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Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "Keeping in Touch", the periodic newsletter for 41 Club's Region 23. I am sure that we have all been saddened to learn of the recent passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore. A fellow Yorkshireman, and an active Round Tabler from the Keighley Club, he epitomised all that is good: "to improve in thought, in word, in deed". His positivity and determination were inspiring, we will remember him with great affection and admiration. Using his words, "Tomorrow will be a better day"!



The many Covid challenges that we are all facing will ensure that memories of Christmas 2020 will remain with us for a long time, but for the wrong reasons. However, through the wonders of Zoom and Facetime, many of us are able to maintain contact with families and friends, especially grandchildren, although without those much-missed hugs and kisses.

At last, we have some good pandemic news with the increasing availability of vaccines, offering a very welcome protection. Already, many of our 41ers have received their jabs, and several are volunteering to help at the various centres. Anne, my wife, has been taking part as a guinea pig with the vaccine trials, and is immensely proud to learn of the recent acceptance of her particular test vaccine, Novavax.

I hope that you and yours are well, keeping occupied and happy.

Yours in continued friendship

**Richard Dyson**  
**National Councillor Region 23**



## "BUDDIES"



Designed to combat loneliness, particularly during Covid, the **41 Club Buddyline**, introduced in December 2020, now has 18 volunteer "Buddies", ready and able to answer the phone to any 41'er simply wanting a chat, anonymously, 10am - 10pm, 7 days a week on **03301 070740**. A service run by 41'ers for 41'ers.



### GOLFERS BEWARE!!

A recent study found that the average golfer walks approx. 900 miles each year, another that golfers drink on average 22 gallons of alcohol, meaning that roughly speaking, golfers get around 41 miles to the gallon!

### ZOOM – IS YOUR CLUB RESTRICTED TO 40 MINUTE MEETINGS?

National have purchased Zoom licences which all Clubs can use to schedule their meetings and social events. Many Clubs are currently using the free Zoom facility restricted to 40 min slots, which can be frustrating when members have to log back in every 40mins!!

Clubs can use one of the national licences to arrange each of their meetings and social events. This means you are not restricted on time, and you can use Zoom facilities such as polling and 'spotlight video'.

If this is of interest then email me [richard.dyson@41club.org](mailto:richard.dyson@41club.org), You can also find a "Dummies Guide to Zoom" by clicking [here](#)



## Club Activities

Creativity and imagination around the Region 23 patch have been amazing throughout the pandemic. Many clubs are continuing to meet, albeit virtually, managing to retain their 41 Club usual humour and fellowship. A few Clubs have struggled to adapt to technology and have not “met” for some time. If this applies to your club and you would welcome help, do let me know.

In an effort to break the mould of Quiz Nights, one club recently staged their own version of “Would I Lie to You”. The hugely successful evening attracted more than 80 41ers and Tangent, as well as a handful of Tablers who were so impressed that they are going to run their own. True fellowship.

Other topics around the patch include:

- Inter-Club debates
- Memories of my RT/ 41 Club career
- My biggest RTBI Blunder
- Baking competition judged by zoom (41 Club no cheating)
- Guess the baby competition.
- Safari suppers

More ideas welcome

## National Conference 2021

Probably as to be expected, after months of holding their breaths, due to the re-enforced lock down requirements throughout to UK, National has been left with no alternative but to cancel this year’s Aviemore conference.

For further details relating to the organisation of virtual AGM’s for 41 and Tangent, as well as return of deposits, see the National Newsletter for January – click [here](#) to open an electronic copy, to download a copy click [here](#)



## National Caravan Rally 10 – 12 September 2021

On the basis that the current progress to resolve the Pandemic will continue, Martin Green is getting the “ducks in a row” to plan for this year’s rally.

We will be returning to Hardwick Park, near Witney, for a 3 day get together for caravans, tents and motor homes from 10 to 12 September, so make sure that the dates are in the diary.

Further details will be published in the next edition of “Keeping in Touch.”

## NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED



*Sunshine is not cancelled  
Spring is not cancelled  
Love is not cancelled  
Relationships are not cancelled  
Reading is not cancelled  
Naps are not cancelled  
Devotion is not cancelled  
Music is not cancelled  
Dancing is not cancelled  
Imagination is not cancelled  
Kindness is not cancelled  
Conversations are not cancelled  
HOPE is not cancelled*

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

**41 Club UK has 26 Regions. We are Region 23 encompassing the Counties of Somerset, Dorset and Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, and Channel Islands.**

**We have 38 Clubs, with 914 members, the largest 88, the smallest 11. We normally hold a Regional golf competition, a quiz and of course the infamous Dorset Knobs dinner.**

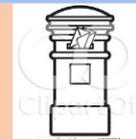
**In attempt to widen our understanding of each other, our Clubs, our people, and develop fellowship, I propose to include a section in each edition of “Keeping in Touch” to introduce one of our Clubs for the interest of the Region.**

**I am sure that I will be inundated with offers from Clubs to take part (!), failing which I will invite one club at random for each edition. A maximum of 200 words is asked for please. Fingers crossed!**

**To start the ball rolling, I have asked David Brown, Chairman of the youngest Club in the Region “Showtime” to pen a few words for the next edition.**



## ARE YOU MEMBERS RECEIVING NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS?



With the increasingly popular 41 Club Connects national zoom events and the new regional newsletter, members are receiving more regular communication to keep them up to date.

Many Club members have selected 'post' as their '*preferred contact*' method when their details have been entered on to the national database. This means that they will not directly receive any national or regional emails or newsletters and are reliant on their local Club Officers to pass all information on.

It might be worth checking with your members that this remains their preference now that there is an increased level of national/regional activity. I can help you to access and edit your Club details if you are unsure. Member's details can be easily changed, making their '*preferred contact*' to be email.



The re-launch of this initiative by National has been welcomed, with many compliments and appreciation paid about the wide range of topics and quality of speakers. A group of 10 National Officers and Councillors has risen to the challenge to take responsibility to drive this forward, their success already evident.

Remember that you can find the Club Connect Videos after the event on our dedicated YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#) or search 41 Club Connects on YouTube.

Burns Night was well and truly "Piped In" at the end of January with almost 200 joining in on zoom, then on the 4<sup>th</sup> February we were entertained to a fascinating evening of Cricket stories and memorabilia from commentators Jonathan Agnew and Geoff Miller, definitely an excellent evening for those with an interest in the little red ball with a record attendance of 520!

Further events are being organised weekly and will be published shortly.

All details and the zoom link to join are on the 41 Club Connects website, just [click here](#).

### FUTURE PROGRAMME

#### 11 February 7.00 pm:

Celebrate Chinese New Year of the Ox with a **Chinese Charity Cook-Along** with the Executive Chef from Lu-Ban restaurant, Liverpool, supporting Dementia UK & Leukaemia Care.

*Kunghai Fatchoy!!*

#### 18 February 7.30 pm:

A virtual tour of the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway**

#### 25 February:

**Evening of Rugby** with **Wayne Barnes**, a current English rugby union referee with almost 100 international games to his name.

### FROM THE DOCTOR'S NOTES!!

- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 2019
- The patient refused autopsy
- The patient has no previous history of suicides
- Occasional constant infrequent headaches

### DID YOU REALISE...

**At 21.21 on 21 January 2021 (9.21pm), it was 21 minutes past the 21<sup>st</sup> hour of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century!!**

