



41 Club
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National Council Meeting Report Blackpool Friday 21 April 2017

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – BARRY DURMAN

By now you will have seen my report to the AGM in the order paper. In the month or so since I wrote that, things have been very hectic indeed. I have been up and down the country and in several aeroplanes. It has been great fun but has not left to much time to keep up-to-date with all the admin, so my apologies to those of you have had to wait for a reply from me or indeed who never received a reply.

Andrew, Kevin, Martin, Dave Manny particular have been working hard preparing for the AGM at conference so I know I'm in good hands. It looks like we will have to accept a longer AGM than I would have liked. We must do the business properly, but I will try and keep things moving along.

Please encourage your fellow members to stay until the end to see David installed as your new president.

At the council meeting we must sort out the rules about Councillor's terms of office and put in place a review of the grievance procedures which will have proven difficult to administer this year. Please can I urge National Councillors to check and update the CAS System for your clubs where they have fallen behind.

We need to have all members listed with emails and addresses so we can get stuff out to them. In my opinion you can do as much to help communication by doing this as you can buy visiting the clubs. Just ask them to send you their Club card and do the updates yourself with their permission. It doesn't take long at all.

I have now finally finished my JOGLE and thanks go to all those who helped that adventure. I'm now very near to my target for Shelter.

Finally a big thank you to everyone for all your hard work and commitment to the Association. Without this all would not exist.

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VICE PRESIDENT – DAVE CAMPBELL

Since the last council meeting in February at Oakhampton, arrangements and preparations continue for my Presidential year.

In February, I attended a meeting with Barry & Terry to discuss the developments of the Strategy & Governance plans and agree on what needs to be fed back to the AGM in the form of updates.

On 17th February, I attended the Region 15 Heart of England dinner at The National Motor Cycle Museum in Birmingham.

On 18th February, I attended the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Ladies Night.

On the 25th February, I represented 41 club at the Tangent Midland Lunch in Norwich.

On 4th March, I attended the Northwich 41 Club Ladies Night at Willington Hall.

On 8th March, I attended the LOTS lunch at The Lamb, Leadenhall Market.

Claudio Matasci from Switzerland visited the UK for a few days and we home hosted him. I drove down to Winchester with Claudio and we attended the RT 90th Anniversary celebrations which were well supported by members of 41 club.

My next visit was a real experience; I was asked to stand in for Barry at the Stornoway 41 club's 20th Charter. Andy Waite accompanied me, the journey involved 2 flights each way (Changing at Glasgow) and we covered a round trip distance of around 1400 miles. The fellowship was exceptional and I experienced my first taste of the superb "Harris Gin" – but hopefully not my last!

I drove up to Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton for their 60th Charter. Again, this was a great evening of fun and fellowship, guest included RT President Mark House and Region 15 Councillor Tom Atkins. The guest speaker was "Eddie The Eagle Edwards".

I was very honoured to be invited by Mark Newby to the charter of the new Danum 41 club. I was asked to present their Charter and the Chain of office to their inaugural chairman Keith Bass.

I am looking forward to my Presidential year and the forthcoming National AGM weekend in Blackpool. Special thanks have to be given to the great Conference team for all their hard work in making this happen. I understand that we have a large number of overseas delegates attending and I am sure we will give them a warm welcome and a superb time.

I wish all those standing for office good luck and look forward to working with the new team throughout the coming 41 club year.

Dave Campbell

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

I can't believe as I sit here typing this report that it will be my last report as a member of National Council after a 17 year connection, 14 of which have been in posts within that Council.

I've had a fantastic time and take away with me wonderful memories and lots of close friends. I would recommend to anyone taking a Council role as it's a unique insight into the workings of our Association, and one hell of a lot of fun! I've certainly had a great time, the pinnacle of which was the honour of being your 70th National; President.

However it's time to "let go" and to enjoy the motor caravan that Lin and I have recently purchased, but I will be thinking of you all and I'm sure I'll be attending a few National Conferences in the future.

OK, enough of the sentiment and on with the Report!

a. Progress on Key Objectives.

I've continued to progress the special project to help Membership Officer, Duncan, to start a number of new Round Tables with the assistance of their local 41 Club. Oswestry and Ellesmere Port are progressing slowly however the good news is that Round Table Area 36 has now taken over the driving of these new Clubs so the progress should accelerate. Steve James tells me that Newport in Gwent is moving faster and this was confirmed when I met Kevin Jordan, the keen Tabler involved in pushing this forward at Newport 41 Club Cluster on March 28th. Newport 41 Club are now involved and Steve hopes the new Table will be chartered within 12 months. Jim Smith tells me that there has still been no progress on Potters Bar RT and he believes that particular avenue may have closed now. However he's had conversations with some Tablers about restarting Hoddesdon Round Table so there is positivity there. Clacton Round Table, which only closed about two years ago, is still on the cards to reopen with help from Clacton 41 Club. John Alford informs me that there was some interest from a group of young guys in forming a Round Table in Folkestone but they have now decided, sadly, not to go ahead with that. I believe Newport, Shropshire, is still progressing and I hope to have up to date information on this soon.

There have been no bookings, as yet, for the Classic Motorcycle Rally to be held in conjunction with the Classic Car Rally on the 2nd to the 4th June 2017. The location being the Craiglands Hotel at Ilkley in North Yorkshire which is an excellent venue set in large grounds with lots of parking. However Ray Hill tells me entries for the Classic Car Rally are coming in well and the hotel confirms that 28 rooms have been booked thus far. Once the AGM is over I will try one more big push in the May Newsletter, but if no entries are received by the middle of May we'll have to accept that there not enough interest in this event from motorcyclists.

As you know I was charged by National Council to find a National Community Service Project that Clubs nationally could support if they wished to do so. Via Martin Williams, from Stratford 41 Club, came a request from The Teenage Cancer Trust Charity to support their "Top2Toe" walk from Glasgow to London between April and July this year. This walk was to visit each of



their centres and to raise money locally for the charity by the walkers themselves being sponsored. I was delighted when National Council voted unanimously to support this project at our October 1016 Council Meeting.

Our part in the event was to organise the start and finish on each day's walk, issue outline route sheets, Tee Shirts, water for the walkers, have a container to collect donations and set up a banner to mark the start and then to move this on to the finish of the leg. There would have been a "Baton" to be carried down the country and handed over daily to be taken on the walk. The "Baton" would be displayed in the TCT HQ after the walk and was made especially for the event. Although 41 Club did not offer more assistance than marshalling the stages, I know the TCT would have been delighted if local Clubs had done more. Clubs could have obtained local publicity, taken part in the walk themselves and/or found additional walkers or a local celebrity to be at the start and/or finish.

However as you now all know, due to circumstances beyond the control of the TCT the walk, in the format described above, has been cancelled. Which is a great shame for us as we would have done our bit and I'm sure gained much pleasure and satisfaction from doing so. I understand a much reduced walk from Birmingham to London, via Oxford, may now take place, the good news being the Baton will be carried daily and will get to London finally. This new event is so low key that the TCT no longer requires any support from us even though I continued to offer some.

Personally I'm very disappointed with the outcome, as we had put in the work and would have been "ready to go" when asked.

b. Progress on Action Points from previous meetings.

As Above

c. My activities during the period.

I attended National Sporting Weekend and my thanks go to Steve James for organising such a good event.

I attended the Heart of England Dinner at the National Motorcycle Museum and was delighted to show a small group of 41'er's around the museum where I have been a member since it opened.

I attended Newport 41 Club's Cluster evening along with other Past National Presidents John Bellwood, Richard Matthews and Mike Fitchett. Steve James and Duncan Kennedy were also on the same table and a good night was had by all.

I have recently become Vice Chairman of Clevedon 41 Club, for the second time, and will be Chairman exactly 20 years after I did it the first time!

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

The Millennium Way still needs attention and I'm sorry not to have been able to organise an event that used the walk in my year. However President Barry assures me he will pick up on



the MW next year as he's always supported the project and has recently joined their committee.

e. Any recommendations requiring spend should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to council.

None

f. Presidential representation visits either planned or undertaken.

As previously mentioned above I attended the Heart of England Dinner with President Barry and actually fulfilled the role as his driver that evening!

Guys It's been a blast, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Association of ours!

Terry Cooper

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Documents

All National Council Reports and Minutes are up to date on both the Website and SharePoint.

Working with individual Officers to update the National Policies and circulate them.

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

Completed.

c. Your activity during the period

Due to the workload resulting from the National Council Meeting in February and the number of elections and resolutions I had to take five weeks' unpaid leave followed by a series of one off days making another week

AGM

The period since the Council Meeting in February has been focussed on AGM preparation.

This has involved the production of:

A table of past Resolutions and results dating back five year. – 7 pages - Two days' work.



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The researching and typing of Standing Orders for National Council Meetings – 6 pages –
Two days' work

AGM Minutes 2016

The Order Paper (46 pages)

Minute by Minute (65 pages)

AGM slides (200+) assisted by past President Martin Green

Delegate Packs

The March AGM Mailing and website docs

The National Council Minutes (14 pages) – thanks Andy Waite

The National Council Report (46 pages and counting) – thanks to Annie Caines

Calling for Elections in Regions 15 and 25.

Election in Region 15 – Andy Ventress of Moseley 41 Club will be the incoming National Councillor.

Election in Region 25 has resulted in two candidates so another election is in progress.

Election in Region 12 – Ralph Small of Deeside 41 Club will be the incoming National Councillor.

Numerous emails, telephone and text calls.

The team at Marchesi House have been an enormous help in producing the Delegate Packs in good time.

There was an issue with CAS that resulted in the AGM notice and documents not going out when I wanted to send them on March 1. The system would not allow emailing. Following talks with Mike Gibbs of Technos Solutions the issue was identified as 1,000,000 yes one million bounced emails being buffeted and stored – using up capacity. I gave Mike the go-ahead to purge the system, then sent out the documentation on a region by region basis to just Chairman, Secretary and Club Contacts within our allotted time frame. Whilst on the subject, I sent numerous emails and left an equal number of phone messages to a 41 Club Chairman to assist with the AGM on the day. Two weeks later his wife rang to inform me he had died two years earlier. He was showing on CAS as the current Chairman.

As per last year's AGM we have cut down the running order and timings to the necessary only - we will get down to business at 9.00 this year – finishing just after 3.200 pm!! The support of the technical team at the Imperial Hotel and the Conference Committee has been invaluable. Thanks to Dave Curran the 2017 AGM Co-ordinator. And, let me not forget my onsite team of Paul Cammiss,





We will hold a draw at the National Council Meeting for the speaking order for all the National Officer posts at the AGM. Post AGM Change Overs - Apart from the preparation for the AGM, I have tried to anticipate some of the work that takes place afterwards when people change roles and new faces join the team. Letterheads, Email signatures, etc. are all being prepared so we can carry out the changeover as quickly and efficiently as possible after the AGM.

I have received no amendments for the Resolutions.

I was disappointed not to be able to join Duncan Kennedy for the second weekend of chasing down the Prospectives database, having attended the first. I had made 260 phone calls in two days resulting in pledges to start eight new 41 Clubs plus individuals promising to join. Well done to Duncan and team a terrific effort.

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

My workload as can be seen above is heavy in terms of Product delivery. I am looking at how to further distribute/delegate the work required. I was hoping to increase my committee by an additional National Councillor to further delegate specific packages of work but was outside of decision making team for committees for this year. I am therefore looking at alternative solutions and suppliers to reduce the overall commitment and deliver the same standard of service.

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

I was pleased to support the National President Barry at the Dorset Knobs in March a great evening of entertainment.

I attended LOTS 31st Anniversary with several other dignitaries including our Vice President Dave. Lots of good banter in what was a well-attended Round Table Family gathering to celebrate the efforts of David Leon and his boundless energy.

I was privileged to be invited to Battle 41 Club to speak at their 40th Charter Anniversary and present three Club Service Awards to very deserving 41ers. Also in attendance was National Councillor David Leach. A great night enjoyed by all.

I represented President Barry at Great Dunmow's 50th Charter Anniversary and presented a Club Service Award to a man who epitomises what we are and do – Mike Smith – what a well deserving individual. A superb night and as a result of my presentation two attendees have voiced an interest in starting new 41 Clubs, one in Winchester.

Manny Martins



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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

My last report as Treasurer, and you would be disappointed if it was anything other than short (and late!)

Attached is the I&E Summary to 31st March, which has also been published on the website along with this report. Please see extra attachment.

There is nothing of particular note to report, although it is interesting that capitation received is 6k up compared to the same stage in 2016.

Cash balances

At close of play on 31st March, our cash at bank stood at £217,293.57. Of this, £100,000.00 is held in a fixed term deposit which matures in October 2017.

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER – DUNCAN KENNEDY

1. Virtual Club

The Marchesi Club has been set up on the CAS system. We need to discuss a marketing strategy for this and some form of application form. Round Table are trialling an E Club which appears to be having some success. We can perhaps discuss this in more detail at the meeting. RT would like us to publicise its existence to all our members. Maybe we can do this provided they publicise ours to all their members!

2. Complimentary membership for Tablers between 40 – 45

I am not aware of any requests for this.

3. Charging Honorary Members

Again I have not received any queries from the Clubs but I would imagine that they are just not putting them on the system.

4. Tablers reaching 45

I have now examined the data from March 2015 and March 2016. This is by no means an easy feat as I have to search each individual name on CAS to see if they are members and to repeat the exercise every quarter or so. Furthermore I do not have the data for previous years as we did not have the list of retirees from Table.

Anyway, to date the figures are as follows:

2015 - 335 retiring Tablers of which 65 are showing on CAS as members. This is a



19.5% conversion rate.

2016 - 348 retiring Tablers of which 51 are now showing on CAS as members. This is a 14.6% conversion rate.

2017 - 75 Retiring Tablers

The list for 2017 has been passed to Councillors and I am hoping for a full response so that I can update the meeting in April.

5. Round Table Data Project

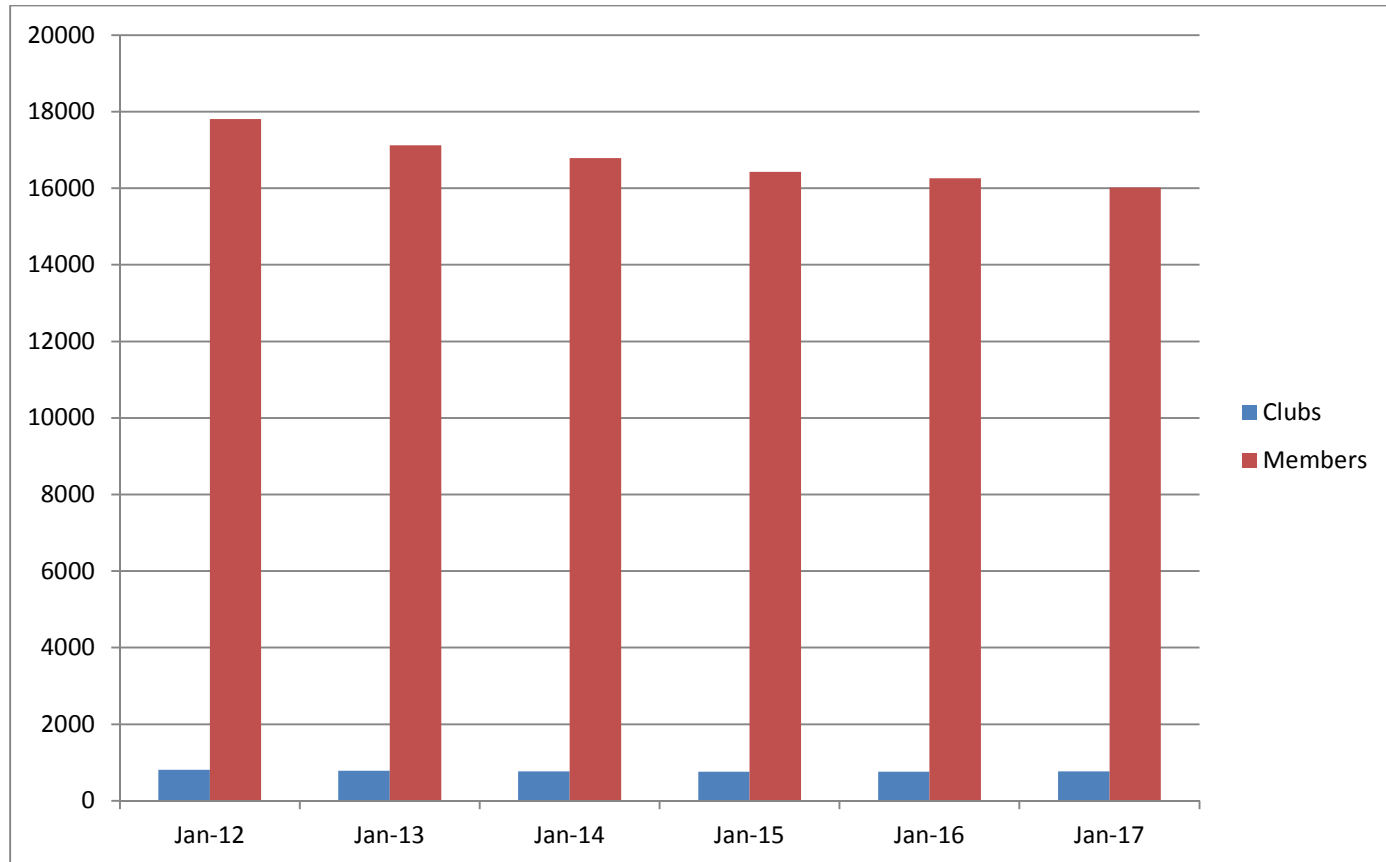
This is moving on. We have now had 2 run-around sessions and have made around 700 calls. As a result the following has been achieved - so far we have identified the possibility of 18 new Clubs (say around 6 members per Club) and 44 guys who either wish to join or who are members but their details are not on CAS. In theory, this could mean 152 extra members on CAS. I intend to have further sessions in May, June, September, October, November, January 2018, February 2018 and March 2018. It is stating the obvious to say that the more people who attend these sessions the quicker we get through the lists. We have just under 4,000 to go through so the more the merrier. I will endeavour to circulate dates for all of these before the Council meeting.

6. Round Table Family

At the last family meeting it was agreed that I should endeavour to put together a committee to discuss the possibility of a "Round Table Family Month" when Clubs would be encouraged to put on activities to raise the profiles of all four Associations. It was fully accepted that this does take place in certain areas but they do appear to be in the significant minority. I have now had a response from all four Associations and I am hoping for an initial conference call prior to the Council meeting.

7. Membership Changes

Set out below is a graph showing the changes in membership numbers and Clubs since 2012. This was contained in my last report but as this is the last report of the year I thought it would merit it being repeated. Please note, however, that this does not take account of the disaffiliations from February as it is intended to reflect year on year.



The percentage changes in membership are as follows:

2012 – 2013 -4.1%
 2013 – 2014 -1.9%
 2014 – 2015 -2.1%
 2015 – 2016 -1.0%
 2016 – 2017 -1.5%

The Club numbers (as at 1st January) are as follows:

2012 - 808
 2013 - 784
 2014 - 767
 2015 - 762
 2016 - 758
 2017 - 772

As you will see that although membership as a whole has been decreasing, albeit at a slow rate, the number of Clubs has increased for the first time in a long time. I truly believe that this shows that National's push to encourage people to open new Clubs where appropriate seems to be working.

8. Tables without a 41 Club



This is an ongoing project and I am sure over time will produce results. Indeed it has already produced some results.

Club	Region	Club	Region	Club	Region
Elgin	1	Alnwick	4	Colwyn Bay and District	12
Forres	1	East Lancashire	5	Llanelli	13
Nairn	1			West Bromwich	14
Buckie	1	Macclesfield	7	Mildenhall	17
Thurso	1	New Mills Marple & District	7	Fareham	23
Mid-Argyll	1	Bourne and District	9		
Dunfermline	2	Congleton	11	Epsom Old Salts	24
Glenrothes	2	Stone	11	Burgess Hill Active	24
Montrose and District	2	Abergele	12		

9. Membership Enquiries

I continue to receive a number of enquiries from past Tablers directly from the web site. These are responded to and the details passed on to the local Club and the National Councillor and have brought a number of new members into the Association.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – GODWIN STEWART

No report submitted

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Current objectives set by myself are as follows:

1. Commutate with National Board members and National Councillors.
2. Belfast 2016 contracts and committee meetings.



3. Promote and encourage involvement of the membership, with the National Association.
4. The Scottish Clubs and regions.

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

Communate with National Board members and National Councillors

I have maintained communications with various members of the board on subjects such as finance, contracts, processes, & Visits Belfast to secure transport and finalise the pre-tour for the event.

I have sent out the new National councillors reporting template, I will report on the findings at the National Council meeting.

I have helped organised a visit to Belfast by the Number 52 club report below.

I have email and phoned both Ken Donald, Nick Lawton and Drew Cochran on getting a meeting in Scotland to discuss with members and officers of the Scottish clubs a way forward for the future of 41 in Scotland. I am awaiting a reply from Ken & Nick on a meeting in April.

c. Your activity during the period

I have mainly attended meetings with the Belfast 2018 committee and partners of the event, in order that all guests have the experience that only Northern Ireland can bring.

I did participate in Bangor 41 Club now annual golf competition, we had a great night and a new member to join later this year. Our Ladies day was a bit special this year with the attendance of all ladies of past members in attendance.

I have helped organised a visit to Belfast by the Number 52 club. The lads spent a weekend in the City and visited the famous Crown Bar, Fibber McGee's, The Titanic Centre and the Belfast Goals as well as a few local pubs. I attended the dinner and they all had a great time. I learned that although all the members were ex-Round Tablers and from all parts of the UK & Ire, only a small group were currently in 41 Club. We discussed a possibility of the 52 club it's-self becoming affiliated to 41 and all the clubs' members becoming members of 41.

I also spent the Sunday morning of the 10th showing members of Tangent around the Europa Hotel, where they will hold their AGM in 2018. This is now 7th member of Tangent exec to visit Belfast to visit venues.

I will be attending Dublin 41 Club AGM on the 13th April 2017 at the Royal Irish Yacht Club

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

Phil Ellis

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – ANDREW MACKERETH

It has been a very busy couple of months starting with a very successful sporting weekend and the run up to Blackpool Conference and the future Belfast conference. I have been to numerous Blackpool and Belfast meetings over the last 3 months.

Conference.

Blackpool 2017 Conference. Blackpool has the makings of a very successful conference with Thursday evening Welcome Party sold out. The Joint Presidents Banquet has only 8 places left and the Fancy Dress Party a few more. Conference numbers are holding well with slight increases year on year. Credit must go to the entire team led by Kevin Lovett with a couple of the team members also helping Belfast Committee as well.

Belfast 2018 Conference. Belfast is ready to launch under the leadership of Phil Ellis. Belfast are to offer a 2 day pre tour of Northern Ireland which can either be taken individually or together. Please book early as we are already seeing significant interest and also qualify for the early booking discount. The Belfast team will be situated in the reception area of The Imperial Hotel and will be augmented by Kathryn Holland of Visit Belfast who will be with us for all 3 days of Conference.

Torquay 2019 Conference. Mark Fairchild has been appointed as Conference Chairman and is starting to put together his team and will start meeting in the next couple of months. I have asked a member of my Conference Committee Steve James to have a watching brief over Torquay.

Conference 2020. Invitations of interest are invited to host Conference 2020. Hopefully we should be able to agree the venue at the October National Council Meeting in Norwich.

National Sporting Weekend. Thanks to Steve James hard work the 1st NSW was a great success with over 90 attending. Steve has booked the weekend of the 9th of February 2018 for the 2nd NSW which will be again held at Oakhampton in Devon. The venue offers superb facilities and value for money.

National Caravan Rally. It is being held between 1st and 3rd of September under the stewardship of Martin Green. At present we have 10 caravans booked in with more interest being shown.

Classic Car Rally. Is being held in Ilkley, Yorkshire between 2nd and 4th of June. Interest has been high. Bookings now stand at 22 cars with some still to book.

Cruise. The 41 club cruise is running between 13th and 20th of August through Fred Olsen and is visiting Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

National Golf Competition. Thursday 24th September. The event is being played just off the M5 nr Gloucester.



National Council Meeting. The next National Council Meeting will be held between the 23rd to 25th of June at The King Charles Hotel, Gillingham. If you haven't booked please do so as soon as possible. More information from John Alford or myself.

Member Benefits. Income is starting to increase from our tie-ups with Fred Olsen Cruises and Just Travel Insurance. Hyundai cars were hoping to have a stand at Blackpool Conference but because of staffing issues they are unable to attend.

I will be asking permission of National Council to offer a member benefits package with Heritage Car Insurance.

They are a family run insurance broker, established in 1965, who specialise in classic car, prestige vehicle and multi car insurance based in Edgbaston, Birmingham. Our web address is www.heritagecarinsurance.co.uk.

I would like to propose a profit share partnership where we advertise multi car, classic car and specialist vehicle insurance to your members.

Features and Benefits of a policy with Heritage Car insurance

- Free agreed value cover, limited mileage discounts, 90 days European cover, option to retain salvage, cover for modifications and can include club organised track days.
- Each client gets direct access to a dedicated Personal Client Manager
- A multi car policy allows you to add all the vehicles in your household (including cars, bikes, campers and vans) on one policy with one renewal date. This reduces the hassle arranging insurance and can significantly reduce the total cost of your insurance. Full details and benefits of a multi car policy can be [found here](#).

As part of the proposed agreement, Heritage will

- Pay 15% of our commission income to 41 Club on all new business introduced and all future renewal cases
- Provide a sponsorship contribution to your annual classic car event
- Give a 15% discount to all 41 Club members on the cost of their insurance
- If required, provide latest insurance news, hints and tips, guides and other interesting content

Andrew MacKereth

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – PETER GOOD

I have not been on any international trips since October there's not a lot happening during November December.

I was due to go to Belgium to meet up with local countries IRO s unfortunately I had to cancel at the last minute as my mother who had been ill for the last two months, so we were doing a lot of hospital visiting took a turn for the worst so we had to stay with her she died 9 days later.



I have got Eurostar to change the date of my ticket to any date in the next 3 months so I can make another meeting. I did manage to make it to The Lamb to meet up with Petros Lannou the President of Cyprus 41 club he is in London with his 18 year old daughter who came to England to have a liver transplant which is going well.

I would like to thank David Leon and the guys in LOTS for their true 41 fellowship in taking Petros along to meetings in London, he contacted me back in October just as we were setting off to India, so I gave him David's phone and email details it's a great example of how we can help each other out anywhere in the world.

On a sad note I have to report the death of past South African President Gertjie Coetzee he died from a heart attack, he was a dedicated Tabler and 41er.

The application forms are now out for international President for 2019 - 2020 anyone interested I can send you a form.

I am looking forward to a busy year next year.

My first trip as IRO for GB&I was to Landshut Germany, for the International AGM. Sixty people were in attendance from GB & I, some of them on their first 41 International. We all had fun and fellowship at the events put on for us, and I am sure the "first timers" will be coming along again sometime in the future.

It was a great weekend, meeting up with old friends and making new from all around the world.

At the AGM, we had a video link with the school in Nepal, where The Round Table Family have been working.

President Makarios Charalambides of Cyprus handed over to the incoming President Englebert Friedsam from Germany.

This took place at the Gala Dinner on the Saturday night. There was also excellent entertainment enjoyed by all.

Next trip in May was the Sweden AGM.

Just myself and Mr President Barry, attended this, it was a joint AGM with Table, Circle and Tangent all on the same weekend, and at the same venue, it was held at a theme park called the High Chaparel, so there was a western theme for fancy dress, and in fact for the whole weekend.

Over 1300 hundred people were there. We met Tablers from Israel, Cyprus, Denmark, South Africa, Germany, and 41ers from Finland, Germany, Belgium.

Great fellowship weekend and Gala dinner. All 1300 were in attendance, so it was a little like the old UK days. The only mishaps were that I dropped my phone down the toilet, and we missed the plane coming back.



In June, I decided to drive to the first 41 Netherlands AGM, accompanied by Dave Campbell and Andy Waite.

The journey was just under 700 miles drive, so we set off midday and stopped a night in Belgium. Well no way would Andy let me drive straight through! I got pulled over for speeding with only another 6 miles to go, but managed to talk my way out of a fine with my limited knowledge of Dutch plus a bit of "Double Dutch".

Being the first AGM they had organised, it was a low budget weekend, but it worked fantastically, all venues were owned by 41ers which was a great saving. The welcome party was at an outside bar with BBQ. Great fun!

The following morning around 60 of us walked round the corner from hotel to a bike shop, we were all given a bike and we cycled about 1-2 miles to a timber yard where the AGM was held in a warehouse with wood stacked all around us, not a problem there was still good sound equipment and a screen.

Then after a great AGM mainly in English with plenty of humour, we all took the bikes and road another 4-5 miles to a field with a long banquet table set up for lunch. As luck would have it the weather was kind and this was a fantastic lunch.

Gala dinner was at the Hotel which was attached to a theatre also owned by a 41er. The food was one of the best dinners I have ever had at a function. This has to be one of my most memorable trips.

Two weeks later Lesley and I flew to Cyprus for their AGM in Nicosia.

She only likes to go where it's warm, and this was VERY warm. It was in the mid 40's!

Only GB & I and Germany were represented, actually just myself and Englebert.

Enjoyable weekend making new friends, and we were looked after very well by The Cypriot Scotsman/Yorkshireman David Illingworth.

He took us into the Turkish side, where we had some interesting encounters to say the least, including one at gunpoint with a soldier, as apparently, we were not supposed to be where we were! Always fun times with David.

Hotel was great, some of the venues for the weekend functions would change whilst on the way to them, but they did still happen. Everyone made us feel very welcome.

We will be back next year and will definitely stay with David, who is a fantastic host. Next trip September AGM in Romania.

Accompanied by Dave Campbell, we flew to Bucharest, and were met by Aurel Jianu, the past IRO for Romania, he drove us into town for lunch, then to his son's apartment where we were to stay for the night. We attended the Bucharest Round Table meeting, and enjoyed great fellowship. We discovered that they do not have a 41 Club, so our next job is to help to set one up.



Next day Aurel drove us around 140 miles to Craiova for the AGM weekend.
Friday night welcome party was a hog roast.
Next day was the AGM with GB & I Germany, Belgium and Holland in attendance.
The hospitality given to Dave and I was just fantastic. Great guys.

Back home and 4 days later we take to the air again, this time with wives to go to the HYM in India, another fantastic attendance from GB & I with 30 attending. The best way to describe India is that it is an experience not to be missed. It was exciting, colourful, interesting, a great time and one we will never forget. We will certainly go back. The hospitality and fellowship is out of this world. Again, we had 41ers from the UK on their first international, we all got on really well and I know some have already booked in for South Africa. We did the Pretour with people from GB & I Norway, Sweden and Dave Campbell representing Zambia, he has not even got a sun tan! A great time was had by all.

Interesting meeting, we broke up into groups for workshop talks about the name change. Past president Makarios reported he has identified 13 countries that could join in the next few years, there are applications in from USA and Hungary.

- Next AGM is in Sun City
- HYM is in Italy in October
- Next year's AGM in Austria
- HYM is in Morocco.

This year has just flown by. I have had a great time meeting new people, and meeting up with old friends, and this is all available to all members. Lesley and I started going on Internationals back in the Martin Young days, and we are still meeting up with people we met then.

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REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK LAWTON

Clubs Visited National Councillor

Date	Club	Event/visit	Members attending	A-O-B / News
17/03/17	Stornoway	Charter	45 [incl Tabler's etc]	Excellent evening



24/03/17	Wick	Further discussion re 41 Club	3	Not likely; A13 41 Club best option
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Clubs Visited deputy/Assistant

Date	Club	Event/visit	Members attending	A-O-B / News

Regional Events Attended:

Date	Region / Club	Event	Members attending

Newsletter & Magazine

Provide regional/club article for Newsletters including adverts for events	
Provide regional/club article for Newsletters including adverts for events	

National Councillor & Deputy/ Assistant Diary - for the next three months

	regional		National		International
	Date	Club/Event	Date	Event	
Visits			21/04/17	NC	
			22/04/17	AGM	
		Inverness	31/03/17	AGM	

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEN DONALD

No report submitted





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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEWART THOMPSON

No report submitted

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REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK BOERSMA

Due to my father’s ill health, and business needs, I have asked Colin Stein to deputise for me at Conference as it is looking extremely unlikely that I will be able to attend.

Region 4 had a visit by President Barry at the end of March.

Discussions have been taking place with some of the Clubs in the lower half of the Region (geographically) aiming to begin the process of resurrecting a likeminded area within the region to join with the better organised northern half of the Region.

It is hoped that during the summer months, at least one unaffiliated Club may be persuaded to re-join, and that some Clubs with low numbers, reinvent themselves and move positively forward.

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REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - GRAHAM F SLOAN

Clubs Visited National Councillor

Date	Club	Event/visit	Members attending	A-O-B / News
25/09/2016	National	Computer Training	With Godwin	



11/10/2016	Preston 41 Club	10 pin bowling	12	
12/10/2016	Blackpool Progress	Meal	24	Promote Red Rose With Godwin
14/10/2016	Lytham RT	Charter Dinner	75	
27/10/2016	South Westmorland	Cluster Meeting	53	Clubs attended-Bentham, Kendal, Carnforth and Windermere.
28/10/2016	Shrigley Hall	Council Meeting		
01/11/2016	Chorley Rural	Trip to Marine College @ Fleetwood	12	
08/11/2016	Kirkham	Charter Dinner	64	Promoted Red Rose
09/11/2016	Marchesi House	Computer Training		
18/11/2016	Red Rose Dinner	Regional dinner	120	
08/12/2016	Darwen 41 Club	Christmas Dinner	85	Clubs attended-Blackburn Greys, Darewen, Ribble & Lune, Lytham St Annes, Clitheroe, and Rossendale.
12/12/2016	Cheadle & Gatley	Christmas Nativity	28	
14/12/2016	Lytham St Annes	Christmas Meal	32	
20/12/2016	Kirkham 41 Club	Christmas Float	15	
22/12/2016	Blackpool Progress	Christmas Meal	24	
11/01/2017	Lytham St Annes	Meal	28	Gave a report on The Red Rose Dinner. I then told the VC what his Councillor thought of him for not reporting the theft of the club Bell
12/01/2017	Lancaster	Founders Dinner	25	With Nat President And Nat Fellowship Officer
16/01/2017	Blackburn Greys	Whisky Tasting	20	Establishing Region 5 Councillor
26/01/2017	Preston Old Parts	Meal		

Clubs Visited deputy/Assistant

Date	Club	Event/visit	Members attending	A-O-B / News
		No Assistant		

Regional Events Attended:



Date	Region / Club	Event	Members attending
18/11/2016	Region 5	Red Rose Dinner	120

Newsletter & Magazine

Provide regional/club article for Newsletters including adverts for events	none
Provide regional/club article for Newsletters including adverts for events	none

National Councillor & Deputy/ Assistant Diary - for the next three months

Visits	regional		National		International
	Date	Club/Event	Date	Event	
	14/02/2017	Darwen	10/02/2017	NSW	
	17/02/2017	Rosendale			
	21/02/2017	Thornton Cleveleys			
	11/03/2017	Darwen			
	20/13/2017	Accrington & District			

Having made contact with the clubs, that D.B. should have been looking after, the feed back I have received was that he did attend the clubs and was well thought of.

I will visit the remaining clubs, so that area will be covered and then start with "The Lake District Clubs" and that will be a challenge and will probably be after the AGM.

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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – IAN BURNETT

No report submitted

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REGION 7 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN LOVETT

No report submitted

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REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL SWINDELL

Clubs Visited – National Councillor (NC)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event / Visit</u>	<u>Members Attending</u>	<u>A-O-B / News</u>
26/01/17	8 / IOM	CV - Burns Night	All IOM 41 Clubs, plus NP, CL, NCO & NCs, etc....(30-ish in all)	Great night – see Report 2
27/01/17	8 / IOM Prospect	CV – Normal Friday Lunchtime meeting	10 IOM Progress 41, plus NCs & NB Members...	Also see Report 2.
16/02/17	8 / Warrington	Mersey Tunnels Tour & Viva Brazil meal.	14 Members plus partners (Tangent) – joint event. Also NP & Driver (23 in all)	Nat. Pres. attended. (no report – own club, see Newsletter No 2).
28/02/17	8 / Huyton	CV – Speaker Meeting/Meal, Victoria Hotel, Rainhill.	10 Members, plus speaker & guest.	See Report 4.
08/03/17	8 / Liverpool No 1 Club	CV - Lunchtime meeting – Athenaeum Club	12 Liverpool 41 Club members, plus 4 Liverpool Tablers.	See Report 5.
10/03/17	8 / Woolton 41 & Round Table	Joint Table / 41 Club Charter	38 Members & Guests from Area 8 /region 8 clubs.	See Report 6.
16/03/17	8 / Warrington	Tatton Brewery Tour.	10 Members, plus 2 guests? (local Region 11 Clubs also invited but no takers)!	(no report – own club, see Newsletter No 2).
31/03/17	Area 8 / Warrington Round Table No 74	AGM	11 Table members, 2 prospectives and 5 Ex-Tabler Club guests.	No report – own club.
05/04/17	8 / Woolton AGM	AGM	??	Also see Report 6.



Clubs Visited – Deputy/Assistant (DA)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event / Visit</u>	<u>Members Attending</u>	<u>A-O-B / News</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A	NOTE:-	No assistant recruited yet

Regional Events Attended:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Members attending</u>
29/01/17	Region 8 Rally	Region/Area 8 Rally (Sunday Lunch) – see Report 3.	Region 8 club members, other areas and RT Area 8, plus partners (Approx. 60 in all).
04/02/17	8 / Warrington	Warrington Round Table – Celidh (Fundraiser)	41ers, Tablers & guests – a great fund-raising event held annually. £2,500+ raised!
10-12 th Feb	Region 13	NC - NSSW / Council Meeting – Okehampton, Devon	Full Council & NCs, plus approx. 70 members!
25/03/17	8 / Warrington	Ladies Night (with Table No 74) – Warrington Golf Club.	Warrington 41 Club, Table & guests. Great night! (60 in all).

Newsletter & Magazine

Regional/Club articles for Newsletters including adverts for events.	See “Region 8 Newsletter No 1 – Feb 2017” – Issued to all Region 8 members (see attached). Next Newsletter (No 2) to be published in May, then from then on quarterly with August & November planned.
Provide regional/club articles for NATIONAL including adverts for events.	As above – supplied to National Communication Officer, for National Newsletter/Web-site. Also supplied photos and write-up about Warrington Club’s visit to the Mersey Tunnels Experience, with President Barry and driver visiting us, to Godwin.

National Councillor & Deputy / Assistant Diary – Planned for the next three months

<u>Planned</u>	<u>Regional</u>		<u>National</u>		<u>International</u>
<u>Visits:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Club / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event</u>



<u>Planned</u>	<u>Regional</u>		<u>National</u>		<u>International</u>
<u>Visits:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Club / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event</u>
NC	26 th April	BC&D AGM	20-23 rd April	AGM / National Conference – Blackpool.	25 th – 28 th May – Round Table 74 Numbered Clubs European Annual Meeting (EAM) – This year in Wotton-Under- Edge (No 974).
NC	28 th April	Warrington Tablers AGM. Ex-	5-7 th May	TCT – T2T Walk Organisation – At Alder Hey Hospital & Warrington (with Nick Morcumb, Region 11). UNFORTUNATELY - NOW CANCELLED!	22 nd – 25 th June - Warrington / Hanau Annual Beer Tour – This year the Yorkshire Dales/Moors...!
NC	17 May	Widnes / normal meet (TBA)			
NC	18 May	Leigh & Warrington – joint meeting (TBA)?			
NC	1 st June	HW&D / normal meet (TBA)			
NC	15 th June	Southport Hesketh / normal meet (TBA)			
NC	21 st June	Rainford / normal meet (TBA)			

Also see separate visit reports:

1. 'Leigh' Burns Night, 19/01/17 (issued with previous report)
2. 'IOM' and 'IOM Progress' meetings, 26 & 27/02/17.
3. Region 8 / Area 8 Rally, 29/02/17.
4. Huyton – Speaker Meeting, 28/02/17.
5. 'Liverpool No 1' – Athenaeum Club, 3/03/17.
6. Woolton – Charter 10/03/17 and AGM 05/04/17 (to follow)...

Liverpool (No 1) – 41 Club Visit



I have been kindly invited to attend several Liverpool No 1 41 Club meetings by their current secretary Andy Green. In-fact Liverpool was one of the first clubs in Region 8 to invite me along un-prompted, so thanks Andy, it's very much appreciated, I assure you!

This meeting (on 8th March) was one of their annual luncheon meetings in the famous 'Athenaeum Club' in the centre of Liverpool; a wonderful pre-Victorian Gentlemen's Club, dating back to 1797, with all of the expected decorative fixtures, fittings and trimmings.....wonderful! The club has been a home to both Liverpool Round Table No 8 and the 41 Club for their lunch-time meetings for more years than they care to remember....!

This felt quite special for me, as not only was I visiting the very 1st 41 Club ever formed (and a founder of the 41 Club Association GB+I), but also the home of Liverpool No 8, from which my own Warrington No 74 Table was formed back in 1934; so, it was good to see that four Liverpool 8 Table members also joined us.

Tony O'Donnell kindly greeted me at the door to the club. It was obvious that I was looking somewhat at a loss of how to get in, as the main door has a key-pad entry lock, but when I said who I was he quickly greeted and signed me in. Tony then proceeded to show me some of the club's lovely rooms – the reading room and library – before we climbed the fabulous staircase to the 3rd floor dining room.

Here I was introduced to the other members present, including Chairman Ken Graves, Keith Housley and others. As in all my 41 Club visits so far, we reminisced about 'Table' life and I'm sure we all get one of those glassy-eyed glazed looks when we do so – it's sappy or what!

We had a really nice lunch, and although I expected to introduce myself I was rather taken aback when Ken introduced me to everyone as the 'guest speaker'. Yikes – now I've got to think on my feet I thought!

Keith Housley further enhanced my terror by asking me to highlight the responsibilities and aspirations of my new 'National Councillor' role. Oh 'eck – a "this is getting worse" thought went through my head.....however he asked, so I explained my thoughts.....

Keith then gave me quite a 'grilling' as to why Liverpool are totally different to any other 41 Club, and probably didn't want to do what I thought anyway! Oh well you can't win them all....!

Joking aside, it was a good honest debate, and all the attendees joined in, which was great, and definitely part of what Table and 41 is all about in my view. We discussed the future of 41 Club and the relationship with Table – which in Liverpool seems to be reasonably strong, so long may it continue. I had a great time, so I look forward to meeting you all again soon.....and yet more debate! I'm only sorry I can't make your AGM this year – hopefully next year.

The Three Legs of Man!!!

Is it just a co-incidence that the Isle of Man has three legs as its symbol and has three active 41 clubs – Isle of Man, Rushen and IOM Prospect..... mmmm?!?! A few intrepid travellers from the 'Big Island' travelled to the 'Mainland', as the locals like to call it (the poor misguided



souls!), not only for the Isle of Man Burns Night Supper on Thursday 26th January, but also for the IOM Prospect Friday lunch the next day.

Godwin Stewart (National Communications Officer), Andy Waite (Region 6 NC), Lawrence Bamber (Region 12 NC) and myself met at Liverpool airport on a bitterly cold afternoon waiting for our EasyJet flight. After a pint or two in the Weatherpoons pub and some food (well I think it was food – Andy's burger looked more like 'Road Kill', and by the look on his face – it must have tasted like it too!) we arrived in an equally bitterly cold Douglas where we later met up with other "islanders" Peter Good (National IRO), Phill Ellis (NCLO) and Barry Durman (National President) for the Burns supper.

A big thank you must go to the IOM lads for putting on a great night of fun and fellowship, with a great turn-out..... Martin Hall was very theatrical with his address to the haggis whirling round in his "skirt" like a Dervish and branding his 'Skean Duh' with the aplomb of a Claymore to cut out yon haggis's entrails with a theatrical flourish the likes of which I haven't seen before – the poor wee beastie (that's not Martin by the way)!

IOM Chairman Mike Priest and NatPres Barry delivered the ubiquitous speeches (although Barry will really have to improve his joke repertoire!!!), and afterwards we all retired to the Saddle pub round the corner for 'Karaoke Night'! It was packed – I'll swear the whole population of the Isle of Man were in that pub – you couldn't move!

Mind you – that didn't stop Phil and Mike from arranging some kind of contest of who could spill as much beer on themselves....and they were more than ably assisted in this by some of the...(shall we say more 'flexible')...revelers around them! Ivan Bratty entertained (I use the term loosely) us all with his singing prowess – as he's a Karaoke nut! It was a great night.

Friday morning saw us up and out with Robert Udy from IOM prospect, who lives in Peel but also stayed over at the same hotel as Andy, Lawrence, Peter, Godwin and myself, and volunteered to show us a "bit o' the Isle"! So – brace yourselves – we got the bus to Peel – Intrepid explorers us, or what! It was like an outing of 'Last of The Summer Wine', but I'm not prepared to divulge who was 'Compo', you can make your own minds up on that one!

Lunch was held at the 'Prospect Hotel' pub in the heart of down-town Douglas's business district. A lovely venue full of character, and which gives its name to the Club, after being thought up by its founding members – Steve Leonard, Phil Hassall, Ivan and more besides.... Good job they didn't use the 'Bag O' Shite' pub to hold their meetings!?!?

Beef Madras curry – half and half was the fayre – and very hearty it was too, helped down with copious Onion Bhajis, Poppadums and for those able – Beer (I was on lemonade due to driving later – bummer)!

Well I can't vouch for anyone else, but I had a fantastic couple of days on the Isle! I remember my Table days visiting and the wonderful hospitality and craic we had back then – nothing's changed – thank goodness! It was great to meet up with some old Area 8 Table friends too – Phil & Ivan (both Ex Area 8 Chairmen) and Steve....

The only unfortunate thing is the lack of active Tables. Douglas and Ramsey & Peel have both gone and Rushen 1072 is only just hanging on by its finger-nails, by all account.....that is a great shame and something I feel that that 41 Club National must help address with RTBI.

Here's to my next trip.....



Region 8 / Area 8 Rally!

The 'Area 8' Round Table 'Rally' has been a feature of the Area 8 Round Table calendar for many years and is still going strong, albeit being re-badged and more of a 41 Club event these days. A lot of the same stalwarts still come along after 23+ years....and some newbies (or "Rally Virgin's") were introduced as well.

In-fact it is so popular that other some Region clubs also attend. I met Andy Stanway and his wife from Stoke (Region 7) who are now regulars, and just love it.

The rally used to be organised by the Table of the outgoing Area 8 Chairman (and the only one I managed to make was when Leigh 139 organised one in the early 90's), but since 2006 it has been ably organised by Mike Orme from Southport Hesketh (Area 8 Chair 2001/2002). He just won't let go of the task.... and won't give anyone else a look-in! Mind you, he does the job so well (and obviously loves doing it) so there is no point in knocking down a volunteer in my view!!!

My wife Kirsten and I arranged with Mike to attend the Sunday farewell lunch and prize-giving ceremony. We couldn't make the whole event and only got to hear about it at quite short notice – a shortfall I aim to correct by using my position as NC to get this event advertised to the whole of Region 8 in the future....

Kirsten and I arrived at about 12:30 as promised, for the 1pm prompt lunch that Mike insisted upon! It was clear as soon as we arrived that there were quite a few attendees nursing sore heads from the night before! There were definitely some very pale faces and tired looking eyes – and a really good night was had by all judging by the looks on some of the faces....

During the 3-course lunch, we were entertained by a lovely singer – Dawn Lacey – who had a varied repertoire of material. Dawn's rendition of the James Bond Theme – "Live and Let Die" – was interesting – complete with replica gun and spy-actions to boot!!!

To be honest, she was good, but it was just a bit too loud and killed off any chance of conversation. However, maybe that was Mike's plan after the previous night's 4am finish? People were just too tired to talk.....although I didn't see anyone fall face first into the soup (and that has happened in the past, or so I'm told!).

It looked like a very nice hotel to hold such an event and it was a great lunch, not least of which was seeing a lot of old Table friends again and see that their **LIVER'S** were still coping well. It was also good to meet other 41ers from Woolton, Rainford, Southport-Hesketh Leyland and others...., including lots of Past Area 8 Chairmen (too many to mention them all), and I hope to see more of them all in my role as Region 8 NC.

Mike handed out various prizes; for the best fancy dress; the best sketch; and various other amusing and embarrassing acts, including a caption competition for a picture of John Sockett (Area 8 Chairman 2000/2001) straddling an aeroplane. I'm pretty sure my contribution ("That's the biggest thing I've had between my legs for years!") was the best – but Mike must have felt too embarrassed to give me the prize – oh well, better luck next time!



Mike announced next year's Rally – In Huddersfield (26th to 28th of January 2018). I hope I can make the next one – it sounds like a blast!!! Although I'm not sure I could match the stamina of a few of the ardent attendees.....and would **MY** liver cope?

It is a fantastic weekend event and I would encourage Tablers and Ex-Tablers to attend at least one. You won't regret it.

Huyton 41 Club Visit

I visited Huyton 41 Club on a very wet and windy night in their usual haunt – The Victoria Hotel, Rainhill. A meal/speaker meeting had been arranged, with a talk from an Ex-Police Officer, who had also spent time in Kosovo – it sounded intriguing!

Chairman Peter Rowley welcomed me with a pint – That's a bloomin' good start I thought!!! I met the other members present that night and the speaker Stuart Collier, who had been invited to speak by his friend Simon Anderson (a Huyton member). Stuart confessed that he hadn't spoken in public before and was a little nervous, so I hoped his friendship with Simon would still be OK at the end?!?

We started the evening with the hotel's 'special' meal! Quite a few of us chose rump steak with all of the trimmings. It duly arrived, but "where was the steak" Stuart cried? Don't worry I said "just move the piece of Rocket and you'll find it"! It was very small, and the waitress confirmed it was 4 Oz – So no wonder they called it 'special'! Actually, although it was small, it was very nice, and the apple pie for afters certainly made up for it!

Then it was up to Stuart – who stood up and regaled us with stories of his time in the Police – joining 'The Met' at the ripe old age of 22, where he left his beloved Manchester for the paved gold of the big smoke – London! He eventually moved back north and ended up in CID – a job he craved for – and to work on some of the "most horrible and grotesque cases" as he wanted.

Which is why he ended up in Kosovo helping out the UN in exhuming and investigating ethnic cleansing victims, in order to support The Hague 'War Crimes' cases. Thankfully he didn't go into too much graphic detail, but it was clear that it was a horrific, but exciting and rewarding experience. Stuart did a marvellous job.....could this be a new career blossoming? Anyway, I'm sure his friendship with Simon is still intact.

I sat with Graham Hughes, Ted Webster and Graham's son Ian (also a 41er, with Woolton.....and others!), who also came along. Together we reminisced about Table life both past and present! Graham knew every pub I mentioned, no matter where it was, and I'm sure he knew lots more besides! That sounds like a Tabling life well spent!!!

Another good night on my Region 8 travels... and a big thank you to Huyton and its members for making me feel welcome.....and for keeping the Tabling spirit alive and kicking (albeit with no feeder Table any more ☺).

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REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK MORCUMBE

Date: 31-Mar-17

Clubs Visited Personally

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
18-Jan-17	Stafford	Steak night	20	
26-Jan-17	Whitchurch	Speaker Lion Salt Works	25	
31-Jan-17	Sandbach	Quiz	20	
2-Feb	Ellesmere Port	Adventure Golf	15	Support to RT
8-Feb-17	Wem	Speaker Night (Motor Biking in South America)	20	
16-Feb-17	Ellesmere Port	Slot Cars	20	Support to RT
22-Feb-17	Whitchurch	Soup Evening	5	
23-Feb-17	Holmes Chapel	Meal & Dominoes	15	
24-Feb-17	Oswestry	Stonehouse Brewery	15	Support to RT
25-Feb-17	Deeside RT & 41 Club	Chairman & Presidents Night	100	
26-Feb-17	Alsager	Grand Variety Show	20	41 club led community event
28-Feb-17	Cheadle	Tour of Glebe Engineering & Meal	15	
3-Mar-17	Ellesmere Port	Brewery Tour	15	Support to RT
4-Mar-17	Northwich	40th Charter/Ladies	100	



		Night		
8-Mar-17	Crewe & Nantwich	Meal at the Swan Wybunbury	10	
16-Mar-17	Whitchurch	Meal with Round Table	8	Support to RT
23-Mar-17	Whitchurch	Planning meeting for Round Table & Ladies Circle	4	Support to RT
24-Mar-17	Stockton Heath	Beer & Curry	15	
25-Mar-17	Cheadle	Laser Battle with Cheadle RT	10	Support to RT
28-Mar-17	Oswestry	Planning meeting for Round Table	2	Support to RT
30-Mar-17	Northwich	AGM	30	
31-Mar-17	Oswestry	Quiz	10	Support to RT

Clubs Visited Deputy/Assistant

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB

Forthcoming regional events

Jul'17- Golf

Sep'17 – Crown Green Bowling

Mar'18 - Dinner

Membership initiatives

Help to support existing tables who are low in numbers – Northwich, Cheadle, Whitchurch

Help to support new Round Tables – Ellesmere Port, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Newport

Speak to 41 clubs about approaching like-minded people to become members

Speak to ex-Table's not yet in 41 Club about creating an addition night each month for their 41 club so more active events can be held.

Improve visibility of RT & 41 Club on Facebook

Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits	Newport, Frodsham, Whitchurch, Lymm	AGM Blackpool NCM Gillingham	
Regional events			



Newsletters			
Magazine Copy			

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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – LAWRENCE BAMBER

Date: 04/04/2017

Introduction

This is my Last Report as NC for Region 12, and my last report as a National Councillor for 41 Club, a job I have done in Region 15, 7, & 12 since 2007!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Council & the Board.

I have served under many Presidents, all of whom achieved success in their own ways, and all of whom have contributed to the progress made by 41 Club in the UK & Abroad.

I would like to wish my Successor, Ralph Small from Deeside 41 Club all the best going forward within Region 12 and beyond

I must be a glutton for punishment, as I have offered to be Ralph's DNC for the next year or so!

I'll be back!!

Cheers & Hinges

1. Clubs Visited Personally

Feb 7th Poynton 41 Club: Wine Tasting Evening 12 Members

Feb 10th Poynton 41 Club & Poynton RT: Manford Comedy Club at Poynton Working Men's Club

10 41ers & 12 Tablers;

AOB: It was announced that Poynton RT had raised £ 27 k for local charities during 2016!!

Feb 11th: Poynton 41 Club Ladies Nite: A 4 Club Event with an overall attendance of 65 persons!

Feb 16th: Rhyl & District 41 Club: Speaker on WW 2 exploits; 27 members & guests

Feb 18th: Conference Committee & Dragons 41 Club meeting, Imperial Hotel, Blackpool



8 41ers and 4 Tangents

Feb 25th: R 12 St. David's Day Dinner c/w Deeside RT Chairman's Nite : 35 41ers from Deeside, Dragons &

22 Tablers AOB: 2018 R 12 St David's Day Dinner is to be organised by Deeside 41 Club, probably the last Friday in February, 2018.

Mar 2nd to 10th: Poynton 41 Club Med Cruise: reported elsewhere - see April 41 International Newsletter!

Mar 16th: Poynton 41 Club High Brow Nite: Theatre at Cheadle Hulme Am Dram Society (CHADS) where we watched Sheridan's "The Rivals" 14 41ers

March 23rd: Rhyll & District 41 Club President's Formal Evening: 47 41ers & Guests

March 25th: Dragons 41 Club c/w last? Blackpool Conference Committee meeting

April 7th: Poynton 41 Club AGM

2. DNC Visits

Nothing to report

3. Forthcoming Regional Events

2018: Last Friday in February (tbc) R 12 St David's Day Dinner; organised by Deeside 41 Club.

2018: March 1st: R 12 Mid Wales Cluster Dinner (tbc) organised by Llandrindod 41 Club.

4. Membership Initiatives

Details of Prospective 41ers leaving RT have been forwarded to the relevant Club Chairmen/ Secretaries for follow up.

5. Next 6 Months Programme

Visits : Sun City, South Africa for 41 International AGM; will be Consul for Norway!
: Norwegian 41 Club, AGM, Alta, Northern Norway.
: RTIWM Estonia.
: 41 International HYM Riccione, Italy.
: 41 Club International trip to Brazil to attend Charter of Sao Paulo 41 Club

Regional Events : None in 2017

Newsletters : Poynton Med Cruise featured in April 41 International Newsletter



Magazine : Copy sent to Editor

THAT'S REALLY ALL, FOLKS!!!

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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE JAMES

Date: 29th March 2017

Clubs Visited Personally

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
2 nd February	Narbeth and Whitland	AGM	20	Members notified of NSSW and wider wallet
6 th March	LLantwit Major	Speaker meeting	40 from 6 different clubs	National President Speaking
7 th March	Neath	40 th Charter Dinner	40 incl local RT members	Members notified of current National issues incl wider wallet
28 th March	Newport	Regional Cluster	140 from 15 different clubs	National President Speaking

Report from Deputy

Unfortunately there is no deputy in the region despite my best efforts to find someone who is willing to support me.

Forthcoming regional events

None yet planned

Membership initiatives

Good progress is being made with re-starting Newport Round Table.

All “graduating” Tablers this year have been contacted following receipt of the list from the National membership Officer. A copy of the email is below.

I hope you are well. I understand that you will shortly be retiring from?? Roundtable and I sincerely hope that you will consider joining your local 41 Club and remain a valued member of the Roundtable family.



If you have not been contacted already by your local 41 Club I have copied the club, contact for 41 Club into this email who will contact you in due course.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming year.

In the meantime, if I can do anything to assist please do not hesitate to contact me.

I also participated in the weekend whereby a few people assisted Duncan ringing members on the prospects list. I personally dealt with Region 5.

Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits	6 planned	National Council in Apr	N/A
Regional events	None yet planned following Newport Cluster in March	Planning for NSSW 2017 has commenced. Hotel booking confirmed and a banner showcasing the event has been designed and ordered. There will be a NSSW stand at conference. Arrangements are currently being looked at regarding the booking site I am also supporting the National Fellowship officer in arranging National conference 2019. Preparation of bid (visits of venues etc) for National conference 2020	N/A
Newsletters	N/A	Articles written for NSSW	N/A
Magazine Copy	N/A	Articles written for NSSW	N/A

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REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – CLIVE THOMPSON





No report submitted

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – TOM ATKINS

Clubs Visited Personally

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
08/02/2017	Nuneaton RT	Hi-Tiddle Meeting	6	Checking on numbers for walking weekend
10/02-12/02/2017	Various	NSSW	100+	Great weekend of fellowship
17/02/2017	Various Region 15	10 th Anniversary Dinner Region 15	100+	Great fellowship, Fun and Fundraising
22/02/2017	Nuneaton RT and 41 club	Business Meeting	14	Great night with the young ones
21/02/2017	Nuneaton 41 club	Chairman's Quiz Night	16	Fun and fellowship
25/02/2017	RTCW Various Tablers and 41 ers Ambassador Day	Marchesi House	10	Good meeting with like-minded ambassadors exchanging ideas around fund raising and getting the message across about the charity
01/03/2017	Coventry 41 club	Speaker meeting	32	Good speaker lots of fellowship and 4 more members inducted
07/03/2017	Christchurch 41 club	Speaker meeting	30	Even though I was on Holiday in Bournemouth I attended with Steve Boulter NC for the region
20/03/2017	Nuneaton PT	AGM	18	Last meeting as



	club			Chairman and passed on the chain
22/03/2017	Nuneaton PT Club	Rotary quiz night	76	Rotarians and 41ers plus some Tablers charity quiz night
23/03/2017 to 26/03/2017	Various clubs from Area 45 and Region 15	Hi-Tiddle	110	Fellowship weekend where we walk up a mountain / Hill over 2000 feet and play tiddley winks at the top. Saturday gala dinner attended by NP of Table and 41 club. Great weekend
31/03/2017	Tettenhall RT	50 th Charter	100+	Attended with 41 club vice president and RT NP plus other guests Great speaker Eddie Edwards and good fellowship

Clubs Visited Deputy/Assistant

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
23/03/2017-26/03/2017	Various clubs from Area 45 and Region 15	Hi-Tiddle	110	As my report

Forthcoming regional events

Membership initiatives

Let's see what happens at National AGM

Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits			



Regional events			
Newsletters			
Magazine Copy			

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DES FULCHER

Date: April 2017

Clubs Visited / Meetings Attended Personally:

- 6.2.17 – Great Yarmouth 41 Club c/w Deputy n/c K.Reynolds
- 10/12.2.17 – 41 Club NSW & National Council Weekend at Okehampton
- 20.2.17 – Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club at Table Lodge 8600
- 24.2.17 – Round Table Norwich Informal Lunch Club
- 28.2.17 – South Norfolk 41 Club AGM
- 14.3.17 – Round Table Norwich No1 90th Charter Dinner c/w Norwich 41 Club
- 20.3.17 – Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club AGM
- 27.3.17 – North Walsham 41 Club
- 28.3.17 – South Norfolk 41 Club at Cinema City (DF presenting on Marchesi Room)
- 6.4.17 – Diss 41 Club AGM

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

North Walsham 41 Club, St Neots 41 Club, South Norfolk 41 Club, Great Yarmouth 41 Club, North Norfolk 41 Club, Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club, Stalham Round Table, Norwich Round Table Informal Lunch Club, Round Table Norwich No1 (special 90th charter dinner), Norwich 41 Club, 41 Club NSW & National Council Weekend at Okehampton

Any issues or comments raised at club level?

The meeting 20 February hosted by Table Lodge of Norfolk was interesting as I got to speak with some of their members, all of whom stated they hadn't actually been in Round Table – this appeared to be predominantly aimed at recruiting new members from 41 Club. Further dialogue has been made regarding the former Region 16 and Region 17 in respect of suggestions to reinstate Region 16 with some additional adjustments – this should not be done too hastily, at least one club has stated they do not want to move Regions. The initiative to develop an 'active' element of North Norfolk 41 Club is proving a little difficult to progress, however Deputy n/c Kelly Clarke is determined to continue with his efforts to get this going.

Forthcoming Regional Events:

North Norfolk 41 Club cluster event, National Council Weekend

Membership Initiatives in your region:

- 41 Club NSW bid for Feb 2019





- Region alignment considerations (see above issues/comments)
- Continued progress for North Norfolk 'active' 41 club
- Major event initiative for Autumn 2017 with Round Table family & Rotary

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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – SEAN McCORMICK

No report submitted

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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – TOM ABBOTT

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REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DEREK KNOWLDEN

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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GLEN LYON

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK HINCHLIFFE

Please see Treasurer's report

Mark Hinchliffe



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REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE BOLTER

Clubs Visited Personally

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
23.1.17	Havant	Club visit	30	
24.1.17	Weymouth	Club visit	34	
11.2.17	Okehampton	NSW/NC meeting		
7.3.17	Christchurch	Club visit	30	
Jan to March	Somerton	Own club		3 visits
Jan to March	Wareham	Own club		3 visits

Plus visits to my own clubs Somerton and Wareham ---- 6 visits

Forthcoming regional events

Wareham Beerex over the Easter weekend

Regional Golf Day 21st July

Membership initiatives

May have 2 new clubs starting in the next few months both in Hampshire

Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits	Carry on with club visits		
Regional events	21 st July golf day		
Newsletters			
Magazine Copy			

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID LEACH

Clubs Visited Personally





Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
13/02/2016	Walton & Weybridge 41 Club	Regular lunchtime meeting	8	This was my first lunchtime meeting as a National Councillor. Fortunately it was relatively close to my workplace. A very friendly and welcoming club who have the luxury of a private room in a nice venue for their meetings.
14/02/2016	Norwood 41 Club	Regular meeting	12	My first meeting with this club as I try to get around all in my region. They too have a very nice private room as their venue. The secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting in a highly amusing way and there was lots of banter amongst the members.
13/03/2016	Battle 41 Club	40th Anniversary celebration	Pretty much the whole club, their wives and many guests	A very well-organised Ladies Night to celebrate the club's 40 th anniversary. An excellent venue, good food and entertaining speeches including one from the National Secretary.

Clubs Visited Deputy/Assistant

(Steve Whitaker)



Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	AOB
Q1	Sutton 41 Club	Club visit	Not recorded	I've been to Sutton again since because they've started generating their own in-house entertainment by getting one of their own to do a talk at a Meeting either about themselves or a subject of their choosing. The speaker was Gordon Perren who was hilarious talking about his childhood, his Family, trying to be a professional footballer and his days working as a Cleaner in the Printing Industry and his dealings with the Unions. Great stuff and a great idea.
Q1	Ewell and Worcester Park 41 Club	Club visit	Not recorded	Regular club meeting – no further details provided.
Q1	Wimbledon 41 Club	Club visit	Not recorded	Wimbledon have their AGM in February and Barry Sexton will take over as President, notable because he is an ex Morden Tabler and not previously a member of Wimbledon 62. He will be the 3rd non Wimbledon Pres in 8 years following Peter Tennant (ex- Kensington) and Naresh Bhatt (ex- Mitcham). Barry has already lined up a great programme which will include a visit to our French Twin Club Paris 2 in September.
Q1	London Old Tablers Society	31 st Anniversary Lunch	Not recorded	Gathering of LOTS from many different clubs in central London.

Forthcoming regional events

None

Membership initiatives



I have discussed with Peter McBride, a very strong contender to succeed me in my role as Region 24 National Councillor, on a number of aspects of the role. Peter was instrumental in arranging the inaugural R24 Golf Day last year and I am confident that with the support of his club, Wallington and Carshalton 41 Club, he will be well placed to bring the clubs of our region closer together and hopefully gain some new members.

Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits	In talks with a number of clubs in region to mop up those that I have not yet visited plus a few more.		
Regional events		National AGM in Blackpool	
Newsletters			
Magazine Copy			

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JOHN S ALFORD

National Council Meeting.

In February saw the first National Sporting Weekend at Oakhampton, Devon. This proved to be a very successful event and is to be repeated next year.

Although in meetings most of the weekend I did manage a game of golf. Without doubt it was the coldest game that I have ever played. It was only the comradery of my playing partners that we did not give up.

AGM

Clubs will be getting the AGM papers which contain some unusual resolutions. With the help of Maidstone 41 club I have put forward a resolution to provide bursaries for voting delegates. The reason for this is that only about 10% of clubs attend the AGM and with many National Councillors having proxy votes. Therefore, there are only about 7% non-executive delegates. It cannot be healthy for such a small proportion of members attending the AGM.

I have been asked by several clubs to act as their Voting Delegate but unfortunately, I have had to decline due to the Association rules, which I do not disagree with.



Video at the AGM

I had sent out a communication to members of the Region regarding the use of video at the AGM. It outlined all the known facts that a candidate who was standing for a Board position and would not be present. There was no reason given only that they had a prior engagement. Also, it outlined the present rules of the Association and the ramifications of such a use in the future. The response from clubs to date is that 86% are against the use of a video in this instance.

Club Visits

February, I made a second visit to Dartford 41 Club. Although a small club have all the increments of the fellowship of 41 Club. Their members asked several questions on the running of the Association at National level.

In March I made 4 visits to 41 clubs. The first to Weald of Kent 41 club and enjoyed a very pleasant evening of fellowship. They also asked me to represent them as a Voting Delegate. However, Maidstone have already nominated me as their Voting Delegate.

The second visit was to Kentish Vale in a sporting pub with signed memorabilia around the walls. The only disadvantage was that the pub was in a High Street without any car parking.

The third and fourth visit technically were to the same club Darent Valley who meet two a month. However, they have two sections made up of recent Round Tabler's who regard themselves as active. The other section is what some call a dinning club. The great advantage of this arrangement is members can take part in either or both sections. It also allows the club to come together for main events which happen a few years ago when Anthony Nolan was the National Charity.

The first visit was to Swanley Indoor Bowls centre for an evening of bowls. This was followed by a meal in Sidcup the only disadvantage was that the main roads in the centre were closed for overnight road works. Finally, we all met up at the restaurant.

The second visit to the club was at a pub with a car park. There was some discussion on the present position of Round Table and the use of video at the AGM. There was a unanimous vote against the use of video at the AGM

Having now visited several clubs 2 or 3 times as National Councillor that members are taking a more active interest in what is happening at National level.

Due to illness, I was unable to make a planned visit to Ramsgate 41 Club

New 41 Club

In March I signed up a new Isle of Sheppey 41 Club. The new club is mainly from their ex Round Table although they have one or two from the old 41 Club. I provided a list of members from the previous club and they propose to contact them. I explained what was required of a 41 Club and that they should run the club mainly for their members.



Transmanche

This year was the 7th Transmanche which is an annual meeting between the adjoining Regions of France, Belgium and Region 25.

For the first time, it was hosted by the Belgium's who chose Ypres for the venue. We were welcomed by the Mayor of Ypres which was followed by a walking tour of the town. Although it appears to be a medieval town the devastation in the First World War has meant that the oldest building dates from 1925. Lunch was taken in the old National Bank with banner exchange. After lunch, there was a coach tour around the cemeteries both allies and the Germans. The most astonishing thing was not the thousands of graves but the fact that Ypres is surrounded by hundreds of cemeteries.

Finally, we attended the Last Post at the Menen Gate where the "Seaforth Highlanders Pipes & Drums, Leicester" played along with the trumpeters of Ypres Fire Brigade.

With representatives from France, Belgium and the chairman of Ypres 41 Club we laid a wreath of behalf of the 41 Clubs.

Without doubt it was the best Transmanche so far and it is our turn again to host the event in Region 25 in February 2018.

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HONORARY WEBMASTER

It has been a privilege to be asked to be you Honorary Webmaster for the past 12 months. During that time I have maintained the front page to keep it as up to date as possible and make it interesting to both members of the RoundTable Family and to any others who wander across the page.

In addition I have made many corrections and changes to other pages, most of which you will not have seen. However there is still a great deal to do to get the website up to the standard I would expect. There are several problems that the webmaster cannot overcome on his own and would require cooperation from the web designers and this comes at a cost. Other pages need more input from the board, the councillors and general members of the Association.

The lack of a bridge between CAS and the website is getting worse as the data transferred across is now 2 to 3 years out of date and several clubs have complained that messages go to the wrong person even though they have updated CAS.

I would ask that members of the Council please supply more, relevant items for the website, ensure that their sections of the site are up-to-date and add details to the Events Diary. (Far too many events just have a date and a blank description, and we wonder why people do not attend these events.)



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

**National Council Meeting
Report
Blackpool
Friday 21 April 2017**

The website is our window to the world. Let's make it one we can be proud of!

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD

No report submitted

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – PAUL CAMMISS

During the last 12 months I have endeavoured to assist various members of the National Council with interpretation of the National Rules, the Standing Orders that apply to the running of the National AGM and the Standing Orders that apply to the operation of the National Council. I consider that the advice I give is confidential unless the individual who has approached me wishes to waive that confidentiality.

As a result of one issue that arose during the year but only in the last few weeks and therefore too late to include in this AGM I have advised the National Secretary of a change of Rule which I recommend should be put to the Association at the 2018 AGM to amend Rule 9.8 by inserting after the words "...resigning his seat..." the words "or a casual vacancy occurring for any other reason".

The Rule as amended will then read:

"In the event of a Councillor resigning his seat or a casual vacancy occurring for any other reason a fresh election shall be held and the successful candidate shall take his seat immediately upon his election for a period of 3 years from the preceding Annual General Meeting"

I have also been called upon to assist individual Clubs with advice on issues arising within the Club. Whilst my advice may not always be the interpretation the Club was hoping for I hope that my input has assisted the Club to arrange its affairs to the satisfaction of its members.

I will continue to make myself available to assist all 41 Cub members whether involved with National or on a local Club basis if asked to do over the next 12 months by telephone or email

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