



41 *Club*
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**SEVENTY FIFTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOTICE & AGENDA**

By Video Conference

SATURDAY 24th APRIL 2021 - 10.00 A.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 18.2 THAT THE

**SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLERS' CLUBS**

Will be held on Saturday 24TH April 2021 at 10.00 a.m. by video conference.

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19. Date of 76 th AGM – Saturday 2 nd April 2022 at 9.00 a.m. in the Amber Lounge, Sophia (formerly SWALEC) Stadium, Sophia Gardens, Sophia Walk, Cardiff CF11 9XR.		

Bernard Elwen – National Secretary 2020/24
2019 NATIONAL BOARD REPORTS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – ANDREW MACKERETH

It was a great privilege, pleasure and honour to be elected the 74th National President of 41 Club at our AGM in Torquay. Where has the year gone to? A year full of special memories, all of which are unforgettable. I have done much travelling over the whole country and the hospitality we have received has been amazing. At the AGM I hand over to President-Elect Peter Good and I wish Peter all the best for his year in office.

The one event that stands out was representing 41 Club at The Remembrance Day in London, meeting all of our armed force veterans both young and old. A very humbling experience for everyone present. The 2-minute silence was observed so well, I have never heard London so quiet. I have been to both small and large events and have enjoyed them all, whether talking to 6 members or my largest number which was 146 guests at The Red Rose Dinner closely followed by The Norwich Wensum and Yare Forecast night with 138 guests. These events don't just happen overnight and a lot of hard work goes into organising them. I thank you all for the welcome and support I was given at these events.

The support this year from Board and Council has been wonderful with all members engaged in moving our great association forward. The hard work put in by the CAS2 team has been an example of this and the capitation invoices that Carl Smalley has produced are second to none and I look forward to seeing the rest of CAS2 which should be unveiled before the AGM and a website to follow. The Presidential Jewel has been renovated and extended and now looks fantastic.

As many of you are aware at The National Sporting Weekend last year National Membership Officer Nick Morcumb suffered a serious heart attack. Since then, Nick has seen some improvement and is borderline as to whether he needs a heart transplant; the Welsh Health Service have deferred this decision for 6 months. At this time Glen Lyon was appointed as acting Membership Officer but since has been appointed as Membership Officer after Nick resigned. Hopefully Nick is going to attend the Conference in Cardiff. Special thanks to both Nick and Glen for all the work they have put into developing membership. We will have 12 new clubs this year with more in the pipeline. With the help of 41 Club, Round Table have formed several new Round Tables. A case in point is the new Ringwood Round Table which goes from strength to strength. It has been a pleasure to work with Paul Agnew as Round Table National President and I look forward to inducting Paul as a member of 41 Club at the AGM.

Last year we joined The Young Ambassador Programme (YAP). This is organised by 41 International. Last year 3 young adults visited South Africa. All returned overwhelmed by the welcome and the experience and the friendships that had been formed. In July we will welcome an incoming tour of 10 young adults from India, South Africa and Europe.

For the first time in many years, both Tangent and 41 Club decided to have a joint charity, the RNLI. This has proved very successful and the total we have raised will be announced at The Joint Presidents Ball on the Friday night before the AGM. It has been a real pleasure to work with Tangent President Sue Hill.

At the AGM we lose 4 Board members: Phill Ellis (Past President) Sean McCormick (Secretary), David Leach (Treasurer), Tom Atkins (Council Liaison Officer). We also lose Ray Hill as Honorary Webmaster. All have given wonderful service to 41 Club and I thank them on our behalf.

Thanks must go to my small support team, David & Sue Nevinson, Pauline Ormerod and my wonderful wife Mildred. I am so grateful for all your help.

Andrew Mackereth
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VICE PRESIDENT – PETER GOOD

At the start of my year as Vice President, I attended the International AGM held in Brussels, Belgium. This is usually a well organised event, but this year it was sadly an organised shambles.

In May I attended the LOTS 80th in London, where our President Andrew was speaking. Past International RTBI President Jason Thomson was speaking on the experience he had working on the education project in Nepal. This was a very interesting talk, well appreciated by everyone attending.

May 4th Attended RTBI conference and AGM in Leicester. A very good AGM.

23rd to 26th May Lesley and I drove to Holland to attend the Dutch 41 Club AGM. This was a great weekend, the food was fantastic, and well attended by members of Round Tables. The buffet evening was unusual as all the visiting clubs took speciality food from their towns for everyone to sample.

In June we drove up to Scotland to meet the Aviemore Conference committee. A productive meeting, and a great BBQ at Morag's house in typical Scottish weather. We even had a performance by a young Champion Piper in the garden. He was excellent and made an excellent Scottish atmosphere.

End of June was the National Council weekend in Newbury.

7th Sept to 12th Sept Lesley and I attended the Iberian Cluster in Calpe Spain. We were made to feel very welcome. A lot of work had been done to organise the lovely food and great entertainment. Great long weekend, hospitality fantastic. Well worth attending and well supported.

27th Sept Region 10 cluster night

28th Sept as I wasn't invited to the four-family meeting by our President, I have had to contact the other VP's myself. Lesley and I met Tracey, the in-coming Tangent President at her home where we had lovely meal with her husband Alan, a great evening and looking forward to working together in 2020&21. I also organised a successful meeting with the VP Matt Eaton of Round Table, and we are both looking forward to working closely together. Unfortunately, I have not been able to meet with the VP of Ladies Circle yet.

Oct 4th attended Leyland 41 Club and Table joint charter attended by Paul Agnew, RTBI President. It was a great night and good to see 41 Club and Table working together, which is the only way we are going to survive.

10th Oct to 13th. Isle of Man council weekend.

18th Oct: White Rose Dinner. What a fantastic night, this was tremendous fellowship.

20th to 21st Oct. We drove to Holland again. This time was for a very sad occasion. The funeral of my very good friend Roy Kroos, Vice President of 41 Cub Nederlands. It was attended by so many from all around the world. He had made such an impact on so many in such a short time. He was only 47 when he died. Nederlands 41 Club is growing which makes me think maybe we should be encouraging the younger guys straight out of Table to take an active part, instead of telling them to come back in ten years when they're old and experienced like us. It is them that should be helping to move 41 Club forward now, and with some of their ideas to adopt and adapt and improve the way forward for us, so that our

future is guaranteed to continue, otherwise we will be gone in less than ten years, and as Mr Farage would say “you are not laughing now.”

8th Nov. Beeston 41 Club, also attended by Region 10 councillor John Manley

15th – 17th Nov. Frankfurt for the YAPS meeting. Very productive weekend which helped myself and Andy find out more about what we should be doing for our first YAP tour in the UK. Andy Ventress has now put together a great programme for them.

22nd Nov. Isle of Man Charter Night. A small event but the usual great hospitality, fun and fellowship.

28th Nov. Another sad event – Dick Stanley’s funeral. A great guy, always game for a laugh, he was another one of the reasons I have chosen Dementia UK as my charity for my year.

11th Dec. The Lamb, London organised by David Leon, who does a great job putting this on every year, and I think the pre order worked very well.

9th to 11th Jan 2020 Board meeting and minute by minute.

17th Jan. Saffron Waldon Round Table Charter Night. Speaker was John Spence, who as you all know is the best one of our own speakers on the circuit.

31st Jan. Ashby De La Zouch Round Table Charter Night. A very proud night for me. I was 19 years old when I joined this club of which my father was a founder member. They inducted 6 new members all under the age of 25, and there is another one in the pipe line. Neither Paul nor Matt could make it because they were up in Scotland, so we got 3 past Presidents to induct them into the best young man’s association in the world, they were Marcus Jones, Jason Thomson and Bruce Bennett, who was Area Chairman when I was Club Chairman. Fantastic night. Brass band, but not your traditional type as they also played up beat music. Great speaker, comedian/ entertainer.

Also, all through the year we have been having regular PLC meetings led by my PLC chairman Marcus Jones putting together next year’s events to celebrate our 75th year, which is going to be packed with events for all of us to join in to celebrate 75 years of fellowship. I have a great PLC and I thank them all especially Marcus who has put so much work in at the same time as starting up his new business.

The web site is up and running. My gin will be on sale soon and all events advertised now that we are coming to the end of Sue and Andrew’s year.

I am looking forward to working together with Matt to help 41 Club and Round Table to move forward with a healthy future.

Peter Good

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT – PHILLIP ELLIS

The last twelve months have been relaxing and appropriate. I have in the past criticized the post as unnecessary, how wrong was I. It is not that the IPP is the font of all knowledge. But he is a good ear/sounding board for the rest of the board and council.

But this year I have represented you at Ladies Circle events and I am very happy to promote and support the Four Club Family. The ethos of the Associations is vital to the growth of our cause and our numbers. Likewise, I have attended Round Table events, giving them support and hopefully encouragement to grow and bring our association back to the communities where we belong. I have been giving my support to Tangent and encouraged the relationship between us to continue and to grow.

I have represented you at the Arboretum to give remembrance to all those who have fallen to give you and I a better life. I have been re-introducing myself into the Irish family of the Association and I am saddened how disaffected our association is in Ireland.

But we can also be proud as well as we are keeping going for as long as we can. But our age and illness will extinguish the light one day. But the glimmer of hope lays with Clubs that want to progress, lead us to the future, by supporting a four-club family theme for growth. I have attended the board meetings and am preparing to attend the NSSW to meet and greet all the great friends I have made over the last ten years. I will attend my one from last Council meeting and hopefully members can see this is the workhorse of our association.

I started this journey ten years ago encouraged by good friends John Carberry, Brian Irwin and many more. John was my mentor; he did not see me become the third Irish man to wear the chain of President of this great association, but I am sure he was the one guiding me through it all.

Phill Ellis

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – SEAN McCORMICK

Generally –

I'd like to believe that this has been a good year overall. National Council Meetings have been instructive, collaborative and have brought about results that are for the benefit of the Association. I would recommend anyone who has an interest in either what we have done, or trying to do, or would like to become a part of the administrative area of the Association. Then you can do no worse than read some of the reports and minutes that are recorded under the National Secretary's section of the website. These are not hidden, redacted or edited in any way and are a true reflection of the business process that is going on behind the scenes for you. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into these reports & as I am sure you will find (if you take the time to read some of them) a lot of collective thought on how we can 'Adopt, Adapt & Improve' should show through from Officers & Councillors alike. If you have any difficulty in viewing these, you only have to ask.

The Admin Committee has reviewed our Standing Orders and I would like to personally thank Martin Green for his efforts assisting in this. National Council approved these in our February meeting and they can be found in our website. I would also like to thank National Council for their input over at least two meetings to get these finalised, this has been thought provoking to say the least.

I will be leaving one piece of 'house-keeping' to Bernard that I am sure he will enjoy getting to grips with and that will be reviewing/updating our policies. Many are now outdated and badly in need of modernisation, it may also be that in our ever-changing world we need consideration for our leaving the EU and the legal changes this might mean for Associations such as ourselves. We shall see & I look forward to reading further on progress.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) –

For the best part of 18 months this has been a massive concern for us, sterling efforts from Godwin Stewart from his time on the Board and Graham Sloan as National Councillor Region 5 on the ad-hoc GDPR Committee (to name but two). All that time, work & effort and the Information Commissioner's Office has hacked off membership clubs and Associations. You provide information voluntarily for use by fellow members and Association employees ONLY. For reasons provided in our GDPR statement, your details are provided for the collection of capitation, our ability to insure you, to enable us to communicate with members, etc. One of the most important factors that we have hopefully now addressed, is that the

security of those details was paramount and this necessitated the new members database, CAS II. Although the system has had its teething problems, hopefully no one can doubt its necessity to protect your personal information.

Marchesi House –

From those of you who remember my report from last year, I had hoped to report on all things 'Marchesi' being a happy ship. Sadly, however, they are struggling with the weight of work and lack of staff. The lady Round Table provided to help out on our work, on an 'as needed' basis, Olivia resigned at the end of the year and as she only had a very short notice period & with holiday owing, very soon thereafter departed. As I write, our Administration Assistant, Annie is currently off sick with no early return to work expected. Therefore, our stalwart, Bev is holding down the fort on her own. This is not a situation we are happy with, particularly as we push into AGM season. However, I am assured that Michael Round (National Secretary, RTBI) is currently interviewing for Olivia's replacement & we should hopefully have some good news soon. I am sure that my able successor, Bernard Elwen, will report further on this & if you are interested, then I suggest you keep an eye on his reports to National Council where he will update on progress.

On a more positive note, our ongoing Administration Agreement (The "AA") with RTBI/Marchesi House, is annually reviewed but our current arrangement expired at year-end 2019 (it was a 3-year deal, last renewed by Manny Martins). It has now been revised to update language & terminology and we now have a measurable factor for the annual cost increase (ASHE – or Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings). During negotiations, this seemed to be the best of both worlds as effectively, our pricing is linked to the staff RTBI deploy to us & we need to be reflective of changes in wage rates in the UK. We have also included a review & cancellation clause should RTBI decide to change the operation of Marchesi House. This has been signed by myself and Michael Round as National Secretary of RTBI and will be Bernard's responsibility to manage going forward.

As I have mentioned before, the staff in Marchesi House (if they are not too over-worked, of course!) really appreciate it when members drop by and just have a look at our offices, stop by for a cup of tea & a biscuit or a chat. Bev in particular is a font of knowledge for the background of Marchesi House and if the rooms are not occupied is very happy to show or guide you round our archive, boardroom, offices, etc. I recommend a visit, or even think about holding a club meeting there? Birmingham Broad Street is always good entertainment & there are plenty of things to do locally. Always remember that you are perfectly entitled as a member to call in.

Lastly and perhaps the most important, I would like to put down in writing just how much I have appreciated the hard work that the team in Marchesi House put in. Bev and Annie are (in my humble opinion) absolute stars and continue to work over and above what they are contractually obliged to do in often quite stressed circumstances. Thank you, ladies, I for one am grateful. My job has been made just that bit more manageable with your help.

Banks –

I know I bought this up last year, but given the increasing number of emails and letters being received at Marchesi House, I thought it could bear repeating. There has recently been an increasing number of enquiries from Clubs that are having correspondence from their banks asking for more detail on our 'incorporation', affiliation, chartering or foundation documents. There apparently seems to have been some sort of rule change within the banks (certainly Barclays seem to be a prime suspect) that has led to them asking for lots of additional questions regarding our set-up. Now we don't have a Royal Charter, registration or founding paper, we have been started as per custom & practice and have been in existence since 1945. Our accounts are annually audited & accepted by HMRC, we are registered at Companies House & can be found under the banner of the Round Table Family at the Charities Commission. What we can & have been doing for Clubs is supplying a letter from

Marchesi House confirming their club's affiliation and backing it up with a copy of the Association's audited accounts and AGM minutes. This seems to have 'done the trick' for those that we know of. Obviously, if you are still struggling, please let us know.

Gentlemen, I would love to say that I have 'had a blast' in my years of tenure as your National Secretary, but truthfully, although good fun and fellowship have been in abundance, it has still been a time-consuming and not always fun experience. Many fellow 41'ers have been supportive and helpful, but sometimes what is required of a Secretary goes outside of being a hobby, proving stressful and tiring. I wish the best of luck to my successor, Bernard. Would I do it again, knowing how hard it is/was? Absolutely, but perhaps with that hindsight I would garner myself a thicker skin. Hopefully see you all soon somewhere in Table family land.

Sean McCormick

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NATIONAL TREASURER – DAVID LEACH

Firstly, let me say that it has been a privilege to serve as your Treasurer over the last three years.

In the appendices, you will find the accounts (Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet) for 41 Club for the year ended 31 December 2019. They were approved at the National Council Meeting on 9 February 2020 and given a clean report by our Independent Examiners, Duncan & Toplis, on 20 February 2020. Also presented is the draft budget for the year ending 2021. You will recall from the AGM held in Torquay in 2019 that the 2020 budget has already been approved.

Income & Expenditure Account

The surplus for the year is shown in the attached Income & Expenditure Account.

Income

Capitation for 2019 represents cash banked in the year.

I am grateful for the efforts of all Regional National Councillors, and especially Graham Sloan, in maximising the collection of capitation in the year.

Expenditure

Expenditure on "IT Systems" is comprised of the web hosting and use of Office 365. It is expected that future costs will be lower than previously incurred as work completes on the improvements to the website and CAS.

"International" costs continue to comply with rule 20.6:

20.6 The annual accounts of the Association shall itemise all costs incurred on international affairs including all visits officially undertaken by the National Officers overseas. The total sum of such costs shall not exceed ten per cent of the capitation fees for the same year excluding Value Added Tax.

"Magazine printing" costs are slightly up against budget due to the switch to eco-friendly packaging.

"Depreciation" cost is lower than budgeted as no capital expenditure was incurred on new IT Systems (e.g., CAS2) in the year. Going forward, I expect depreciation of the new CAS2 system to be lower each year than the amount budgeted for in 2019.

Balance Sheet

The £6k addition to “Fixed Assets” is the refurbishment of the National President’s chain. This refurbishment was necessary to ensure the chain continues to be fit for purpose and to provide enough spaces for the names of future presidents to be engraved thereon.

“Debtors” include prepayments of expenditure relating to future National Conferences and other events.

“Creditors” include the Audit fee and tax on interest received. Previous year’s figures had included 41 International subscription fees, however we are fully up-to-date with our payments to them.

At the 2015 AGM a Resolution was carried to set the Reserves at a minimum of six months of the Annual Total Expenditure of the Association. As at the year-end, cash reserves were £188k and the total expenditure was £204k. Most of the cash reserves are held on a 32-day savings account with Bank of Scotland tracking base rate.

We are a non-profit-making organisation and it does not make sense for us to continue to generate surpluses. We are well above the minimum cash reserve figure and you will see from the proposed budget that we are looking to invest for the future success of our Association.

Budget 2021

Capitation will remain at £14.50.

The maintenance of our new infrastructure will lead to a reduction in “IT systems” costs as we benefit from cheaper and more modern platforms.

With development of CAS2 expected to come in on budget at a total cost of £20k, depreciation will spread that cost over the next three years (though I expect it to last a lot longer than that). Once the new system is bedded-in, there are plans to develop the system further to provide better connectivity to our web presence and to improve functionality to all members, regions and board.

I will leave it to the relevant Officer to talk through their proposals and the impact they will have on the 2021 Budget, however, please note that I have budgeted for increases in membership in 2021 and beyond as a result of a successful membership campaign.

In its current iteration, we are forecasting to invest circa £50k of our surplus over the next three years. That includes an amount relating to our hosting of the International AGM in 2022.

If you would like clarification of any items, please contact me in advance of the AGM.

David Leach

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – GLEN LYON

When I was asked to stand in for Nick Morcumb at 2019 NSSW, I did not expect to be standing before you today I would like to thank the National Council for their faith, by requesting that I complete the balance of Nick’s term of office. The old SAAB isn’t quite so happy having clocked up more than 7,800 miles on your behalf.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue in this challenge and in the year ahead building on the successes of last year, from last AGM we have affiliated the most clubs in one year since the 1980s (13 new clubs & 1 re-affiliation) including our Virtual club, which is a bit like Round Tables E-club for those who are unable due to health, geography or some other reason unable to attend a local 41 Club.

We have been continuing to gently keep the idea of Rotarians & Masons who are ex Tablers can still be 41Club members and help us assisting Table in its revival as we have said many times the best single source of good quality Rotarians over the past 50 years has been Round Table, we would respectfully suggest Tablers also make rather good masons too and we are looking for them to engage with us in ensuring their supply chain continues to flourish.

In much the same way as there is Table Lodge and at least one Rotary Club which is almost entirely ex-Tablers, but not (yet) 41 Club members. I would suggest that our association could accommodate Masonic 41 Clubs and Rotarian 41 Clubs. Furthermore, I see the opportunity through SIGs (Special Interest Groups) to gather "like minded (slightly less) young men" together for fellowship & friendship. We see the successes of the Caravanning and Camping weekend, Classic Car Rally and Motorcycle weekends as examples where we are able to engage with ex Tablers, not currently 41 club members and bring them back into contact with current 41 Club members who invite them to their clubs.

That was the good news, unfortunately it looks like we will have lost / closed around 30 clubs.

This is a typical letter received from one of the closing clubs:

"It is with much regret that I advise you 'Ash and District Tankard Club' is no more.

Tony Carter passed away in 2019 and Ed Broome suffers from dementia and can no longer attend.

For many years we've been no more than a dinner or lunch club. At times we have been 2 persons and with the loss of 2 members it's no longer feasible to continue.

The age profile is quite high and winter or evening travelling is not in favour.

A very sad decision. I started my Tabling in ARTCA, being a member of Manzini Table in Swaziland. So many memories.

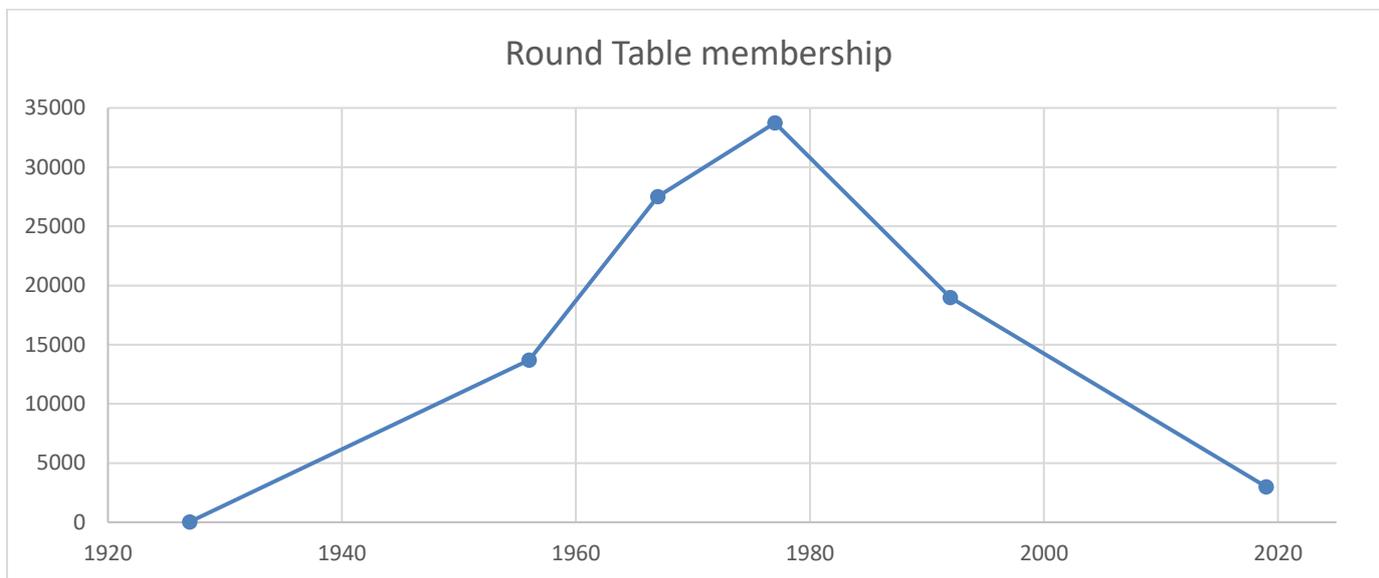
With best wishes

Bill"

I spoke to Bill's wife on the 31st January to seek permission to publish this email, she advised that Bill turned 80 this year and the remaining 6 members met on the 30th and 'closed' the club, that evening Bill was taken to hospital due to chest pains, on your behalf I have given the associations best wishes for a full and speedy recovery and to thank him for his many years of service to Round Table and 41 Club.

As we have a closed membership of Ex Tablers we will tend to follow the 'bell curve' of membership echoing RTBI only 35 – 40 years behind so as RTBI 's peak memberships were 1977, we will have a large number of members in their mid – late 70's and early 80's -which is very noticeable as you visit clubs up and down the country. Currently RTBI is 10rganiz. 3,300 members our recent membership even if 10% retire this year and we recruited 100% of them (both unlikely figures) a gain of 330 would be more than offset by our 'natural' reduction in membership as noted above.

41 Club membership on CAS for the past 15 years shows: 2005 – 20,856; 2010 – 18,334; 2015 – 16,258 and 2020 – 14,270 – we are now on the downward slope, fortunately on a slower incline than Table but that will change as our demographic continues towards the inevitable.



From a helpful timeline of RTI which gives the National membership of RTBI as:

1956 13,700; 1967 27,500; 1977 33,737 and 1992 19,000, we also know that 2019/20 is circa 3,300

At the peak in 1977 a Tabler who was 18 will now be 61, a Tabler who was leaving at 40 would be 83 today.

Similarly, from 1992 an 18-year-old then would be 46 (just retiring under the current age rule) and one who was then retiring at 40 under the old rule will today be 68.

Assuming say 25% 'crossover' for those who appear in both figures and another 10% for those who are no longer here (either passed away or emigrated) our target membership is $(33,737 + 19,000) - 35\% = 34,000 - 13,807$ current individual members

Brings us to somewhere in the region of 20,000 men between the ages of 46 and 83 who have been in Round Table and are not in 41 Clubs. **This is our target for recruitment.**

I don't think the 83 age is too old to go after as I recently received an enquiry for membership from a very active 86-year-old.

We currently stand as at 31st December 2019:

14,330 declared members due to pay the £14.50 capitation (only 14,086 registered – i.e., clubs declare 15 members but only log details of 13)

Of the 14,086 registered members 279 appear (on unique email search) to be members in multiple clubs and our actual unique memberships is 13,807 and potentially less the disaffiliated / closing clubs

Our best snapshot of membership as at 31/12/2019 is circa: 14,270

This will still be subject to change as the clubs adjust their numbers when the new Club Administration System is fully online (report written January).

We need to look at a more pro-active approach to reaching out to these potential members. The work with Rotary and Masons should hopefully start to yield results in 2020.

I would like to investigate a marketing campaign aimed at the 46 – 83-year-old ex Tablers in the community who haven't yet found a 41 Club either because when they retired from Table it didn't appeal but may now be more relevant – The Tabler at 40 who didn't want to join "them old blokes" did other stuff, relocated to be near the grandchildren, but woke up this

morning, looked in the mirror and realised he isn't 40 anymore and wondered about getting in touch with their old Table mates.

It is important for our clubs to reach out into their local community and welcome these potential members who may not even know there is a local 41 club on their doorstep, no apologies I've 'borrowed' this mantra from Richie Minshull our National Councillor Region 11:

Invite – Make Fun – Repeat

Which neatly leads on to:

Vision 2020:

We ran Vision 2020 where every club was challenged to add +1 member to its CAS list before the 1st January 2020. Part of this project is to persuade our clubs with no feeder table to reach out into Ex-Tablers in their local community who have not yet joined their local club. Many clubs are adding to their memberships, sadly many more are not.

There is a lot of good work going on out there and this is reducing the effect of the club closures / disaffiliations on overall numbers.

The winner of the bottle of fine malt for increasing membership by the most in the last year is: ...

We will run this challenge again in 2020 and hopefully we can increase numbers coming into our existing clubs some who have had no new members in many years.

Family membership badges: - Launching at AGM

We are introducing a set of Bronze Silver and Gold badges to be presented to members of the four-club family for introducing a new member to Table, Circle, Tangent or 41 Club. There will be an online application form in each of the associations information sections for clubs to apply for the badge and thank you letter, signed by the National President of the association the new member has joined.

Good news to finish on:

We have several 41 Clubs across the country who are working with RTBI to bring back Round Table to areas where there once was a Table, these are exciting projects which help forge closer bonds between Table and 41 Club. If you are up for the challenge, please get in touch and we will see what we can do to help and support your club in its endeavours.

And Finally:

**I am here to assist you to continue your club,
please use me that is what I'm here for**

Glen Lyon

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS & IT OFFICER – DONAL MULLANE

41 Club's "Club Administration System" (generally referred to as "CAS") had reached the end of its working life this year – it was based upon Windows Server technology dating from 1998, which Microsoft was withdrawing support for in January 2020 – so the search was on for a cost-effective replacement. A committee was in place chaired by the National Treasurer, David Leach, when I was elected to this role at Torquay – and I joined the committee.

An acceptable solution was duly found, which offered the benefits of new and constantly

updating technology, at an acceptable cost – which should actually prove cheaper than the ongoing cost of the old CAS system (if it was able to continue, which it wasn't). There is an ongoing race to implement the new system ("CAS2") phase 2 of which is scheduled to be implemented by the end of March, so ideally will be in place by the AGM (I am writing this report in February because of publication deadlines) – however experience has shown that some slippage is not only possible but probable. What I am confident upon is that CAS2 when completed will serve the Association well into the future and at reduced cost compared to CAS.

As part of the CAS2 development we shall be overhauling the 41 Club website. Work on this will continue into the forthcoming year. We shall also be looking to save costs related to our email system as part of the new implementation.

At the AGM Ray Hill will be stepping down as Honorary Webmaster and Mark House was appointed at the February National Council Meeting to succeed him. I would like to express my profound thanks and appreciation to Ray for the assistance he has given me in my first year in office; and to say how much I am looking forward to working with Mark going forwards. I would also like to express my gratitude to the other members of my Comms and I.T. Committee – Peter McBride, and Wynn Parry – for their support and assistance over the year, and to Graham Sloan for all his work on maintaining CAS (and to come on CAS2); thanks chaps.

By the time you read this I hope that blogs will have been set up – one for the National President, who will be able to record his various visits throughout his year – and more of his photos than we can use in the newsletter or magazine; and one for the National I.R.O., with details of his visits, photos, and International opportunities which exist for you to take advantage of. I shall be offering similar facilities to other National officers who would like one too.

My favourite magazine article of the year has been the success of Ringwood 41 Club in restarting their Round Table – well done once again chaps. 2020-21 is going to be a great year with all the 75th Anniversary plans in place in particular; and in 2022 we are looking at 41 Club hosting the 41 International AGM & Conference in the UK, which should be an exciting event for all (including Tangent as it is joint with Tangent International).

Finally, I would conclude by saying that I am always looking for features and articles for the email Newsletter and for the Magazine – items which might attract the attention of the readership generally, not just adverts for functions although I am happy to promote these too (for free by the way – we don't charge clubs!).

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S LIAISON OFFICER – TOM ATKINS

This is my final report before the AGM, and is put together with some sadness.

I have served the association like others for 3 years as a National Councillor, and another 3 as a board member / officer NCLC. I have made lifelong friends, and had some fantastic times attending meetings all over the country. I would like to thank all members of the National Board and Councillors for their support over the last few months especially, when I made the decision not to stand for another position, due to my wife Karen being ill with cancer. She has stuck by me during all the times I have been out visiting 41 clubs and Round Tables, all the weekends away with the lads and Council Weekends (you have all been there) and now I have to support her during this difficult time, to get cancer once is unlucky, she fought and won, to get it again 5 years ago, and kick it into touch is remarkable, but to now be hit with secondary cancer for the third time is unbearable. I am confident and

positive she will pull through. The support from the Round table family is tremendous, it really does make me feel proud to be part of a fantastic world-wide movement.

We have got together a great bunch of Councillors who work really hard for the association, to support our members. Every year we have a turnover as Councillors leave at the end of their tenure, it is always difficult to replace these guys, with other like-minded volunteers, so I am always grateful for recommendations from former board members and councillors around the country, who help with replacements.

We have tried over the last few years to recruit and endorse councillors part way through the year so that the impact at AGM is not too severe, but occasionally there will be a large amount who will leave under the 3-year fresh blood rules.

I give this message to the recipient who takes over my role.

Have empathy with your councillors, get to know them personally and care about their welfare, and that of their wife / partner and families. Enjoy the fellowship of the councillors and board, as it is a different club, you will be rewarded with trust and friendship and random acts of kindness that you have never seen before.

Try to treat each individual in the way you would like to be treated yourself, with care and respect. Your efforts will be rewarded.

I can only say I have always tried to give it my best shot and hopefully succeeded in carrying out the role to the benefit of the association and the membership.

Watch this space gone but not forgotten.

Tom Atkins

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – STEVE JAMES

It is an honour and privilege to be your National Fellowship Officer and the last year has been extremely busy with a new National event “the motorcycle rally” being added to the calendar, securing a car for the President, introducing new benefits and ensuring that we have a long-term plan for venues and willing volunteers to run future conferences.

My report is split down into my areas of responsibility.

2019 National Conference

The conference weekend at Torquay was a great success with Captain Mark and his shipmates ensuring that everything was “shipshape” with a great variety of entertainment and excellent food each evening. Spirits were not dampened even when we had an impromptu visit from the local fire brigade on the Friday evening.

2020 National Conference

At the time of writing my report the final preparations are being made for this year’s conference in my home capital city. I can guarantee that all delegates will receive a warm “Welsh” welcome when they visit the Principality and will sample the very best of Welsh fayre each evening, although I have refrained from ordering cockles and laverbread for the breakfasts.

2021 National Conference

The 2021 conference will take place in the Macdonald resort, Aviemore Scotland under the leadership of Morag Daley. Arrangements are well underway and as they say in Scotland it will be “pure dead brilliant”. The AGM and conference will be held on the weekend of 14th –

18th April and if you haven't done so already, I would encourage everyone to visit their stand and book in early.

2022 National Conference

I am pleased to report that following a successful site visit with members of Tangent Exec the 2022 conference will be held in Jersey over the weekend of 7th – 9th April.

Paul Harding has agreed to be conference chair and the conference hotel will be the Merton hotel, with the Friday and Saturday functions being held at the Jersey Royal showground.

2023 National Conference

Discussions are currently taking place with John Kilshaw, who has put together a very experienced conference team with a view to holding 2023 conference in Liverpool.

Presidential car

I would like to thank Matt Bladon from Cambria 41 Club for assisting me to source a Presidential car, Neale Lowe (Region 15 National Councillor) from Needham Insurance Services for helping to insure the car and Scorpion Signs for providing the signs on the car.

VE day

This year 41 Club GB&I celebrates 75 years in the community and for this very special year we have partnered with SSAFA and the Queens Pageant Master to be a main partner of the VE day celebrations. We have organised a special day at the National Arboretum from 11am to 2pm and following this a British Afternoon Tea Party is planned at Burton Albion FC (kindly donated by the Chairman of the club). During the event we are inviting members and their families to share stories about their family members who served or supported our communities during WW2.

We wish to encourage clubs and members to hold events such as BBQ'S, afternoon cream tea parties, street parties, attend local British pubs that are hosting community events or simply celebrate from their own home. Whatever it may be let's celebrate continued friendships worldwide and our members part in rebuilding nations all over the world. To attend one of the celebrations arranged or to register your event or for more information visit <https://41club75.org/>

75th Charter

As well as the VE day celebrations 41 Club will also be celebrating 75 years in the community with our own weekend of celebrations occurring on 26th to 28th June at the De Vere Hotel in Nottingham. 41 Club members and the wider Round table family are cordially invited to attend this 75th celebration weekend which will commence on the Friday evening with a Nations Night of food and entertainment and concludes on Saturday evening when we will celebrate in style with President Pete at a sumptuous black-tie gala dinner. During the daytime a number of activities such as a brewery tour and river lunch cruise have also been arranged. My thanks go to Marcus Jones of the Fellowship committee and Pete's PLC for arranging the 75th events.

It would be great to see the "house packed to the rafters" on each night and I would encourage everyone to book in early to avoid disappointment. For details on how to book please visit <https://41club75.org/>

International AGM and Conference 2022

Members who attended last year's AGM will be aware that GB&I put in a bid to host the International AGM and Conference in 2022. Our bid was successfully decided upon in the International AGM held in Brussels and at the time of writing my report we are considering several venues to hold the event. The committee to run the conference has been decided upon and my thanks to all those who offered to volunteer.

Members Benefits

I have pleasure in introducing a new member benefit with Best Western hotels whereby members will receive an 8% discount on bookings made using our unique code. In 2019 we also signed up with Potters resort, Great Yarmouth. For information, our current member benefits schemes are with Hilton hotels, Runnersneed, Cycle surgery Snow + Rock and Cotswold outdoor. Are Noveltunity e-books, Fred Olsen cruises, Needham insurance, Heritage multi car insurance, Park n Cruise, Halfords, Hashtag travel group, The Northern belle, All club together, and Patchwork Pate. Details of all schemes can be found on the member benefits section on the 41 Club website. Unfortunately, following issues with Wider Wallet as reported in the last AGM and the low number of users against the cost of the Association being a member, we have decided to withdraw our membership from the Wider Wallet scheme. We will endeavour to secure more benefits throughout the course of this year.

Classic rally

The 2019 rally which was organised by Shirley Late Knights was held at the Ettington Chase Spa hotel in the Cotswolds. The rally proved very popular with 65 cars entering and 130 people attending, making it the 2nd biggest national fellowship event. Prizes were presented for the furthest distance travelled, the oldest car and the car you would most like to take home. The furthest travelled and the oldest car were won by Steve Traynor (ex Moseley RT) with his 1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost which he had driven down from Norfolk, with Dennis Pick's (Shirley Late Knights) Aston Martin DB5 being the car most attendees wanted to take home. The extremely challenging quiz was won by Terry Cooper and his team.

This year's rally is being organised by John Alford on 12-14th June in Kent with the base for the weekend being the 'Inn on the Lake', Shorne (www.innonlake.co.uk). It is set in its own grounds with natural lakes just off the A2 with Shorne Country Park behind. Details of how-to book are available on 41 Club website.

Cruise

Once again Ray Hill organised the 2019 cruise which cruised the Danube from Nuremberg to Budapest on Fred Olsen ship Brabant. 36 members enjoyed fun and fellowship as the Brabant sailed from Germany, through to Austria, Slovakia and finally arriving in Hungary. Members were able to visit Regensberg, Passau, Linz, Emmersdorf, Durnstein, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest along the way with the option of guided tours from local Tour Guides

The 2020 cruise on the Braemer will be sailing from Southampton on the 19th August for an eight-night cruise to the Heart of Spain and Bordeaux and at the time of writing this report 28 members are already booked. Anyone interested in booking will receive a 10% discount on all fares, £50 onboard spend and a free group drinks party. Further details are available on the 41 Club website.

Motorcycle weekend

The inaugural Biking weekend held on the weekend of 19th – 21st July 2019 at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley was a great success and my thanks go to Terry and Lin Cooper for organising a marvellous weekend. 33 riders and 7 pillion passengers booked into the event as well as a number of Board and National Councillors. During the weekend riders were able to visit the National Motorcycle weekend and Triumph experience.

This year's rally is being organised by Tim Gilbert and Chris Barney from Kings Lynn and District 41 Club and will be held from Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July at the Dragonfly hotel Kings Lynn. Further details are available on the 41 Club website.

Caravan and Camping Rally

The 2019 caravan and camping weekend was organised by Fellowship committee member Kevin Lovett and held at Bainbridge Ings Park at Hawes in the Yorkshire Dales. The event was well attended with 41ers travelling from as far afield as Germany. Despite the weather everyone had an excellent time and this event is now a firm event in the 41 Club calendar. Martin Green is organising this year's rally which will take place on 11-13th September at Hardwick Parks (hardwickparks.co.uk) outside Oxford. Details of how-to book are available on the 41 Club website.

NSSW

This is an event dearest to my heart and after running the event for 2 years at the Asbury Hotel in Devon, the 2019 event moved across country to the Potters resort near Great Yarmouth and was organised by Kelly Clarke from the Fellowship committee and Stuart Bizley from Dereham and District 41 club. Approximately 100 guests attended and as a result of the excellent facilities that Potters has to offer plus the fun and fellowship that everyone encountered it was unanimously decided that we should go back to Potters again this year and I am pleased to report that the 2020 event was sold out.

NSSW epitomises sporting weekends from our Round Table days and offers an excellent weekend of fun and fellowship with the odd competitive event thrown in. It is a must event for all those 41ers who enjoyed Table NSW but note our additional "S" depicts the key word socialising so participating in activities is not mandatory. I would seriously encourage those who have yet to attend to book in, we can guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

National Golfing event

My thanks go to Peter McBride for organising this year's National Golf finals being held on Sunday 3rd to Monday 4th October 2020 at Marriot Forest of Arden Hotel and Country Club. I am pleased to report that the event is full.

National Council meetings

I am responsible for arranging the National Council weekends and I would encourage every member to attend if we are meeting in your Region. They represent an ideal opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns that you may have. Last year we met in Newbury, the Isle of Man, and Great Yarmouth and in 2020 the meetings are being held as follows:

- Saturday 27th June De Vere East Midlands Conference Centre and Orchard Hotel, University Park, Beeston Lane, Nottingham, commencing at 11am
- Saturday 10th October Hilton, Seven Hills Road South, Cobham, Surrey commencing at 11am
- The February 2021 venue has yet to be decided

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Fellowship committee members and all the organisers of the various National events who work so tirelessly in ensuring that a great time is had by all who attend because without their help and dedication these events would never "get off the ground". Thank you!

Steve James

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER – ANDREW VENTRESS

The year started with Peter Good in post and as I have found the time from January to our AGM is quiet, so there was nothing to report.

At the AGM in Torquay, I was voted into post & my first visit was to attend the International AGM in Brussels, a full report of the AGM was in my June Board report. Barry Durman, Shirley Late Knights was elected as International Vice-President for the year 2021-2022. There was a strong attendance from GB&I and the Belgians put on a great weekend of fun & fellowship.

The next visit was to the German AGM in Weimar. As expected, a wonderful weekend to start to get to know the other IROs as many were in attendance. A full AGM saw 200+ attend, unfortunately for me the meeting was in German, therefore minimal understanding!

At the German AGM I arranged to attend the Romanian and Hungarian AGM in September with the help of Mihail Ponova, National Vice President of Romania. I flew from Luton with Gail and Dave Campbell to Craiova. At the AGM there were several IROs and we all gave greetings from our countries, before we all joined a tour with the ladies as the AGM was in Romanian! A great weekend with fantastic fellowship. On the Sunday five international guests who were travelling to Hungary for their AGM the following weekend were taken on a tour of some of the area around Campulung before being taken into Bucharest. This meant that I had chance to go to 2 club meetings in Romania, 1 in Campulung and 1 in Bucharest. Many thanks both to Mihail and Jianu for their hospitality in showing us some of their beautiful country. On the Wednesday we flew from Bucharest to Budapest and again we were shown fantastic hospitality by the Hungarians, being met at the airport by the National President. At the AGM there was a welcome for all by the mayor of Balatonfured and then the IROs again gave greetings after which we had a discussion on ways to help 41 Club in Hungary grow. Again, another weekend full of great events, not so big but still very impressive.

The next event I attended was the European Capitals Meeting in London, arranged by LOTS. An absolutely fantastic weekend which included visits to The Ceremony of the Keys in the Tower of London, a walk around the city with a visit to the top of the Sky Garden followed by lunch and in the evening a Gala Dinner. Again it was great to meet up with many international guests.

The following weekend saw Gail and I going to Switzerland. Another superb weekend in the town of Biel/Bienne attended by many from International and of course many Swiss. Again we were shown great hospitality this time by Simon Medley, IRO and many of the board.

Next saw us flying to Malta for the International HYM. This was very well attended by over 60 GB&I representatives, many extending the stay before or after to have a holiday. Many thanks must go to Alex Abela and his team for 18rganizing a great weekend,

A more detailed report of these meetings has been published in my previous reports over the year.

In June I attended the Region 15 Golf Day as I had organised the day in my previous role.

Much of the year has been spent working on the association's participation in YAP. In 2019 three young people went on the tours, 1 each to South Africa, Northern India and Southern India. In November I attended the YAP meeting in Frankfurt with vice president Peter. This resulted in us agreeing to hold a YAP tour in GB&I in 2020. This will be between 6th and 20th July and will involve 10 young people from India, South Africa and Europe. The tour is well on the way to being fully organised and my thanks go to all those that have agreed to host the tour in London, East Midlands, Cheshire, West Midlands and South Wales. We also have the opportunity to send young people on tours this summer. At the time of writing, I look forward to receiving applications.

I have had various requests for help from international 41ers and earlier in the year I was able to organise a mentor for an Indian student who was to attend university in Coventry. Simon Archer agreed to contact her and be someone she could contact if needed. This has

resulted in her family visiting her in Coventry and personally giving their thanks for his help to Simon.

I have attended all Board and Council meetings as well as some national events.

I have also worked with Steve James, Fellowship Officer, on hosting the 2022 International AGM to see Barry Durman start his year as the 41 Club International President.

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD

I am pleased to report that the number of requests from Clubs who were having a hard time in obtaining hard information about the date their Club was formed and/or affiliated appear to have reduced. These former requests appear to have come from the Clubs Banks which were asking for details when they were formed, which I think was something to do with the introduction of new Data Laws.

Unfortunately, the task of ensuring that all proceedings, agendas and minutes are archived since the 1980s when electronic communications started is still ongoing. We have scanned documents of all the hard copies that were kept by the National Secretary up until that date but with modern communications they are “floating” everywhere. I will continue to work with our National Secretary over the coming year to get a grip on this situation so that in future years we can easily refer to all our documentation.

As a Fellowship Association we are continuing to offer the membership new and exciting social events, such as the Classic Car Rally, the National Sports and Social Weekend, the Caravan Rally, The 41 Club Cruise and Motorbike Rally amongst others. All of the details for these recent events I am trying to gather together once more for the Archives at our Archive Room at Marchesi House.

If any Club wishes to visit our Archive Room at Marchesi House, where a plethora of past information and memorabilia exists, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, the ongoing recording of 41ers who have passed away does not unfortunately diminish. This sad task of submitting Obituaries to our Book of Remembrance continues, but is well received by the Clubs as they recall fond memories of their past friends in 41 Club and Table.

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – DAVID SMITH

Another enjoyable year advising members where I have been able to do so. There have been several occasions when interpretations of our rules have been required and I have also assisted in the approval of the contract for the development and support of the new CAS2 system – an opportunity for this dinosaur to gain a little rudimentary IT knowledge! I have fielded a few queries from clubs mainly involving the relevance of the Association’s insurance cover to their own events and have been pleased to liaise where required at the National AGM.

Once again, may I thank members for the great honour of serving our Association and giving me such fun, fellowship and happiness in doing so.

David Smith

HONORARY WEBMASTER – RAY HILL

It seems like only yesterday that Sue and I attended our first 41 Club and Tangent Conference in Southport and Sue was a little worried that she might be over-dressed for the Friday night Ball. All of that was eleven years ago and she looked magnificent as did all the ladies that night in their finery. That was the start of a great adventure for both of us. Two years as a Councillor, five years as your Comms Officer and as Honorary Web Master for the last four years. Sue has of course gone on to greater things as National President this year.

May I thank all Board members, Councillors but especially the members who have supported me over the years. Every one of my years has been working in communicating with the membership and I know that communication is the most important thing in a club such as ours. Not everything has gone to plan and I had plans that would have taken things much further, but I have done my best with what was available.

May I wish my successor the best for his years in post and he knows that I am always here if he needs me. I wish all members of Council success for the future and to all I say Continued Friendship.

Ray Hill

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2020 NATIONAL BOARD REPORTS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – PETER GOOD

Well! That's been a different year. No need to dress up, no dry-cleaning bills, no aftershave, no shouting at Lesley because shirts are in the wash. In all, a very casual year.

Everything has happened from the comfort of my home, which as the wife says, I didn't appreciate until lockdown because I was never in it.

My PLC had such a fantastic year planned all of which had to be cancelled except the 75th ball, which will go ahead at the earliest, safest date possible.

The first few weeks of the first lockdown I was on the phone on a daily basis to my PLC chairman Marcus Jones. I said I must find some way to stay in touch with the membership, so we did "a questions to the President" on Zoom. Then Marcus said "let's get some speakers lined up", and so from then on, his wealth of knowledgeable contacts proved very useful, as they were all willing to talk to us about their various experiences and the positive ways of dealing with problems that they had been faced with while achieving their goals.

We then got Mark House, our webmaster involved in the IT side of the events, and I helped Marcus with speaker ideas. This worked ok, but as more people started to attend the events, the pressure was on Mark who never complains. So, by the time we came to our summer break we decided to form a committee to help us behind the scenes, and bring more ideas for the "Connect" events.

I have a fantastic committee. All are very committed, but we also have great fun with each other whilst putting these events on, which is how all that we do should be. This is our hobby so it should be enjoyable. There have also been the Murder Mystery nights organised by Market Harborough 41 Club, and the Burns Night with the "president" of Scotland, Kevin Stewart in charge who went to school with some famous people.

The "Cook Along" with Lu ban was a great night organised by our web master Mark House at his restaurant in Liverpool. This was with wives, and some stayed on to chat afterwards with friends they hadn't seen for a while, which was really enjoyable, and needless to say so was the food!!

We called these events "Connects" because we are connecting with you, the members. We try and keep to Thursday evenings, so that members can now expect something to be happening every Thursday night. With the participating numbers creeping up to between 550 and 600, I think we can say it is proving to be a success.

On top of the Connects to keep in touch with members, I have now attended over 200 club meetings be it AGMs, Charter nights or just ordinary club meetings. All of these have been an absolute pleasure to attend, and which I am sure must be the most members a President has met in one year. I love these meetings because I am meeting members who say they have never been interested in National before. There are some really nice people out there who are great to get along with. I suppose it's because we are all like-minded.

I did manage to do two visits between lockdowns they were to meet up with Matt Eaton and his wife Claire at Mark Houses restaurant Lu Ban in Liverpool

Then onto meet the new Deeside XRT 41 club, meeting with Deeside Round Table with Matt doing one of his cook outside cook offs.

The other event was Lesley and I visited Southend for a treasure hunt and after a picnic which Mark and Vikki provided for us, the weather was great and fellowship excellent.

The other thing we started right at the beginning of my year was the walk 500 then walk 500 more.

This started with a phone call from Tom Atkins he said "I am exercising every day during lockdown so I have decided to do it for your charity Dementia UK. I said "that's a great Idea, how about us opening it up for members to take part?" Tom agreed, and we invited members to join in. It's turned into a mixed group with ladies joining in, and here again we are having great fun with each other on our WhatsApp group.

The 500 miles came about to be around the average miles for us to walk to the AGM in Aviemore, and the 500 back home, but as you know that has now had to be cancelled and I will now be walking from the lounge to my office for the AGM! We will start erecting the stage next month in there.

I would like to thank Tom and all the members and wives that are taking part in the walking. They have been very successful while keeping fit at the same time.

Also, at the start of my year I launched the 41 club Gin and has been selling steadily throughout the year. We also had the guy that put the botanicas together for me give us a talk on Connects which along with all the other speakers, have been recorded for you members to use at your online meetings. I also have the 41 club Gin glasses on sale and you can take a look at these on the website. They make a great gift.

Entering the second lockdown I felt that there would be more people suffering with mental health issues and loneliness particularly with it being the Xmas period, so I felt we should have something in place to help any member should this occur. We formed the Buddies system now headed up by Peter McBride, councillor for region 24. We have a team of volunteers that have had training on the special phone line 7 days a week and the contact number is on the website.

41 Club now has lots of special interest events for members to join on Facebook, these include a variety of interests and hobbies. Again, the list is on the website.

The Pandemic has forced us to make full use of the digital world, and I am sure many of you like myself 18 months ago hadn't heard of Zoom; I thought it meant getting on the M1 and putting my foot down!! It really has been a life saver for the association during this different year, I won't say difficult because we have adopted, adapted and improved as the year has gone on, and I am sure for many of us it will be here to stay after lockdown. In fact, I now have members requesting that we keep the Connects going.

I certainly will carry on with the Connects events, maybe just once or twice a month and see how it goes, but I am sure it has a future with us as we are able to reach out to members far and wide that look forward to this contact.

I would like to send a special thank you to all members that have got involved in helping at the vaccine centres, food banks, and all volunteer work carried out during the pandemic.

I do hopefully wish that we can all get together soon face to face, especially since a lot of us will have had at least one dose of the vaccine by now, but for the time being let's make the most of what we can do by the digital means available to us.

In continued friendship 41 Club more to do

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VICE PRESIDENT – VACANT

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT – ANDREW MACKERETH

This year has proved to be a strange, worrying and difficult year for many due to COVID-19. We have lost many friends and colleagues but hopefully things are starting to improve both with the vaccination programme and the end of lockdown beckoning.

The roll of the Past President is to step back a little, while still maintaining a great interest in the wellbeing of 41 Club and the membership. I am always willing to listen to any Board or National Councillors if needed. Another role of the Past President is to support the President and offer help and a listening ear. As yet my tea brewing skills have not been tried and tested at Board meetings, but hopefully this may soon happen. Recently I have been assisting in helping to look after Region 7 Greater Manchester also updating the National Councillor pages on the website.

I have been encouraging 41 Club members to become involved in their local communities. I have just been appointed as a School Governor at a local Primary School. During lockdown an amazing amount of work has been done by our members for our members and by our members for their local communities. The fight back has begun Gentlemen. Take care.

Andrew Mackereth

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – BERNARD ELWEN

I think we can all agree that 2020 was the year we had to adapt and do things in a different way. Instead of standing in front of a bar, we had to enjoy fellowship with one another sitting in front of a screen. Our 41 Club Facebook groups and my Board colleagues are forever saying how many excellent sessions they have enjoyed with clubs throughout the country and beyond.

As Secretary, one of my main tasks is to organise the National Board and Council meetings. This has carried on throughout the year, and the minutes of National Council meetings are regularly uploaded to the 41 Club website. We have had more than the usual four National Council meetings this year, but shorter and more frequently has worked better for us.

The upcoming AGM on 24th April will be on Zoom Webinar, with attendees being required to register. Each club is allowed one voting delegate, and votes are subject to audit after the meeting has taken place so we can tell who has voted and for which club. The elections for the two contested positions will be carried out by using a separate platform altogether, called Choice Voting. This allows for encrypted voting, so all votes cast will be anonymous, plus it allows for instant run-off voting where there are more than two candidates for one position. The resolutions being discussed and voted on are those left over from the 2020 AGM, which didn't happen in Cardiff (one was withdrawn).

41 Club will be holding a Special General Meeting, which will take place on Saturday 2nd October in Nottingham, as part of the 75th Anniversary celebrations which have been delayed from last year. I have already received two resolutions from one club, and I will be inviting clubs to submit any more if so wish. This will be a face-to-face meeting, and an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship above all else.

This year, I have co-ordinated a working party, assisted by National Councillors Roger Spensley and John Kilshaw, IPP Andrew Mackereth and Honorary Solicitor David Smith, to look at our rules. We have been considering the idea of setting up a registered charity in 41 Club's name, to take into account the increased amount of community service and fundraising we do. We are also looking into our rules which need amending, adding or deleting, in order to take this Association forward. In particular, we are looking at our

resilience when we cannot function normally, as this year has shown. This will mean that some more resolutions will come before Annual and Special General Meetings.

AS my colleague Don Mullane has mentioned in his report, CAS2 has been built and is mostly functional. One sticking point remains, and that is accessing the database. With CAS1, there was a link from the 41 Club website, which enabled club officials to log in with a dedicated username and password to view and update their club's data. The log-in link is still there, but doesn't work as it is hardwired to a database that has been decommissioned. This will be rectified when the website is replaced, but in the meantime, club officials will need to use their dedicated landing page link in order to access CAS2. This link was sent out to all members in an e-mail from Don Mullane, titled *41 Club – Club Administration System* on the evening of 1st July 2020. If you never received this message, or have deleted it, speak to either your National Councillor or myself and I will re-send you your own dedicated link.

Marchesi House liaison is another aspect of this role. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to visit Marchesi House in person this year, for obvious reasons. However, Bev and Annie have continued to provide us with an administrative function, and there have been no problems other than them having to work from home with laptops supplied by RTBI. I maintain regular contact with them, and they seem OK with us at the moment.

Our Honorary Archivist, Hugh Milward, is stepping down at this AGM, and his successor will be Sean McCormick, who you will all remember as our past National Secretary. My thanks go to Hugh for all he has done for the past seven years, and I look forward to working with Sean when we can get back up and running again. Again, I haven't had an opportunity to see what treasures there are lurking in Marchesi House, so I am looking forward to doing that as soon as I can.

A number of members have asked about the position of those on National Council, given that we had no AGM last year. Instead, there was an online National Council Meeting, at which National Council invoked Rule 23.2 *The National Council shall have the power to determine any point not provided for in this Constitution, Rules and Standing Orders. Any such decision shall be submitted to the next following General Meeting for confirmation.* It was determined that any member of National Council would be able to add a further 12 months to their term of office, to compensate for not being able to carry out the role as they would have expected to do. This has been added to the agenda for ratification at the Annual general Meeting.

The Secretary's job involves dealing with any litigation that is invoked against the Association. This year, I have had to respond to two such claims from a company called PicRights, in relation to the use of images on our website and associated microsite, for which we did not have copyright. Both of these claims have been settled by negotiation. In this regard, the advice and assistance has been invaluable during this year.

Finally, it just remains for me to say how much I have enjoyed this year, even though it hasn't been what I expected in many ways. I'm really looking forward to getting together like we are all used to.

Bernard Elwen

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NATIONAL TREASURER – KEVIN LOVETT

I would firstly like to thank all the Club Treasurers for their huge effort in collecting Capitation over the last twelve months, I know it hasn't been easy.

In the appendices, you will find the accounts (Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet) for 41 Club for the year ended 31 December 2020. As you are aware the budget for 2021 was approved in December 2020.

The surplus for the year is shown in the attached Income & Expenditure Account.

Income

Income Capitation for 2020 represents cash banked in the year. This has shown a substantial fall. It is unclear as to whether this is a permanent loss of membership/clubs or just a temporary loss due to "COVID-19".

Expenditure

The majority of expenses are self-explanatory and much lower than expected due to the current circumstances. The cost of Conference was the amount given to the 2020 Cardiff Conference committee so that no delegate suffered a loss under rule 21.4 of the Association Rules. The Printing and Stationery cost includes a letter posted out to all members where we didn't have an e-mail address.

Balance Sheet

"Debtors" include prepayments of expenditure relating to future National Conferences and other events. Some of these have been carried over from 2019. "Creditors" include the Audit fee and tax on interest received.

The £10,000 Capitalisation figure represents 50% of the cost of CAS2 which it is intended to depreciate over the next three years. Any further enhancements to the system will be met from the IT budget if necessary.

The Association has significant reserves, more than it would usually require, however these are not "usual" times and it is still unclear as to how events will unfold.

Budget

We now have a newly formed Treasury Committee which has met and produced a Budget for 2022 (see appendices) to include an Increased level of Capitation receipts at £203,000 for the year thus reducing the maximum call on reserves if all the budget was spent in its entirety to £25,300. The level of capitation income is based on 13,000 members paying £14.50 in the year plus a recovery of past capitation (equivalent to 1,000 members) where clubs are catching up on making delayed payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The catch-up funds represent approximately 50% of the current amount outstanding for 2020. The view taken from Membership team is that by the time we get to 2022 a realistic membership level is 13,000. (currently 13,500) This is allowing for people retiring from the club as well as the membership growth activities the membership team are striving for. From there the membership is likely to drop by a net 500 heads per annum in subsequent years.

Clearly the use of reserves is not sustainable over a long period and in order to maintain adequate levels of reserves and sufficient funds in future budgets for the Association to operate, Capitation will need to increase and costs will need to be reduced.

The level of Capitation is a very emotive subject, especially whilst we are currently in lockdown and Clubs are not able to meet. The proposal is that we leave capitation at £14.50 for 2022 and potentially use up to £25,300 of reserves to fund the budget. This figure is lower than the amount that was added to the Reserves in 2020 due to prudent financial management and effectively leaves the Membership with a saving as under normal circumstances there would have been an increase in Capitation.

Capitation has remained at £14.50 since 2016, having previously increased steadily over the preceding 10-year period, this will need to change to avoid further use of Reserves. At

present we are only able to increase the level of Capitation by 4% per annum and it is the view of the Treasury Committee that we need to bring a motion to a national meeting (AGM or SGM) to allow National Council to set the level of Capitation to be able to produce a more balanced Budget in the future.

A new item for 41 Connects has been incorporated into the Budget at £6k as a separate item, this is shown within the membership “pot” as it was felt that the overall membership budget could accommodate the initiative. Any further expenditure if required to come from income derived from Members Benefits as recently suggested by the National Fellowship Officer, Steve James thus trying to encourage members to use the offers available to increase the benefits for all.

It is the intention of the Treasury team to bring a forecasted view of the 2021 Budget to both the National AGM and SGM. At the AGM in April this will not be circulated in Advance but form part of a presentation whilst at the SGM this will be circulated with a commitment to further review the 2022 budget and propose changes if thought necessary. The Treasury Team has also committed to start working on a 5-year plan which will project various scenarios and outcomes. This will be updated at regular intervals during the year and reported to National Council at our regular meetings. This will also require input from all members of The National Council in order that we can obtain as a clear a position of our membership as possible and will form the basis for future budgets.

To end on a positive note: Despite the pandemic, the Association is in good shape, the finances are healthy and (“touch wood”) so are we. From speaking to Treasurers and members up and down the country the vast majority are just waiting to get out and about again to enjoy the friendship and fellowship that this Association provides. At the moment things are difficult and the restrictions may be in place for a little while yet, but as soon as things get back to being close to normal 41 Clubs will be raring to go..... It may take a little while for things to unwind but we can cope with that. We have the resources and the ability to manage the road ahead. We have a positive “can do” attitude and with everyone pulling together we can quickly get the Association on its feet again.

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – GLEN LYON

Started in January:

Cyclists – this was a no-brainer with so many of our clubs having cyclists involved, we have seen many epic cycling challenges completed by our intrepid cycling 41ers, So Mark Sargent enquired about if there was going to be a cycling SIG so what else could I do but thank him for volunteering to help set one up – fortunately Rory was straight on the case and before you could say MAMIL we now have a fully up and running (or should that be cycling!) 41 Club MAMIL Cycling SIG on Facebook please look it up and if 2 wheels without an engine is your thang.

We are looking to open at least another 3 Special Interest Groups in February:

Walking – headed up by Andy Ventress we hope this will develop from Tom Atkins 500 & 500 more challenge group and this will offer those and others the opportunity to participate and share good walks, tips and hints with the group.

41 Club Whisky Appreciation Society – watch this space Peter McBride and I, have developed a ‘long distance’ zoom system for the appreciation of Uisge Beath, which will involve the consumption of copious amounts of the golden nectar all in the name of Fellowship & Friendship. If that tickles your fancy, please drop either of us a message or catch us on the group’s Facebook page when it launches.

I'm optimistic, given we almost all would have had a Hornby '00' set as a youngster, there are several hundred model railway enthusiasts amongst us who would be interested in an opportunity to share their passion with other 'like-minded blokes' So again if this is something which interests you please get in touch or like and join the group when we get it launched.

Now if you have a 'special Interest' please let the membership team know and we will assist in getting a group up and running.

Now I'm sure we have more than a few 41ers who are in the Scout Movement, perhaps a 'BP' SIG might be of benefit to you allowing you to share experiences, provide additional support beyond your 'normal' Colony, Pack, Troop, Unit, District structure. Please if someone would like to take the lead on this SIG as an old Scouter myself, I'd love to hear from you.

I was hoping we could have presented some information on the 'State of the Nation' however we are missing most of the colour referenced reports on the Regions, I'd like to convene a full Membership meeting again in 2 weeks and would ask, please can you report back as this is going to be the information we use to develop a Membership retention strategy for the association and it will help if we know where we should be focussing our attention and resources to maximum effect for the benefit of the association looking forwards over the next 3-5 years.

Having noticed several quite obvious recruitment pitches for Rotary from some of our members I feel the time is right to re-enter discussions with the Rotary National Membership team to gain space in their magazines to remind the Rotarians who are ex-Tablers that we are not mutually exclusive and the best way to support RTBI (the single best source of high-quality Rotarians for the past 70 years) is to chip in £14.50 and join / re-join 41 Club.

I propose to read out the (very) long list of disaffiliations at the AGM just as a 'wakeup call' to ensure we are all focused on Membership both recruitment and retention and are not going to let clubs slip away.

I will also advise the AGM the course of action I took regarding the moratorium on disaffiliations during 2020 and my rationale for continuing to communicate with the members of these clubs during the period of lockdowns.

So now for some more good news, we have a brand new shiny 41 Club with 10 members almost all recently aged out of Round Table applying to join, I have invited their Chairman to join us at 12 Noon, hopefully to receive your welcome into the association, I would like to call upon Kevin Chard of Region 21 to propose the new club, as they will be in his Region.

Glen Lyon

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS & IT OFFICER – DONAL MULLANE

My original plan for the role was to support the Association by sharing more news from across the clubs, to deliver the new CAS2 system, and to support my board and council colleagues with their initiatives as work was progressed to grow the Association.

I would never have foreseen that those goals would have been the same for these tough pandemic times. The work has accelerated and grown, and I am proud to have been your Communications and IT officer during these tougher times. It has meant that we have had to communicate more, deliver our technical changes and support to members more. The committee, the board and council and so many members from all around the UK have

stepped up and supported clubs and its members with so many good initiatives and all has been a warm reminder of why 41 Club is the best home for Past-Tablers.

41 Club Connects

You should see 41 Club Connects mentioned repeatedly in the Officers reports as it really is a team effort by members of the Board and National Councillors but it would be remiss of me not to include it here too. The 41 Club Connects virtual Events have been a huge success with the membership. At the time of writing this we believe we have had 9,455 participants and we believe we should achieve our 10,000th attendee before the AGM

June – Live with Jaguar – 813

July – Tim Bradshaw – 415

July – Dean Andrews – 250

Dec – John Inverdale – 765

Dec – Moongazer Ales – 223

Dec – Singalong – 390

Jan – Burns Night – 412

Jan – Terry Cooper – 644

Jan – Richard McCann – 381

Feb – Aggers & Miller – 1,308

Feb – North Yorkshire Moors Railway – 875

Feb – Chinese Cookalong – 399

Feb – Wayne Barnes, Rugby Ref – 1,338

Mar – Race Night – 192

The 41 Club Connects Team as a whole have performed an outstanding job: Peter Good – Mr President – our encourager and chair; Steve James – Mr Fellowship – helping bring it together; myself – Mr Communications – helping make sure as many people know about these events as possible; Mark House – Mr Web – helping bring the event to a screen near you; Peter McBride – Mr Organised – helping bring order to the events and schedule and supporting so much of the other areas; Roger Spensley – Mr Events – helping bring events to you all; Kelly Clarke – Mr Events – helping bring beer and more into your homes; Kevin Stewart – helping bring events to you and bringing Scotland together; Jim Conway – helping bring events and our number one FB event manager – making sure your voice is heard on Facebook; and of course Marcus Jones – helping bring events to you all: Well done everyone!

Even when we are out of lock-down I believe 41 Club Connects will still keep going, albeit on a monthly rather than weekly basis. It has in my opinion been the greatest and most successful membership campaign 41 Club has ever mounted – retaining and attracting members.

The events by the way are open to all members of the Round Table Family AND to guests of 41ers (just like a real meeting would be).

As well as meetings offered by the team, 41 Club has provided Zoom business accounts to support clubs as they meet. The use of these 41 Club Zoom accounts overall has increased and we have delivered over 262 Meetings with 6,263 participants and 312,460 meeting minutes.

Club Administration System ('CAS2')

Background to why we changed our Club administration System:

CAS Version 2 has been at least three years in the making. The Association was alerted by both the system owner and then by Microsoft that the underlying technology was moving outside of support and that the service could fail at any time. The Board felt that this was a high impact risk and worked through numerous approaches to finding the way through to a supplier who could deliver a system that would meet all of our requirements.

Suppliers were approached and various responses were received including those who operate the Tabler-World system that is used by various other national associations.

None of those met the requirements of the Association when it came to cost, data security or usability for members who would wish for the system to be as similar to the CAS1 as it could be.

At this point, the current developer was sourced, the Board and National Council approved the requirements and costs. All agreed that the approach allowed the Association to benefit from current and future technology, to maintain our strict approach to data holding and management and that, over 5 – 8 years, the system would represent excellent value when compared against other options.

Current situation:

CAS2 has been rolled out to clubs, but we are still behind on rolling out an effective email system for National Councillors and the Board, and various reports are still outstanding. The National Council has decided that if the supplier, Re-Innovate IT Ltd, cannot deliver these by the end of March we would ask them to engage a third party to deliver the workable solution in a shorter timescale.

Notwithstanding this, the core system of CAS2 delivered by Carl of Re-Innovate IT and the Comms & IT Team works which is sometimes lost over frustration on the elements which are still outstanding. Yes, there have been issues, but all data integrity has remained and the use of it by clubs has been as normal. We appreciate CAS2 is new and different, so the Comms & I.T. Team are here to help you if you have problems.

41 Club Connects emails

We have used the CAS2 email system to promote the events with individual emails to members which appear not only to have been well received, but to have offered a real life-line to clubs and have attracted members who have never supported national events previously.

In the new CAS2 email system we are not just firing emails into the void – we can track what happens to the emails. So, we can, for example, show that 9,909 emails were delivered to members; 9 softs bounced; and 3 hard bounced.

Of those 9,909 which were delivered, 4,403 were opened (by the time the report was generated). 260 members clicked on links in the email to find out more details of the events – some of them repeatedly, or clicked on more than one event as there were 953 clicks in total by the 260 members.

Facebook

We started the year by ensuring that every Region had a Facebook Group – in addition to are also using the 41 Club Members' Forum and the Regional Face Book Groups to promote the events. Now we have expanded into what we call 41 Club “Special Interest Groups” or “SIGs”, which cover sports, cars, trains, models, photography etc with more to come.

It's not a new idea as there were previous groups for cyclists and motorcyclists etc but we are breathing new life into the concept and generating ever growing opportunities to socialise and be entertained.

Dozens of new groups have been created, with hundreds of members joining those groups. Some aren't yet large enough to get the full Facebook data, but I am pleased to say that our efforts have meant that the main 41 Club Forum has seen 60% in its membership over the last 11 months. It would be great to see that job continue, and here are some stats for the forum from 1 April to 1 March:

- 640 Member requests approved
- Total of 1673 Members
- 1474 Actively engaged members
- 472 Posts to the group

Monthly Newsletters

Like the emails referred to above, the newsletters have proved to be a real lifeline to clubs also, and the Comms Team have extensively used Facebook as a way to reach those members who might not read such things. Again, the level of compliments I have had around connection to members and clubs show that we have made a real difference to people and to their perception of National.

The Newsletters are the bailiwick of Wynn Parry, along with the Magazine. We always need more articles.

National Magazine

The magazine is greener than it has ever been, with paper envelopes rather than bio-degradable polythene but receiving it in e-form is greener still.

The reality is that production costs of a printed magazine continue to climb, notably due to increased postage costs. This was raised by members at the recent Special General Meeting. To be clear, we are committed to producing a printed version of the magazine for our members but every member who opts instead to receive an electronic version saves the association money which can be spent in other areas such as membership (as well as helping to save the planet).

To add value to the magazine, we included a National Association guide in the last magazine which showcased helpful information about 41 Club as well as details of the benefits that being a member can bring.

We have started showing the magazine in a flip page version instead of just a pdf on-line at www.41clubconnects.co.uk this serves two purposes. It makes the e-version of the magazine more attractive to some members AND it has the capability of providing us with detail of which pages members actually read. This has great potential for the future. Mark House has been great in leading this.

Finally, if economies need to be made in the future in order to safeguard 41 Club because of declining membership I would envisage the magazine going down from 3-issues a year to 2-issues a year, largely because of the success of the monthly newsletter.

PicRights / Breach of Copyright

These are the chaps who are seeking to impose punitive damages on anyone who use images which are copyrighted. Bernard as Honorary Secretary, and Chief Legal Officer of the Association, is currently handling two potential litigation cases, under the guidance of David Smith, Honorary Solicitor.

We continue to post warnings to clubs in the monthly newsletters and have featured in Magazine articles previously.

41 Club Identity Strapline

Round Table's strapline is **#DoMore**

Ours has traditionally been **#ContinuedFriendship**

We have now added to this with **#ContinuingToDoMore** to underline our community service activities and to stress the link with Round Table.

Please use it in your reports on Facebook and generally when promoting community service activities.

#41Club #ContinuedFriendship #ContinuingToDoMore

41 Club Website

Mark House has done an awesome job – see his separate report as Honorary Webmaster. Mark is now aided by Steve Tasker, National Councillor Region 11, as Assistant Webmaster.

We have had problems with 41club.org hence our use of www.41clubconnects.co.uk

We are centralising all of our domain names.

Buddies Line

This is an initiative of National President Peter. I volunteered to put it under my wing, and Peter McBride volunteered to chair the Buddies Group which has been a great asset to provide to our membership. Mark House has again been invaluable in providing I.T. & telephony support to the Group. Feedback from our members has been tremendously in support of this new initiative. The Buddies Group has also

led, I believe, to many clubs reaching out to members that they might not have, so again, top marks to all the Buddies Volunteers. Keep safe everyone.

Don Mullane

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S LIAISON OFFICER – TOM ATKINS

This is my final report before the AGM, and is put together after a really strange year. Hardly any club meeting no “real board or council meetings”, this has been a very challenging year, like many other members both myself and wife had COVID and shielding for months on end. We are lucky to have had our vaccination. This does really does give mental health issues, stress, loneliness and anxiety. Almost like being in prison (not that I have tried it)

However, we have all found a new way of meeting ZOOM, TEAMS, FACETIME groups. Due to no AGM in 2021 my tenure was extended for another year as the post was contested, by 2 candidates.

So, another year, my seventh year on council, giving service to the association, and in a surreal way the most enjoyable.

We had some councillors come to the end of their tenure, and we recruited a new bunch of very energetic and opinionated guys. Fresh ideas and hardworking, they got involved straight away on various committees and sub committees and brought the best out of existing councillors, in virtual discussions and councillor fellowship lockdown nights in.

Some we have never even met in our table or 41 club life.

We all look forward to getting together and having a beer, when we are let out of lockdown.

We still have vacancies in some Regions which have been difficult to fill without any physical meetings, and getting out and about, so there is a challenge for the new guy, as there is never a queue to be a councillor due to the commitment involved.

Summary: it's not about me or what I do:

We have got together a great bunch of Councillors who work really hard for the association, to support our members. Every year we have a turnover as Councillors, as they leave at the end of their tenure, it is always difficult to replace these guys, with other like-minded volunteers, so I am always grateful for recommendations from former board members and councillors around the country, who help with replacements.

We have tried over the last few years to recruit and endorse councillors part way through the year so that the impact at AGM is not too severe, but occasionally there will be a large amount who will leave under the 3-year fresh blood rules.

I repeat what I said last year as I am definitely going in April at the virtual AGM

I give this message to the recipient who takes over my role.

Have empathy with your councillors, get to know them personally and care about their welfare, and that of their wife / partner and families. Enjoy the fellowship of the councillors and board, as it is a different club, you will be rewarded with trust and friendship and random acts of kindness that you have never seen before.

Try to treat each individual in the way you would like to be treated yourself, with care and respect. Your efforts will be rewarded.

I can only say I have always tried to give it my best shot and hopefully succeeded in carrying out the role to the benefit of the association and the membership.

Watch this space gone but not forgotten.

Tom Atkins

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – STEVE JAMES

As I reflect on the last 12 months my heartfelt thoughts go out to all 41 club members and their families who have lost loved ones and friends to Covid-19 and to those who have been socially isolated from their family and friends and those who have been affected economically.

As 2020 started, we were in full swing with various National events occurring particularly our National Social and Sporting weekend at the Potters resort Great Yarmouth with just over one hundred members attending and having a great time of fun and fellowship. My congratulations go to all the winners. One month later, the picture had totally changed and as myself and Karen jetted across “the pond” little did I envisage that I would spend a considerable amount of time liaising with my fellow 41 Board, Tangent Executive and Cardiff 2020 Chairman over my proposals as to what we should do with Cardiff 2020 and my thanks to my fellow colleagues for accommodating holding relatively late meetings U.K. time to allow for the time difference.

Whilst some delegates had already contacted me offering advice that the event should be cancelled, with only 3 weeks to go before conference, to pull out early would have meant that not only the Association would incur significant losses but all delegates who paid to stay in the 2 conference hotels would have lost their money because at the early stages of Covid-19 the hospitality industry were not as prepared as they are now. After several conversations with all venues and agreeing with them that we would bring conference back to Cardiff in 2022, we were able to successfully mitigate our losses and offer full refunds to all delegates. I would particularly like to thank Jersey 41 club who agreed to put back their conference to 2023 and break away from the tradition of holding conference with a “2” in the year.

Once the decision to cancel was made the “fun” started trying to contact people and process refunds. It’s fair to say it was an arduous task and I thank Duncan Kennedy, Mike Smith and Gerwyn Evans from the Cardiff team for spending endless nights sorting this out. As a result of the issues encountered, I’m pleased to say that with the fantastic help of Mark House our honorary webmaster we have developed a new conference booking system which will be launched for Cardiff 2022 conference. The site will also be made available to organisers of other national events. The new booking system definitely brings us into the 21st century.

As for the remainder of the year time was spent liaising with the organisers of the other National events with all being put back by 1 year to 2021. Whilst the National events got cancelled the role of the fellowship officer never stopped, attending and hosting club zoom meetings, Aviemore conference planning and planning for hosting the International AGM in 2023 although the latter was somewhat difficult with most hotels and venues either being closed or staff working reduced hours. Due to my hectic workload in the NHS, I would like to

thank Terry Cooper and Martin Green for offering their assistance in contacting potential venues.

Two “golden nuggets” to come out of this year was the 41 connects programme and the creation of our first members handbook. In relation to 41 connects it truly was a team effort to put these fantastic events on and at the time of writing this report it was great to see that over 8,000 people have dialled in to the various events with our highest attendance bringing over 1,300 people together virtually on one night, which happened on two occasions. The programme of speakers was varied and we will continue to run the 41 connects programme for the foreseeable future. I would like to personally thank Kelly Clarke, Jim Conway, Mark House, Marcus Jones, Peter McBride, Don Mullane, Roger Spensley, and Kevin Stewart for being part of the remarkable team making these events possible.

In relation to the handbook, I would like to thank Wynn Parry, Peter Milburn, Mark House and Don Mullane for all their help in putting this together and I sincerely hope that every member finds it a useful source of information.

The end of 2020 ended in the same vein as it started with Aviemore conference being cancelled and the rigmarole of trying to negotiate out of our contract with the Macdonald group. This has proved somewhat challenging particularly as the group informed every delegate who booked accommodation that they could not get a refund despite no money being taken from their credit card, although they have been inconsistent in their approach because some delegates were successful in being able to cancel with no penalty. Following various discussions with the hotel group this has finally been rectified with all delegates being able to cancel with no penalty.

I look forward to 2021 in the hope that we can return to some normality and we can meet together for some fun and fellowship, we are still planning to hold our National events as follows:

Classic car rally 2-4th July at Inn on the lake, Shorne, Kent
Caravan and camping rally 10-12th September, Hardwicke Parks, Oxfordshire,
Cycling weekend 17-19th September, Shipley, Yorkshire,
National Golf finals 3rd – 4th October, Breadsall Priory, Derby
Inaugural walking weekend, Pembrokeshire, late Autumn.
Details of all events can be found on the website and are all dependent on restrictions easing and no new restrictions being introduced.

We are also planning our 75th Charter ball and a Special general meeting over the weekend of 1st to 3rd October at the De Vere conference centre in Nottingham.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible over the coming months.

Steve James

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER – ANDREW VENTRESS

At the start of 2020 I was full of optimism as I had planned a full year of visits as IRO to other countries. These visits were to Portugal, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Italy, France, Austria, South Africa, Belgium & Switzerland as well as the International AGM in Verona, Italy and the HYM in Brasov, Romania.

Then along came COVID 19 and gradually all conferences were cancelled and unfortunately, I have been unable to travel this year.

Fortunately, due to modern technology (ZOOM) I have kept in contact with many IROs, past IROs and The International Board on Fridays. Each Friday early evening when we have met for an aperitif and chat. Many thanks to Martyn Hartyl from Italy for setting up these meetings.

I have also attended a Round Table charter in Malta via Zoom where we enjoyed the evening in Black Tie having a meal (Pizza etc.) and great fellowship from our own dining room. I have also managed to use the technology to attend AGMs in Romania, Germany, Belgium and Malta as well as attending the International Forums in place of the AGM & HYM.

Unfortunately, it was decided to postpone all YAP tours, therefore disappointing young people from GB&I as well as those from abroad due to have a tour here, our first in the program. In February, The National Council appointed Bruce Bennett to work as YAP Convenor.

I have liaised with a 41er from Malta to support his son's move to the UK to work at Watford General Hospital as a nurse, many thanks to Bushey & Oxhey for their help.

Andy Ventress

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD

This is my last Report as your Honorary Archivist as I am stepping down at the 2021 AGM after seven years in the post which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

It is now time for a fresh set of eyes and ideas for the job and I wish my successor all the best in his new role.

I have particularly enjoyed the work in setting up the Archive Room at Marchesi House and searching in the past magazines for interesting snippets for Club Charters and individual members. It would appear that our magazines are the best source for what has been going on in the Association over the years.

One thing I will definitely not miss processing are the Obituaries for our Book of Remembrance that come for my attention but in reading them, you do note that being a Tabler and a 41er means that you do have a very full life of fun and fellowship which is what it is all about.

So, may I thank the National Council, Clubs and members of the Association for the privilege to hold this post and I look forward to handing over to my successor before joining the ranks of ordinary members once more.

Hugh Milward

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – DAVID SMITH

It has become obvious to us all that our constitution is not fully suited to a governmental lockdown. I therefore expect a plethora of proposals for its variation in the next couple of years to make our administration more digitally able but hope and trust our members will recognise that while virtuality has its place there is no substitute, in my view, for good old fashioned face-to-face meetings.

Along with other members of Council I have attended many virtual meetings thanks to the marvels of Zoom and other video conferencing providers. They have been a godsend enabling our Association to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner. On a personal level I have been pleased to advise your Board and Council on several matters referred to me and also individual clubs and members on issues upon which they required advice, including the application of COVID-19 regulations on their activities.

May I again thank you all for the great honour you have given me in allowing me to serve this past year as the Association's Honorary Solicitor.

David Smith

solicitor@41club.org

HONORARY WEBMASTER – MARK HOUSE

It is difficult to believe that nearly a year has passed since Ray Hill kindly gave me a few lessons on how to make changes to the website.

I know that Ray did a great job and made many requests for news and information for the site. I am delighted that the Comms & I.T. team under Don Mullane, especially Wynn Parry, have made such a good job of the newsletter in particular as that provides much of this regular news; whilst Peter McBride has done brilliantly with the Buddyline support group, not to mention the 41 Club Connects team.

Like all roles, you would like to think that you have made progress on whatever you pick up, especially as my predecessors did so much to offer something to members. I have shared my goals for this year as being to:

- make changes to the site as requests arrive.
- improve some areas that were insecure, not working or were a poor experience.
- share more information about the use of the site.

The website has seen hundreds of changes over the course of the last year and as well as adding news items, events and more, I and the team have updated the 41club.org homepage so that it reads more smoothly and also reworked the member benefits so that they can be more easily read.

The website has seen technical changes – we upgraded the site to SSL which means data is transmitted securely. We have also upgraded the underlying code to make it more secure and updated the Google maps so that they work. My thanks go to Toucan Internet who manage the site and made those changes. We are also looking at migrating our domains to a single provider as well as some other behind the scenes changes.

Beyond these, the Association also has a new website called 41clubconnects.co.uk. This has allowed for some extra information to be shared about our events and magazines. Through this, we have:

- provided weekly updates around our 41 Club Connects Events
- created a place for our magazines and newsletters to be read in a flipbook style
- shared details of all of the Special Interest Groups
- created pages that help members more – Buddyline and the Whisky Group are the first
- created a new directory for speakers (<https://41clubconnects.co.uk/speaker/>) which we hope will grow and be a great resource for members
- created a new directory for speakers (https://41clubconnects.co.uk/event_idea/) which we also hope will grow and be a helpful resource
- a new and improved member benefit area where it is easy to see all of the benefits in one place – https://41clubconnects.co.uk/member_benefits/

There will be more improvements over time, but I am delighted to say that through these changes, the overall traffic that has been seen to our two sites has seen growth. I am delighted that the sites are a source of information for so many; the main site has seen over 36000 sessions over the last year. A session is a data term for the number of times the site has been visited by someone. These 36000 sessions have seen over 190k pages viewed.

The 41clubconnects.co.uk has also seen a further 8000 sessions with another 11000 pages viewed. This means that our websites have been visited a total 44000 times with over 210k pages viewed.

Across both sites, about 40% of those who visit do so using a mobile device, which just shows how the world is changing.

Overall, it is a growth of about 10% of sessions to the site, and I am genuinely delighted that we could provide more information to members in these difficult times.

2021 should also see the launch of a new event booking system for those running events. It will include the conference (once complete!) and also allow bookings for other great events. More news will be shared in due course.

Of course, the work and support hasn't stopped at websites. I have provided support to two other initiatives that have helped members stay connected in 2020 and 2021.

One is zoom account access – the National Treasurer kindly agreed to pay for professional zoom licences and through clubs and other meetings, we have seen nearly 300 meetings held totalling more than 300,000 minutes and with just shy of 7000 participants. It is great that the resource has been used and your National Councillor still has details and can provide you with access and support to those accounts.

The other is 41 Club Connects events – these have provided relief for members over the darker days and long may they continue.

I am already working on plans for 2021 and beyond and am delighted to welcome Steve Tasker as an Assistant Webmaster to the team. He is an IT specialist, a past "Tabler of the Year" and a genuine asset to the Association. He can be reached on assistantwebmaster@41club.org

I get a great deal of contacts from members about a variety of topics, but if you have ideas or thoughts about what you would like to see on a screen, please just contact me and we can see if we can do it.

Mark House

webmaster@41club.org

APPENDIX A – ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2020-2023

Notes:

The C.V. of the Candidates standing for election is detailed on the following pages alongside their election address for the information of Voting Delegates.

Each Candidate, where the position is contested, shall give a presentation of not more than three minutes for the 41 Club (non-VP) Board Officers and no more than five minutes for Candidates for Vice President (albeit International or National), to assist the Delegates in making their choice.

NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL OFFICE – NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENT ELECT (THREE CANDIDATES)

Candidate: Jim Conway

OBE 41 Club

London No 2 41 Club

Smethwick 41 Club

PERT 41 Club

FROM	TO	ROLE
1989	1992	Banstead Round Table 815 – Sports & Community Services Officer
1992	2006	Epping Round Table 706 – Chairman x7, Vice, Treasurer, Secretary & IRO
1995	2002	Area 33 Essex – Secretary, National Councillor x2, Media & PR, IRO x3
1997	1998	National Councillor – International Committee – Welcome Tour Organiser
1999	2000	National Councillor – International Committee – Conference Host
2000	2001	National IRO – International Tabler of the Year
2002	2004	Vice Chairman – RTBI/NALC Conference Southend-on-Sea
2005	2007	PLC Chairman to National President Richard du Bois
2008	2010	PLC Liaison to National President Dave Barker
2012	2014	PLC Liaison to National President Stephen Sprod
2017	2019	PLC Treasurer to National President Richard Holland
2010	2012	Witham 41 Club
2012	To Date	London Old Tablers Society (LOTS)
2014	To Date	Old Bored Executives (OBE's) Chairman & Vice Chairman
2018	2019	Active Black Country (ABC) 41 Club
2018	To Date	Smethwick 41 Club

“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.”

Martin Luther

The Round Table Family has given me so much over the years that I have concluded that however hard I try to repay the debt; I will die owing a fortune that would take a million lifetimes to repay. It's impossible to put a price on the opportunities provided, the lifetime friendships gained and the experiences we have all enjoyed by being members.

Having worked hard to repay part of the debt in this lifetime, it was a proud and humbling moment, when at the last RTBI AGM, I was presented with the Marchesi Medal for outstanding contributions to the Association, only the 13th recipient since its inception.

It will be no surprise to you, when I say, “I believe that the successful future of 41 Club hinges on the success of Round Table as well as a seamless journey for retiring Tablers to 41 Club.” For that to happen, the simple, yet effective PIE principle must be implemented. Programme; Invitation; Engagement.

As your President, I will make three promises: -

1. I will encourage the development of ideas and events to help you produce exciting programmes and publish them on our website for every club to access.
2. I will support the invitation of new members and creation of new clubs any way that I can.
3. I am fortunate enough to be able to and I will take a work sabbatical, so that I am available to engage with you as much as possible, listen to your ideas, support the viable ones and help bring them to fruition.

If we all plant one apple tree, by the end of the year, we will have created an orchard.

Candidate: Duncan Kennedy

Barry 41 Club

Cambria 41 Club

FROM	TO	ROLE
1990		Joined Round Table
1991	1994	Secretary Barry Round Table 516
1994	1995	Vice Chairman, House & Programme Barry Round Table
1995	1996	Chairman Barry Round Table
2001	2005	Secretary Barry Round Table
2005		Life Honorary Member Barry Round Table
2006	2007	Hon President Barry Round Table
2007	2008	Hon President Cardiff Round Table
1997	1998	Area Treasurer Area 4
1998	1999	Area Vice Chairman
1999	2000	Area Chairman
2005	2006	Area Hon President
2001		VC National Conference RTBI/NALC – Cardiff
2003		VC National Sporting Weekend RTBI – Cardiff
2004	2005	National Councillor RT Area 4
2007		VC National Conference RTBI/NALC – Cardiff
2004		Joined Barry 41 Club
2006	2007	Chairman
2011	2012	Chairman
2008	2013	National Councillor Region 13
2013	2018	National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer
2020		Chairman National Conference 41 Club/Tangent – Cardiff

Sloan Wilson once said that “Success in almost any field depends more on energy and drive than it does on intelligence”. I believe that this is true and as you will see from my CV; I have plenty of the first two and I believe enough of the third.

I joined 41 Club before leaving Table and after a couple of years applied to be on National Council. I felt very honoured to represent Region 13 for 5 years serving on several committees. After my 5 years as a National Councillor, I was delighted to be elected as your National Membership Officer.

I led the agreement with Round Table to obtain details of those about to retire from Table and the historical database of those who left Round Table in the last 10 years. A team of us contacted all 9,000+ and since completing that project I believe that there have been 22 affiliations and I do believe that the effort of all involved then is continuing to bear fruit. It has also greatly helped successive membership officers to bring in other brilliant programmes to attract ex Tablers as 41 Club members.

My time recently has been taken up with the need to concentrate on Cardiff National Conference as your Conference Chairman and this has been rewarding and also kept me connected at a national level.

I am very passionate about this Association and the membership of it. Indeed, all the strategies put in place are and should be about attracting and retaining members. I wish to continue the good work of the current and past National Presidents and past and present Council members by continuing to encourage and drive all on Council and in Clubs across the country to find ways, however small, to achieve that aim.

Candidate: Manny Martins

**Hamble Valley Stick Club
Kingston Ex-Tablers Club
Alpha Knights 41 Club
Medway 41 Club**

FROM	TO	ROLE
1971		Joined Burgess Hill Hassocks & District RT 779
1976	1984	RT Area delegate, Sports, Sales, Press, Programme & Social, Fundraising, Community Services & IRO officers
1984	1987	Table Secretary, Vice Chairman & Chairman
1988		Joined Crowborough RT 980
1981	1986	Area Sales, Press, Sports, Membership & Community Services
1986	1989	Area 2 Secretary, Vice Chairman & Chairman
1989		Joined Crowborough 41 Club
1994	1995	Crowborough 41 Club Chairman
1998		Joined Hamble Valley Stick Club
2005	2006	Hamble Valley Stick Chairman
2010		Joined Kingston Upon Thames ex Tablers
2011	2012	Hamble Valley Stick Chairman
2013	2015	Kingston Upon Thames Chairman (x 2)
2015	2016	Hamble Valley Stick Chairman
1993	1997	National Councillor Region 11
1997	2001	National Editor
2010	2012	National Councillor Region 24
2012	2017	National Secretary
2017	To Date	Assistant National Councillor Region 23

I believe that the role of National Vice President, then President is to ensure that we all enjoy our experiences of 41 Club whilst safe in the knowledge that all statutory duties and activities are carried out professionally. As the previous National Secretary, I have gained the knowledge and experience to fulfil these duties.

Our number one Purposes and Object of 41 Club is 'To continue to promote opportunities for fellowship amongst former members of Round Table'. By imbedding this, we will deliver the complete Purposes and Objectives. We belong to our individual clubs because we were in Table with our fellow 41 Club members or because a move took us to a new location, made new friends and transferred into another club. We enjoy each other's fellowship. I wish to continue to provide this and other opportunities for us to meet and take pleasure in each other's company.

I will attend any club or event that I am invited to as a visiting member or Vice President with the latest news and views. I will listen to your views and opinions on how we are doing and what we need to do to improve our Association and discuss these at National Council Meetings to deliver our club of choice. If there is one thing I've learned during my 41 Club life, it's that when two FortyOners get together and start talking about their clubs, events and

experiences — there's just no telling where that might lead, sharing a memory, exchanging ideas, or helping each other.

I promise that I will work harmoniously within our National Council, Round Table Family and individual clubs to ensure we can sustain your interests and involvement.

I sincerely hope that your views coincide with mine and you will support my nomination as your Vice President.

NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL OFFICE – NATIONAL COUNCILLORS’ LIAISON OFFICER (TWO CANDIDATES)

Candidate: Graham Sloan

**Lytham St Annes No 3
Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club
Dragons 41 Club
Kirkham & Rural Fylde 41 Club**

FROM	TO	ROLE
1975	1988	Cheadle & Gatley RT 829 – CSO, Editor & on Council
1986	1987	Chairman Cheadle & Gatley Round Table 829
1983	1984	Area 34 Sales Officer
1988	To Date	Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club
1992	To Date	Lytham St Annes 41 Club
2002	2003	Chairman Lytham St Annes 41 Club
2010	2011	Chairman Lytham St Annes 41 Club (Also Treasurer for 7 years)
2016	To Date	Dragons 41 Club
2016	To Date	Chairman Dragons 41 Club
2017	To Date	Kirkham & Rural Fylde 41 Club
2016	To Date	National Councillor Region 5

I am Graham Sloan currently Chairman of Dragons 41 Club and National Councillor for Region 5 (North West) having held this position since June 2016. I am also a member of the Comms Team and have effectively maintained the CAS club data and password resets along with a host of other raised queries.

Currently the Comms Team is involved in the development of “CAS2”, which, when it goes “live” will be closely monitored by the Comms team and me!

My role has also involved me in working with current and past NCLOs in the monitoring and collection of overdue Capitation by liaising with Marchesi House Admin Team, Regional Councillors, the National Treasurer and the individual clubs involved.

Communication is vital between all members of the Exec and is one of my main strengths. Maintaining and communicating up to date information to all parties involved is imperative for the smooth running of the Association. I use emails, Facebook and meetings to achieve this.

The role of National Council Liaison Officer is very important. Having worked with Phill and Tom to deliver training to councillors, gave me great insight into what is required and what needs to be delivered by our Councillors, along with updating the Board. In addition, I would see my role, as NCLO, as being the conduit between the Board and National Council, sharing information between them, so that members benefit.

As the current holder of “The Terry Cooper Shield” I am fully aware of the requirements and demands that the councillor role involves and I am best placed to assist the Councillors.

I have consistently demonstrated that I have the skills, experience, knowledge and passion to support councilors in their roles, to promote continued friendship and to develop our Association.

Candidate: Des Fulcher

South Norfolk 41 Club

Alpha Knights 41 Club

FROM	TO	ROLE
2004	2008	Thetford Round Table
2008	2009	Harleston Round Table
2008	2009	RT Area 6 Media & PR Officer
2010	2015	Norwich 41 Club
2014	2015	Kings Lynn 41 Club
2011	2014	Deputy National Councillor, Region 17
2012	2013	RTBI National Presidents PLC – Sales
2015	To Date	South Norfolk 41 Club Founder Member
2014	2017	National Councillor Region 17

As an immediate past 41 Club National Councillor and prior to that in a deputising position I have seven years valuable experience of the opportunities and challenges which often exist, ideally suited to this position which acts as the link between National Councillors and the National Board.

After a four-year tenure as a District Councillor in South Norfolk was completed in April 2019, I decided to take semi-retirement, maintaining ownership of a professional licensed display firework company which is mostly seasonal, this means I have the time and resources to afford the position of National Councillor Liaison Officer.

Some of my previous work experience included managing field-based sales teams in different parts of the country, this invariably brings transferable skills to 41 Club which can help National Councillors to maintain and develop clubs in their region.

The welfare of National Councillors is an important aspect which I would prioritise, along with helping to encourage a positive approach towards their clubs, which will then ensure a healthy outlook is possible in their region.

Regional 41 Club National Councillor vacancies require extra focus and support to encourage local members to consider this important position, something I would work with members of National Council and clubs in the region to fill.

Motivating National Councillors to maintain a good relationship with clubs in their region is another important aspect which I would encourage and support, additionally feeding back any matters which are raised for discussion at board level.

I would work closely with the National Membership Officer to support membership initiatives in the regions and clubs, provide articles and notices to the National Communications Officer for inclusion in various media streams, and liaise with other parts of the Round Table Family to help support the overall objectives of the organisation.

APPENDIX B – RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1:

That new Rule 17.5 be added in the following terms:

Every constituent club shall be entitled to send one delegate, appointed from its full members, who shall not be a current member of the National Board, to a General Meeting. Each constituent Club shall have one vote on the Election of National Officers at a General Meeting (subject to Rule 4.6). Such vote shall only be given by the voting delegate appointed by the constituent Club from its own membership and attending the meeting.

This is proposed by Kingston 41 Club and Seconded by Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club (both Region 24).

Rationale:

Rule 17.3 specifically refers to voting by proxy on Resolutions. We do not seek to alter that Rule. The purpose of this proposed rule change is to clarify rule 17.3 which has been misinterpreted in the past. Rule 17.3 refers to “resolutions” brought to meetings by constituent Clubs and should never be extended to the election of National Officers.

Resolutions and Elections are plainly different. Each candidate for National Office may submit a written statement. We should not leave our decisions simply to the quality of the written word. We want to see the man make his presentation to the AGM and elect the person who will most suitably represent us. Incorrectly allowing proxy election voting significantly reduces the very purpose of the AGM speech. By a representative of each Club turning up, hearing the addresses and voting as his Club may have mandated him, we will see larger numbers at the AGM, involvement in National by more Clubs and a genuine “buy in” to our elected National Officers by the movement.

National Council Support this Resolution

RESOLUTION 2:

It is proposed that Rule 6.6 (as to canvassing) be deleted in its entirety.

This is proposed by Kingston 41 Club and Seconded by Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club (both Region 24).

Rationale:

Rule 6.6 fails to define canvassing but leaves National Officers to arbitrarily determine any accusation without the rules of natural justice being applied. This opens them up to unwarranted allegations of favouritism and inconsistency.

We accept canvassing by our politicians without question. We have all been subjected to many months of this of late. But we are thinking men well able to make our own decisions. Were you persuaded by the endless rhetoric?

If a candidate attends your meeting and tells you what he will do should he be elected, then you are better informed about the man than just his written statement. This may well work

against him if you take a dislike to him or not like his vision. He will never know how your club voted!

And if a candidate tells you he is standing, either directly or indirectly by a third party, without seeking your endorsement he is currently considered canvassing and may see him disqualified.

In this fast-changing world, the Millennials who will be the next generation of our movement would find this rule unfair and unjust. Now is our chance to get our house in order, be transparent and come into the 21st century.

National Council do not support this Resolution

RESOLUTION 3:

That rule 6.5 be amended as follows:

6.5 Nominations for office (under Rule 6.1) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Nominees for National Vice-President shall have served on the National Council for at least two (replacing one) years in the previous three years. Nominees for all National Board posts (replacing ‘for the National Councillors’ Liaison Officer’) must have served as a member of the National Council for a minimum of two years. Such nominations may be submitted by any constituent club (subject to Rule 14.1.). Such nominations must reach the National Secretary by 1st February. In the event of no nomination for any office being received by the closing date under this Rule, nominations may be received for any such office until immediately prior to voting for that office.

Rationale:

In the current rules it states that a person applying for nomination for the VP role must have one year on Council and a NCLO must have two. This is a confusing anomaly and thus creates confusion for all members. The reason for time served being suggested for these posts is so that their experience of Council is brought to the Board in all discussions.

National Council propose & therefore support this Resolution

RESOLUTION 4:

The following rule amendments to be taken together/jointly, as they relate solely to the sharing of Conference & AGM cost with Tangent:

21.2 The 41 Club (added) National Council and Tangent Board (added) shall be equally (added) responsible for all arrangements and make the necessary financial provision out of the funds of both (added, in place of ‘the’) Associations (plural) in respect of each Annual Conference. The two National Treasurers shall keep an oversight of the Conference budget, liaising with the local Conference appointed Treasurer. (added, in place of ‘The National Treasurer or his Deputy shall be a member of the local Conference Committee’).

21.4 If the Association holds a Regional Rally or any National Fellowship event the provisions of Rules 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 shall only apply in respect of 41 Club. Tangent have no financial responsibility in respect of any other National Event except for National Conference and AGM. (replacing 'All profits or losses accruing or resulting from Annual Conferences shall belong to or be borne by the Association').

21.5 All profits or losses accruing or resulting from the Annual Conferences shall jointly belong to or be borne by both 41 and Tangent Clubs. (replacing 'If the Association shall hold a Regional Rally the provisions of Rules 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 shall apply').

21.6 In the event that two areas decide to bid to host the National AGM and Conference in the same year, a committee comprising of the National Fellowship Officer, Tangent Vice President, Tangent Secretary and two members of the 41 Club National Council (one being a member of the Fellowship Committee) shall decide following a presentation by both parties which area will host the AGM and Conference. In the interests of objectivity, no member of this Committee should be from an area wishing to bid. The National Fellowship Officer will chair the meeting and carry the casting vote in case of the possibility that there is a split view as to who should host the Conference. (New Rule)

National Council propose & therefore support this Resolution

RESOLUTION 5:

That rule 6.2 be amended as follows:

6.2 (~~Taking effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting – remove~~), All members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three-year term (whether consecutive or not – added) unless there is no candidate to replace that Council Member. If there is no candidate for his replacement, then the incumbent Councillor or Officer may stand for re-election for a period of one year, repeatable once if there is still no candidate for his replacement after the one-year extension of his term.

Rationale:

The first line regarding 2018, ensured that when the rule change was brought up at the AGM 2016 it did not affect any officer in post at the current time. As AGM 2018 has now passed, this line is no longer relevant. The comment 'consecutive or not' was always in the rules up until AGM 2017, by ensuring that it remains, we keep to the rationale for the rule in the first place. Which was that National Council needs to regenerate itself and introduce new blood on a regular basis.

National Council propose & therefore support this Resolution

APPENDIX C – REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ON 2020 ACCOUNTS.

At the present moment, the report of the independent examiners has yet to be received. As and when it is available, it will be circulated to all clubs as a separate attachment, for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

Bernard Elwen

National Secretary 2020-24

15th March 2021

APPENDIX D – ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Income & Expenditure Account

	2020 Budget £	Outturn £	2019 Budget £	Outturn £	2018 Budget £	Outturn £
INCOME						
Capitation	204,450	177,089.99	217,500	206,086.88	217,500	217,761.39
Bank interest	400	323.78	1,000	1,178.04	1,000	947.07
Less Corporation Tax	-	(61.52)	-	(223.82)	-	(190.13)
Sales profit	2,000	2,213.94	2,000	3,769.82	3,000	3,055.66
Other Income	3,000	1,327.06	3,000	5,259.80	-	5,312.31
	209,850	180,893.25	223,500	216,070.72	221,500	226,886.30
EXPENSES						
Administration – Marchesi House	28,800	27,983.33	29,000	29,015.56	29,000	27,885.06
Printing & stationery	900	1,680.00	1,000	937.84	1,000	411.99
IT systems	16,000	16,304.57	17,000	15,414.31	17,000	15,708.67
Cost of annual general meeting	5,000	-	5,000	4,895.28	5,000	4,541.98
Presidential expenses – home	16,000	7,561.43	17,000	18,732.44	19,000	13,456.32

Presidential expenses – international	4,000	-	4,000	2,468.71	6,000	4,638.40
President’s car	5,000	4,915.16	5,000	2,315.20	-	-
Vice-President exp – home	1,200	-	1,000	1,098.58	-	-
International Officer’s expenses	7,000	3,634.55	7,000	7,014.64	7,000	6,986.23
41 International subscription	9,000	-	9,500	8,743.77	9,000	9,512.29
Ceremonials	1,500	-	-	2,516.67	-	1,422.00
Fellowship Officer’s expenses	3,200	2,691.98	2,500	2,039.75	3,000	2,512.15
Cost of conference	5,000	8,000.00	5,000	4,662.70	5,000	1,535.00
Membership database	12,800	10,000.00	-	-	-	2,601.30
Magazine printing	36,000	39,808.00	37,000	38,163.39	37,000	41,397.00
Council meetings	31,000	7,619.63	31,000	31,845.46	31,000	34,049.68
Board & other meetings	4,400	1,266.03	4,000	5,055.63	4,000	4,090.98
Club visits by councillors	8,000	4,226.84	8,000	6,184.91	8,000	3,722.75
Insurance	10,000	10,437.61	10,000	10,141.20	10,000	9,305.80
Gifts, awards & jewels	2,000	996.14	2,000	1,473.99	2,000	678.12
Accountancy fees	1,100	1,110.00	1,000	1,156.00	1,000	1,020.00
Sundries	1,200	1,495.12	1,000	957.50	1,000	394.15

Obsolete stock written down	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,200	1,081.43	12,000	215.00	10,500	1,978.00
Membership promotion	5,000	2,051.83	5,000	5,202.08	5,000	2,786.65
NCLO training & development	3,000	-	4,000	1,870.94	4,000	-
Millennium Way	-	-	-	-	2,000	1,232.61
CSLO projects	2,000	174.00	4,000	1,445.00	2,000	-
Archives	900	923.10	1,500	923.10	1,500	916.50
	221,200	154,460.75	223,500	204,489.65	220,000	192,783.63
General fund surplus/(deficit)	(11,350)	26,432.50	-	11,581.07	1,500.00	34,102.67

APPENDIX D – ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Balance Sheet

		2020		2019		2018
	£	£		£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Cost	79,632.71		73,629.38		73,629.38	
Expenditure capitalised	10,000.00		6,003.33		-	
Deduct depreciation	<u>(72,786.43)</u>		<u>(71,705.00)</u>		<u>(71,490.00)</u>	
		16,846.28		7,927.71		2,139.38
Current assets						
Stock at lower of cost & net realisable value	2,860.76		2,689.96		2,272.75	
Debtors & prepayments	19,589.82		30,797.36		30,542.84	
Cash at bank	<u>218,184.56</u>		<u>188,744.70</u>		<u>195,472.70</u>	
		240,635.14		222,232.02		228,288.29
Current Liabilities						
Creditors and income in advance		<u>2,191.02</u>		<u>1,323.83</u>		<u>13,508.84</u>

NET ASSETS255,290.40228,835.90216,918.83**FINANCED BY:****General fund:**

Balance 1 January 228,785.90

217,204.83

183,102.16

Surplus/(Deficit) for year 26,432.5011,581.0734,102.67

Balance 31 December 255,218.40

228,785.90

217,204.83

Special Reserve: Other Funds

Balance 1 January 50.00

(286.00)

(46.00)

Movement in fund 22.00336.00(240.00)

Balance 31 December 72.00

50.00

(286.00)

Total Funds255,290.40228,835.90216,918.83

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(0.00)

David Leach : National Treasure

Appendix E: 2022 Budget

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

	Budget 2020 £	Outturn 2020	Budget 2021 £	Proposed Budget 2022 £
BUDGET 2020 – 2022				
INCOME				
Capitation fees *	204,450	177,090	208,800	203,000
Bank interest, less tax	400	262	900	100
Regalia – sales commission	2,000	2,214	2,000	1,000
Other Income	3,000	1,327	3,000	1,000
Total Income	209,850	180,893	214,700	205,100
EXPENSES				
Administration – Marchesi House	28,800	27,983	30,000	30,000
Printing & stationery	900	1,680	1,000	1,000
IT systems	16,000	16,305	8,000	8,000
Cost of annual general meeting	5,000		5,000	5,000
Presidential expenses – home	16,000	7,561	16,000	16,000
Presidential expenses – international	4,000		4,000	4,000
President's car	5,000	4,915	5,000	5,000
Vice-President exp – home	1,200		1,200	1,200
International Officer's expenses	7,000	3,635	7,000	7,000
41 International subscription	9,000		9,000	9,000

Ceremonials	1,500		2,000	2,000
Fellowship Officer's expenses	3,200	2,692	4,000	4,000
Cost of conference	5,000	8,000	5,000	5,000
Membership database	12,800	10,000	1,000	1,000
Magazine printing	36,000	39,808	38,000	38,000
National Council Meetings	31,000	7,620	31,000	31,000
National Board Meetings	4,400	1,266	4,400	4,400
Club Visits	8,000	4,227	8,000	8,000
Insurance	10,000	10,438	10,500	10,500
Gifts, awards & jewels	2,000	996	2,000	2,000
Accountancy fees	1,100	1,110	1,200	1,200
Sundries	1,200	1,495	1,200	1,200
Obsolete stock written down	0	500	0	0
Depreciation	1,200	1,081	7,000	5,000
Membership Officer's expenses	5,000	2,052	5,000	5,000
Membership Campaigns**	0		19,000	19,000
NCLO training & development	3,000		2,000	2,000
CSLO projects	2,000	174	4,000	4,000
Archives	900	923	900	900
Total Expenditure	221,200	154,461	232,400	230,400
General Fund surplus (deficit)	-11,350	26,432	-17,700	-25,300
Capitation per member	14.5		14.5	14.5
Based upon membership of	14,100		14,400	13,000

* Includes late payments from previous years

** includes 41 Connects at a level of £6,000

Appendix E: 2020 Cashflow Statement

Cashflow statement	Budget		Outturn		Budget		Budget	
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening cash balance		188,744.70		188,744.70		218,184.56		202,484.56
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(11,350.00)		26,432.50		(17,700.00)		(25,300.00)	
Non-cash items								
Obsolete stock written down	-		500.00		-		-	
Movement in stocks	-		(670.80)		-		-	
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	-		11,207.54		-		-	
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	-		867.19		-		-	
Depreciation	1,200.00		1,081.43		7,000.00		5,000.00	
Non-cash items	1,200.00		12,985.36		7,000.00		5,000.00	
Cash from operating activities		(10,150.00)		39,417.86		(10,700.00)		(20,300.00)
Purchase of Fixed Assets								
IT software		(30,000.00)		(10,000.00)		(5,000.00)		(5,000.00)
						-		-
Special Reserve:								
Other Funds movt Cash (in) / out		-		22.00		-		-
Closing cash balance		167,244.70		218,184.56		202,484.56		177,184.56

Appendix F: Ratification of Decisions Taken by National Council

Decision 1 – To Extend the Term of all members of National Council by 12 months. At the National Council meeting of 4th April 2020 by video conference, a decision was made that all those members of National Council in post at that date would have their terms of office extended by 12 months. The rationale for this was that the pandemic was likely to last for several months, and members would be unable to visit clubs, take part in National and international events, and generally carry out their duties in the manner that they would have expected. The AGM is asked to ratify this decision.

Decision 2 – to increase the number of National Council meetings. Rule 10.2 states that National Council shall hold at least two meetings but no more than four per year, one of which shall be immediately prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting. In 2020/21, a total of 6 National Council meetings took place. It was found that it was more beneficial to the organisation to hold them more frequently in this pandemic year, especially as there was no additional cost incurred to the Association.