



National Council Report

Saturday 13TH June 2015
Bristol Hotel, Bristol, BS1 4QF

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

I'm looking forward to welcoming you all to Bristol for our first Council meeting of the year.

Harrogate Conference was an excellent event and Eric Peacock and his committee can be rightly proud of their efforts. What a party it was with some really top class entertainment. The Birmingham committee have gone away to start planning their conference next year with copious notes and lots of good ideas.

No sooner had the dust settled on Harrogate than Lin & I were packing our bags for warmer climes. We travelled to the 41 Club International AGM in Limassol, Cyprus with a large contingent of around 50 from the UK. Another excellent event ably organised by our friends in Cyprus 41 Club.

The AGM of 41 Club International was held on the Saturday morning and along with all the other member countries I was able to report on current progress in the UK and Dave Campbell supplied details of the forthcoming HYM in Birmingham in October. During the AGM a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between 41 Club International and Round Table International to further the process of closer relationships internationally.

In early May we flew up to Inverness for the Round Table Conference in Aviemore to see my friends Marcus Jones and Zoe Gaskill become Round Table and Ladies Circle Presidents. I am really looking forward to working with them along with Alex Voller the Tangent President in the coming year.

Following on from Aviemore I brought news of our current year to the Past Presidents weekend in Solihull, quite a daunting thought in the presence of so many of my predecessors. It was an excellent weekend ably organised by Gordon and Elaine Macnab. Prior to that I was at Wakefield for the first of our 70th Anniversary events. A Lunch took place on the anniversary of the date that 41 Club was formed, May 13th, with members of the four founding clubs attending. The Mayor of Wakefield also attended as one of her predecessors had done 70 years ago. It was a great event full of fellowship to start off our 70th celebrations. I would like to thank National Councillor Andy Waite and Past President Martin Green for their organisation of an excellent day.

With our 70th celebrations in mind I would urge you all to book in for the 70th Charter Lunch at The Armouries in Leeds and spread the word to all of the Clubs in your Region. This promises to be an excellent day with guest speaker Martyn Lewis, a brass band and lots more traditional 41 Club fellowship and fun.

Last week I paid a flying visit to Calpe to celebrate their 9th Charter and then returned to the UK to attend the 30th Charter of Chester Grosvenor Knights. Both were excellent events with lots of fellowship and fun.



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At our AGM the motion for optional selective open membership was soundly defeated so we now very clearly know where the membership stands on that issue. Any new members we get into 41 Club must be ex Tablers so we need to be working closely with Round Table to ensure that joining 41 Club is a natural progression from Table. I sent out an invitation to over 300 Tablers who retired from table at this year's AGM to invite them to join us, sadly I have only had a few replies but these were mainly positive, with not only individual memberships but also the wish to form a new Club amongst them. I have already inducted 4 new members at the RT Conference at Aviemore, 1 in Calpe and another 2 at the Chester Charter on Friday. One of these was by Skype, so I think that could be a first! The gold 70th pin for those new members I induct is proving very popular.

Marcus Jones the Round Table President has a clear vision of how he plans to grow the membership of Round Table in the future. He has enormous drive and is very focussed as are his Council on achieving growth in Round Table. This is our life blood and we must work with these younger men to ensure our future too. I have invited Marcus to attend the Council meeting to address us and I hope he will be able to join us to share with us his vision for Round Table's future.

I have already circulated a précis of the decisions we need to make at the council meeting so I will not repeat myself. However there are other issues that need our attention.

A discussion on the up to date situation on the vacancy for our Honorary Webmaster.

An update and discussion on the 70th Charter Lunch.

I would like to congratulate Phillip and his team on the excellent New Councillors Training Day held recently at Marchesi House. Although I was unable to attend I received very positive feedback from a number of attendees.

Although not perhaps for our June meeting, as I feel we will have enough to discuss. I would like to look at the format and structure of our AGM before next April. I think it has become too "long winded" now and perhaps, even though we like tradition, some of the process could be shortened. I will be consulting Honorary Solicitor Paul to make certain of my facts before making any proposals.

I look forward to seeing you all in Bristol.

Terry Cooper
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NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - BARRY DURMAN



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My apologies for being late with this report. My excuses are that since conference I have been on three separate international visits, I have been very busy at work and 41 Club and nearly lost my daughter as she gave birth to twins. It simply slipped my mind.

Since Conference I have visited Stratford on Avon for their AGM and Wythall for pitch and putt as well as my own club, Shirley Late Knights. Our Round Table with Ladies Circle raised £15,000 at the Shirley Beer Festival, which I supported. I met the Falkirk to Lands End cyclists in Kidderminster – a pity not more people could make it. I also attended and contributed to the Councillors training session.

I have visited the International AGM in Cyprus, the German AGM in Schwabisch Hall and the 4 Club Swedish AGM in Sunne. I think that I will be the most Internationally well travelled President in recent years, as I have now been to 5 International AGMs as well as several other visits and tours.

I have spent some time getting my PLC together and they are already working away on Sponsorship, Charity, Transport and Diary etc. I have been promised much help and support. I have also met with Paula Farnfield, Tangent Vice President, to plan the year ahead. I have also updated the website and spent some hours on Board matters.

I am still dealing with sales and can report continued good sales figures. Paul Sankey continues to deliver a good service with very few complaints at all.

Barry Durman
VicePresident@41club.org

NATIONAL IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

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

In view of the current state of the Plan/Objectives the only objective I have is to make coffee for the board – Result. Over achieved as I made tea and chocolate as well!

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





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Progress with web site.

Board Item 12. Produced an updated webmaster job profile which was circulated to Ray Hill and Manny Martins and approved by them.

Have produced 2 news articles for the National Web site and contributed to Bishop's Stortford Web site.

c. Your activity during the period

Attended 41 International AGM in Cyprus.

Visited Harpenden 41 Club at their invitation to present the National Press award trophy which hadn't been presented at the AGM. Very good meeting with speaker David Clarke who is a footballer with England and Great Britain blind football team. Also excellent presentation on the upcoming Harpenden Carnival from Round Table who organise the event. Good to see a high degree of support from 41 club for this large event.

Attended Round Table and Ladies Circle Conference in Aviemore. A very good event, well organised by the team in Scotland. Did speech at the Ladies Circle AGM supporting the Round Table family. The Round Table AGM was one of the best and most positive one's I had attended in the 25 AGM's I've been to.

Met up with the members of Falkirk Round Table and Larbert & Falkirk 41 Club in Kidderminster half way through their cycle ride from Falkirk Wheel to Lands End. Very good joint club initiative in support of Anthony Nolan. As I write they completed the journey yesterday and to date have raised over £12,000 for the charity.

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





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I still believe we have to develop a community service strategy and feel that the appropriate person on the board to do that is the IPP. There are some very clear reasons for doing this relating to development of future membership from Round Table leavers. I will bring a very brief presentation on my initial thoughts on this to the board meeting on 12th June

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

Recommendation above involves no cost, just enthusiasm and participation

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

Will be attending Round Table Biggest Wish Day on 4th July on behalf of President Terry as both he and Barry will be attending the Classic Car weekend that day.

Jim Smith

pastpresident@41club.org

NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

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

National Board and National Council Minutes Produced and circulated.

Minutes and reports uploaded to Website and SharePoint

Rules amended as per AGM Resolutions and posted on website & SharePoint

Address lists updated – but issues with CAS prevented uploads – hopefully now resolved.

Calling Notices with attachments for National Board, National Council and Round Table Family meeting.

Coordinating our attendance to Arthur Kennedy Past President 1981 - 1982 Memorial Service and Luncheon on 10 June 2015.



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

Progress with web site.

Board Minutes:

Item 5 & 6 – I have spoken to Paul Cooper National Councillor Region 9 to represent his region and myself at the 2015 – 2020 National Strategy Forum Meetings. He has in principle agreed.

Item 12 – I have received Jim Smith's draft of the Job Description for the Honorary Webmaster role, read through it, agreed the content and approved for publication and advertising.

Item 14 – Minute – by – Minute (MbM) for the 2016 AGM in Birmingham being amended to reduce running time.

c. Your activity during the period

I have received the following two Resolutions from an individual not a Club as yet. They will be discussed in full at the February Council Meeting when they will be officially received.

Current Rule 20.7 replaced + new rule 20.9

20.7 The National Board and Council shall manage the Association's affairs within the budget agreed at each AGM for the financial year following. The National Treasurer shall report to the membership on a quarterly basis, the progress made against the budget. Any additional expenditure, not presented to an AGM or contained within the budget shall not be authorised without prior approval of the membership at a General Meeting. In the event of an emergency, National Council may approve additional expenditure up to an amount not greater than 2.5% of the overall budget with the membership being informed through the email system.

20.9 The Association's reserves shall be maintained at a level agreed at a General Meeting of the Association.



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Apart from the above – I have been building from scratch the 41 Club entry into the New Milton Pedal Car Grand Prix 2015 on Sunday 12 July. I have three of the four drivers signed up including our Vice President Barry Durman and National Councillor Region 24 David Leach. I am still short 1 driver – must be fit and able to cycle non-stop at high speed for three quarters of an hour.

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

None.

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.

Manny Martins
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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

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

Do I have any ?

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

Resolution 5 – produced simplified cash flow forecast for NC showing projected reserves balances for next three years on an as is basis, along with options for savings identified during budget review.



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Proposed survey questions circulated to Board. Lots of comments received, considered by Finance Committee. Original list of questions to be circulated to full Council, for any wording amendment prior to being published. A Question will be asked on each of the subjects – if you think the wording is biased / too negative, you are welcome to propose an alternative for NC to consider, but please do so in advance of the meeting.

Critical website issues taken to ICT Committee, spend to be approved by National Council. See separate report from Godwin.

Progress with web site.

Front page updated following AGM.

Updated cash flow and I&E to end of May published

c. Your activity during the period

As above

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

As above

e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and

where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

As above – website development

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

Falkirk cycle ride meeting planned for Tiverton, but they didn't make it that far on the day, stopping in Taunton instead.

Mark Fairchild

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MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER - DUNCAN KENNEDY

a. Progress on your key objectives.

1. Data Project

This is ongoing with Councillors taking matters forward within their own regions. I hope to have a fuller report at the Council meeting. Looking at the Prospects database I can report as follows

Duplicates	559
Rejected Invite	3,642 – however this includes 3,200 who were Marchesi House contacts who were primarily not eligible to join.
Invited Not Confirmed	20
Pending member	10
Accepted & Joined	5

This leaves 5,040 who are still showing on the imported section who have either not been contacted or whose status has not been updated. I have always maintained that this is a long term project and hopefully all these people will have been contacted by the end of the year and their status adjusted. I have made an excel spreadsheet available to all Councillors which makes it easier to sort these in to RT Club order or indeed any order the Councillor wishes.

2. Age Profile

We need to take this forward and I have a questionnaire to go out to all Clubs after the Council meeting.

3. Retiring Tablers





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A list of those recently retired has been sent to all Councillors with Tablers retiring in their Region. Again, I hope to have feedback on results for the Council meeting.

4. Web Enquiries

I am receiving about 1 enquiry a fortnight through the web site from ex Tablers who are looking to join 41 Club. The youngest was 46 and the oldest 71. The main enquiry is from those who have moved location and are looking for a local Club.

5. Affiliations

I will be bringing an application for Woolton 41 Club (Region 8) (6 members) and Downham Market (Region 17) (3 members) to be affiliated.

I am expecting an application from Ilkley 41 Club (Region 6) for affiliation at any time.

Paul Cooper is liaising with Bourne (Region 9) and David Leach is liaising with Hastings & Battle (Region 24) both of which are looking to affiliate new clubs.

6. Disaffiliations

Unfortunately Edinburgh Pentlands 41 Club (Region 2) (24 members) and Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford 41 Club (Region 23) (no members declared) are looking to disaffiliate.

7. Rule Changes

I will be discussing this with Duncan and Paul in Bristol and we will decide upon the way forward. I appreciate that we cannot change anything until the AGM in Birmingham but it would be good to have a draft proposal to put to the October Council meeting.

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

Progress with web site.

See above





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- c. **Your activity during the period**
Other than dealing with the matters in a above, I have not been anywhere other than my own Club and visiting Table.
- d. **Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**
See above.
- 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 stage – no.
- f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**
None.

Duncan Kennedy
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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – ANDREW MACKERETH

I am quickly learning all about the job of Fellowship Officer having taken over from Barry at the AGM in Harrogate.

SALES. At the moment Barry is still handling Sales and will continue till a decision is made over who will handle it.

2015 CONFERENCE. After a successful conference in Harrogate with Chairman Eric Peacock and his team I am happy to report a small profit has been recorded.

2016 CONFERENCE. After a very good launch at Harrogate the Birmingham Conference team led by Andy Ventress has now 179 41 and Tangent members booked in. For those on The Board and Council who have not yet booked please can you get booked in. All seems to be going very well. I am attending their next meeting on Sunday 7th of June in Birmingham.



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2017 CONFERENCE. The Blackpool team under Chairman Kevin Lovett are now starting to meet on a regular basis. The main hotels are in place along with the venues for all the functions. Praise must go to Blackpool Tourism for all their continuing help over the past year.

2018 CONFERENCE. Expressions of interest are invited for the venue for the 2018 Conference. Please contact myself for any information or questions you may have. We have had already interest from Belfast and I have had a flying visit recently to check out venues as with Blackpool the local Tourist Board are providing Phil with much help.

HALF YEARLY EVENT. My committee are looking to see if we could organize a half yearly weekend get together.

THE CLASSIC CAR RALLY. Another successful event should take place with Ray Hill organizing. There is still room for more cars or even Motor Bikes.

PLATINUM PRIVILEGES. I notice that our members in Ireland often can't take advantage of the offers we have available. Over the next few months we will be trying to put together a discounted quality hotel deal for Ireland.

I understand that there will be major changes with The Hotel Collection in the next couple of months with many hotels being added particularly in Scotland and several leaving. Watch this space.

Andrew Mackereth
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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVID CAMPBELL

The week after our own National AGM, I represented GB & I at the 41 International AGM in Limassol, Cyprus on 25th April 2015.

International President, Carsten Flink, opened the meeting with greetings to members from 41 Clubs around the world. After Aims & objects, homage was paid to those members who had passed away over the last 12 months. There then followed a presentation by the strategic planning group.

The Memorandum of Understanding which had been previously presented was then signed by 41 International and RT international.

The Netherlands, Poland and Sri Lanka were affiliated to 41 International. Bringing the number of member countries to 24

Suriname have submitted an application for affiliation



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A vote for the post of for the position of International Treasurer 2015 -2018 was taken and the successful candidate was Alexander Abela from Malta

The resolution to amend rule 10 (e) regarding the discount structure for smaller countries was Carried

The resolution to add an addition to the Objects of 41 International was also carried – This read :

(d) To initiate, develop and improve working relationships with Round Table International and Round Table Clubs for fellowship, networking and joint service projects.

41 Club Italy tabled resolutions to a) add a further item to the Objects of the association and b) Change the existing rule on membership to include those Non Ex-Tablers who have been members in their countries for more than 10 years – These 2 points are up for discussion at the forthcoming HYM in October.

My visits since my last report include trips to Cyprus, Morocco, Iceland and Norway. These countries have offered superb fellowship and as a consequence of my attending their AGM's several members have committed to attending the International HYM in Birmingham later this year.

My good friend, immediate Past-President Aural Jianu from 41 Club Romania, would like to attend the International HYM in October. Since his budget is small, he has contacted me asking if there is a family in Great Britain who would like to home host him and his wife Maria. In return he has offered to reciprocate by hosting the family in September for their National AGM in Brasov. Please contact me if you would like to consider this proposal – or know of anyone who may like to accept this offer.

Dave Campbell

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – RAY HILL

Publications

The recent monthly newsletters have been well received and the size does seem to be creeping up. I still need more input from the clubs themselves so please promote



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the newsletter on every occasion that you can. I keep hearing of members who have never seen a copy due mainly to club contacts not declaring them on the CAS system or not giving their email address. These members are totally unaware of what the club can offer them nationally and regionally.

A few weeks ago I issued a list of bouncing emails by club to all members of the Council so hopefully this particular problem will be being resolved.

The July magazine is now being prepared and could do with some more input. I would particularly like more items that are not to do with eating, cheque presenting and gong wearing. If you know any members that has an interesting hobby or travels to interesting places please ask them to consider submitting an article. Members remember the unusual far more than the usual club stuff.

The quotation from Marchesi House for moving production of the magazine proved to provide very little cost saving but would have meant a great upheaval in the way we do things. Having said that I am aware that reducing production and distribution costs are a concern to some, so I am actively seeking new quotations in the light of the rising cost of postage. BUT we have really managed to keep costs down over the last four years so please do not expect too much.

Website

The website has been live for several months now and some members are getting used to using it, however many are very confused that they now have two usernames and passwords and there is a constant stream of emails asking for help. This brings home the need to appoint the new Honorary Webmaster. The initial announcement in the May newsletter has produced some interested parties but it Will advertised again in the June newsletter and on the website. The closing date for applications will be the 30th June 2015.

Charity Calendar

We had an excellent selection of photographs in this year's photographic competition. We have to decide if we are to produce another charity calendar this



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year and if so how many to produce and how it will be distributed. Ideally I would like one councillor to take charge of distributing and selling the calendar as I have very little spare time to do this and I am sure we could have sold more last year with somebody else doing this role. We can discuss this under my report at Bristol.

Classic Car Rally

As of the 1st June we have 40 cars booked in to the Shrigley Hall event in July. This is twice as many as last year and we have even commissioned a special rally lapel badge and polo shirt. Those booked in a very a very dedicated crowd and it should prove to be a very entertaining weekend of fellowship.

In addition Ampthill 41 Club are making plans for a southern event in mid September, details of which will shortly be announced.

Ray Hill
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NATIONAL COUNCILLORS' LIAISON OFFICER - PHILLIP ELLIS

No Report Submitted

REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK LAWTON

Clubs Visited Personally:

Inverness 41 C - Outside Visit - Tomatin Distillery with Inverness RT - 30th April 2015.

Inverness 41C - Quiz Night - 28th May 2015

Elgin (Non Affiliated) - 23rd April 2015; unlikely to re-affiliate in short term

RT AGM, Aviemore - 8th/9th May 2015



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Isle of Skye - met with 5 past tablers on 23rd May 2015 to discuss getting RT back up and running 41 Club option; mixed response on both fronts

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Meetings in process of being organised in Buckie, Forres and Nairn to discuss current status and if interested in affiliation.

Members Forum with R2 - October 15

Area 13 41 Club AGM - 14th November; opened up to local non-affiliated club members to attend and maybe become involved in an affiliated group in addition to their own 'club'.

Any other comments:

None

Nick Lawton

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - KEN DONALD

Clubs Visited Personally:

Larbert & Falkirk – Invited to attend their AGM and all was planned and going well until a diary confusion resulted in my turning up 24 hours late! Liaison undertaken with their cycling team, setting off from Falkirk Wheel on Sunday 24th May, and introductions made with various people to assist their passage. Some great publicity obtained.

Monifieth & District – Attended club meeting on 25th May in their usual venue – one of the four golf clubs fronting on to the golf course. A strong club, although worried at



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having no feeder table, they are busy planning their 41st Charter in October 2016. Unfortunate clash of dates with HYM means VP and President unavailable

Linlithgow – Meeting with a number of their members and will take part in the historic and significant Linlithgow Marches on 12th June.

Blairgowrie – Meeting with a couple of members to review plans for Scottish Regional Golf outing scheduled for Monday 17th August. President to attend; after a long weekend in Region 2.

Edinburgh & District – Seeking to build support for European Capitals Meeting of 41 clubs arranged by Paris for mid- September

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Scottish Regions Golf

As noted above the Scottish Regions Golf Competition will be held 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.

Ken Donald

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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILIP ELLIS

Clubs Visited Personally:

Dublin, Omagh

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Dublin



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Membership Initiatives:

Currently developing a 70th event with Armagh 41 Club for September 5th 2015.

Any other comments:

While I attended Harrogate conference all my work over the last six months or more came to fruition. 15 new members were inducted into Round Table Ireland, 6 into Armagh – 6 into Belfast and 3 into Foyle & District. This leaves 5 Tables and around 46 members in Ireland now, but at least they are growing. Ladies Circle is wobbly at this moment in time, but I personally funded a member from the new Belfast Round Table and a member of BLC to attend Round Table & Ladies Circle to National Conference in Aviemore. This has reinvigorated the girls and has opened a dialog with Alex Bennett and I believe that a visit from Alex is due in the coming months. I still work closely with Joan Henderson of Tangent Ireland and after the Irish lunch here in April they are performing with a new strength of purpose.

At the event in Dublin I had the opportunity to hold a region 3 executive meeting to discuss the future of replacing me as the National Councillor for region 3. The current individuals which are current prospects cannot devote the time required to perform the duty, I will canvas this further during this year.

Phillip Ellis
region3@41club.org

REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - COLIN STEEN **Clubs Visited Personally:**

Cramlington 6th May 2015

Members take turns to organise a meeting at a different venue.
We met at the Keel Row in Seaton Deleval and, once the engineer fixed the cooker, we all had an excellent meal.
A good turnout, they were very interested to hear what had transpired at the AGM.
(I used to go to a Doctor who came from Austria, he always asked me
“vell, what has perspired?”)



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Newcastle 13th May 2015

As they had backed a resolution, I felt obliged to go and tell them what had happened at Harrogate.

Met at a local golf club, an excellent meal and a very interesting speaker who had been a commercial pilot. This Club only has about 10 members but they get almost everyone along to each meeting, always a speaker, a full programme of events and compliment of officers making reports.

Party Tyne 19th May 2015

We've just about sorted out the residual receipts and payments from conference, should be able to present a cheque for the small surplus.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: none

Membership Initiatives: none

Any other comments:

It's taken a while to sort out the email bounce backs, but contacting individuals has proved a useful way of organising some visits for next month.

Off to Houghton, Northallerton and Hartlepool in June.

Colin Steen

region4@41club.org

REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DUNCAN BALDWIN

Clubs Visited Personally:

Met up with members of Lytham and Lancaster

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None.

Membership Initiatives:



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Maintaining contact with all clubs in Region by email, attempting to recruit Deputies in strategic places, easier said than done.

Any other comments:

Best responses for years for a Regional Golf Competition..
Red Rose Dinner 27.11.15 in Leyland.

Duncan Baldwin

region5@41club.org

REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - ANDY WAITE

In the nine weeks between Harrogate and Bristol I have not done any Club visits. However I have attended the International AGM in Cyprus, where I was reappointed International Editor, and the AGM of 41 Iceland.

I organised the Founder Clubs 70th Anniversary Lunch in Wakefield on May 13th, which was a big success – thanks to Martin and Terry for their help.

As I write I look forward to the Chester Grosvenor Knights Gala Dinner on 29th May.

I have been busy co-ordinating the 2015 White Rose Dinner, to be held on 16th October.

I am in the process of planning a trip to the South African and Zambian AGMs in early September. Sadly, though, I will miss the Armouries event.

The bouncing emails have been taking time. R 6 had 32 addresses from 20 Clubs. Most now resolved.

Membership Initiatives:

I am trying to help start 'young' 41 Clubs like Selby in Ilkley and Halifax. Ilkley is looking very promising.

Any other comments:



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One Club still to pay for last year. I'm confident they will pay and that there is no need to disaffiliate them. Mark has been in contact as well as myself. They have promised to pay for both years and there is much email traffic to support this – Mark can confirm.

Over 81% have already paid for this year – 39 of 47 Clubs. This is slightly better than average but still poor.

Andy Waite
region6@41club.org

REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART

Name of Club: **Poynton & District**



Poynton & District 41 Club organised a Classic Car pub crawl to which National President Jim was invited, allowing him to say that he had managed to visit Clubs in every Region of GB&I.

A good evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all, even by those who had to drive...

Despite Presidential presence, the stars of the evening were the 1978 Porsche, the Wolseley and the Morris Minor!

Date of Visit: **23/04/2015**
Name of Club: **Poynton & District** (again!)

The purpose of this visit so soon after the previous one was to attend the Club's AGM. This Club takes "laid back" to a whole new level. I was overdressed in a lounge suit, nearly everyone else was in jeans and a T-shirt!

Very little business was actually conducted. The business part of the meeting started at approximately 10.15pm, consisted mainly of the election of officers for the year to come, and was dispensed with in 30 minutes.

I did manage to collect age profile data for the club that evening.

Date of Visit: **24/04/2015**
Name of Club: Round Table Area 8



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I attended the AGM of Round Table Area 8 held in Southport.

It was a pleasant surprise to see participation from more Round Tables at this meeting (it was even quorate!) than at the previous Area meeting I attended. More Tables are active on the Area Exec than in previous years and, something we'd not seen for a long time, there was an election for the position of Area Vice-Chairman. No nominations had been entered for the position by the deadline but Steve Latham of Southport Hesketh 1199 and Tony Thwaite of Woolton 1282 stood from the floor. Steve Latham was elected.

Area 8 had become extremely lacklustre in recent years but I feel that it is picking itself up again now. The recent chartering of Woolton RT 1282 has helped no end and other Tables are seeing that things are beginning to happen in Area 8. A member of Warrington RT 74 is now on the Area Exec (Sports Officer), something not seen for a long time. Unfortunately, my own Table, Leyland RT 665, continues to ignore Area and National altogether.

Prospective Members database

The take-up from Clubs continues to be disappointing. I shall start contacting the prospective members myself in view of starting new Clubs for them to join given that the existing Clubs don't seem interested in having them join them.

New Club

Just over a year after Woolton RT 1282 was formed, Woolton 41 Club will be holding its inaugural meeting on June 3rd. President Terry will be attending another meeting of the Club on July 10th to hand its members the Club's Charter.

Inter-Club events

The annual Crown Green Bowls competition between Chorley Rural, Accrington and Clitheroe 41 Clubs is taking place on June 17th.

There are plans for Leyland 41 Club and Rainford & District 41 Club to hold joint meetings during the course of the year 2015-2016 but no definite dates have been set as yet.

Rotary Club of Leyland have asked 41 Club and Round Table for help manning the Leyland Festival taking place on June 20th. Several members of 41 Club and one of Round Table so far have volunteered to help, which is only fair given that Rotary help us on Bonfire Night



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(organised by Round Table). I will be unable to help that day as I'll be in Wakefield helping man the 41 Club stand at the Wakefield Festival of Beer over the weekend.

Age profiling

Several Clubs have provided this information either completely or partially.

The data has been given to me either in the form of members' ages, their dates of birth or, in some cases, numbers of members estimated to be in a given age bracket. Once it is decided in what form we want to gather the information I'll compile what I have.

ICT Review

Feedback on our internal systems has been gathered from National Council and several Clubs have sent their thoughts on the new website and the features that it offers.

I have written a report with some recommendations on the way forward from here and submitted it to other members of the Review Committee for their input in view of giving the final copy to the National Councillors' Liaison Officer in good time for the June Council meeting.

Capitation payments

33 out of 44 Clubs have paid their capitations for 2015, one of which has overpaid! One did not look at the Capitation bill and paid at 2014's rates...

Efforts continue to be made to encourage them to pay. All have held their AGM now and Club members will have started paying their subscriptions.

Godwin Stewart

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REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL COOPER

Clubs Visited Personally:



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Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None appointed yet

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Working on major repeat of March 2015's inaugural meet with Area 30 RT for 2016

Membership Initiatives:

Endeavouring to affiliate Bourne 41 Club

Any other comments:

Contact established through good spadework with Lincoln Minster

Paul Cooper

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REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

April 27th.
RT Area 14 AGM.
Held at Hucknull.

Excellent AGM with a lot of Table National Exec attending.



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Both National prospective vice president candidates giving a presentation prior to conference.

Both having to answer some very good questions .

I was presented with a very nice certificate for my works with Area 14 Exec during past year.

May 11th.
RT Area 14 Exec meeting.

We all had 12hrs notification which I thought was great to test their commitment having just got back from National conference in Aviemore.

This was held at the Area Vice-Chairman's house, Adam Connor, who must have the longest drive in Table – 2 miles long.

Great meeting very productive these lads are really fired up, I feel Table is really getting going again and it is just has good as it was in our days the banter and fellowship is fantastic.

Nice meal provided by Adams wife Dawn

With the determination of National President Marcus pushing the lads along should be a great year for Table.

They have told me of a few clubs that need some help from their 41 clubs which I will be visiting, we don't want 41ers going to the meetings but giving help if required with any fund raising events and looking for new members.

Derby Merlin 41 are hosting our Region 10 cluster night this year on the 25th Sept they have a fantastic night planned at Breadshall Priory Hotel a Marriot hotel in golf course so chance for golf in the day excellent overnight accommodation at good rates.

Peter Good



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REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK MORCUMB

Clubs Visited Personally:

- April 2015 Alsager AGM which was attended by 50+ members and guests. A strong club with a good programme of activities, good community links and a strong table. As well as inducting 4 new members on the night, John Grint was humbled by the National Award that was announced at the National AGM in Harrogate.
- May 2015 Crewe & Nantwich 7 Mile Walk around Hankelow and Audlem. You've got to be fit to keep up with these men as many of them walk, run, cycle or swim regularly. A wonderful evening to walk and stop for a pint by the canal. Very positive about the upcoming Euro meeting and the variety style act they had to plan.
- May 2015 Market Drayton meal at Stanton. I was made very welcome and several of them knew members of my own Whitchurch Club. Will be arranging an event with them (possibly Bee Keeping in September) to get us together. Discussed Regional Golf and Bowls as many of them play so hopefully some will be free to attend in July.
- I am supporting Chester Grosvenor Knights (Region 12) at their 30th Charter Gala Dinner on 29 May 2015 and will enjoy their 5 course meal, wine and port.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

There are no deputies at present but it would be great if anyone was able to help me support the clubs in Region 11. Any offers or suggestions?

Membership Initiatives:

- For all clubs with Round Tables all 41 club members should invite friends, family and work colleagues who would make good Tablers to join their Round Table. 41 Club needs to support and grow Round Table.
- Promote 41 Club at local Community Events

Any other comments:



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At the National AGM in April I took over from Paul Molley (Sandbach). Please can everyone join me in thanking him for the time and effort he gave to support 41 Club both nationally and locally. Paul has done a fantastic job over the last 3 years and will be a tough act to follow.

In the next few months I have already booked to visit Cheadle, Ellesmere Port, Lymm, Newport (Salop) Ex Tablers, Stoke Sutherland and Stoke Wedgewood.

I am keen to book in with other clubs at their events as soon as I can. I am happy to communicate by email but believe that visiting clubs is essential.

Events to Remember

- 5 July 2015 Regional Bowls (Stoke Sutherland & Stoke Wedgewood)
- 20 July Regional Golf (Newport (Salop) Ex Tablers)
- 12 September National 70th Anniversary Lunch (Leeds)
- 27 September Regional Lunch (Alsager)
- Sandbach 41 Club are considering a Regional Boules Competition & BBQ for late summer.

Nick Morcumb

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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - LAWRENCE BAMBER

1. Clubs personally visited since T'AGM in Harrogate

a. 41 International, Cyprus: Apr 22 - May 4

b. May 8: Poynton 41 Club & Poynton RT - visit to Macc Beer Fest; organised jointly by Macclesfield RT & local CAMRA Branch

c. May 16; Went with Chester Grosvenor Knights 41 Club to help serve at the Chester Beer Fest, organised by Chester RT. Found them a prospective member during the evening. By the time you read this, CGK will have held their 30th Charter Anniversary Dinner at which



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2 (possibly 3) new members will have been inducted by President Terry using the new Gold Badges!!

d. May 19: Joined Rhyl 41 Club on a visit to St. Margaret's Church (aka the Marble Church) on the A 55 in Bodelwydden. Lots of history, including 33 graves of Canadian soldiers, some of whom were shot, when they mutilated at the end of WW1.

2. Deputy visits:

Dave Sharky Barker is deputising for me at the Chester G K 30th Charter on May 29th.

3. Membership Initiatives: we have not progressed the follow up yet; but my Deputy has a cunning plan!!

4. Admin Contacts /Tasks undertaken

April: 11
May (to date) 14

5. Meetings planned

RTI Visby, Sweden: Aug 6 - 17.

6. That's All Folks: Apologies for Brizzle, if I don't make the meetings; I only get back from Texas on Friday June 12th, so may be a late arrival cos of jetlag etc.

Cheers & Hinges & WD 40

Lawrence Bamber
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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE JAMES

Clubs Visited Personally:

Llwchwr: 6th May 2015 informal business meeting
Swansea: 21st May 2015 formal speaker meeting



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Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/A

Membership Initiatives:

All Membership Officers and Club Contacts have been contacted and given the names and details of the prospective members within their area. Since emailing I have heard from Pontypridd who have gained 6 new members and Chepstow who have gained 2 new members. Only 1 prospective has declined so far. I will continue to liaise with clubs and the prospective members.

Following attendance at the National Councillor's Induction day I contacted Roundtable Area 4 and 43 Chairs and Secretaries plus the Regional Rep to ascertain whether they will work collaboratively with myself on membership initiatives for the Round Table Family.

Any other comments:

The bouncing email exercise is ongoing – all club contacts have been asked to send me the correct respective email address and as soon as they are received these have been entered onto CAS by myself.

Steve James

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REGION 14 CARETAKER NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - MANNY MARTINS

Clubs Visited Personally:

Since the April AGM I have updating and producing documents and not managed to visit any Clubs for which I apologise. I will ensure that I make a more determined effort next quarter to visit the Clubs in the Region.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None.

Membership Initiatives:



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None.

Any other comments:

The bouncing email exercise is complete. It was not any easy exercise when members do not provide telephone numbers in CAS and one has to ring round the Club to find a contact number.

I believe that a member of our Region is stepping up to take over the Region as National Councillor. I have no details at present but as soon as I receive any information I will share it and pass on all details.

Manny Martins

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ATKINS

No report has been on holiday and had problems with laptop.

Tom Atkins

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DES FULCHER

Clubs Visited Personally:

7.4.15 – Met with Round Table Norwich No1 Chairman Richard King and a Prospective 41 Club member at Cinema City to progress fundraising matters for the Marchesi Room Project.

13.4.15 – Attended Norwich 41 Club AGM to highlight some resolutions being put forward at the National Conference & AGM suggesting they may wish for me to carry the club vote – a unanimous decision was made for DF to vote against open membership, other resolutions at my discretion.



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14.4.15 – Met with Tangent National President Janice O'Neill at Broadland Tangent club meeting to promote the Special 41 Club 70th Charter event in Region 17, this was very well received by the ladies whom I suspect may encourage their partners in Broadland 41 Club to attend.

16.4.15 to 19.4.15 – 41 Club National Conference & AGM Harrogate.

24.4.15 – Attended Norwich Round Table Informal Lunch Club meeting which is organised by Andrew Kerry with a few Round Table and ex-Round Table members being regular guests. Discussed the Special 41 Club 70th Charter dinner dance for Region 17 with a few attendees.

24.4.15 – Met with Anthony Marett of Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club to progress plans for a North Norfolk 'active' 41 Club initiative, also gave further encouragement towards the Special 41 Club 70th Charter event.

28.4.15 – Took a new prospective 41 Club member to his first South Norfolk 41 Club meeting which began with a site visit to one of the largest animal feed mills in Norfolk, arranged by a fellow 41 Club member Eamon Lambert of Diss 41 Club this was informative and interesting.

29.4.15 – Met with Chris Brown in Downham Market to get their 41 Club back up and running officially, superb news to report with paperwork completed and the re-birth of a 41 Club which Barry Durman has recently offered to give added support to.

30.4.15 – Met with Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club members and some of the 149'ers (ex Sheringham & Cromer Round Table members not willing to join the current 41 Club) on a ghost walk in Norwich, a fun evening which had a slightly more active twist – something I would certainly encourage other local clubs to consider.

27.5.15 - Met with Immediate Past Round Table Norwich No1 Chairman Richard King to sort the first batch of Special Limited Edition Prints of Louis Marchesi, two of which he is taking out to a Europe 1 meeting in Malta this week.



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28.5.15 – Made a presentation on the Marchesi Room Project to the Rotary Club of Norwich following an invite from a prospective 41 Club member. This Rotary Club was the very same club which Louis Marchesi belonged to when he started Round Table in 1927; it felt an honour to be talking to their members today in relation to a project which has great significance to the origin of our organisation.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Haverhill 41 Club, North Walsham 41 Club, Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club

Membership Initiatives:

Special 70th Charter Region 17 Golf Event
Special 70th Charter Region 17 Dinner Dance
Round Table Family organisation Classic Car Rally at Lotus
Continue progress with North Norfolk 'active' 41 Club
Continued search for Deputy in the former Region 16
Club Together (National initiative to compliment Wider Wallet)
Data project liaison with club contacts

Any other comments:

Following the meeting 14.4.15 with Broadland Tangent some bookings were made for the Region 17 Special 70th Charter Dinner Dance therefore I am pleased to report this was a great success especially as this will invariably include Broadland 41 Club members.

An agreement has been signed by Des Fulcher, Richard King (Round Table Norwich No1 Immediate Past Chairman) and directors of Cinema City for the Marchesi Room Project. This makes arrangements firm to name an education and training room at their premises after Louis Marchesi. Fundraising efforts have almost reached the £5,000 target set as part of this agreement to support a major redevelopment plan on site.



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After receiving an enquiry for a prospective new 41 Club member recently who had moved from Suffolk to North Norfolk I was able to steer him towards North Walsham 41 Club. This may present further opportunity to progress the 'active' initiative in North Norfolk working with Kelly Clarke who is one of my appointed deputies and a member of North Walsham 41 Club.

One of the Deputy National Councillors in Region 17 has decided not to continue in the position due to his age and other commitments, his name is Martin Sexton which although slightly disappointing has a positive twist when he responded to an email stating the next Forecast Meeting was his last but a replacement will be gradually taking the reins immediately afterwards.

Finding Deputy National Councillors of any description is very difficult; in large areas such as Region 17 they are crucial with keeping closer links to members. It is my belief we need to make the post somehow more rewarding and official if possible.

Des Fulcher

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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - SEAN McCORMICK

No report submitted

Sean McCormick

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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ABBOTT

"I have most recently visited Dunstable for their spirited and friendly AGM and thank them for their warm welcome, they are currently confirming a western cluster date for later in the year. I currently have offers from both Letchworth 41 and Royston old crows for the North, currently seeking the middle and hopeful still to organise a 70th event of our own. We very much look forward to a good turnout for the regional golf on 7th July and visiting LOTs in a weeks' time.



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I am currently looking to visit more of the clubs who I have not been able to meet up with in the last couple of years and updating the electronic records"

Tom Abbott
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REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DEREK KNOWLDEN

Email Addresses

I have been able to correct the vast majority of the CAS emails that were bouncing back. Those that are still to be done are proving elusive both at personal level and due to poor resource info of that 41 club.

It was a rewarding exercise as I had meaningful discussions with many fellow 41clubbers, as to their welfare, and that of their club.

Club Visits

I have not visited any 41 Clubs since being appointed.

Frank Venables, however did visit a combined meeting of Wokingham and West Forest 41 Clubs his report follows:-

We were 32 at dinner including a retired Tabler and myself as guests. The room was hung with bunting, Spitfire Beers ('Bottle of Britain') were lined up on the bar, Union Flag Bowlers decorated each place setting, and 70th Anniversary 41 Club signs were hung around the room. A combined Slide/Newsreel show of the history and times of 41 Club was running continuously (sound muted for business and speakers), and photos from the clubs' histories were displayed on a Photoframe, with some paper copies.

The meal was as might have been served in 1945: Leek & Potato Soup, Cottage Pie with Vegetables, Apple Crumble Tart; certainly it raised memories for me of school dinners from not much later. Coffee and mints were a more modern addition, certainly in my experience. Chairman Roy West Forest) set a 1945 Quiz which raised a lot of head scratching and amusement.

I spoke briefly to apologise on your behalf, push the Oxford College Dinner, and wish both clubs successful years. I was able to answer an earlier question as to 'why was the initial



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meeting a few days after VE Day?' Wakefield, the latest 41 Club formed at the time (May 14th 1943) was very keen and wanted national contacts. By the end of 1943, it was clear that the war was unlikely to be lost, and Wakefield suggested the other existing clubs (Liverpool, Lytham St Annes & London Old Tablers) join them, away from the V1 bombardment of London. The planning for the weekend of May 12/13th 1945 was obviously started well beforehand, probably with Wakefield's own May 14th second anniversary in mind, and without any strategic insider knowledge.

Alan, the retired Tabler, entertained us with some of his memories, shared by quite a few of those present. He ranged from High Points to Low Points, Table Events and Accidents (some featuring both) and more 'Low' Points - not for a mixed audience - I couldn't see if the lady server had left the room?

Area of Concern

- A) I have been invited by Wantage 41Club to their forthcoming meeting as they are going to discuss National and its relevance to Wantage 41 Club
- B) Early warning. Newbury 41Club and Hungerford 41 Club may merge into one club.

Derek Knowlden
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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN CHARD

Clubs Visited Personally:

29th April 2015 Norton Radstock. Attended a dinner meeting followed by their AGM. 18 members were present. This is a strong club with good social events planned for the year ahead.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Membership Initiatives:

I have set up a new Facebook page for Region 21 to assist with communication of events and information.



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Any other comments:

It is only just over a month since I took over this role at the AGM in Harrogate so I have not had the opportunity yet to visit many clubs. I have however sent an email to each member in the Region and this had been positively received with a number of invitations to attend club meetings and events in the near future. I have met with my predecessor Ray Jones for a detailed and lengthy handover and am slowly getting used to the CAS and office 365 systems.

The website has been updated with my profile and contact info together with Photograph.

Ray has agreed to assist me in the short term as my Deputy. There is a number of ongoing competitions that are being arranged including the Golf and Quiz as well as the Skittles competition, the final of which is on 15th July where 4 clubs will battle for the Championship.

A week after 41 Conference I ran the London Marathon and raised over £3500 for Round Table Children's Wish. A photograph and short write up was included on the 41 club website.

I attended my last Round Table National Conference and AGM in Aviemore where I retired as a Tabler. It was great to witness such a positive feeling as Round Table looks to grow now the membership figures have stabilised

Kevin Chard

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK FAIRCHILD (CARETAKER)

Clubs Visited Personally:

Ilfracombe 41 Club AGM, 22nd April

Inducted a new member, went through the prospects list, found a willing volunteer to run a club microsite and had a fantastic meal at Ilfracombe golf club. Also attended by members of Bideford and Barnstaple 41 Club.



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RT Area 19 AGM, 24th April

Managed to persuade a member of Exeter RT to make the long trip to ... Exeter to accompany me. Fulfilled my duties as a Lundy Island Tabler, welcoming IPAC Chris Luxton into the fold with the traditional tie. Good meeting, Area is getting stronger, benefiting from some enthusiastic Area Chairmen over the last few years.

Dawlish Warren 41 Club Segway safari, 14th May

Good event despite the drizzle. Lots of potential new members along, another club microsite editor found. IPC Malcolm Prothero is helping to organise a 70th Function, likely to be on Friday 9th October, but date and venue to be confirmed.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Regional Golf competition on Thursday 4th June, 5 team member's will by taking part from 4 clubs (Ilfracombe, Dawlish Warren, Ottery St Mary and Exeter), doubling last year's entrants.

70th Dinner being planned, as above.

Any other comments:

Still no luck in finding a permanent NC for the Region.

Prospects list and bounced emails being worked on.

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REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID BROWN

No report submitted

David Brown

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID LEACH

Clubs Visited Personally:

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club 13/04/15

As the current chairman of Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club, Peter McBride, is organising the inaugural Region 24 Dinner and Golf event, I thought it would be prudent to maintain good communications with him and his organising committee. W&C were hosting the Area 18 RT AGM which provided a good opportunity to catch up with a number of different 41 Clubs in the region. 41 Clubbers unfortunately outnumbered Tablers on the night.

Caterham 41 Club 21/04/15

Caterham meet in a private room at a lovely golf course. The evening witnessed the “vocational” of one of their new members who presented a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on his career – including working for MI5! The Club was keen to hear about the news from Conference and were rather disappointed that the resolutions to relax closed membership had been defeated. The turnout on the night was somewhat less than normal due to a clash with Lodge, though the newly elected Chairman had left Lodge early to join us.

Crowborough 41 Club 6/05/15

A very pleasant meeting held in a local pub. One of their members is also a member of Riff-Raff and had been to Conference this year. There was lively debate about the resolutions and the state of 41 Club.

Sutton 41 Club 11/05/15

A very pleasant meeting again held in a local pub but with a more private room. There was lively debate about the resolutions and the state of 41 Club. Again disappointment that the resolutions to relax closed membership had been defeated.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Clubs visited by Stephen Whitaker (note all of these visits took place prior to the last National Council Weekend):

Wimbledon Womblers XRT

Good year for Wimbledon. Usual monthly meetings throughout but a further lunchtime meeting Introduced for last Friday of each month, primarily for older members who cannot get to the evening meetings, but all welcome. Have been a great success. Additional events



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outside of usual programme –visits to theatres, restaurants, cricket at the Oval – 2 meetings joint with the Ladies – Summer and Christmas –and Twinning arrangement with Paris 2 maintained.

Just introduced former Area 18 Chairman Simon Buckland as a new member, formerly of Tower of London RT (successor to Clapham RT) who without a 41 Club.

Wallington and Carshalton 41 Club

As you would expect the strongest surviving Table in 18 has a strong 41 Club. Almost now in 2 halves – my generation now led by Peter McBride as the new Chairman and then the Ian Fowkes-Smith generation. I always said that Peter was the best Area18 Tabler never to be Area Chairman so the Club is in good hands. Ian is the new Table Area President. The Club just works. Very supportive of the Table – e.g. with Fireworks – and vice-versa.

Currently organising the Region 24 Golf Day and Dinner on Friday 5 June in memory of Vaughan Harris.

Ewell and Worcester Park 41 Club

Small Club but strong and still meeting monthly at Italian Restaurant in Ewell Village. We at Wimbledon have done a joint meeting with them for each of the last 4 years, alternating venues. Under the radar, they have maintained their numbers and therefore their vibrancy by bringing in a couple of non ex-Tablers but they shouldn't be castigated for that.

Perhaps unusually for 41 Clubs, they like to do a bit of Charity Fund Raising. At Christmas, current Chairman Pat Raftery handed over a cheque to Princess Alice Hospice for £1300+ and got some good publicity for the Club.

Sutton 41 Club

They have sadly lost a couple of older members again this year having passed away but they continue to meet regularly with a hard core of members who are really from my era of Table and therefore, it's a good Club for me to visit!

Graham Wildig took the chair last Monday ...for the 3rd time I think!

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They also had a year blighted by a sad death, this time someone at a young age Andy Self who passed away at 59 .Andy was a big character in Area 18 Table - former Area President - but a huge character in Caterham Table and 41.

Able led this past year by a good friend of mine Trevor Harris, this is another Club that supports a strong surviving Table and the efforts are joint in what they do.

Epsom Old Salts 41 Club

Continue to meet regularly every month but continue to remain disaffiliated which is a shame. I will have another go at new Chairman Tony Hart in due course. This one is important to me because I live there and if I am ever able to revive a Table it will be here rather than Wimbledon. I will be in my Son's hands so far as that is concerned and not just yet is the answer to the question!

Coulsdon & Purley 41 Club

Appear to have merged with a local FOCUS group and have disaffiliated as well. Further investigation to be undertaken but I know they had their AGM this week so are active in some capacity.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

Region 24 "Vaughan Harris" Golf Day 5th June
Region 24 Annual Dinner 5th June (National President in attendance)

Membership Initiatives:

Region 24 Prospective list cleansed and I have commenced ringing those members who were emailed by National Membership Officer.
So far, I have had no positive results, but the seeds of possibility have been sown. A verbal update was provided directly to the National Membership Officer.

Any other comments:

The state of the organisation's finances continue to provoke debate. A number of Clubs that I am visiting do not perceive the hard copy of the magazine as being high value and would be happy to view online.

David Leach



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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - JOHN S ALFORD

Clubs Visited Personally: **Kentish Vale, Malling & Bearsted**
Clubs Visited by Deputies: **N/A**

Membership Initiatives:

Contact Area 16 Chairman RT
Proxy vote for Canterbury at AGM
Looking to get existing 41 Clubs without a RT
to start a new one with old members as
mentors for 6 to 12 months
I have also asked clubs to update CAS system
which has caused one or two problems due to
their club details not changed in some cases
for a few years

Any other comments:

Clubs planned to visit before Bristol:-
Petts Wood, Canterbury

From Tonbridge 41 Club

Hi John

Glad you enjoyed it - and no doubt interesting for you to catch up with Mike Kilgour!
I'll keep you posted on the Anthony Nolan discussions with Table

Best wishes

Neil

From Malling & Bearsted 41 Club

John,



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I will pass on your thanks and thank for taking the trouble to visit, I think you may just have been the catalyst we needed to think about being a bit more outwood looking. I think Jack was pleased to make contact again.

Cheers,

Bill.

Main comments from clubs:-

Why do we need a new website
What was wrong with the old site
Why has so much been spent on the web site
Also the web page has several icons to other sites why

Response:-

NC's are at present having problems with the web site but this will be resolved
There is now a cap on expenditure for the web and 3 NC's have to approve further expenditure

The new site will allow clubs to have their own web site

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST - HUGH MILWARD

A short and sweet Report for this Council Meeting I am afraid.

I have been busy enjoying the Fellowship at Harrogate where I picked up all the Conference stuff for the Archives and a fantastic long stay in Cyprus for the International AGM.

I am typing this while on holiday and will miss the June Council Meeting, so have a good constructive meeting!



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On my return it is all go to get our Archive Room at Marchesi House ready for October when our overseas friends visit during their Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham.

Just to let you know that I have had a nil response to my request for Archive Material that I put on my webpage!

Obituaries continue to come in which sometimes makes for very sad reading when a member passes away at a young age. Makes you think to enjoy the Fellowship while we can!

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – PAUL CAMMISS

No report submitted

Paul Cammiss

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REPORT TO NATIONAL COUNCIL – MARTIN GREEN.

WEBSITE

The website bug list now has 21 issues on it, 12 of these on the National Site and 9 on the Club Microsites. The most significant is the interface between CAS and the website. These 'bugs' are causing significant inconvenience to anyone using the system.

There are now 35 Clubs with microsites in the making.

There is daily at least two or three queries, mainly associated with logging in to either the website or in particular CAS. I have tried several times to clarify this, via e-mail to Clubs, via the Newsletter and on the Website Homepage. I have written a two page



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guide to Usernames and Passwords – this I send to those seeking help. A copy of this is held in Marchesi House, however Annie still tries to get members to change their CAS password when they want to go on the website!!!!

No maintenance work has taken place on the website since April. Meanwhile with Clubs all changing Officers at this time of year the two systems get further and further apart.

And now to Website content.....

So far since April I have only had a couple of contributions from the whole Council to put on the website – these have been from Terry and Jim. A couple of the Board members have updated their pages. There is still no content in Region 18 and 19.

All other updates have originated from me.

This really is not going to work as we are already slipping back into the old ways with the old site and are in danger of wasting the money we have spent. Simon's vision of a website that supported membership growth will never be realised unless everyone gets behind the site and starts to make a contribution.

Most of us have 'phones that take pictures – it's not difficult to write a few lines 'news' after you have visited somewhere and mail them to me.....

70TH ANNIVERSARY

We had a very successful Founders Lunch despite Liverpool being conspicuous by their absence. Thank you Andy Waite for organising it all. The whole day was made by the presence of the Mayor who was fantastic!

The 70th Slides were unveiled at the Past Presidents reunion and received a very favorable response. These are available for your regional 70th events. They 'travel' with Terry, but you do need to ensure the venue has a screen. We also have a second 70th pull-up Banner if anyone wants to use it. Contact Terry!

Bookings for the Leeds lunch are slow. At the time of writing I have sold 124 tickets. I am awaiting a form for a further 7. I hear of so many 'promises' but no actual cheques!



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I am concerned that the Council are not getting behind this. Only Andrew Mackereth, Barry Durman, Lawrence Bamber and Hugh Milward have actually booked in, I also hear that two of the Board are not attending.(tut tut). This is the biggest event we have staged for ten years and it deserves everyone on Council's support. Is anyone talking to the members about this? Do you take flyers and Booking Forms to meetings? Please, please get behind this!

The Council voted to support this but I cannot sell this on my own! I know it is three and a half months away but it is starting to concern me.

Have a good meeting! I shall raise a glass for you whilst lazing in France!

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