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MAY THE HINGES OF FRIENDSHIP NEVER RUST

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What is **THE HINGE**?

This is the very first edition of The Hinge which we begin a new era, it is the follow-on magazine to the Courier which Wolfgang Rösler (D) & Dieter Straka, (A) Vice-President 41 INTERNATIONAL, edited so successfully for many years. The title comes from "**May the Hinges of Friendship never rust**" The name is not new, it had been used for also many years by GB as title for their Ex-tablers' magazine. It is our target to revive this name and make this magazine interesting and amusing so that it will appeal to all of us. It will be published 4 times a year. We shall need the help from all member nations who should send humorous reports and of course pictures (please in .jpeg format). Do not forget to tell me who are on the pictures so that we can give the picture a title.

I want to try to issue the next magazine with a report from each of the 19 member nations and Associates even if it is only a short notice. The closing date for the next edition is on 30th August.

I am Bob Parton and have become the new editor of this magazine, joining RT in 1964 in Peterborough (GB) and am an active member of the Karlsruhe 41 Club no. 46 in Germany.

AGM Dortmund



Uwe busy taking notes for next year, whilst Pieter "light fingers" Carbon (B) try's to take back the banner he had just given to John Hudson (ZA). Jean-Luc "YAP kayaker" Sion (B) is not amused



John Bellwood, Treasurer & Secretary 41 INTERNATIONAL tells me this is how you have look if you go to visit Her Majesty

Report on Dortmund –

The Minutes of the International Workshop and International AGM have been sent to all member Associations. Please address requests for copies of the Minutes to John Bellwood, Secretary/Treasurer at :- Prestbury House, Churcham, Gloucester GL2 8BB, U.K. Te.: 0044 1452 305651 (work) email@johnbellwood.com



The new editor of "**THE HINGE**" "Ducati tifoso" Bob Parton (D) "Me Dad has said, that when I grow up I can have a go on the Bigger Bikes!" For the "tech's" amongst us, the "Ducs" in the picture are the RoPa Racing 998 and a pepped-up 916SP

My qualifications as Editor are that I can read and write; spelling and english grammar will follow soon.

AGM Bristol GB Remembered

Fancy Bristol!

Off we went to pretty Bristol,
took no weapons, no sex pistol,
just two funny fancy dresses
to disguise as saucy lasses,
who are by no means above
wholesome, homosexual love.

The two of us were quite a show
and lots of people went "oho,
you should go in for competition,
you women with a special vision",
but all we wanted was the fun,
as to ambition, there was none.

One really jolly group of masks
had set themselves quite special tasks,
as footballs they blew themselves up
to advertise the great world cup,
those Germans were in super form
and won, failure is not their norm.!

As Sister Act the Swiss appeared,
sexy they looked and slightly weird
'cause nuns use to be well-behaved,
not that pushing and decently shaved.

There were, of course, still many others,
originally dressed sisters and brothers,
all Ex-Tablers' happy and loud
and of their success rightfully proud,
we all had our share of fun,
as is the rule in 41.

*a special thank you to you
Lydia Schaumann (A)*

please keep sending these Poems to us.



Lydia und Dieter Straka (A)
"saucy lasses"
Gentlemen! this is your next
International President!



No mistaking these two buggers.
They did not even have to dress up



At least they won this cup! The
Germans in their successfull
World Cup outfits from left to
right Monika und Baldur Lemke,
Elke Gesch und Roswitha Taylor



OK, it is true "we do not get up to
these tricks at the German
AGM. With a nice manicured hand GB
President Ian "whisky" Mackenzie
helps the poor girl onto the
table. Peter Owen and Martin Green
(GB) try to look disinterested



Murray & Pam McGregor, Julia & David
Sayle (GB) "I sink they are Leprechauns",
at least, it is Irish Beer that they are
drinking



Stephan Betschen und
Stefan "Bombay Gin" Harder (CH)
"The Hot (somebody said Ugly)
Sisters"

Please, having all seen
these pictures do not
start rushing and
booking all the last free
places for the next
GB AGM in Newcastle

Welcome in, Mr. President!

Uwe comes!

Uwe Kerstan, in Dortmund 20th May 2006

It is an honourable obligation to thank the outgoing president - and, Big John, in your case that is very easy because you have done a terrifically good job: you went to see a lot of member associations, although you had to fly from South Africa; during the official meetings you were a brilliant leader and there was always a good joke to relieve the stress. Thank you for your engagement, enjoy your past president year and please don't stop supporting us. It is a great honour for me to be the fourth German Old-Tabler to become 41 INTERNATIONAL President and I thank very much the members of Old Tablers Germany and of the recent German Boards who trusted and supported me in a fantastic way. I hope and I am sure that it will continue. I am grateful that my three predecessors Ernst Ulrich Walter, Einhart Melzer and Wolfgang Roessel are here today, thank you all for coming to this AGM. I do not want to give you a long speech, so here are my essentials:

Firstly

I always was and I am still convinced that we are the best club of elder men in the world because we live the spirit of Round Table - and that gives us this unique feeling of fellowship. Let us keep it this way!

Secondly

Of course we shall try to enlarge our association but it is not necessary to rush. Let us never forget that quality means more than quantity. Our extension officer Michael Dalbo Pedersen (DK) has started to contact non member countries with few 41 Clubs. I think we have to do one step more and get in touch with countries where Round Table only, but nothing else, is. We should visit the Round Table AGMs in these countries and inform the young Tablers that "Table" life does continue with us after the age of 40.



Uwe enjoying a Dance

To accomplish these tasks you need money and that is why the budget of 41 INTERNATIONAL should be increased. Our board proposed a modification of the rules to make it easier for the following boards to adapt the fees. Please support this proposal and try not to start a new critical basic discussion. Our association needs time to work on the compromises found some years ago. A new fundamental debate could be dangerous and may lead to a solution most of us will not appreciate. Following the coming football world championship: "Let us keep the ball low".

Fourthly

YAP is going very successfully, but there are difficulties with the new FAMEX programme. We have to cure these "growing pains" because FAMEX might become a most important feature for more international contacts between 41ers.

And Lastly

All the 41ers in the different countries are highly qualified and of course retain their knowledge even when they retire. We owe the world to use this advantage and to help more than we do at the moment. Even if it is not possible for 41 International to be a service club, there should be many ways to mobilize our experiences and abilities for actual help and a better future.

Last year John Hudson already

mentioned this purpose in Cyprus and we should take it to heart. Perhaps an institution like the "Aktive Hilfe" (translated means "active help") Old Tablers founded in Germany, can be an example for other associations.

I am convinced that more engagement will weld us closer together and will make our association more attractive even for outgoing Round Tablers because this would show that Club 41 is, not only, a special kind of party club (as some *(dis-Ed.)* engaged Round Tablers may think). Dear friends, I ask for your support during the next 12 months to strengthen our wonderful association. May the hinges of friendship never rust!

Your Uwe



Hans-Peter Bäeschlin (CH) nudges up to Uwe: any Jobs going on the Board?

You know you are 40 when:

your 6 year old sets up the DVD player for you!

Midnight seems awfully late!

John goes!



But at least it is on a Ducati!
Let us all try to follow his Leadership and develop
his ideas in the coming years

**41'ers
Giving back to
Round Tabler.**

You have (or had) a passion for Round Table and you can assist us to GROW! Remember that I.O.U you gave. Well, we want to get some of that back. You must have a son-in-law, young potential in your work or friend's son who would fit into our organization.

Round Table International needs your assistance to recommend young men. We have changed a whole lot through the social work we are doing world wide

and we still have tons of fun doing this. Round Table is a vacation from the daily stress of work and family, a network of like minded friends who have a commitment to improving the wellbeing of the needy.

Andrew Fordyce,
National RT President Germany

Notizie dall' Italia AGM in Castiglioncello

The Italian AGM 2006 took place from the 26th to the 28th of May in Castiglioncello, a small coastal town in Tuscany. About 50 41ers from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Romania and Switzerland enjoyed with 120 Italian friends a scenic landscape, wonderful weather, old Etruscan culture, (no Duccio, he is not talking about you) excellent Italian wines and food combined with tremendous hospitality and friendship. YiT
Uwe



"Duccio, even if you do give me your
"Arafat" scarf you are still not
coming on the board"

The International Immediate Relief Team TASK FORCE 41

Two 41 INTERNATIONAL Presidents have appealed, but what is happening. Who wants to roll up for this project?

We want to be able to send a team of qualified people immediately to any Catastrophe area in the world to offer and where necessary give Emergency Help.

This is not a money collection request but a genuine offer of practical assistance to send a team to any "Hot-Spot" at a time of immediate need.

We need Doctors, Structural Engineers, Architects, Engineers, Transport Specialists, Pioneers, Translators.

(remember Translation problems in Pakistan.) Contact:
bobparton@thehinge.de



ULVER's YAP Report 2006

Presented at the 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM in Dortmund

Dear Friends, Even though this year

has not yet reached its end I can present a very successful story of YAP 2006. Building on the roots laid down by my predecessor and friend Jacques Menival, we were able to offer 7 tours during this year :

- In spring one tour from Europe to New Zealand,
- In summer two tours from Europe to India,
- In autumn one tour from Europe to South Africa.

Furthermore two tours from India to Europe - they have just come to an end - and one tour for the YAPs from South Africa, New Zealand and Indian Ocean, who will be coming to Europe at the end of June. Altogether 53 Young Ambassadors had the chance

to represent their countries in other cultural areas. Of the 53 YAPs who made the tours 15 came from India, 12 from Austria, 8 from Belgium, 7 from France, 5 from Germany and 3 as well from Denmark and South Africa. For our youngsters these tours will be an unforgettable experience, which remains with them for a lifetime. Even today I receive letters from former YAPs with information on their daily life and personal development. Apart from that, international friendship has been developed among the group of fellow participants and between the YAPs and the children of the hosting families. But I like to draw your attention to another positive aspect of YAP:

To implement YAP we need the help of hosting and sponsoring clubs, which will give the accommodation and organize the local programme.

This year we have 58 clubs - worldwide - involved in the YAP. They were organized and coordinated by the 11 national Convenors. Without their help it would have been impossible to run YAP as successfully as it is today. Here I like to thank all national Convenors for their good and unremitting work. Of course, hosting YAP means also work and lot of arrangements, but I do realize that occasionally 41clubs

work together with the local Round Table clubs, for example; in helping with the accommodation. The concerted actions often help to stimulate the rela-



Group of happy Young Ambassadors in Germany, they had yet to taste Sausage and Kraut! The Germans were proud to have had you in with them.

tions between the two clubs, RT / OT which had sometimes deflated over the years.

I often get enthusiastic feedback from hosting clubs which were happy by the impulse the visit of YAPs had given to their club life, feeling the touch of 41 INTERNATIONAL's world.

Finally, I like to encourage those nations, which have not yet participated in YAP to join the programme. It is an expedient and great undertaking which enriches your own club life and helps to make 41 INTERNATIONAL more attractive to everybody. We have the facility to extend the programme. I have a lot of idea; for instance, there could be



No, they did not arrive on Elephants! an

exchange between South Africa and Indian Ocean. Or between New Zealand and India or there could be a tour within the European boundaries for

Europeans.

There is still a lot for us to do.

Last not least, I like to say many thanks to Michel Leenders, my YAP assistant. It is important having a man at your side, who you can rely on.

He supported me a lot in producing the programme, especially when I had problems with my health last year.

Thank you, from your Ulver -
41 INTERNATIONAL YAP-Convenor



The freshly-voted new Honorary Member from Old Tablers Deutschland, Ulver Oswald. Many thanks to you dear Ulver for all of your dedicated work for Club 41.

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Letter sent from Shuti Swaika, a Young Ambassador, to Jugnu Uberoi (IND)

First and foremost I would like to thank you for having made my Europe tour possible. It was most definitely one of the best experiences that I have had. I believe my group member Ashwin Ganesh has already written to you on behalf of the group. All the same, I would like to write to you as well and share our experiences.

On 25th April we left from Bombay for Copenhagen with a stopover at Milan for around 7hrs. In Milan due to paucity of time, all we could manage to see was the Cathedral and Duomo Square. We reached Copenhagen in the evening and spent a day there. We visited Tivoli, which is the oldest amusement park in Denmark.

Garima and I stayed at Kertminde while the others stayed at Odense. We visited a number of churches, the new opera house, the Little Mermaid, the queen's garden and the house of Hans Christian Anderson. We also went to a gymnasium (high school) and attended classes there, though we didn't understand much as all the subjects were taught in Danish. (Sh_T Ed.)

Our next stop was Germany. We stayed in Germany for a week and our main stops were Bad Segeberg and Munster. At Bad Segeberg too we visited a gymnasium. We also had day trips to Hamburg and Lubeck and did sight seeing there. We visited a number of churches and cathedrals. We visited a cave where around 15125 bats hibernate during winter.

The evening before our departure for Munster we attended a 41 club meeting which was held in an old water mill under restoration. In Munster we visited another amuse-

ment park called The Movie Park. We also visited the harbour, and did general sight seeing in the city. On 7th May we left for Belgium. In Belgium, Ashwin, Aditya, Divya and I stayed in Arlon while Garima and Rakshita were staying in Luxembourg. We went sight seeing in Luxembourg and visited a winery. The next day we went sight seeing in Arlon. We visited a cathedral and



41er Kay-Gerwin's Muth(D) eyes are sparkling because he thinks he is about to get Curry Madras... but this was to be the Sausage and Kraut day!!

a fort. We then went kayaking, an experience that none of us are going to forget in a lifetime! A word of congratulations should go to our host Mr. Jean-luc Sion (B) for being able to manage six inexperienced kayakers. On 10th we left for Brussels. We celebrated Rakshita's birthday in the train. At Brussels we visited the chocolate museum and the Parliament house. We left for Antwerp the same day. At Antwerp we visited the Diamond museum, the house of the painter Rubens, and an ancient three mast ship. We also caught (saw) the movie MI III. I believe it is yet to be released in India. We left for Tournei on the 12th. Here we saw the Belfry (bell tower), the cathedral and some museums. On 13th we went for a day trip to Brugge, where we visited another cathedral, the town hall etc. I must mention here that Brugge is the most beautiful city we visited in our one month in Europe (they did not

come to Karlsruhe! Ed.) Back in Tournei we visited a bird park called Paradisio. To say it was simply breathtaking would be an understatement. We saw many birds, penguins, monkeys, seals, giraffe, kangaroo, zebras etc. To call it a bird park would therefore be injustice. We saw the bird show and a beautiful white peacock (the first for all of us).

On 15th we left for Lille. We went to the coast of the North Sea. We visited the Arras Caves which were used during World War I. We went rafting in an artificial stream which was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us. In the evening we went bowling. On the 18th we went from Lille to Paris on the TGV (world's fastest electronic train which supposedly travels at 310 kms/hr). We then took the train for Troyes, where Divya, one of our group members, parted ways with us. We did the usual sight seeing.

On the 22nd we visited the Eiffel Tower. It was magnificent and the view from the top breathtaking.

We left for our last stop to the ancient town of Reims on the 23rd. On 24th we went to Euro Disney and on the 25th we visited the Louvre and watched The Da Vinci Code. I don't think too many people have seen the real Mona Lisa and the "reel" Mona Lisa on the same day! On 26th we finally left Reims for our long journey back home.

At the end all I can say is that i have had the trip of a lifetime and I would like to thank the 41 Club Association for making it possible.

With warm regards,

Shruti Swaika Kolkata.

2nd 41 INTERNATIONAL Bikers Tour

After the successful first bikers' tour last year in South Africa visiting Johannesburg, Polokwane and Durban we decided to offer a 2nd Bikers' Tour again as a Pre-Tour to this year's 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM, that was held together with the German Old Tablers AGM in Dortmund. It started from Gaggenau in the Black Forest and finished in Dortmund.

This was organised and led by Hans Dieter Gesch the German IRO. The 16 participants from South Africa, Finland, Switzerland and Germany met on Monday evening in the Hotel Mönchshof in Gaggenau; together with OTD President Bob Parton and the 41 International President John Hudson. On Tuesday morning the 8 Motorcyclists and the Bus (for the Girls who did not want to ride on the Bikes, the Baggage and non-alcoholic refreshments) on the way to Dortmund. The first day the tour took us from

day's target -the small village of Nurburg in the Eifel mountains. On the second day, the tour led by Klaus Feyen from the Düsseldorfer Automobil- and



Peter + Theres Hugi (CH)
"You don't get food like this at the Elite Hotel in Biel CH Spare Ribsli"

Motorsport-club. Firstly we visited the pits at the Nurburgring. Here had stood Nuvo-rali, Fangio,

for the last time on the Ferry at Linz



Bob Parton (D) on his Ducati 900 Monster chased by Claus-Peter Koehler (D) racing round the Nurburgring goes first across the Finish line in 7min 420sec



Arthur von der Schyff (ZA) about to load the Bus



Hans-Dieter Gesch (D) recited the Loreley story in German and perfect English, this is true even if he does look as if he is about to sing "O sole mio" Elke Gesch is very impressed

(Field Marshal Bluecher had left from this spot in June 1815 to help General Wellington defeat Bonaparte Napoleon at Waterloo, we wondered, did he also leave on his bike?) (with all this history stuff, you will be able to increase your knowledge by reading "The Hinge"!) aiming for Bad Honnef, Siegburg und Roesrath from here the Route took us through the Bergische Land (that is the mountain Land) through Engel-skirchen, Lindlar and Marienheide to Meinerzhagen. Travelling through Lüdenscheld we then eventually reached the

Moss, Collins, Hawthorn and all the other "Greats". During the afternoon Klaus Feyen took us off on a 3 hour tour through many narrow tight „roads“ with 3.856,778 bends! OK you are correct it was 3.856.777

bends through the Eifel mountains around the Nurburgring. The finish of the day was to be a lap round the Nurburgring Nordschleife (North Curve its 22.4 km long. Lap record 6mins 59 sec) The last day of the Tour took us from Nurburg back through the Eifel to Alte-

Gaggenau via Karlsruhe firstly to Speyer, where we made a short Sight-seeing break to the ancient Cathedral and grounds. From there we rode through the Palatinate to Bingen; here we crossed the River Rhine with the Rhine-Ferry riding then towards St. Goar. After Rüdesheim (bringing many happy memories for Sandy Hudson, she had been there as a Student, and as it was her 20+ Birthday we did not go too deep into those memories) we then stopped for Lunch at Benno's Truck Stop. A real "Bikers meal" was offered.... like "half a Pig" ..which was supposed to be a plate of spare ribs! Before riding, much heavier laden, up the mountain to the Loreley.

As we got to St. Goarshausen we again crossed the Rhine to travel over the Hunsrück hills to the River Mosel in the direction of Cochem. After a break at „Burg Eltz“ where we had lost Bob Parton, we reached our



The Mechanics, in those famous Pits

nahr; from here we rode alongside the River Ahr to Sinzig, where we had to take a long (because of heavy rain) stop. We then crossed the Rhine River



AGM

Finally there !Knackered

Conference Hotel in Dortmund.

Who was on the Tour

Sandy & John Hudson, Polokwane, ZA

Arthur von der Schyff, Polokwane, ZA

Ansa & Matti Hintalla, Helsinki, FIN.

Esther & Beat Berger, Zürich, CH

Theres & Peter Hugi, Biel, CH

Barbara & Urs Hugi, Biel, CH

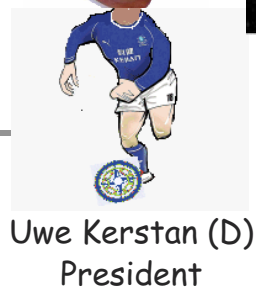
Elke & Hans-Dieter Gesch, IRO, D

Gisela & Bob Parton, Karlsruhe, D

Claus Peter Köhler, Bad Kreuznach, D, who wrote the report

The 41 INTERNATIONAL TEAM

during World Cup Year 2006/07



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Downstairs
Buck House
Buckingham Palace Road
London EC1

in May 2006

Dear Mr Parton,

I have heard talk-upstairs- of how happy they are that you have been elected to take over the Editorial of the 41 INTERNATIONAL Newsletter from the beloved John Bellwood.

They say he has worked so hard for the furtherance of Friendship and Tolerance in your organisation that they are pleased that he will have more time to enjoy his private life and prepare himself for the major role that he will be taking over soon as 41 INTERNATIONAL President.

This is certainly keeping Great Britain on the map which is more than can be said for Charles; gourd knows what he is up to now giving them more trouble, something about the French turning up on horses in Montluçon- wanting to change the rules again, I can never understand why they bother, they ignore them anyway!, sorry about this one Jean-Marc, please, it is meant in fun and should not be a "bête noire" for you please "nous vous prions d'agréer, Jean Marc l'assurance de nos sentiments respectueux"

I did hear that an invitation is to be issued to come along to the next Garden Party in Buck House Gardens (sorry no Home hosting) with John Bellwood on July 23. Jean-Marc can come along as well, but please not on his horse, I know you will all enjoy the Watercress and Cucumber sandwiches (no crusts) and Tea from one of the Colonies (upps! sorry about that one, Commonwealth States I should have said!)

Maybe you could find accommodation at John's Bellwood's P(a)lace and pop over to see us in the afternoon. Gongs, ribbons and all that regalia stuff will not be worn by the guests they reserve that right only to the C(l)rown Prince who should turn up with Cammi (don't worry, you will have no trouble to recognise her)

More jottings from Downstairs as I put my ear to the door again..

Yours in Royal service

Daisy

Housemaid

AGM France Montluçon 2006

France- the biggest and best AGM

We reached the smallest region of the Club 41 français, and also the area direct in the middle of the land was chosen to be the venue of this years AGM, it was organised by 41 Club in Montluçon 262, on Saturday 10th June 2006. It was a gathering that pulled many Foreign Guests and Delegates of course our Neighbours from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Romania and Switzerland also "our" new member from so far away as Madagascar

There were two major points to the assembly, the first being the very



Jean-Marc e Gérald do their Napoleon Act, turning up on their (h) "orses" "etre à cheval sur" or do they say "Chevals" in France. Was Napoleon on (h)is "cheval" ever in Montluçon?

tous nouveaux 41 et lointains amis de Madagascar. En deux mots, ce fut d'abord une assemblée studieuse qui avait à voter de nombreuses modifications de textes statutaires et qui a parfaitement réalisé le travail que l'on attendait d'elle, mais ce fut aussi une magnifique fête organisée par le "petit" club local, entraîné par leur membre président de région Serge Popoff, appuyé par tous les membres de son club et leurs épouses, qui ont offert une fantastique animation à tous les participants avec un divertissant spectacle de cirque le vendredi et une superbe soirée de gala le samedi, soirée qui



Past President Gérald being pulled away to get changed for the next Flamingo dance

Presidents Chain, made in an atmosphere like in the middle ages with Knights of "King Arthur" handing the Chain on horseback. Then handing the Club 41 French Flag across to the friends from Montluçon over to the next organising Club for the 2007 AGM in La Rochelle 2007.

We thank all present for helping to make it a memorable event and that they so enjoyed the Whirlwind Slovenian Dancers - and not to forget the Wodka from....

Montluçon and us promise to see you again next year on the Atlantic Coast, where we shall be able to discover a new Mountain in France.....the mountain of Crabs.....! Report from Henri Steibel, nationale Editor

France : La grande et belle AG
La plus petite région du Club 41 français, mais aussi la plus centrale, a accueilli cette année l'assemblée annuelle organisée par le club de Montluçon 262 le samedi 10 juin 2006. Une assemblée qui a attiré de nombreuses délégations étrangères avec bien sûr nos voisins d'Allemagne, de Belgique, de Grande Bretagne, d'Italie, d'Autriche de Roumanie et de Suisse mais aussi les

active AGM, perfectly organised as one would expect in France, whereby numerous alterations to the French rules and regulations were discussed and voted upon and of course the magnificent party which had been organised by the "small" local club, directed by our club member Serge Popoff who is also President for the Region. He was supported by other members of his club and their wives. They had organised a fantastic, entertaining for everybody present, Circus-spectacle and on the Saturday an overwhelming evening Gala a show that had taken us into a superb Russian atmosphere.... and into the "Daylight Nights" of Montluçon.

Amazing Show spectacle, splendid photographs always a new surprise during the whole evening loaded with emotion, from which the most mov-



French 41'ers rushing to take cover as the rains came down!

nous a transporté dans l'ambiance russe.. Des nuits blanches de Montluçon.

Des tableaux féériques, des surprises tout au long de la soirée protocolaire chargée de beaucoup d'émotions, et particulièrement des instants très forts avec une passation de collier chevaleresque et la transmission symbolique du témoin par l'équipe de Montluçon aux prochains organisateurs de l'assemblée annuelle 2007 de La Rochelle.

Merci à tous les participants qui ont su apprécier les tourbillonnants danseurs et danseuses slaves et la vodka de... Montluçon et nous vous donnons rendez-vous à l'année prochaine sur la côte atlantique où vous pourrez découvrir une nouvelle montagne française : la montagne d'écrevisses !.

H.S national editor



Uwe gets the english point of view from Ken "Sherlock" Boden (GB).... Any chance of dropping our fees down a little bit Uwe? By the look on Uwe's face, we do not think Ken had much luck!



Hubert "Cook Book" Braeckmans (Belgium) and Stefan Betschen(Alpen-dollar Land) discussing a recipe for Musli



Marc Niederländer (Fr) taking his trousers down for the Brits but Helen Bellwood (NZ) seems to be enjoying it too!



Dieter "Skin Head" Straka (A) getting ready for his Knicker-Bocker Dance. Lydia and Margeritha know it is going to be a hoot!



David "Sporran" Illingworth (GB) trying to persuade future Club 41 President Randolph Riedlinger (I) to give him a job on his board



Stefan Harder (Alpen-dollar Land,) he is the one on the left, with Gisela Parton (D). At least behind bars he can not "take" anybody's Jewel with him



We "Brummies" stick together! Peter " I will be back again next year" Owen (GB). Picture taken after just having narrowly lost the Vice-President vote GB because he had never driven at 30 MPH in a Police car down the Motorway. Arnold Allen (Treasurer GB) is still laughing because he has not yet seen what all this is going to cost !



Spotted in Finland, the Finns were not too sure how to spell Jööhn Hüüdsön! ... International seemed to have caused some trouble too!

Coming Soon.....

**AGM South Africa
Sept. 2006**

**WOCO South Africa
Sept 2006**

**AGM
Denmark
Slagelse
12.- 15. April 2007**

**41
INTERNATIONAL AGM**

GRAZ May 2007

**AGM (D)
Esslingen 2007**

**AGM (GB) 2007
Newcastle**

**AGM (CH)
Luzern Switzerland
October 2007**

**41 INTERNATIONAL AGM
Merano
Italy 2008**

**PPM 2006
Meeting of National
Pastpresidents
Bremerhaven/Germany
October 05 - 08 2006
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Derek Johns sends Greetings from New Zealand



Glenthorne Station

You know this is a bit like writing to a big family, which of course is what 41 Club is all about, friendship and extending those friendships nationally and internationally.

It's a cold miserable Sunday here; the forecast is for more snow and generally bad weather for the next few days. Snow usually is restricted to the mountains and higher parts of New Zealand but last Monday we had a big downfall of very wet snow down to sea level over most of the South Island causing all sorts of problems and some people are still without power and phone. Of course you are having lovely hot weather over there on the other side, such a shame and having to watch all that World Cup as well!!! Every year since 1977 our old Round Table and now 41 Club, Tapawera (near Nelson at the top of the South Island) has held what we call our Safari Weekend at the end of February. In the early days this involved packing the whole family in the back of our farm trucks and heading off to the back country and camping in woolsheds etc. Now days it's just the oldies and of course 4 wheel drive vehicles but we still head off for a weekend some where that is usually difficult for the majority of the population to get to. We have quite a few farmers in our club which means we have lots of contacts to enable us to go to these places.

This year we went beyond Lake Coleridge to a farm called Glenthorne Sta-

tion which borders on to one of our mountain national parks, once there had been a forest research station there and we used the buildings to stay in, no power but gas for cooking. Had a wonderful time, huge open spaces with no people, explored up and down rivers and hills, great weather, got up to 36 degrees C. and naturally terrific fellowship with our old friends. There must be places for all 41 Clubs to go and spend time together, make it a yearly outing and really get to know each other.

At the beginning of May, Tina (my wife) and I went to meet the 41 Club in Perth, Australia. They have asked to affili-

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who lives in Fremantle so thought "there's a drive in between that's asking to be done and we will end up beside Perth"!!! Needless to say that's what we did; drove around the coast line and across the Nullarbor Plain and over 5000km's later we met a great gang of people who were delighted (they said) to see 41ers from New Zealand and we hope will come and visit us.

A fantastic trip, never boring even though there are so many straight roads, the longest straight is 146.5kms, just some gentle undulations, the scenery changes gradually all the time, there is a surprising amount of wildlife, lots of photo stops and it was green all the way. We had expected desert but there has been rains over the last couple of years and being close to the Southern coast it catches that extra bit. We would recommend the drive to anyone.

Back home in time for the AGM here in Christchurch, as usual a great time had by all including Uwe Kerstan the now International President, he has got a lot of energy or is this his way of staying fit!!!

Check out our website:

www.41club.org.nz for the up coming tours to New Zealand over the next couple of years, we would like to see you here, "down under".

Yours in 41 Cheers

Derek Johns IRO New Zealand



Perth Chairman Mike Lines (AUS) (left) and Derek Johns (NZ) doing the old banner trick, it was their very last one and they have threatened to come and retrieve it!!

with New Zealand as they are the only 41 Club in Australia (the rest of Australia has Apex and Apex 40 Clubs) and think that as New Zealand is their closest neighbour we would be more suitable than being affiliated to more distant countries.

We have good friends in Adelaide who have been asking us to visit, they belong to Lions Club but we don't hold that against them. We also have a son



President Uwe dancing up a storm with Sue Ironside, (NZ) one of the many school girls, theme was "Skool Daze"!!!

Uwe, the true Golfer, keeping his eye on the ball!

Willy Poulet – An Appreciation

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Willy Poulet on 7th April 2006.

Willy who with justification could be called “Mr 41 Belgium”, was co-founder of Leuven-Louvain, the first 41 Club in Belgium in 1972 and who went on to become the Founder-President of their national

association, 41 Clubs Belgium two years later.

As was the custom for many overseas clubs those days, immediately it was formed, Leuven-Louvain affiliated to the Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs, followed a few months later by Brussels. Because of this influx of overseas clubs, some years earlier the Association had decided to reserve two seats on its Council for overseas members and the first to be elected to one of those seats was Be Dommering (Netherlands) in 1966. Having served six years, he was followed by Einhart Melzer (Germany) in 1972.

In the following year the second seat was offered to, and accepted by, Willy. However at that time much was happening on the 41 INTERNATIONAL front and Willy never took up his seat. Instead he resigned from the Association, together with Leuven-Louvain and Brussels, and turned his efforts to supporting France in setting up 41 INTERNATIONAL.

Thus 41 Clubs Belgium be-

came the fourth and youngest Founder member of 41 INTERNATIONAL and, in due course, Willy became the fourth 41 INTERNATIONAL President.

At that time, the 41 INTERNATIONAL Rules were that the retiring 41 INTERNATIONAL President should hand over to the incoming 41 INTERNATIONAL President at the Annual General Meeting of the former's Association. In this way, Willy became 41 INTERNATIONAL President at the German Annual General Meeting in May 1978. Willy's own Association's Annual General Meeting was due in October that year when, had he handed over to his successor, he would have been 41 INTERNATIONAL President for only six months. Willy was determined to have at least a full year in office. In fact he continued for a total of 18 months as 41 INTERNATIONAL President, handing over to Bob Oulsnam of the Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs at the 41 Clubs Belgium's Annual General Meeting in October 1979. To get the timetable back on course, Bob proceeded to service 18 months as 41 INTERNATIONAL President, finally handing over to his successor at the Association's Annual General Meeting at Buxton in April 1981.

During his time as 41 INTERNATIONAL President, Willy called the only Extraor-

dinary General Meeting (other than that held recently in India in 2002) of 41 INTERNATIONAL. It was at the Association's Annual General Meeting at Poole in April 1979 and it was held to allow two Associations, Austria and New Zealand, to become members; Denmark had to wait until the 41 INTERNATIONAL Annual General Meeting in October that year before joining 41 INTERNATIONAL.

For his services to international co-operation, Willy was elected an Honorary Member of 41 INTERNATIONAL in 1978.

EJMiller (GB)

20.04.2006

Lucio Ambrosino

18th June 2006

Dear Lucio you are no longer there where you were, but you are everywhere where we are, in our thoughts and in our hearts.

We received the sad news of the death of Lucio Ambrosino, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday 18th June.

Lucio was elected Italian National Secretary for 2006/07.

He was a founder member of Milan N° 1 Club.

We have lost a true friend and active tableur.

Dear Lucio, our thoughts are also with your family at this time

Report of the Archivist

Club 41 International

Dear Mr. President, dear delegates and dear friends.

On Sunday, the 19th of March 2006, I had the pleasure to welcome Gerhard and Christine Wirth from Club 41 Austria at our home. Gerhard had some business to attend to in Switzerland and volunteered to act as "Club 41Forwarder"



"Barrow Boy" Gerhard Wirth (A) this time without a "fag" on the go, bringing the "Goo-dies" to Switzerland

and bring me the contents of the archive. He went to collect the goods (we both thought 2 – 3 "Banana-boxes") from Peter Poech and brought it to my place in Bertschikon. What a surprise: The volume was double!

Gerhard, I thank you very much for your help and assistance to get the stuff to my place.

Now I can confirm that I received everything Peter Poech took over from **Otto Adelhofer** and that the archive materials of Club 41 International are at my place:

This is what Beat's House looks like now. But if you have any old interesting information for the Archives please send them onto Beat in Switzerland, he is enjoying it!



Unfortunately, there is no inventory of all the goods! I will have to go through all the papers and I will issue one. Hopefully, I will have it completed for the HYM (13.-15/10/2006) in Southend-on-Sea, Great Britain.

Peter Poech is still receiving documents and material for the archives and asked me to raise this point in my report to make sure that every one concerned is aware of the change of the archivists where the new address material has to be sent to!

Looking forward to see you all in Dortmund, I remain with my best regards

Beat G. Berger

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SUBSTANTIAL REWARD OFFERED FOR

ANOTHER REPORT (alias Kid Cassidy)

any resemblance to Bob Parton is purely coincidental

We need interesting reports from your country about your 41 Club activities to publish in the next edition of **THE HINGE**. We would also appreciate reports from the countries that are not yet full members, what is happening in your country, how do you see that future developing, what can we do to get you up to the "magical" 3 Clubs so that you can become a full Member of 41 INTERNATIONAL. The next Edition will appear for the HYM in October 2006. Next copy date: 31 August 2006

Please send details and above all Photographs (.jpeg please) via Wells Fargo or Morse Code or if possible, electronic Email to:

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- (a) to encompass all associations consisting of clubs of Ex-Tablers.
- (b) to maintain at international level the contacts between those clubs.
- (c) to maintain at the same international level the bonds of friendship which unite all Ex-Tablers.

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41 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date	Association	Event	Location
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2006

AUGUST 06

27	Zambia	AGM	Lusaka
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SEPTEMBER 06

9	South Africa	AGM	Cape Town, ZA
16	WOCO/RTI	AGM	Polokwane, ZA
23	Romania	AGM	Brasov
23	India	AGM	New Delhi
28	Francais und Quatlagor	Trophee Golf	
30	Germany	HYM	Celle

OCTOBER 06

6 - 9	Past National Presidents		Bremerhaven, D
7	Belgium	AGM	Ostend
14	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Southend-on-Sea, GB
21	Switzerland	AGM	Lucerne

NOVEMBER 06

10 - 12	27° Törggelen	27th Chestnut Festival	Merano Italy
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2007

MARCH 07

Please try to come to as many of the Events as you can.
Everybody is welcome so please announce yourselves
as soon as possible

10	Finland	AGM OTSF	Lempäälä
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APRIL 07

14	Denmark	AGM	Slagelse
14	Great Britain	AGM	Newcastle
21	Indian Ocean	AGM	Mauritius

MAY 07

12	Germany	AGM	Esslingen
19	41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Graz, Austria
25	Norway	AGM	Geiranger

June 07

1	New Zealand	AGM	Napier
1	Italy	AGM	Milano

August 07

24	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Livingstone, Zambia
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See you all in SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

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