & Wembley

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