



National Council Report

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

Since the report for the October/November meeting I have made 29 visits to 41 club meetings and 41 club events to date with 8 more booked before the National Council meeting. Some excellent events including some of the major ones, White Rose, Red Rose, Oxford Dinner and the Christmas Lamb meeting. Chris and I had Christmas dinner in a cave (!) with the OBE's and had an excellent evening at the traditional Long Eaton Christmas party. I have now visited, or booked to visit, clubs or events in every Region apart from Region 8. I was due to visit Isle of Man but that was cancelled due to my flight difficulties. In addition I have attended the Ladies Circle and Tangent Balls and also the Round Table National Council meeting. I also attended Vaughan Harris's funeral. I would particularly like to commend Sean McCormick. During the year to date, due to proximity, I have attended 10 events/clubs in Region 18. Sean has attended 7 of them and apologised for 2 others due to prior commitments.

I continue to speak about the legacy at appropriate meetings and functions throughout the year. I've also talked about the membership initiative in respect of the database and this has gone down well. More recently, and just before the launch, I have been talking about the web site and again there seems to be good interest. I would like to give a special thanks to Simon and Martin for the work on the excellent web site. Martin has put in many, many hours both in working with Simon on the design but also virtually all the initial input work to the new site. In addition to leading his commercial development team on the development of the web site it should also be noted that Simon has put in around 60 hours, and counting, unpaid in his role of External Communications Officer. For this work, and cost, not to be wasted Members of the National Council and in particular the Board must continually update their pages and ensure contributions are made to the news items.

I was honoured to represent the Association by presenting the wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. I was joined on this occasion by Duncan Kennedy, Peter Good and two club members who had given the best reason for attending, Ian Piddlesden (Wickford) and Martin White (LOT's). The 4 President's worked well together on this and whilst we had 5 tickets Tangent and Circle also had 4 so there was a good family representation. I would recommend the advertising for club



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members be repeated. I have been to both Wickford and London since and they were both delighted to have the opportunity. I also spent a wonderful afternoon placing poppies in the moat at the Tower for that unique display along with 5 other members representing 41 Club.

I attended a meeting of the Anthony Nolan Marrow groups in Leeds and also Chris and I went to their carol concert in London. Funds are still coming in from clubs and are being raised at events. I am a bit concerned that, apart from John Alford who has done exceptionally well and sold around 60, I have no idea if the badges that have been given to National Council members have been sold. On a quick check with Mark just before Christmas the only funds he had received was some money from John with the rest from me. The average donation we have received has been £6.27 per badge but Council members, apart from my badges, still have 261 badges apparently unsold. Even at £5 per badge that equates to £1,300 more profit for the charity. I would be grateful if members of Council could update me on the sales at the next Council meeting.

I attended the International HYM in New Zealand and I'm sure Dave will report on that. It was an excellent event and meeting. What has become clear is the effort of the International community to work closely with their Round Tables. Joint board meetings at National and local level are now happening in many of the major countries including Germany, Sweden, India, Belgium and Finland and these are creating good understanding and success. I recently spoke to Jason Thomson, RTI President, and the International boards of 41 club and Round Table are now meeting at least twice a year and working well together. We have to do more here. The four club family is important but our real focus should be to strengthen our relationships with Round Table as a priority.

I have written articles for the next Round Table and Circle magazines and have managed to get one good article from a club on International visiting with one more to come on a Community project for our next magazine.

As most will know since the last Council meeting the board has met again to discuss revisions to the plan and also the future governance as a response to the amended resolution in Bournemouth. We are meeting again before the Council meeting and a final update will be given then to Council at our meeting. I have also responded in



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some detail to the questions posed in Phil Ellis's e-mail of 16th December on behalf of National Councillors. Whilst it is always useful to remind ourselves of the answers to the questions, particularly for those new to Council, most, if not all, have been dealt with and reported at Council meetings in the past. The budget and accounts in particular are presented in detail and approved by the National Council each February. As Council is aware some additional time has been set aside at the Council meeting for further discussion.

Jim Smith

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VICE PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

A lot has happened since my last Council Report and much of that will be shared with Council at the forth coming Council Meeting.

In my mind there's no point in writing something and then telling everyone about it again when you meet, so I'm going to keep my report to my external activities since October and there have been quite a few.

Friday 24th October Rhyl 50th Charter a very enjoyable visit.

Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November representing the President at the Iberian Cluster in Spain. I spoke on behalf of the President at the Friday function and gave the report on behalf of our Association at the Cluster AGM on the Saturday morning. It was an amazing weekend with unseasonably warm weather and great company.

Friday 7th November The Oxford College Dinner Region 20. I was MC for the evening amongst many friends from my old RT Area.

Sunday 9th November I represented 41 Club at the Memorial Service at the National Arboretum. The morning was dry, sunny and warm for the time of year. Thanks are due to Barry and Peter Good for completing the smart addition to the central plinth in time for the event. This allowed all 4 Clubs to lay their wreaths at the base of the plinth and everyone felt Service had been enhanced by the change. The Service itself, although not a religious one, was well attended and I felt the content gave a good balance of a sense of occasion with a sincere note to remember those lost in conflict. We retired to a local village hall afterwards for lunch provided by Litchfield 41 Club and Tangent and a good time was had by all.

Friday 14th November Wycombe Old Tabler's Charter evening. In the end I could not attend this event as I could not get back from Scotland in time. However Frank



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Venables stood in for me and I've promised to attend this year, the date is already in my diary.

Friday 21st November Isis Area 50 Past Area Chairmen 21st annual dinner. Accompanied by Immediate Past President Martin and we had an excellent evening.

Wednesday 10th December Wareham 41 Club Christmas Meeting as the guest speaker. Accompanied by a member from Clevedon 41 Club I had a brilliant evening and it was a great way to end 2014 as it was my last 41 visit before Christmas.

Particularly in the area of bringing RT and 41 Club closer together I can report I've attended another very positive RT Family meeting held on January 11th at Marchesi House. The Vice Presidents of all four clubs were in attendance and details of programmes and joint events were confirmed for our coming Presidential years. The meeting had an "easy and relaxed" atmosphere, whilst being focussed on progress for each organisation for the coming year.

The main 41 Club points discussed were;

National Arboretum

41 Club commissioned the addition of a brick and tile Plinth to be added to the Obelisk and this looks very good. The work was completed prior to Remembrance Day allowing all four Associations to lay their wreaths around the Obelisk solving the previous problem. The event itself was very well attended on a sunny and warm Remembrance Sunday.

Millennium way

The up to date position on this is that we are continuing to help with the marketing. An App has been discussed to connect the pubs and hotels along the route to allow them to link their advertising to the MW site. If this works out there should be a small return from the advertising to put towards the future initiatives.

70th Charter Lunch

This is all sorted now and has been advertised to 41 Club members this month. Martin Lewis the TV Broadcaster is the guest speaker and a commemorative pin and other regalia has been launched to celebrate the year. Each 41 Club region is being asked to hold an event to commemorate the year but these will not start until April to coincide with the start of my year as President. I invited Marcus Jones the RT President elect to join us and to speak on the day which he willingly agreed to do.

There were other topics but I'm sure they will be covered in other officer's reports as I was reporting on their behalf.

Below are the events I'm due to attend prior to April unless other come in in the meantime.



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Invitation to speak at Stratford upon Avon 41 Club at their Burns Night on Monday 26th January.

Accompany President Jim to Region 4 Dinner at Hexham on Friday 13th February. Followed by attendance at the Harrogate Conference Meeting on Saturday 14th February.

Attend the Transmanche Event on Saturday 21st February in Essex.

Accompany President Jim along with other members of Clevedon 41 Club when he visits Region 21 to attend the Seven Vales Dinner on Thursday 5th March.

Attend the RT Presidents Ball at Kidderminster on Saturday 7th March.

Speak at the Isis Area 41 Club 20th Charter Dinner Nr Wantage on Friday 13th March.

Attend RT Area 14 80th Charter Night along with the RTVP on Saturday 21st March.

As I've mentioned in a previous report this year's first Council Weekend is on June 12 to 14th and will be at the Bristol Hotel, in Bristol. This was the venue used for the 2005 41 Club National Conference and is situated right on the harbour side in the centre of Bristol with free parking on site. The location is ideal offering great harbour views, easy access to shops and local amenities and has recently been completely refurbished to a high standard. There will be a trip for the ladies in the morning and we will be joined on the Saturday night at a "Black Tie" Dinner by local clubs from Region 21. The event is being organised by Clevedon 41 Club and details will be given out to Council at Rednal.

Finally like all Vice Presidents one of tasks for the year is to prepare for my year as your National President. Wow! There's a lot to do, but saying that it's a lot of fun to pull everything together. I've been helped and supported in this task by Lin, who is already getting me "organised". Lin is sorting out my diary, planning the logistics of my trips and generally keeping me focussed. My own Club, Clevedon, have taken on the organisation of the Council Weekend in June and tell me they're looking forward to sharing as much of my year as possible. Work wise I'm winding down my business commitments and I plan to be free of the day to day running of the business in good time to start my Presidential year.

Terry Cooper

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT - MARTIN GREEN



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a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

WEBSITE

At the time of writing this has been launched. There is still much to do as the process of loading this has identified a number of enhancements and improvements that are needed.

The input from some areas of Council has been very disappointing. A PDF Manual has been written to allow Council to update their own pages. The next stage is to launch the Club Microsites. A training manual needs to be written for this.

70th EVENTS

The 70th Lunch is now launched and all structure to manage this is in place. Other events including the Wakefield lunch on the actual Birthday is in planning.

Sales items and badges are ready.

I await Councillors advising me of their plans for the Regional events.

b. **Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)**

c. **Your activity during the period**

Wensum & Yare Forecast Night
Marchesi House Christmas Party
The Lamb December Meeting
Ringwood 500th

d. **Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**





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e. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

Martin Green
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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

AGM update.

Elections

I have received:

One nomination for National Vice President – Barry Durman

One Nomination for National Secretary – Manny Martins

Two nominations for National Treasurer - Mark Fairchild

- Eric Peacock

Two nomination for National Fellowship Officer - Barry Durman

- Andrew Mackereth

I have received nominations for the following National Councillors to be re-elected unopposed for a second term:-

Nick Lawton Region 1



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Peter Good	Region 10 (I think this may be an error he only has 1 year left)
Lawrence Bamber	Region 12
Tom Abbott	Region 19

A Number of National Councillors are retiring at this 2015 AGM and I have asked for nominations to replace them:

Leaving	Joining
Paul Molley Region 11	Nick Morcumb - Whitchurch
Frank Venables Region 20	Derek Knowlden - Isis
Ray Jones Region 21	No nominations received

I also circulated the Regions with no National Councillors – achieving one response:

Region 3	No response
Region 13	Stephen James - Pontypridd
Region 14	No response
Region 22	No response

Resolutions

Resolution 1 - Honorary Members: Proposed by Retford 41 Club – Seconded by Chorley Rural 41 Club

Retford 41 Club propose:

Honorary members who have (i) accrued two or more years as honorary members, and (ii) have attended 10 or more 41 Club programme events, may at the discretion of their Club be invited to become full members.





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As a result of this the following rules will need to change:

Rule 2.1 and Rule 4.2

In Rule 2.1 in sentence 7 starting “Full members”

- A) Add the following words - **(recognised as the traditional membership route)** after the words - Round Table and before the words - who have reached
- B) After the words - of forty years add the following words – **(or ex-honorary members who have transferred to full membership status (a non-traditional membership route).**

In Rule 4.2 at the end of the sentence ending – formally represent the club, add an additional sentence - **A club may, at its discretion, invite past or present honorary members to transfer to full membership, provided the individual has served not less than 2 years as an honorary member, has attended 10 or more 41 club programme events and has reached the age of forty years.**

As a result of this the following Rule 2 will change to:

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Constitution and these Rules and Standing Orders, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply.

"The Association" means The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs.

"Constituent clubs" means

- (a) All clubs affiliated at the date of the adoption of this Constitution and these Rules by the Association;
- (b) All clubs which subsequently affiliate to the Association in compliance thereof.

"Overseas clubs" means constituent clubs situated other than in the British Isles that is, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

"Full members" means members or ex-members of Round Table **(recognised as the traditional membership route)** who have reached the age of forty years **or ex-honorary members who have transferred to full membership status (a non-traditional membership route).**



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Ex-honorary members transferring to full membership shall accrue a minimum of 2 years' experience as full members before being eligible to hold a Club officer appointment.

As a result of this the following Rule 4.2 will change to:

4. AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Clubs shall only be affiliated where membership is confined to full and associate members, for whom annual capitation fees shall be payable to the Association.

4.2 A club may, at its discretion, bestow Honorary Membership for one year at a time on such person or persons as it may decide, but Honorary Members shall neither hold office nor have voting rights in the club or the Association or at any time formally represent the club. **A club may, at its discretion, invite past or present honorary members to transfer to full membership, provided the individual has served not less than 2 years as an honorary member, has attended 10 or more 41 club programme events and has reached the age of forty years.**

Rationale for Resolution 1 - Honorary Members

Many clubs are getting close to closing down or have closed down or have been forced to disaffiliate from the Association because their feeder table has closed and hence their traditional supply of new members has dried up. Initiatives taken by Round Table have not ceased or reversed this trend. Existing membership rules are inflexible and prohibitive and in themselves, unless modified to provide new sources of membership, are likely to cause the demise of remaining clubs and ultimately the demise of the association itself. It is frustrating for many existing members to witness this demise happening.

Active honorary members often provide invaluable support for their local 41 club's activities and are usually well known by their active local 41 club members. They are unique in this way and many are likely to provide a suitable alternative source of (full) membership if this proposed resolution is granted. Honorary members usually are ineligible for Round Table because of their age.

This resolution if granted would permit honorary members, who have met the attendance and time requirements and if thought suitable by club members, to transfer to full membership. This resolution would also provide a route for prospective (full) membership.



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Resolution 2 - Selective Membership (Non-Feeder-Table Dispensation Rule): Proposed by Retford 41 Club – Seconded by Chorley Rural 41 Club

Retford 41 Club propose:

Clubs without feeder tables (and therefore having no dependable source of recruitment) to be allowed to induct not more than two ‘non-ex-tabler’ recruits annually as full members.

As a result of this the following rules will need to change:

Rule 2.1 will require amending.

A new rule, Rule 4.10 will be created.

In Rule 2.1 in sentence 7 starting “Full members”

- A) Add the following words - (**recognised as the traditional membership route**) after the words - Round Table and before the words - who have reached
- B) After the words - of forty years add the following words – **or non-ex-members of Round Table who have been inducted as full members by the (selective membership) non-feeder-table dispensation rule (a non-traditional membership route).**

A new rule, Rule 10 will be created, which reads as follows:

Clubs without feeder tables (and therefore having no dependable source of recruitment) are allowed to induct not more than two ‘non-ex-tabler’ recruits annually as full members.

As a result of this the following Rule 2 will change to:

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"Overseas clubs" means constituent clubs situated other than in the British Isles that is, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

"Full members" means members or ex-members of Round Table (**recognised as the traditional membership route**) who have reached the age of forty years **or non-ex-members of Round Table who have been inducted as full members by the (selective membership) non-feeder-table dispensation rule (a non-traditional membership route)**.

Non-ex-members of Round Table joining via the (selective membership) non-feeder-table dispensation rule should accrue a minimum of 4 years' experience as full members before being eligible to hold a Club officer appointment.

As a result of this a new rule, Rule 4.10, will appear as shown:

4. AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

4.9 Any Club wishing to disaffiliate from the Association will be required to hold a secret ballot of all full members of the Club. Should this ballot result in two or more members wishing to continue to be affiliated, then the Club should remain open and affiliated to the Association. Those members who do not wish to continue may leave but they would be deemed to have resigned from the Club.

4.10 Clubs without feeder tables (and therefore having no dependable source of recruitment) are allowed to induct not more than two 'non-ex-tabler' recruits annually as full members.

Rationale for Resolution 2 – Selective Membership (Non-Feeder Table Dispensation Rule)

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This resolution proposes an opportunity for those clubs without feeder tables to induct not more than two suitable non-ex-tabler recruits annually. This may provide a potential life-line for clubs that have lost their feeder table and would otherwise be forced to close or disaffiliate and that know of suitable local non-ex-table nominee(s) wishing to join them. The nominees are likely to be suitable in character but ineligible to join Round Table because of their age, aside from not living or working in an existing Round Table's catchment area. The limitation of only two non-ex-tabler(s) annually is a compromise intended to save the club from closing and preserve a clubs immediate character.

Resolution 3

Resolution Proposed by: Hollywood 41 Club

Chairman.....Mr J Allen.....

Resolution Seconded By: Bangor 41 Club

President.....Mr S Rider.....

“There shall be inserted a Rule 5.2 as follows:

Every National Officer and National Councillor shall be required within 28 days of assuming office to sign a register on interests specifying

- Involvement or association with a third party, including close family, having personal, direct or other interests which relate, or might relate, to the activities of the Association or the policy or operations of the Board Officers or National Councillors and which could be construed as giving rise to a “conflict of interest”.
- Membership or offices held in clubs, societies and organisations, including voluntary organisations, which could be construed as giving rise to a “conflict of interest”.

The one exception to this rule would be legal advice from the appointed Honorary Solicitor





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Sanctions.

Individuals must declare that they have a business interest in that particular (Board position, committee, discussion or project), which will require a vote or cost to the association, failure to do so will incur the following sanctions.

Immediate suspension from (Board position, committee, discussion or project), until a full enquiry be held by the President, Past president, and two National Council members. The National Secretary shall be present at all meetings to minute the same. This enquiry is to determine if any rules have been broken and whether the Association has suffered any losses and to give the association guidance as to any sanctions.

Should an Officer or Councillor fail to comply with this rule his position shall immediately be declared vacant and the post advertised.

Rational:

As you were tasked in Bournemouth to review governance of the association, we would find it prudent that a *Register of Interests be included in the rules.* It is a prudent Governance to maintain a **Register of Interests** of all the National Council, meaning Officers and Councillors and anyone else appointed in a temporary Status.

Of course this will not exclude anyone from holding office or is it design to do that, but to task each individual on National Council and Board to be accountable. If you have an interest in "Publishing" for example, then you declare your interest. That standing committee, Board or National Council will decide whether or not a conflict of interest has or could occur and make recommendations. But this is only possible if we do one of two things. 1.) Make a register of Interest and 2.) The individual, clearly states before the committee or discussion that a conflict of interest may occur.

Resolution 4

Resolution Proposed by: Bangor 41 Club

President...Mr S Rider....

Resolution Seconded By: Holywood 41 Club Chairman.....Mr J Allen.....

The current definitions within the rules on what constitutes the British Isle's, will cause some problems with insurance companies and has legal complications.



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Below is a copy of the current definitions:

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"National Officer" means an Officer of the Association as defined in Rule 6.1.

"National Council" means the National Council of the Association as defined in Rule 10.1.

"National Board" means the Executive Committee of the National Council as defined in Rule 11.1.

"Financial year" means the period as defined in Rule 20.1

"Associate members" means:

a) Existing members of 41 Clubs not ex-members of Round Table who were already admitted to affiliated Clubs before 20th April 1996.

b) Members of any closed Round Table who do not join another Round Table. Such members cannot hold any office in a constituent club until they become full members.

The above definition excludes "**Northern Ireland**" and therefor puts into question the affiliation to the Association of all clubs in Northern Ireland since the existence of this definition was empowered.



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Amended definition

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Rational

This rule might seem trivial, but in these days of insurance companies looking for any excuse or ambiguity to "**not**" support a claim. This change will clearly remove



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any ambiguity in the definition of the GB&I, changing it to UK&I. The “current” definition clearly states, that Northern Ireland is an “Overseas Clubs” and therefore in the definition interpretation, is not a part of the British Isles. This is supported by the use of GB&I in any promotional material used by the Association. Although this is seen as an over site as none of the members of 41clubs in Ireland have any issues being in one region. This change will put Northern Ireland back into the map of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of the UK & Ireland.

I therefor recommend that these changes are made at the seventieth Annual General Meeting in Harrogate.

a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

All undertaken and completed.

b. **Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)**

Progress with web site. 📌

Strategy and Governance Report presentation circulate to National Council as agreed.



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Website info provided to Martin Green.

c. Your activity during the period

Call for Nominations for National Councillors as above.

November Mailing for 2015 AGM.

Preparation of Order Paper and Agenda for 2015 AGM

Receipt and acknowledgement of Nominations.

Receipt and Acknowledgement of Resolutions – assisting proposers with drafting to ‘frame’ the resolutions.

Performance Meeting with Marchesi House.

Preparation and circulation of Board and Council Minutes via Marchesi House and review prior to distribution.

Arrangements for Board and Council Meetings at Rednal.

Approving Contract for Birmingham 2016, Shrigley Hall and Vintage Car Rally.

d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

Focus on New Members/Clubs and preach benefits of 41 Club.

At Board and Council Meetings keep going with question on Board and National Councillors Reports ‘on block’ allowing time to focus on the bigger issues.

e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

None.





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f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

Petersfield 41 Club Fellowship Night – 13 November 2014

Manny Martins
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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

To follow after the National Board Meeting weekend of 31 January/1 February 2015.

Mark Fairchild
treasurer@41club.org

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICE – DUNCAN KENNEDY

a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

I am ready to go with the next phase of the Historic Data Project and am simply waiting for the web site to go live so that we can get the ball rolling.

b. **Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)**
Progress with web site.

I believe I have provided all information to Martin and I need to complete my pages which will be done prior to the Board Meeting.

c. **Your activity during the period**



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Since my last report I have been to both Maesteg and Neath and they are in good health.

d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

This is all part of the Plan and Governance Review we are undertaking.

e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

Towards the end of 2015 we will need to pay for mass mailing from RT and 41 Club to all those on the historic database who do not have email. This is likely to be at a total cost of £20,000.

f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)

None.

g. Other Matters

I will be bringing the following Clubs to the Council Meeting for disaffiliation – Sedgefield (Region 4), Vale of Glamorgan (Region 13), Frome (Region 21), Chertsey (Region 24) and Deptford (Region 25).

Following on from the work carried out by Jim I set out below a report on membership predictions. As you can see these have been quite accurate over the years. They do not, however, include any additional members we may recruit as a result of the Historic Data Project.





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Member numbers 2012										
01-Jan	01-Oct	loss to date	adj closed	adj open	loss of others	% fall less adjustments	not paid at 1/10	add adjustments to 31/12	Total fall	Projected 31/12
17806	17382	424	-145	76	355	1.99	2028	40	464	17342
Member Numbers 2013										
01-Jan	loss from closed clubs	gain from new clubs	net position open/close	loss from fall off %	loss from fall off					Projected 31/12
17342	179	100	17263	1.99	344					16919
Member Numbers 2014										
01-Jan	loss from closed clubs	gain from new clubs	net position open/close	loss from fall off %	loss from fall off					Projected 31/12
16919	198	63	16784	1.99	335					16449
Member Numbers 2015										
01-Jan	loss from closed clubs	gain from new clubs	net position open/close	loss from fall off %	loss from fall off					Projected 31/12
16634	150	50	16534	1.99	330					16204

The figures for the loss and gain are estimates. The average loss through fall off is 1.99% and has shown over the last few years to be quite accurate.

If you look at the Risk Grading reports (This information is taken from the Risk Grading analysis for Regions 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25) there are 60 Clubs in total with a score of 4 or more. That is quite heartening when you consider the vast majority of these still owe capitation. The highest score is 6 and there are only 4 of them. Whilst the Risk Grading report is not guaranteed to show which Clubs will or will not disaffiliate it is a useful indicator. The position now is healthier than it has been.



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Also set out is a comparison of members per Region.

41 Club Membership Number changes by Region in 2015									
Region	Jan-13		Jan-14		Jan-15		Changes 14 - 15		
1	22	335	20	316	19	304	-1	-12	-3.8%
2	32	624	29	580	29	566	0	-14	-2.4%
3	16	250	14	220	13	203	-1	-17	-7.7%
4	34	650	32	622	31	587	-1	-35	-5.6%
5	30	648	29	631	29	617	0	-14	-2.2%
6	45	945	44	929	48	1029	4	100	10.8%
7	26	394	26	391			-26	-391	-100.0%
8	21	505	20	492	44	828	24	336	68.3%
9	15	356	15	353	15	347	0	-6	-1.7%
10	45	1205	46	1236	41	1111	-5	-125	-10.1%
11	24	548	24	542	25	572	1	30	5.5%
12	22	377	22	364	22	351	0	-13	-3.6%
13	32	614	32	609	32	570	0	-39	-6.4%
14	28	641	29	657	28	588	-1	-69	-10.5%
15	37	896	37	896	38	937	1	41	4.6%
16	13	284	12	268			-12	-268	-100.0%
17	30	701	30	687	40	870	10	183	26.6%
18	31	765	31	751	34	779	3	28	3.7%
19	48	1041	47	1015	44	969	-3	-46	-4.5%
20	33	878	33	869	33	890	0	21	2.4%
21	41	985	41	982	42	981	1	-1	-0.1%
22	32	597	29	564	30	567	1	3	0.5%
23	44	1294	44	1266	46	1250	2	-16	-1.3%
24	47	929	46	902	45	871	-1	-31	-3.4%
25	36	659	35	646	34	639	-1	-7	-1.1%
26	17	225	16	222	15	208	-1	-14	-6.3%
Totals	801	17346	783	17010	777	16634	-6	-376	-2.2%



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Changes following mergers and club movements.

Region 6: + 4 clubs from R.10 + 107 members.

Net position Clubs 0; Members -7 % change -- 0.7%

Region 10 – 4 clubs to R. 6 – 107 members.

Net position Clubs -1; Members – 18 % change -1.6%

Region 8 Merged with Region 7

Net position Clubs -2; Members -59 %change -6.7%

Region 17 Merged with R.16

Net position Clubs +1; Members – 11 %change -1.2%

Region 18 + 3 clubs from R.17, -1 club to R25.

Net position Clubs + 1; Members -13 %change -1.6%

Region 25 + 1 club from R.18.

Net position Clubs -2; Members -41 %change -5.9%

As can be seen from these figures there is shown a net loss of 2.2% in the last year.

As mentioned above you will see that the predictions over the last few years have been very accurate.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER – RAY HILL

The last 12 months have been very busy for myself and has seen the development of several new initiatives. Here is a review of this activity:

There have been three editions of the Club Magazine, all of which contained a variety of items, not all of which concerned the activities of 41 Club. The magazine is for members and not just about members and I always welcome items that are of interest to members. Production and distribution costs are still lower than they were four years ago. However costs have been increasing (mainly postage) and the annual cost to each member receiving magazines is £2.56 for three editions individually posted to their house. We are aware of the increases and are investigating if the costs can be reduced but without reducing the quality of production or distribution.



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The newsletter is now in its sixth year and continues to provide more timely information than the magazine. Some months have proved harder to fill than others and I must thank those that have made contributions. I am disappointed that we no longer receive letters for publication, a feature that I would love to re-instate, so please get writing those letters and let us have some stimulating debate in the newsletter. In addition the old club forum on Yahoo Groups is no longer active, as more modern methods are now preferred.

It was recognised some time ago that the club website needed a major redesign. It had served us well, but the software used was very old and was becoming more and more difficult to maintain. Also after 10 years as our Honorary Webmaster David Hewitt stood down at the last AGM. A web design company called Toucan was selected to develop a completely new website and this has been taking place over much of this year. Consequently the old site has only had a limited number of updates. Hopefully by the time you read this the new site will be active. It contains many new dynamic features and will allow us to keep it up-to-date at all times. One special feature will be the ability for every club to create and maintain its own mini-site. Please use the site as it will be a source of information and discussion between our members and a way of communicating with potential members.

Two members of the communications team have been handling the social media for 41 Club, but we have hardly started to make any real impact here. Remember future 41ers use their mobile phones, their tablets or their PCs to communicate with each other, so even if you do not use social media, your potential members almost certainly will. This is an area where we really need to concentrate next year.

At the Bournemouth Conference a new trophy was presented to the winners of the best club website, the David Hewitt Trophy. Together with the David Smith Trophy for the best club newsletter we now have awards for both of the annual press competitions.

Bournemouth also saw the third annual National Photographic Competition. Each year the quantity and quality of photographs has improved. Entries for the 2015 competition are now open and any member who is a member on the CAS database can enter up to four photographs. The entries are voted on by the delegates to the conference so it is your fellow members who select the winners.

Also for the third time 13 of the entries into the photographic competition were selected for our charity calendar. At just £5 a copy it is considerably cheaper than the comparable Countryfile calendar. All profits from the sale of the calendars is



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donated to the President's charity, therefore this year's profits will go to Anthony Nolan.

Our newest venture in 2014 was the Classic Rally, held in Hinckley during June. 20 cars were booked in and a few more turned up on the day. All of the entrants had a great time, even if two cars did have mechanical problems. The 2015 event will be based at Shrigley Hall Hotel, near Macclesfield and will explore the beauty and attractions of Cheshire. Full details can be found in newsletters, the Spring magazine and on the new website. Hopefully this will be the pre-cursor to other national fellowship events.

I have recently received a request for help from a small but long time established charity. Unusually it is not a request for money, but for help to distribute it. They have a fund to help ex business to business salesmen (or their partners) who have fallen on hard times. They have asked if we can help publicise their offering as they are finding it difficult to find suitable recipients. We feel that many of our members may be in a position to help the charity and that we could carry an advertisement for them in the next magazine. Perhaps this could be the first of several charities we could help in this way.

May I take this opportunity of thanking my committee for their help and support over the last 12 months. There is still a lot to do and I know that Duncan, Godwin and Tom have plenty of ideas for the future.

Next year will be my final year as Communications Officer, by which time I will have edited the monthly newsletter for most of the seven years since I first joined National and I will have produced 15 magazines. I mention this for we will need to find a new editor for the publications to be appointed at the Birmingham Conference in 2016. It is a challenging job but can give a great buzz of excitement when you see your ideas put into print. If you enjoy working to a deadline, creating copy and overseeing the creation publications then I urge you to consider standing for the Comms officer's role in 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to chat about the job.

Once again a very special thank you to all those that have contributed to the magazine and newsletter over the last 12 months, without you there would be no communications

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS

e.i.1.a. Progress on your key objectives.

Key objectives:

To represent the President as a board member by visits to clubs.

I have represented the National President at the 50th Charter of Leyland 41 Club and the 54 Charter of Leyland Round Table. This is being at the ground level of 41 club and clubs are working together. The Table has spoken to me about the fact the “area/National” mean not a lot to them. I have informed Marcus Jones of RT and I understand that he has already booked into this event for 2015.

To represent the Board on the review committee.

Board meeting in 9-12 October Marchesi House “review”:

Board meeting in 16 November Rednal-Birmingham “review”:

To Rewrite the Handbook for National Councillors & Deputies

This is an ongoing issue, but with all the changes being proposed by the “Board”, the changes that will reflect the new structure will need a rewrite of anything I do. I propose to leave this onto 2015-16 41 club year.

To continue the development of Ireland.

On December 18th I had an evening where Belfast Round Table prospects out and about Belfast city. The object of this night was to take RT to the Belfast community and bring awareness to the Belfast public. We received a lot of help from Dave Beadle, Adam Fitt and Steve Glaister as well as from Foyle & District Round table.

I have introduced in November a new member to Holywood 41 Club, Mr David McCullough. The night was a great success. David who was working in Doncaster but is from Belfast was introduced to me via Duncan Kennedy and Membership. David who is 49 has offered to help with Belfast RT.





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On the 2nd of December Sandra and I attended along with National President the 50th Charter of Omagh 41 Club. It was a wonderful night, and in attendance was not only the Secretary who took the first minutes but also the First Chairman of Omagh 41.

I have had communication from Armagh 41 Club via Kieran Brennan that they are assisting Round Table Armagh in a New Members due to be held at the end of January 2015. I have contact RT National to help here as they are best placed to handle this enquiry. Steve has passed on to Andrew Simmons all details so that he can do what is necessary to help. I have also agreed with Mark Fairchild after trying to get cash from other sources, That 41 Club will also support this event to the sum of £150

I have had a meeting with Belfast RT on Monday 12th January, with reference to their up and coming re-charter. There are 6 members with a possible 6 to join to join during 2015. The average age of the new members are all under 26. We are currently finalising dates and current possibilities are Friday Feb 27th – Saturday March 1st or Friday march 6th.

I also hope to attend the new member's night at Armagh on the 28th January.

Bangor LC and maybe a new Foyle & District LC have set plans to get together and discuss a possible joint meeting January in Derry.

January 18 is the Region 3 AGM in Armagh.

Dundalk 41 Club has decided to disaffiliate siting age and no lust to travel or meet with other clubs.

At our meeting on the 18th January 2015 in Armagh, it was agreed by all in attendance That we should move the two meetings around the country to enable all clubs to ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE (If **?Paddy** won't go to the mountain then we will bring the mountain to him). We have also agreed that we make another attempt to:

Bring National Councillors to Ireland for a National Council weekend. And maybe to add wait to this invite as many as possible from the National Association.



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1. We have agreement as no one person can do the position off National Councillor over the next two years, to appoint two as NC via the Councillor & Deputy rolls.

The proposals for additions and corrections in the rules of 41 Club, from Bangor and Holywood 41 Clubs, were discussed at the meeting and gained the support of all.

To continue the development of communications to National Councillors.

During the 11 and 14th December I held Cluster groupings via video conferencing with as many National Councillors as possible. On the dates we were able to communicate via voice and video using the Google Hangout platform. The events in my own opinion were a great success in that the groups can now communicate in small groupings at no cost to them or 41 Club other than time. Google Hangout, video conference result of 11-19 November 2014

Possible contacts:	19
Apologies:	4
No shows:	2
Actual:	<u>13</u>
Problems	2,

Identification of problem – one a broadband issue in their area and the other further training on the system setup. The event was a good trail and with time, will become a very efficient means for all National Councillors to communicate outside of formal meetings.



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The system allows for small groupings up to 10 members to communicate on a regular bases on local issues and where support and advice can be mutually exchanged.

Further Video Conferencing is to take place during January:

I also requested a meeting Joint meeting between 41 Club National Councillors and Round Table regional Representatives for February 7th National Councillor meeting schedule for 10:00 that day. Due to the National President at first cancelling the National Councillors meeting then after protest from National Councillors rescheduling for 17:30 on the 7th February 2015. It has put me in a position that after consultation with Marcus Jones Vice Chairman of Round Table I have had to cancel the event.

g. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)

I have achieved a trail video conferencing session with National Councillors on 11 – 14th of December. As reported above.

Encourage the appointment of deputies to all regions.

Speak with as many clubs and individuals in Ireland to achieve a new National Councillor for region 3. I have two currently interested.

h. Your activity during the period

On top of the various phone calls and emails I have:

10/10/14 Board meeting Marchesi House

11/10/14 Vaughan Harris Funeral

17/10/14 I have represented the National President at the 50th Charter of Leyland 41 Club and the 54 Charter of Leyland Round Table.

01/11/14 Meeting with Region 7/8 NC and possible deputy

26/11/14 Hollywood 41 to introduce a new member



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28/11/14 New member's initiative for Belfast Round Table

02/12/14 Omagh 50th Charter

11/12/14 Video Conferencing with (Region: 2, 4,5,6,8)

14/12/14 Video Conferencing with (Region: 11, 15,17,18,20,21,23,24)

12/01/15 Belfast Round Table setting positions and dates for charter

18/01/15 region 3 AGM Armagh

23/01/15 Visit Londonderry 41 Club

28/01/15 Visit Holywood 41 Club Burns Supper

i. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

I have looked into the decision to merge regions 7 & 8 together. This at the time look like a very good decision however, on reflection asking an individual to be responsible for around 48 clubs within a considerable distance, is proving wrong for many reasons.

1. The individual's personal position.
2. To cover this work load is just too much
3. The clubs are not and cannot be properly maintained.
4. Finding deputies has been difficult for various reasons.

Godwin personal work life is suffering due to this extra club work load. Even if he was retired to visit all these clubs in a term of office is just not possible. We budget for a 1/3 of clubs in region to be visited per year, this is around 16 clubs per year. This and distance and a employed person makes for a very inefficient system. This leaves 32 clubs with no visits for up to two years or maybe not at all.

This is putting far too much strain on an individual and the merged regions and therefore must be address.

I have met with Godwin over this issue and although Godwin has tried to cover everything it is just not possible. I have met with Godwin and Kevin Lovett in Manchester and we are have agreed to between now and February run Kevin as a deputy covering the region 7 area. This is a temporary arrangement onto such time





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that we can de-merge 7 & 8. This will provide a more efficient coverage of both regions. It will in the future also make the recruitment of NC's for these regions better.

I have emailed all the National Councillors with a request to disclose their work skills and also their hobbies, current employment and any qualifications. This is to assist the Vice President better in deploying individuals into committees.

- j. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and
Where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

None at this time

- f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

I am negotiating with Nick and Ken to arrange a suitable date to visit Scotland in a joint event. I have also been trying to get a mutually suitable date to have a cluster group meeting in his region.

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – BARRY DURMAN

I have made a few visits since our November Council Meeting. This has included a few local clubs such as Wythall Christmas meeting, Shirley Ladies Night and Christmas Party, City of Birmingham, Cannock Marchesi Night and Lichfield 60th Lunch, The Top 12 Regional Dinners I visited were the Region 10 Cluster, Red Rose Dinner, White Rose Dinner, the Lamb Christmas Lunch and the Norwich Forecast Meeting.

I also had a very enjoyable and informative day at the Round Table Family Meeting, which I thought went very well. All four clubs seem committed to the concept.



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I have attended Conference Committee Meetings in Harrogate, Birmingham and Blackpool.

Conferences

Harrogate 2015 is getting near to capacity with 519 delegates booked in on 31st December. They have certainly got some surprises for everyone, but I cannot tell you because I would have to kill you! Please encourage your clubs to enter the Fancy Dress competition – we need one or two more team entries than last year.

Birmingham 2016 have got most venues booked with deposits paid where needed. The theme is agreed, but don't ask otherwise I would! Alex Voller, the Tangent VP, and Terry Cooper attended the January meeting and were pleased with progress.

I went to Blackpool with an embryonic committee to see venues and was impressed. They can definitely accommodate our requirements. The committee seem reluctant to use Hospitality Guaranteed to help with any aspect of the conference. I have asked them to reconsider this in the light of the fact that Harrogate and Birmingham are both giving me such good feedback about their service.

On my request, as I mentioned in October, Hospitality Guaranteed are developing their system to allow it to take deposit payments by debit and credit card at the time of booking and final payments when demanded by the hotels. The money will be paid straight into our conference bank account. This will be live for Birmingham and obviously available for our conferences going forward.

Fellowship

I am being assisted by Lawrence Bamber in promoting the Top 12 Regional Dinners, which have had good attendances. I was at two of these dinners in the Autumn where I found the speakers to be unsatisfactory. One seemed preoccupied about the various celebrities who have been convicted or accused of sexual involvement with children, which I found very unsuitable especially as there were one or two young women from Marrow in the audience. Another speaker was very limited to his one sport, about which I know nothing. Guys we need to think long and hard about our



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speakers as they are so important to the success of the evening. Let Lawrence and I know about any good speakers you see and we can spread the word.

Council Weekends

Shrigley had to be cancelled in October, but I have managed to negotiate via our contact at The Hotel Collection, that we can carry forward over £2000 as a deposit for the October 2016 Council Weekend. This January will be in Rednal, Birmingham as normal. Terry has a small team organising Bristol for 12-14 June 2015. October 2015 will be a joint Council and International HYM weekend in Birmingham so that will be special. Dave Campbell is organising this with a small amount of help from me. Hospitality Guaranteed are handling the bookings, but not the payments.

Millennium Way

We are working with Nicole at Marchesi House to help gather a database and carry out a small bit of marketing to support this Community Service initiative.

National Arboretum

The new plinth was installed by Peter Good (thanks Peter) and all the 4 Round Table Family of clubs said it was lovely, so no more work needs doing. About 70 members of the Round Table Family attended on Remembrance Day. Visit this venue if you can. It is open every day and is simply awe inspiring.

Sales. We had a successful year, with the following key numbers:

2012	Sales £23572	Commission £5309	22.5%
2013	Sales £27935	Commission £7367	26.4%
2014	Sales £34219	Commission £6144	18.0%

Sales profit per Mark's report has decreased from £7286 to £5752 in the year. Although our profit margin is lower, remember that all the risk is with PS Graphics going forward

Write off of old stock is down from £3204 to £2008, with the value in our accounts written down to zero on those old items. We have withdrawn all but 4 Councillors boxes and I now possess most of the old EDG stock we inherited and paid for. I have again reduced the prices of these items to try to sell them. If Councillors want a small



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supply of pin badges to sell, please let me know how many of each and I will prepare them for Rednal. Please include orders for our 70th Charter Pin, as we ordered 500 of these!

The sales commission has decreased this year because we ran out of the old stock of jewels which we gave Paul and now take £10 rather than £16.64 from every jewel sold. Paul has recently had a lot of difficulties with his engraving company and has had to change, which has resulted in a small price increase to £30 from £29. Orders have been badly delayed, but should all be fulfilled by the middle of February.

Platinum Privileges

We continue to work with "The Hotel Collection" who offer our clubs good deals and our members 25% off prices at their very lovely hotels. Just click www.thehotelcollection.co.uk to see the choice and sign up to receive their smashing offers.

Wider Wallet continues to be woefully underutilised by our members, but is probably the best deal you can get off your high street shopping.

Hyundai continue to offer good rates. I am starting to negotiate with their contact going forward

David Leach commends our Novelunity scheme to readers and I will ask him to update us on subscribers at our Council Meeting

Barry Durman

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL

Half Yearly meeting – Blenheim, New Zealand – 1st November 2014

International President, Carsten Flink, opened the meeting with greetings to members from 41 Clubs, Tangent, Round Tables, Ladies Circle and Agora. He also expressed his sadness at the passing of the International Archivist, Vaughan Harris, a Past national President of both RTBI & 41 Club GB & I



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Carsten read out the “Memorandum of Understanding” and informed the meeting that RTI was in agreement with the document. He also confirmed that The Netherlands, Poland and Sri Lanka have submitted their applications for affiliation to 41 International. Subject to approval these will become full members at the next 41 International AGM in Cyprus 2015.

Other areas looking towards developing their 41 clubs are Singapore, Estonia and New York.

The 2016 International AGM will be held in Landshut, Germany from 22nd – 24th April. Italy have applied to host the 2017 International Half Yearly meeting which will be held on the last weekend of October. Venue TBA

International Vice-Presidency Applications

Sweden announced they would be nominating Staffan Aronsohn for 2017 – 2018 (Staffan has now withdrawn his nomination – notice given January 2015)

Belgium announced they would be nominating Luc Trigaux for 2018 – 2019

India announced they would be nominating Dr V Siddharthan for 2019 – 2020

Nominations have been sought for the positions of International Treasurer 2015 -2018

Other information

Berlin 41 club No 1 will be holding their 50th Gala dinner on 25th April 2015

Nominations are being sought for the position of International Treasurer 2015 -2018

A letter has been received from Anthony Musani from Tanzania requesting information on the possibility of forming a 41 club at Arusha, North East of the country.

Chartres Bord de L’eure have contacted us regarding finding a GB club to twin with. This information was published to the membership and Frank Seville from Bebington 41 Club has shown an interest in making a link with the French Club

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EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – SIMON THOMAS

The New 41 Club Website



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The key milestone has been reached bar a couple of final snags so the site should be ready for general release within days. The important testing phase when the councillors were invited to the development site to test and upload their content as site editors and contributors is complete. It was the first wider audience testing when any “real world” issues in the system became apparent. This went well and we are pleased with the outcome. This test did what it was supposed to do and highlighted a couple of usability issues that have been corrected.

Martin has been a key partner in getting the website where it is and has been a driving force in proofing and relentlessly pursuing content. Relevant and bountiful content is key to keeping this site vibrant and used. The documentation he produced makes for a relatively painless initiation for any website editor.

During the long build process new ideas for additional functionality and content were regularly forthcoming. Many of these were adopted into the website development whilst some were put onto a phase two list where we can decide whether we incorporate them or not at a later stage; each on their own merits.

The website management system (WMS) integrates with CAS on a one way basis taking scheduled updates to synchronise with the website and update the membership and individual club officers. The WMS has completely taken over from CAS for the events listing facility, which has in turn been extended in the new site to accommodate International events and individual club events in the microsities on a common events listing platform.

As it is technically possible to stage release the main site without the full microsities this was the considered release plan. The individual club sites are fully active and can be populated and managed by the individual clubs now, so to publish is just a matter of giving access to the individual clubs editors. This will be scheduled and will follow the documentation being produced by Martin. Therefore the initial release of the main site will just provide the basic individual club's content from CAS at individual club level.

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Domains

We now have tenure of all the 41 Club Conference domain names. For consistency I recommend that we use 41clubconference.org as the main conference domain name in all communications and our default email footers. This puts it in line with the main website which is also under a.org extension. All other conference domain names point to 41clubconference.org.

Conference Website 2015

This has been completed and with the Harrogate team since mid-September. It is now largely well populated with content and is fully manageable by them.

Conference Website 2016

This can be made available as soon as it is required. It will be the exact same framework as Harrogate and we'll rebrand the theme templates to Birmingham 2016 as soon as art is provided. The site can then be completed in a development area and switched in place at the exact moment required during Conference this year.

Domain Names

We now also have tenure on the domain names 41club.co.uk and 41club.com and I suggest that, there being no other recommendation, they are pointed to the main domain at 41club.org for the website.

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REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK LAWTON

Risk Grading Report Date:

Not completed

Clubs Visited Personally:



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Inverness 41 C – Talk on Slavery & Meeting – 25th September 2014

Inverness 41C – Talk on U Boats & Meeting – 30th October 2014

Inverness 41C/Inverness RT – Snooker Night – 13th November 2014

Area 13 41C/Inverness 41C/Stornoway 41C/Stornoway RT – AGM and Social Weekend – 14th/15th November 2014

Informal meeting with Thurso tabler re potential affiliated 41 Club (current non-affiliated club meet) – 6th December 2014

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Members Forum with Region 2 – Spring 2015

Unaffiliated clubs in Highland – joint meeting/social late Spring 2015.

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - KEN DONALD

Clubs Visited Personally:

Larbert & Falkirk – a large and growing club with an active programme. On the night I visited the Round Table Chairmen of their TWO feeder clubs, namely Larbert and Falkirk (!) were also present as they sought to maximise Christmas float collection efforts.

Linlithgow – social evening with partners. The large attendance would have been even larger if the date had not clashed with a rugby club do

Clubs Visited by Deputies: None

Risks: Edinburgh Pentlands club voted on disaffiliation. Discussions have taken place between Club Contact Neil Ross and Duncan/Manny. Members of that club seek to disaffiliate but club may keep official connections with a reduced membership



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Membership Initiatives: Scottish Regions Forum booked for 18th October 2014 was postponed, unfortunately as it turned out as there was a last minute surge of interest. New date for March/April to be set.

New Clubs (or rather potential clubs): Duncan (& Nick) had identified three possible clubs. Montrose and Glenrothes meet informally and irregularly – thus a slow burner, whilst most of retired Dunfermline Tablers “go to the other place – wrong side of the tracks” ! More positively there is some appetite for a younger Kinross-shire club and I am liaising with Paul Johnstone (retired RT Regional Rep) on this.

Any other comments:

Scottish Regions Golf

Discussion ongoing to host the Scottish Regions Golf Competition over the prestigious Rosemount Course at Blairgowrie in August 2015, and to give Jim Smith the chance to defend his trophy.

National Golf

The finals of the National Golf Competition will again be held on the lush links of Ladbrook Park Golf Club - just south of Birmingham - on Thursday 24th September.

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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT

REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - COLIN STEEN

Date: 29th January 2015
Risk Grading Report Date: updated for visits

Clubs Visited Personally:

Darlington Bondgate November 2014

This was a joint meeting with their Round Table which was holding its 999th meeting. They then held their 1,000th meeting where they inducted a new Tabler. I was privileged to induct one of their Tablers into 41 Club.



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When in Round Table, Darlington Bondgate 41'ers had won the movie competition and, as well as reminiscing about "those days" in Table, they showed their movie – a mixture of the Keystone Cops and the Goodies.

A strong 41 Club with solid connections to a good Table.

Newcastle upon Tyne **November 2014**

A sound dining club which still has officers, reports and a programme of events.

Ponteland **December 2014**

Best part of a National Councillor's job, being invited to a Club's social events. This was their Christmas meal, a Ladies Night at the Golf Club.

Another strong 41 Club, but I will be making a visit very soon as I have picked up rumblings.

Gosforth 41 Club **December 2014**

Our annual Christmas meal was, once again, well supported.

There is still life in the old dog(s).

Richmond 41 Club **December 2014**

Another Christmas meal, most enjoyable, one of the highlights in the year.

A strong Club with good support from its members.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: **Not applicable**

Membership Initiatives: **None**

Any other comments: **None**

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REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DUNCAN BALDWIN

Clubs Visited Personally: Lancaster (so far)

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Membership Initiatives: still trying to get an active East Lancashire club going, the other main protagonists are still Honorary Tablers. We are nearer , in that a younger



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faction in Clitheroe, which is a big club, want to get a bit more active, and several of them still have their dads in 41 club.

Any other comments:

Red Rose Dinner was a successful evening well received by all who were there.

Red Rose Dinner 2015 is being hosted by Rossendale 41 club, the venue to be confirmed, on Friday 27th November, which is Lancashire Day (and possibly Black Friday as well, but not if John Lewis can help it.)

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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - ANDY WAITE

Clubs Visited Personally:

Horsforth October 1st

Penistone October 16th

Beverley 5th Nov

Sitlington November 19th

Rothwell Dec 10th

Halifax December 18th

Wetherby Wharfedale January 20th

Barnsley January 21st

All strong Clubs not at risk.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives:

I am trying to help start 'young' 41 Clubs like Selby in Ilkley and Halifax. Sad to learn that Todmorden have disaffiliated, especially as one of their number is a Past President of RTBI. But they are adamant.

Any other comments:

One Club still to pay for last year. I'm confident they will pay and that there is no need to disaffiliate them.



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Looking forward to a trip to South Africa in February, Iceland and Cyprus later. Editing the Hinge has kept me busy but I have been pleased with the positive reactions.

Andy Waite

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REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART

Activity since previous Council Meeting

At the November meeting at Hillscourt Conference Centre, a proposal was put forward and voted that National Councillors would attend "virtual" meetings in small clusters using video-conferencing technology. Since then I have been assisting National Councillors' Liaison Officer Phillip Ellis in organising these meetings, assisting other National Councillors in setting their machines up in order to participate in video-conferences, and joining in a number of the meetings as a technical adviser, with the end result that we have been able to "meet" and discuss business with Councillors as far away even as New Zealand.

I have appointed a Deputy National Councillor for Region 8 in Kevin Lovett of Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club and Llandudno Dragons, who will be assisting me with the East half of Region 8 that used to be Region 7 before the two merged.

Having been in touch with Retford 41 Club in Region 10 concerning two Resolutions that they wish to have submitted to 2015 AGM in Harrogate concerning membership rules, I have brought one of my own Clubs, Chorley Rural, on board and the Club has agreed to second these Resolutions.

On Saturday Jan. 10th the prospective 2017 Conference Committee met with representatives of Blackpool tourist board and National Fellowship Officer Barry Durman in order to visit potential venues and hotels that could be used for the event. There followed a lively discussion about options available and the possible use of Hospitality Guaranteed. At the time of writing this report, the 2017 Committee is awaiting further information from Blackpool council before making a decision.

Clubs visited personally

Work commitments severely limited my ability to make Club visits over the second half of 2014 (hence the absence of a report for that period). I have, however, started visiting Clubs other than my own once again since the beginning of 2015 with two



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already visited and two more and a Rotary Club Charter Night already lined up for this month.

On Jan. 8th I visited Knutsford & District 41 Club along with Kevin Lovett. A lively Club with a strong desire to revive their feeder Table but receiving little to no support from Marchesi House in this endeavour. I shall provide a full account of the actions undertaken by the Chairman of this Club David Wilkinson, and their outcome, when I am sent them by David. The discussion veered around to the subject of membership of 41 Club and it emerges that Knutsford & District would welcome at least limited open membership given that they currently have no other source of members.

On Jan 15th I visited Leigh 41 Club. Leigh is strictly a dining club with little to no interest in affairs "National". It transpired that this visit was the first time in living memory that they had seen a representative of National Council. Clearly, this is not a good situation, hence setting up Deputies in order to have the manpower to show an interest in these Clubs and visit them more frequently.

Clubs visited by Deputies

Kevin Lovett accompanied me to Knustford & District 41 Club earlier this month (see above).

Membership initiatives

41 Club Region 8 covers two RT Areas, 8 and 46. I know Area 8 very well having served on its Exec 3 years ago and remained in touch with subsequent Execs. Membership in Area 8 is very low, below 100, and will not sustain 41 Club Region 8. Regardless of how attractive a 41 Club may or may not be to retiring members of RT, there simply aren't any such members to be attracted in the first place. I can, however, help RT in their own recruitment drive and do so regularly for my own Table, Leyland 665, when membership nights are held.

Area 46 is harder to get a picture of. I have asked the Area 46 Exec several times for membership numbers and never received anything in return.

Several Clubs that I have visited have indeed pointed out that there are many men that they were in Table with who have not joined 41 Club, and they have simply lamented the fact that these men have joined service clubs such as Rotary and Lodge rather than contact them and try and bring them into 41 Club.

Other comments

I am booked in to visit Rainford & District 41 Club on Wednesday Jan. 21st and Chorley 41 Club on Thursday 22nd. Just as for Leigh, my predecessor David Yardley never got round to visiting Rainford & District so I don't yet know exactly what to expect. He did visit Chorley late 2012 or early 2013. As his Deputy at the time I





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chauffeured him to the evening and remember the meeting very well. That initial contact with the Club will no doubt help.

I am also booked in to attend the 61st Charter Night of Leyland Rotary Club on Friday Jan. 30th along with the Chairmen of Leyland 41 Club and Leyland Round Table. Knowing several of the members of Leyland Rotary I have been able to serve as a bridge between the Club and RT/41 on numerous occasions, although this year it will be exactly the same gang going as last year.

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REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL COOPER

No Report

REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

No Report

REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - PAUL MOLLEY

Risk Grading Report Date:

January 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

No recent Club visits. Visits are being planned for those who were not seen in 2014 along with the new Region 11 Deputy Councillor, Nick Morcumb.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Plan of action under discussion including a liaison meeting with RTBI to assist them to recreate their Area roles and duties.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Stafford successfully executed the first Regional Lunch for Region 11 resulting in close to 100 people attending and £1,000 being donated to the National President's



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Charity. As a result of that inaugural event, Alsager 41 Club are discussing hosting the event in 2015 and Whitchurch are in discussion about 2016.

Stoke Sutherland 41 Club, possibly one of the smallest in Region 11, will be organising a family crown green bowling competition in the early summer.

Newport (Salop) 41 Club will be organising the Regional Golf.

Sandbach 41 Club are considering how they can prepare and execute a Regional Boules Competition & BBQ for late summer.

New Regional Newsletter being planned

Membership Initiatives:

This has been the focus of my attention for the past 3 months.

Utilising the 40:40 Challenge will be the way to promote new membership across the Region as well as being selected as the guinea-pig Region for the Table database.

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - LAWRENCE BAMBER

1. Apols; Greetings from Trinidad.
2. Appointment of Deputy for Region 12



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After a long & arduous process, I found my deputy, literally on my doorstep! Please give a big 41 Club Welcome to Mr. Dave (Sharky) Barker of Rhyl & District 41 Club, and ex RTBI National President some years ago.

As I am away, Dave will attend at Rednal as my very able Deputy.

3. Risk Grading/ Rating Report Date: October, 2014

NB A full update will be undertaken by my deputy & myself in time for the 2015 AGM, assuming most Clubs will have made any necessary appointments/ changes by that date.

4. Clubs visited Personally

Oct 17th 2014 : White Rose Dinner

Oct 31st 2014 : Blenheim 41 Club, New Zealand

Nov 1st - Nov 3rd : 41 International HYM, New Zealand

Nov 11th 2014 : Dunedin 41 Club NZ

Nov 12th 2014 : Oamaru 41 Club NZ

Nov 13th 2014 : Timauru 41 Club NZ

Nov 17th 2014 : Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club, Greater Manchester . Speaker :Lord Lieutenant of Manchester.

Nov 18th 2014 : Llangollen 41 Club North Wales. Speaker on Fun in Finance!!

Nov 20th 2014 : Poynton 41 Club : Visit to Manchester Transport Museum

Nov 21st 2014 : Red Rose Dinner, Lancaster Brewery

Dec 2nd 2014 : Poynton 41 Club : Poynton Christmas Fest

Dec 16th 2014 : Rhyl 41 Club : Christmas Dinner Meeting

Jan 2015 : no visits to date



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5. Admin Tasks/ Contacts

Nov 2014 : 12
Dec 2014 : 16
Jan 2015 (to date) : 4

6. Clubs visited by Deputy

None as yet; a programme of visits will be developed by the next NC meeting

7. Membership Initiatives

Nothing new to report

8. Any Other Comments

Feb 28th : St David's Day Dinner, Llangollen . 7 pm Start : see flyer on website & in Newsletters. Being organised by Llangollen 41 Club

March 4th : Mid Wales Cluster, Garthmyl, Near Montgomery. Being organised by Oswestry 41 Club.

That's All Folks

Cheers & Hinges + WD 40

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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR VACANT

REGION 14 CARETAKER NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - MANNY MARTINS

Risk Grading Report Date:
Completed

Clubs Visited Personally:



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15 January 2015 Rugeley 41 Club

A great evening with a club full of really enthusiastic 41ers. Thanks for the fellowship

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Deputy Mike Edwards (Oakengates 41 Club) has been trying to get a visit organised to Penkrige 41 Club and finally obtained a date of 26 February for a brewery trip. Sign me on.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Thursday 2 April 2015 – Birmingham Round Table/41 Club Charity Golf Day

Membership Initiatives:

None.

Any other comments:

The recent call for nominations for a National Councillor did not attract any nominations.

Newsletter sent out to Region containing News from out and around.

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ATKINS

Risk Grading Report Date: 07/01/2015

Clubs Visited Personally: Nuneaton/ Coventry/Hinckley/Bedworth.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives: none



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Any other comments:

Since the last meeting I have been extremely busy at work, so not been able to visit many clubs. I have spoken to a few. Rugby in particular and they feel that a regional meeting (like the old area meetings) would be beneficial, so I will endeavour to arrange a get together and or a regional golf day.

Manny informed me that Sutton Coldfield are down to 4 members as the others wanted to disaffiliate. So there may be some work to do there.

December was particularly manic, with Nuneaton Past Table helping RT 136 with Santa Sleigh. 10 nights of collecting.

I was also responsible for arranging a collection at The Ricoh Arena in Coventry for the match against Fleetwood Town. It was joint with Coventry 23 RT and 41 Club. I organised free tickets to the game and a cheque presentation to Sky Blues in the community. Great publicity in the local press / websites / twitter and Facebook. Lots of Fellowship between the clubs.

I also had the opportunity to speak to Nick Eastwood of ACL and CEO of Wasps and we did a collection the next day at the game against London Irish. A kind gentleman also gave quite a few of the lads free tickets to the game (bonus).

Over the 2 games charity accounts benefitted to the tune of £1700, which they did not have before.

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DES FULCHER

Date: 15 January 2015

Risk Grading Report Date: January 2015



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Clubs Visited Personally:

29.10.14 Bury St Edmunds Table/41 Club – Met with mostly Table members as their last gathering prior to the annual firework event in Abbey Gardens, a very popular and successful event which they have run for several years.

6.11.14 North Norfolk Cluster meeting – Organised this year by members of Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club, although smaller numbers than seen at past events members from Holt and North Norfolk 41 Club had an enjoyable meal, I was given opportunity to speak about the Marchesi Room Project – members decided to then have a whip round to make a donation.

11.11.14 Bedford 41 Club – The first visit made to this club which is situated the furthest away from where I live, a good evening of Fellowship was had by all including a talk from a director for The Samaritans who is well known to the club, this was informative and a wine raffle raised well over £100 on the night to give as a donation.

13.11.14 Lowestoft 41 Club – Another first time meeting this evening, this time a very nice three course meal was enjoyed at Lowestoft Catering College. Members of the general public were eating at the same time, unfortunately this denied opportunity to talk about 41 Club matters – hopefully this can be revisited next year.

25.11.14 East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) Norfolk Appeal launch event – Most local 41 Clubs were represented on the day, attendees were coordinated by Des Fulcher & Tangent National President Janice O'Neil came as my guest. A superb event with the Duchess of Cambridge making a guest appearance, other Round Table and Tangent members also attended.

25.11.14 Cinema City, Norwich – Planned meeting with Tangent National President Janice O'Neil, Tim Skinner (Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club Secretary), Claire Chapman (Cinema City Heritage Project Director) and Kassia Chatting (my daughter aiming to get Norwich Phoenix Circle up & running) attending. We were joined at last minute by Richard King (Norwich Round Table Chair) and Colin Cook (Norwich Round Table Vice Chair) who then discussed ways to further support the Marchesi Room Project, a very positive meeting.

25.11.14 South Norfolk 41 Club – The latest meeting was held at Classic Team Lotus, organised by Phil Ramsay who was a very dedicated and enthusiastic Round Table member now in his early 50's, but more recently began to embrace the continued fellowship which 41'ers enjoy. We began by seeing



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some of the most valuable and rare Lotus Racing Cars, this included two John Payer Special F1 racing cars driven by Nigel Mansell and Ayrton Senna. During the meal afterwards at a nearby restaurant / public house I was asked to give an update on the Marchesi Room Project, at this point the club agreed to make a donation from the evening's attendees.

8.12.14 Wensum & Yare 41 Club – Christmas party evening with partners, a very enjoyable time was had by all with a magician as the entertainment mystifying most guests with tricks and illusions.

11.12.14 London Informal Christmas Meal (Top 12 event) – Another great afternoon/evening with many of the usual suspects attending and some new faces including Barry Durman. DF took a personal gift for Dave Leon, an embroidered polo shirt c/w the 'budgie badge' branding, also gave every attendee a Christmas card with a brief mention of the Marchesi Room Project to appeal for further support.

6.1.15 Wensum & Yare 41 Club – met with club secretary Tim Skinner to compare sample prints of Louis Marchesi photo which one of their members company had created, this needed some priority to minimise delays.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

King's Lynn & District 41 Club, Haverhill 41 Club, Ipswich 41 Club, North Walsham 41 Club, Norwich 41 Club and Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club

Membership Initiatives:

- Progress North Norfolk 'active' 41 Club
- Continued search for Deputy in the former Region 16
- Progress a 2015 Region 17 Golf Event
- UEA Marrow Group support with Round Table (hopefully)

Any other comments:

Through perseverance and persistence the Marchesi Room at Cinema City appears to be moving forward in a much more positive manner now. A few 41 Clubs have now made a direct donation towards the overall project shortfall, also more recently Round Table Norwich No1 have got to grips with this, their Chairman taking a lead role in moving matters forward.



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I have intentions of giving a little more focus towards the former Region 16 in 2015 to hopefully find a deputy who can help make this area more efficient and effective.

Following some discussions Martin Sexton of Wensum & Yare 41 Club has agreed to support DF in a manner one could loosely suggest being a deputy though not necessarily named as such. The idea is for Martin to engage with the older generation of ex-Tablers and bring those who attend the Forecast Meeting to other events hopefully, such as the Region 17 Golf and a 70th Anniversary event which is being worked on currently.

Unfortunately Chris Rawlings has had to step down as deputy due to work commitments taking him further afield than anticipated, hopefully at some time in the future he will be able to give further support to Region 17 again.

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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - SEAN McCORMICK

No Report

REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ABBOTT

No report

REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - FRANK VENABLES

Clubs Visited Personally:

Henley on Thames October 9th 2014:



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This was a speaker meeting attended by practically all of the 20 members, with a founder member of CAMRA (and a free keg of one of his sample beers). It is a friendly and active club locally, enjoying good relations with its strong Round Table. There is little interest in Regional or National matters, but strong international links through the 'Double Zero' RT fellowship (via Henley 600 RT).

I had put my literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, Oxford College Dinner and Club Sales) on the tables, and was able to cover those topics, mostly about Anthony Nolan 40 years on and the 40-40 Challenge and the looming Regional Dinner. There appeared to be little inclination to participate, although the chairman quizzed me on Anthony Nolan, emailing me later for more information on organising a 40-40 event.

CAS entries were 18 months out of date! The current chairman not being listed as a member!! I challenged the club contact who agreed to get the CAS entries up to date, but through another officer who 'does all that'. This was not the first time I had encountered this split responsibility among my clubs.

Wycombe Old Tablers' Society (WOTS) November 14th 2014:

I had been invited to the club's 40th Charter Anniversary which was attended by some 25 members (practically all) plus 50 or so guests. As well as past members, local Round Tables and 41 Clubs were represented, as were the club's long-time twins from St Quentin in Northern France (visits are exchanged regularly with great pride being taken in making the journeys by bike!).

I had been entrusted by President Jim with his banner to present, which I did, offering his congratulations and good wishes, and mentioning his Anthony Nolan charity appeal. I hung my own, necessarily short, address on the four hooks of our 'Purposes and Objects', each of which was mirrored in the club.

Oxford Cherwell January 6th 2015:

I joined 18 members, which was almost full attendance, and a guest. It is a lively and active club but, by the chairman's own admission, basically 'sealed off'. Oxford



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Round Table is not flourishing and transfers tend to be shared with Oxford N^o 19 41 Club – both 41 clubs have a few members at the lower end of the age bracket. One more member is listed than paid for on CAS; I raised this with the Club Contact (one of the younger members) who agreed to chase it up.

This was a Vice-Chairman's Quiz evening and there were reminiscences from a founder member of Oxford Round Table who happened to be in the area (very interesting). Thus my time was short. My literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, and Club Sales) was passed around the table, and I was able to cover those topics in very few words, mostly about Anthony Nolan 40 years on and the 40-40 Challenge. There appeared to be little interest in participation in any of this, although my AN collecting tin was circulated and stuffed. The interest seemed to be more in visiting speakers' designated good causes. Some copies of the literature were taken up, and I left a set with the Club Contact.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Basingstoke October 2nd 2014:

Good meeting at Basingstoke Old Tablers - they claim to pre-date 41 Club so hang on to the BOT name! They had an absolutely excellent speaker: an ex-soldier who spoke about "Myths & legends of WW1". Knew his subject, delivered it very well &, despite the horror he was often referring to, included quite a lot of humour.

They are a strong Club, nominally 50 members but get about 30 to meetings. Not really "National" aware - when I talked about Anthony Nolan (which they all remembered from Table days) & briefly described the 40-40 Challenge, the Chairman said loudly that he'd never heard of it! And no one contradicted him. There were looks of puzzlement when I waved the recent AN email newsletter & Jim Smith's email Message of 9th September. Odd, as many of their email addresses are on CAS. Basingstoke 93 Table exists, though I'm told it's in single figures. But I doubt the two clubs will be joining 40-40! However, when I email thanks, I will suggest they at least look at the AN stuff on the 41 website & will point out the help available.

Windsor & Eton November 10th 2014:



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A Permanent Apologies Meeting where they specifically invite their PAs, they were 22, more than usual. It was held at their usual venue, the Duke of Edinburgh pub (excellent food!). Membership on CAS is 42 and seems bang up to date! I was seated with Chairman Richard Carleton and Secretary Alan Turner but chatted to quite a few more. It was effectively a business meeting.

They are clearly quite active, being twinned for 40 years with a French 41 Club and swap annual visits; they actively assist the Table (now down to 3/4) with the Christmas float; are expecting 50 or so, with wives, to an outing; and about 20 are going to Twickenham for the varsity game. They have no non-tabler members at present, but were horrified to hear the current Table numbers.

Gave me a slot to speak and I ran through the usual things. They're not nationally minded: don't go to Conference and hadn't heard of 40/40 though did recall Anthony Nolan from Table days. I Sold 3 AN badges but no calendars. Their minutes will include the dates of the 70th Anniversary celebrations next year - 13th May & 12th September!

Planned Club Visits:

Myself:

Intended visits before National AGM:

Hungerford ; Goring ; Reading (N^o 11) ; Thame & Mid-Oxon ;
Wokingham ; Oxford (N^o 19) ; Ascot

Deputy:

January 21st Maidenhead
January 27th Newbury

Membership Initiatives:

No news on this front: one club planning a 40-40 challenge is on Anthony Nolan's records, but still has no firm date; the other is having trouble getting potentially interested parties together. I have still no contact with the RTBI Regional Councillor for Area 50.



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Any other comments:

The National 'TOP 12: Oxford College Dinner' at Somerville College, Oxford, on Friday November 7th, was a great success: thanks to Isis Area 41 Club, more than 100 sat down to dinner. The fundraising activity resulted in some £600 for Anthony Nolan, which a kind sponsor doubled up! The Region 20 Golf Day will be organised by Abingdon 41 Club, probably in early June.

It will be interesting to see how the new National Website influences our association. In particular, individual clubs will be able to 'broadcast' information via individual websites hosted by the National one. Opportunities and challenges ahead!

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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - RAY JONES

Clubs Visited Personally:

Organised Region Quiz meeting and dinner in Gloucester attended by 17 clubs from Region and 70 members Organised by Droitwich Spa and won by Stroud 41 Club who will organise next year's event.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

No special initiative but early returns for 2015 show a small increase in membership for some clubs.

Any other comments:

1. Our region Skittles competition for 2015 is underway again with 28 clubs taking part in a knockout competition with the final scheduled for July.



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Our region dinner known as the Severnvale dinner will take place in Gloucester on Thursday March 5th 2015. The event is now sold out with 120 members attending from 18 different clubs in the region.

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - VACANT

REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID BROWN

Clubs Visited Personally:

Showtime!

Ringwood (50th Charter)

Weymouth (55th Charter)

Wellington

Taunton

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

None

Any other comments:

None (currently in New Zealand for three months and formulating this report while away. Just wish I could find ... maybe even start a 41 Club in Taranaki!!!!!!)

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID LEACH

Clubs Visited Personally:

Chichester: 17th November 2014



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I following last year's discussion and vote on their remaining affiliated to the National organisation, I visited again, partly to show our commitment to supporting them and to introduce Paul Rawlinson as their local Deputy National Councillor. Though well supported, there was little interest shown in National affairs. There was an interesting speaker on the night. Many of their members are also Rotarians and this seems to be perfectly compatible with their membership of 41 Club.

Kingston (now located in Cobham): 12th November 2014

I used to refer to Kingston as my local club, however most meetings now take place in Cobham, some 15 miles down the A3. The club only has six official meetings per year, interspersed with extracurricular events. The official meetings attract approximately 10 to 12 members but the other events are often cancelled due to lack of support. Kingston 41 Club supported their feeder Round Table with their Fireworks display and Christmas Carol Wagon. Conversion of ex-Tablers to 41 Club members has been very low over the last ten years and the Chairman of 41 Club is currently serving his second term of office in a row.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Visits by Paul Rawlinson:

Storrington: 23 October 2014 – West Chilmington golf Club

The club meets for dinner once a month at various venues. On this occasion there were 11 members present out of about 20. They operate in an informal fashion and have a Chairman and secretary. They do not really feel that there is a need to belong to a national organisation. They do not have any other events. The group seem lively and are all relatively young being in their late 40's, 50's and early 60's

Littlehampton: November 2014 – Angmering Manor

The club meets for dinner once a month at the same venue. There were about 14 members present, all of which except one were retired. The club is very formal, Jacket and tie, grace etc and is quite elderly ranging from about 65 to 85. They have no interest in national but consider the capitation a small price to pay. They do not organise any other events, but they do invite their wives to the Christmas meal and





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appear to meet each other socially elsewhere. Only a couple of their members are ex Littlehampton RT, the majority having been members elsewhere and moved into the area.

Chichester : 17th November 2014 – Chichester Park Hotel

The club meets once a month at the same venue. Again very formal and organise speakers and guests. Also have meals with other organisations (Rotary etc to which many belong). The speaker on my visit was the now retired Bishop of Exeter who spoke about life in the House of Lords. A large membership of 35 to 40 of which 20 were present. Again questioned what national did.

Shoreham and Southwick 19th November – Red Lion Pub Shoreham

The club meets once a month at different locations. Each night is arranged by a different member. Evenings are quite informal, often just held in a quiet corner of a pub. Dress code is relaxed and the only formality is that the Chairman talks about the meetings and other members. About 30 members of which 20 were present. No treasurer or anything. People just order and pay for their dinner on arrival. Generally retired between 65 and 80. No dress code or grace etc. Didn't know anything about national, but like the idea that one exists.

Worthing:

Paul Rawlinson's own club. To all intents and purposes this is just a Round Table 10 years on. Members are aged 40 to 56. Meet twice a month. Full programme of activities. Some members attend Euro 27 meeting. Organise charity golf day, Santamobile etc. Eat drink and generally do what all Tables used to.

Membership Initiatives:

The combined Region 24 Dinner and Vaughan Harris Golf Day is now set for Friday 5th June 2015. Peter McBride, Chairman of Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club has kindly offered to coordinate the event at his golf club with me in charge of communications.



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Any other comments:

Kingston 41 Club and Round Table are hoping to build upon the event held on 25th September to promote the Anthony Nolan 40 / 40 campaign.

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - JOHN S ALFORD
Clubs Visited Personally: [Ashford](#), [Weald of Kent](#), [Lamb](#), [Deal & District](#)
Unaffiliated Clubs Visited: [Gravesend](#)

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives: [Have arranged visit to disaffiliated club of Croydon with NC for Region](#)

Any other comments: [Arranged Region Pentanque which 6 clubs took part. This is to be an annual event](#)

[I have now visited 2 disaffiliated clubs and the message from them and other clubs is that they feel that National's idea of a club is an extension of a Round Table Club. It is felt that National look down on dinning clubs.](#)

[In general all clubs including disaffiliated ones do like to see their NC and helps to generate interest in both the Association and to visit adjoining clubs](#)

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST - HUGH MILWARD
Date: 20th January 2015



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Very little to report for this meeting other than compiling with our Past National President a slide show for the 70th Luncheon featuring all our Past National Presidents and what happened during their year.

I continue to assist members and Clubs in digging out archive information on past members and Club history for Club Charters etc.

I am at last getting to grips with finding Archive information on Share Point, but very little has been added after the 1980s. This will be my priority in moving all the electronic stuff that is out there into the Archives in conjunction with our Secretary.

Some progress, but still further work to do but I have requested from the Board some guidance and policy on where current documentation is to be stored and for how long.

Another job on the horizon is ensuring that the Archive Room at Marchesi House is "Ship Shape" for our International visitors when they come over to Birmingham for the Half Yearly Meeting in September.

As usual the number of obituaries coming through is steady but it is still a very sad job to undertake. I am pleased to report that all Obituaries received to date are now on our new Website.

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – PAUL CAMMISS

At the November Council meeting just before the end there was a discussion on the Hospitality Guarantee arrangement with the National Board and its impact on future National Conferences. Since then I have had several telephone calls about the legal position including one very recently with Barry Durman, the National Fellowship Officer, who had unfortunately needed to leave the meeting before its conclusion. During the meeting the understanding was that there was no formal contract or commitment to H.G.

However from my discussions with Barry it is now clear to me that, although there is no formally worded contract with H.G., there has been an exchange of emails which would in my view probably amount to a legally binding commitment for the use of H.G. for future conferences. I am sure you all appreciate that the vast majority of



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commercial legally binding arrangements are not reduced into a formal written contract. H.G. would be entitled to assume that Barry as a National Board member dealing with Conference arrangements has the ostensible authority of the Council to enter into legal commitments on their behalf.

So where does this leave you as Council members in selecting an organising committee and venue for future Conferences? (This was of course the whole reason for the discussion in November.) I regret to have to advise that choosing a committee who will not use H.G. will potentially leave the Association with a liability for damages in the form of profits lost by H.G. My understanding is that because of their negotiating facility H.G. would gain substantial discounts on costs paid to Hotels and Conference centres. Our members would pay the same, so there is no extra cost for Conference attenders (I hate the word “attendees”), but the charges paid to the Hotels etc. would be less. I do not have details of what sort of damage claim could be pursued – that would be for H.G. to prove – but my guess is that it would be potentially several thousand pounds.

Any Council can change decisions made by a previous Council (or at a Board meeting) but if they change a decision involving a Third Party then the Council have to accept there is a potential claim by that Third Party against the Association as a whole.

As a Conference attender myself I would not think it fair if this extra cost amounted to a levy on those at Conference but equally if the Treasurer has to show in a budget at the A.G.M. a figure for compensation to H.G. I can see a very lively debate arising. I for one would not want to be the Board representative trying to justify it!

My advice is that the only safe way is for the Council to insist that for the time being H.G. are involved in Conference arrangements. Sorry Gentlemen but I do not see any other simple way out of the problem.

The “contract” which I understand exists is not restricted in time and therefore there would be a term implied that it can be cancelled by “reasonable” notice. What would be “reasonable” notice? Virtually impossible to answer with any certainty. As the Conference is only an annual event it would not be just a few months. I think H.G. could argue that they were entitled to assume the commitment is for at least 4 or 5





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conferences so if the Board were instructed to cancel by reasonable notice my advice is – no less than 5 years from now.

Any lawyer will tell you that the legal issues are often difficult to analyse. I can only use the information I have been given so far, but having now discovered that there is (probably!) some form of binding commitment, I can only err on the side of caution.

One further point – to avoid the uncertainty that does exist I suggest the Fellowship Officer be mandated to agree a termination arrangement by either the Association or H.G. in the arrangement with them which he may be able to settle at say 2 year's notice. If there were non-performance by H.G. then the Association would be entitled to terminate without notice.

I do intend to be at Rednal in February to assist further with any discussion.

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