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Randolph Riedlinger becomes the 33rd
International President in Meran/Merano

AGM CLUB 41 ROMANIA BRASOV

THE YAP PAGE

Old Tablers Sweden Half Year Meeting

Harpenden Club 41ers visit Berlin

To most of us involved, it is a way of life, a tumbling, happy road show that brings friendship,
makes laughs and provides endless fun..Club 41



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This year has had a terrible start with problems in Pakistan and Kenya and now Tibet with such incidents we must consider what can we do as a Club to help. We should get more involved in helping our Round Tabler friends with their projects to make this a better world for us all to live in? Try to find people in your 4I Clubs who would be prepared to bring help. There are many places where our help could be of use: Kenya, Nepal even to help the Israelis with their efforts in the Lebanon. Let's make it a year where we all do more for our fellow man and make it a peaceful world for us all.

Bob Parton, Editor

Notice in an ***Hotel in Leipzig Germany....

“Ladies, please rinse out your teapots standing upside down in sink. In no event should hot bottoms be placed on counter”.

I “sink” something went wrong with the translation?

.....
but it is not just in 3 star hotels, try the 5 star “M.E. Hotel”***** in Madrid it was not much better..

“If you wish disinfection enacted in your presence, cry out for the Chambermaid”.

.....
now start reaching for the sky what about the 7 star. “Burj al Arab”***** in Dubai..

“suggestive views from every window”



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Message from Dieter Straka the 32nd 4I Intl.President

“Dear 4Iers and readers!

It seems to be just a few months since I received the chain and was inaugurated as President. But time is passing quickly and we have to prepare ourselves for the next term.

What is going on in the international world of 4I? We have developed many plans and now have to put them into action. I will try to give you a short overview.



Last but not least we want to allow single clubs of Ex-Tablers – especially in small countries where only one club exists, or where it will take time to start three clubs as the minimum for an Association - to become members by the way of affiliation to our organisation.

As you can see there is always work to do and chances to be made use of for the better of our wonderful organisation.

4I INTERNATIONAL President Dieter

Firstly we have to make sure that our members understand the idea that 4I is not just a friendship club for everybody – we are an organisation of former members of Round Table and other members should be exceptions and not an alternative in case we cannot find Tablers anymore.

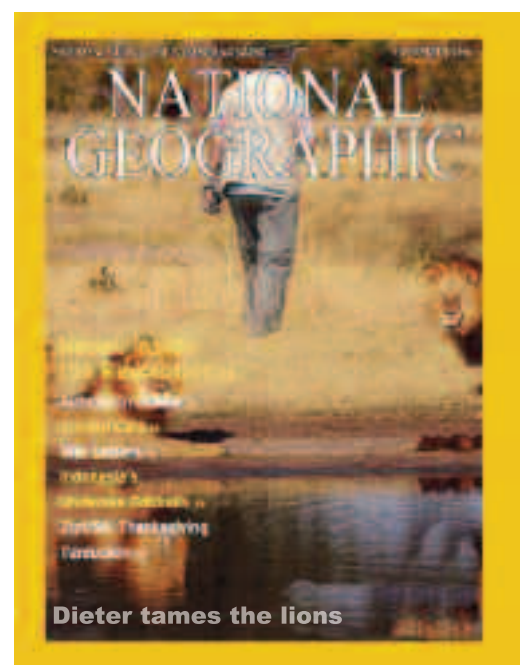
Secondly we want to strengthen our ties to RT to make sure we are an organisation they want to belong to, once they had to leave RT. My theme of the year “Remember the Roots” is the basis on which we want to build a stronger organisation for the Ex-Tablers. In

that very direction we will try to get our members’ support to change the name of 4I International into “Round Table International PLUS”. This will be a strong signal for RT and the world around us that we belong to each other.

Thirdly we will propose to start with a working group to define the strategic future of our organisation. We do not want to only react to the challenges of a developing and changing society around us. We want to build our future actively. Adopt-adapt-improve is still valid.

Yours in international friendship

Dieter Straka
President 4I International”



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Thanks "Mr President"
we were glad to have had you Aboard**



Dieter Straka goes, handing over to Randolph Riedlinger in Merano (Bob Parton spotted this scene (seen) in Africa. Nearly all of the Lions were obeying Dieter's "sit" command).

Upcoming in Uppsala Swedish HYM

"The next Old Tablers Sweden Half Year Meeting, together with Tangent Sweden, will be in the city of Uppsala (only 40 km from Stockholm Arlanda International Airport) between 7-8 of November 2008. For info and detailed invitation, please send an e-mail to info@oldtablers.org"

AGM RT,OT,LC and Tangent will be in Varberg 23rd May 2009



**"Thank You" Round Table
- Christmas 2007 -
see story page 28**

**Dieter brings Namibia
into focus**



HM The Queen welcomes our John back onto the International Board



This letter is a copy and illustrates what has probably happened. It is not meant as any disrespect to John or HM The Queen

Old Tablers Sweden Half -Year Meeting! Enköping, Sweden 9th November 2007.



**Johan Öberg OTS National President
speech at gala dinner HYM**

Once again we all meet in the city of Uppsala for a weekend with fun and party! Old Tablers Sweden and Tangent Sweden have this HalfYear Meeting as a tradition and this year we started with a get-together the 9th of November. At Grand Hotel Hörnan we had a light dinner, with wine, beer and songs. It was fun to meet old friends again, some for the first time and some for the 1003rd time. Later on, some went on to explore the nightlife of Uppsala and some stayed in the hotel bar to explore the various beers that was offered. I think both alternatives went off with success!

OTS and Tangent had their meetings, while the rest of the people had breakfast and programs of their own. Some went for shopping and some just relaxed at the hotel and re-charged the batteries for the program to come. At noon we all came together for a dance lesson. It was time to learn how to dance salsa! It was tough, warm, intensive and fun! We had a good teacher and he coped up with us for 2 hours.... a real hero!

After the salsa lesson, we had lunch, with more wine, beer and songs! The atmosphere was steaming up and the lunch-party continued at some local bars down town. Then back to the hotel for a shower, some make-up (mainly for the female part of the group) and dressed for dinner. Saturday night was the gala dinner-night and, as always when Tablers and Circlers meet, the party was superb! We had a crazy guy entertaining us for one hour (or more?) and after that the dancing and partying went on until late or early morning.

At the gala dinner, the National President of Round Table Sweden, Fredrich Snugg



Party at gala dinner HYM
(Yes it did slip, for the "real" picture see next issue The Hinge, October 2008
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see that there is a good life and went on after 40. He was invited to participate next year, as a practical vocational orientation-student, which he accepted! OTS National President, Johan Öberg, held a speech as well and gave banners to some past National Presidents of OTS and RT.



The founder and 1st National President of OTS, Bertil Wahlström, was also present at the dinner. He was honoured with a medallion.



The HalfYear Meeting is a great weekend that becomes bigger for every year. For 2008 the party will kick off 7-8 of November and you are all welcome to participate! Be there....YiOT / Johan Öberg, National President of Old Tablers Sweden

Saturday morning the National boards of held a good speech and he was happy to

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Hans Dieter Gesch (D) looks surprised as he learns that the AGORA ladies are about to **adopt him into their club.**
Picture taken in Montlucon, France
(Possibly they will also **adapt him and **improve** him)**



Bruce Morgan, IRO Italy starts a new International Club 3 Group
 If you are interested in International Contact to your number Clubs please make contact to either
 Bruce Morgan or Bob Parton
 brucemorgan41@yahoo.it

30 years Club 41 Austria

It started in the year 1978, and by joint regular board and the first Clubs 41 had already half-year meetings. been chartered in Austria and it was about time to charter a national organisation. Since then the Austrian Club 41 family has grown to 32 clubs with approximately 800 members.

It can be noticed with pleasure that there is an upwards trend and that in the year of the 30th anniversary another two Clubs will be chartered, which will of course strengthen our national organisation further.

We are also very pleased to have a close relationship to Round Table Austria. This is demonstrated by the joint publication of a club magazine

For three times the president of 41 International has been an Austrian, this will be the case again in the current club year with Dieter Straka.

Following the motto "Round Table is the past and the future of Club 41", the Austrian members of Club 41 try to assist the members of Round Table to recruit new members and support them to charter new clubs.

The idea of an annual national service project of Club 41 Austria is also gaining ground.

Isn't this reason enough for all of us to be happy about the achievements of the past 30 years? We want to express our joy at the 30th anniversary celebration at the AGM 2008 from June 20th to 22nd. And we would be very happy to welcome many of our friends in Club 41 from different nations here in Leoben.

Dear friends, we are waiting for you at the AGM in Leoben!

Fredi Krenn
 President Club 41 Austria
 (2007 - 2008)

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SOJOURN in CAPE TOWN

Starting from the Round Table to 41 Clubs, just a "hi" in a crowded party leads to another major get-together and friendship for a lifetime, which has happened to Vini & myself quite a few times.... this time it was with 41 Clubs South Africa President Terry Walsh and his wife Joletha.

It started at the Graz AGM, when we mentioned that we might visit Cape Town prior to the Zambian HYM - and both Terry & Joletha insisted that we visit them too!

Picking up and dropping is very

normal in our tabling culture. But Terry & his son drove more than an hour to pick us up at our downtown hotel and took us to his home - Terry



had arranged a party at his home - complete with most of his club members, barbeque, wine and all!

The added surprise was Pieter

Carbon and his wife Myriam, who were also in South Africa on a holiday !

It was a great experience for us Indians - we helped in the marination, barbequing and the dishwashing too!

- it was international camaraderie and fellowship all the way in true 41ers style

N S KRISHNA KUMAR
PRESIDENT
41 CLUBS OF INDIA

AGM CLUB 41 ROMANIA 20 – 23**SEPTEMBRE 2007 –**

Eh YES it will be necessary to make this report of the AGM of Romania and the President asked me to do it.... As usual.

We had, François and me, given "Rendez-vous" to our friends of PERONNE N° 202 (3 couples and 1 single person) to Charles de Gaulle at 10:30 to the coffee between terminal 2D and 2B. Everyone was there per hour (François since 8:30). After waiting of good half an hour to a counter of recording which was not the good one (error of posting on the screens) we register. Except François and Christian (Past-President of PERONNE) because Air France made "the over-booking" they sold more places than those reserved for them on the aircraft of TAROM (Rumanian company) and the chief of stopover of TAROM indicates that it cannot take more passengers... than meals ordered with the delicatessen!!!! After some latency they are recorded "on the account of TAROM" and once on the aircraft we note that there is plenty of free places.

We are awaited in BUCHAREST by a bus with our Rumanian friends and we find our friends of Châtellereault, and Germans, Austrians, English and Dan-

ish. We arrive directly (after three hours) to the point of the evening party "Welcome drink party" to Sacele, town of residence of "outgoing" President Dorel CERBU.

Excellent environment

at 7:30 to take the bus at 9 a.m. and to travel through Transylvania to reach SIBIU city indicated like CAPITAL OF the EUROPEAN CULTURE for 2007. We visit the museum BRUKENTHAL



where we find our impatient Rumanian friends to see us again. At 23 hours, our German friends, left very early in the morning like François, ask for having to be led to the Hotel "BELVEDERE" which bears its name well, been at the top of a hill which dominates BRASOV.

Friday morning, get up

which bears the name of the Count who bequeathed all his collections to the city.

Visit downtown (which has, seems it, profited from European funds to renovate the frontages of the buildings). Then lunch at ... 14:30 then return by bus (arrived at 18:30 at the hotel) to go

BRASOV (it all red, white and blue to me)

to the evening animated by a Rumanian folk group and the President of BRASOV to the accordion.

The next morning (Saturday), at 10 a.m., beginning of the Rumanian AGM

car of BRASOV to have an "elevated" sight of the city, then we go down again to visit the Black Church (black because it burned in time and the stones kept trace of this fire) .



where President Dorel CERBU starts by introducing the foreign delegations and calls Dieter STRAKA, our International President to speak. Dieter points out his slogan "Remember the roots" and offers, on behalf of the International Steering Committee of the AGM of GRAZ, thousand euros to Camilia PONOVA (woman of the RUMANIAN Past-President and Psychiatrist in an orphanage) for the children of the Orphanage.

Nobody of other delegations wanting to speak, we leave to visit the city. Initially we go up to the Cable

Then lunch in the "SA-LOON" towards 14:30 where we learn that the new elected President is Vifor MARINESCU of CRAIOVA and the Vice-president our friend Gheorghe PETRESCU of SUCEAVA

Return to the hotel towards 19:15 to set out again with 20:00 for Banner-Exchange and the evening in the International Trade Center. Animated evening, dancing, exchanging the collars, full of laughs, full of discussions....The evening finishes for each one at the hour of his choice, we, the French, we "fold up ourselves" to-

wards 1:00 in the morning knowing that the following day (!!! No the same day) we have an appointment at 8:00 at the Hotel.

Indeed, I had proposed to my friends of PER-ONNE that since we were a certain number (see an unquestionable number, eleven French present at the AGM) and even if it means to pay a tax for overload of luggage we could bring, to Camilia for the orphanage in which she works, some children's wears. My friends answered immediately "present" and thus with what I had brought and themselves, we gave more than 130 pounds of clothing for the children. Camilia was in tears and cordially thanked us .

Thus to conclude this report I would like to thank, Jean-Paul GALINANT and Thierry MARTIN from Châtellerauld and our friends (men and women) of PER-ONNE for their kindness, their user-friendliness and the effort granted my request.

Return without problem, with recovery of the bags (left at 9 a.m. in the morning I arrived at ER-VAUVILLE at 21:15, but sooner than François).

Patrick NIVET
IRO national 2006-2008

Nothing wrong with the Cash Flow in Germany



Hans Dieter Gesch (he keeps popping up everywhere!) seen disembarking from OTD-ONE at Livingstone Airport. Whilst we knew the cash situation was good at Old Tablers Deutschland in Germany, we did not realise that it was as good as this; and it was not only Lawrence Bamber (who snapped this shot) the IRO No.2 (GB) who was surprised when we saw this aircraft land in Livingstone, Zambia. OK, OK! let me put a stop the next pun about the airplane we know it is a Fokker.

Past International President Indu Chandhok tells us about how he started 4I INDIA

A father is always proud when his children do well and I am really proud that this baby that was born in 1972 is doing gloriously well. It took us 9 years to get the first 5 clubs started to launch the National Association of 4I clubs of India and we really struggled to get anyone to be the President of an organisation which had no money, no programme for growth with proper rules, nor an affiliation with an International body. In 1988 we saw Gordon Murthy attending a 4I Intl meeting in UK and this not only gave us recognition in 4I International but also paved the

way for my International presidentship in 1991.

This was followed by the decision in Dehra Dun in 1994 to collect one time fees. This launched the beginning of a means to build up a corpus which attracts people to head the organisation and plan expansion. With Vidya Prakash the drive started to get new members and I am happy that with targets of around 100 new members every year we have over 5 million Rp in the bank. The interest helps to run the association properly. I am proud of the efficient manner all the Presidents have

run this Association and Sampat's term in 2002 as Intl President and his handling of a difficult problem gave us new respect in the International arena. Our President for this year KK and his wife Vini are doing a great job in public relations in India and abroad. The YAP program is the only Intl programme and I am sure Kishore is as proud as me that this program launched by us in 1991 is going great guns. But this will be so if you have persons like Jugnu and Rajan Mittal working round the clock to ensure its success.
Indu Chandok

Harpenden (GB) Old Tablers visit Berlin

OLD TABLERS ON TOUR

Friday 30th November 2007 saw Bedwell Tours in full swing as David (and without doubt Jane's help) organised 41 Club's second trip to the German Christmas Markets. Unlike last year this was to be a marathon - 2 nights instead of just one day with a grand total of 34 of us.

A coach had been organised to take us to Luton Airport and departure time from The Warren was 10.00a.m and surprise surprise we left bang on time. Has David changed his spots and is he losing his reputation as "Beders the late"? This fooled the Raffs and Samsworths who were due to be picked up outside Ogglesbys. They clearly expected the coach to arrive later than David had said and were not at the pick up point.

The alcoholics in the group were spotted drinking champagne and wine prior to the departure on easyJet, which was on time, and the coach was waiting at Berlin airport to take us to the hotel. A quick change and under David's direction we launched ourselves into the Berlin transport system. The first part went well but then we got split up. But David's luck held and we met up again. After a number of false directions we found the hotel where dinner had been arranged. We were joined by three members of Berlin 1 Old Tablers Club (41 Club) with their wives - friends of Eric Miller.

After a short introductory speech by David, Einhart Melzer, a Berlin founder member, (aged 84 - and as formidable as Eric Miller) responded. He first admonished us for not writing and giving sufficient notice of our visit (shades of German expected organisational standards) but then developed an emotional and moving welcome, referring to the Allied support for Berlin after the war, and the strong friendship ties with the UK which developed. He said that whilst he did not always agree with Eric

Miller, discussions were always in the "best 41 club spirit". We were amazed to hear that Einhart had attended 26 AGM's in the UK. Was in fact a former National Vice-President of the UK 41 club! We can be assured of a warm welcome if we are in Berlin again. After dinner (cost 39 euros for a good buffet and as much wine or beer you could drink in four hours - the hotel must have lost money with our load of alchi's) the group split with the elder brethren returning to the hotel and bed whilst the younger ones went to the swanky Aldon Hotel near the floodlit Brandenburg Gate for more drinks and Herr Wood's cigar, which is still legal indoors in Germany.

Saturday was dull but the heavy rain forecast by the BBC did not arrive. David had organised a three hour coach tour of the city which was excellent with a most informative guide. Some of us were a little bit fragile, but there was no dozing on this tour. Evidence of Berlin's more recent past, including the Holocaust memorial and the remains of THE WALL were particularly poignant. Our hotel was in East Berlin, and the contrast between the nearby apartments built with bricks from war debris by women in Stalin's time, and the later, far worse, 1970's apartments was striking. Our guide made a very central European comment, reminding us that the Berlin wall, built in 1961, was demolished in 1989. The wall the USA built to keep Mexicans out, also built in 1961, is still there. Most took lunch in Ka de We, Europe's largest department store, and then went their own way for the afternoon. With our "Welcome Passes" - unlimited travel on all public transport - we soon became experts in Berlin tubes, trams and buses.

Dinner was booked in a restaurant below the hotel. This was chaotic to start with. The waitress unusually spoke little English, and we were entertained by Doug trying to rescue

the the situation followed by Graham both of whom knew more German than the rest us put together but not enough to organise everything quickly. After a good 10 minutes little progress had been made. No wine or beer had been provided let alone ordered. Eventually Margaret Wood took over and excellent progress was made. To our surprise the drinks and food arrived fairly quickly by which time Doug was flying and ended up with 5 dumplings which others did not want on his plate. Cost this time for all food, many beers and 30 bottles of wine came out at 28 Euros per head.

Sunday saw various groups going round Christmas Markets, the Reichstag and Charlottenburgh Palace before reporting back as instructed by our leader for the coach to depart at 18.45. The time arrived and David, together with the Ormerods, Raffs, Bramwells and Aldridges were nowhere in sight. Had David returned to being "Beders the late"? No he hadn't. He had caught on to the fact that people were telling him to meet up 15 minutes before the due time and had told us all 18.45 when the coach was not due until 19.00. So to the airport and easyJet where only slightly late. The airport was crowded but David Lynes found us all seats away from the main area where we passed away the time with non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks. A tall Polizei walked past which prompted Anne Knowles to declare that she wished she was younger. Obviously she had had enough of Doug the previous night. So the party returned to Harpenden tired but having had a great time. From Harpenden 41 Club's European Correspondents.

Graham & Mike

YAP goes down Memory Lane.....

Past International President Indu Chandhok recalls

The Youth Exchange programme started by Otto Adelhofer had been continued and has been designated the "Young Ambassadors Exchange Programme"

Indu Chandhok thanked his team of officers in particular his Secretary Kisliorc who had done a marvellous job and the IRO's of all associations for their unstinted support during the preceding months.

DISCUSSIONS ON YOUNG AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME:

President Indu outlined the objectives of the Young Ambassadors Exchange Program and touched briefly on the formation of the Indu Chandhok Travel Foundation started in India to fund travel and hosting costs. He hoped that all members of 41 International would participate in the program and start similar funds to subsidise travel and hosting costs

41 Clubs of India had received applications from as many as 11 children from Europe expressing their

interest to visit India. During this summer, programs would be drawn up to host the selected visitors for a period of 4 to 6 weeks. Hosting would be arranged in the homes of 41ers.

3. A discussion followed. The main points raised are summarised below:

3.1 Ray Radue (South Africa) praised the program and said that before his departure to Madras, he had occasion to meet representatives of the Young South Africa Foundation. They evinced interest in the exchange program and on his return he would study how this program could be furthered with their involvement.

3.2 Freddy Kachelhofer (Switzerland) reflected the opinion of many European Associations that the exchange program would not be interesting to them in Europe as many of the children were already travelling within Europe. However, with far-off Associations such as India and Africa he was sure a lot of interest could be there and vice-versa the European Zone would be willing to

reciprocate by extending invitations to Young Ambassadors from Africa and India

3.3 Viji Iyengar (India) reported that the response of the children from Calcutta who visited Austria was very positive and that they were keen to now host visitors from Europe.

3.4 The discussion ended with a request to India to draw guidelines for the Young Ambassadors Exchange Program which could be

circulated to all members for suggestions and approval.

3.5 There were spontaneous donations made to the Indu Chandhok 41 Foundation - US\$ 100 from the Austrian group on the Jewel Tour and US \$ 300 from other anonymous donors.

YAP TOURS 2008

YAP-Tour	Duration	Start	End	Seats	Tourfee	Hosting Nation	Invited Nation
to	days				incl 25,-€ Adm		
Europe (South)	30 d	9th May	8th June	12 seats	575,- €	Germany 9th - 17th May	India
Vienna- Paris						Austria 18th - 25th May	
						Switzerland 26th - 31st May	
						France 1st - 8th June	
Europe (North)	30 d	24th May	22th June	12 seats	575,- €		
Copenhagen						Denmark 24th - 31st May	India
						Germany 1st - 7th June	
						Belgium 9th - 15th June	
Copenhagen- Paris						France 15th - 22nd June	
Europe	22 d	21st June	13th July	8 seats	425,- €	Germany 21st - 28th June	South Africa
Frankfurt - Paris						Belgium 29th J.- 6th July	Indian Ocean
						France 7th - 12th July	New Zealand
India (North)	31 d	19h July	17h August	12 seats	625,- €	India	Europe
Delhi - Kalkota							
India (South)	30 d	26th July	24h August	12 seats	625,- €	India	Europe
Mumbai - Chennai							
South Africa	16 d	27th Sept	12th October	6 -8 seats	525,- €	South Africa	Europe

Half-Yearly Meeting, Mauritius 12 - 14th September 2008

The "Fast" Past 41 International President

IN MANY ways, they are Chennai's First Family of motor sport, having produced three generations of champion racing and rally drivers. Gregarious, fun loving and hospitable, the Chandhok clan, with 76-year old Indu presiding over the brood, lives and breathes motor sport. Indu was among the architects of organised motor racing in India when he, along with his friends, ran a 'War Memorial to Guindy' race track in the 1940s. In the next decade, the action moved to the abandoned airstrip in Sholavaram on the outskirts of Madras.

Sholavaram went on to become synonymous with motor sport in India.

At its peak, the Sholavaram races attracted crowds of nearly 75,000 that were treated to some hair-raising racing, involving competitors from all parts of the country in their hybrid and imported cars and Bikes. By then, Indu and his friends Babu Mathan, K V Srinivasan, M A Chidambaram, Genghi Verghese and Partia Rao had founded the Madras Motor Sports in the 1950s.

"The Sholavaram races were competitive but not hardcore. We were all basically amateurs and those days, motor racing was limited to the two weekends in February," recalls Indu's eldest son Bharat Vivek (Vicky for short), who competed from 1972 to 2000.

Indu and his wife Indra, who got married in 1956 at the Express



The racing Chandhoks, Indu, Past International President. Vicky RT/OT Chennai, India and Karun.

Estates on Mount Road (now Anna Salai), also sired Bharat Vibodh and Archana. "My dad's first name is Bharat after India. The reason was that my granddad, Lala Indersen, was a freedom fighter and so the Bharat'. Also, during the War years, our 11-bedroom home in Royapettah, opposite Pilot cinema, was a hub of activity as the women used to knit and stitch clothes for the army. We moved to our individual homes 1965 and until then,

Incidentally, Indersen founded the Punjab Association in Madras and subsequently the famous DAV School.

The Chandhok family has roots in Pakistan. Indersen was originally from Bhera, a trading post in Sindh province. Subsequently, the family moved to Kolkatta and then to Madras in 1931. Likewise, Indra Chandhok's family shifted to India from Lahore after the Partition. It was in such an environment



Karun in the hot seat; with Berni Ecclestone; and victorious at Spa, one of his best moments

our monthly rent was Rs 120!" says Vicky.

that Karun was born to Vicky and Chitra on January 19, 1984. It's

Indu Chandhok keeping in the Fast Lane

no wonder then, that he took to motor sport so easily. Younger brother, Suhail, is also showing promise —he is a grade-level cricketer in Australia where he is studying.

Recounting his younger days, Karun says: "Of course my family was a huge influence. All my free days were spent at the race track. Luckily, my mom was pretty cool when it came to me taking days off school to go to a race or rally with my dad! I grew up in a motor sport environment and was very fortunate to interact with people involved in the sport from a very young age. "My parents first took me to watch a Formula 3 race in 1988 at Brands Hatch (UK) and ever since then, all our holidays have involved my dad and me going to some motor sport event or the other — I'm very lucky that my brother and mom understood my obsession with the sport."

Weighty matters

Karun had a difficult and embarrassing initiation as a racing driver because of his considerable girth — he wouldn't fit into the cockpit of a Formula 1 car and was obviously the butt of jokes.

Vividly recollecting those days, Karun says, "My parents told me that when I was 16, which was then old enough to get a race licence (the age has now been reduced to 15), they would let me go racing. To his dismay, Karun realised he couldn't even run 250 metres. "So, I would walk-run-walk-run. Eventually, I lost 26 kgs in 10 months. Today, I regularly run between 11-13 kms." Perhaps Karun's weight problems could be traced to the kitchen at his Kotturpuram residence? "Our cook Raju is a legend —there is

no other word for him! My problem was very simple — too much rice and fried snacks and not enough exercise," the young racer admits.

Having conquered the weight issue, Karun's racing career took

same size as Kotturpuram, but I really love it. I enjoy cooking now and am getting pretty good at Indian food."

Now that he is certain to make his F1 race debut in 2009, Karun



The Chandhoks, Karun, Vicky RT / OT Chennai India, Indu, Past International President.

off without any hitches. Championship wins in India and Asia, followed by stints in British Formula 3 and World Series, landed him in the GP2 that is a feeder championship for Formula One, in 2007. It meant staying on in Brackley, England, just a few miles from the Silverstone track.

Living on my own

"I've lived in Brackley for 9-10 months every other year. It was hard when I first went over because I was this 18-year-old kid straight out of school living 8000 km away from home. But luckily, I made some very good friends and that helped me settle in. It's strange because the whole town of Brackley is in the middle of the countryside and about the

is poised to realise his lifetime dream and is ready to take on the mantle of being the "Fastest Indian" in the world.

Vicky was a member and Chairman of Round Table No 1 Chennai. He got the OOB [Order of the Boot] on reaching 40 in 1998. He then joined hands with many of that table and started 41 Club No 57. Karun is based in UK, where he has a job as trainer at the Silverstone race track. He stays nearby in Brackley. His next race is in Indonesia on the 15th and 16th of this month.

Report taken from The New Indian Express, Chennai. January 2008.

But the Parton's prefer to stay safe on 2 Wheels

The Parton's' have long been fanatical Motor Bike riders, Bobs Dad, 2 Brothers, 5 Uncles, 2 Sons and Daughter (Lesley, Bobs' daughter learnt at only 15 years old on a 1000 cc BMW on a Go-Cart track!) were all riding bikes before they reached 15 years of age. We started very young charging them firstly round the Farmlands and then later, after we had all tamed down, on to the roads. Steve, Bobs' son even onto the racetrack, starting his own racing team with the Companies family name of ROPA RACING. His team of 4 Bikes, 3 Ducati's and an MV Augusta, went on to win the European Superbike Championship with Steve becoming the European Superbike Champion in 2007 on his 916 Ducati.

Nick Parton, Bobs' oldest, now living in Bahrain was the International Relations Officer for RT 46 in Karlsruhe



Steve Parton visually delighted at having become the European Superbike Champion in 2007

for many years. We were never able to get Steve into RT he was always out on his bike! but they would not take my daughter Lesley!!

Bob still rides today his beloved Ducati Monster 900, despite the advancing years, even on the race-track often "competing" in as many Round Table Tours and all of the 41 International Bike Tours that have taken place to date. Any riders who would like to put their name onto the International 41 Bikers list may do so directly with Bob, the names on this list will always be informed of any "bikers event" taking place and enable you to participate if it is your wish.

Bob Parton
41 International
Secretary and Treasurer
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Steve Parton cannot get it any nearer to the ground on the way to becoming European Champion at Mugello, Italy in July 2007



Bob Parton brings his Ducati back into line through the Suedkurve trying to keep up with them at the Hockenheimring in Germany in August last year



41 INTERNATIONAL AGM 2009

23-26 April



The Conference will be based at the Thistle Hotel in Cheltenham Spa. The Hotel

is located in its own grounds on the edge of the elegant Spa town and is well placed for exploring Gloucestershire's beautiful lanes and villages, parks and countryside, including the Cotswolds and the Royal Forest of Dean.

Programme of Events

Thursday 23 April

16.00—20.00 Registration Desk open. Delegates start arriving

Friday 24 April

09.00 Registration Desk opens

09.30 Royal Forest of Dean Tour departs

Including lunch and refreshments (separate booking required)

16.00 Coach returns

19.30 Welcome Party -Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham
Supper and Entertainment

Saturday 25 April

08.00 Registration Desk opens

08.30 Transport starts

09.30 AGM commences - Council Chamber in Gloucester
Non AGM attendees - Guided Walking Tour of Historic Gloucester
Transport as above
Buffet lunch for all

19.00 for 19.30 Gala Dinner - Thistle Hotel - Black Tie

Exchanges of Banners & Gongs

Sunday 26 April

08.00—10.00 Farewell Breakfast. Delegates depart

BON VOYAGE

The nearby city of Gloucester with its 8th century cathedral and historic docks will be the venue for the AGM and Walking Tour.



The AGM will take place in the Council Chamber in Gloucester. Transport by coach will be provided and lunch is also included



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Eric Miller GB in discussion with Beat the fascinating past

Eric J Miller, Life Honorary Member of the "The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs", Past President and holder of many other positions in the GB Association discusses with Beat Berger, Past International President, Holder of the Award of Merit 41 INTERNATIONAL Past National President Switzerland and Bob Parton current 41 INTERNATIONAL Secretary and Treasurer, Past President Old Tablers Deutschland. Eric Miller's History Documentation will make interesting reading for many, I hope also for you. Much information about the early years leading to the formation of 41 INTERNATIONAL. It should help many of us to fill in the missing gaps and maybe improve our association if we adopt the principles and adapt to develop our clubs on the original successful ideas.

In reverence to this special day even Our Father

above presented us with a wonderful late autumn day with brilliant sunshine and a cloudless sky, it was a good start to this memorable meeting. Eric illustrated how the 41 Club started and talked about our aims from the early years

Eric has three interests in his life. They are the history of small-bore shooting, both at national level (from 1901) and county (from 1926) level; Round Table and "41" and local history.

He has compiled two books on the history and winners of his entire county's Hertfordshire, small-bore shooting trophies to date, on "41" he has written the history of his own club now in its 41st year, and he wrote the local history from 1973 to the present day. In all three cases he has had many articles published, mostly of a historical nature.

We spoke at length about the start of 41 Club, the very beginning was a few retiring Round Tablers or rejects as they are sometimes known, joined together in 1936 in Liverpool under Chairman R.H.Roberts they met for lunch on the first Tuesday of every month and in winter 3 times in the evening, they were open to all Ex-Tablers not just those from their old RT Club number 8, then Wolverhampton Notables (it was a pun- No Tables) were formed in 1938 by a few over-forties: "no rule nor regulation that was ever conceived could dictate what companionship meant."

Without ever having published up to this period a GB Magazine contact and information did not spread, that information was not passed on is evident, because on 13th April 1939 a London Old Tablers Society was formed apparently oblivious to the fact that the others existed up North This title of course became Einhart (Melzer's) baby and he eventually, used it for the name of "his" club in Germany.

He then showed us his 41 files starting with the magazine and he had a copy of all the issues from the very first in 1949. The Association magazine started in 1949 and became known as The Hinge when Sheffield took over the editorship in 1955. He went on to show us the records of the formation of the Badge from 1948.

The badge adopted in 1950 consisted of the figures "41" in gold on a white background, set below a setting/rising sun (note the two different types of sun rays), the official explanation being "the sun in the badge has straight and curly rays, representing a setting and rising sun, which is intended to denote the ending of one life in Round Table and the beginning of another in the Ex-Tablers' Club."

A design for the badge, incorporating the Round Table badge and "XLI" was produced by the East-

over and then under the chain, the east and west cardinals passing from under and then over. On the Original badge (logo) in the loop of the chain the top chain went over the link and again over the link the rest then were the next over and under until it reached the East link where it had to correct itself and went under and under to correct the balance of the chain. This design was then abolished for the design of the current badge with links going over the link and under for the 8 Links in the chain. The original badge used to have the name in the chain and when this was removed they got it all mixed up that is how the problem became known. This current badge dates from 1955. In drawing it, the designer (the daughter of a Southend-on-Sea 41er) made an error in drawing the north link of the chain which she corrected when drawing the east link of the chain. As such, it was impossible in practice to construct such a link. In 1986 our Extension Officer, an Engineer by profession, could not accept this linkage and redrew it so that the chain could be constructed in practice. The original logo had the Association's name on the outer ring showing the north cardinal point going behind the north link but following the removal of the Association's name from the logo when first produced as a button-hole badge in 1955, the badge got twisted so that the east cardinal became the north cardinal and entered the link from in front. That's how it is today

Because of the unique nature of the chain in the original badge, the position of the cardinal points and their shading, it was possible to print the badge in eight different ways (of which four were as mirror images), only one of which was correct. Following the redrawing in 1986 it is still possible to print it in four different ways! Hence the variety of badges given in Appendix 3 of Eric's Compendium of 41 Officers.

Eric then presented us with a copy of the menu card of the very first Conference signed by all the members present and dated 12th-13th May 1945 four days after the end of the second world war, the menu was Sardines on Toast followed by Cold Meats and Salad and Dessert of Ice-Cream and Cream, Coffee cheese and biscuits, entertained by Rayner Watson a Comedian, C.Stead a Baritone and C.A.Scott on the piano. The biggest entertainer however turned out to be Freddie Firth who was a Butcher and they did not have cold meats but they were served with Roast Chicken and only after the meal did he tell them that they had eaten Rabbit for the meal and not chicken. (Table has not changed) Whether or not they tried to find a stripper was never recorded, but there is certainly no mention of it on the menu card (maybe Table has changed?)

Rising to his feet, the Chairman of the Wakefield 41 Club, S.W. Shoesmith, plugged his home town unblushingly, pointing out that in the Middle Ages it was twice the size of Leeds and had had a Cathe-

Eric Miller (GB) discusses with Beat Berger (CH)



bourne club in 1948 but was not adopted because Round Table claimed their badge was copyright and "XL" was the name of an ale (beer) brewed in Blackpool by Catterall & Swarbricks, (whether their objection was because of fear of being sued, or a fear of being reminded of over-indulgence, is not recorded, although this might have been a good reference to us after I consider all of the Beer that I must have drank over the years at 41 Club events. Comment f.Ed.)

They decided at the end in 1949 for the badge split in half horizontally the top half represented a glorious sun and the bottom half read simply and modestly 41

Eric then showed us his set of the International Magazine which he had collected over the years, He has every copy since 2000 with a few earlier copies including copies of Issues number 1 and 2. Beat was not sure if he had all but confirmed that he had many. Eric then went on to explain the make up of the links in the chain, from April 1955 until today the North and South cardinals pass from

Berger (CH) and Bob Parton (D) history of 41 Club

dral since 633 A.D. In proposing a toast to the Mayor, Councillor E.Slater, he paraded a few random statistical facts about His Worship: he was the 73rd Mayor; stood 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed 2528 ounces. One wonders why they bothered to book a comedian!

The Mayor, picking up where S.W.Shoesmith left off, wanted to know whether the 41 Club was so named because a man didn't reach the age of discretion until he was forty-one, and expressed his delight – or relief – that members were not kicked out at forty-two. He then corrected his esteemed host about the business of being the 73rd mayor. Wrong: he was the 100th, as some had held the office twice.

No records existed of this supper until, suddenly 50 years after the event someone found some documents in a Garage, here they found the minutes book where a record had been made of those present and a report was signed in the book. The copy of the minutes of the inaugural meeting, which is signed as a true copy at the first AGM a year later in 1946 it was in fact a carbon copy, the top copy having been mislaid.

What is particularly interesting is why do we call it "The Association of 41 Clubs" this title was disputed "no" they said let us call it the Association of Old Tablers Clubs this was also disputed because someone said, but it is not recorded "we are not old and we are not past it" and we finished up with the "National Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs" this was accepted with just one person voting against. It linked together whatever the name or title those clubs formed by ex-Tablers for the purpose of continuing the friendship created within RTBI. Eric showed us a copy of the original rules, all on one page; he commented that they are not on one page anymore.

Eric used to keep details of clubs on Index Cards which he had always found so easy and quick to use when asked questions. In all, Eric had index cards for about 1250 clubs. Over a period of 12 years (1980 – 1992) which he prepared in two categories one alphabetical and the other chronological. Andy Waite (GB) even put them all on the net at that time.

41 clubs were given numbers, as they were affiliated, until 1950. During the War, the age rule for Round Tablers was suspended so very few 41 clubs were formed and affiliated to the Association, formed in 1945. After April 1948, as Tablers were now being "thrown out" again, more 41 clubs were formed and affiliated. But Round Table was suspicious that GB might become the Senior Round Table Association so, to allay their fears, GB then resolved to do nothing that they had to do, such as giving numbers. So GB stopped publishing club numbers (although for some years, numbers were still allocated, but not published, for administrative reasons. Their allocation was haphazard and finally dropped in 1972).



Eric had worked in Forensic Science with the Police Force; there you had to be precise, that is his background and that is why his records are so immaculate. He has devoted to his life a sort of, as Joan his wife calls it, "pigeon hole access" everything is very carefully related. He then went into a further Government body "Ministry of Technology" and here got involved with research Associations getting involved with setting rules, regulations and articles. When he became Secretary of the Association in 1981 he started to keep 2 files one for the official records and one for himself and as early as 1982 he got involved with Rules, originally in French with the misfortune that the translation of the French Rules was not the same as the English version. He was able to show us the minutes from 5th February 1983 when GB objected, once again, to the French introducing, yet again their wish to allow Non ex-Tablers to join the organisation. But unfortunately they did not change, they still have not.

We discovered that in 1982 it was agreed by everybody that every Association should send to the Board and all other Associations 6 Copies of their current Directories! That has also never happened. In 19th October 1982 we found Documentation whereby Eric who was President at the time of the formation of Club 41 Suisse, also we saw the documentation of the welcome to the Indians into the GB Association, from Bangladesh was also an application to join GB, but they have never joined their ranks, they were of course APEX and not Round Table.

Beat raised the point about APEX being able to join 41 International but Eric was not aware of any discussions on this point. About 5-6 years ago there was some reference at Board level but the informa-

tion was that they were not allowed into 41. It was recorded that in Schaffhausen, Switzerland on 3rd November 1984 it was proposed we should produce an official directory in Courier therefore no directories should exist before that date.

The first directory did not appear until four years later, in 1988. Also in 1984 in the year that Einhart Melzer was International President they agreed to write the rules in 4 or 5 different languages. Einhart (Melzer) then sent his German Rules, Articles as the Continentals like to call them, for Eric to review, it was at this time that Eric explained to Einhart about the translation problems and differences with the French against the English rules. Thank goodness that now the rules have to be in English says Eric, stopping any confusion. In various letters to and from Germany and even Eric suggested to Einhart some changes to the German version of the rules. In 1985 comments were passed about the excessive expenditure in 41 INTERNATIONAL which Eric feels was an important reason why GB eventually left

41 INTERNATIONAL.

In 1985 there was a real fear that 41 INTERNATIONAL was moving away from its original function, Round Table is controlled from the Board down. Whereas 41 INTERNATIONAL is controlled upwards from the clubs.

Eric then showed us 4 scrapbooks relating to his year as President of GB, every meeting and Event is recorded in his Diary, today if any club rings him up he can relate to them exactly where on which day he had visited them in 1984!!

We then went onto the comprehensive list that Eric had about the trophies that were presented at the GB AGM's particular reference to the Jim Parkes Brass Aeroplane that has been lost; replaced by the Tom Hodge-Victor Michitsch Biplane Award which is a trophy which the Germans tend to think belongs to them, having won it for the last few years, however the original trophy was called "The 41 By-Plane European Travel Award" and was a brass model of a bi-plane until it was "mislaid" and replaced in 2001 by the wooden one that exists today. Also in Germany, is the Iain Kelso AGM participation Trophy which Eric calls for short "The Kelso Quaich". Quaich is the name given to a particular form of a Scottish drinking vessel. All documented in the finest detail in the files in Harpenden.

Many of the articles that Eric had written were used as a basis for the information in the GB Book presented for the 60th Anniversary of The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs

"Continued Friendship, sixty years of FortyOne"copies available through Bob Parton. We then saw detail of how our original Motto

came into being, it was first taken up by Liverpool Eric Miller continued- Club who altered the wording to "May the Hinges of Friendship never grow rusty" the Association adopted the original Scottish form (but not spelling) in 1952: May the hinges o' freendship never rust.

Nor the wings o' luve lose a feather
This was written in the Scottish form and therefore the words of Friendship and of love are written differently by Scottish people.
Eric presented us a complete documentation of the history from the GB Associations point of

view but highlights the starting years of 41 INTERNATIONAL.

Copies obtainable diirect from Bob Parton

41 Club New Zealand

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30 Years 1978 - 2008

TRAVEL NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

The Kiwi 41'ers are taking wing again this year, and a group of about 25 will be flying to China at the end of August, spending 6 days there, before flying on to Munich, where our bus will meet us. Our driver will be Tord Bergmann from Sweden, who was one of our drivers through Scandinavia and The Baltics in 2005.

We will be spending a month visiting Austria, Romania, Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Italy and Germany, ending the tour in Berlin in early October. We will be home hosted by 41 Clubs in Austria, Romania, Italy and Germany. From Berlin, some will be travelling to other desti-

nations, while some will be returning home by way of San Francisco. It is always sur-



**Peter Butchart has
started working at his
new job**

prising how names from years gone by crop up when making plans for such a trip - one such person is Past International President Glauco Zago who we

met in 1996 while touring Italy, and who we will meet again in Trieste. There are many others, all of whom have helped in the planning for this trip, and to them we must say a very big "Thank you so much". We look forward to meeting old friends, and to making many more new friends as we travel through these countries, and to experiencing the way of life in each place that we are going to visit. Do have a look at our 41 Club website - www.41club.org.nz and see what we get up to down here at the bottom of the South Pacific Ocean !!.
Kind regards and yours in 41,
Peter Butchart

Big surprises await us in Chennai, India

Register now!



MESSAGE FROM RANDOLPH RIEDLINGER 4I INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT “At the end we are a club of friends”

Dear 4I members of Club 4I International.

I'm very proud to stand as next International President of Club 4I INTERNATIONAL. In the year 2001 during the International AGM in Cape Town in South Africa, the International Past President Idu Chanduk told me, that one day I would become the International President of Club 4I. At that moment I thought that Idu was joking and forgot this providence, but things did go in this direction. For this I would like to thank the Italian 4Iers for the trust they put in me, presenting me as their candidate for this job. Also the nice welcome of the International delegates to accept me in this important task, was a great satisfaction for me. At the same time I'm aware that a great, but interesting challenge is waiting for me, but with the help, understanding and a lot of tolerance I/we will solve all the future task, works and improvements.

My first task will be to bring forward and improve the international friendship between the different 4I associations. Trying to convince more and more 4Iers to invest money and time for the international friendship, because I am convinced that nobody will regret making journeys to other 4Ier countries and learn the friendship and hospitality of the 4Iers over there. At the same time create an exchange of friendship in inviting each other. By improving friendship we can obtain more tolerance, because tolerance must be increased considerably. First we of the International Board must show these abilities and then transmit them more and more toward the single clubs and members worldwide.

To obtain this, it is fundamental that

we all observe the 4I international rules, but also those from the single 4Ier associations. These rules will show to each single 4Ier how far he can go with the friendship and show the spaces in our social life.

But the time is changing and with it also the 4Ier life. New challenges are



Randolph captured aboard the Graz Express with David Illingworth (GB & Cyprus)

testing us, the social life is changing especially in those of the Round Tablers, who have to leave their Round Table Club to join us. As normal they are different in their way of life and thinking, than we are or were. So we have to accept this and change, if necessary, certain rules to bring our 4I life according to the standard needs. This is the job of the International Board. To welcome new ideas write them in new rules and present them for the vote and see, if the different associations for their acceptance. But I will observe that all this workout will find his way in the spirit of friendship and tolerance, the two

pillars on which is constructed Club 4I International.

Once a new rule is accepted or rejected we all have to accept this in the right democratic way and NEVER combine the result of vote with proposal to leave the 4I International. If a new rule is rejected it is simply a sign, that the time is not ready yet, to accept the change. But this does not mean, that the same new rule could be presented during the next International A.G.M. for their acceptance.

I will be available for all of you and hope to be of help to those who have a special need.

No association will have a preference, but all treated the same way with friendship and much but very much tolerance. But please bring friendship and tolerance also towards the International Board, and the different national delegations. Let us be friends and never see the others as enemy or rival and let us look forward with confidence and determination for the benefit of all of us, because – and now comes my new slogan –

“at the end we are a club of friends”.



No Comment

Some rambling thoughts from the South Pacific.

I was just thinking on how different it must be in the Northern hemisphere;

Today here it's 33 degrees C with a hot, strong, dry Nor-West wind which is sucking the last little amounts of water from the parched soil. Unless irrigated the farms and gardens are now browned off, summer's dry has hit early and it looks like we will have a major drought. Here in Amberley we only had 15 inches of rain (375mm) last year, the average is 23 inches (575mm) and our little swamp fed stream is about dry and not much chance for decent rains till April or May.

You guys on the other side are just past midwinter with rain and snow still coming.



Appropriate sign; Margaret Dick & Tina Johns (he told me to print it)

Christmas and the Festive season here are summer time with Christmas dinner often being a picnic on the beach or at some holiday place and hot weather food now replacing the old huge traditional roast turkey, ham, plum pudding etc., I still look forward to that but the better halves (wives) are trying to make us eat less and more healthy food.

After having all our 4 Grandchildren here in the morning to open presents (No. 5, Estella arrived on Boxing Day) we went to a gathering

of Tina's family at her oldest brother's farm. 50 of us sat down outside for Christmas lunch at 3pm and didn't finish dessert till after 7pm, a wonderful family affair with children running, laughing and swimming and the adults enjoying the time to catch up and relax.

Funny how that sounds like 41 Club, old friendships maintained, new ones formed; locally, nationally and internationally; what could be better?

Most of our members have spent many years in Round Table raising money and doing working bees for charities, once evicted by that age thing many have gone on to join Rotary or similar service clubs and are still doing great deeds. Our 41 Club AGM is more of a reunion of friends than a meeting or convention where wives and partners come to all activities as they are the ones who have allowed us to do so much while

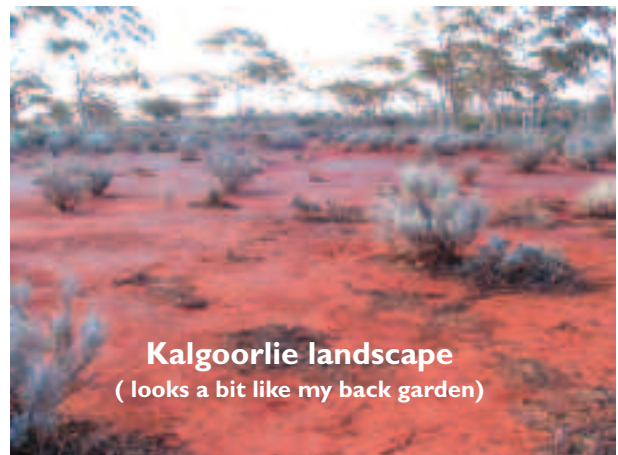
in Round Table and we now want to share our good times with them. Most of our local 41 Club meetings are also shared with our better halves as social events and now we do very little business apart from working out where our next meeting will be held.

One of our Christchurch 41 club members is the Project Engineer for the new ocean outfall for Christchurch's waste water and just prior to Christmas took us for a Sunday cruise on Lyttelton Harbour to see what they are doing, a beautiful day and lots of food, fun etc. Back in August we went on a 41 Club NZ Tour around the bottom half of Western Australia, a great



Lyttelton Harbour

trip indeed; Started in Perth with a meal with the Perth 41 Club then went east to the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie, south to Esperance, west along the beautiful coastline to Cape Leuwin and then north to end up back in Perth; 15 days and a lot of kilometres with 17 Kiwi's and



Kalgoorlie landscape
(looks a bit like my back garden)

1 Aussie in 2 vans which we drove ourselves.

A huge country but lots of different things to see, just quite a long way apart!!!! Well must go and see what needs watering; hopefully there is a change tonight and a little drop of rain, won't be much but will make things look better for a short while.

Derek Johns



Dominique du Peloux
International President

Dear Friends,
First of all I would like to thank the International Board of 41-clubs to give us the opportunity to place an article in "The Hinge"

As some of you men might know, Agora Club is a fantastic club for young ladies over 45, like 41-club we are continuing the hinges of friendship once experienced in Ladies' Circle.

It all started in 1987 when a group of senior members of Ladies Circle founded the first Agora club in Lille, France.

Since then Agora has been growing worldwide, and I can assure you that Agora Club International is in full extension ! For the moment we have clubs in France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, Estonia, Romania, Finland and a lot of countries are very interested in joining us: South Africa (3 clubs) and Cyprus have Clubs in formation and others like India, Zambia are really considering....

We are very happy to welcome any Lady ready to follow our Service Actions and applying our Motto

"Donner et Tolérer".

Enlarging the big Agora family is really our target.

Please check our website for more detailed information :



left to right : Stéphane Renson ARTB President , Daniëlle Gardin AGORA Vice-President , Rina Laenen Ladies' Circle President and Bruno Van Lindt 41-Club President

www.agoraclubinternational.com

We also try to meet other Quatalagor clubs (41-club, Ladies'Circle and Round Table). This is a wonderful philosophy especially practised in France, but we are promoting it internationally and we really try to motivate each country to do the same as our 4 clubs have so much in common that by working together we can only gain !!!



It also gives us the opportunity 4 times more to let our club to be known by other people able to join us.....and don't forget that sons and daughters of 41ers and Agora's might become members of RT. or Ladies'Circle.

I really hope that in the future there will even be a better co-operation between 41 and Agora, so let's grow towards each other and be faithful to our ideals in friendship and generosity.

Yours in Agora,

Dominique du Peloux
International President
2007-2008



THE YAP PAGE

I first heard about YAP in the beginning of 2007.

Judging by what I heard I thought that it should be a great opportunity



to travel within such a group and see other Countries.

8 Months later I sat in an aeroplane to Johannesburg, South Africa, full of expectations and excitement. I arrived in Johannesburg on the 24.08.07, where I, after being nearly deported and finding out that my luggage did not arrive in Africa, met some of the other YAPs and Phillip Bragg who did everything and a little more to make our stay in Johannesburg as pleasant as possible. After meeting all the other Yaps at Phillips house we spend some great days in Johannesburg and the surrounding area. Most important of all our trips was maybe the only one that was no fun. We went to the Apartheid Museum, which was not pleasant but very impressive and it helped to understand the situation in South Africa better and I want to thank Phillip for bringing us there and everybody in South

Africa who talked to us about this topic freely, as I didn't expect it to be.

Apart from that we had some fun days, seeing African Animals, seeing the places where humankind was born and meeting a lot of new people on our evenings with the 41ers. Usually when I come to other people's houses or stay with a group of strangers it takes me a little while to overcome my anxiety, but here I felt so comfortable, that it didn't even show.

By the way, my luggage never arrived and is still lost, but Greg and Sophie, who hosted me and whoever else had clothes in my size, gave me clothes. I bought a few new clothes, but travelled mainly in borrowed ones. After these few days Cliff and Angelika from Durban picked us up in Johannesburg

and drove to Kruger National Park with us. Us, that means 9 young people from Germany, Austria, Denmark and Belgium. A very long exhausting drive, of which we should have a few more, but even those were alright, as the routes they picked were very scenic and it was often interesting to look out the window. In Krueger we saw a lot of beautiful animals on our drives in the morning and the evening, relaxed during the



days and spend great evenings in the camps together.

I learned a lot listening to what Cliff and Angelika told us about the coun-

try. After our days in Kruger we went to Durban, but not without staying for a night with the Tablers in Dundee, where Waldo Thoele and his wife were my hosts. It was another evening that was great fun and. By the way if anyone from South Africa ever tells you to drink a Tequila, snort the salt up your nose and rub the lemon in your eye... it is not a joke and not very nice either. The next day we arrived in Durban and people told us that we could



relax now. So far we've been getting up early every morning and had busy days, each and every one was very good, but exhausting.

In Durban we met in the late morning hours, went to the beach, shopping, to the Aquarium, a traditional Zulu village and much more but never in a hurry. I want to thank Wayne Crouch (left on the picture, next to Christopfer Kiesel, Germany) for these days. This young man, the son

of Durban 41ers, was our guide through Durban and made the days in Durban fantastic. We had even one afternoon without any Program, which I used to learn how to Mountain bike.

We spent the evenings with the families of our hosts and had some great evenings with

their Children, who were our age. Cliff and Angelika were still with us, they hosted me and Martin from Denmark, and when we left Durban

they took us to Bloemfontein where we joined the AGM of OT South Africa.

I must say, that the whole formal 'Welcome- and 'thank you'-speech part of the evening was a bit dry, but we also didn't want to miss the opportunity to thank everybody for inviting us to their Country.

During the actual AGM we went to Kimberly to see 'The Big Hole', the biggest manmade hole in the World, which was impressive but a 2 hour drive each way is very long for a



where we were served things that I didn't know and couldn't remember the name but it was something that I would recommend to everyone of you who ever goes to Kroonstad. And don't be afraid, it is not too hot or anything, but the beer tastes funny. On the 12.09.07 we left South Africa. Sydney and Barry from Kroonstad drove us to the Airport where we met Phillip Bragg again and that was it. We said goodbye and left.



daytrip.

Here we had to say goodbye to Cliff and Angelika, who I want to thank so much for guiding us through South Africa, showing us the most beautiful places and the unpleasant, ugly bits as well, they didn't hide anything, answered all the questions we had and are great people.

After Bloemfontein we went to Welkom, where we visited a Goldmine. I think that this was my personal highlight of the trip.

We went 2 km deep under the Surface and saw how to mine Gold. What a tough and dirty job.

We went to Kroonstad for our farewell. We had two nights there. The first was an evening like we had a lot on this Trip. A Braai and lots of drinks. I liked it as I'm a fan of Barbecues, but it might have been a bit too much for everybody who is not a fan of meat like I am, to braai 16 times in 22 days. The second and last night we went to a traditional African restaurant,



Happy to have made such a wonderful experience, exhausted of having learned and seen so many new things, looking forward to our own beds, but mainly thankful for being welcomed by such open, friendly, loving, supportive and uncomplicated people.

Thank you very much everybody who made this time unforgettable in such a positive way.

Dag Freudenhammer

You know you are 40 when:

- * You shout "sit down at the front!" at a Phil Collins concert.
- * You think nothing of spending 45 Euros on a bottle of wine.
- * You would like to go to the demonstration, but it is supposed to rain.
- * Getting out of a chair causes you to make a small involuntary sound of protest.
- * You admit to thirty-five.
- * The mention of Viagra does not get such a big guffaw out of you any longer.
- * A kid you bump into on the pavement says, "excuse me, Sir"
- * Your graduating reports in the "Alumni" magazine have migrated backward toward the middle of the section.
- * If you dump your job and try to make it as a ski instructor, it also would not work out.
- * Your wife does not have a secret fortune she was waiting to tell you about when you had proven your loyalty.
- * You have finally finished paying off your own student loans-just in time for your kids to start public school

The orphanage

I have decided to write an article under the regime of Ceausescu, but seen.

for The Hinge. It will be a story of the problem how I came to work with an orphanage in Campulung-Muscel in Romania.

My first trip to Romania was in 2002 where Karin and I travelled to Brasov to attend the 41 International AGM. Our President back then was Sam Sampath from India and I was the 41 International Vice President.

I met a lot of wonderful people when attending this meeting. Some I knew from earlier on but also I met many new friends, and in relation to this article I must mention Camelia and Mihai Ponoa. It was revealed to me that Camelia works as a psychologist at an orphanage in Campulung-Muscel.

In my profession I have worked with people in many different places. As in nursing homes, in athletic associations as well as in my own clinics.

I had an interest in seeing an orphanage and I was kindly invited by Camelia and her husband.

There were many handicapped children who got all the help they needed from the staff in relation to warmth and love and tender care. But also it was obvious to me that too many children were there, and the conditions they had were poor since they had very little money to spend on the children.

I was told that there were fewer children compared to what they used to have

under the regime of Ceausescu, but seen. the problem was to find clothes, and to find the money to buy proper food to secure the children a proper diet. Also the facilities of the kitchen and the rooms for physiotherapy and other treatments were not in any way up to the standard you see elsewhere. I travelled back home after the meeting, and during my flight I constantly thought about this orphanage and what I had



The director of the orphanage and Father Christmas



Michael Dalbo Pedersen, Past International President and Mihai Ponoa, Past President Romania 41

I had never thought about helping or supporting an orphanage. Slowly it appeared to me that I should do something since I could do something. Then I brushed aside the thought. What could I do as a single person? I got mad at myself since this obvious was just a bad excuse. Anyway I started to act. I started to collect clothes from my

in Romania.

family and friends. Children do I started to talk to the Danish ation to have service projects. I sincerely hope we will succeed.



The Director and Camelia Pónova

Also I have been invited by two clubs to come and join an evening with them. They want to hear about my project and also to give me financial support.

I am so pleased to find that Tablers and family and friends are willing to help and assist me in order to support the less fortunate children. These children have psychological problems and/or they are physical handicapped, or even born with an inherited or a developmental disorder.

I am in contact with hospitals now hoping to be donated different devices for physiotherapy.

So I do what I in the beginning thought I couldn't do, and my little private project slowly develops from year to year with the help of Tablers, friends and family.

grow fast and more often than not they outgrow their clothes before it is worn out. Since I travelled a lot being on the 41 International Board I was allowed excess luggage on my trips.

So I began to bring 20-40 kilos of clothes every time I flew to Romania. But I didn't stop with this. I asked my friends who travelled with me to do like me. Bring for yourself as little as possible for the weekend and bring as much as possible for "my" children.

It worked. My friends helped me. Naturally they did - they are Tablers. We collected other things than clothes. I even had to ship packages to Romania because I had more than we could bring on the airplane.

I have been to Romania every year and sometimes twice a year since. I started to talk to the Danish ation to have service projects. I sincerely hope we will succeed.

Also I have been invited by two clubs to come and join an evening with them. They want to hear about my project and also to give me financial support.

And what happened? They started to send me some money making it possible for me the last two years to send money for Christmas gifts and other things needed.

During the last six years I been able to talk to Camelia and Mihai and with them visit the orphanage. To me it is a pleasure to see how things are developing. The orphanage has been fixed and painted, they have a new kitchen, and the building is heated properly. But the best thing to experience is to see that there are fewer children hence enabling the staff to give more time to each child.

I am trying to take my little private project a bit further. I am getting support now from Danish Tablers who would like our National Associ-

If you would like to support in any way please contact me and let us have a talk .

In continued friendship and tolerance

Michael Dalbo Pedersen

Tears of Joy



These are what the Tablers had collected, sorted and then loaded onto the trucks from their journeys over the last few months for the Children in Romania.

1300 hard and tiring kilometres lay before the honorary helpers reached Timisoara (Temeswar) in Romania.

If we travelled from the top to the bottom of Germany we would only have 1000 kilometres to travel, and apart from the countryside not much will change.

When the poorest of the poor have tears in their eyes through pleasure of receiving our gifts, our feelings are also deeply touched and tears are allowed. A German Truckers magazine goes with the German Round Tablers Help Convoy to Romania.

The 1st of December 2007 was just such a day that one wanted to stay in the warm comfort of his home. It is cold wet, and foggy. The pre-Christmas feelings were building up in our minds and it had given us the impression best to stay at home with our feet up and enjoy life.

In Gruendau-Lieblös not far from Frankfurt am Main it is all different. 80 German Round Tablers and Helpers are standing by with their eight 40 Ton trucks, two 7,5

ton trucks and 2 coaches waiting for the chance to get moving on the German Motorways.



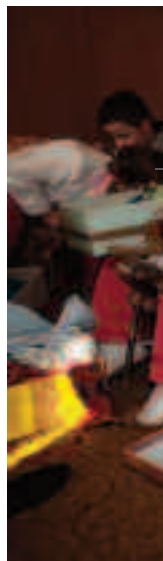
The trucks are fully loaded with 30000 Christmas packets.



Completely different when you consider our trip into

the east. You cannot avoid dropping back a few decades in time. Nicolae Ceausescu who ruled from 1974 till 1989 with

his dictatorial policies drove the land and people into poverty. Even since his dictatorship there are no big strides forwards. Even the few big West European Motor cars, you find in the main towns will not alter much.



Tears of Joy

In the villages away from the big towns the people are still extremely poor and losers are particular the Children as the weakest link in the population. In most Schools and Kindergartens the latrine seat (Wooden plank) is still the best there is in sanitary equipment. After exactly 24 hours the Lorries reach their target 1300 kilometres away and then every thing is all of a sudden different.

Apart from the 80 helpers it is the Transport Companies and Drivers that made the convoy



next 5 days many packets are handed over to trucks which will set out extremely in need Children. Over 30000 people in Germany had packed 30000 packets for the Kindergartens and Children in Romania. That means that over 60000 people in other parts of the land.. Above all in the pre Christmas period.. to the in one day

Some time ago Tommy Fuehrer a Round Tabler from Aaberg DE said that everybody would have his own personal moment during the trip. Joachim Nowotny had re-

at all possible.

Round Tabler Joachim Notwotny from Ludwigsburg brought not only his trucks but many friends helped at in Romania. The Children's Help Convoy from Gruendau-Lieblös drives through Nuernberg, Regensburg, Passau, Vienna and Budapest. Exactly one day after setting out the convoy reached Timisaora where the Children's Village



Tears of Joy

layed this to many during the trip across, neither of them had promised too much very-body enjoyed his moment during the tour and the very personal moment when you hand over a present to one of the children looking into their still eyes brought tears falling onto his cheeks.

They belong to this tour exactly as the massive holes in the Romanian roads.



Report from Otto Miedl
Fernfahrer Magazine

Thinking about Crop Circles

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In January 2008 Bob Parton asked me for a contribution for „The Hinge“. He didn't specify a theme - I should feel free to write about anything I might find sufficiently interesting for the readers of the Hinge. This should it make easy for me - but it wasn't. Of course there are lots of themes which seemed sufficiently interesting - e.g. "man made global warming" or, in Astrophysics, there are terms like "Dark Matter" and "Dark Energy"; there are also exciting new ideas and even successful experiments in creating "artificial gravitation" as a means of future space propulsion without using rockets, or "Life after Death" or "Reincarnation" or Unidentifiable Flying Objects (UFOs) or "Parapsychologic Phenomena" ...

I love hard facts. And so I decided to talk about a group of undeniable facts which can be seen by everybody, at least as photographs: Crop Circles. Great Britain can be called the motherland of crop circles. Just go to the internet, open Google or some other search engine, insert "Crop Circles, Lucy Pringle", and on Lucy's web site, click on Photo-Gallery in the upper left corner, and let yourself be surprised by the wealth of fantastic images of land art - year after year, hundreds of them, one more sophisticated than the other. You can view these pictures as ingenious examples of fine art, and you will enjoy the really beautiful

creations flattering your aesthetic sense. But sooner or later, you will start wondering: Who did it? How could these wonderful creations be produced?

If you look for other sources in the internet, you will certainly find some people claiming "We did it", and there are also some films showing people working in fields with tape and wooden boards on strings pressing down stalks, even at night. And you will also find crop circles which could be created in such a primitive way. But at this point I have to draw your attention to some obvious facts .

Some of these constructions are really huge - more than 100 m or up to 200 m in diameter. Regardless of how you work in the field, you must know where to lay the stalks down and where not. And for all this you must know the overall "blueprint" of the final figure, and exactly where you are standing in the field .

Many crop circles exhibit a strong symmetry, circular or 6fold or in some other way. As long as the construction consists



only of straight lines, of circle arcs or even spiral structures, it may be not too difficult to produce these pictures with simple means, some wooden planks, measuring tapes, Laser pointer

and so on. But there are also structures which defy any such simple explanations. I am thinking of Mandelbrot and Julia sets which can be produced with computers, but for which there is no known method to construct them with geometrical means as circle and ruler. Look e.g. for the treble



Julia Set, designated [uk 1996 ck](#) (in the upper right corner), created 1996 July 30, or the huge 6fold Julia set [uk 2001 df](#) with 409 circles made on 2001 August 14.

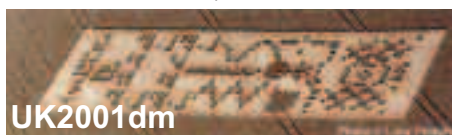
Consider the flawless perfection of many of the structures. My favourite is the circle made at Woodborough, Wiltshire on August 13, 2000, designated as [uk 2000 ef](#) . If you think of people wandering through the fields for hundreds of meters, following exact mathematical lines in the



undisturbed corn without a single wrong step which would destroy the clean picture - can you believe humans could do this? In

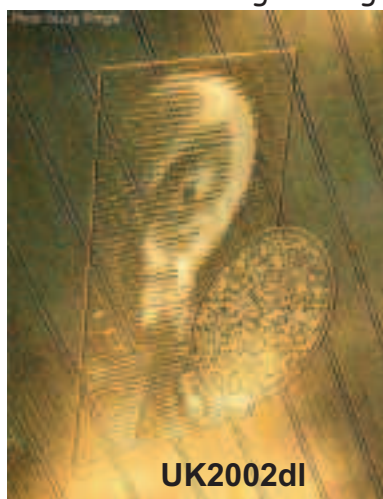
Thinking about Crop Circles

fact, many circles could be identified as manmade because just such missteps were found. If you still think all this can be done secretly by clever human circlemakers then look for the two pictograms to be found as [uk 2001 dn](#) and [uk 2001 dm](#) on August 15, 2002 near the Chilbolton Radio Telescope. A human face is created by large and small square "pixels" of standing stalks, visible only from the air. How do you control making these pixels without already knowing the final overall view? - The second pictogram is an answer to the famous Arecibo



Message sent into space in 1974 from the Arecibo Radio Telescope on Puerto Rico. The overall picture looks very much like the original message - but in the details there are very significant and meaningful differences showing a highly intelligent mind with detailed mathematical, chemical and biological knowledge. The more I learned about the differences between original and answer message the more I wondered what kind of intelligence might be behind all this.

Another culmination of crop circle science was reached one year later, at Pitt, near Winchester, Hampshire, created on August 15, 2002, designated [uk 2002 dl](#). The image is combined from an "Alien Face" as described in Reports from UFO Landings and from some films and, still more astonishing, a spiraling message written in ASCII - the "American Standard Code for Information Interchange". Details about ASCII may be found in the Wikipedia, the wellknown Internet lexicon. Most of the message could be deciphered, with remaining uncertainties due to the tram rails crossing through the mes-



sage. Starting from the center, the message reads:

"Beware the bearers of FALSE gifts & their BROKEN PROMISES. Much PAIN but still time". (Unreadable word with conflicting interpretations (..EELIAH..)) "There is GOOD out there. We OPpose DECEPTION. Conduit (partly damaged word) CLOSING"

Whatever you may think about the meaning of this message - do you think it could have been written into the field overnight by a hoaxer? Remember, you could

write this message only bit after bit, using 8 bits for a single letter, e.g. 01100101 for the letter e.

There are many other peculiarities found in the more sophisticated crop circles. Normally the stalks are not folded but only bent. Folding is usually a sign of a manmade circle. But I do not intend to continue discussing the details. I simply want to confess: I do not know how to explain the origin of most crop circles. For me the details point to some kind of non-human intelligence. There seem to be connections to UFOs. But what use is it to explain an enigma by a mystery? If UFOs are creating crop circles, how (and why) are they doing it?

Fact is: Crop Circles do exist. New circles or pictograms appear every year. Their design often displays a high degree of intelligence and scientific knowledge. Everybody can see the pictures. And nobody knows how and by whom they are made. I am indebted to Mrs. Lucy Pringle, whose continued efforts over many years made the collection of beautiful pictures possible, and whose generosity made the collection available for everybody in the internet - to wonder and to enjoy.
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guide to the POLES



If you get marooned on a desert island, choose a Pole as your companion and you will never go hungry.

Drinking and Toasts

Breakfast coffee in many countries is a weak and milky affair. Not so in Poland where it consists of a generous spoonful of ground coffee heaped into a glass of boiling water: If your spoon does not stand up on its own, it is a failure. Experience teaches you when to stop sipping, just before you swallow the grounds.

Tea is also taken without milk, served with lemon in a glass specially designed to ensure that you burn your fingers. Tea with milk is known as 'Bavarian' and considered only fit for breast-feeding mothers.

Vodka used to be consumed at home, which was only fair since much of it was brewed there. A child's chemistry set, described on the box as 'The Little Chemist', is still known as 'The Little Brewer'. However, the bars and pubs springing up in even the littlest towns are tempting many to wine and dine al fresco and in public.

Vodka is divided into two types: dry and clear for the men, theoretically at least (and this includes Bison vodka with the blade of grass in it), and sweet for the ladies. Beware Polish liquors. They are usually 40+% and drunk undiluted: firewater. The women might be seen to be sweeter toothed, but their heads have to be just as strong as the men's.

Technicolor sweet vodkas can be made of virtually anything: ripe Morella cherries, honey, nuts, lemon, hot chilli peppers. There is even one with bits of gold floating in it. "Danziger Gold Wasser" Those Poles who do buy their vodka in a shop often doctor

it at home and create delicious home-made liquors

These are generally made with a base of Polish pure spirit, 90%, 180° proof, the nearest to pure alcohol possible, and the strongest drink known to man. Avoid drinking this neat without prior instruction and a soft landing.

The methodology of drinking is in tiny cut-crystal glasses, drained in one gulp, after a toast, and usually, sensibly, accompanied by lots of food. The Pole who, invited home by an Englishman, sent his host's treasured Waterford flying into the two-bar electric fire is apocryphal. Poles hang on to their glasses to ensure refills.

Rounds of toasts usually start with the health of the hosts, followed by the health of the guests, followed by the health of the beautiful ladies, and the handsome gentlemen, then bachelor days. After that, tradition leaves each -dinner party to its own devices. The uninventive can always continue with endless repetitions of the formula, and toast "The health of the guests" for the nth time – for as long as they have strength to lift a glass.

The Hinge

guide to the BELGIANS



Belgian families used to be enormous. This was officially condoned, and indeed there is still a tradition by which the seventh consecutive son becomes automatically the godchild of the King and is baptised with the King's name. At the funeral of King Baudouin in

1993 a church was set aside to accommodate this rather specialized form of royal godchildren, and the service was relayed on screen from the cathedral in Brussels. There were no fewer than 600 seventh sons, all called Baudouin/ Boudewijn. The seventh consecutive daughter likewise becomes the Queen's godchild, but the incidence of this is, apparently, much more rare.

The majority of Belgian children are balanced, sensible, constructive, and polite, and younger ones – fresh-faced, natural and neatly turned out – are often absolute winners. In fact, Belgian children are generally so well behaved that British parents tend to think there must be something wrong with them. Even adolescents become bad tempered in a rather endearingly old-fashioned way.

If a youth misbehaves, has his headphones on too loud in the metro, or

drops litter, he or she is liable to be berated by another member of the public, probably a busybody pensioner brandishing a walking stick. Offending children found guilty in court of vandalism will face the ultimate sanction – their parents will be fined. Wait until they get home.

Sex

The Belgians are practical about sex, but not prudish. 'On garde un homme par son ventre et son bas-ventre' a characteristic piece of Belgian wisdom ('You keep your man by [catering for] his stomach and what lies below it'). Georges Simenon claimed to have slept with 10,000 women, so clearly there was something amiss in his household. His wife – perhaps in defence of her cooking – contested his total: she put the figure at 1,200 women.



41 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

	Association	Event	Location
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April 2008

5th	Denmark	AGM	Kerteminde
12th	GB&I	AGM	Torbay, Devon
26th	41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Meran/Merano, Italy
26th	Italy	AGM	Meran/Merano, Italy

May 2008

31st	Germany	AGM	Dresden
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June 2008

1st	New Zealand	AGM	Oamaru
7th	Sweden	AGM	Malmö
7th	France	AGM	Dijon
7th	Norway	AGM	Asker
21nd	Austria	AGM	Leoben

July 2008

5 th	Cypruss	AGM	Nicosia
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August 2008

30th	Zambia	AGM	Siavonga nr. Lusaka
22nd	RTI World Meeting	AGM	Colombo, Sri Lanka

September 2008

6 th	South Africa	AGM	Durban
13th	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Mauritius, Indian Ocean
27th	India	AGM	Madras/ Chennai

October 08

2 - 5th	All Associations	Past Presidents Meeting	Pitlochry, Scotland
4 th	Romania	AGM	Craiova
11th	Belgium	AGM	Tienen
25th	Switzerland	AGM	Biel

November 2008

8th	Sweden	HYM	Uppsala
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March 2009

28th	Finland	AGM	Turku
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April 2009

18th	Great Britain	AGM	Southport, Lancashire
25th	41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Royal Forest of Dean, GB

May 2009

15th	Germany	AGM	Stade
24th	Sweden	AGM (RT,OT;LC & Tangent)	Varberg
31st	New Zealand	AGM	Blenheim
31st	Norway	AGM	Kristiansand

June 2009

20th	Austria	AGM	Steyr
20th	France	AGM	Lille

August 2009

15th	RTI World	AGM	Alkmaar, Netherlands
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October 2009

10th	Belgium	AGM	Liège
24th	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Sursee, Switzerland

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