



National Council Report

Saturday 15th November 2014

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

This report will virtually see the half-way point during the year. As you would expect it is a year meeting lots of people all over the country at a variety of excellent events which I am thoroughly enjoying.

Over the past 3 months I have attended 25 different events with another 6 to go before our Council meeting. There have been a number of golf days, a number of dinners, and a few club family meetings many of which Chris has attended with me. At many of the events I have been able to talk about my Legacy theme which seems to go down well, people understand and appreciate it and then do nothing! In a way the same can be said of the charity events, the 40/40 challenge. This is an event which is designed to first of all help the charity but secondly work towards the theme and assist Round Table with membership. Lots of enthusiasm as I visit, or write in the newsletters but little meaningful activity. I will be visiting Kingston this week for an event organised by David Leach which promises to be very good and there is an event instigated by Brackley club this week as well. With Market Harborough to come next month that's about it, apart from lots of promises. We need action not just promises.

In addition to 41 Club events and some Family events I also attended the Round Table NSW in Winchester. This was a very well organised event and lots of fun. There were though too many "older" people there many of who were hanging on in Round Table rather than joining 41 Club. One of the things we were able to do though was to have a private access with photo opportunities at the Round Table in the Great Hall. This was a wonderful experience and as Round Table President Steve Glaister and I both said at the time it meant so much as whilst it was only a table top on a wall to us it meant a lot more.

I want to mention a couple of family events I have attended in particular. I attended Troon to celebrate 50 years of Round Tabling in Troon. It nearly wasn't the case as Round Table got down to 4 members last year. A new Vice-Chairman, a concerted effort supported by 41 Club and they are back up to 15 and growing. During the last 6 months through connections made by Round Table a Ladies Circle was re-formed in





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March of this year. They chartered in June and as at the middle of August had 16 members. The event, hosted in a 41 club member's garden was attended by nearly 100 people from the 4 clubs all getting on well together. It just proves that with some effort and the right person at the helm it can work. I also attended Wallington and Carshalton for the first family meeting they have held. They do have a good Round Table, which has grown in the past year and also has strong links for seamless transfer to the 41 club. They have a Tangent but no circle yet apart from social gatherings and challenges between Round Table and 41 Club they had never got together for one event. It was a big success and they have all promised to create at a minimum 1 and possibly 2 such events a year. I was delighted to see David Leach attending and supporting. There is still an opportunity for Round Table to grow, there is the possibility of supporting each other and working together. We really must get out and encourage it.

I know that many of you are on Facebook and I am using that media for keeping people aware of where I am and what's happening. The feedback I receive and comments is excellent and I have worked with Godwin to find a mechanism of getting my comments shared with the 41 Club Facebook page. What is interesting, albeit not entirely surprising, is that many of the "friends" on Facebook are members of Round Table and Ladies Circle (including all members of their boards). They are the ones who comment or "like" most which is why when I meet them they know what I've been doing and where I've been. Council will hear more of this at our meeting.

The board has commenced work on the 2015-18 plan which includes the governance review as instructed by our members at the AGM. We will bring Council up to speed with progress at the Council meeting.

Anthony Nolan

I am continuing to get wonderful support from Anthony Nolan and Laura Watts in particular. She has joined me at a few events and continues to be enthusiastic. I will be attending the AGM of the Anthony Nolan "Marrow Groups". These are groups based around a number of Universities across the country. Ian Mackenzie, Laura and I are going to be working with some local 41 Clubs asking them to give some support to the activities of Marrow. It might be supporting on fund raising, it might be helping to steward a donor registration event they have organised or it might even be





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providing transport to get potential donors to the University. Whatever it is we will advise Councillors which clubs are going to be involved.

Charity Badges. As I reported in Stansted this is really the easiest sale and method of obtaining donations. I have sold just over 300 and taken nearly £2,000. We purchased a second 500 as regrettably we "lost" part of the first ones in Bournemouth. Apart from John Alford who has paid in £152 from sales of around 40 badges I haven't heard of any other sales. Council and Board have around 250 badges between them unaccounted for. Can you please sell/ask for donations for them and get the money paid in. I am asking for a donation now of a minimum of £5 and they are going.

I have been delighted to collect a number of cheques at recent visits and we have also received a large donation of £2,014 from Horley and District 41 Club and Round Table.

Jim Smith

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VICE PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

Let me start my report with a quick update from last time if you remember we had recently been to the International AGM in Denmark and Lin's case had been stolen from the train on our way there. What should have been a simple claim was a nightmare necessitating Lin having to go through the Insurance Ombudsman to get her money. If you're looking to buy travel insurance take a tip from us and avoid Staysure Insurance we certainly will in future!

A meeting took place of the small committee agreed at the Forward Planning Meeting to discuss the review of National Council ahead of this year's AGM.

The meeting was brief, however it did conclude and agree that the review could not be undertaken by a subcommittee as the resolution clearly specified the review should be undertaken by the 41 Club Board. The Chairman informed the Board of the committee's decision and a meeting of the Board was held on Saturday September 20th to discuss the review. A full report of the outcome of this meeting will be given to Council at our October Council Meeting.



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I've been busy over the last few weeks not only planning for my year but attending various 41 Club and Round Table Family events around the UK. Lin and I have also been to the Isle of Man for the Classic TT where I managed to tear the muscle in my right calf starting my Velocette Venom 500cc Motorcycle! Fortunately our eldest son was with us and could start the bike for me for the duration of our holiday so no riding was lost.

Events attended included

The RT Family Meeting at Marchesi House on July 14th

Accompanying President Jim to the Region 21 Golf Day on July 24th

Attending the Tangent Charity Tea Party on July 27th

On the invitation of Past National President Keith Howard I was the guest speaker at Newton Abbott's 40th Charter on September 19th.

Events planned for me to attend prior to the end of 2014

Friday 24th October Rhyl 50th Charter

Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November representing President Jim at the Iberian Cluster in Spain.

Friday 7th November The Oxford College Dinner Region 20

Sunday 9th November representing 41 Club at the Memorial Service at the National Arboretum.

Friday 14th November Wycombe Old Tabler's Charter evening.

Friday 21st November Isis Area 50 Past Area Chairmen 21st annual dinner.

Wednesday 10th December Wareham 41 Club as a guest speaker.

Round Table Family Meeting.

In the area of bringing RT and 41 Club closer I can report a very positive RT Family meeting was held on the 14th of July at Marchesi House. The Vice Chairmen of all four clubs were in attendance and details of programmes and joint events were exchanged so we can all meet regularly during our year. In fact we met again soon after that meeting as all four VP's attended a charity Tea Party at the home of the Tangent VP on Sunday 27th July which was a great success raising over £1,000.

The 70th Charter is coming along well and the date is confirmed as Saturday 12th September 2015 at the Armouries in Leeds. I'm sure "organiser supreme" Past President Martin will cover this in his report so I'll leave the detail to him.

However I do want to give advanced details of the first Council Weekend of my year which is on June 12 to 14th 2015 and will be at the Bristol Hotel. This was the venue





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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 programme of trips for both the ladies and 41'er's and we will be joined on the Saturday night by local clubs from Region 21.

I look forward to seeing you all at Shrigley Hall.

Terry Cooper

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT - MARTIN GREEN

WEBSITE

Simon and Toucan have made progress and at the time of writing it is hope we will be able to demonstrate some parts of the website to the Board at Shrigley. I have now loaded all the pages I have in preparation.

This process has identified a significant training need for those who will have the ability to edit. Also Club Sites will need some form of training.

What is very apparent is that unless we keep this regularly updated with live things we will be wasting our money. We are not good at responding to requests for information.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS DATABASE

At the time of writing this is now being programmed. Delivery is expected at the end of September. The system will next be with Duncan to review and test.

70th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH





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The guest speaker is now confirmed as Martyn Lewis – ex BBC and ITN Newscaster and Chairman of the Voluntary Services Council.

The Brass Band is now confirmed as the Horbury Victoria Brass Band, and relevant tickets, flyers and marketing is now ready to go. Tickets will be £60 a head and will go on sale on 1st January. Please keep this information confidential until then.

70th ANNIVERSARY – OTHER PLANS

I await a discussion with Terry as to which proposals he wishes to follow. Also I am waiting for Barry to arrange a meeting with myself and Paul Sankey to advise the merchandise we should sell.

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

None needed.

b. **Your activity during the period**

I have attended the following 41Club Meetings since the last meeting:

Isis	3
Abingdon	3
Showtime!	1
Shaftsbury & Gillingham	1
Bicester	1

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

None





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

None

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

Martin Green

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

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

Full Review of Rules undertaken. No changes. Placed on SharePoint.

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

Following negotiation with Marchesi House – Marketing support for Millennium Way agreed at 4 hours per week.

Submitted documents for the website as requested.

- c. **Your activity during the period**

Arranged Orders of Service & Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

Also submitted copy to Newsletter inviting the membership to apply to join the President at the Cenotaph.



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Have started to prepare the November Mailing which will include:

Elections:

National Secretary Manny Martins completes his first term – reelection?

National Treasurer Mark Fairchild completes his first term - reelection?

National Fellowship Officer Barry Durman completes his first term – reelection?

R1 National Councillor Nick Lawton completes his first term – reelection?

R10 National Councillor Peter Good completes his second term – new NC?

R11 National Councillor Paul Molley Standing down – new NC?

R12 National Councillor Lawrence Bamber completes his first term – reelection?

R19 National Councillor Tom Abbott completes his first term – reelection?

R20 National Councillor Frank Venables completes his second term – new NC?

R21 National Councillor Ray Jones completes his second term – new NC?

At the same time I will take the opportunity to ask for nominations in Regions 3, 13, 14 and 22 where at present we have Caretakers.

Arranged Contract Performance Meeting at Marchesi House – fuller report at Board Meeting subsequent to this.





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Attended Lichfield 41 Club to present the National Website Award in July 2014.

Attended Kingston upon Thames RT & 41 Club 40/40 Challenge at Kingston on 25 September 2014.

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

Check Performance against the Strategic Plan every Board & Council Meeting and take whatever action to ensure delivery.

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

None.

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

Supported the President at Brentwood 41 Club's 50th Charter.

Manny Martins
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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

Reminders have gone out for capitation, which has resulted in another flurry of payments. We are now approaching £190k collected, 91%. Nick Lawton has joined Paul Molley in the 100% club. As always, if you are visiting a club please check to see if they have paid, and if not drop a few reminders in on the night.

During the last 3 months I have been involved in:



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- Data cleansing the membership data from Round Table. This consisted of deleting opt outs (283), removing duff email addresses and splitting into “hot” (9,589) and “mostly warm” (42,528) lists. These have now been passed to Mike Gibbs via Martin to load into the database. (Incidentally, we think Exeter 41 Club have picked up a new member as a result of the “opt out” email, which led him to talk about it in the office and along to out last meeting)
- World Cup Sweepstake, which seems to have been well received by those who took part. I’m still awaiting confirmation of a couple of figures before I can confirm the total raised, but I am expecting it to top £1000.
- NC visits to clubs within Region 22, plus a Presidents Rep trip across the border to Region 23, for a joint meeting of Taunton & Ilminster clubs (where the guest speaker was from Wellington 41 club)
- Providing information for the revamped website
- And of course the normal Treasuring duties of paying money out, collecting it in and creatively accounting for it ☺ I also had an insurance claim for stolen regalia and funding the President’s car to sort out.

Again there are no real budgetary concerns. The website development is progressing, with staged payments being made. This will be capitalised and written down over 3 years as was previous IT developments, so the only effect on this year’s account will be a higher depreciation charge.

A 12 month lease agreement has been entered into for the President’s car. Although not budgeted for, the £9k reserve established a few years ago will cover the cost of this through to the end of 2015. The budget presented at the Scarborough AGM for 2016 will be increased to cover the annual costs.

With the end of the year approaching, a reminder that I need your completed expenses forms for 2014 with me by Saturday 20th December at the latest, so that I can pay them in this financial year. If you haven’t submitted it by the deadline I will, as always, assume that you won’t be claiming – no 2014 claims will be paid in 2015.

Mark Fairchild



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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICE – DUNCAN KENNEDY

a. Progress on your key objectives.

The email from RT has been sent to all those on the database with an email. We have now received the details of those who have not opted out and where the email has not bounced. We will shortly be sending an email to all these people advising them that they will be contacted by phone with a view to discussing membership. This email has been agreed and will be sent once the telesales process is up and running. It was agreed that we would trial this in one Region and Terry is preparing the script for the telesales company. This will be undertaken in the next month or so. If it shows to be worthwhile it will then be rolled out to encompass all the Regions.

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

Progress with web site.

All requirements of me have been provided to Martin.

c. Your activity during the period

Despite trying to attend a couple of Clubs I have failed to do so. I have a few lined up now before the end of 2014.

I now have in place a Deputy, Steve James, who I am taking on my next visit. Although he is based in RT Area 4 he has a number of contacts in Area 43 which will help considerably.

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

The main focus is on the data and the next stage is documented above.





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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.

At this moment in time there are none. However, towards the end of the Club year it will be necessary to budget for letters to be sent to all those on the RT historic database who do not have email or whose email bounced. This will involve 2 mailings, the first from RT and the second from 41 Club. Nick Lawton has sourced a couple of bulk mailing companies to approach for quotes.

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

None at the moment.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER – RAY HILL

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

Looking forwards to seeing the new web site.

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

Not involved

- c. **Your activity during the period**

- Three monthly newsletters produced
- July Magazine delivered on schedule
- November magazine progressing well



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- Organised the October Council meeting
- Planning for possible National Conference 2017 bid

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

Greater participation required in supplying interesting copy for the newsletters and magazines.

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

None

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

None requested.

Attended Region 11 luncheon in Stafford

Booked in to Red Rose Dinner and Leyland 50th Charter

Ray Hill

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

To represent the President as a board member by visits to clubs.
I attended the meeting of RTF-Ire on the 26 of July.



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To represent the Board on the review committee
I attended this on the 20 July

To Rewrite the Handbook for National Councillors & Deputies
This task has not been completed yet as we must continue onto the 2011-14 development plan is complete, but as soon as a new progress plan has been developed then I will understand the role for future NC's.

To continue the development of Ireland the first meeting of Belfast first meeting on the 1st October. Ireland will develop at pace as soon as a Table is started in the Belfast area.

To continue the development of communications to National Councillors. I have tested out video conferencing it worked well. I will now develop groups of councillors into areas so that we can have regular video streaming as RT do each month.

I was planning to arrange a joint 41 Club National Councillors and Round Table Regional Representatives meeting to improve communications. Round Table has 4,000 members of which 2/3 will leave over the next two years under the age rule. I have spoken to Marcus and we hope to do this at REDNAL if the Board approves.

DK reported that Steve James was now in a position to understudy him as a prospective National Councillor for Region 13. I have spoken to Steve and we are now in communications together. He will be applying for the role of National Councillor at the earliest opportunity.

JS stated that the current 'Rules' included dealing with Officer Performance but not National Councillors. MM proposed PE draft performance measures into the redrafted Job Descriptions and Handbook and he would revise the 'Rules' accordingly. PE stated that there was a need to identify Deputies and he would look at putting together a programme to undertake this. When the role of the





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NC is defined under the new plan I will get to writing a role guideline and a new addendum to the rules in time for the AGM.

It was agreed that that PE would update the NCs on what was required of them. I will have this on the agenda for Shrigley.

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

I have represented the President at various events both in Ireland and in England. I represented 41 Club at a meeting of the RTF-Ire on the 26th July in Antrim.

I travelled to Terry's house to represent the board on the review committee, it has been well reported to the board the outcome of this event.

Rewriting the handbook at this stage is the wrong thing to do, as we are in the middle of a review and the future responsibilities of a NC may change.

The developing of new clubs and the regional structure is working well in Ireland. The next main job is to fill the position of National Councillor.

During the first week of September I and 6 National Councillors tested out "video conferencing", using Google Hangouts. This proved very successful and we decided to use this system more often as a means of group video conferencing. I have also decided to implement group help conferencing, were pre-**determined** groups in a geographical area of NC's can setup "Google Hangouts" to discuss problems. This area can be further developed into training

c. Your activity during the period

I travelled to the RTF meeting in July to represent RTF-Ire

Travelled to The review committee in Terry's house.





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Chaired the RTF-Ire meeting in July

Attended the Walled City Tattoo, to represent the 40/40 challenge and promote the RTF-Ire, outdoor event over 4 days.

Online video conference with National Councillors.

Been to a funeral of a very good member of 41 Club in Enniskillen to represent National Board and give a donation to his charity.

Attended the Region 10 Cluster meeting in Leicester (as Ian Paisley)

Region 3 Ireland half yearly Lunch. Pick up National President of 41, Tour off Belfast including an anti-British demo on the Falls Road. Have a wonderful "Breakfast" in the oldest hotel in Ireland. Travel with Jack & Ray Watson (Bangor 41) Jim & Chris Smith and Sandra and myself to the Proms on the Titanic Slipway. A great night had by all (all picture no sound).

I visited Banks – Leyland 41 clubs and had a very good discussion on their way forward. This visit was to support Godwin who is doing a great job in the area.

I have also met up with Tom Atkins in Coventry and we spent some time together to his role as a NC. He also described his concerns over the role and we helped him overcome this. Tom should be a very active NC and has great links to RT.

Travelled to the Board Review meeting at MH, to discuss the plan for the way forward and governance of 41 Club.

Travelled to MH to meet the RTCW team and discuss their representation in Ireland. Paid for by RTCW.

Bangor Ladies Circle, Masquerade Ball in the Belfast Gaol. This is not only a very proud moment for me, but RTF-Ire is also proud. Five months into their





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existence they have put on this event to not only have a great time but to promote the RTF-Ire and hopefully developed new recruits.

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

A planed strategy for outdoor promotions and material to explain what 41 Club is and what we do! Combine flyers with RT to promote both clubs. This could also be used to promote 41 to Round Table.

To develop further regional groupings into Groups, to help with communication and development.

I also would recommend that we as a Board revisit the decision to appoint HG as the booking agents for "ALL" future National Conferences. I would also like to know what their responsibilities are.

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

The cost to provide for the groups a set of promotional material and stands.

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

I will be representing the president at the 50th Charter of Leyland Round Table – supported by Leyland 41 Club. This is important as the 41 Club is doing well but the Table is struggling and said they receive no support from National. I have passed this on to Marcus so he can also follow-up. I have setup a visit to regional 1 & 2, for the 18th October. Both Ken and Nick will be their along with a group of 41ers from both regions.

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – BARRY DURMAN

Summer has been quiet and I have done hardly any visits. Exceptions have been Coventry, where I set the club on its way by inducting the 13 founder members, the well reported Classic Car Weekend, the Region 15 Golf in Solihull, the National Golf Finals and several meetings of my own club including a charity BBQ where we raised £450. Working full time has also meant I have struggled to give some reports in on time for which I apologise.

Conferences

Harrogate 2015 is going full steam ahead with 438 booked in by the end of August, way ahead of previous conferences – and all without a webpage on the 41 Club website! We will sell out!

Birmingham 2016 have got a good committee and are finalising contracts for venues. They have a good theme. Hospitality Guaranteed and the committee are working very well together in getting quotes and contracts. All in hand, with Alex Voller the Tangent VP having attended two meetings.

A possible bid from a 2017 committee ran into difficulty because they did not want to use Hospitality Guaranteed. This did get a bit heated on email over the summer, but we held a very productive meeting where Hospitality Guaranteed presented their services, on 8th September. I await a decision on whether or not they wish to go ahead with a bid presentation at Shrigley Hall

I have asked Hospitality Guaranteed to develop a deposit and final payment system so that when people book in they pay their deposit by card at the same time. This will make the administration easier, but there will be a small fee to be paid for each payment made.

Fellowship

Lawrence Bamber is co-ordinating some publicity for the Top 12 Dinners, with the Autumn dinners coming soon. He is also compiling a list of decent speakers.

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I hope you enjoy the fabulous Shrigley Hall for our October meeting. February will be in Birmingham as normal. Terry has a small team organising Bristol for 12-14 June 2015 (note – earlier than usual)

Millennium Way

The organisers need our help. We have proposals from Cait Allen as to how they can help and we agreed at the last NC meeting that we can use ten afternoons of our contract time to see what can be done.

National Arboretum

I am awaiting a quote from Peter Good for putting a square base around the obelise, hopefully in time for this November, the preparations for which are going ahead. No large funding will be required. If you have not been, please come down. It is an inspirational venue worth a couple of hours looking around, with our Round Table Family Service taking place at 11.30am prompt.

Sales have been quiet recently as normal. I still need a few stock boxes back from Councillors. Some new cufflinks are now available. We will face further write downs of old stock at year end because no one is selling any of it, however much we reduce the prices.

Platinum Privileges

We continue to work with “The Hotel Collection” who offer our members good rates at their very lovely hotels, such as Shrigley Hall.

Wider Wallet continues to be woefully underutilised by our members. I have just saved exactly the same as my annual 41 Club subs again in September at Sainsbury’s alone.

Hyundai continue to offer good rates. I recall that someone on the Board has just taken advantage of it.

David Leach commends our Novelunity scheme to readers.

Barry Durman



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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL

41 International AGM

Next year's International AGM will be held in Limassol, Cyprus from 24th – 26th April 2015. There are already several of us booked in to attend and I would urge National Councillors and Board members to consider joining us for what will be a great weekend.

41 Club Great Britain & Ireland will be hosting the Half Yearly meeting from 23rd to 25th October 2015, to be held in Birmingham. We have now confirmed that the event will be held at Jury's Hotel, Broad Street. A full programme has been finalised and our overseas colleagues will receive information at the forthcoming HYM in New Zealand.

I am still keen to seek some sponsorship for the International HYM and my committee will be looking into possible leads from companies in the Birmingham Area.

Gilles Casaubon from Troyes 41 club in France has written to me requesting assistance in finding a suitable club in the UK to twin with. This is a young club with member's ages ranging from 45 -55 years old. Poynton 41 club has been identified as a possible twin and the two clubs are now corresponding.

Work on the International Calendar is progressing slowly and I am awaiting further Instruction from our new Web development team regarding this and other features for the International section of the website.

I have attended the Cyprus AGM (19th – 22nd June) and the Austrian AGM (27th – 29th June 2014) – both were great weekends and the two countries send their greetings to GB & I.

I shall be attending the Market Harborough twinning weekend (with Halle, Belgium) 26th – 28th September, the Belgian AGM in Tienen 3rd-5th October, the Swiss AGM in Basel 17th – 19th October and the International Half yearly meeting in Blenheim, New Zealand 31st October – 2nd November.

Dave Campbell

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EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – SIMON THOMAS



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The New 41 Club Website

Our new club website's progress has been positive if not slower than initially planned due to my illness that took me out of circulation for the better part of three months. Whilst the development team were working they needed my direction to move at full pace. The current status is that the designs are finalised with key HTML page templates made, the core content management system is in place, and the control panel that manages the site's automated procedures is in place.

These are being progressed with some other key items towards completion, at the same time that content is being added, initially by MG, which is part of the system proofing.

Key items to be concluded are the API that controls how data is passed from CAS into the website management system, that will in turn control access and how mailings are run.

The addition of content is flagging up new ideas for site facilities, some which are being written in to the website now and some of which are being noted as desirable for a notional "phase two". Without this approach the additions to specification will simply swamp both project time and budget.

There is consideration being made at the moment whether we phase the release of the site to have it live sooner. Technically it would be practical to stage release the main site without the full microsities, just providing the basic individual club's content from CAS, and then complete the microsities soon thereafter. Practically whether this is desirable or not is a matter to debate.

The addition of content by MG has highlighted the enormity of the task however good progress is being made. It has flagged up the need to extend the templates to accommodate more layouts and for more user sympathetic facilities considering the user base which will extend to over 850 microsite content editors who will include the non-computer/no-web familiar.





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We are pushing hard for the earliest go live date, however this will not be until the key components and content are fully fit for purpose across all devices.

Conference Website

With regular contact with Harrogate we have just got the art and instructions to proceed. Their access to the website CMS has been granted and the Bournemouth template is being rebranded for the T'Dance theme. We have operational access to all the conference domain names, however David Henderson still has to transfer legal ownership of two to the group. This seemed to be a problem from past communications, however we will see if we can overcome the issue he has and complete the ownership transfer.

As soon as Harrogate are satisfied with the content we can make the site live on all domains and include David Henderson's footnote on the sites under the domain he has given to 41 Club.

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REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK LAWTON

Clubs Visited Personally:

Inverness 41 C – Walk – 27th July 2014

Inverness 41C – Bowls – 28th August 2014

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Members Forum with Region 2 on 18th October in Edinburgh

Any other comments:



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None

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - KEN DONALD

Clubs Visited Personally

Blairgowrie, Edinburgh

Clubs Visited by Deputies

None

Risks: Edinburgh Pentlands 41 club had a vote on disaffiliation and managed to have enough votes to stay in.

Membership Initiatives

Scottish Regions Forum booked for 18th October 2014

Any other comments

Scottish Regions Golf

Over fifty 41 Club members from all over Scotland took part in the Scottish Regions Golf Competition over the prestigious Rosemount Course at Blairgowrie on 14th August 2014, just over a month before that course hosted the Junior Ryder Cup.

Apart from a couple of short showers, the sun broke through and shone upon some fine golf. President Jim Smith was in attendance, and inspired by playing with Blairgowrie Golf Club Captain (and 41er) Alistair Drummond took the individual honours.

The team prizes were won by Troon with the best scratch score and the main prize, the team handicap prize was won by Linlithgow.

Thanks to Nick Lawton for assisting with the running of the competition on the day, and to Blairgowrie for providing such a wonderful venue.



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National Golf

The finals of the National Golf Competition were held in glorious weather on the lush links of Ladbroke Park Golf Club - just south of Birmingham - on Monday 22nd September. Winners of most of the Regional Events contested for the ultimate prize, the Cochran Cup, but equally other participants were made welcome and given the opportunity to play a round with a commemorative golf ball donated to each player by Jim Smith.

The role of honour on the day comprised

Least Best Prize - John Beavers - Exeter 41 club

Longest Drive - Ken Todd - Exeter 41 Club

Nearest the pin - Jim Smith - Bishop's Stortford 41 Club

Best Individual - Dave Moore - Newport (Salop) 41 Club

Team competition: in third place last year's winners Shirley Late Knights (Region 15), whilst in second place were Chippenham (Region 21), but with an excellent best three Stableford scores of 101 points, the winners of the Cochran Cup were Newport representing Region 11.

Event organiser Ken Donald (region2@41club.org) thanked all those who had helped with the event and encouraged all golfers to look out for details of the 2015 event, as all 41ers may take part, whether or not they were regional winners.

Ken Donald

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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILLIP ELLIS

Clubs Visited Personally:

As all clubs in Ireland region 3 close down for July and August so unless anything else is happening visiting would be a waste of time. However I have attended a RTF – Ire meeting which saw all participants putting in their shillings worth to plan the next three months recruitment.

I also visited the lads in Dundalk to make sure that they get visited even if National don't want anything from them.



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I have maintained a monthly newsletter, visited the RTF in Marchesi House to update them how the promotion/development campaign in Ireland is progressing.

September I visited Enniskillen unfortunately for the funeral of a very good member of Enniskillen 41 Club. I also visited region 10 Cluster meeting in Leicester. Then travelled to Leyland to a joint 41-Round Table meeting. I also attended the region 3 Ireland half yearly lunch in Armagh attended by National President Jim Smith. Also in attendance was Jim McCollum National President 1991-1992.

Next for me is attendance at a RTCW meeting in Birmingham to work out strategy for further promoting and delivery in Ireland.

Then one of the proudest days in my RT life Bangor Ladies Circle 5 months in the making will hold a masquerade ball. This ball will be a recruitment as well as a promotional evening.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/A

Membership Initiatives:

I have attended a 4 day/ evening outdoor event to promote the RTF – Ire at the walled City Tattoo. The week had mixed results, but that was due to weather rather than the event itself.

We did get names for the register and also for the local RT/Tangent. We have made numerous contacts in the area that would maybe enable a Lady Circle.

I have mentioned the Bangor LC event

I also have a meeting on the 1st of October with approx. 8 lads with the view of starting a new Table in the Belfast area.

Any other comments:

I need to recruit a new regional Councillor ASAP as I am becoming too busy.

Phillip Ellis





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REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - COLIN STEEN

Clubs Visited Personally:

Durham July 2014

This club meets on a regular basis, has a programme of meetings and events and a president who wears a gong. The Club is **not** affiliated.

I was told that they were holding a quoits night to which they had invited Washington 41 Club and Yarm 41 Club. So I went along wearing my purple polo shirt (to let them know they were being watched.) I had a great night but was pointedly ignored by their president when he stood to at the end of the meal to address the visitors.

Hexham August 2014

Visit was a first planning meeting of the committee responsible for arranging the Prince Bishops Dinner next February. Hexham are using the occasion to also celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Confident that the event is in good hands.

Hexham and Whitley Bay September 2014

Hexham had invited Whitley Bay to join them on a visit to a micro-brewery hidden along the Tyne valley. I was collected by the Whitley Bay bus and I was amazed to be going down single track roads that until then I did not know existed. Super night. About twenty of us in total. A comprehensive tour of the unit by the master brewer, followed by a tasting of four of their current brands and then an excellent meal.

More importantly, however, is that local Clubs are starting to visit their neighbours and hold joint events.

I was away on holiday and so missed a visit by Ponteland to Newcastle but heard subsequently that it was enjoyed by all those who went along.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: Not applicable

Membership Initiatives: None

Any other comments:

My other Club, Gosforth 41, remains in a state of suspended animation though several of us did meet in July for a meal.

There is also a group of ex-Gosforth Tablers and Ladies Circlers who meet once or twice a year and we had a most pleasant Sunday lunch in a hotel in Durham in July.





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REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DUNCAN BALDWIN

Clubs Visited Personally

Preston Old Parts, Preston

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives

Still trying to get an active East Lancashire club going, the other main protagonists are still Honorary Tablers.

Any other comments:

Region 5 Red Rose Dinner, Friday 21st November at Lancaster Brewery, £29 per head, Guest Speaker, Dick Greenwood, England Rugby International, (and father of Will Greenwood)

Duncan Baldwin

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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - ANDY WAITE

Clubs Visited Personally:

None, other than being taken to two Wakefield meetings. Saw the specialist on September 24th and, while not discharged, I can now drive and no longer need the protective boot all the time.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives:



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

Any other comments:

Capitation – 45 of 49 Clubs have paid, 94% of the expected amount. The percentage is low because two of the non-payers are big clubs who usually pay late.

Looking forward to attending the Belgian AGM with DC and PG. Editing the Hinge has kept me busy.

Andy Waite

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REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - PAUL COOPER

Clubs Visited Personally

Spilsby – hopefully turning the tide with disaffiliation – 3rd visit in a year

Spalding - first visit – nice vibrant group of guys interested in future activities

Holbeach – second visit – keen as ever – new club who have moved away from just dining

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

No Deputy appointed yet

Membership Initiatives:

Joint Spring Rally on 11th March 2015 with region 9 and Area 30 – first joint event and both presidents are attending.

Reaffiliation of Bourne 41 Club losing momentum despite efforts but will keep at it

Any other comments:

International referral made to International Officer (approached by Troyes).

Contact made with local friends of Anthony Nolan (Julie Cook) following last meeting



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“Spit kit” utilised throughout own offices as member of staff in need of transplant and act of solidarity.

Encouraging Skegness 41 Club to have 60th Presidential representation

Paul Cooper

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REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

August.

2 meetings with the Leicester guys for cluster night.

Happy holidays 12 days in France 3,000 miles return in our trusty chariot.

September 8th

Went up to Sheffield to collect £4K for Anthony Nolan from a Masonic Lodge, I was made very welcome and managed to help them raise another grand on the night. I suggested that the Worshipful Master should do the Ice bucket challenge but I didn't think he would do it with all his regalia on in the Lodge. He did and raised £500 and another £500 with a raffle. I had to do a power point presentation on the charity which was going well and libbing when the Worshipful Master got up and said 'Oh forgot to tell you Peter we have a leading transplant surgeon in the room with us'. She said I did very well!

September.12th - Region 10 Cluster Night.

Attended by National President Jim, also Barry Durman, and Lawrence Bamber and a fantastic surprise appearance from our council leader Mr Phillip Ellis. Thanks Phill for making the effort, a lot of others couldn't even be bothered to travel a few miles



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up the road. We had a great night and raised a fair bit for Anthony Nolan. Not sure on final amount but more than was reported on the night.

September 22nd.

Attended Round Table Area 14 Exec Meeting. It was a very good meeting, we are starting to work really well together. There are good positive guys there, not only interested in their Tables but wanting to know how to help their 41 clubs to be more attractive to members coming out of table.

October 3rd 4th 5th.

Attending 41 club Belgium AGM

Driving Mr Waite down to Dave Campbell then on Euro Star, here we come for a relaxing couple of days with maybe a few beers.

Peter Good

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REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - PAUL MOLLEY

At the time of preparing this report I do not believe there are any Clubs in serious risk within the Region. We have seen growth in the two new Clubs and discussion around the 40:40 Challenge has led to some deep thinking by various Clubs across the Region.

Clubs Visited Personally:

Since our last Council meeting, most of the Clubs in the Region have either had a summer recess or summer parties. Now that our new Deputy will be appointed officially at the Council meeting, I am looking forward to a renewed campaign over the next 6 months to visit Clubs within the Region once again.

Visited Stoke-on-Trent Sutherland and Stoke-on-Trent Wedgwood 41 Club joint meeting which was a bowls competition. As a result of that meeting, Sutherland have



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come forward with a proposal to organise a Region wide bowls event in the summer of 2015.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None at this stage. Following Nick Morcumb's official appointment to Deputy Regional Councillor, we will be working up a visiting schedule to take us up to the National AGM.

Membership Initiatives:

Our two new Clubs go from strength to strength.

By the time of the National Council more than 80 members of the Region with their wives and partners, will have attended the inaugural Regional Lunch hosted by Stafford 41 Club.

There are Clubs in the Region looking at engaging with the 40:40 Challenge set by the National President for Anthony Nolan.

Any other comments:

The proposed new format for running National Council meetings is beginning to show great promise to enable the Association to identify with a transparent organisation. We must not lose sight of that and **always** be open with the membership from the top down and bottom up.

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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - LAWRENCE BAMBER

Clubs Visited Personally:

July 15th : Rhyl 41 Club

Joint meeting with the Ladies : Croquet match in Llanfairfechan, followed by a meal at the Split Willow. LB won the raffle again; as featured in the August Newsletter

July 23rd : Dragons 41 Club coupled with Liverpool 2017
Conference Committee meeting at Haydock Park

August 2nd : Dragons 41 Club + Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club
BBQ Social at Kevin & Doreen Lovett's.

August 5th : Poynton 41 Club : Walk in Edale !!
LB eventually completed a 5 and 1/2 mile walk up hill & down (E)dale. followed by a welcome pint or 3 at Ye Olde Nag's Head!

August 21st - Sept 2nd RTI Mauritius
Met with the 3 Mauritian 41 Clubs on the island. Also met with 41 Club International President : Carsten Flink of Denmark

Sept 2nd : Poynton 41 Club
Annual Darts KnockOut nite : Bukll's Head, Poynton.

Sept 12th: Region 10 Annual Dinner at College Court, Leicester
Together with : Peter Good; Phill Ellis; Barry Durman; Mark Gilda; RTBI VP Marcus Jones; and President Jim.

Sept 16th : Rhyl 41 Club at Rhuddlan Golf Course : Speaker evening
The history of Chance Pilkington's Optical Works (CPOW) St. Asaph. Very traumatic, as they managed to kill my Dad!



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Oct 1st : Joint meeting of Birkenhead/Deeside/ Neston 41 Clubs held at Prenton Golf Club Mini Cluster evening with Steve Lander, RU Referee.

Oct 7th : Poynton 41 Club : an evening with Poynton Players Theatre Group
A bit of culture!! Followed by a few pints of local Worth Brewery Ales in the Poynton British Legion Club.

Oct. 10th - 12th : National Council Meeting, Shrigley Hall Hotel, Pott Shrigley
(Approx 15 mins. from Home!) Including a Guest Appearance from Mrs. Bamber!!??

Clubs Visited by Deputies

No Deputy; therefore no visits.

Membership Initiatives

Following the 4 Club Exercise, I now have a much better understanding of RT/41/LC/Tangent life in my Region.

I only have one town which still has all 4 as active Clubs: Llandrindod Wells.

I have asked Llandrindod 41 Club to act as coordinator for an Anthony Nolan 40/40 event between now & Christmas, and I await their positive response!

Any Other Comments/Plans

a) Administrative Contacts/Tasks

Since Stansted NC, I have kept a log of 41 Club contacts /tasks :
July : 18 ; Aug : 11; Sept (to date) : 15.

b) Future Visits Planned



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Oct 17th : White Rose Dinner

Oct 21st - Nov 17th : 41 International HYM, New Zealand : Norwegian Voting Delegate!

Nov 21st : Red Rose Dinner : Lancaster Brewery.

c) Don't forget to book in for Rhyl & district's 50th Charter Dinner At Rhuddlan Golf Club on Friday October 24th. Join VP Terry & R8 NC Godwin for a Great Nite Out in North Wales; President Jim & I have apologised! It's only £ 20 a head! A veritable Bargain!!

Lawrence Bamber

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REGION 14 CARETAKER NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - MANNY MARTINS

Clubs Visited Personally:

2 July 2015 – Lichfield 41 Club

Visited Lichfield to present Mac Cummings with the AGM award for the best Website. There was a fantastic Speaker one of their members speaking on American Thanksgiving, highly enthusiastic 41 club members and a great meal. Mac gave a very moving acceptance speech – just like the Oscars. Thanks for the fellowship.

5 July 2014 – 7 July 2014 Saffron Walden Round Table/41 Club

Joined Sean McCormick who signed me up as a 'Team Member' of the Saffron Walden Carnival crew. Spent three days stewarding at events – a well organised team who run a fantastic week long carnival raising a large amount of money for charity.

23 July 2014 – Brentwood 41 Club 50th Charter Anniversary

I was fortunate enough to attend the above and support President Jim at this most enjoyable event. Great fellowship and Speakers. Thanks to Tony Clarke – Chairman of Brentwood for the home hosting – much appreciated.



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Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/A

Membership Initiatives:

I have been assisting/encouraging a group of Tablers to form a more local Round Table for them and putting in place the pathway/succession plan for them to have a 41 Club to migrate to (mine – Hamble Valley Stick Club).

25 September 2014 saw me at the Holiday Inn, Kingston assisting the Region 24 National Councillor – David Leach – in running a 40/40 challenge. President Jim was in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed himself – why you ask? It was a scaletrix challenge – large track, X Box and a 36 foot square screen - what was not to like. Tablers and 41ers turned out to assist in this very successful event.

Any other comments

I really do need Deputy National Councillors or a fully-fledged National Councillor in our region to assist me or take it on. Please ring me or email.

Manny Martins

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ATKINS

At the time of preparing this report I believe there is one club in serious risk within the Region. Which is Atherton, but I am working on this by asking them to attend more meetings with Nuneaton PT and Coleshill, possibly Tamworth, and bring past members to have some fellowship.

We have seen growth in one Club - Coventry.

I have discussed with some clubs better liaison with their feeder RT clubs but as with Nuneaton and Hinckley the age gap is getting bigger each year.

Clubs Visited Personally

Since becoming a NC, and after a slow start (being like a fish out of water {new to the roll} and unable due to prior commitments to attend NC meetings) most of the





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Clubs in the Region have either had a summer recess sporadic meetings. I do not yet have a deputy, but once instructed on the whys and wherefores I will be onto it. After a very enlightening and useful meeting with Big Phil Ellis, I am looking forward to a renewed campaign over the next 6 months to visit Clubs within the Region , if not at least be in contact before Christmas..

Visited:- Atherstone, Bedworth, Coventry (inaugural meeting). Hinckley, Nuneaton, Wellingborough with RT at their Charter.

I have also been in touch with Coleshill, Hinckley Ex Tablers, Rugby Webb Ellis, Southam and District, Stratford, Tamworth, and I am in the process of arranging visits over the next month.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/A

Membership Initiatives:

I have been working with a few round table clubs to increase their membership and talk to the tablers about 41 club.

I am also in the process of drawing up plans for an alternative complementary club in Nuneaton who will meet on a different night.

Any other comments:

Goals for the next 6 months .To contact at least 70 % of the clubs and visit 50 % .

Tom Atkins

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DES FULCHER

Clubs Visited Personally:

2.7.14 Saffron Walden Table/41 Club – Carnival safety briefing, met Region 18 National Councillor Sean McCormick & Round Table International Vice President



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Jason Thompson with several other 41'ers, Tablers, Tangent and Ladies Circle members.

3.7.14 Meeting with 41 Club National Councillor Liaison Officer Phil Ellis at Stanstead to discuss future plans and ways to bring positive changes for Region 17.

6.7.14 Saffron Walden Table/41 Club – Met 41 Club National Secretary (a Saffron Walden Carnival virgin) & several other members of all four Round Table Family organisations to help at Saffron Walden Carnival.

29.7.14 South Norfolk 41 Club – Met with several new and prospective 41 Club members at a local Aston Martin / Lotus dealership followed by a meal where DF presented their affiliation certificate as a newly formed club.

31.7.14 Tangent/Ladies Circle – Met Tangent National President Janice O'Neill during daytime ahead of the Norwich Phoenix Circle re-launch which my 20yr old daughter Kassia had planned for the same evening.

31.7.14 Norwich Phoenix Circle – An informal re-launch with local Area Ladies Circle member Angela Hook, National Ladies Circle Membership Officer Ginette May and Tangent National President Janice O'Neill supporting my daughter Kassia at Cinema City, formerly known as Suckling Hall, the birthplace of Round Table which was founded there in 1927 by Louis Marchesi.

14.8.14 Meeting with Kelly Clarke of North Walsham 41 Club to discuss plans for development of an 'active' 41 Club aspect of North Norfolk, this included appointing Kelly as a Deputy National Councillor. Kelly's detailed involvement with Round Table including Founder's Area Chairman on two occasions and National representation for Round Table previously makes him a great addition to 41 Club in Region 17, he has also expressed possible interest in higher positions on National Council in the future.

25.8.14 North Norfolk 41 Club – Liaising with members of various clubs including Holt 41 Club, Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club and others to determine dates and venue of their 2014 cluster meeting.

16.9.14 Stowmarket 41 Club – Introductory meeting at the community owned Punchbowl Public House in Battisford, a warm welcome and superb meal made for a great evening of fellowship. Despite not having a feeder Table this club remain eager to welcome new members, hopefully they can benefit from the database which Round Table have agreed to share with 41 Club.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:





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All three Deputies were only recently appointed & working on plans with DF to begin making approaches over the coming months.

Membership Initiatives:

- Joint Table/41 Club meeting in Bury St Edmunds
- North Norfolk 'active' 41 Club proposals
- Begin research into Deputy National Councillor(s) for Cambridgeshire
- Further develop support for the Forecast Evening
- Encourage participation in the 2015 North Anglia Golf Event

Any other comments:

Sadly no 41 Club golf players came forward to support the first North Anglia Charity Golf event in July 2014, but the two 4 ball golf vouchers which I secured made some contribution towards the overall £3,500 raised for Keeping Abreast, a local charity helping women and their families who face the trauma of breast cancer. Hopefully with more advance notice and the assistance of Deputy National Councillors in Region 17 some 41 Club members can lend their support for the 2015 event.

Now that my appointment has been fully ratified as Region 17 41 Club National Councillor I have begun looking at the efficiency and effectiveness delivered by National Council as a whole in the region, this includes coverage of special events and meetings both inside and outside of the Round Table Family organisation.

My intention is to encourage existing and new members to consider creating membership initiatives or the further development of active meetings and events for the younger generation ex-Tablers who are yet to join 41 Club.

It is good to see that plans at Cinema City have been recognised now, though as an organisation we may have missed the opportunity to embrace the proposed naming of The Marchesi Room by taking too long to respond. Round Table appear to have totally ignored the appeal made direct by the project organiser, this is something





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needing to be given further consideration as a wider appeal for the £50,000 shortfall will begin in earnest shortly.

Kelly Clarke and Chris Rawlings are looking to work together as Deputy National Councillors in Region 17 on an 'active' 41 Club element in North Norfolk, they are both well positioned to engage with ex Tablers and Honorary Table members known to them having themselves not retired from Table too many years ago.

Kelly Clarke is also the 41 Club Liaison Officer for Round Table NSW 2015 'reportedly' being held in Norwich, keeping close links with individuals who remain in denial of passing 45 (despite some of them having a free bus pass!). This may present further opportunity to recruit new 41 Club members especially as rumour suggests Round Table want to discourage the 'oldies' from this and future NSW's.

Des Fulcher

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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - SEAN McCORMICK

Clubs Visited Personally in September:

Colchester

Maldon

Dengie / Rochford 100

Brentwood

(Outside of Region, Letchworth & RT Ireland Family Meeting)

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None, as not got one (yet)

Membership Initiatives:



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Wickford have a cluster meet (Oct 22nd), Encouraging all & sundry, new, old, far & wide

Any other comments:

Generally, those with feeder Tables are doing the best in terms of membership & are least like "ROMEO" Clubs. That said, the likes of Brentwood have really 'upped' their programme for the year (combining active meets with speaker meets) & have two new prospective members from their former Table. These are the Ex-Tablers who had said they were not interested in joining a 'ROMEO' club.

Sean McCormick
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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ABBOTT

Clubs Visited Personally:

4 of our clubs put teams into the Regional Golf, our thanks to Nigel Davies for his continued organisation of this very enjoyable day of sport and an evening of fellowship. Ruislip Charter night was well attended with representatives of most surrounding clubs. Welwyn Garden City were very welcoming but their officers felt unable to continue as a formal organisation and have disbanded. The Presidents Ball at Stansted brought a national event to our region and we were pleased to join Jim and Chris for a great event on our own turf as well as helping to raise over £2,000 for the presidential charity, Anthony Nolan.

Our main focus has been on co-ordinating the efforts of my 2 Club, Royston and Harpenden, who have kindly offered to host a cluster night each. Harpenden on 1st October and Royston on the 11th November.

At the time of writing I have followed up a direct mailing to all members with a further direct mailing to club officers. As well as publicising the Clusters and asking for an RSVP, I have raised again the need for some clubs to improve communication

"This brings us to another issue of communication and also entitlement. Many club membership lists are out of date or very brief compared to the number of declared members some clubs have. Of course there are members, older members in particular perhaps, who do not use electronic communication but I have also been



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told on visits that some members are simply not passed on details of events and news that they would like to hear and which is part of what they have paid their subs for. This includes the magazine, Platinum Privilege offers, our conference, car rally, golf tournaments and of course , news of events such as the cluster meetings and celebrations such as the recent outstanding Charter Celebration at Pinner.”

I will be following up on this post the first cluster with direct contact with clubs whose listings are out of date as well as having a number of other dates for visits booked in

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

n/a

Membership Initiatives:

I have requested details of regional contacts and opposite numbers across the rest of the Round Table Family be obtained from the next liaison meeting by Phill from those board members who attend, having raised this at the last Council meeting, I will then invite them to meet up and see how we can mutually support each other

Any other comments:

None

Tom Abbott

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REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - FRANK VENABLES

Clubs Visited Personally:

Bourne End & Flackwell Heath July 3rd 2014:

This was a speaker meeting attended by 17 members, some three-quarters of the membership, a good turnout for the 'silly season'. I was well received, the atmosphere was lively, and the club obviously holds several social/sport events as well as meetings. The speaker, a local auctioneer & valuer, was excellent but took up almost all of the time.

I had put my literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, Oxford College Dinner and Club Sales) on both tables, and 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 'Sofa of Ease' collecting box was passed around and stuffed, and I sold a few pins.

Buckingham & District July 9th 2014:

This was a dinner meeting with 12 members, rather less than half but it was the 'silly season'. There was considerable discussion about a fundraising event being organised later in the month (this seemed to be a significant effort and I got the impression that members of the disaffiliated Buckingham RT would also be involved – see also Brackley visit report below).

I had put my literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, Oxford College Dinner and Club Sales) on the table, and was able to cover those topics at some length, especially about Anthony Nolan 40 years on and the 40-40 Challenge. There was interest, mostly polite, I expect, in all of this, but they are likely to send a party to the Oxford College Dinner. Again, my 'Sofa of Ease' was stuffed, fell apart, and was replaced at the July National Council Meeting by a collecting tin.

Wantage July 15th 2014:



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The meeting comprised a guided tour of the town, ranging from Alfred the Great through Canals, Railways and Trams, to the present day. Very refreshing, as most of it was alongside water, flowing or static. The meeting itself was necessarily brief, and I spoke through the meal, although not with my mouth full. Twelve members were present, rather more than one third, but 'silly season' still!

I arranged my literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, Oxford College Dinner and Club Sales) on the table, and covered those topics, especially about Anthony Nolan 40 years on and the 40-40 Challenge. I felt, and said, that with an active Table, Wantage 41 Club was a good candidate for hosting a 40-40 Challenge; I promised to forward Ian Mackenzie's information pack, which I did some days later (from holiday). There was some interest in the Oxford College Dinner.

Brackley August 26th 2014:

This was an Away Meeting in a village lost in the wilds of the Oxon-Northants border country. Aunt Sally! I still couldn't improve on my best score – One (out of 36!). Joking apart, it was a very friendly evening, attendance almost total, with business, and a few words from me running through the meal.

I put a selection of my literature (Anthony Nolan, Wider Wallet, Harrogate Conference, Oxford College Dinner and Club Sales) on the crowded tables, and covered those topics briefly. I did not need to dwell on Anthony Nolan because the business was all about a planned 40-40 Challenge in Brackley. The driver is a member with a son in Brackley Round Table 1037. There was talk of a date, but I have yet heard anything since that night and I think it may have slipped.

In the conversations it transpired that, although disaffiliated from RTBI, the former members of Buckingham RT still meet and do good works.

West Forest September 11th 2014:

I wanted to revisit my early club encounters and, four years and two days later I started with the first club I visited at the start of my National Councillorship. This was a full evening with almost total attendance, a quiz, reports and my address. The club





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has a full complement of officers and committees, all of whom gave reports; there is a wide and active life in this club.

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 at some length. A substantial part of the business was devoted to the joint effort with Wokingham 41 Club to arrange a 40-40 Challenge event with Wokingham West Forest 1122 Round Table. Apparently, the two 41 Clubs were on board, but tying down Round Table was proving elusive (maybe something to do with the next table meeting - 'Power Kiting!') - see also report on the joint meeting Wokingham-West Forest below. There was some interest in the other club topics, especially the Oxford College Dinner, my collecting tin was stuffed, and I sold a few pins, etc.

I had been advertising the 'Anthony Nolan at 40' book at meetings, suggesting that a club might like to buy it to use as a modest fundraiser. This time the Chairman came up trumps, pressed a fresh £20 note into my hand, and took the book!

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Wokingham – West Forest (Joint) 12th August 2014:

A joint meeting of Wokingham & West Forest for outdoor games, rather than the usual golfing venue for both clubs. The two clubs are slowly getting closer and now share a Round Table. It may be that in a few years the 41 Clubs merge too.

The joint Table is now about 11 strong and growing. One item on the agenda was Anthony Nolan & 40/40. A 40/40 steering group has been set up with a couple of members from each of the 41 Clubs; Table representation will be invited. Thursday, 9th October has been set for an initial meeting, and Gareth Nicholls, Chair of Maidenhead Friends of Anthony Nolan, has been invited to give an address. So 40/40 is beginning to take shape in Wokingham.

Overall, both 41 Clubs are in good heart and active - Wokingham have its French Club, Ales, here in early October (visits are swapped every other year) and a busy





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programme is planned. National President Jim with Chris will be here for the main formal dinner on Sunday 5th October.

The Oxford Dinner was pushed, but there was very little interest. The problem was that both clubs had been in the last few years and summarised it as "mediocre".

Twyford 27th August 2014:

There were about 15 of the 22 or so members there; a pleasant and quite lively bunch but some of the most insular 41ers met. It wasn't that they were anti National, just ignorant about it! They were happy to listen to Regional and National issues. When the Chairman inducted two new members, he announced that he'd searched the 41 website unsuccessfully for an induction script and had spoken to Marchesi House where a girl had told him there wasn't one! So the induction was just "you're in, welcome; here's a badge" plus handshakes all round! It was pointed out that there IS a script on the website, very similar to the one used in Table days.

One member didn't know there is a magazine; he doesn't get the email newsletter; he didn't know there is an annual Conference, but he doesn't like conferences so what happens? He was surprised that it isn't a 'Stag Do'!

No one had heard about the National Car Rally (though at least one of them owns an interesting vehicle), Wider Wallet nor current Anthony Nolan or the 40/40 challenge, though many recalled AN from Table days.

They don't seem to visit other clubs and are not considering the Oxford Dinner, though, when urged to do so, someone said they had been a few years ago and it was very good! They were briefed on the plans for Platinum Day, 13th May 2015, the Royal Armouries Lunch for the 70th, and the need for a new Region 20 National Councillor next year.

On a positive note, several use Facebook, and Twyford 1002 Table is doing well at 15-20 members. 41 Club assists with annual fireworks and Christmas collection. They're happy doing what they do.



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Planned Club Visits:

Myself:

October 9th Henley on Thames

Deputy:

October 2nd Basingstoke

November 10th Windsor & Eton

November 12th Reading Valley Veterans

January 21st Maidenhead

January 27th Newbury

Membership Initiatives:

Two of my clubs are actively pursuing 40-40 Challenges, with a third possibly following suit.

I have contacted the two RTBI Regional Councillors, who seem to cover their Areas 25 and 50, which correspond almost exactly to our Region 20. My main reason for contacting them:

"Help bring 41 Club closer to Round Table to move both organisations forward. The time is also right; in a year when Anthony Nolan celebrates 40 years, it is our National Charity. I am already aware of an 'AN 40-40 Challenge' planned in each of your Round Table Areas".

At the time of writing, I have had a polite reply from Adam Fitt of Region 19 (Areas 3, 18 & 25 comprising some 24 Tables). Especially promising is the fact that he is currently Area 25 Vice Chairman.

Any other comments:

I have notified my clubs of the termination next April of my tenure of the National Councillor Post, and the need for a replacement and possible deputy.





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The Regional Golf Day on September 4th at Frilford Heath near Abingdon was a great success, albeit postponed from the early summer. National President Jim played and presented the prizes, including his personal prize to the overall winner. Owing to the proximity to the date of the National Golf Day, no team was available to represent the Region.

The National 'TOP 12: Oxford College Dinner' will take place at Somerville College, Oxford, on Friday November 7th at 7.30 for 8pm. Bookings are coming in steadily, but there are still places available. Bookings can be made via me, and the booking form can be downloaded from the National Club website under 'What's On'.

High Wycombe 41 Club will celebrate its 40th Charter Anniversary at High Wycombe on Friday 14th November 2014; details from Chairman Dermot Kelly on langhamhouse.kelly@gmail.com.

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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - RAY JONES

Clubs Visited Personally:

30/04/14 NORTON RADSTOCK 41 Club **Dinner** meeting followed by AGM and attended by approx 20 members and Chairman of local Table. Really good fellowship with a strong club which will continue for many years.

01/07/14 A joint meeting of my own club, MALVERN HILLS with a visiting club from BOLTON-LE-MOORS (Region 8) on a 2 day visit to our area. A dinner meeting with speaker and pub games which produced very good fellowship.

09/07/14 Regional Skittles final in Cheltenham with 4 clubs represented, CHELTENHAM, MENDIP, GORDANO VALLEY AND NEWENT. With NEWENT emerging as champions. A good fellowship night between 40 members.

24/07/14 Regional Golf qualifier with 15 teams entered from 11 different Clubs. The event was superbly organised by THORNBURY 41 CLUB. 50 members attended the evening meal including National President Jim.



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02/09/14 Joint club meeting between HEREFORD and MALVERN HILLS. Dinner with speaker attended by 38 members from the 2 clubs. Very good fellowship again.
01/10/14 KEYNSHAM 41 Club. A dinner meeting with speaker together with partners.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

None

Any other comments

9th October 2014 Regional Quiz organised by DROITWICH SPA Club to be held in Gloucester. To date 15 teams are entered and 65 members booked in for supper.

REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - MARK FAIRCHILD

Clubs Visited Personally

Regional Golf competition, 31st July. Venue was Exeter Golf & Country Club, competition was contested between Exeter and Ottery St Mary, with President Jim in attendance. Won by Exeter, who will compete in the National Finals. All prizes won by Ken Todd

Taunton / Ilminster joint meeting with David Brown, R23 – see Treasurers report for details

Ottery St Mary, 8th Sept – visit to Armortek, who make 1/6th scale models. Very good visit, would recommend a trip to those in the area. Lively meal as always afterwards – 16 in attendance (75%). No feeder Table, but club remains active and attracts occasional incomers.

Staffanstorp PM4 Club, 10th-14th Sept – A trip to Sweden for the 123 Eurometing, which I didn't claim mileage for !

Newton Abbot 40th Charter, 19th Sept – VP Terry did a turn as the guest speaker, jokes not quite up to David Smith's standards but he was well received. Attended by



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9 member (36%), plus myself, Terry and a former member. Apart from Chairman, average age is high and there is no feeder Table.

Clubs Visited by Deputies

None

Membership Initiatives

None

Any other comments

National Golf Final attended by Exeter, unfortunately an injury to Captain Chris Shaw prior to the event meant that they only had three players. Still managed to avoid the bottom spot, and the longest drive was won by Ken Todd.

Still looking for a replacement councillor.

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REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID BROWN

Clubs Visited Personally

Taunton/Ilminster. Wellington, Showtime! (Inaugural meeting with members drawn from 6+ clubs).

Clubs Visited by Deputies

None, however Duncan Kennedy visited Blandford on my behalf to discuss disaffiliation, and successfully persuaded them to reconsider.

Membership Initiatives



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None though always in dialogue with our RT to encourage membership on retiring....
And to encourage continued attendance by 41ers locally in their meetings.

Any other comments:

Arranged joint social BBQ for Taunton and Wellington Tangent and 41 Clubs which proved a great success and hoping to make this an annual event on the calendar.

Arranged annual joint meeting of the Taunton and Ilminster Clubs which is always held in memory of a much loved member of both clubs, who died some years ago before his time.

The inaugural meeting of Showtime! Took place just outside Wareham in Dorset to a full complement, including wives. Honorary Lady members a likely outcome together with the first view of the anti-establishment Chairman's Jewel. A splendid evening and to be repeated as diaries allow.

Taunton Tangent arranging the South West Regional Lunch at Oake Manor Golf Course. While ladies are dining members of various 41 Clubs assembling to play golf.

Personally pleased to have been invited to design and arrange printing of their menu (much as Conference).

Ringwood 41 Club 50th Charter being attended on 14th October 2014.

Weymouth 41 Club 55th Charter being attended on 25th November 2014. Both events expected to be great evenings of fun and friendship.

The annual Region 23 Quiz taking place in Christchurch on 11th November 2014, and once again all down to the stirring efforts of Colin Christmas.

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID LEACH

Clubs Visited Personally:

Alton 41 Club - 22 July

I visited Alton as they had not been visited by a National representative in quite a while. They turned out to be a vibrant and welcoming club. They do have a feeder Round Table but RT is not doing too well and they have experienced very few converts to the 41 Club. Alton tend to move around venues for their meetings and the venue on this particular evening was very pleasant and accommodated 16 of us comfortably and in relative privacy. I held a Q&A session with the members about National and discussed the possibility of their working with their feeder Table to take up the Anthony Nolan 40/40 challenge. They have a summer fete which they could target next year.

Storrington & District 41 Club - 24 July

Storrington & District 41 Club are a relatively new club and this was my first visit to them. The meeting started off with a game of golf, followed by a barbeque at the local cricket pavilion. The pavilion had recently been restored with help from 41 Club and provides a very valuable resource to the local community. Their current chairman is closely involved with grassroots cricket there. Numbers for the meeting were low due to holidays and other commitments but nevertheless a very enjoyable evening.

Cranleigh 41 Club - 6 August

I visited Cranleigh as they had not been visited by a National representative in quite a while. They are quite a strong club and the meeting was very well attended. There was an interesting speaker for the meeting which was held at Hurtwood Park Polo Club (owned by Kenney Jones of the Small Faces). They are a very welcoming club and are happy for non-ex-tablers to come along. This matter, they state, was discussed with a representative of National sometime in the past.

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club – 17 September

I visited Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club as they were holding a Round Table Family day with representatives there from Round Table, 41 Club, Tangent and the recently closed Ladies Circle. The evening consisted of a meal followed by speeches and a video presentation by Laura Watts from Anthony Nolan. President Jim Smith was in attendance and there were two presentations of donations to the charity on the





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evening. I was there in my capacity as 41 Club NC and assisted Jim by selling Anthony Nolan 41 Club badges to those present, raising a further £160.

Reigate 41 Club – 22 September

I visited Reigate 41 Club in response to a notification by their secretary that they were considering disaffiliating. I provided a written response in advance of the meeting (having discussed it with a number of Board members). The meeting was devoted entirely to the debate on disaffiliation, beginning with me talking through my thoughts on the subject together with my previously submitted report. Alan Reed, one of their members, also spoke in favour of remaining affiliated. The case against was made by John Lee who had prepared his own version of the national accounts / budgets. John had also picked out sections from the 2014 AGM Order paper, together with quotes from the live streaming, and proceeded to interpret them to suit his argument.

I was deeply saddened that we, as “National”, have so failed to convey all the good work that we all do, that an individual such as John should find it so easy to criticise. Reigate feel extremely un-empowered when it comes to the voting system. Firstly, it is very difficult for them to find an attendee who can act as their proxy (one who is not already voting on behalf of their own club). Some felt aggrieved that there isn't a system of postal voting available. John has said he is prepared to go to Harrogate for the AGM on behalf of the club. In the meantime, they will be drafting an open letter to the magazine and will be holding a secret ballot of all members on disaffiliation.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

No clubs visits were reported in this period, however, Paul Rawlinson has now returned to the UK and has lined up a number of visits in November.

Membership Initiatives:

A combined Region 24 Dinner and Golf Day is planned for 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.

Any other comments:





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Kingston 41 Club and Round Table got together on 25th September to promote the Anthony Nolan 40 / 40 campaign. This took place during an event which was part of the Surbiton week-long festival. It comprised of a car racing championship using Scalextric and Play Station car racing games. Although it was not very well attended (it being the first year of this event) those that did attend seemed to enjoy themselves. A number of names were added to the Anthony Nolan register and it is hoped that this can be built upon in the coming weeks.

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - JOHN S ALFORD

Clubs Visited Personally

Locksbottom, Whitstable, Westerham, Bromley & Sevenoaks

Clubs Visited by Deputies

None

Membership Initiatives

Keeping in contact with Deptford member

Any other comments

Every club operates in a different manner. Locksbottom was started from new as the members did not want to join an existing club. As they are now a few years down the line some think that my idea of having two sections to an existing club would work. That is that the existing club members continue meeting on their regular night and the new members meet on another night. This has the advantage of a large club which when needs be can come together. Also members can on either day and form a stronger bond and fellowship

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST - HUGH MILWARD

Work in respect of the Archive Room at Marchesi House has not been as busy during the last few months due to summer commitments but with the Autumn approaching and less opportunity to get out and about, more days spent at the room will forthcoming.

Requests for information on past events and persons continue to be received and auctioned. One such request came from a German 41er asking for information on Past President David Bell. What an amazing man who lost both his sight and both hands in the war but went on to hold our highest office with great respect. I really enjoyed digging out information on such a person.

I still get many requests from 41ers about past Table events, dates and persons to which I have to politely decline as the archive information we hold is mainly about 41 Club, not Table. 41ers say they have contacted Table with their requests but get very little back in way of a reply. Is this something for the "Family" to discuss?

The main focus has been on trying to pull together the various archive material we hold into one user friendly place. A proposal with plan of action and costs involved will be forward to the Secretary for the October Council meeting all being well.

Obituaries continue to arrive for the magazine and these are acknowledged and actioned in the usual way.

The summer months have also caused problems in getting together with fellow members who are involved in the 75th Celebrations next year, but hopefully we can all get this moving again as the "clock is ticking" on this!

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