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If you haven't visited this place before, inside this Newsletter you will find an opportunity to experience it's tranquility and moving memorials to those lost in conflict - see page 10







Welcome to the September Newslettter

Greetings

I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer.

As is normal, many clubs take a brief summer break, but fortunately we have received a number of excellent articles suitable for both the newsletter and magazine, albeit later arriving due to the break.



Unfortunately, we have a limited number of pages within the magazine and as we have received several long submissions, these have had to be reduced in size. We will always try and produce an interesting and informative monthly newsletter, but we do rely on your support.

We receive excellent content, which includes community projects and exciting or different events, at club and regional level. This helps to give other clubs ideas to consider for their club programmes. If you can limit the articles to two pages including photographs, this will be much appreciated.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Dave

Dave Chard, National Communications and IT Officer

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Various articles PLUS the usual details of events by clubs and Internationally, plus members welfare, plus members benefits - too much to itemise individually, just read and enjoy!



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Steve James National President



Visiting Banstead 41 club for their annual car run

August has been a busy time for myself as I continue to engage with clubs either by attending meetings or social events. The welcome I receive is first class and listening to members views certainly helps define where we need



to go as an Association. Nationally 41 Club is not recognised as raising money for charity like Round Table, yet I have been amazed by the number of clubs who still raise significant amounts of money in their own right for their local communities, please keep up the good work and send in articles about your fundraising activities so others can learn from you.

It has also been pleasing to see local Round Table chairmen and members present when I have visited clubs which certainly bodes well for the future. Whilst the National average of retiring Tablers joining 41 Club is 10% where there is a strong link between local clubs this can be as high as 90% and I would encourage all 41 Clubs who have an active local Table to ensure that there is a strong bond between both clubs and to utilise the free capitation for people aged 40-45.Sadly, there are a number of 41 clubs who no longer have a local feeder Round Table and if anyone would like to help restarting a local Round Table please drop Peter McBride or myself a line and we can point you in the right direction and offer National support. In order to encourage growth clubs can also invite like-minded individuals to join and whilst our DNA is the Association of ex Round Table there are many individuals who supported their local Round Tables by always turning up at fireworks or Santa sleighs etc but who could not join for a variety of reasons such as

work or family commitments. These individuals may make good 41ers. This Sept saw the start of the Rugby World Cup where fans from across the globe have converged on France to witness the greatest competition in the rugby calendar. The sport has brought sets of fans together and has also afforded the opportunity of visiting 41ers to catch up with local French Clubs, travelling 41ers from South Africa have met up with Lille 41 Club, visiting Dublin 41ers were invited to a party with Bordeaux 110 as well



Steve James National President

as hosting a return party which I attended. I have also been hosted by Bordeaux 110, Nice 55 and met members of Lyon 56 41 Club. International 41ing is not restricted by catching up with fellow 41ers at major events and when I have been on my travels, I have discovered that there are a number of clubs in GB&I who continue attending "number club" events or twinning events with overseas 41 Clubs.

The welcome received while International 41ing is second to none and I would thoroughly recommend making contact with a local overseas clubs, when you are travelling because you will not be disappointed. If you are unsure if there is a club in an area where you are visiting, drop either Kevin Stewart or myself a line.

On the business side of things, good progress has been made by the membership team on recruitment initiatives particularly the creation of XRT clubs and the insurance review team have been a great asset in reviewing our current policy to ensure it meets the needs of our members and the Association. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the review in our National Council meeting in October.

On 20th January 2024, we have arranged a three course charity rugby dinner in aid of Prostate Cancer/Prostate Cymru as a precursor to the Six Nations tournament. The guest speaker will be former Welsh "wizard" Shane Williams MBE. Further details can be obtained by visiting https://stevejames.wales/rugby-charity-dinner/

Since my last newsletter I have visited the following clubs: Gloucester Active, Market Harborough, Ottery St Mary, Evesham, Walsall, Maldon, Bishops Stortford, Medway, Wallingford, Neath, Marlow, Reading Valley, Jersey, Wallington and Carshalton, Alton and Banstead as well as attending the Tangent National President's charity lunch.





Morocco Earthquake Appeal

On Friday 8th Sept, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Morocco in the High Atlas Mountains, approx. 70 kilometres south of Marrakesh, with a 4.9 magnitude aftershock, following shortly thereafter.

Local authorities have reported 3000 dead, with over 1 million displaced and 685 villages affected. Many of the worst affected areas are remote and mountainous and the impact of the earthquake has made them even harder to reach.

People have lost everything. Homes have been reduced to rubble and survivors are in need of basic support like shelter, food and water.

Marrakesh 41 club are coordinating efforts to raise funds from the 41 world internationally and any money donated will go a long way to providing the basics required to get the affected villages and people help. Donations to this fund so far have helped provide shower blocks, schooling facilities as well as food and water.

If your club would like to send money to this appeal, details for bank transfer are;

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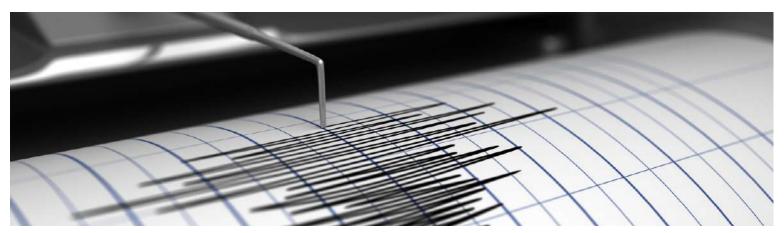
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Vice President 41 Club International Aziz, has confirmed that no one from the 41 club and RT family in Morocco has been affected, our thoughts are with them in this difficult time.

If your club is able to donate any funds, could you please let Kevin Stewart GB & I know international@41club.org







In July of this year, GB & I hosted 12 international teenagers as part of the very first YAP tour to the UK which was a great success and enjoyed by all. Building on the success of this tour, GB & I very much wish to arrange yearly tours going forward.

A tour like this takes a lot of organising and dedication, so the GB & I Board are looking for a like-minded 41er to take on the role of YAP convenor.

Could this be you?

For more info or if you wish to apply for the role, please contact Kevin Stewart, GB & I IRO international@41club.org

YAP Convenor - Job Description

General

- The YAP convenor will be co-opted onto the International Committee.
- The convenor will report to National Council through the IRO but will at important times attend National Council to report directly.
- Participating in the yearly meeting of YAP Convenor.
- Improving YAP in your country by taking part in your national AGM's and HYM's and by giving a report.
- Committing to at least three years of service as this will improve your experience.
- Being familiar with your National Association is an advantage for you and will facilitate your work.
- To follow all duties as per the YAP website.

GB&I Tour

- To organise an appropriate tour for youngsters coming to GB&I
- Coordinate the activities that are suitable for the group.
- Arrange accommodation for the duration of the tour.
- Liaise with all parties that are involved in the tour.
- Arrange suitable transport for the tour.
- Find hosting clubs in your National Association in time.
- Planning of the tour course in coordination with all hosting clubs.



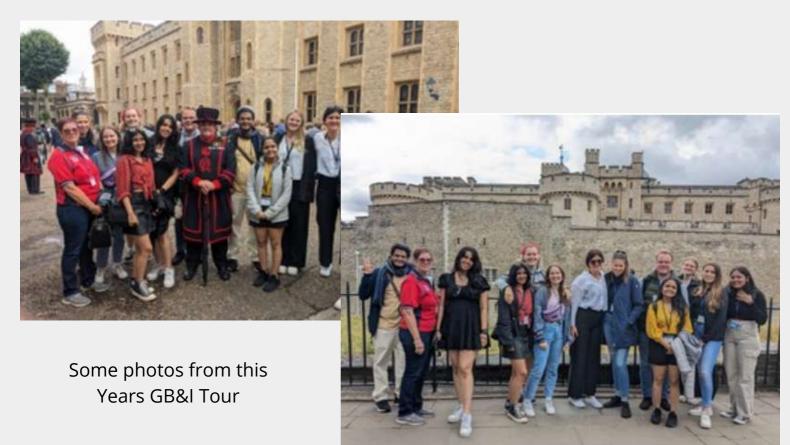


GB&I Tour (cont)

- Making sure all participants of the YAP tour have a host family.
- Assumption of all costs for room and board and entrance fees. (The costs of transfers from club to club are covered by the YAP tour fee)
- Ensuring that the YAP participants have the opportunity to learn more about your country, region or town.
- Informing your guests about the characteristics of your region by organising sightseeing tours, visits to businesses and factories and by showing them RT/ 41er projects.
- Coordinating group transport with the hosting clubs in charge before and after you.
- Finance

GB&I Outgoing Tours

- To seek out and get youngsters onto tours around other countries.
- Promote all YAP Tours to eligible youngsters and parents/grandparents.
- Provide information to assist youngsters to go on the tour.
- Collecting of application forms of all participants and forwarding them to the International Convenor.
- To arrange for YAPers to give a report to National Council and/or National AGM







CAMBERLEY 41 CLUB

You are cordially invited to attend our

50th CHARTER DINNER

Monday 23rd October 2023

At Camberley Heath Golf Club, GU15 1JG

Dress – DJ or Lounge Suit - Medals

3 Course Dinner and Wine, £45 per head

19.00 for 19.30

Our National President, Steve James, in attendance.

With The Internationally Renowned Author

PAUL SLOANE, PRESENTING



A Tale of Bravery, and Innovation to rival Adopt, Adapt, Improve



To Book - Contact Mike Mawtus mmawtus@aol.com

CAMBERLEY 41 CLUB www.41club.org/micro/camberley





SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

41 CLUB REGION 18 CLUSTER MEETING

A chance to relax, chill, laugh and enjoy the company of established good friends and fellow Members.

Join us in Chelmsford for an evening of fun, fellowship, reminiscing and banter. More details soon but firstly - SAVE THE DATE.

Please encourage your members and colleagues to attend and make the evening a Joint Meeting to ensure the continuance and success of this popular night.

Monday, March 11th, 2024 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Forthcoming Events

October 2023	
Friday 6 th to Monday 9 th	NSSW Stranraer
Thursday 12 th to Sunday 15 th	2023 International HYM Paphos Cyprus
Friday 20 th	White Rose Dinner Doncaster
Monday 23 rd	Camberley 50 th Charter
Friday 27 th	ISIS area Oxford College Dinner Exeter College
November 2023	
Sunday 12 th	Remembrance Sunday Luncheon
Friday 24 th	Dorset Knobs Black Tie Dinner
December 2023	
Thursday 7 th	Darwen 41 Club Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13 th	The Lamb Christmas Lunch
February 2024	
Saturday 10 th	Tangent President's Charity Black-tie Ball
March 2024	
Sunday 10 th to Tuesday 19 th	41 Club and Tangent Cruise 2024 - search for
	Northern Lights
April 2024	
Thursday 18 th to Sunday 21 st	41 Club and Tangent Conference Liverpool



LICHFIELD 41 CLUB

BOOK NOW

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Annual Remembrance Sunday Luncheon

Alrewas Village Hall

Wellfield Rd, Alrewas, Staffs, DE13 7HB

Sunday 12th November 2023

From approx 1 p.m.

Follows the 41 Club National Remembrance Service at the National Memorial Arboretum.

£22.50 pp inc. two course meal, welcome drink and wine on table. Lunch Bookings: 41remembrance@btinternet.com

On-street car parking for Lunch.

Those attending the NMA service should book car parking well in advance click <u>here</u> for link

Payment details for lunch will follow for confirmed places.











Christmas Dinner

Thursday 7 th December 2023

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Four Course Christmas Dinner

Guest Comedian (Tony Roscoe)

Carriages at 12:30am Dress code Lounge suits

Tickets £30

At Whitehall Hotel

Springbank, Ross Street

Darwen Lancashire 883 2JU

CONTACT :-

Steve.fielding@btinternet.com 07966971253

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"Big Breakfast Morning" in Redditch

Who says we don't do fund raising in 41 Club? Well, Redditch 41 Club – "The Round Table for 45 Year Olds" – certainly do.

You may remember the article in the February 2023 Newsletter which explained how Redditch 41 Club had reformed in 2016 having folded in the 1970s and now have well over 20 members. With Ladies Circle also reforming, there is a very vibrant Round Table Family in Redditch and they all work together to ensure close links are developed and maintained.

https://www.41club.org/files/2023-02-06/41-Club-2023-02-February-Newsletter1675903283.pdf

So, what's the Redditch Round Table Family's latest venture?

The "Big Breakfast" on Saturday 9th September at Webheath Village Hall in aid of the Primrose Hospice.



So, did it work?

Regional Councillor Andy Waring and his fiancé Jane from Hinckley Ladies Circle went along, and Andy says "when myself and Jane arrived we were taken back by the amount of people there, the place was full and we were queuing outside to get in.

The concept was really simple: Cook a "full English" breakfast in a village hall

Charge £10 per person

Advertise and get a load of people to turn up so the atmosphere in the village hall is buzzing

Raise money for a local, deserving charit

Oh..... and make is such a great event that people will remember it for along time; will know it's been put on for the benefit of the local community by the Round Table Family and, who knows, it might generate new members!!



It was a wonderful display of what can be done if all the clubs work together, 41 Club, Round Table, Tangent and Ladies Circle were all there.







An exhausted, but very satisfied, Lee Bevan from Redditch 41 Club announced the final scores on the doors.

"We served 172 breakfasts and raised £1,800 for Primrose Hospice, and what a team effort from the four clubs it was".

Ed: What an amazing effort - any Clubs out there want to rise to the challenge!









SHOWTIME! 41 CLUB PRESENTS



DORSET KNOBS 2023

JOIN 41'ers AND TABLERS FROM REGION 23, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND MANY OTHERS, AT THIS YEAR'S DORSET KNOBS

THE HAMWORTHY CLUB, CANFORD MAGNA, BH21 3AL

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023

BAR OPEN FROM 6pm FOR 7pm START

ENTERTAINMENT FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES

HEADS & TAILS RAFFLE IN AID OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CHARITY - PROSTATE CANCER

BLACK TIE AND JEWELS

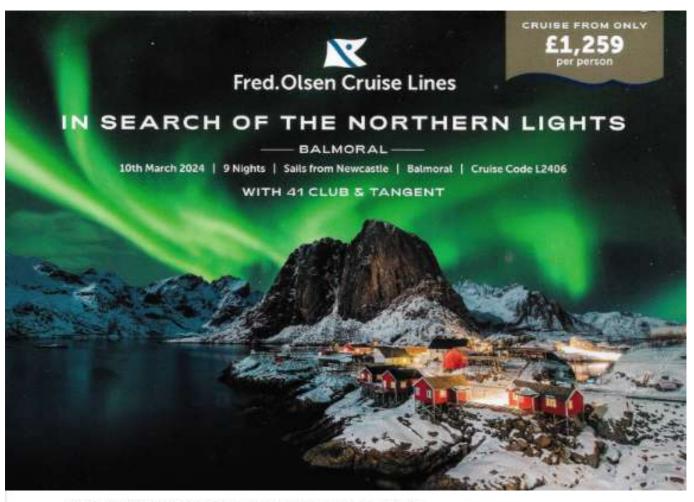


Please book in and pay using the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/72xjut7v







Whilst spending just nine nights away, you've a chance to take in some of the most memorable Arctic sights and highlights on this very special sailing. Specifically designed with going in search of the Northern Lights in mind, this cruise provides you with chances to see Mother Nature's awe-inspiring light show in all its glory. With luck on your side you may get to witness the colourful ribbons of light illuminating the night sky, and all from the comfort of your smaller ship – a simply unforgettable experience.

41 club & Tangent Group Fares per person, from

Interior Ocean View Superior Ocean View Balcony Cabin Single Interior Single Ocean View E1,259pp E1,529pp E1,799pp E2,519pp E2,159 E2,879





Date	Destination
ID March	Newcastle, England
L'i March	Bodo, Norway
4 March	Narvik, Norway
M March	Cruise Tjeldsundet Strait, Norwey
5 March	Tramso, Narway
lé March	Cruise Tjeldsundet Strait, Norway
16 March	Cruising Seven Sisters Mountain Range, Norway
6 March	Gruising Torghatten, Norway
7 Merch	Alesand Norway
19 March	Newcastle, England

For more information, or to book, please call Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines friendly Reservations Team on 01473 742 424, quoting GRP0210 and cruise code L2406

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THE 2023 OXFORD COLLEGE DINNER

Join Region 20 again in the Dreaming Spires of Oxford at the splendour of Exeter College.



FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023

7:30 for 8:00pm Black Tie & Jewels

TICKETS £75.00

After the success of 2022, Isis Area 41 Club invite you to return to Exeter College for an evening of good food, drink and fellowship in the presence of the National President - Steve James.

Guest Speaker: Sir Winston Churchill KG





Tickets and information from Martin Green 07768 192387 <u>oxdinner@martingreen.biz</u>

Book in at : www.bit.ly/3YNEfVN



Organised by the Isis Area 41 Club

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IT'S OKAY TO CALL FOR HELP

> Feeling down? Fed up? Just want to chat? Phone a 41 Club Buddy today We are here to listen Seven days a week 10am – 10pm

Your call will be anonymous - we are here for any 41 Club member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them.You may be feeling lonely or isolated; you may have lost touch with your 41 Club. Anything. We are friendly fellow 41 Club members and are here for you.

You are not alone - you are part of 41 Club

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41 Club Football Group





📢 Join the 41 Club Football Group on Facebook! ${f T} {igodol { S}}$

Are you a football fanatic looking for a vibrant community of passionate fans? Look no further! The 41 Club Football Group is your ultimate destination for all things football-related.

Engage in Thrilling Challenges: Test your football knowledge and skills with our exciting challenges! From trivia to prediction games, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Engage in Heated Debates: Love debating football tactics, players, and teams? Our community welcomes healthy discussions where your opinions matter! Join the conversation and share your views.

Fantasy League Fun: Are you a master at creating dream teams? Participate in our Fantasy League and compete against fellow members to see who has the best tactical prowess.

No Team Discrimination: Whether your heart belongs to a Premier League giant, a Vanarama underdog, or a Sunday League local team, we celebrate the love for the game in all its forms. 🤝

Join the Fun-Filled Community: Embrace the camaraderie, banter, and joy of being part of a lively football-loving group. Make new friends, cheer together, and support the beautiful game united!

Don't miss out on the excitement! Come join the 41 Club Football Group today and experience the thrill of football like never before. See you on the pitch! 🟵 🎉

Jim Conway



Payment Details

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Please use WRD23 as a reference along with your name

Chortle Corner

Note to self: When picking your nose in the car...

Watch out for speed bumps...

I have finally stopped caring what other people think... I hope everyone's OK with that...

Sometimes I forget how amazing my memory is...

Deadline for Newsletter copy

Please note that deadline for copy for this Newsletter is 1st of each month for publication later in that month.

Please send any copy to your National Councillor for your Region or alternatively direct to comms@41club.org & region7@41club.org

To all 41 Club members

A quick heads up – the 41 Club Classic Car Rally is now taking bookings. This is a superb excuse to dust off your driving gloves and meet up with fellow petrol heads for an exhilarating weekend of fellowship. For more details & to book in just visit https://classicrally.41clubevents.co.uk/ Places are going fast, so please book in promptly to avoid disappointment.

CLASSIC & RALLY

It's going to be a great event with -

- Two days of pleasurable driving through some of the most scenic parts of Hampshire, with interesting refreshment stops on the way.
- Ample opportunities to admire your fellow Ralliers' classic and sporting vehicles.
- Entertainment on the Saturday night.
- Friday & Saturday night meals at the hotel with table service.

We have arranged a Rally package with the Holiday Inn at Fareham – full details on the website.

We look forward welcoming you to sunny Hampshire Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June for the 41 Club "Rum and Wine Tour" Classic Car Rally.



The "41 Club Rally Team of 2024"

Robert (registration / marketing & general dogsbody!) <u>robert@pavo.co.uk</u> 07766 426201

Walking Weekend 2024 North Norfolk Coast Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July

Save the Date - Booking Opening Soon

For Further-Information Contact

Stuart Bizley region17@41Club.org



National Membership Officer Peter McBride



Are you doing enough to attract new members?

Most of our members come predominantly from those leaving Round Table. As such it is our duty to support our Round Table, maintain strong links and ensure we have Club meetings that attract Tablers to encourage them to join 41 Club when the time is right.

We simply lose too many Tablers from the Round Table Family after they leave their Table and only 10% of them go on to join their 41 Club.



% of Tablers who don't join 41 Club and leave the Round Table Family

That's a challenge for us all – and yet conversely, we know we have many, many fantastic 41 Clubs who have great links with their Round Table in terms of community and social activities and consequently have high conversion rates from Round Table to 41 Club.

Not all 41 Clubs, however have this success and we all need to ask ourselves some challenging questions:

- 1. Does my 41 Club reach out and engage with our Round Table 'creche'?
- 2. Is our programme of meetings attractive to them?
- 3. Have we asked them what they would like?
- 4. Have we grown separate from our Round Table if so, what are we doing about it?
- 5. Do we attend occasional events with our Round Table?

6. Are we aware of the 'health' of our Round Table membership? How can we support them?

- 7. Do we invite ex-Tablers along to our events and then ask them to join?
- 8. Do we share the benefits of our 41 Club member benefits with them?
- 9. Do we have 'buddy' system in our Club to nurture our new members?
- 10. Lastly, do we care enough about sustaining our own 41 Club into the future?





Are you doing enough to attract new members?

Does your 41 Club successfully recruit new members from your local Round Table?

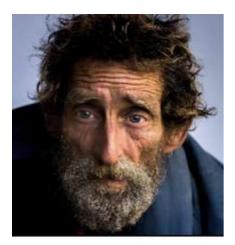
How did you go about it?

What challenges did you have to overcome?

What lessons have you learnt?

Tell others and share your success with other Clubs via the 41 Club Members' Forum at https://www.facebook.com/groups/211180729236191 or email me at membership@41club.org so that we learn from each other.

"There is no joy in possession without sharing." - Erasmus



Hugh Jampton Not a 41 Club member

Be honest - are you attractive?

Having creative and attractive meetings are **SO** important to any 41 Club. They can often make all the difference between a Club thriving and growing, or just surviving or declining.

Better meetings mean happier, fulfilled members and better retention as well as making your 41 Club being more attractive to prospective members!

If you have a great programme of meetings, why not let others know and win a prize and awards for your Club?

In the coming month we'll be launching National and Regional Competitions to find the best 41 Club Meeting Programme. There'll be different categories so you've a great chance of winning or being nominated.

Watch out for details in the next Newsletter!

Peter McBride

membership@41club.org



National Fellowship Officer Kelly Clarke





YOUR NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER NEEDS YOU!

Apparently your National Fellowship Officer has no mates as he is asking for a group of friends (obviously not his) or a Club to hold a party!

Yere 'tis his plea!!

WANTED

A GROUP OF FRIENDS OR A CLUB

TO RUN THE PARTY OF THE YEAR

CONFERENCE 2026

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FELLOWSHIP@41CLUB.ORG





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Wider Wallet is an exciting discount site, providing **41 Club** members with free access to hundreds of savings on top brands, services, supermarkets, online stores, events and attractions.

Boost your spending power

with discounts on supermarket shopping, high-street stores, DIY, motoring and family finance.

Maximise your leisure time

with special offers on theme parks, travel, eating out, experience days and family outings.

Improve your wellbeing

with relaxing spa breaks, gym discounts and great value health insurance.

What's on offer?

Online discounts: Discounts are available on a wide range of websites. In some cases you will need to quote a discount code when you checkout, whilst in other cases you will be directed to a site which has already had a discount applied. Instructions are shown each time you access an offer.

Reloadable cards: Save money on everyday shopping by purchasing discounted cards for your favourite stores. The reloadable card(s) will be sent to you by post and you can then top them up with a credit or debit card, by phone or online. The discount applies every time you top up, so for every £10 you top up you'll receive more than £10 on your card.

Discounted gift cards: Save money on traditional gift cards or e-gift cards by buying them at a discount to face value. We recommend ordering several vouchers at once or combining your order with reloadable cards.

Downloadable vouchers: Some of our suppliers provide downloadable vouchers, which you can print. Downloadable vouchers are most often used for leisure activities, such as theme parks and days out.

Cashback: We've teamed up with TopCashback to provide you with access to some fantastic cashback offers. Simply register with TopCashback through Wider Wallet, then use the TopCashback website to shop online. Your cashback will be credited to your TopCashback account and you'll also receive an introductory bonus for registering through Wider Wallet.

Competitions: We love to give back to our users, so we work hard to source some great prizes. Lucky winners have received prizes including: fitness watches, smart speakers, holiday vouchers, tickets to top UK attractions, family passes to popular theme parks and cinema tickets.

Register free at:

41CLUB.WIDERWALLET.COM

Using access code:

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Save on big brands. Save on travel. Save on days out.

Any questions?

Please email **info@widerwallet.com** or call the Wider Wallet team on **0800 612 9015** between 8am to 6pm weekdays.





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This is the face of your Comms & IT Officer when he gets the final version of this Newsletter



