



**National Council Report  
For the meeting on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 2021  
By Videoconference**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT – PETER GOOD**

We enter 2021 with the COVID-19 situation worsening where I live in Leicestershire, due to the new variant and the strain on our hospitals with large numbers of people having to be admitted.

Having been in lockdown for about a year, I am now used to not doing all the glitz and glamour events that the Presidents normally do. It is a shame but it's my job to keep the association going forward.

We have adapted to the digital world with enthusiasm. I am now back on Zoom meetings every night with a variety of clubs with members of all ages and interests. I was online with the old Loughborough club at a lunchtime meeting. The youngest was 70 and all the rest late 80's and two of them in their 90's. They were all really enjoying their Zoom meetings, especially one member that had moved to Scotland which meant that he was able to meet his old friends.

The fellowship and banter we have on these Zoom meetings are just as good as face to face. It's just brilliant and I love it! Every night we have dinner early now so that I can shut myself in a room for the evening. I am probably seeing less of Lesley than if I was on the road, as this is every night and weekend, with the added responsibilities of dealing with problems that go on behind the scenes, which have to be sorted out even in these times.

You will have noticed our Thursday night Connects Events are back on every week, with the programme for the next three months already set out. I have a fantastic committee and we meet every week on Zoom. We have great fun and fellowship between ourselves organising these events. I am sure after lockdown we will continue with this maybe on a monthly basis, as it is a great way to connect with members. I hope you are taking part in these and that you are enjoying them.

The Burns night hosted by the "Scottish President!" Kev was a fantastic social event with over 160 couples online and the feedback was tremendous some requesting that we do it again next year. Also, there were 453 views on 41Club Facebook. Brilliant!! Thanks go to Mark House and LuBan for providing the superb Haggis meal, and organising the home delivery. Keep your eye on the Connects programme on the website to see what's coming up in the future.

Look forward to seeing you all on the electronic AGM, and hopefully face to face later in the year, but at the moment take every day as it comes, as none of us knows what might happen even in the next minute, yet still we go forward because we trust and have faith with each other.

Continue to DO MORE.

Take care, stay safe.

**Peter Good**  
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## **NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT – VACANT**

**Vacant**

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## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – ANDREW MACKERETH**

Since the last Council meeting I have assisted Board and Council with help, attended as many Connect meetings as possible. I aim to ring at least one ordinary 41 Club member every day for a chat and it is amazing how everyone is managing though COVID-19.

On a personal front Mildred has gone back to work assisting in COVID-19 vaccinations and I have been appointed as Chairman of the Building Committee of the local school where I am a governor. As I said at the virtual Budget AGM there are many opportunities for 41 Club members to offer their support to local charities as we have experience gained in our professional and Table careers.

I hope we can get together soon and hopefully we appear to be winning the battle.

**Andrew Mackereth**

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## **NATIONAL SECRETARY – BERNARD ELWEN**

Since the last National Council meeting in November 2020, there has been quite a lot going on. I have organised the Special General Meeting on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> December, the purpose of which was to seek the membership's approval of the 2019 accounts and 2021 budget. These would have been presented at the AGM in Cardiff had it taken place. 80 clubs were represented by voting delegates, with several more observers.

The next item on my agenda is the virtual AGM and the elections for the contested posts. The cancellation of Aviemore in April has meant that we are actively looking at a suitable online platform to host the AGM, as well as a suitable platform to manage the casting of votes for the contested elections. At the time of writing, a date has not been finalised for the online AGM. There are five resolutions on the table left over from the Cardiff AGM, and it is the Board's intention to put these on the agenda for the virtual AGM.

Mention has been made in my previous reports about legal disputes with a company called PicRights, over the unauthorised use of copyright images on our website. This is still ongoing, with us now dealing with their solicitors. We have made what we consider to be a reasonable settlement offer, so we wait to see the outcome.

Our staff at Marchesi House, Bev and Annie, are still working from home with laptops supplied by Round Table. I am very much looking forward to meeting them both in person at Marchesi House.

**Bernard Elwen**

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## **NATIONAL TREASURER – KEVIN LOVETT**

I attach the draft 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. Depending on discussions at the National Council Meeting in February 2021 a Budget will be prepared for 2022 shortly thereafter.

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

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

"Debtors" include prepayments of expenditure relating to future National Conferences and other events. "Creditors" include the Audit fee and tax on interest received.

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.

**Kevin Lovett**

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## **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER – GLEN LYON**

Since our last meeting we have seen the start-up of some of our Special Interest Groups:

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 Tam 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 AND I.T. OFFICER – DON MULLANE**

### **CAS2**

#### **Recap:**

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, National Councillors and the Board and preliminary training sessions have taken place for the latter two. The Comms & I.T. Team are working on instructional videos.

To ensure an effective rollout, the links to CAS2 from 41club.org have been temporarily disabled, but these will be reset when possible. Nevertheless, clubs and National Council and Board Members can access the majority of the core elements of the system including club submissions, emails and reports.

Carl and the CAS2 team have delivered something that actually works. Yes, there have been issues, but all data integrity has remained and the use of it by clubs has been as normal. Further enhancements to CAS2 will become operational over time as they migrate from Test to Live.

We appreciate CAS2 is new and different, so we are here to help you if you have problems.

### **41 Club Connects**

The Virtual Events have been a huge success with the membership. 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!

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. I attach the report on my most recent email as an example.

This shows that 9,909 emails were delivered to members; 9 soft bounced; and 3 hard bounced. (A **soft bounce** means that the **email** address was valid and the **email** message reached the recipient's mail server. However, common reasons it bounced back include; the mailbox was full (the user is over their quota); the server was down; or the message was too large for the recipient's inbox. A **hard bounce** occurs when the message has been permanently rejected either because the email address is invalid or the email address doesn't exist.

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 clicking on more than one event as there were 953 clicks in total by the 260 members.

We are also using the 41 Club Members' Forum and the Regional Facebook Groups to promote the events.

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

### **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.

### **Magazine**

We are working on the Spring Issue of the Magazine at present, for a March distribution date. Did I mention that we always need more articles?

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).

We have started showing the magazine in a flip page version instead of just a pdf on-line at [www.41clubconnects.co.uk](http://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.

### **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. 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.

### **2021 AGM**

We are currently assisting the National Secretary, Bernard Elwen, on finding solutions for electronic voting for a virtual AGM this year, using external third-party providers with established expertise and independence in these areas.

### **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.

We have had problems with 41club.org hence our use of [www.41clubconnects.co.uk](http://www.41clubconnects.co.uk) We are centralising all of our domain names.

### PicRights

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.

### Don Mullane

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## NATIONAL COUNCILLORS' LIAISON OFFICER – TOM ATKINS

Since my last report, time has flown. Lockdown, shielding, no mixing, no visiting grandkids, no club visits, no physical council or board meetings. But we are all in the same lifeboat, and communications are still happening. In fact, on a more regular basis than when we used to meet, which is a good thing.

Councillors are continuing to work together and getting on with things in sub groups and sub committees.

I seem to be on Zoom meetings almost as much as the President.

I have done some good meetings online, probably the best one was Nuneaton Past Table's beer tasting night. Which all clubs should be able to do. It was bit like the National 41 Cub Connects meeting (very well organised by Kelly Clarke) but local. All our clubs need is a local micro- brewery (or a big one if close) organise delivery to those attendees and sit back with snacks / food and let the brewer talk and explain about each beer. Awesome

I have attended a few virtual Christmas meetings which were not the same but still got drunk !!!, and the highlight of them all was the Carol Service Virtually which was fun and a great laugh.

I have enjoyed all of the connects meetings, so well done to the team. Attended councillor big night in meetings and more recently Redditch Charter/AGM which proved that we can grow clubs from little acorns. I attended their 5<sup>th</sup> AGM. They have grown from 6 members in 2016 to 18 after I inducted 2 more last week. (Check CAS in December !!!)

They are fortunate to still have a thriving feeder table, but they have recruited others who left a while ago when the original Redditch 41 club disaffiliated.

Looking forward to the council weekend and then April hopefully when I will hand over the position to a new kid on the block (or bloke)

I hope everyone stays safe and well in these difficult times.

**Tom Atkins**  
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## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER – ANDY VENTRESS**

I have again been unable to travel and therefore have been restricted to virtual meetings. I have been online at most IRO meetings on a Friday early evening. This has been very useful as I have been able to continue to see many other IROs on a more frequent basis than if we had been meeting face to face.

Late last year I gave assistance to a 41 member from Malta whose son was coming to work in the UK. Many thanks to Bushey & Oxhey 41 Club for their assistance.

All plans for YAP in 2021 have now been postponed after two Zoom meetings with all countries involved.

Whilst the period of November to March is normally not when there is much travelling for IROs, I have tried to be optimistic and hope that sometime in 2021 I will again be able to travel and represent GB&I at actual meetings.

**Andy Ventress**  
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## **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – STEVE JAMES**

Once again, Covid-19 and the various restrictions has forced us to cancel this year's AGM and conference in Aviemore but hopefully with the progress of the UK's vaccination programme we may be able to hold the remaining National events that are planned for later this year.

My report is structured as per my areas of responsibility as follows:

### **Aviemore 2021**

With the cancellation of conference, arrangements are currently underway to process refunds for those who did not wish for their balances to be automatically transferred to Cardiff 2022. The cancellation of accommodation for delegates has been somewhat challenging because the hotel group have been inconsistent in their approach to cancellations. When originally booking hotel accommodation delegates were informed that their bookings were not refundable yet the hotel has accepted to honour cancellations of some guests with no financial penalty whereas others have been informed that they cannot cancel. I am liaising with the hotel group to see if the matter can be addressed as a matter of urgency.

In terms of the deposit paid to the hotel group I have been informed that should we to cancel the event at this stage whilst Government restrictions have not been announced for April, not only will we lose our deposit but we will be subject to cancellation charges, therefore I have not cancelled the booking and am waiting for new Government announcements. Taking into considerations the current situation it is highly probable that the hotel will have no alternative but to cancel the event at which point we will be entitled to receive a voucher for the amount which we have paid which can be used at any other Macdonald hotel in the UK. I intend to use this credit towards our October National Council weekend.

### **Cardiff 2022**

The Honorary webmaster is working with the team to develop the new conference booking website and the first full conference meeting is being held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January but due to the conference being "pulled" at the last minute there is limited work required for the conference team at this stage. The dates for conference are 31<sup>st</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Jersey 2023**

I have been in regular contact with the Chair of the Jersey conference team and their conference meetings will recommence on 19<sup>th</sup> April. The dates of the conference are 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

## **Liverpool 2024**

The conference team have formally submitted their budget and I am currently going through it in detail to ensure that everything “stacks up” before asking for formal approval from National Council. I hope to be able to prepare something for our February meeting.

## **International AGM and Conference 2023**

Due to lockdown restrictions the site visits arranged for December were cancelled and will be rearranged as soon as restrictions ease.

## **Members Benefits**

Due to most companies either not being open or placing staff on furlough I have not been able to pursue further benefit schemes for our members although I have had tentative conversations with a motor company regarding 41 Club being offered a car for the President., further details will follow as things progress. In relation to members benefit I have recently submitted a paper to the 41 International Board regarding establishing an International member’s benefit scheme. Our own inaugural 41 Club member’s handbook was circulated prior to Christmas and I have received very positive feedback from members regarding the handbook and its content.

## **Classic rally**

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions the rally is due to take place in Kent on 18-20<sup>th</sup> June with the base for the weekend being the ‘Inn on the Lake’, Shorne.

## **Bike Rally**

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions the rally will be held on the weekend of 2-4<sup>th</sup> July at the Dragonfly hotel Kings Lynn.

## **Caravan and Camping Rally**

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions the rally will take place on the weekend of 10-12<sup>th</sup> September at Hardwicke Parks Oxfordshire

## **National Golf Finals**

Peter McBride is liaising with Golfbreaks regarding the rearranged event which is likely to take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

## **41 Club connects**

The 41 Connects Zoom events are in full swing and my personal thanks go to all the connects team for pulling together a fantastic programme of events. In the coming weeks we have the following:

- 11<sup>th</sup> February Valentines Chinese New Year cooking
- 18<sup>th</sup> February a virtual tour of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- 25<sup>th</sup> February an evening with Wayne Barnes
- 4<sup>th</sup> March a joint evening with Round Table

- 11<sup>th</sup> March an evening with Brad Ashton on “Scams and how to avoid them”

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions the anniversary celebrations will take place from 8-11<sup>th</sup> July at the De Vere Hotel and Conference centre in Nottingham. The summer National Council meeting will be held on the Saturday at the conference centre.

## National Council meetings

Our next meetings are planned as follows:

Saturday 10th July at the De Vere Hotel and Conference centre in Nottingham.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October venue Tbc

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## REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN STEWART (CARETAKER)

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## REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN STEWART

Sadly COVID-19 restriction and the current lockdown have meant that no face-to-face meetings have occurred, however business and visits has happened using zoom.

The situation across most of Scotland is that the majority of clubs are not meeting, this is due to members not wishing to embrace technology (despite being offered training and the use of the 41 club zoom account) and the older age of members. However, where clubs have been meeting, there have been various joint zoom meetings and speakers.

The recent burns supper was very well received with a considerable number of clubs from Scotland in attendance, so I am hopeful that this can be built upon to encourage more participation going forward

The cancellation of the Aviemore Conference in April due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions does not help either. I am continually on the lookout for someone to take up the vacant role of the Region 1 councillor without success at the moment.

However, on a more positive note, not having to travel around, has reduced the miles on the car and my carbon footprint, and over the last year have now lost over 4 stone in weight!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event</u> / <u>Visit</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>Attending</u>
5/11/20	National Councillor Meeting	Zoom	25
7/11/20	National Council Meeting	Zoom	35
19/11/20	Larbert & Falkirk	Zoom	37
24/11/20	Edinburgh Capital	Zoom	4
2/12/20	Troon	Zoom	20

21/12/20	Linlithgow	Zoom	17
		Zoom	
weekly	41 Club Connects prep meetings	Zoom	10
26/1/21	Burns Night 41 Club Connects	Zoom	180

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## **REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT**

**Vacant**

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## **REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER MILBURN**

**No report received**

**Peter Milburn**

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## **REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – ROGER SPENSLEY**

This month has been quite quiet but I have become increasingly familiar with zoom and been kept reasonably busy setting up zoom meeting for Gosforth and Scafell, Ulverston and Clitheroe. There is certainly increasing use of virtual meeting within this region. I have also attended meetings with Preston Old Parts 41 Club who have been very active with both their usual monthly meetings and also a much more informal catch-up meetings held in between these at which they just catch up, have a pint and a chat.

I sent out a monthly newsletter publicising both the President's Charity and Tom Atkins' fund raising efforts and also the 41 Club Connects programme. I have also been involved with this throughout the month, attending weekly meeting and invigilating on the regular meetings but it seems that the necessity for this "crowd control" has lessened as members get more used to zoom etiquette.

**Roger Spensley**

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## **REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – WYNN PARRY**

**Regional**

Another quiet period in Region 6. During this reporting period I have been regularly attending the zoom meetings of my own club Shipley, joining the 41 Club connects meetings on Thursday evenings, Horsforth 41 Club (2 meetings), the White Knights (3 meetings), O.B.E's regarding

the White Rose Dinner and with Ilkley Olicana. I have been contacting clubs via email and phone but, as yet they seem reluctant to invite me to attend.

I have produced my quarterly Region 6 newsletter in December and have sent several emails out to the region covering items like

- Updating CAS with correct membership details and contact information of Club Officers
- Reaching out to any member who they feel may be lonely at this time
- Publicising 41 Club Connects
- Publicising 41 Club Buddies
- AGM cancellation and proposed way forward
- Offering training on how to use Zoom
- Postponement of regional Golf day

I have received some positive responses to some of these updates.

### **Club Information**

Unfortunately, Selby 41 Swan 41 Club has closed, they closed in September, they say they've informed National, but I was unaware until last week

I fear Selby 41 Club may also have closed, they only have 1 very old member (90+) and his phone is now unobtainable. I have written to him to try and find out the situation.

As everyone knows Ebor 41 Club are upset about having to pay capitation, I am liaising with Glen about this.

Hallamshire 41 Club are currently voting on whether to disaffiliate or not, this is an annual event. Last year their main protagonist wanted to disaffiliate because there was a problem with him getting his Sainsbury's vouchers from Wider Wallet. Glen and I had scheduled a visit and will do so if they stay onboard and when it's safe to do so. They will be making a decision by 31/01/2021

### **New Clubs**

I am in the process of setting up a new 41 Club in Region 6 for all past Area 32 Round Table Area chairman. I am waiting responses to determine the next steps. Depending on the responses I may open the membership to past Area Exec. Members. I will also contact past area 9 and 15 Round table areas to see if they have an appetite to do something similar either separately or all together in 1 big club.

I have also contacted old members of Baildon 41 Club/Round Table to ask if they are interested in re-establishing Baildon 41 Club or whether they would be interested in joining Shipley 41 Club, where I am now a member. I have to be careful with the later, as I want to avoid it appearing to be a "take over", Shipley 41 Club are in favour of accepting the old Baildon members into their Club. I will be arranging a zoom meeting in early February with the Baildon guys to determine how best to proceed and discover what their preference is.

### **Next Quarter**

At the moment, I will be attending meetings with the same Clubs as this period but will try to increase this number by contacting the Clubs again via email and phone.

I'll be chasing capitation, getting emails and addresses sorted in CAS2 and contacting members whose National Magazines were returned to Marchesi House to obtain correct postal addresses or stop the member from receiving the magazine.

## **National**

I have spent a great deal of time working behind the scenes, as part of my role as a National Councillor.

- I have produced the Monthly National Newsletters
- I have produced the Quarter National magazine
- I am a 41 Club Buddy
- Testing of the new CAS2 system
- Arrange a training session from Carl for the Board and councillors on CAS2 functionality.
- Providing ongoing training to Councillors and board members on how to use CAS2
- Assisting the Honorary Webmaster with administration of the Zoom accounts
- Announced the winners of the best National Website and Newsletter prizes
- Run the Winter photography competition (with guidance from the NCLO)
- Applied for the Honorary Archivist role

## **Wynn Parry**

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## **REGION 7 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT**

**Vacant**

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## **REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JOHN KILSHAW**

Since our last Council meeting in October, I am honoured to report the formation of a new club within our Region

PACAPs Area 8 – Past Area 8 Chairmen and Presidents 41 Club in October, the inaugural meeting being attended by President Peter, Membership officer Glenn, Past National Tangent President Jill Harris, National President RTBI Matt, National Councillors Jim Conway, Rory Tompsett and Roger Spensley, along with 30 members of Region 8.

The club will meet quarterly as we are all members of other clubs and our role apart from fun and fellowship is to support our local Tables.

I have communicated our support for zoom meetings and have helped two clubs with their meetings

I have attended 5 clubs during December via zoom and advertised the connects meetings via Region 8 Face book page which I have attended

I have had great feedback from my clubs for those that have attended the connects meetings and I thank all those involved in setting up the meetings.

The follicley challenged chefs page is going great with all 4 clubs taking part and I am pleased to see that the cook off idea has progressed to a National event along with local 41 club events

The “I would walk 500 miles and I would walk 500 more” has been fantastic and proved a great success getting to know fellow councillors and Board members and again I am honoured to be taking part for Dementia UK

I would like to thank Tom for his help and support to me in my first year as a National Councillor and all my fellow Councillors and Board for making the role fun and worthwhile, the more you put in the more you get out and I know the membership appreciate all the work that has been done in these strange times

**John Kilshaw**

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## **REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER WALKER**

Once again, I have to report that all is quiet on the 41 Club front in Lincolnshire. I have sent out a newsletter which resulted in a substantial increase in the numbers joining our Facebook group but after a short flurry of messages and some good banter generated by me offering to design a pin badge for the region, it all went quiet again.

The region has shown a disappointing lack of enthusiasm and interest in the 41 Club Connects programme, despite me joining as many meetings as possible and telling people how enjoyable they are. I have hosted several Zoom meetings but again the attendance has been disappointing and as I reported last time, I have come to the conclusion that most members don't like online meetings and are just waiting for vaccines to take effect so they can meet face to face again. This is also being shown by the lack of progress being made in determining the profiles of the region's clubs for membership purposes. On the basis that I took over this role shortly before lockdown 1, I have been unable to visit any of the clubs and can't even take an educated guess to be able to categorise the clubs.

I think what this does demonstrate is the need to ensure there is somebody to fill the NC position immediately on the current councillor's retirement. Any gaps, particularly a lengthy one like the one before me, mean it is very difficult to pull the region up and generate enthusiasm, and when we are suffering with a pandemic as well, the job is almost impossible.

**Peter Walker**

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## **REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JOHN MANLEY**

### **News emails:**

5 newsletters focused around zoom meetings, 41 Club connect, conference, CAS, SGM etc.

### **Treasurers committee**

Assisting with EGM Treasurers report for SGM

### **Meetings**

28<sup>h</sup> October – CAS2

02<sup>nd</sup> November - Ashby Chinese meal

19<sup>th</sup> November – Derby beer and chat zoom meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> December - John Inverdale 41 Club Connects

15<sup>th</sup> December – Leicester quiz and Christmas meeting

10<sup>th</sup> December - Moongazer Beer 41 Club Connects

12<sup>th</sup> December – Cheese and beer meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> January – Unofficial Council meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> January – National Council zoom training  
26<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night 41 Club Connects  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Zoom training for region 10  
31<sup>st</sup> January – Prep for CAS2 presentation

**John Manley**  
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### **REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE TASKER**

Zoom meetings have been going well with the following 41 Clubs in Region 11:

1. Northwich in November where they had a quiz night
2. As Chair of Heswall XRT41 we had a beer night in November
3. Stoke Sutherland 41 Club Meeting in November which was just a get together and a natter for an hour
4. Middlewich Christmas Party early December with a quiz and a little dressing up
5. I was then on Santa Sleigh Duty with Round Table from the 5th December 19th December
6. As Chair of Heswall XRT41 we had our Carol evening via zoom on the 14th December
7. Middlewich on the 6th Zoom quiz about cars
8. Heswall RT and XRT41 Business meeting 12th Jan
9. Northwich 41 Zoom speaker night about the history of why surgeons now wash their hands given by David, a retired surgeon
10. Updates done for Middlewich 41 on CAS2 and sent landing page for Chairman & Secretary
11. Updated Ellesmere Port Details on CAS2 Landing page

**Steve Tasker**  
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### **REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – RORY TOMPSETT**

Welshpool 41 Club - Quiz Night

HaWK 41 Club & Round Table – Moel Siabod Mountain Walking - good interaction getting to know how the 2 Clubs interact and support each other.

Attended the Zoom inauguration / Charter of Liverpool Area 8 Past Area Chairman & Presidents 41 Club - PACAP Club - John Kilshaw

Deeside 41 Club – Zoom Wine Quiz Night - Mark Roberts did an outstanding adaptation of his usual Quiz and Tasting Notes / History of Wine.

Deeside 41 Club – Zoom Speaker Night - Robert Dixon - Cycling & Bike Tours - A great insight to Roberts Cycling experiences & events.

Welshpool 41 Club - Zoom Meeting together with local Rotary - Speaker Ian Hughes on the Early History of Motoring.

Heswall XRT 41 Club - Zoom Beer Tasting

Xmas 2020

Christmas Tree Delivery - Deeside RT & Chester RT - an Area 36 Fundraiser with a local supplier - delivery of Xmas Trees by Santa on the Santa Float

“Rudolf Rory” - Planning & Towing Chester 76 RT Santa Float - Raised £7,324.00 over 12 Nights.

Heswall XRT 41 Club - Zoom Carol Singing & Quiz Night

I organised a Region 12/Area 36 Xmas Paintball - Members from Chester 41 Club/ Deeside 41 Club/ Alyn & Deeside 41 Club - Chester RT / Deeside RT - with several potential RT Members (1 of which has since joined Deeside RT)

Christmas Tree Collection - collected used Xmas Trees in Jan 2021 - Collected approximately 150 Trees at £10 per Tree - Members from Deeside 41 Club and Alyn & Deeside 41 Club - Assisting Deeside RT

Hoylake & West Kirby 41 Club & RT - Programme planning and recruitment discussions.

Set Up FB Special Interest Group - 41 Club XRT MAMIL's Cycle Club with Mark Sargent (Heswall XRT 41 Club)

Alyn & Deeside XRT 41 Club - Zoom Wine Tasting Quiz

Chester Knights 41 Club -They have not met in 12 months - I have agreed to Host & Chair the next 2 Meetings as their Chairman is blind and obviously cannot use Zoom!

Planning on a Zoom Master Class and a Speaker Night.

Attended the 41 Club Connects Speaker Meetings

National Council Meetings & SGM

**Rory Tompsett**

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**REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DUNCAN KENNEDY (CARETAKER)**

As John Bell is taking a bit of a back seat at the moment, I have stepped in to help out.

1. I have been in touch with all Clubs that still owed capitation for 2020 and I have been promised payment from most of them. However, it would seem that only one of them has actually paid. I will continue to chase them.
2. I have also been in touch with most other Clubs and only a small number are actually having any form of virtual meetings although they do keep in touch with each other by email and telephone. I have offered to attend any virtual meeting that anyone is holding and I keep on to them for an invitation.
3. I attended the virtual meeting in December to represent my Region. I have also attended other Council/informal meetings.
4. I have attended the Zoom training and CAS2 training nights.
5. I have set up a regional Zoom training night for February.
6. I am setting up a regional Quiz night for March.
7. I have produced a couple of newsletters and had a couple (literally 2) of responses from people in the Region. Undaunted I will continue with these.

**Duncan Kennedy**

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#### **REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JIM CONWAY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event</u> / <u>Visit</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>Attending</u>
5/11/20	National Councillor Meeting	Zoom	25
7/11/20	National Council Meeting	Zoom	35
10/11/20	LOTS	Zoom	30
11/11/20	Lichfield	Zoom	20
13/11/20	OBE AGM	Zoom	20
20/11/20	LC VP PLC	Zoom	12
20/11/20	Lancashire 41 PAC Man	Zoom	25
21/11/20	Market Harborough Murder Mystery	Zoom	150
25/11/20	Aldridge 41 Club	Zoom	12
2/12/20	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10
3/12/20	John Inverdale 41 Club Connects	Zoom	180
8/12/20	LOTS	Zoom	30
9/12/20	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10
10/12/20	Moongazer Beer 41 Club Connects	Zoom	150
16/12/20	41 Club SGM	Zoom	35
18/12/20	OBE	Zoom	20
19/12/20	PERT Xmas Party	Zoom	6
21/12/20	BJQRT	Zoom	8
22/12/20	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10

23/12/20	Xmas Carols 41 Club Connects	Zoom	150
5/1/21	LC VP PLC	Zoom	12
6/1/21	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10
7/1/21	Richard McCann 41 Club Connects	Zoom	150
13/1/21	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10
14/1/21	Terry Cooper 41 Club Connects	Zoom	150
11/1/21	41 Club National Council Meeting	Zoom	35
25/1/21	41 Club Connects Prep Meeting	Zoom	10
26/1/21	Burns Night 41 Club Connects	Zoom	180

**Jim Conway**

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## REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NEAL LOWE

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November completed the 500 miles plus 500 miles challenge which was a great motivation thing for me to do.

Due to COVID-19, no club visits have been conducted although did help Nuneaton Round Table with their Santa Sleigh. Held various zoom meetings as part of Membership Committee to discuss membership incentives and special interest groups.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region / Club</u>	<u>Event / Visit</u>	<u>Members Attending</u>
5/11/2020	National Councillor Meeting	Zoom	25
7/11/2020	National Council Meeting	Zoom	35
21/11/2020	Market Harborough Murder Mystery Night	Zoom	120
25/11/2020	Heart of England Meeting	Zoom	18
15/12/2020	Nuneaton 41 Club Meeting	Zoom	12
December	Various nights out with Nuneaton Santa Sleigh		
05/01/2021	Nuneaton 41 Club	Zoom	8
18/01/2021	CAS Training	Zoom	
19/01/2021	Nuneaton 41 Club	Zoom	12
28/01/2021	Redditch 41 Club AGM	Zoom	20

I am also part of the Hi-Tiddle Committee for Nuneaton Round Table and sorting contracts with hotel and attendees following the moving of the event to 2022.

**Neal Lowe**

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## **REGION 16 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL SIMMONS**

Only a short report from myself this time round. Still trying to build communication with the regions members who have, in the majority, gone into hibernation over Winter.

Communication has been slim on the ground for this short period. Following on from my last report communication is slow, however I am looking to expand my repertoire of communication by building a newsletter fro the region, especially with the ease of the new CAS2 system. Hopefully, this will build on the efforts of National with 41Club Connects events. Although, advertised numerous times, there has been little upkeep for members to join the Regional Facebook but perseverance in all the different approaches will hopefully lead to a successful outcome and engagement to aid the transition to actually getting out and meeting the region for the first time, once I am able to visit all 'face to face'. I did, however, take part in a Zoom Quiz with Stamford XT before Xmas.

**Paul Simmons**

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## **REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KELLY CLARKE**

I have tried to contact several of my clubs on the phone as email response is poor. Some are not interested while others are happy to chat. I have asked numerous times about joining Zoom meetings with them but get very little response. I feel a little despondent over that and do wonder where we will end up. However, of those that are meeting, some are meeting more than they ever did.

There does seem to be a lot of confusion over the landing pages from the clubs and I will add that I am struggling with them and hope that the full CAS2 will be out quickly - it seems to be taking forever considering we were Carl's first job. (not that I understand computers, beyond my pay grade)

Being involved in the *41 Club Connects* programme is something I am enjoying and seeing the members enjoy the evening. There seems to be a fan club of people who join every week now and several seem to be hanging in after the official meeting has closed for a bit of banter, all good fun, which is what it was set up to be.

**Kelly Clarke**

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## **REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK HOUSE**

For this period, I have been mainly assisting clubs in helping them meet. I have sent clubs emails and newsletters with news and ideas on meetings. I have sought news items and also shared news from across different groups in the region.

I have also added content to the Facebook Group for Region 18, as well as advertising the National Events that have been put on.

I have also been working on finding a Regional Councillor Assistant and one person has stepped forward. I will work with him to see what we can do together and help build a stronger presence across the Region.

**Mark House**

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## **REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT**

**Vacant**

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## **REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID CHARD**

In these difficult times, most clubs seem to be simply keeping in touch with their own members using a variety of methods of communication. Primarily via Zoom or Teams for online club meetings plus numerous 'in-club' quizzes, theme nights, charity safari suppers etc.

However, many clubs are still active in their own areas supporting local charities food banks and the like, but there are still clubs holding larger events such as Twyford and District who held a major Bonfire and Firework display for many years – obviously this could not happen last year so they created a large local quiz for the town - open to all – the response was excellent as was the event that clearly took many hours of work and raised several thousands for local charities. But that being said overall it's very quiet due to the inability of being unable to hold larger functions.

I have always made myself available and tried to keep in touch with all clubs in Region 20 throughout. However, on a sad note Bracknell 41 club disaffiliated at the EGM, I am still in touch with a couple of them so I have not given up yet!

But to conclude on a positive note I have received many excellent comments on 'The Connect' programme of events and the work being done at National level.

**David Chard**

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## **REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN CHARD**

As Covid-19 restrictions have continued I have largely carried out my role by attending numerous individual Club and National meetings via zoom. Whilst not as enjoyable as meeting face to face over a pint it has proven a good substitute!

During this quarter I have also kept in touch with members through two Regional Newsletters in November and December and received good feedback. I continue to moderate the Region 21 Facebook page and have updated the content especially to promote the National 41 Club Connects events which have been well attended. I am also an Admin of the 41 Club Members Forum and Round Table Family Facebook pages which keep me busy.

I have been pleased to help several clubs with updating the membership database CAS and with capitation queries. If any club in my region would also like assistance please do let me know.

I am part of the National Membership committee and we have met via zoom over the last few months. I have also been supporting Our National President and his Charity, Dementia UK, by walking '500 miles plus 500 more'. National conference was to be held in April this year in

Aviemore and is exactly 500 miles from my home in Somerset. So far, I have walked 784 miles since May 2020 making the virtual journey to Aviemore and am now over half way back home!

**Kevin Chard**

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### **REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK HINCHLIFFE**

I have been in contact with the clubs in my Region, to see how they are getting on and gently nudge those who have not paid their capitation. There does not seem to be much interest in Zoom meetings within my clubs. I have promoted the 41 Club Connects, and there does seem to be some interest in the Cricket Match Special on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mark Hinchliffe**

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### **REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – RICHARD DYSON**

Life within the Region over the last 4 months has continued with much evidence of traditional fellowship and fun, despite the pandemic. Certain of the Clubs have embraced the challenges, developing innovative ideas to continue to meet, albeit virtually. The recent return to lockdown has made some activities difficult, but where there a will there is a way. What would we do without zoom!

There is growing support for the weekly 41 Club Connects, and compliments paid about the wide range of topics and quality of speakers.

One club recently seized the opportunity for creativity and organised a version of the TV favourite “Would I lie to you”. The evening attracted participation of 82 from the local 41 club, Tangent and Round Table for what turned out to be a hoot of an evening.

Publication of my Newsletter has been widely welcomed. Intended to be an easy read, with a brief summary of local news and signposting to National events and interests, edition No 3 will be circulated shortly.

I am trying to encourage some of my smaller, lower profile Clubs to become more aware of the Association. I have introduced a “Know your Neighbour” section within the newsletter. I will invite different Clubs to submit a short resume of their Club, with reference to their activities, history and member interests, so that introductions to neighbouring Clubs might follow.

Disappointingly I have just concluded my first disaffiliation from the Association. Minehead and West Somerset, a small club of 14 members are gradually reducing in size with an elderly profile and no feeder Club and are reluctant to continue the traditions of 41 Club despite my strenuous efforts of demonstrating the recently improved benefits of membership.

Recently exploring CAS2, I have discovered that almost half of my Clubs do not have a members' email selected as their preferred means of contact, and so are probably not receiving updates on Club Connect and Regional newsletter. I am currently reminding Club Contacts/ Chairmen/ Secretaries of this and the means of remedy if they wish.

I have recently shared with one club details of how to access the National zoom account, so avoiding time out after 40 minutes of free zoom.

Richard Dyson  
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## REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER McBRIDE

### January 2021 Report

#### Regional Club ‘visits’

17 Nov	Wimbledon
18 Nov	W&C - International theme with IRO Andy Ventress
2 Dec	Crowborough
8 Dec	Fleet – Debate ‘This house believes a man’s car reflects his personality’
16 Dec	W&C – Quiz evening
11 Jan	Reigate – Gave a Whisky Talk
20 Jan	W&C – an evening in thanks of the NHS

#### National Events – 41 Club Connects

3 Dec	An evening with John Inverdale
10 Dec	Moon Gazer Beer Tasting
23 Dec	An evening of Christmas Fellowship
7 Jan	Richard McCann – Motivational Speaker
26 Jan	Inaugural Burns Supper

I have found that many of my Clubs have met less frequency over the last 3-4 months, with some not meeting at all since last Summer. This has reduced my ability to engage with Clubs virtually but I have contacted and spoken to all Club Contacts to ensure their Clubs are OK and insert myself into their plans for future meetings.

In October, I joined **Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club** who had a meeting where each member shared their worst and best holiday destinations and why – this generated a lot of stories, comparisons and memories. In December I joined **Crowborough 41 Club** who had organised a talk on the History of Wealden Iron Industry by Tim Smith of Wealden Iron Research Group (WIRG). Also, in December I took part in a great debating contest at **Fleet 41 Club**, where the motion being debated was *“This house believes a man’s car reflects his personality”* - surprisingly the motion was lost! Some very witty speakers though and it was a fantastic format. In January I gave a virtual Whisky Talk to **Reigate 41 Club** – always a popular topic!

In my own **Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club** we continue to have ‘themed’ monthly Zoom meetings with speakers to celebrate topics. In November Andy Ventress IRO joined us as we held an ‘International memories’ Club meeting when we shared stories and photos about our past Round Table 166 ‘Euromeetings’ with our ‘twinned Clubs in Netherlands, Germany and France. The photos were hilarious showing members when they had more hair and smaller waistlines! In December we enjoyed a Christmas Quiz and in January, we had talks from two

of our own members – a GP and a Paramedic – who work on the front line of the battle against Covid-19 and shared their experiences. Quite raw and emotional talks that made the rest of us realise that our own difficult days are not that bad by comparison.

### **Region 24 Newsletter – '24-Ours'**

I published my December Regional Newsletter to all Club members within the Region - under the headline '*We suspected it would end in Tiers*' as the Country came under stricter Covid-19 Tier restrictions.

### **41 Club Buddies**

In December, the 41 Club Buddyline was launched and now has 20 volunteer 'Buddies' ready and willing to answer calls on a daily rota seven days a week – including two new volunteers. Every day between 10am and 10pm, there are 4-5 Buddies available to answer the Buddyline, each of whom are phoned in turn and if they are unable to answer for any reason, the call diverts onto another Buddy.

Although the service was not scheduled to operate on Bank Holidays, it was extended to cover the recent Christmas Day and Boxing Day as we realised that these can be particularly difficult for some. Whilst we have yet to receive our first call, we are aware that the service has raised awareness to Clubs of the importance of supporting their own members.

### **41 Club Connects**

I have been part of the 41Club Connects Committee that has met weekly and organised a range of Virtual Events for all members to join. The five events held to date have been highly successful and popular with the many members who have attended the events. Weekly events have been scheduled for the next 2-3 months. I have received many plaudits about how National have been seen as doing a good thing for the members in these challenging times.

### **National Golf Finals 2021**

The cancelled National Golf Finals of last year have now been rescheduled to a new venue and a new date in 2021. The new venue is Marriott Breadsall Priory Hotel & Country Club on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. In addition to the 28 players from 2020 who will be attending, there will be an additional 8 tee slots available to Clubs on a first-come basis. An advert will appear in the next National Newsletter.

### **CAS2**

I have continued my role on the CAS2 Committee that has met weekly and the system functionality for National Councillors is at last starting to be made available and training sessions by Carl Smalley have been held and additional training sessions are being planned by Wynn Parry and myself.

**Peter McBride**

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### **REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – VACANT**

**Vacant**

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## **HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the number of face-to-face Meetings, Dinners and Charters has not taken place; therefore it has been very quiet in respect of requests for me to find past information or background on the history of Clubs.

In addition, due to the Lockdown it has not been possible to visit the Archive Room at Marchesi House to sort out the hard copies of resent Magazines and to drop off the memorabilia that I have collected over the past months.

One aspect of my role that has not changed and has in fact increased is the receiving, acknowledging and placing on our Website under our Book of Remembrance is the Obituaries. For the next magazine (Spring Edition) we will note the passing of forty-two members of which at least four that I know about have passed away due to Covid19. This is the highest number of deaths that I have reported during my seven years in this post.

On a much lighter note, I am delighted that a number of Members have shown an interest in putting themselves forward for the Honorary Archivist post when I step down at the AGM. I think this shows how healthy an Association we have become and that we will not have to twist anyone's arm to do the job. I am more than happy to have a chat, as I have been doing, with anyone who is considering putting themselves forward for the post to tell them in a little bit more detail what the post involves and were they might like to expand on the role.

**Hugh Milward**

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## **HONORARY SOLICITOR – DAVID SMITH**

In addition to regular Zoom meetings with my own club and a group of past presidents, since the previous Council Meeting, I have been pleased to:

1. Advise members of the Board on several matters including the issue of photograph copyright which I hope may now be nearing a conclusion; and
2. Advise a few individual members on the impact on their clubs' activities of the COVID-19 regulations.

Speaking personally, I thought the Special General Meeting dealing with the Accounts and Budget worked very well. One slight problem may be the question of the time it took - about double the time normally taken at a physical AGM. This may have been due to the novelty of the occasion or members feeling emboldened to speak at length away from the presence of their peers but the problem needs to be addressed if we hold a virtual AGM in future.

**David Smith**

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## HONORARY WEBMASTER– MARK HOUSE

Numerous requests for site changes have been progressed, including:

- Making updates to different board and council member profiles
- Adding News and Events to the site and home page, including links to newsletters etc
- Supporting members, clubs and councillors with their pages

## WEBSITE UPDATES

As well as the areas that members can see, I and the team have been pursuing making various parts of the site work a little better and more secure for members. This has included:

CHANGE	PROGRESS
Changing the site from HTTP to HTTPS meaning that the site now offers a secure visitor experience.	COMPLETE
Updating the underlying system – the site was using an outdated and insecure version of PHP and this has been updated.	COMPLETE (BUT SEE BELOW)
Repairing the image and PDF upload functionality - the PHP changes resulted in a loss of functionality which meant that images nor newsletters could be uploaded for c 6-8 weeks. All news and magazines were moved to <a href="http://www.41clubconnects.co.uk">www.41clubconnects.co.uk</a> to ensure that they were published somewhere	COMPLETE
Repairing the Google Maps functionality so that the maps show when they are used.	ONGOING – this development has been problematic. Issues around the Google account access are resolved, but the development remains incomplete. Toucan have kept us informed at all times are seeking new developers to support this work.

## DOMAINS

The Board has agreed that all 41 Club Domains ought to be migrated to a single supplier where all costs and services can be managed. A direct supplier has been chosen and the domains under the control of Technos have been partially migrated. The new service will be set up by end February where all domains will be moved to the single supplier. From there, a review of the domains the Association holds will be reviewed and checked that the right domains are held.

The overall approach will allow the Association to reduce overall costs.

## **41 CLUB CONNECTS**

The 41 Club Connects Events continue and I have been supporting those efforts through:

- Maintaining the 41 Club Connects site with the new events and past events
- Creating and supporting the Zoom Meetings

In the view of the issues facing the main site, I have also been adding in the Magazines and Newsletters in a new flipbook style – this can be found at <https://41clubconnects.co.uk/magazines-newsletters/>. To support the National Comms Officer, members have been asked if they wish to maintain their version of the printed magazine as this magazine can be viewed on any device at any time.

Members have also asked for a Speakers Directory and to have Events ideas shared. This development is near to completion on the 41 Club Connects site and will be announced to the members as it is complete and can be published and used.

Another area that has been mentioned are how to guides or similar advice to members. Once the other directories have been developed, these will get looked at.

## **ZOOM LICENCES**

I have been working with a variety of clubs around the country so that they can have access to the zoom account licences. We have only seen one bump in the road where a meeting slot has been booked twice, but overall, it's been good that clubs can use.

**Mark House**

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## Appendix 1: Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

### The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

#### Income & Expenditure Account

	2020		2019		2018	
	Budget £	Outturn £	Budget £	Outturn £	Budget £	Outturn £
<b>INCOME</b>						
Capitation	204,450	177,015.12	217,500	206,086.88	217,500	217,761.39
Bank interest	400	131.28	1,000	1,178.04	1,000	947.07
Less Corporation Tax	-	(24.94)	-	(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	1,588.31	3,000	5,259.80	-	5,312.31
	<u>209,850</u>	<u>180,923.71</u>	<u>223,500</u>	<u>216,070.72</u>	<u>221,500</u>	<u>226,886.30</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Administration - Marchesi House	28,800	28,883.33	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	15,175.37	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	3,934.55	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	2,563.58	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	7,792.63	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	4,246.84	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	1,795.34	2,000	1,473.99	2,000	678.12

Accountancy fees	1,100	1,100.00	1,000	1,156.00	1,000	1,020.00
Sundries	1,200	1,783.37	1,000	957.50	1,000	394.15
Obsolete stock written down		- 500.00		-		-
Depreciation	1,200	-	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	23.10	1,500	923.10	1,500	916.50
	221,200	153,692.17	223,500	204,489.65	220,000	192,783.63
<b>General fund surplus/(deficit)</b>	<u>(11,350)</u>	<u>27,231.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,581.07</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>34,102.67</u>

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## Appendix 2: Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

### The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

#### Balance Sheet

	£	2020 £	£	2019 £	£	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Cost	79,632.71		73,629.38		73,629.38	
Expenditure capitalised	10,000.00		6,003.33		-	
Deduct depreciation	<u>(71,705.00)</u>		<u>(71,705.00)</u>		<u>(71,490.00)</u>	
		17,927.71		7,927.71		2,139.38
<b>Current assets</b>						
Stock at lower of cost & net realisable value	2,326.29		2,689.96		2,272.75	
Debtors & prepayments	18,745.82		30,797.36		30,542.84	
Cash at bank	<u>218,214.56</u>		<u>188,744.70</u>		<u>195,472.70</u>	
		239,286.67		222,232.02		228,288.29
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Creditors and income in advance		<u>1,124.94</u>		<u>1,323.83</u>		<u>13,508.84</u>

**NET ASSETS**256,089.44228,835.90216,918.83**FINANCED BY:****General fund:**

Balance 1 January

228,785.90

217,204.83

183,102.16

Surplus/(Deficit) for year

27,231.5411,581.0734,102.67

Balance 31 December

256,017.44

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 Funds**256,089.44228,835.90216,918.83

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(0.00)

(0.00)

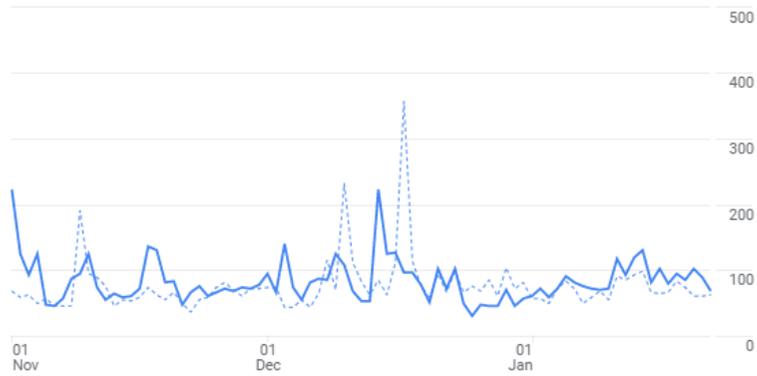
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## APPENDIX 3 - 41 CLUB MAIN SITE WEB STATS FOR 1 NOVEMBER 2020 TO 22 JANUARY 2021

### WEB VISITORS TO 41CLUB.ORG

**Users** 5.7K ↑8.5%  
**Sessions** 7.7K ↑9.8%  
**Bounce Rate** 6.68% ↓23.3%  
**Session Duration** 1m 54s ↑18.9%



### HOW DO THEY FIND US?

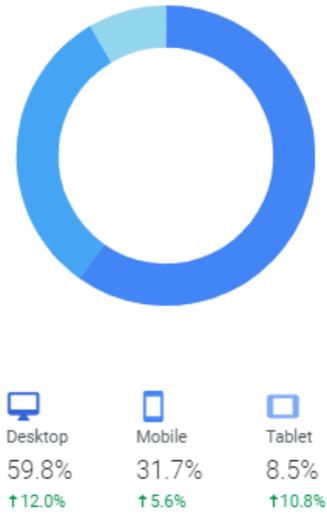
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	Users ↓	New Users ↓
	5,719	5,475
1 Organic Search	3,157	
2 Direct	1,910	
3 Email	501	
4 Referral	241	
5 Social	67	

### MOST VISITED PAGES

### SESSIONS BY DEVICE

Page	Page Views
/	9,854
/clubs	2,439
/pages/what-is-41-club	1,318
/files/2020-06-25/0...azine1592342360.pdf	1,012
/events/index	870
/account/login?0[return_url]=/	857
/account/login	746
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/micro/isis-area	537
/micro/abingdon-district	498

Sessions by device



## WEB VISITORS TO 41CLUB.ORG

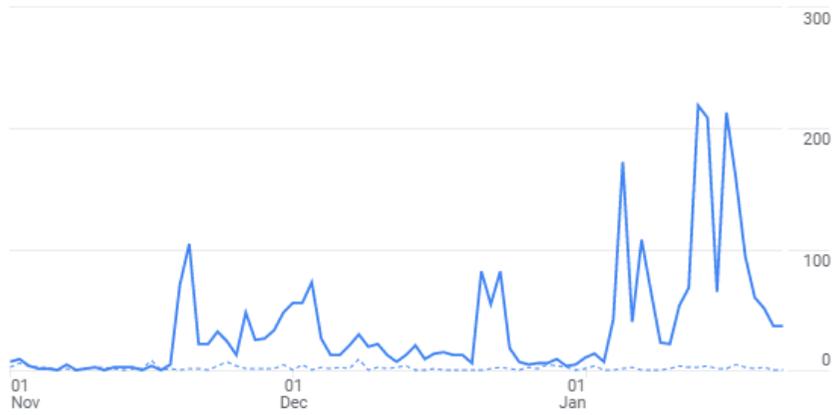
## HOW DO THEY FIND US?

**Users**  
**2.2K**  
 ↑2,169.7%

**Sessions**  
**3.3K**  
 ↑2,224.5%

**Bounce Rate**  
**81.11%**  
 ↓5.7%

**Session Duration**  
**0m 56s**  
 ↑19.5%



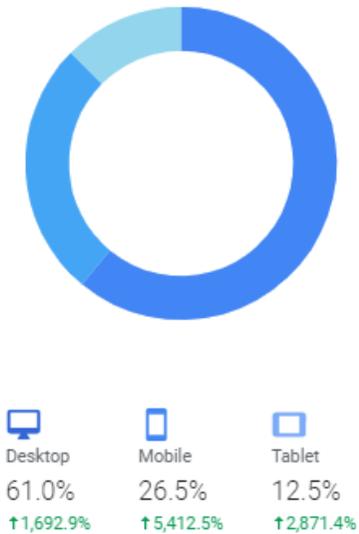
	Acquisition		
	Users ↓	New Users ↓	Sessions ↓
	2,246	2,233	3,324
1 Direct	1,579		
2 Email	338		
3 Referral	205		
4 Organic Search	118		
5 Social	103		

### MOST VISITED PAGES

### SESSIONS BY DEVICE

Page	Page Views	Page Value
/	3,241	\$0.00
/winter-magazine/	382	\$0.00
/events/	164	\$0.00
/buddies/	116	\$0.00
/buddies-2-2/	99	\$0.00
/magazines-newsletters/	77	\$0.00
/Buddies/	60	\$0.00
/event-resources/	40	\$0.00
/january-2020-newsletter/	33	\$0.00
/summer-magazine/	27	\$0.00

Sessions by device



#### 41 Club Connects Video Views

<input type="checkbox"/>	Video	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with ... President Peter and Guests for a Christmas Special Add description</p>	 Public	Copyright claim	1 Jan 2021 Published	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with Moon Gazer Ales Add description</p>	 Public	None	1 Jan 2021 Published	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects Evening with John Inverdale Add description</p>	 Public	None	1 Jan 2021 Published	45
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with Tim Bradshaw Add description</p>	 Public	Made for Kids	12 Jul 2020 Published	72
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with Dean Andrews An awesome evening with Star of Screen and Stage, Dean Andrews</p>	 Public	None	3 Jul 2020 Published	171
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with Jaguar Land Rover Classic V2 This is a new version excluding some copyrighted material that was blocked by Disney.</p>	 Public	Copyright claim + 1 more	28 Jun 2020 Published	299
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <p>41 Club Connects with Jaguar Land Rover Classic Add description</p>	 Private	Copyright claim + 1 more	26 Jun 2020 Uploaded	41

<input type="checkbox"/>	 56:40	41 Connects with Dementia UK A fantastic talk for 41 Club with Dementia UK	 Public	Made for Kids	21 Jun 2020 Published	36
<input type="checkbox"/>	 1:01:20	41 CLUB CONNECTS - AN EVENING WITH 45 GIN AND GUESTS Add description	 Public	None	14 Jun 2020 Published	352
<input type="checkbox"/>	 38:46	Sally Kettle 41 Club Connects Add description	 Public	Made for Kids	14 Jun 2020 Published	167
<input type="checkbox"/>	 21:01	41 Connects - Mark Wood, intrepid Explorer Mark Wood, an intrepid Explorer, addresses 41 Club during Lockdown.	 Public	Made for Kids	14 May 2020 Published	208