

Ware & District 41 Club

Extend a welcome to Past Round Table and 41 Club members who may recently have moved to the area, to attend their social events and monthly dinner meetings. The invitation is also extended to "like minded men" (That is those who give or have given unpaid service to the community or country)

What is 41 Club?



41 Club is the pet name for **The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs**. Prior to April 2008 it had been called The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs for many a year, the "Round" being deliberately left out to dispel any misconceptions that it was a sort of senior Round Table. Now, with the passage of time and this name change, its place in the "Round Table Family" is perhaps more recognisable to those outside.

In March 1927, a young Rotarian by the name of Louis Marchesi became aware of the lack of opportunities for the young businessmen of the day to meet and prepare themselves for their responsibilities as senior businessmen of later years. Being a member of Norwich Rotary Club he found himself surrounded by older men, so he started a club for young men in the age range of 28 to 40 to give them the right environment to develop their professional and civic skills whilst assisting the local community, the nation and later the world as whole.



Round Table was formed after being inspired by a speech by the then Prince of Wales who said - "The young business and professional men of this country must get together round the table, **adopt** methods that have proved so sound in the past, **adapt** them to the changing needs of the times and wherever possible, **improve** them". Round Table not only immediately took its name from this speech but also the other key words "Adopt, Adapt, Improve" as its motto. www.roundtable.org.uk

Originally, membership of Round Table was limited to men in the age range of 18 - 40 years, so that following his 40th birthday, a member of Round Table would have to retire. He was then eligible to join The Association. In 1998 Round Table raised the age limit to 45 and so it is now possible for a member of Round Table to also be a member of 41 Club.



Three years after the formation of Round Table, an equivalent women's club was formed called **Ladies' Circle** (known colloquially as Circle). Since 1993, Circle has an open membership and accepts not only partners of Round Tablers and Ex-Round Tablers but any women in the age range of 18 to 45. www.ladies-circle.org.uk



Tangent is the equivalent to 41 Club for a past member of Ladies' Circle, or the wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table. Their first club met in 1953 and the National Association was formed in 1969. Tangent too, since 2009, has had an open membership policy. www.tangent-clubs.org

Currently, there are almost 18,000 declared members of 41 Club and it continues to assist Round Table in many of its activities and also Circle and Tangent. This "Four Club Family" meets regularly to further common aims.

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