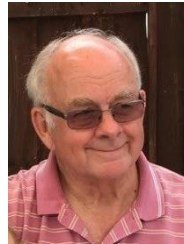


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Welcome to our 1st edition of 'Keeping in Touch', a dedicated newsletter for Region 23, which will be published periodically.

It's been a very challenging year with all of our Clubs missing our usual fellowship events, the very essence of what 41 Club is about.

'Keeping in Touch' provides an opportunity to keep up with news, share what you are doing virtually, and maintain contact until we can meet again.

I'll also use the newsletter as a way of signposting you to national 41 Club events and news that may be of interest. I'll keep the pieces in this newsletter brief and provide details of where you can find more information of interest.

Yours in continued friendship

Richard Dyson
National Councillor Region 23

Congratulations to Michael Prince (Bournemouth No 5) and Jimmy Gordon (Ringwood) who both celebrated their 100th Birthdays in the summer

41 Club Connects

We have an amazing programme of national celebrities on Zoom throughout December and into 2021:

Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm: John Inverdale

Sharing his stories from some of the world's greatest sporting events

Thurs 10 Dec 7.30 pm: Moon Gazer Ales

Beer tasting with Moon Gazer brewery – to order your tasting pack of 3 beers

<https://www.beersofeurope.co.uk/mixed-cases/41-club-3-pack>

Weds 23 Dec 7.30 pm: Carols + Mince Pies

Join National President Peter for an evening of virtual fellowship and carol singing!

There is no need to register for any of these national events - you can find details on how to join on www.41clubconnects.co.uk

Places on Zoom are limited to 300 so be there early if you want a place. There will also be a live Facebook stream.

Covid Quotes:

"They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket.

They lied, everybody else had clothes on"

The Covid-19 2020 Tour:



41 Club Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting using Zoom has been called for **Wednesday 16th December at 7:30pm** to approve the annual budget which would have been presented at the cancelled Cardiff Conference.

The rules require 2 items of AGM business to be completed by 31 December:

1. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2019
2. Presentation & agreement of the 2021 Budget

All Club members are encouraged to join the meeting and discussion by Zoom. Each Club is invited to nominate a voting member able to vote during the meeting.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to meet and question the 41 Club Board.

Details of how to join virtually and all documents have been sent to Club Chairmen and Club Contacts – if you haven't received them please contact secretary@41Club.org

Remember it is our Club, use this opportunity to contribute to discussion.

Clubs are still very active through Lockdown!!

Many Clubs in our region are being amazingly creative in keeping in touch:

- Virtual Club meetings – Desert Island Discs, a walk through London, Our Club's Got Talent, BBQ demonstration, beer and a chat, guess the baby photos of club members, film & concert nights, and a murder mystery by Zoom
- Meet by the fish & chip van for an outdoor fish supper
- Socially distanced bike ride or walk with picnic

Please let me know if you have arranged a Club meeting and would like to share what you did or are planning through the pages of this regional newsletter.

Next Edition

I would like you to use this newsletter to share with Region 23 Clubs any of your events that they are invited to join.

I'll also use it to publicise regional events such as Dorset Knobs, the Regional Golf competition, and the Regional Quiz.

You can contact me on richard.dyson@41club.org

Directory of Speakers

The national team is building a directory of event ideas and speakers, if you have any ideas or speaker details to share, please send them to webmaster@41club.org

Richard Carter, Chairman of Ringwood 41 Club, and his wife Susie (Tangent member) have raised over £1000 towards National President Peter's charity Dementia UK.

They have each walked 500 miles since July and added an extra 20 miles representing the full distance from their house near Ringwood to Aviemore for the National AGM 2021

