

ASSOCIATION AWARD LUNCH IN LONDON

Thursday, July 18th, 2019

In 2008 I was presented with the Association Award by the then President of 41 Clubs of the U.K., Drew Cochran.

What is the award – and I quote from the U.K.41 Club webpage:



NATIONAL AWARDS

THE ASSOCIATION AWARD

The Association Award can be awarded for significant service to the wider Association beyond club level over an extended period. This is the second highest honour that the Association can bestow on an individual.

Another recipient, Dave Leon of London planned a lunch for all recipients and I was invited. Initially I declined, but on the urging of another U.K. 41'er, I decided to attend.

There are 17 Awards that have been given and of these, 5 are unable (for various reasons) to attend, and out of the remaining 12, 10 of us were there. Mine is the only Award held outside the U.K.

The lunch was held in The Lamb Hotel, in the Leadenhall Market in London – a market has been there since 1381!!.



After a couple of drinks in the basement bar, we moved upstairs to the restaurant where we enjoyed a lovely lunch together. Each of us was asked to outline the reasons for our having received the Award, and we did so.

The lunch finished at about 4.30 pm and 5 of us found our way to the Crosse Keys, a pub near by, and spent a very happy couple of hours talking and learning about each other.



Subsequently, I was able to have lunch with Moira and Drew Cochran in their home at North Berwick in Scotland, along with Lyn and Chris Willsher – also 41 Club members.

These four, along with Alan Culver (front left in the photo of us at the table) and his wife Rosemary were all part of the U.K. group that visited New Zealand in 2005.

Once again it reinforced to me how 41 Club internationally is like a big family, and friendships, once made, last forever.

In closing, I must say a very big “Thank you” to 41 Club N.Z. for their assistance with the trip, and on behalf of our Association, I was able to present each person present with a New Zealand banner and lapel pin.

These were very gratefully accepted.

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