



NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT
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THE ANGEL HOTEL
MARKET HARBOROUGH

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MARTIN GREEN

It surprising that it is now six months since Llandudno however it has been a very quiet summer so Maria and I have managed to fit in some holiday time.

At the time of writing we are about to 'hit' the start of a busy time with visits all over the place including Ireland.

Wherever I go, I find Clubs in good spirit, interested in what we are doing and very supportive of my Macmillan appeal. What does concern me is that many (with some exceptions) have never seen or had a visit from their National Councillor or even had a 'phone call from them. In fact in several cases the Club Chairman didn't even know the Councillors name! This is a real worry, as until Clubs see a presence and an input from National, they will continue to 'harp on' about capitation fees.

During July I was honoured to be invited to join Tangent President Karen in chartering the new City of London Tangent Club - a ceremony that took place on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. Both Associations believe that opening new clubs is our future and this was an excellent example. I know Duncan is working hard in this for us and hopefully more 41 Clubs will open later in the year. I am particularly anxious to see Coventry open - as a city with two Tables and my home town - it is particularly special to me.

In August, Maria and I joined Jim & Chris Smith and Tangent President Karen and Graham for a weekend at Past President Drew and Moira Cochran's to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Drew and Moira are fabulous hosts and we had a weekend to remember. I certainly never expected that our presence in the 8000 audience would be announced over the PA to everyone!

On the Macmillan front - my good friend Stella will update everyone at the National Council Meeting. My thanks to Phil Ellis for agreeing to participate in 'GoSoberForOctober'! I knew when Macmillan announced it that this might be a bit of a challenge to some or in our case most!

At the National Council Meeting, Ray will be giving final details of our proposed Marketing Plan. This needs maximum support to underpin what Duncan is doing on the Membership front. I look forward to us all participating and supporting Ray. Thanks also to Ray for an excellent magazine – it helps of course to have such a fabulous picture on the cover!

I have also found good spirit in Round Table. In early September I attended their National Sporting Weekend at Ilfracombe. 575 attended with a large attendance from 41club. It was a very well organised event with everyone having a great time in the true spirit if Round Table. In June I spoke at their Area 8 – 80th anniversary lunch in Liverpool. This was a great day with nearly 300 in attendance. I also took the opportunity of presenting Bacardi Yardley with his past Councillors jewel. I put a very clear emphasis on the need for Table to remain 'young' and that their large number of honorary members should now move to join us in 41Club.

In July I chaired the Round Table Family Meeting – sadly in place of Karen Durie who had that week lost her Mum – we tabled a bit of a challenge to everyone asking them to discuss their commitment to the 'Family Concept'. I'm pleased to report everyone was of the same mind to continue supporting this.



Finally, I am sure I can reflect everyone's good wishes to Barry and Rachel who got married on August Bank Holiday Monday. Barry had just returned from the Moulin Rouge Challenge – which I must say was supported by 41Club massively. I am sure Barry will always remember August 2013 with great affection for the wedding and for the painful bits from riding a bike from Birmingham to Paris!

I will report on my trip to Ireland at the meeting.

Meanwhile, thank you all for everything you do.

Martin Green
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NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

Activity over the past couple of months has been mostly related to planning for next year. Most of the key dates involving the Round Table family have been put in the diary and I recently circulated Councillors with details of major charter dates for clubs in their Regions in the hope they will have events and they can be booked in the diary early. Other planning for next year is going well.

Since the last Council meeting I have attended:

Region 15 Golf Day

Region 11 Golf Day

Eastern Region Golf Day

Seisdon 41 Club (Region 14)

Newton Abbot 41 Club (Region 22)

Round Table Family meeting

I am due to attend the Belgian AGM in Liege on 4-6 October with Dave Campbell and Peter Good.

Forward Planning

At a forward planning meeting held earlier this year there were a couple of key topics discussed which I have been progressing. Firstly as we know David Hewitt has let it be known he is stepping down from the role of Honorary Webmaster. Most of you will have seen that we advertised for members of 41 club to not only take over the role but also do some updating of our web site. I am delighted to say we do have candidates who have expressed interest. I might be in a position to update the Council more at our meeting.

Secondly we are looking again at how to attract members of Round Table to join 41 Club. During a visit to the Austrian AGM with Dave Campbell in June I met with the German IRO who told me of initiatives they had put in place in Germany which has led to the transfer rate being significantly improved. I have set up a working party which will include Duncan and Martin from 41 Club and also John Payne, recent Past President of Round Table, Brad Parkes, recent National Membership officer of Round Table and Simon Trevelyan who is the chairman of the newly formed Lichfield Spires 41 Club. We will be meeting with Englebert Friedsam of German old Tablers in the week after the Council meeting.

Data Protection Policy

We do not currently have a Data Protection Policy in place. We are looking at this at the moment and hope to have one in place by the time of the February Council meeting.

Jim Smith



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – DAVID SMITH

A very quiet period for me since the last Council Weekend although I was pleased to support President Martin at the Region 10 Cluster Meeting in September.

At the Board meeting I shall deliver a short proposal for a 70th Anniversary Lunch in 2015. Depending on the reaction of the Board I will raise the same topic at the Council Meeting.

David Smith

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

First off Congratulations to Godwin Stewart on his election to National Councillor Region 8 – Lancs and Manx.

Jim Smith and I held the quarterly performance meeting with Cait Allen in July. We attempted to evaluate and analyse the work generated within our set hours. The outcome was that Bev uses a significant proportion of the hours in carrying out financial processes and mailings on our behalf. We reached an agreement to free off staff time by making greater use of e-mail rather than post and print. So the November and March Mailings for the National AGM will be electronic and greater use of the website for accessing information. As a quid pro quo we agreed that Marchesi House (David Andrews) would compile the Board and Council reports as well as the Llandudno AGM minutes. Unfortunately David is struggling time wise to deal with the AGM Minutes so I have taken them back myself. I am looking for a volunteer take the Minutes in Bournemouth and type them up for me – please.

Talking about the AGM – we video streamed it last year (year 1) and have agreed that in year 2 of the 3 year plan we would both video stream and introduce electronic voting (alongside proxy voting for this year only). I have obtained a quotation from David Campbell for delivering both these items seamlessly for a total of £5,500. I would like to include a contingency making it £6,000.

In order to prepare the Association for year 3 video streaming and electronic voting we need to make changes to our rules to incorporate electronic voting and remove proxy voting.

I have had some problems moving the National Councillors Meeting to the Sunday Morning as previously agreed with Terry Cooper. Can I please future organisers of Council Weekends to keep this in mind hence removing the burden of attending these meetings on a Friday and having to take time off work.

Jim asked me to look at the existence of a Data Protection Policy. I could not find one and so drafted a new one which will be presented at the February 2014 Council Meeting. I have spoken to Cait Allen Chief Executive of Round Table on this who is similarly working on the same policy but pertaining to Round Table. I believe that the Round Table family should have 'mirror' policies to ensure data transfer and sharing are seamless within the policies. In addition to this I have drafted a 'Confidentiality Policy' – all the above applies to this too.

I believe that all Office 365 issues are now resolved and will continue the 'teach ins' this Council Meeting. Subject this weekend will be loading and deleting documents on the team sites.

Manny Martins

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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

Our corporation tax affairs have now been brought up to date. I was sent a demand for around £17k shortly after registering online with HMRC, which included estimated trading figures based on our sales. Numerous letters, emails and phone calls later this was reduced to just over £3k, which included the tax on our bank interest plus fines for late submission / payment – our last return had been for 2009. The good news is that following an appeal, the fines have now been removed although they refused to budge on the interest of £16.02 ! I have now paid the £743.90 due and will write a procedure note to lodge with Marchesi House so that my successors don't suffer the same fate.

Capitation reminder letters will have gone out by the time you read this report. I have revamped them to include our bank details, so that capitation can be paid by internet banking in future. This should reduce the admin workload at Marchesi House, providing a club name is included as a reference. The letters have gone out a little later than normal, due to a combination of holidays, sickness at Technos and my revamping. At the time of writing we have collected 86.3% of capitation, with Paul Cooper having joined Paul Molley in the ~~smug-councillors~~ 100% club.

I have not produced any accounts specifically for the council meeting, as the quarterly accounts should be published on 41club.org before we meet. If you are that interested in the figures, I am sure you can peruse them and the variance explanations there. As always, if you want to ask a killer question at the meeting, tipping me off beforehand will mean that you will get a properly researched answer.

I will once again be operating a strict cut-off on expense claims at the end of the year. Anything you want to claim must reach me by Black Friday (20th December), so that I can get them paid before 31st December and included in the accounts as actuals rather than creditors.

I have been asked by Wolverhampton 41 Club to investigate the possibility of registering 41 club nationally as a charity, so that clubs can obtain gift aid were appropriate on their fund raising activities. This is an agenda item for the board meeting on Friday, I will update you on progress or otherwise at the council meeting.

Finally, with Christmas fast approaching it will soon be time to think about the 2015 budget. If board members are aware of any significant changes to budgets, please let me know – upwards or downwards !

Mark Fairchild
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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER – DUNCAN KENNEDY

Things have been moving along on the membership front. One of the membership issues is the fact that there are a large number of Tables around the country that do not have a 41 Club. I divided these towns between my committee and provided them with details of a past Tabler to contact to see what could be done to form a 41 Club. It is quite clear from the research that there are a number of unofficial Clubs out there who consist solely of past Tablers but who have never affiliated. There are towns where there have been 41 Clubs but they disaffiliated some time ago and there are towns where there has never been a 41 Club.

We are striving to resolve all these issues and the report to date is set out below.

41 Region	Table Area	Table Area Name	Table Number	Table name	Committee Member Responsible	Current discussions
1	47	South West Scotland	1258	Carrick	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited
1	47	South West Scotland	729	Cumnock and District	NL	Chasing correct contact; RT struggling?
1	47	South West Scotland	1185	Eaglesham	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful; some in Glasgow 41C
1	38	Argyll	855	Helensburgh and District	NL	Informal club meets
1	13	North Scotland	1133	Isle of Skye	NL	Initial discussions; not hopeful as 'tradition' of RT to Rotary in locality
1	47	South West Scotland	398	Kilmarnock	NL	Informal club meets - dialogue to continue
1	47	South West Scotland	950	Largs and District	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited
1	38	Argyll	886	Mid-Argyll	NL	Informal club meets; following up with contact and will visit - maybe??
1	13	North Scotland	1052	Thurso and District	NL	Informal club meets; Nick has been in touch; not likely to affiliate; individuals may join A13 41C
2	49	Strathtay and Fife	219	Arbroath and District	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited

2	44	Grampian	1085	Banchory and District	NL	Club exists - Royal Deeside
2	44	Grampian	947	Banff and District	NL	Club exists - Deveron
2	51	Central Scotland	1252	Callander and District	NL	Informal club meets; helps to run the Highland Games; not showing much interest in affiliating; will follow up
2	39	South East Scotland	193	City of Edinburgh	NL	Club exists - Edinburgh & District
2	39	South East Scotland	714	Corstorphine	NL	Informal club meets; Ken has been in touch; not likely to affiliate
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	682	Crieff	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	800	Cupar	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	1202	Dalgety Bay and District	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful; some past members at other Fife coast clubs - formal/informal
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	926	Dundee Tayside	NL	Club exists - Dundee amalgum
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	495	Dunfermline	NL	Informal club meets
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	1120	East Neuk o'Fife	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful; some past members at other local clubs - formal/informal
2	51	Central Scotland	268	Falkirk	NL	Club exists - Larbert & Falkirk
2	49	Strath Tay and Fife	871	Glenrothes	NL	Informal club meets; following up with contact and will visit - maybe??
2	51	Central Scotland	765	Lanark and District	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful; some in Glasgow 41C
2	51	Central Scotland	1216	Livingston	NL	Potential new club; Ken D in dialogue

2	49	Strathtay and Fife	646	Montrose and District	NL	Informal club meets; will follow up
2	39	South East Scotland	838	Peebles and District	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited
2	49	Strathtay and Fife	200	Perth Strathearn	NL	Initial discussions not hopeful; some past members at other local clubs - formal/informal
2	44	Grampian	922	Stonehaven and District	NL	Initial contact made; reply awaited
3	29	Ireland	852	Athlone and District	PE	
3	11	Ireland	1242	Ballymoney and District	PE	No interest in forming a 41 Club
3	11	Ireland	172	Coleraine	PE	No interest in forming a 41 Club
4	20	Northumbria	389	Alnwick and District	GS	A meeting about Alnwick & District 389 RT's 60th Charter is coming up. John will ask around regarding 41 Club membership and find out if there is scope for starting a new 41 Club. He is also going to contact the secretary/meeting organiser/etc. of the erstwhile Alnwick & District 41 Club to find out about any relevant history
4	20	Northumbria	530	Derwentside	GS	retiring Tablers tend to join Stanley & District 41 Club
4	20	Northumbria	1145	Durham Dunelm	GS	There is a group of 7 or 8 of them that feel that it would probably be the right thing to do to start a new 41 Club in the area but there's no time

						scale for that as yet
4	20	Northumbria	444	Morpeth	GS	
5	21	Cumbria	1263	Eden	GS	
5	21	Cumbria	292	Maryport	GS	
6	32	Yorkshire Dales	1048	Burley-in-Wharfedale and District	GS	
6	9	West Riding	626	Goole and District	GS	
6	9	West Riding	294	Hebden Bridge and District	GS	
6	9	West Riding	652	Mirfield	GS	
6	15	The Ridings	901	Pocklington and Market Weighton	GS	
7	46	Greater Manchester	550	Middleton	GS	Phone number provided incorrect. Enquiries made by e-mail
8	8	Lancs and Manx	221	Ormskirk and District	GS	No interest in 41 Club. There is a Club that disaffiliated and has no interest in re-affiliating. Retiring Ex-Tablers are not interested in starting a 41 Club
8	8	Lancs and Manx	448	Prescot and District	GS	Retiring Tablers tend to stay on and support the now single remaining member of Prescot & District 448, the argument being that they've never found anything that even gets close to matching Round Table. Those that do want to move on tend to go to Rainhill Rotary Club
9	30	Lincolnshire	896	Bourne and District	PM	Current discussions in early stages.



9	30	Lincolnshire	1116	Fenland	PM	Contacted but no real interest
9	30	Lincolnshire	267	Louth	PM	Contacted but no real interest
10	9	West Riding	1237	Danum	PM	Is an existing Club Doncaster/Danum - need to check affiliation status
10	9	West Riding	7	Doncaster	PM	Is an existing Club Doncaster/Danum - need to check affiliation status
11	22	Cheshire and North-West Midlands	261	Congleton	PM	41 Club disaffiliated in the 1980's; looking to do the same as I did in Lymm
11	22	Cheshire and North-West Midlands	546	Stone and District	PM	Disaffiliated Club
11	22	Cheshire and North-West Midlands	911	Tarporley and District	PM	Early stages but may well be interested
12	53	Snowdonia	943	Abergele and District	PM	Contacted but no real interest
12	53	Snowdonia	459	City of Bangor and District	PM	Contacted but no real interest
12	53	Snowdonia	509	Colwyn Bay and District	PM	Existing unaffiliated club. Trying to get them back into the fold
12	36	Wirral, North East Wales and the Marches	557	Heswall	PM	Contacted but no real interest
13	43	Dyfed	1227	Aberaeron	DK	Contacted but no response
13	43	Dyfed	707	Cardigan and Teifi Valley	DK	Local discussions taking place regarding formation of a new Club - not that hopeful
13	43	Dyfed	376	Llanelli	DK	Local discussions taking place regarding formation of a new Club – quite hopeful
13	4	Cambria	867	Pontypool	DK	Local discussions taking place

						regarding formation of a new Club – again quite hopeful
14	5	West Midlands	1187	Bewdley	NT	
14	5	West Midlands	931	Church Stretton and District	NT	
14	5	West Midlands	1175	Tenbury and District	NT	
15	45	Midland Shires	23	Coventry	NT	John Payne is taking this forward
15	45	Midland Shires	1043	Coventry Three Spires	NT	
15	45	Midland Shires	164	Leamington and District	NT	
15	35	Heart of England	181	Redditch	NT	
15	45	Midland Shires	1019	Warwick and District	NT	
16	24	Mid Anglia	410	Huntingdon and District	NT	
16	24	Mid Anglia	357	Wisbech	NT	
17	6	Founder's Area	784	Aylsham and District	SM	
17	6	Founder's Area	206	Beccles and District	SM	
17	33	Essex	367	Colchester	SM	
17	6	Founder's Area	542	Downham Market and District	SM	
17	6	Founder's Area	615	Hunstanton and District	SM	
17	6	Founder's Area	1101	Norwich Castle	SM	
17	6	Founder's Area	1079	Stalham and District	SM	
18	17	London North East	382	Barking And East London	SM	
19	54	London Chilterns	48	London Hammersmith	SM	
19	54	London Chilterns	1149	Wendover and District	SM	
21	12	North Wessex	767	Devizes and District	NT	
21	23	Severn Vale	638	Dursley and District	NT	
21	12	North Wessex	392	Great Western Round Table	NT	
22	19	Devon	328	Bideford	DK	Affiliated June 2013

22	31	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	396	Penzance	DK	Not much interest but will keep in touch with them
22	31	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	531	St. Ives	DK	Contacted but no response
22	19	Devon	182	Torquay	DK	New club is in the process of being set up.
23	1	Wessex, Wight and Jersey	16	Ryde and District	DK	Informal club that meets on the island. Have asked them to consider affiliating.
24	2	Sussex	1171	Brighton Regency	SM	
24	3	Surrey and North Hampshire	171	Leatherhead	SM	
25	16	Kent	56	City of Rochester	SM	
25	16	Kent	75	Gillingham	SM	
25	16	Kent	195	Royal Tunbridge Wells	SM	

It would be useful for the Councillor for the region the Clubs are in to liaise with the relevant member of the committee to try to progress these.

In addition to the above there are also a number of prospective Clubs and I will be asking the Councillor for the region they are in to take these forward. They are

Bicester	Region 20
Burgess Hill Active	Region 24
Elgin	Region 1
Fareham	Region 23
Fort William	Region 1
Heswall	Region 12
Ilkley	Region 6
Macclesfield	Region 7
Mildenhall	Region 17
New Mills Marple & District	Region 7
Pontypool	Region 13
Wirral 41 Club	Region 12

There will be one affiliation to bring to the meeting and one or two likely dis-affiliations.

Duncan Kennedy
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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – RAY HILL

The summer 'silly season' has been a very busy period for Communications and this report is consequently much longer than usual.

The summer edition of 'The Magazine' was a little later than planned and was distributed in early August. For the first time the front cover was in landscape format, which facilitates a much wider selection of photographs and will be used again whenever warranted. Also for the first time the back page was used to carry a full page, paid for advertisement for our Platinum Partner Puma Hotels. I have received many compliments on the content and presentation of the magazine and there have been no 'get rid of the magazine' comments for quite some time. In fact one of the leaders of that group is now a very keen regular contributor. There have been numerous comments on the breadth of the content of the magazine and several have commented that they now regularly read the magazine due to the inclusion of motoring items and other non 41 Club articles. The aim is to provide a publication of interest to 41ers not just about 41.

Before the last edition was published the distributors sent me two files of over 100 spurious addresses that were taken from the CAS database. Here are some of them:

Address1	Address2	Address3	Town	County	Postcode
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8888888				Devon	8888888
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8888888		9 Oak Close	Honiton	Devon	888888888
*	*	*	Haverfordwest		SA61
z					TS
Wick					KW1
Bath					BA1
Bath					BA2
Holt					BA2
Ladylaw					NE61 6ER
Les Bordages					GY7 9FJ
Les Houets					GY8 0PW
No address					No postcode
None					None
Not known at this time					DY2BGOT
Nyasa					NE25 9JY
Reivers					NE25 0PZ
somewhere else					RH20 3??
tba					tba
the house					PE21
The Manse					BA2
The Old School					LS23 6JN
The Orchard House					SY8 1EX
Thorney Hollows					DE13 9BE
Kerrigan House					NE61 2DX
TBA	TBA	Flockton	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	HD8
11			11	Lancashire	PR6 8UA
163			Oakwood	Derbyshsire	DE21 4QY
2323 Ingeberg					.
11 Convent Place					GI



In total there were over 100 addresses that were incomplete or obviously incorrect. It would appear that as some fields are mandatory the database has been updated with junk. Unfortunately these then get passed on to the distributors and we look rather stupid.

I corrected as many as I could and have set the remainder to 0 magazine. However random analysis showed that there are many more addresses that are obviously wrong. One club had listed all of their members but over half had the first line of their address missing. We were sending one magazine to Afghanistan as this was the first country in the list offered and it should have gone to Tanzania. One large overseas club had an address for most of its members as 'The Club Contact' and the name of the country. All of these magazines cost money to produce, money to package and money to post. We must be spending hundreds of pounds per issue sending magazines to nonsense addresses at home and abroad. I have spent many hours correcting as many addresses as possible using the online post code finder and BT telephone directory. Can I ask that councillors have a quick check of the clubs in their regions to see if they can spot any obvious errors or omissions in the addresses.

As Paul Molley has now moved to the membership committee I have resumed responsibility for the monthly newsletter. My thanks to Paul for his work over the last 12 months. I have produced the newsletters for August and September and you will have received the October edition before the National Council Meeting. My aim is that by the December edition it will be distributed at the beginning of the month. I am looking for input from both the Councillors and the members of clubs, so please send any items you have to comms@41club.org. Advertisements for all relevant Club events are carried for free.

Once again distribution is proving to be a problem with over 600 bounces for the September edition. Will all councillors please check the bounce list for their region and check if the given email addresses are correct. We suspect that some bounces are due to over cautious security levels but many are incorrect or out of date. Also we still have over 6,000 members with no given email address. Please do your best to encourage them to supply them whenever you visit a club.

At the October council meeting we will be distributing copies of the 2014 Club Calendar, featuring 12 of the entries in last year's photographic competition. The price remains at £5 and this year we have 500 to sell. If all are sold this will yield a profit of £1,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Remember that the selling period for calendars runs out at the end of December, so please do your best to sell as many as possible. Christmas meetings are an ideal opportunity to sell calendars.

Based upon the success of the last two years I will be running a national photographic competition again in 2014. A full announcement will appear in the November magazine. Please spread the word amongst your clubs.

If all goes to plan I will be organising the first 41 Club Classic Car Meeting next spring. There has been a fantastic response to the initial announcements and I am investigating venues in the Coventry area for an event, probably on the weekend of June 21/22 2014. Further details will appear in the magazine and newsletter.

Finally I have been tasked with presenting the start of our marketing campaign for new members. I have been acquiring quotations for various promotional activities, which we have to evaluate for cost effectiveness. I cannot achieve all of this on my own and I will be relying on all members of the board and the councillors for support. I have already emailed all council members with some ways in which you can help without too much effort on your part:

- 1) Provide a list of ex members of your Table that never joined 41 Club
- 2) For those with large cities in their patch list those cities with successful 41 Clubs and those which have very few (if any at all).

- 3) Identify reasons why some clubs are so successful whilst others are failing.

I would ask that you have your ideas listed ready for the council meeting, where I will be making a presentation.

Ray Hill

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL

Since my last report, I have visited Past Tabler's in Dublin and attended the AGM's of South Africa (Durban 6th – 8th September), Zambia (Lusaka 13th – 15th September) and Belgium (Liege 4th-6th October). I shall also be attending the 41 International Half Yearly meeting in Sweden (Orenas castle 25th-27th October).

I am pleased to report that further to a delegation from the International board visiting Holland, 41 Club Netherlands will be submitting an application to affiliate to 41 International.

More good news is that the Inauguration of Tangent International is due to take place during next year's 41 International AGM in Korsor, Denmark (2nd -4th May2014).

I have circulated members of our board and received positive feedback regarding making a submission to host the 41 International Half yearly meeting in 2015. This would coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the formation of 41 Club. I have written to the International secretary declaring our interest to host this meeting.

The 41 International board met with the board of Round Table at the RTI World meeting in Valence, France (26th August- 1st September). Moffat Nyirenda from Zambia was inducted as RTI President and Jason Thomson from RTBI was appointed Vice-President.

Moves are afoot to encourage countries with just a small number of 41 clubs to join 41 International. There will be certain conditions applied to these countries regarding voting rights and subscriptions.

Lastly, I am sad to report that Hans Peter Bernard, the convenor of the 41 International AGM held in Interlaken, Switzerland was tragically killed in a plane crash. His wife survived the ordeal but is still undergoing treatment in hospital. I first met Hans Peter in Lugano at the Swiss AGM where we became close friends.

Dave Campbell

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NATIONAL COUNCILLORS LIAISON OFFICER – TERRY COOPER

Oxford in June delivered an excellent Council Weekend where the results of our various meetings were very positive.

I had a feeling, rightly so as it turned out, that not all of the Councillors were happy with our meeting at Rednal so we revisited the outcome. After points well made from Phil Ellis and Nick Lawton in particular, about every Region being different and us not celebrating success enough but concentrating on perceived failure. I asked Phil to say that very thing at the Council Meeting the following day which Phil did most eloquently and his point was well received.

However Councillors agreed that from a member's prospective there had to be some visible method of seeing what a Councillor does and that the published Council Reports are that method. So actually reporting what happens in your Region and which Clubs you visit is a good



thing and it was agreed if that could happen in every Region for each Council Meeting it would be a visible step forward.

We then went on to have a lively, fruitful and positive discussion on targeting Tabler's and Ex-Tabler's not in 41 Club to get them to form new younger Clubs to take our Association forward. We agreed some of our current Clubs actually do want "the last one to turn the light out" and if that's the case then it's OK. Although those Clubs should be visited it's the "new blood" that will keep our Association alive and our job as Councillors is to seek out those interested and enthuse them into starting new Clubs. This strategy fits exactly with the thinking of the Board where several initiatives have already been discussed to take this project forward.

Councillors agreed to have our meetings in future on a Sunday morning, keeping Friday PM clear for those of us that still work. We understood that the programme for Market Harborough was already organised but I promised to try to change things and move the meeting to Sunday.

Working with my committee we have tasked each other to help certain Councillors' to get more from their role and we will report back at our next meeting in Market Harborough.

Together with National Secretary Manny we are still looking to fill the vacant Regions but the good news is that Godwin Stewart is now confirmed as the new National Councillor for Region 8, welcome Godwin. Although we feel we know you already after meeting you in Oxford in June.

As we swing into autumn many Councillors continue with their ongoing projects within their Regions and future events have been organised for Quizzes' and Regional Dinners.

I'm still on track for a review of the Councillor's role and the geographical structure of our Regions. I expect some positive changes to come out of this and I'm looking forward to the next Board and Council Meeting so we can progress things further.

I'm on holiday as of tomorrow for a short break to foreign clime returning "bright eyed and bushy tailed" in plenty of time for our next meeting in Market Harborough, see you all there.

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP – BARRY DURMAN

Please like my page on Facebook – 41 Club Fellowship – be first to find out about all the fellowship events from golf to charters, conferences to privileges

Conferences

2014 Progressing satisfactorily with 256 bookings, but without booking discount bookings recently have been slow. After a few poor reviews on Trip Advisor the Royal Bath hotel has been checked out by a secret squirrel and found to be perfectly lovely. The registration / gathering area / bar is really spacious and it has a lovely spa and patio/lawn with a lovely sea view. The Premier Inn is right opposite – both within 1 minute of each other and the Pavillions function venue. Shops 3 minutes, the main pier also 3 minutes away

2015 Harrogate committee very much underway. They are proposing a slight increase on the price of the conference, but the hotel is cheaper – so overall a bit cheaper. It will be a 3 day conference and the Conference hotel will only be available for those purchasing the 3 day package. Other hotels are very nearby for those wanting 2 nights' accommodation. They have



a lot of good ideas on theming the hotel and there is a high cost for providing AV in the main ballroom so each leg of the room can see and hear what is going on. Colin Steen will present the budget for approval on the Conference Spreadsheet

2016 Lots of people have asked me if Birmingham would be prepared to rebid for 2016 following their defeat by Harrogate for 2015 so I have been in negotiation with them across the summer. I can tell you that they confirmed to me that they will bid and I will be asking for your approval to this at the Council Meeting.

Council Weekends

Birmingham in Jan 2014

Stanstead on 4th-6th July 2014 – combined with our first ever Presidential Ball not at conference.

Shrigley Hall near Manchester for October 2014, but I do need a National Councillor prepared do the organisation – any takers – you do not have to live near, but it might help – it is a fantastic Puma hotel. Look a www.pumahotels.co.uk

Golf

Thanks to Ken Donald for organising the competition this year – it was very successful with approx 12 regions putting in teams. Next year it will again be at Ladbroke Park south of Birmingham (only 1 mile from my house !!) My own club Shirley Late Knights won and now hold both the Conference Trophy and the Cochran Cup – greedy or what.

National Social / Half Yearly Weekend

Noel has not been able to organise this for this year, but I still have it as a project to consider going forward.

Sales

Sales from boxes have been appalling – I am considering withdrawing all except a few of these boxes, which have several thousands of pounds worth of stock.

Sales via the web have been OK and Paul has even received emails praising his service level and product range – see below. The busy season approaches. We have introduced a few new items – dual pins / 4 clubs pins / quality pens – just look at the very good website and encourage your clubs to use this service.

“ it's been a simple & straight forward pleasure dealing with Paul @ 41 Sales (which is a very rare thing for me to say as I appear to be constantly trying to deal with f**k-witted morons (the tolerance for idiocy seems to wane with age, I think!)). If you mention in passing to Paul how pleased I am, it'd be appreciated (and if ever he needs a testimonial for the website etc - I'm his man...).”

Platinum Privileges

The Hyundai deal is brilliant – I know 3 guys who have saved using this scheme. If you are considering a new car you need to look at this deal.



Wider Wallet – a truly money saving deal – I save approx £13.50 every single month just at Sainsburys – then there is 6% off at M&S – the list goes on – your partner can use your card Puma Hotels are absolutely lovely in smashing country locations – do look at their offer to us and use them for your weekends away / charter dinners etc

Millennium Way

More and more hits on their website each month, so we need to help them by liking their page for those on Facebook

National Arboretum

This is near Lichfield and we hold a separate short service of remembrance on Sunday 10th November at 11.30am, but be there from around 9am to soak up the wonderful atmosphere.

National Sporting Weekend

I have approached Table informally to see if they might allow some 41 club teams to enter – what do you think? Loads of 41ers attend already.

Regional Dinners:

Region 10 at Kegworth	was really good with over 70 in attendance
Friday 25 th October	White Rose near Leeds
Friday 1 st November	Red Rose
Friday 8 th November	Region 20 at Baillol College Oxford
Wednesday 11 th December	Lamb at Leadenhall London Christmas Dinner
Monday 13 th January	Martin Young Cluster in Southend
Friday 28 th February	St David's Day Dinner in Wrexham
Monday 3 rd March	Smethick Cluster
Wednesday 5 th March	Mid Wales Cluster
Thursday 6 th March	Gloucester Cluster / Severndale Dinner
Friday 7 th March	Dorset Knobs
Friday 14 th March	Prince Bishops Dinner in Durham

That's all for now!

Barry Durman

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National Councillors Reports

REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK LAWTON

1. Club visits made and findings?



Inverness June 2013 – Club monthly meeting; outside visit to Police Road Traffic Management Unit; well attended x 15 members.

Elgin – September 2013 – unaffiliated club for joint meeting with another unaffiliated club (Forres); opening discussions with both, but will take time.

2. Risk Grading Report Date:

Not completed

3. Forthcoming Regional Events:

Area 13 41 Club AGM – 2nd November 2013

Troon Burns Supper – 17th January 2014

4. Membership Initiatives:

Meetings with unaffiliated clubs in North of Scotland over next 3 or 4 months – Elgin/Forres/Fort William

5. What Regional events do you have planned for this year?

None

6. Plans to visit Clubs at risk in July - September 2012.

None yet

7. Any other comments:

None

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEN DONALD

Risk Grading Report Date:

Clubs Visited Personally:

None during July – September 2013

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Regional Events:

Regions 1&2 golf arranged for and took place on 22nd August 2013 in Blairgowrie. Over 50 41ers present from all corners of Scotland enjoying a superb day, golf course and fellowship.



National Golf Final organised and held at Ladbrook Park on 26th September 2013. Nine regional teams took part, with winners of the Cochran Cup from Region 15- Shirley Late Knights

Membership Initiatives:

None

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILLIP ELLIS

1. Club visits made and findings? Based on TWO visits per month

- a. Date of visit: 21-08-13
 - b. Name of Club: Dublin
 - c. Number of members: 24
 - d. Number of members in attendance: 8
 - e. Reason for the visit: To arrange a recruitment campaign for Dublin 203 Round Table over the next three months
 - f. Outcome: Frist date Bowling evening 20 September 2013
 - g. Is this club at risk?: yes
 - h. Did your visit change this assessment (Yes/) explain why: Its Round Table
 - i. Other relevant Information: possible 2 new members RT 203
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- a. Date of visit: 21-09-13
 - b. Name of Club: region3 Ireland
 - c. Number of members: 222
 - d. Number of members in attendance: 20
 - e. Reason for the visit: Region3 half yearly lunch
 - f. Outcome: very positive
 - g. Is this club at risk: yes we have 2-3 clubs at risk
 - h. Did your visit change this assessment (Yes/No) explain why: N/A
 - i. Other relevant Information:

2. Details of actions taken with Clubs identified at risk on the Club Risk Report not detailed in (1.) above.

Regional events I am happy that we are now attending the AGM and the half yearly regional events. But the Golf was a wash out due to lack of support. The slow response to emails letters etc. is demoralising for those who organize anything for your benefit. Banbridge went to a lot of work to set it up and only three people replied, this is not good. Inter Club visits are poor for an organisation that is based on fellowship, but old habits take a while to change so there is hope. Newtownards & Holywood have setup a joint meeting for October. We need to do better is the school report.

Round Table.



RT in Ireland is not at its best. We have around 8-9 Tables and some of them are very weak, in total around 80 members. This poses a problem we as 41 only recruit extablers and in Ireland we are running out of them. Nationally we recruit about 20% as new members a year that means we have a potential 16 new members for 41 Ireland not good.

What am I doing about it?

I have been supported by National 41 Club to see if there is a chance to rebuild table in Ireland and over the last year I have been looking into way to change the trend. Dublin gave me the chance to at least see if this could be done. With the help of Dublin 41 we have restarted a Dublin 203 Round Table from recruiting two tablers from other parts of Europe who have connections to Round Table in their homeland. It is still in its infancy but we hope with Constant work it will grow. I have also had inquiries from Cork, Antrim and Belfast. There will be many failures but we will keep trying until the lights in Ireland are turned off.

Social media Face Book & Twitter LinkedIn are all helping with the recruitment and having websites will also help.

I have also been promoting the theme of the **Round Table Family** instead of just one club, it is being received well.

RT help. Marcus Jones PR & media & Greg Meadwell and the Board of RT have all helped - November social media training day in Ireland.

LC help, Ladies Circle through Ruth Curry & her Exec has also been very helpful and are willing to help in Ireland. Willing to come over and help.

Tangent has a presence in Ireland but through Janice O’Neil the VP has promised help.

Region 3 41 clubs it’s what you can do to help. I need you to speak to your Round Tables no matter how small how distant let try over the next 3 months set up a meeting with Local RT, Me and yourself to see if we can provide some benefit to each other.

The next 4 months

Leading up to the AGM in January we need to get nominations in for the posts of Regional Chair – Secretary – Treasurer.

But in the meantime can I ask a club to volunteer to organize The AGM in January. So Book a hotel etc. (Already Holywood has expressed an interest).

My goal over the next few months is to concentrate on Round Table attend these meeting you are going to setup and also attend your club meetings.

I would like to re-structure the region a bit better so that we get more involvement from all in a fellowship way.

Plan:

National Councillor
Region3
3-5 yrs



Deputy National
Councillor

Region3

Treasurer

Region 3

Area Chairman

Region 3

Secretary

Region 3

Region 3 Ireland							
North & West		North East		Mid Ireland		South East	
National Councillor							
London/Derry							
41 Club	Round Table	41 Club	Round Table	41 Club	Round Table	41 Club	Round Table
Enniskillen	Enniskillen	Belfast2	Newtownards	Armagh	Armagh	Arklow	Athlone
London/Derry	London/Derry	Bangor		Banbridge		Dublin	"Dublin"
Omagh	Ballymoney	Holywood		Lisnagarvey		Dundalk	Dundalk
	Coleraine	Newtownards				Laytown/Bettystown	

Other news

Jim McCollum (Past President)

Jim has been a lot better lately but like all things this has brought on hazards as well. Jim has been able to walk but though falling has maybe damaged something in his ears that has to do with his balance. But the medics are onto this and maybe we can get Jim along to our next regional meeting.

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REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – COLIN STEEN

Clubs Visited Personally:

11 June

Guisborough

24 on the role, a dozen or so in attendance.

Visit was to maintain contact with the Club and to see if I could still throw a metal quoit. As the clay pit was clarty and the quoit went in as a hoop but came out as a disc, it would have been better not to have been wearing my blazer, shirt and tie.

26 June

Saltburn

24 on the role, a dozen or so in attendance.

Visit was to maintain contact.

We went for a stroll along Redcar seafront to visit and go up Redcar's brand new vertical pier. Good views from the top.

11 September

Coquettale

12 on the role, 8 in attendance.

Visit was to maintain contact.

Strong contact between this Club and its Table.

25 September

Northallerton

40 on the role, 14 in attendance

Visit was to maintain contact.

Told them the joke about Angela Merkel visiting France and being asked her name?, "Angela Merkel", her country?, "Germany", occupation?, "no just here for the weekend".

The guest speaker said that he would tell that one to his German wife. Oops!

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/a

Forthcoming Regional Events:

The principal event remains the Prince Bishops Dinner next March.

The evening is being organised by Durham Dunelm Round Table as a joint event between Region 4 and Round Table areas 10 and 20.

Membership Initiatives:

There were over 110 at Alnwick Round Table's 60th Charter Night which, apart from about ten guests and the current dozen or so Alnwick Tablers, were all ex-Alnwick i.e. nearly 90 old boys, a terrific turnout.

What I also discovered is that Alnwick 41 Club was disaffiliated years ago but still meets regularly with about 20 members. I have asked the secretary of this group if I can visit them to discuss why they left the Association.

I am also in contact regarding the other 70 or so ex-Tablers who have left Table, the missing men / in-between group, who are off everyone's radar but who turned out to support the charter night.

Any other comments:

Regarding the position at Alnwick, it makes you wonder how many Clubs that have disaffiliated still function and whether or not there is any history as to why they did so. Are they beyond salvage? If it was the capitation, can the use of the wider wallet scheme overcome this? If it was because they opened their doors to non Tablers, is this still something that puts them beyond the pale?

Are there other reasons for disaffiliation? Do we care in any event, or do we write them off for all time and concentrate our efforts and resources on identifying and doing something about the missing men?

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REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DUNCAN BALDWIN

Clubs Visited Personally:

KIRKHAM, PRESTON, BLACKPOOL [JOINT MEETING PRESTON]

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Forthcoming Regional Events:

RED ROSE DINNER, 1ST NOVEMBER AT LYTHAM GOLF CLUB

Membership Initiatives:

Encouraging clubs to work more with their feeder Tables where applicable, support their tables events, make Chairman an Honorary member. Suggest a 41er should attend most table meetings, s

Set up a rota to collect more senior members for dinner meetings, especially in winter (dark evenings etc).

Personal invitations for lapsed members and those who never joined, once they are in, they'll enjoy it, don't make a big thing about it being 41 club , oddly, some ex Tablers find it intimidating.

Any other comments:

WOULD HAVE GOT TO MORE PLACES, IF I HADN'T FOUND MYSELF SETTING UP A NEW BUSINESS UNEXPECTEDLY

Duncan Baldwin

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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – ANDY WAITE

Risk Grading Report Date: I have difficulty doing this as I have to lose my privileges on CAS which are much more useful to me.

Clubs Visited Personally:

Selby – Starting a new Club with past Area 9 Chairman Neal Porter as Founder Chairman.

Nidderdale – With Eric Peacock, Conference Chairman Harrogate 2015

Area 8 RT 80th Liverpool – possibly the most spectacular event I have ever attended in the magnificent St George's Hall.

Bramhope 14 August – hosts for the 2014 White Rose Dinner – already well on the way.

Bridlington Past Tablers 50th Charter, with the White Knights, Past President Frank Bull and of course our President Martin.

41 Southern Africa AGM with Dave Campbell – magnificent hospitality.

41 Zambia AGM – as above. Only Iceland and Israel to go now, then I will have visited all the Associations.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:



None

Forthcoming Regional Events:

White Rose Dinner hosted by Huddersfield Pendragon 41 Club at the Cedar Court Hotel, Ainley Top, Huddersfield, Friday 25th October

Membership Initiatives:

Selby – as above

Any other comments:

Capitation progress: 6 clubs to pay – the usual suspects
Looking forward to the International Half Year Meeting in Sweden.

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REGION 7 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – LARS SCHOLANDER

No Report Submitted

REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART

Date of Visit: 06/06/2013

Name of Club: **Round Table Area 8 Business Meeting**

Number of members: N/A

Number of members in attendance: **14**

Reason for the visit: Maintaining relations between Area 8 Round Table and 41 Club Region 8

Outcome: The turn-out was disappointing. Of the 14 people in attendance, 12 were full members of Round Table (mostly Liverpool 8), one was a guest and soon-to-be prospective member of Liverpool 8 RT, and I was the 14th.

Not enough Tables were represented for there to be a quorum. Consequently, no business could be conducted.

I did, however, learn that there was talk of Southport Woodvale 43 deciding to close, although I have since learned that they have decided to continue for a further year at least.

Immediate Past Area Chairman Paul Welsby and the current Chairman Richard Gormely have taken steps towards chartering a brand new Table in Area 8. Liverpool Walton Village Round Table will have roughly 15 members to start with. There are plans for them to visit Southport in the near future, so I have asked to be kept in the loop so that I can meet up with them all when that happens.

Unlike previous Area 8 meetings that I have attended, there were no representatives of 41 Club other than myself. I find it rather disappointing that otherwise active members of this Region did not support the Round Table Area that provides us with our own membership.

Date of visit: 26/06/2013

Name of Club: **Bootle, Crosby & District** (aka BC&D)

Number of members: **10** (at least...)

Number of members in attendance: **6**

Reason for the visit: First contact and sorting out their info in CAS

Outcome: This club has a history of delaying payment of Capitations. It happened almost systematically when Steve Leonard was in office, Bacardi Yardley managed to get them to pay in 2011, but they "forgot" to do so in 2012 and in 2013 until June some time.

Hot on the heels of the Oxford Council Meeting at which BC&D was re-affiliated after paying up Capitations for 2012 and 2013, I got to meet up with the club in order to have a chat about how to prevent this kind of thing from happening again in the future.

This club's members are a very friendly and engaging group of men. Things got off to a good start when it emerged that one of them happens to know the tiny village in south-west France that isn't even on some maps where I lived 30 years ago.

Dwindling membership is an issue that the club is acutely aware of given that their feeder Table closed a couple of years ago. They are also aware of the fact that there are many former members of BC&D Round Table who never joined 41 Club, and have agreed to look them up and try and get them into the fold. This was a spontaneous decision that they made off their own bat without me even mentioning the plan that emerged from the Council Meeting the previous weekend.

While the club's officials do understand the importance of all the members being registered in CAS, even if only for insurance purposes, I don't expect anything to be done about entering the "missing" members. This is because the club is totally disinterested in National. During the course of the meeting, the Treasurer pulled out a notebook and rattled off at least half a dozen names of members that were not registered in CAS. He even asked how much Capitations were nowadays and, when given the answer, said that he'd better start charging members more than £10 per year...

BC&D is essentially a ROMEO club, as are many clubs that no longer have a feeder Table, but it doesn't want to have to turn the lights out just yet.

Is this club at risk?: Possibly, albeit not just yet. Membership numbers are low, only a few former members of their old feeder Table who have joined other Tables in the interim are likely to join this club in future.

Did this visit alter the assessment?: Definitely. I was told that the visit gave them the motivation to actively seek out former Tablers who have slipped through the net, thus giving the club another lease of life.

Date of visit: 08/07/2013

Name of Club: **Southport N° 8**

Number of members: 19

Number of members in attendance: most of them

Reason for the visit: Informal first contact in a social setting

Outcome: The meeting took place in the setting of sunny Southport and Birkdale Croquet Club. The members' ladies were present, lending an even more pleasant side to the proceedings. We had an excellent croquet match and the volunteers at the Croquet Club laid on a BBQ.



Given the nature of the event it was not possible to go through everything that should be done by a National Councillor at a meeting. I was, however, able to have a good discussion with the club contact (having just lost a match to the club Chairman...) and it emerged that he was not even aware of any obligations regarding maintaining accurate information in CAS. This would appear still to be the case given that information for this club has not been updated since April 2011.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm in keeping the administrative side of things up to date, this club is keen on maintaining links with other clubs and certainly with Round Table. Southport N° 8 sent a strong contingent of eleven to the Round Table Area 8 8th Gala Luncheon later the same month.

I will have to get in touch with the club contact again and convince him to update CAS.

Is this club at risk?: No. Its membership is comparatively strong and it still has an active feeder Table.

Date of visit: 23/07/2013

Name of Club: **Huyton**

Number of members: 17

Number of members in attendance: 10

Reason for the visit: First contact and CAS clean-up

Outcome: I asked Area 8 RT's Immediate Past Chairman, Paul Welsby, on whose Exec I served last year and who happens to be a member of Huyton 41 Club to put me in touch with that club's Chairman. Of all the members registered in CAS only two had provided an e-mail address, so it was the easiest way of making contact. It so happens that both men were attending the same function as me in July and I was able to talk to Huyton's Chairman, Simon Anderson, there and then.

He was extremely happy for contact with National to be established at long last and a meeting was set up for the following Tuesday, only three days later.

The meeting took place at the home of one of the members, where we had a miniature French Boules tournament followed by a fantastic spread of food laid on by him and his wife.

We then got round to discussing what went "wrong" and why Huyton felt like having been left out to dry. For example, virtually none of the members other than Paul Welsby, who is still an active member of RT, knew about the Round Table Gala Luncheon until it was more or less upon them despite Bacardi and myself having sent messages out to the membership about it for the preceding year or so. I explained that this was down to the absence of members' contact details in CAS. Subsequent to this discussion I added two members who were plain missing altogether and updated everyone's contact details with e-mail addresses where possible. There are still two members with no e-mail address, but this is because they don't actually have internet access.

Another point of discussion was how to make 41 Club more attractive to retiring Tablers and how to round up those who never joined 41 Club and bring them into the fold. One of the conclusions reached was a need to introduce events of a competitive nature (such as the Boules match we'd just had...) not only at Club level but also at Regional level. To this end I agreed to set up a Region-wide calendar of events (done), publish a website giving access to the calendar (in progress) and to mention the idea to other clubs in Region 8 with the intention of setting up a challenge with neighbouring Regions 5 and (potentially) 12. I first mentioned these plans to my own Club (Leyland) and received quasi-unanimous support. I'll next mention it to my counterpart in Region 5 when I see him in early September so that we can coordinate

things between our Regions.

Is this club at risk?: No. Despite the comparatively small number of members, the average age is still fairly young and the club has an active feeder Table.

Date of visit: 05/09/2013

Name of Club: **Horwich, Westhoughton & District**

Number of members: 25

Number of members in attendance: 14

Reason for the visit: First contact and CAS clean-up

Outcome: This Club's September meeting was a speaker meeting. The speaker was a charming lady who works as a forensic scientist in Chorley, and she gave a talk on how *real* forensic science differs tremendously from the way that it is depicted in films and television series.

The boys were on their best behaviour given that there was a member of the fairer sex present, although I was assured that October's meeting would be far more raucous! Pity I can't make it...

I have to say that this is one of the Clubs that makes the visitor feel most welcome. Clubs always do, but this one goes the extra mile and almost makes you feel as one of them. I'm looking forward to visiting them again.

As is so often the case, the Club functions well internally. The members are kept abreast of Club meetings by the Club Contact/Secretary/Treasurer, but the administrative side as it relates to National leaves a little to be desired. CAS had not been updated for over a year and under half the members have an e-mail address. Even the Chairman had no e-mail address and his first name was spelled incorrectly until I made the required alterations.

As always at meetings, I pointed out the dwindling numbers of RT members having an impact on our own membership and asked everyone to think about the men who were with them in Round Table (before theirs closed) and who never joined their 41 Club. They came up with a number of names and agreed to contact them.

Is this Club at risk?: Not in the immediate future. There are close bonds between the members even if the National Association is very low on their priority list.

Date of visit: 19/09/2013

Name of Club: **Formby**

Number of members: 33

Number of members in attendance: 16

Reason for the visit: First contact and Capitation collection

Outcome: On the whole, this was a successful evening.

Worthy of note is the fact that the Club Secretary logged into CAS and brought the Club's details up to date just 3 days before I was due to visit. Their information reflects the correct Chairman now and a number of members have been removed. These were members who never attended meetings or even paid their subscription fees, and the Treasurer understandably begrudged having to pay their capitation fees when they're not actually paying



anything or contributing to the Club in any way.

The Treasurer did ask if the Capitations bill could be amended to reflect the changes made, to which I answered diplomatically that the changes could (and should) have been made before January 1st and that it was in fact up to the Club Secretary to do precisely that in order to maintain accurate information in CAS.

The Club's officers promised me that payment of the outstanding Capitations would be made shortly and I have little reason to believe otherwise. The Club raised the issue of unpaid Capitations before I could so I think they want to settle up quickly.

Is this Club at risk?: Potentially. There is only one younger member (in his early 50s at a guess). The rest of the members that I met that evening were all substantially older. Also, there is no feeder Table any more. Pretty much all of the ex-Tablers who didn't join 41 Club have joined other organisations and it is unlikely that they will join now.

Details of actions taken with clubs identified at risk but not detailed above

Southport Hesketh: while not technically at risk because of the comparatively large membership and the presence of a very healthy feeder Table, this club could see itself disaffiliated for non payment of capitation fees. I have attempted to contact the Club Contact several times, to no avail as yet. He simply does not respond to e-mails (entirely in character according to my predecessor).

Liverpool N° 1: like Southport Hesketh, Liverpool N° 1 has a very strong membership (the strongest in Region 8) and its feeder Table, Liverpool RT 8, is also one of the strongest in Area 8. The problem with this club is the infrequent meetings (once every 3 or 4 months) and the fact that it meets at lunchtime, meaning that I'll have to take a day off work in order to visit it. I was invited to visit immediately after the National Secretary circulated my appointment to the position of National Councillor have made plans to visit in the New Year.

Liverpool Aigburth: this club was incorrectly listed in CAS as not having paid capitation fees, which was more than a little embarrassing for me given that they actually paid *before* January 1st and were consequently very likely to be the first of all 800 clubs nation-wide to pay. Plans to visit the club and give them a live target at which to throw rotting vegetables and eggs flew out the window after the club contact informed me that, regretfully, they did not want a National Councillor to visit them.

With many clubs being in recess or at least making do with extremely reduced membership during the holiday season, it has not been possible to carry out the expected quota of 2 visits per month other than my own clubs.

Plans to visit clubs at risk in October-January

Liverpool Childwall: I have heard that this is another Club displaying total disinterest in affairs National and not wanting a National Councillor to visit. I intend to find out for myself.

Southport Hesketh: I intend to get to a meeting of theirs by hook or by crook. I know a few members of this Club from my time on RT Area and might get in that way.

Isle of Man: I intend to visit the Isle of Man mid January for their Burns Night. This will be a good opportunity to visit at least one of the three Clubs on the "mainland".

Other visits

On 12/09/2013 I visited Helmshore Textile Museum with Preston, Blackpool and Rossendale 41 Clubs, all in Region 5. Region 5 National Councillor Duncan Baldwin was also present. Preston has shown an interest in joining forces with Leyland (of which I am a member) in several meetings due to the two being less than 10 miles apart, and the purpose of this visit was to help maintain good relationships between the two clubs. The fact that the venue is literally just down the road from my office made it a no-brainer.



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REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL COOPER

Date: 18th September 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

Yarborough on 19th August 2013
Holbeach on 20th August 2013
Deepings on 27th August 2013
Boston on 2nd September 2013

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

No Deputies appointed as yet but former Area Chairman from Yarborough interested.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Joint Area Ball with all the Round Table family on 18th and 19th October 2013 at Nottingham Hilton.

Membership Initiatives:

Encouraged all clubs visited to forger greater links with Round Tables

Promoted National Conference – invited Lincolnshire to take its own posse

Pinched idea from other regional councillor and now circulate periodic newsletter with particular awareness of initiatives such as “Wider Wallet”

Advocating virtues of National Council weekends!

Any other comments:

Promoted President’s charity and leading by example encouraging firms to take part (as all my 7 officers are) in forthcoming National MacMillan coffee morning on 27th September 2013

Encouraging clubs to submit articles for press.

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REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

August took Mrs Good on Hols.

Sept 6th.

Myself and Mrs G attended the Area14 table summer Ball at Breadshall Priory Hotel very posh!
Good event with a lot of National Tablers in attendance.

Sept 12th.

Visted Shepshed 41Club we met at the Yew Lodge, Kegworth to sample the food for Cluster meet.



Good fellowship night.

Sept 20th.

Region 10 Cluster Night.

Hosted by Shepshed helped by myself. We had the Loughborough Concert Band who were excellent. The Worlds Lady Whistler Champion. Different, went down well. National President Martin gave a speech enough said !

Also from National we had Barry and Lawrance, and a comedian for final speech who was just ok. Good night of fellowship catching up with old friends and new. Next year will be hosted by Leicester 500 lads which will be a great night and i know they are already working on it.

Sept.23rd.

Attended RT area 14 area meeting.

I am working close with Area Chairman Mark Gilda and Area Vice Simon Riley. Good meeting, lads on a real high having just got back from winning NSW again two years running.

Sept 26th.

Attended Swadlincote Charter Night. Had a good night excellent food venue Branston Golf Club Pavillion run by a 41 er.

Oct. 4th 5th 6th.

Attending the Belgium AGM with Dave Campbell and Jim Smith will no doubt sample a few beers.

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REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL MOLLEY

Date: 6TH September 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>Lymm & District 41 Club Active</p> <p>Paintball evening with an excellent turn out</p>	<p>Delamere Forest</p> <p>Business Meeting. Strong Club with no supporting Table. Interesting discussion around membership. Printed programme of events</p>	<p>Regional Golf</p> <p>Hosted National VP. 7 teams took part at Alsager GC. Well organised event by Roger Scowcroft. Winners were Alsager 'A' team</p>	<p>Lymm & District 41 Club Active</p> <p>Freefall parachuting in a wind tunnel!!</p> <p>Brilliant!!</p>
<p>Crewe & Nantwich 41 Club</p>	<p>Market Drayton</p> <p>Dinner meeting. Excellent turnout.</p>	<p>Newcastle Mainwaring</p>	



Evening walk with meal to follow. 100% turnout by Club who are doing Euro Clubbing in September. Entered a team in Regional Golf

Ellesmere & District 41 Club

Golf night and a meal. Lively discussion regarding membership. Supporting local Table to prevent closure

Runcorn 41 Club

Speaker evening and meal. Strong Club despite no Table

Healthy Club. No feeder Table. Getting out to visit other Clubs. Entered a team in Regional Golf

Stoke Wedgwood

Business meeting and meal. No Table remains open in Stoke on Trent. Interesting discussion about membership

Dinner meeting. Good discussion about membership despite not having a Table within Stoke on Trent

Whitchurch & District

Canal trip over Llangollen Viaduct. Good turnout. Strong Club with good links to their Table

Cheadle & District

Mystery walk. Good turnout. Excellent discussion about membership. Looking to visit other Clubs in Region

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

No Regional Deputy

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Regional Lunch being considered for early 2014
New Regional Newsletter being planned

Membership Initiatives:

In discussion with former Tarporley Round Tablers to consider opening a Tarporley & District 41 Club Active

Assisting the Area Round Table Executive with a project to re-open a Round Table in Leek which would allow us to offer Leek 41 Club to re-affiliate

Any other comments:

The Region has collected around £270 for Macmillan during my visits to various Clubs. This will be banked before the National Council meeting.

On a personal note, I struggle to justify the need for a National Council meeting in October at the expense of the Association. I can see the justification for a Council meeting just after the AGM to allow the updated themes and new incumbents to put forward their agenda for the year and I can see a reason for having a meeting at the end of the year before the AGM to wrap up the work that has been done as well as looking forward to the next 12 months. This meeting could also be done on the Saturday morning of the AGM and start the AGM officially after lunch once again making a saving on costs for the Association.

I would like to thank contributors to the Newsletter for the past 12 months. Now that I have been novated to the Membership Committee the Newsletter has once again been taken over by Ray Hill.

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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – LAWRENCE BAMBER

1. National Golf Competition

At last, Region 12 has found a team of 4!! Many thanks to Deeside for their organisation and bribery!

2. Possible Disaffiliation : Mold 41 Club

We have been notified that Mold wish to disaffiliate at the end of 2013. They have paid 2013 capitation, and therefore, in theory could continue till their 2014 AGM. However, as the motion to disaffiliate was Not Unanimous, there is a meeting planned with the Club in November to consider all options; one of which will be to keep the Club going; another of which will be for active members to transfer into Deeside Club.

3. 2014 Conference Pre Tour of Wessex : April 21st to 24th., 2014

I have been working on this project with members of Bournemouth Conference Committee. Hopefully flyers will be available for distribution at Market Harboro.

4. Club Visits undertaken since Oxford

a) Llangollen : Bowls Nite - an excellent evening with the Club at a private venue (Gents Only) in the Vale of Llangollen. Excellent Club spirit, with a promise to attend our Regional St. David's Day Dinner in Wrexham on Feb28th., 2014

b) Rhyl : Croquet with the Ladies at Llanfairfechan Croquet Club on the Menai Straits. Again a great nite out with a vibrant Club.

c) Poynton : Annual BBQ at Chez Chairman: it rained!!

d) Poynton : Cruise Club on Macc Canal on longboat "White Nancy", followed by a few beers in Bollington Brewery Tap : aka the Vine in Bollongton.

e) Rhyl : Annual Claret Jug Golf Competition, followed by meal & presentations. Joint meeting with Denbigh 41 Club.

f) RTI Valence, Southern France

Trip with Past RTBI Nat President Sharky; current IRO Mark Nicholls; and Adrian Green , current RTBI exec member.



This trip included meetings with Tablers and 41ers in Reims, Troyes, Dijon, Beaune, Lyon and Valence; as well as meeting many International Tablers and the 41Club International Board during our stay for the RTI AGM and Parties in Valence.

The Highlight was that RTBI IPP Jason Thomson was elected RTI VP.

Still Tabling!!

g) Rhyl : Talk at Rhuddlan Golf Club on the plight of children living near the site of Chernobyl nuclear reactor.

h) Region 10 Cluster Dinner with Peter Good and President Martin

5. Visits Planned so far for rest of Year :

October : Wallasey; NC in MH; 41 International HYM in Sweden; Rhyl.

November : Red Rose Dinner, Lytham; Cheadle & Gatley (Sec MM Speaking!!); Dwyfor; Mold; Oswestry; Rhyl; Poynton.

6. 2014 Regional Events :

a) Feb 28th : St. David's Day Regional Dinner; organised by Wrexham 41 Club

b) March 5th : Mid Wales Cluster Dinner; organised by Newtown 41 Club

That's All Folks !!

Cheers & Hinges + WD 40

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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – (caretaker)

No Report

REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MANNY MARTINS (caretaker)

Risk Grading Report Date: Updated on 1 October 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

Wolverhampton 9th September 2013

I thought I would surprise one of my deputies at his own Club only to find out that he had apologised for the evening. The evening was brilliant with a near full house of attendees - 23 Members. I was asked to be the warm up artist to the main speaker, where I updated everyone on the State of the Nation. The Club was highly motivated with a Round Table (number 17) that still feeds in. I met their latest recruit Martin and believe that he has an eye to the future of the Association. A varied programme and great leadership. Great night, thanks to Lewis the Club Contact and his wife Ann for their hospitality.

Rowley Regis 41 & Halesowen 41 - 10th September 2013



Chairman Roger Vines of Rowley Regis (16 members but only 8 in attendance) had had problems receiving my Communications so off I went to visit and communicate. He was jointly hosting with Halesowen 41 (15 members, 10 in attendance) and Peter Owen Chairing. This time I both surprised and met with another of my deputies Glen Collins a member of Halesowen (also a member of Stourport on Severn). There was much banter and ribbing throughout the evening allowing me to deliver the State of the Nation address which gave rise to much discussion and debate. There is a return visit of both Clubs and mine self when President Martin visits next month. Both clubs are very active. Thanks to Roger Vines for a great evening. Rowley Regis has no Round Table to feed them and so will struggle to sustain itself in the future.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Glen Collins has had contact with Kidderminster and visited Rowley Regis 41 as above.

Mike Edwards is working on the amalgamating of two 41 Clubs one of which is really down on numbers and needing support.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Wednesday 30th October 2013 - Aldridge 50th Charter - Fairlawns Hotel & Spa – Aldridge

Monday 11th November 2013 – Rowley Regis entertaining the National President

Membership Initiatives:

This should really go into Region 24 report but...

Wednesday 21st August 2013 I attended the Area 2 Round Table Executive meeting in Brighton at the 'Old Ship Hotel' it was a small gathering but very highly motivated in sustaining and growing Round Table. As 41 Club liaison Officer I am supporting the Area and the Area Chairman Christophe Philips who is making great efforts to motivate and enthuse Round Tablers.

Thursday 19th September 2013 I attend Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Hassocks and District 779 Round Tables 50th Charter Night. 40 plus in attendance 41 Members making up half that number. This is the Table that I was inducted in at the beginning of my Tabling Career. Speaker was Ex President of the Rugby League. Great speaker. Vaughan Harris was there presenting RTBI's greetings and Presidential Banner – I presented Greeting from President Martin (once I realised RTBI were doing it). My old Table is flourishing well as is their/our Burgess Hill 41 Club.

Wednesday 2nd October 2013 Area 2 Round Table Meeting to move both Associations forward.

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NOEL TYLER

No Report Submitted

REGION 16 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT

No Report

REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – SEAN McCORMICK

Risk Grading Report Date: 27th September 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

Clacton-on-Sea
Haverhill
Colchester
Saffron Walden

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

King's Lynn
Diss

Forthcoming Regional Events:

20/01/2014 – Region 17 “Forecast Meeting”, organised by the Norwich, Wensum & Yare 41 Club at the Wensum Valley Hotel

Membership Initiatives:

Attended the first meeting of the newly forming Colchester 41 Club, an initial committee of 5 people have been found, with a further 10-15 showing an interest in attending further meetings.

Any other comments:

I regret not being able to join you at your October meeting, however, I am sure I will be ably & noticeably represented by my deputy, Des Fulcher, on the day

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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JIM SMITH (caretaker)

Date: October 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

No clubs in this region visited during the summer months although I did attend the Eastern Region Golf day in July and met with representatives from a number of clubs

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

No Deputy (and no Councillor either!!)

Forthcoming Regional Events:

13 January Martin Young Memorial Cluster - Southend

Membership Initiatives:

None

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – TOM ABBOTT

No Report Submitted

REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – FRANK VENABLES

Risk Grading Report Date: September 25th 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

Basingstoke July 4th 2013: Visited accompanied by Graham Smith (potential Deputy NC). About half of the 49 strong membership were present for an evening rich in fellowship, culminating in a 'Road Traffic' quiz set by an experienced driving instructor. Much of the membership enjoys social and recreational activities outside the meetings. I emphasised the importance of accurate email addresses with the opportunity to read the magazine and newsletter online. All but one of the twelve members without magazines have that opportunity. Transfers from Basingstoke RT93 are infrequent and I could see that link breaking before too long. One or two members raised the possibility of recruiting 'Like-minded friends'.

Witney July 23rd 2013: A large enthusiastic club meeting for a classical 'Aunt Sally' competition in a pub garden. Witney Round Table had also been invited and contributed mightily to the evening. The club records were up to date and in good order; I concentrated on the 'Wider Wallet' benefits of membership and the importance of nurturing its Round Table. Transfers appear to happen fairly regularly. A club in good health and a shining example.

Oxford (N° 19) September 17th 2013: A large club of long standing (No 19 of 800-odd) but with a wide spread of ages, although it appears that Oxford Round Table is beginning to



struggle. Communication within the club is good with everyone on email, and support to regional events is very good also. There was little time to speak so I focussed on the benefits of membership. Admission to the 1½-hour pre-dinner presentation was limited by the accommodation which explained why only one-third of the membership was present. The subject? Oh yes! Whisky tasting - Theory **and** Practice!

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None; Deputy appointed (Graham Smith of Wokingham 41 Club) joint program to be established.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Region 20 Dinner at Exeter College Oxford on Friday November 8th. Flyer and booking form are both on the website under "What's On". The Abingdon 41 Club organising committee promise an 'unusual and entertaining' speaker.

Membership Initiatives:

None.

Any other comments:

The Regional Golf competition was struck down by ill-fortune at just about every stage. The original date, in early June, had to be cancelled for a combination of reasons: job changes, late notices and poor initial response. The rearranged competition, held on September 5th with Abingdon 41 Club's own Golf Day, was a great success. Abingdon won the pairs with Oxford second, and these two pairs were duly signed up as the Regional Team for the National Golf Day on Thursday September 26th. From Friday September 20th disaster struck repeatedly! The first pair proved unable to compete; the 3rd and 4th pairs were unavailable; even a single extra player could not be found; and – half of the available pair suffered an injured back! At the time of writing, a single Region 20 representative hopes to participate. I wish him well.

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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – RAY JONES

Clubs Visited Personally

Date of visit; 12th June 2013... SWINDON and MENDIP joint club meeting for Skittles match. 10 members from each club attended for match followed by supper. Both clubs appear active with good monthly programmes. A good night of fellowship.

Date of visit; 20th June 2013... WESTBURY-ON-TRYM. A dinner meeting with speaker at regular venue. 10 members present. Brief discussion on future of 41 Club but not much enthusiasm for encouraging new members to join. A good yearly programme but this club does not have much future unless they consider ways to attract ex-tablers living in Bristol.

Date of visit; 8th July 2013...CHELTENHAM. A barbecue evening for members and partners. An excellent night of fellowship with some 40 persons present.

Date of visit; 10th July 2013...Final of Region Skittles competition with clubs present. NAILSEA, STONEHOUSE, SWINDON and TEWKESBURY. A good inter club fellowship night.



Date of visit; 9th Sept 2013...CHELTENHAM. A dinner meeting at the club's regular venue with 25 members present. I was the only speaker for the evening and delivered the power-point presentation on membership which was very well received. The club is now considering a fortnightly meeting to which the local Table will be encouraged to attend. I re-inducted a member who had recently transferred to Cleltenham.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

I have not organised any deputies for the region.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

17th October 2013...Regional quiz organised by GLOUCESTER club will be held in Gloucester to date 5 clubs have entered a team of 4 members.

6th March 2014...Severnvale region dinner to be held in Gloucester.

Regrettably, I had to cancel the Region 21 Golf Qualifier on 17th July organised by CHIPPENHAM club due to lack of support for the event from clubs. However, CHIPPENHAM club agreed to represent the region in the National competition.

Membership Initiatives:

Nothing to report

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL ANKCORN

No Report Submitted

REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID BROWN

Risk Grading Report Date: 30th September 2013

Clubs Visited Personally:

Ilminster

Taunton

Wellington

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Region 23 Quiz. New Milton/Christchurch 12th November 2013.

Ilminster 41 'Founders Night' 5th February 2014

Dorset Knobs (hosted by Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41) 7th March 2014

Membership Initiatives:

None at present



Any other comments:

My report indicates I am not performing well as struggling to do everything in a very extended area as well as being 2014 Conference Chairman. I need to organise Deputies. Have one in pipeline, and other irons in fire but without success. Time, distance (over 6 hours hard driving to visit Portsmouth and Southsea!), and a very busy diary all my enemy.

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID LEACH

Risk Grading Report Date:

I have updated the Risk Grading Report as at 26th September 2013.

Clubs Visited Personally:

Chichester 41 Club

Date: 17th June 2013

Chichester 41 Club were having a meeting to discuss the continuing affiliation of their club to the National Organisation of 41 Clubs. I was permitted to attend to make a short presentation in favour of doing so. There were approximately 30 members present and a lively discussion followed my address.

Shoreham & Southwick 41 Club **Date: 17th July 2013**

I chose Shoreham & Southwick for a visit as I had not previously visited this club and it appeared not to have had any contact with National for a while. The club has had no feeder Table for approximately ten years and consequently the average age of their members is on the high side. They have just over twenty members and ten of them attended this meeting. It sounded like their attendance is usually a little higher than this as a number were either put off by the extremely hot weather or were on holiday. I discussed with them the possibility of attracting new members from the population of ex Tablers who had moved into the area. The Chairman, and the club in general, are very welcoming to potential new members and have put up notices in the local libraries with their contact details.

Littlehampton 41 Club **Date: 28th August 2013**

Similarly to above, this is a club that hadn't been visited in a while, has a good number of members (24 in number but a high age range), no feeder table. The club do like to vary their venue and rotate who organises each event. This meeting was at a new venue for the club and benefitted from having a large private room to accommodate a good turn out (16). The club were very welcoming but did not really show much interest in National matters. I was invited to speak, very briefly, to update those present on what is happening within our region and at national.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

There have been no visits by deputies. This has been due to a busy summer period during which many clubs are quiet.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

I did try to engage the members of Region 24 in a qualifying golf tournament. I sent out a number of messages to gauge the appetite for such an event and to try to enlist the help of someone with golfing connections. No offers of help were forthcoming so I have shelved plans until next year.



Reigate 41 Club has arranged for Paul Bennett, Director of Fundraising and Communications for the Prostate Cancer Research Centre, to be their guest speaker at their meeting on the 11th November. I will be attending.

Membership Initiatives:

None

Any other comments:

The visit to Chichester proved to be very worthwhile. The Club was giving serious consideration to disaffiliation and clearly appreciated the contact with their National Councillor. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman told me that personal contact was very important to them.

I must admit that the other two most recent visits have not proved to be as fulfilling. As ROMEO clubs they really weren't interested in National. They were very friendly and welcoming but didn't seem to really care whether I visited or not. When invited to speak it was on the strict instruction that it would be very brief.

I am trying to devise a plan to ensure that future visits by myself and or deputies are to those clubs that would actually benefit from it.

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – SIMON GREEN

No Report Submitted

REGION 25 DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHIL DOUCE

Risk Grading Report Date: 06th October 2013 by Phil Douce

Clubs Visited by Deputies: Phil Douce

41 Club

16/10/2013 – Medway 41 Quiz Night at the Kings Arms, Boxley. See my comments below.

18/10/2013 – Chatham has changed their event date but has since cancelled this too due to low numbers. I will book into to their next meeting or event.

I intended to visit Ashford in September but my work commitments changed so I have re-booked for October.

RT

25/09/2013 – Sheppey RT776 meeting

28/09/2013 - Area 16 – Kent Chairman's Masquerade Ball

Forthcoming Regional Events: Phil Douce

09/10/2013 - Area 16 Kent RT Area Council Meeting, which I shall be attending to promote Region 25 41 Clubs.



18/10/2013 - Birmingham RT 80th Charter

19/10/2013 – RTBI NCM at Birmingham

21/10/2013 - A joint 41 Club meeting hosted by Ramsgate 41 Club and also attended by Broadstairs, Deal, Margate and Sandwich. Sandwich is disaffiliated so I shall be keen to see what we can do there.

Membership Initiatives:

As above trying to convert disaffiliated Clubs and promote 41 Club at RT meetings and events.

Any other comments: Phil Douce

Life in 41 Club – A younger member’s perspective

When I joined Medway 41 Club I was the youngest member as no other Ex-Tabler had joined for a period of approx. 20 years. Now I’m reaching my half century; I’m still reminded that I’m still only a boy and they’ve forgotten (literally) more than I know...

HONORARY MEMBERS

HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD

Further to my article in the summer edition of our “Links Magazine” further activity has taken place in respect of the 41 Club Archive Room and our archive material, therefore I report as follows:

On Saturday 15th June (the weekend before the June National Council meeting) I drove to Bristol in a hired van to meet up with my predecessor, David Addison, to pick up archive material stored upstairs in his office at his home.

After a most welcome bacon & egg roll and a cup of coffee we set about loading the van with the boxes making sure that each box was marked as to whether the contents had been scanned or not.

Soon it was time to say goodbye and head up the M5 to Birmingham and Marchesi House, where having previously obtained a key, I unloaded all the boxes up the lift into our Archive Room.

The room now looked a mess, so further visits were planned which duly took place on the 20th June, 31st July and the 9th & 27th August. The boxes have now all been emptied, the contents stored, the room returned to “fit for purpose” and surplus documentation not required has been confidentially destroyed following agreement with the National Secretary and Treasurer.

All hard copies of our Magazine from No. 1 to present, though scanned are now on display. There are plenty of spare copies available if a member wishes to have one. Also displayed are all the hard copies of past Directories.

The plan of action is now twofold:-



Material at Marchesi House

1. Sort through documentation material in respect of individual National Conference files, catalogue, remove duplication and display.
2. Sort through documentation material in respect of Past Presidents scrapbooks, photograph albums, catalogue, and remove duplication and display.
3. Label artefacts in display cabinets.
4. Sort and catalogue Past President Banners.
5. Sort and catalogue National Council Photographs by year and President.

Scanned Documentation

1. Familiarise myself with scanned documentation via Office 365.
2. Sort scanned documentation for easy retrieval by search.
3. Establish where we are on scanned documentation.
4. Set in place a process to capture all electronic documentation that we now use for suitable archive purposes.
5. Set in place a process to capture all hard copy documentation that we now use for suitable archive purposes.

I am sure there are other actions for me to take, but there is plenty to keep me busy for now.

One other activity that I undertake is the collection and publication of Obituaries in the Magazine and on our Website. Currently our Webmaster puts the Obituaries on the web, but plans are in hand for this to be carried out by myself.

Whilst this is a sad job at times, individual Clubs and their members find that honouring the memory of their friends is vital and appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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