



**National Council Report**  
**For the meeting on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 2020**  
**By Videoconference**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT – PETER GOOD**

Things did go a little quieter during September on the Zoom meetings, but other activities still carried on. I met with Past President Barry Durman and his wife Rachel, IRO Andy Ventress and his wife Gail, NCLO Tom Atkins and NC Neal Lowe in Kenilworth for a walk on the Millennium Way which was started by 41 Club, I walked with Peter Travis who is one of the 41 Clubbers involved in starting it. I had to run to keep up with this spritely chap in his early 70s and Tom had to drop out at lunch. After lunch I set off with Barry and Andy and their wives who also walked at a good pace and we managed about 17 miles in all, weather perfect and good day of fellowship.

My own club, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, have decided to take on the challenge of going up 41 peaks in every county in England and not just getting sponsorship but collecting rubbish on the way. I joined them for the first peak on our doorstep, Bardon Hill, which I had never been up before. The view was amazing apparently the hills in the distance we could see are the Black Mountains in Wales, but I couldn't see the policeman on the border. We collected 3 large bags of rubbish. People really should have more respect for our beautiful countryside.

I have noticed on social media a lot of members have been taking holidays in the UK because their foreign holidays have been cancelled and it's to no surprise that a lot are saying they didn't realize how beautiful our country is, and I agree. Lesley and I have been lucky enough to have travelled most of the world but with still one or two places to go, there's nothing like Great Britain even in bad weather.

A couple of weeks ago we met up with our Honorary Solicitor David Smith and his wife Kay for lunch, who have been in Isolation for 3 months because of David's health. However, I am very pleased to report that he looks better than he has for a long time and it was really good to catch up.

We are meeting up for lunch this week with Past President Gordon and Elian Macnab. Gordon is presenting me with a cheque for £500 for my charity Dementia UK from the Costa Blanca 41 Club in Spain. Well done, thanks very much and look forward to meeting up with you guys next year.

Last week I was due to meet up with fellow White Knights and Region 6 Councillor Wynn Parry to attend "Not the White Rose Dinner" just 6 of us, unfortunately the hotel was on the border of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and came into lockdown so we couldn't do it but hope to do it when the latest national lockdown ends.

I am back on Zoom meetings with clubs again. Last night I was on with Caversham 41 Club who kindly donated £100 to my charity and at the same time I was on a beer tasting with Nuneaton which made an interesting night, fortunately Caversham let me speak early on in their meeting. They were a nice group of guys with a past National President of Round Table, Rohit Tanna, present. The beer tasting was excellent, of course the one I liked best was the strongest.



Stay safe everyone, see you all soon.

**Peter Good**

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

**Vacant**

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

In these difficult times I have been making the best of what we have been given. Since finishing early as President I have been on a diet and have lost just over 4 stone.

One of the responsibilities of Past President is to act as mentor to Board and Council and a couple of members have been in touch with questions which I have been able to answer. I am always available for a chat, just give me a ring. I also aim to ring a 41 Club member every day to keep in touch.

More recently I was invited to bring greetings to the Ladies Circle virtual AGM on behalf of 41 Club. I have been assisting Tom Atkins in updating the website which is nearly completed and also ringing the four clubs in Region 7 who had not paid this year's capitation. All of the clubs I rang were positive and are intending to meet as soon as they can and have tried Zoom meetings some with more success than others.

Keep well and as important keep smiling.

**Andrew Mackereth**

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## **NATIONAL SECRETARY – BERNARD ELWEN**

Here we go again, just about to start another national lockdown as I write this. Thank goodness for Zoom, which most of us had never even heard of a few months ago, never mind thought we would be using so often.

As the AGM could not happen this year, we have had to have a rethink on how we do our AGM business. The Resolutions due to be put to the AGM, along with some new ones which the Rules Review Group have been discussing, have still to be agreed by the membership. There has been a suggestion that National Council invoke our current 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.*" We will wait to see whether or not the 2021 AGM can go ahead in Aviemore before National Council decides how each Resolution should be dealt with.

One bit of AGM business that we are dealing with before the end of the calendar year is the submission of the 2019 accounts and the 2021 budget for membership approval. This will take place by Zoom videoconference on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10:00 am. Invitations have already been sent out to all Club Contacts, and I am expecting the call to be quorate (5% of eligible clubs)



As I write, this coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when 41 Club should be represented at the Cenotaph and National Arboretum. Neither event is happening in such away that we can take part, so the wreaths will be laid next year instead.

I have received a few queries from clubs, asking for the Board's view on whether or not they should be meeting in person and under what conditions, The reply from me has simply been to refer the enquirer to the official guidance on the Government's own site : <https://www.gov.uk/>

Marchesi House is shut at the moment, while our two staff, Bev and Annie, continue to carry out their duties from home. If anyone requires their assistance, drop them an e-mail on [admin@41club.org](mailto:admin@41club.org) and they will respond.

Finally, the PicRights saga rumbles on. The latest situation is that they have rejected what the Board consider is a reasonable offer to settle, and so we are prepared to meet them in the Small claims Court. So, watch this space...

**Bernard Elwen**  
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## **NATIONAL TREASURER – KEVIN LOVETT**

The song remains the Same.....

As we approach the end of 2020, another lockdown and 2021 is on the horizon the future is seemingly more uncertain than it ever was. From a financial point of view, we are in good shape and by the end of the year (31 December 2020) we will have received more income than we have spent.

Now however is not the time for grand gestures. We have deferred the cost of Cardiff Conference in the main to 2022 but with no end to the uncertainty currently in sight, Aviemore Conference is potentially a cause for financial concern. Hopefully as 2021 progresses we will be back to some sort of normality but whilst the future for the time being remains as it is, we will need to be cautious and prudent and wait for things to unwind.

As I said in May we need to offer our members Value for their capitation and this I am sure we can do.

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

I could start as most voluntary sector reports will by saying how the Global pandemic has made things difficult, however I firmly believe there is a real opportunity to grow and develop our association in these challenging times.

Our expanded membership meetings have seen 20+ National Councillors attending and then going out to engage with our membership with a new spark and a mission to reach out especially those clubs they may not have engaged with before as we seek to develop a 'rating' system for the health of the clubs and what support they may require both now and in the future.

We have also a lot of interest in the development of XRT clubs based around the RTBI Areas, after our 4-club meeting on Monday we even have a commitment from RTBI VP Paul to provide an overlaid map of the RTBI Tables, Areas & Regions, 41 Clubs and Regions, Ladies Circles their & Areas and Tangent clubs & their Regions along with contact details 😊

I am still working away at getting 40th Birthday cards distributed by RTBI to their 40-year-old members (avoids GDPR issues) along with a questionnaire which should they agree to returning to us would give us permission to contact them directly!

I spent many hours reliving my student days by joining several Tablers for a Role-Playing Game version of Alien - these are the strange and unusual opportunities we are looking for to develop Special Interest Groups which will again break down barrier and build bridges between Table and 41 Club.

Tom asked me to look after Region 3 for a bit to contact some clubs who may well need help and fingers crossed, we may have a potential new National Councillor over there and I'm currently trying to organise a virtual Region 3 horse racing night (I know it's a bit of a stereotype but these lads all seem up for a bit of equine craic.

**Glen Lyon**

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## **NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND I.T. OFFICER – DON MULLANE**

### **CAS2**

Whilst access to the new system has now been made available to NCs and Club Secretaries by sending them direct links to their CAS2 Landing Pages, full functionality including bulk emailing and provision of various 'reports' for NCs is still outstanding due to technical issues that are currently being resolved by the developer Carl Smalley. Any bulk emails by NCs out to Clubs can be sent out via Carl.

Acceptance Testing will be undertaken by the CAS2 Committee as soon as the test CAS2 is available – hopefully by mid-November.

Training sessions to all NCs have been carried out and videos are planned to compliment these.

Once all the CAS2 system functionality is completed, tested and made available to NCs, work will begin on specifying, designing and developing a Voting System – for which formal requirements specification will be required.

### **The Winter Magazine**

This has gone to press. It is 20 pages instead of the usual 32 due to the dearth of articles, of function adverts and the success of the Monthly email Newsletter (articles which would previously have gone in the Magazine have gone in the Newsletter instead). Accordingly, we are taking the opportunity to print and distribute the Members' Handbook as well.

### **Monthly Newsletter**

Please submit articles for the November Newsletter.



## Website

Mark is doing a sterling job as Honorary Webmaster – see his separate report. The Board has agreed to give him additional support by way of a Website Sub-Committee and an Assistant Honorary Webmaster. Anyone – whether a member of the National Council or not, who wishes to be on this Sub-Committee speak to Mark.

**Donal Mullane**

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## NATIONAL COUNCILLORS' LIAISON OFFICER – TOM ATKINS

Since my last report in June the Theme of “I can walk 500 miles and I can walk 500 more” has spread with councillors and wives and partners and other groups joining from the Round Table Family from all over the UK. Special shout out to Rob Udy from the Isle of Man, the first one to 1000 miles, Morag and the conference team in Scotland and Neal (Marathon Man) Lowe who is “I can run 500 miles and I can run 50 more”. Also, the more modest people who have now passed 1000 miles. Fantastic, well done.

I have actually lost count of who and how many people are actually walking, but estimate 43/45, unless someone else knows otherwise (no idea how many in Laff Tangent).

I have said before, that we have a fantastic group of councillors of mixed age group, who in these difficult times are doing things, with enthusiasm and coming up with new ideas to help clubs function and communicate.

They have given up hours of their time for Zoom meetings and sub -committee meetings, and full lockdown council meetings on video conferences, without reward, apart from a thank you, and pride in the role. It would be fantastic to actually get together with my team to have a beer. Some of the newer ones I have not actually met. “one day”.

Vacant Regions

Region 1

Many thanks to Kevin Stewart for looking after this Region and his own Region 2.

Region 3

A glimmer of hope, as my fellow board member Glen Lyon has made contact with a potential councillor, during a routine phone round.

Region 7.

I thought I had found a suitable candidate, but work and family commitments thwarted that. Back to square one.

Region 19

I am sure we will get someone to take the role as soon as I can narrow down the potentials. I have names so only a matter of time.

New Councillor



This council weekend welcomes the endorsement of our newest councillor for Region 11, Steve Tasker. He has been on board for a few months now but this council meeting is the official start of his 3-year tenure

A few months ago, I introduced a light hearted “councillors’ lockdown social night in”, which went down very well. Each councillor had to tell a story about the good times in table and 41 Club. Some were funny some very interesting. Not sure what I did wrong as I was excluded from the next one, which turned into a business meeting where the guys generated ideas about admin and membership.

I have attended so many Zoom meetings with board and council plus sub groups, on membership and CAS I have lost count. But all of these meetings have been fruitful in generating ideas and plans for the future of our association, which will move us forward during lockdown and beyond.

One project which will require a lot of time and effort from Councillors is to clean up the database on CAS 2. Over the years there have been numerous magazines sent back “not at this address” returned to Marchesi House. Thanks to Don Mullane for having a clean-up and checking through the returns and verifying addresses, and reducing the numbers to only 113, which is still too many. As these members are not getting magazines for various reasons

The Comms team has also cleaned up the “bounced back emails” which have now been taken out of the system. I have counted 339 emails which means that communications are not getting to members, as emails are wrong, bad destination mailbox addressor organisation whitelist blockers.

There is only one way and that is for councillors to speak with the clubs concerned and clean the data.

Not looking forward to another round of lockdown, but we are all here to help each other by phone calls and Zoom meetings.

**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 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.

I have been able to attend 3 AGMs recently, Romania, Belgium and Malta. All these AGMs have been on a virtual basis and I have taken our good wishes to those countries.

Whilst not able to travel I have been doing several walks and in early September took on the challenge of walking the 100-mile Millennium Way in 5 days in aid of the National Presidents Charity, Dementia UK. I am happy to report that I completed the challenge.

On the walking front I was able to join Peter when he did two socially distance Millennium Way circular walks around Kenilworth.



I have made an appeal for clubs that are twinned with and International clubs to let me know so I can begin to rebuild the twinning directory.

On the YAP front the meeting due in November, to plan 2021 will now be done on Zoom.

**Andy Ventress**

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

Once again, we find ourselves embracing for another lockdown in England whilst the Celtic Nations have adopted their own restrictions and as I write my report, I am entering my sixth week of lockdown (local and National). In my last report I was hoping that the National Golf finals would go ahead but alas the valiant efforts by Peter McBride were thwarted by Covid-19 restrictions. Whilst I am hoping that we will be able to have a full programme of events for 2021 sadly we already have to look for a new date for NSSW because it was felt that February would be too soon to have a “mass” gathering of 41ers.

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

### **Aviemore 2021**

Arrangements for 2021 have been put on hold whilst we monitor the situation re Covid-19 and we will make a decision in January as to whether the AGM and conference should go ahead. Depending upon the guidance/legislation at the time, should conference go ahead it may be in a different format to previous conferences due to social distancing requirements and restrictions placed on the number of people attending each function. Plans are being drafted to cover all eventualities.

I am currently working with the National Secretary on a plan to hold a virtual AGM should a physical AGM not be possible.

### **Cardiff 2022**

Regular Zoom meetings are occurring with the Conference executive and the Honorary webmaster is working with the team to develop the new conference booking website. Due to the conference being “pulled” at the last minute there is limited work required for the conference team at this stage.

### **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.

### **International AGM and Conference 2023**

Myself, the International IRO and Incoming International VP were due to undertake some site visits in October but unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from doing so and these visits have now been arranged for December.

### **Members Benefits**



I'm pleased to report that the handbook is finalised and is currently at the printers. I would like to thank Wynn Parry, Pete Milburn and Mark House for all their help and for those who proof read and provided comments. The handbook will be inserted into the magazine.

I am delighted to announce that we have secured another member's benefit relating to car leasing/purchase. We have teamed up with MBC Leasing which is a small family business run by a current 41 club member, Ex-Table Chairman and Area 4 Chairman.

MBC are able to offer competitive rates for both Personal and Business leasing on all brands of new vehicles. They tailor each quotation to meet your requirements, all cars are brand new, include Road Fund Licence for the duration of the contract, and are delivered to your door. If required, you can also bolt on a full servicing and tyre package to avoid any unwanted bills. If leasing isn't for our members, MBC are also able to source some brands of new and pre-registered vehicles for outright purchase at very competitive prices.

To access the benefit members can either visit the website for current offers at [www.mbcleasing.co.uk](http://www.mbcleasing.co.uk) or contact Matt (the owner) by email [matt@mbcleasing.co.uk](mailto:matt@mbcleasing.co.uk) or telephone 07766 614045. Matt's phone is always on and you can contact him any time, in fact evenings and weekends are best for him too.

MBC Leasing offer all 41 Club and Tangent, members £150 cashback on every vehicle delivered, whether it's for you or your business. Please quote "41 CLUB" when contacting MBC so they can ensure that they provide the most competitive quotation. If any member receives a better quotation MBC would like to know as they strive not to be beaten.

### **Classic rally**

The rally will 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**

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**

The rally will take place on the weekend of 10-12<sup>th</sup> September at Hardwicke Parks Oxfordshire

### **41 Club and Tangent Cruise**

I have been working with Fred Olsen on next year's cruise and have decided that we will join the "natural wonders of Iceland" cruise which will circumnavigate the island. The cruise will depart from Newcastle onboard the Balmoral on 11 August 2021 for 9 nights returning on 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **NSSW**

We are now looking at an alternative date in October/November following the general consensus from participants that February was too soon to hold the event.

### **National Golf Finals**





Peter McBride is liaising with the Marriot Forest of Arden hotel and Country Club regarding the rearranged date.

### **41 Club Connects**

We will be re commencing the 41 Connects Zoom events in the next few weeks and a small team comprising of Mark House, Kelly Clarke, Roger Spensley and Peter McBride are putting a programme together. I know a number of NC's have also come forward with ideas and I am grateful to everyone's enthusiasm and contribution to ensure we put on a first-class programme for our members.

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

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**

The February meeting will occur on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and we will monitor the current restrictions to see if this will be held virtually or in person.

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### **REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – CARETAKER- KEVIN STEWART**

**See Region 2 report below**

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### **REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN STEWART**

The majority of clubs within Region 1 and 2 have now been contacted and I have spoken to either the club contact or the chairman. I am still chasing clubs where I have left messages, however in some cases, the information on file is out of date and no contact has been made.

On speaking with the clubs, we had a chat around what they had been doing during the lockdown period and whether or not they had been meeting at all.

Also let them know about 41 club national Zoom account they could use and also the talks that have taken place and where they could be found.

The state of their club and whether or not they had a feeder club was also discussed.

Can confirm that the majority of clubs have not met since March, though they are still keeping in contact via email. The clubs that have met are the clubs which have a younger age range of 41 ers.

With regards to feeder clubs, I can confirm that the majority of clubs do not have feeder tables, with the rest having a mix of feeder tables that regularly work with their 41 club where as others have no contact as the age gap between table and the club is too big.

The numbers breakdown as follows:

Region 1  
41 clubs / 18  
Feeder RT clubs / 7

Region 2  
41 clubs / 19  
Feeder RT clubs / 9

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

**Vacant**

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

With the ongoing unprecedented situation that we have all being living through in the last few months the opportunity to visit any of our Clubs in person has been out of the question even meeting members of my own club has been more by accident than design.

As the local circumstances have changed as clubs in our Area have moved into Tier 2, I have personally tried to try maintain some interaction with the Clubs within Region 4. by the distribution of three newsletter-based emails for distribution by the club contact within their club. Going forward with the Cas 2 functionality I will be sending the November and December messages directly to each member where possible

I have attempted to contact all clubs in the region by phone initially to pass on information, ensure their wellbeing and share any best practice which may help whilst we are in this situation. Such as Ponteland's bingo game using a pack of cards provided by each of their members and various quiz and music adaptations, I have also joined a Zoom meeting with Guisborough 41 Club Planning Team.

I have forwarded again the information regarding the possibility of using the Google Meets facility for free online club meetings and promoted the Region 4 Facebook page to encourage inter club activity and sharing of online events

We will be having an online social evening monthly, and have asked for suggestions and possible hosts for a November and Christmas event.

The newsletter also asked for items for future National Magazine since as a region we rarely contribute, particularly for items that show areas where our clubs have gone that extra mile for their local communities during the pandemic



.So far my own Club still hasn't really got the online idea working but has been keeping in touch with all members by email and phone to ensure some level of continuity., past members who were our peers have been invited to an 'online beer and a catch up', this may result in their returning to the club when this situation is over with.

I have had continued involvement with the 41 Club Handbook production led by Steve James and Wynn Parry

With all of my businesses affected again by the new lockdown I will have my hands full with the extra online, delivery and Zoom presentation work but will do my best to ensure all of the above are built on and moved forward for the benefit of our members

**Peter Milburn**

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

NAME	NOTES
Accrington & District	Meeting bi-monthly on Zoom 12/22 usually attend. Disaffiliated 18 months ago mainly as no feeder table. Happy for me to keep them in the loop.
Bentham & District	Met over the summer, BBQ and walk, done nothing last month. Did AGM via Zoom and got half the members there.
Blackburn Greys	
Blackpool North	
Blackpool Progress	Keeping in touch via e-mails and phone calls. Passing on the National magazine to members. Fine for now.
Border	Keeping in touch via e-mails and phone calls. Passing on the National e-mails to members. Organise meetings monthly on an alphabetic rota but not meeting since lockdown.
Carnforth & District	Not doing a great deal. Monthly walking group has met once usually get 12/15 for a walk. Have a monthly mail shot, had one Zoom meeting. Re-enlisted 3 former members
Clitheroe	Meeting sporadically via Zoom

Cockermouth	Meeting regularly. First over Zoom, then in person, now back to Zoom. All ok. Also, in touch via e-mail.
Dalton & District	Folded, remainers gone to Furness
Darwen	In communication via e-mails only. 15 members. Not really tried Zoom but there is the enthusiasm to carry on.
Furness	Not meeting because all elderly, not technically proficient enough for Zoom. Last meeting was on March 10th. Waiting to see what happens. 15 or so members.
Gosforth by Scafell	7 members, will have an Xmas meeting via Zoom. Still in contact with one another through other clubs / interests
Kendal	Not meeting. Keeping on touch via e-mails.
Kirkham & Rural Fylde	
Lancaster	
Lytham St Annes	Meeting regularly via Zoom, sending newsletters within the club.
Maryport	Not met monthly since August but that was in person.
Millom	Met 3x for a chat since Feb, 10/12 members, in touch informally, changeover in Dec, may not go ahead, Ladies Night in Dec also may not go ahead.
Preston	Not met, all of an age. Still in touch via e-mail.
Preston Old Parts	Meeting bi-monthly via Zoom.
Preston South Ribble	Not much going on, informal WhatsApp group, tried meeting in September but didn't come off. Graham Carter is their organiser

Ribble & Lune Active	Meeting via Zoom.
Rossendale	
Silloth	Not meeting, elderly, no Zoom facilities. Club contact moved house so his phone number is wrong, I spoke to Chairman.
South Westmorland	Disaffiliated
Thornton Cleveleys	Not meeting, thankful for the nudge and will probably get a Zoom organised and invite me.
Ulverston	Ok, meeting via Zoom, their programme convenor Paul Barton has died from COVID-19 but they have picked themselves up from this and are back up and running
Windermere, Ambleside & District	Not met since first lockdown, keeping in touch via e-mails and a WhatsApp group, older members slightly resistant to the technology
Workington	Had one socially distanced bowls meeting in October, meeting via Zoom fairly frequently.

### Roger Spensley

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## REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – WYNN PARRY

As I'm sure is the case with most of the other Regions, clubs are not meeting face to face.

Over the last few weeks, I have managed to contact representatives from the majority of 41 Clubs in the region and the responses fall into 3 categories.

1. This applies to approximately 75 % of the clubs I have contacted and had a response: "We are not meeting at the moment; we keep in touch with each other by phone but most of us are too old or not interested in meeting via Skype or Zoom etc.... We aren't considering closure; we'll start meeting up again when it's safe to do so."
2. This applies to approximately 20% of the clubs I have contacted and had a response: "We started using Zoom or Skype for our meetings but we didn't get a great response or attendance from the members and we ran out of ideas as to what we could do in virtual meetings, we got bored of quizzes."; these clubs will start meeting up again when it's safe to do so.



I informed these clubs about 41 Club connects etc... and they agreed to investigate and see if there is anything that may spark some interest. Again, the Clubs aren't considering closure.

- The remaining 5% have tried various ideas of being able to meet face to face by "accidentally" turning up at a venue at the same time etc, of going to play golf or something like that.

These clubs also have no intention of closing and will try new ideas including 41 Club connects etc. going forwards

Region 6 is an aged membership and many are reluctant to meet virtually and some just don't trust technology.

I have contacted the Clubs that are yet to pay their 2020 capitation and I've had virtually the same response from them all, this being: "We haven't had a meeting since March so we haven't collected any capitation and most of the guys don't use electronic banking so they haven't paid the club , so we haven't paid national"

I know they can pay their treasurer by cheque, which I suggested to some of them and they said they'd discuss it with their Chairman.

Following the announcement made by the prime Minister on 31/10/2020, I can't see the situation changing with any of the Region 6 clubs until at least the new year

**Wynn Parry**

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

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

Region 8 is currently in Tier 3 of lockdown resulting in no meetings face to face at this present time, with the exception of the IOM

Within region 8 we have currently 19 clubs, I have communicated with them all via e mail, face book page or telephone call to every club 5 times since handover so far and attended 5 clubs via Zoom

Below is a Table setting out those who have had an AGM, those that I have attended a Zoom meeting and those meeting / not meeting.

Following the Councillor Membership meeting I have also indicated the colours of the clubs and those that have a feeder Table

NAME	AGM	CURRENTLY MEETING	ZOOM ATTENDED	FEEDER TABLE	COLOUR



Bootle & Crosby	Y	Y	Y	N	Grey
Chorley	Y	N	N	N	Purple
Chorley rural	Y	Y	N (booked for Nov meeting)	N	Purple
Formby	Y	N	N	N	Purple
Horwich & West Houghton	N	Y ½ hour per month	N (booked for Nov meeting)	N	Purple
Huyton	Y	N	N	N	Purple
Isle of Man	Y	Y	Y	N	Red
Isle of Man prospect	Y	Y	Y	N	Red
Leigh	Y	Unofficial drink and chat	N (booked for next chat)	N	Grey
Leyland	Y	Y	N (booked no meeting)	Y	Orange
Liverpool	N	N	N	Y	Green
Liverpool Childwall	Waiting on reply		N	N	Grey
Rainford	N	N	N	N	Grey
Rushen	Y	Y	N (booked Nov meeting)	Y	Orange
Southport	Y	Y	N (booked for next meeting)	Y	Green
Southport Hesketh	Y	Y	N	Y	Green
Warrington	Y	Y	Y	Y	Green
Widnes	N	N	N	N	Grey
Woolton	N	Y	Y	Y	Green

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

41 Club is still very quiet in Lincolnshire at the moment and I have come to the conclusion that most members don't like online meetings (even the ones that are computer savvy don't like them). I have now hosted 4 Zoom meetings for my own club and even those are pretty poorly attended (Maximum 7 or 8 of the 43 members). We have some members who have been shielding and to those members, the meetings have been something of a lifeline, but group meetings just don't do it for most people.

I am working my way through the club contacts who are keeping in touch with their club members by one means or another. I haven't been able to colour code all my clubs yet but I'm working on it. It does however appear that the average age of 41 Clubs is pretty high in a lot of cases. The state of feeder clubs varies somewhat from on their knees to very healthy.

I have also made contact with the Area Chairman for RT in my region but he is being somewhat elusive in terms of trying to arrange a meeting so we can discuss potential areas of interest.

In terms of capitation, I have had a 50% success rate so far in that I had two clubs who hadn't paid and one of them now has. The other is also proving slightly elusive but I will endeavour to contact them before the NC meeting and obtain payment.

**Peter Walker**

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

### **News emails:**

4 newsletters focused round Dementia UK, Zoom meetings, 41 Club Connects.

### **Meetings**

**10<sup>th</sup> June** – one to one with Worksop on membership query

**7<sup>th</sup> July** – Region 10 Zoom meeting – restoration of Derby Canals

**11<sup>th</sup> August** – Region 10 Zoom meeting on Model railway talk

**8<sup>th</sup> September** – Region 10 Zoom meeting on Ultra marathon

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Derby Merlin table life support meeting

**12<sup>th</sup> October** - Region 10 Zoom meeting on Shoe Aid – bit of a technical car crash

**John Manley**

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

**Email to all the Chairs as logged on CAS on the 15<sup>th</sup> July with as an introduction.**

Received replies from:

Brian Moss and John Mosedale, Northwich 41 they have been doing Zoom meetings, not had an invite as of yet, all council members of Northwich are going to stay in post until March 2022.

Chris Barton from Stafford 41 who was the chair, they have done a beer tasking night via Zoom and done a couple of business meetings via Zoom, they did an outside BBQ at Chris's Farm which I attended and was a great evening about 20 attendees. Chris was given the Chairman's chain.

Brian Gee from Wem and District is President and will continue until March 2021 they have not been holding any meetings.

**Email to all of Region 11 from CAS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September to pass out my contact details and ask for information on RT feeder tables.**

Received replies from:

John Grint Alsager – Re Subs payment for next year

Geoff Halsey Eccleshall - No feeder table

Ray Marshall Ellesmere Port Feeder RT 490 Ellesmere Port Suggested a Beer evening in my Back Garden but then the rule of 6 came in so scrapped, Ellesmere Port 41 has not met since March and has not paid subs to national because only a couple of the members do internet banking and as they have not met no way of collecting the funds.

Robert Whitney Middlewich and District Feeder RT is 660 No AGM this year was going to be the 7<sup>th</sup> October but now cancelled, have done a couple of Zoom meetings, I attended one on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 8 members got onto the meeting and one question I was asked is Subs from Jan 2021 are national going to ask for them.

Peter Halliwell from Sandbach 41, they have been doing Zoom meetings no AGM this year and feeder table 201 Steve Buckley is their Chair on a rollover year, Peter is vice and Sec on a rollover year.

Robert Robson Stafford 41, Their feeder table is 176.

Paul Rison emailed me asking for anyone who was involved with WOCO and AGM in Chester 1995 asking if I knew anyone who was on the organizing committee and managed to get him in touch with one of Heswall XRT41 club members who was one of the 18 on the committee.

Had an email via Bev and Graham Sloan from Ian Carlisle Runcorn 41 asking about updating records on CAS, Graham send him the link for CAS and explained the CAS2 situation.

Email Sent on 8<sup>th</sup> October little newsletter and asking members to put me on their email distribution list for any upcoming Zoom meetings, email send via CAS

John Mosedale has invited me to a Zoom meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Richard Manley Stoke Sutherland Zoom meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Steve Tasker**

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## REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – RORY TOMPSETT

No report received.

Rory Tompsett

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## REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JOHN BELL

No report received.

John Bell

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## REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JIM CONWAY

Due to COVID-19, no club visits have been conducted... The majority of the following activity has been conducted online and where possible within COVID-19 guidelines, a few face to face meetings were possible.

### Recent activity

08/06/20	National Councillor Meeting	Zoom	25
09/06/20	LOTS Meeting	Zoom	30
10/06/20	BJQRT Meeting	Zoom	8
17/06/20	Membership Meeting	Zoom	20
22/08/20	PERT BBQ	Socially Distanced BBQ	6
02/09/20	NALC VP	PLC Meeting	4
08/09/20	Smethwick 41 Club	Socially Distanced Lunch	6
26/09/20	PERT Pot Luck Supper	Socially Distanced Dinner	6
02/10/20	41 Club Council Meeting	Zoom	25
07/10/20	Smethwick 41 Club	Socially Distanced Lunch	6
13/10.20	LOTS Meeting	Zoom	30
19/10/20	Membership Meeting	Zoom	20
20/10/20	NALC VP	Zoom	6
23/10/20	OBE AGM	Zoom	16
26/10/20	CAS 2 Training	Zoom	18

### Planned activity

21/11/20	Market Harborough Murder Mystery Night
06/11/20	Councillors Meeting
10/11/20	Colts Xmas Jumper & Mince Pies Night
07/11/20	Council Meeting
21/11/20	41 Club AGM



The main thrust of my work this past few months is the Membership plan with the rest of the team and Glen. Trying to understand where we are and what we can do to improve numbers and clubs both in Table and 41 Club. Other than the meetings mentioned, there have been a lot of ad hoc meetings, which have been fun and with my wife taking on the role of PLC Chairman for Fiona Bull who has recently been elected to Vice President of Ladies Circle, I have dialled in, as I have been on 4 Round Table PLCs in my time and it has never been so important to be working side by side. As the 500 plus 500 more brainchild of Tom Atkins gains momentum, Team Conway has now reached 661 miles, it is an initiative to raise funds for Peter Good's charity, Dementia UK, get fit and encourage engagement. I have also managed to lose 17 pounds in weight. I have also contacted all my clubs to see how they are coping with COVID-19 and its effects.

**Jim Conway**

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## **REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NEAL LOWE**

Since our last National Council meeting in June it has given me a period of time to concentrate on the day job and to enjoy some family time.

I also managed to virtually run around the M25 (117 miles) and virtually run across Death Valley (135 miles) and I am currently within touching distance of 1000 miles for 500Plus500 more for Aviemore.

Now that kids are back at college and the membership committee meetings have restarted it has given me the opportunity to re-engage with the clubs in my region and to have some discussion with them about their activities and their plans over the next couple of months.

I am working through the list of clubs in my region and coding them so that we know the relative position of each club and to identify which ones need potential help and why.

My region has over 30 active clubs as well as 5 that are based from Marchesi House so once we are all back to normal, I will be seeking an assistant to help me cover all of the clubs.

In conjunction with the latest list from the National Treasurer about missing subs payments I have prioritising those clubs as the most urgent to contact to understand in a constructive way why their subs are unpaid.

I have also been helping Nuneaton Round Table with their Risk Assessment for Santa Sleigh and this has been shared around some other clubs to help them with their preparations and to enable them to gain permission from their local councils.

As part of the organising team for Round Table Area 45's Premier Event Hi-Tiddle I have arranged with the host hotel in Chesterfield to move the event to 2022.

### **Meetings attended since June**

- Various membership meetings over the last six weeks
- Virtual meeting with Hinckley 41 Club
- Conference Call with Daventry 41 Club about meeting ideas
- Zoom meeting with my own club which was a Beer Tasting Evening
- National Councillors Night in on Zoom

### **Planned Meetings**



- Murder Mystery Night with Market Harborough 41 Club
- Planning for Nuneaton 41 Club Xmas Meeting

**Neal Lowe**

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

Challenging times continue through the COVID-19 pandemic and it has made it tough for me as a new Councillor to continue to develop any rapport within my area.

However, I have continued to expand my contacts within the region, reaching out to more of the clubs.

Generally, there have been very few meetings by the clubs and with those I have contacted very little appetite, as a number appear to predominantly dining clubs.

I have continued to send out information from National to the clubs where I had created contact, updating them of the situation with CAS2, our 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations and AGM and the promise of the new handbook.

I have only had one Zoom meeting, and that was with Bedford where I got an invite to introduce myself and discuss recent events, National and moving forward. They were receptive but have no feeder table and initial thoughts were the age gap may be too big; but I will continue the conversation.

Only one other club (Peterborough), from the contact I have had, have held a meeting and that was a short notice meeting round a BBQ for burgers, bangers and beer, where they did hold an opportune AGM and managed to handover the baton to an incoming Chairman, who will be in post until April 2022.

As mentioned, having worked on information I now have confirmed comms with Corby, Newmarket, Rushden and Whittlesey, leaving Oundle & Thrapston the only one evading contact with myself (however, I am continuing efforts with them but not through the official contact). One thing of note was that the recent successful contact was through my personal email address rather than my official email due to it being put in their Spam.

As we move into 2021, I have received a number of promises to be kept in the loop and invites to join clubs for an evening, with Newmarket sharing their full itinerary with me.

Overall, it has predominantly a period of continued development of communication through email. Being the 'new kid on the block' I have not wanted to push any other form of communication with members who I have not met at all in person or even by Zoom. However, with the limited chat I have had I am looking forward to getting out and about once restrictions have disappeared.

**Paul Simmons**

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

Things have been very quiet in the area sending out emails seems to fall on blind eyes as I have had less than a handful of replies.

I did actually get out during the summer and visit Norwich 41 club for an enjoyable stroll around a country park with a meal and pint afterwards.

Of the clubs that I have spoken to they are either doing nothing because of their ages some are doing virtual meetings but only low numbers and others are trying to find ways around and meeting in small groups somewhat disjointedly.

They are still unaware of the 41 club connects meetings that happened during lockdown, but hopefully as part of the new team we will resolve this issue.

### **Capitation**

I have spoken to all the clubs on my list apart from Felixstowe who are going through the process of deciding about disaffiliation. Bernard has got in before me and offered to be the teller for the votes. Sudbury are struggling to log into CAS 2 and I have contacted Graham to reset their password for them so hopefully in the next few days all monies will be in.

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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 had offered to run a region-wide quiz, but I maintain a zero-response rate.

I have attended meetings with:

- Southend 41 Club
- Maldon 41 Club
- Leigh-on-Sea 41 Club
- Brentwood 41 Club
- Hutton and Shenfield 41 Club

And they have all been filled with fellowship and fun.

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 sought news items and also shared news from across different groups in the region.

In terms of unpaid capitation, I have chased:



Leigh-on-Sea 41 Club and they will pay

I am awaiting feedback from Clacton and Saffron Walden

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

**Vacant**

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

Since the last National Council meeting 41 club activity has been very slow and quiet with most clubs 'Battening down the hatches' and whilst they are keeping in touch with their own members there is very little activity within the region.

However, there are always exceptions – Wokingham 41 club completed a virtual bike ride from John o' Groats to Lands' End and raising nearly £10,000 in the process. Other clubs have held many virtual events from wine tasting to gents cooking, virtual safari suppers and far too many quiz nights and Zoom meetings to mention.

We are lucky that most of the area is in Level 1 lockdown so some socialising and smaller get togethers have happened and even the odd trip with 16 members from ISIS 41 club visiting the Army Flying Museum followed by a pub lunch – but following all the COVID-19 requirements. Several more clubs have planned small events, walks etc. whilst we are still allowed!

However, all is not good news we have received a disaffiliation request from Bracknell 41 club with a membership of 27. They had a secret ballot and 25 voted to leave! Both and Glen and I have spoken to them and they seem pretty determined as they only have an attendance of about 6/7 and nobody wishes to become an officer – the secretary has been in post for 5 years etc.

I am still speaking with them but they seem to have made their minds up. This means that will have lost 2 clubs in Region 20 with the demise of Reading 41 club (Reading 6 Round Table!) However, they were down to 5 members but 2 have joined Reading Valley 41 club.

I fear this is becoming an increasing problem with so many clubs with no feeder tables and an aging membership.

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## REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN CHARD

I was delighted to have my appointment as Region 21 National Councillor confirmed at the last National Council Zoom Meeting in June. At that time, I hoped it would not be too long before I would be able to visit Clubs and meet members at the planned Regional golf, skittles and Quiz. However, Covid-19 restrictions have continued and subsequently it has been a challenging and disappointing start to my tenure with none of the face to face meetings and events being possible.

Before the Pandemic I had not even heard of Zoom, but now I extensively use it to communicate whilst on 41 club business. My first invitation to a club Zoom meeting was from Clevedon 41 club and since then I have attended many Club and National meetings over the last few months! Obviously, it's not as good as meeting face to face but in the present circumstances a good substitute! I have access to the 41 National Zoom account so if any clubs would like assistance with setting up their own Club Zoom meeting please let me know and I will be happy to help. The licence allows for any number of attendees and no time restriction which the free Zoom currently has!

Region 21 is a large region extending into the counties of Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. We currently have thirty-five 41 clubs in the Region with a total of 936 members. Some clubs have met regularly via Zoom, whilst unfortunately some of the clubs have not met at all during the pandemic which whilst a great shame is entirely to be expected. As to whether clubs have held an AGM is a similar story. Vale of Evesham 41 club's AGM on Zoom had more than 28 members online during the evening and it was great that 3 new members were inducted into the club.

I moderate the Region 21 Facebook page and have made members aware of the National 41 club connects talks through this medium. A newsletter has been sent to all members of the region who agreed to receive emails from National and I was delighted to include details of the forthcoming annual Severn Vale dinner on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 which is being organised by Malvern Hills 41 club. I sincerely hope that this goes ahead!

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

I have been appointed to the National Membership committee and we have met regularly. I am part of a small group of councillors working on setting up special interest groups for 41 members to join. Ideas so far include a caravan & motorhome club, a classic car club as well as running and walking clubs to name a few. I am sure these will be of great benefit to members who share similar interests.....watch this space!

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## REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK HINCHLIFFE

- Okehampton Club looks like it fallen away. There is not much commitment to continue. One reason given was the name and spelling still incorrect and not impressed.



Trying to get it going as a catch all club for other 41 in the region. Their table is going very well because the 41 guys have gone back in the help grow.

- Torquay Vendredi - Had a few social distance meets. There are a few issues with current leadership not being that well like or accepted. A few have gone back to table and a great success story if growth. I will keep working them.
- Plymouth - Great group because I am in it! Regular Zooms and under 7 people meets.
- Region 22 Quiz Organised by Torquay 41. Every Saturday. Got a bit long in the tooth and by the end of it more non 41 and RT. Great for catchups though. Plan to restart next week.
- Tiverton - No meets but youngest member (68) is catching up with them all.
- Honiton - Have not established any contact due to details on CAS2
- Ilfracombe - Tried a couple of Zooms but too complex for most. Again, club calling around and checking on folks. They also pay cash and therefore no subs yet.
- Tavistock - No meets and a club where Tablers have drifted to other clubs e.g. Rotary and Lions. After lockdown I have a meeting with a couple of newly ex-Tablers. Table is ok but struggling.
- Truro - CAS2 details not correct
- St Agnes - Messages left no response.
- Isles of Scilly - Messages left no response. Don't mind a trip there ☺
- St Austell - Main person has moved away and the club is slightly broken. Planned to meet in Dec but this will be postponed to new year. Rally is also postponed.

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

Without doubt, life within the Region's 41 Clubs during the last 7 months has been testing, responding to the changing landscape of the Pandemic. Certain of our clubs have embraced the challenges, and have come up with innovative ideas to continue to meet, mainly by Zoom, but also a small number by occasional walks and picnics. A few clubs have organised car treasure hunts and organised cycle rides, either on a Club or inter-club basis.

Genuine attempts have been made to respect and respond to the Covid guidance and regulations, avoiding breaking the rules.

Some 41 Clubs have organised joint Zoom evenings with Tangent and Table.

A life line for some members was the Thursday evening "Topic talks" during the summer months, which gained good support as their programmes were announced. There were some excellent topics and speakers, and I periodically receive enquiries as to when they might



recommence, there certainly appears to be an appetite. I would expect this will increase following this week's announcement that lockdown is to return.

## Calendar of events

Several events that appear on an annual basis have suffered as a result of the pandemic:

- The Regional Golf competition scheduled for July was rescheduled for 2 September and attracted 36 players, just escaping the restrictions. I attended for the day and presented prizes.
- The annual Dorset Knobs Dinner which normally attracts upwards of 100 has been cancelled this year
- Christchurch Club's annual Boules Competition, open to the Region, normally attracting 60 plus, was cancelled
- Despite the most stringent efforts by Gerry Gallop from Bournemouth 41 Club to find a venue which would host the annual Regional Quiz, the normal attendance of circa 70 41ers dwindled to such a small response of entrants because of the Coved that the event was regrettably cancelled
- I attended the last face to face meeting of a few clubs in the Region before the requirements of COVID-19 made actual meetings no longer possible
- I attended Ringwood 41 Club's annual caravan section rally, held over 5 days, which was held in September, completely COVID-19 secure, and attracted 11 caravans

Some clubs have moved to Zoom meetings, although there now appears to be a degree of Zoom Fatigue occurring.

## The future

I feel that there is now a very real need for some impetus may be on a National basis, so that we can offer the membership a form of opportunity for re-engagement.

- A perfect suggestion for this might be the Thursday evening "Topic Talks". Their return would be welcomed.
- Has the Annual Photographic Competition been considered to be organised via one of the alternative means, instead of judging at Conference?
- Some comments have been made about the degree of funds that the Association must be accruing due to normal day to day expenditure not being necessary. Has this been considered and ideas examined? I believe that we could be open to criticism unless action is taken soon
- Several months ago, I proposed that the Association organised a supply of Face Masks bearing the 41 Club logo. This went to the Board but was rejected as it was considered that we had missed the boat. Maybe that boat has reappeared and docked again in light of recent focus on face masks?
- Several Club members have put their hand to cookery /baking in their home kitchens, with amazing results. The one and only Barry Durman of Showtime Club has done just that, and regularly posts images of his handiwork, to the extent that regular rivalry amongst Showtime members follows, the results are surprising!
- Might the Association mount Short Story or Poetry competition? Easy to run and judge, but there must be some budding authors or poets amongst our 16,000??

Food for thought, may be worthy of consideration, may be not!



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## **REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER McBRIDE**

### **Club liaison in general**

Since my last report I have only attended one 'in-person' Club meeting due to the Covid-19 lockdown. I have contacted all Region 24 Clubs regarding how they are managing within the recent lockdown challenges and will formally document the feedback from these discussions as part of the recent 'Club Membership Review' requested by Glen Lyon.

I have also chased up those few Clubs who have not paid their 2020 subs.

### **Regional Club 'visits'**

I enjoyed a great virtual meeting with **Fleet** 41 Club with a fantastic Quiz that covered such a variety of subjects including 'What has happened in Lockdown?'; Songs; US States (scored terrible in that one!); Alcohol (of course) and a hilarious General Knowledge round - including questions such as 'what is the most common colour of toilet paper in France?' and 'what do men do at least 13 times each day?'

I had planned to join **Banstead** XRT on Epsom Downs for a kite-flying evening – but sadly it was the one day when nature decreed there would be no wind forthcoming – and the event became 'who could throw their kite the furthest' competition.

Another meeting format that other Clubs may like to consider, was at **Hastings** when they reminisced with lots of black & white photos about their visit to their twin Club in France Bordeaux many years ago when they were in Round Table 21 – some great memories were rekindled!

In August – excitement! – as I attended my one and only 'in person' meeting for many months, in the socially-distanced back garden of the Chairman of **Burgess Hill** 41 Club! I was even more pleased that in the depths of Sussex I found a number of fellow Crystal Palace supporters!

Also, in August I joined **Guildford** XRT in their virtual meeting and enjoyed hearing from their speaker the Mayor of Guildford (he was very interesting and a great warm up act for me)

Zoom calls were scheduled with **East Grinstead** and **Wimbledon** but both Clubs cancelled these due to low numbers.

In my own **Wallington & Carshalton** 41 Club we have 'themed' our monthly Zoom meetings with speakers to celebrate topics - 'Best of British' (June), US Independence Day (July), India Independence Day (August) and Oktoberfest (Sept) and World Vegan Day (Oct). I have had various Board members 'attend' including National President Peter, National Membership Officer Glen and National Fellowship Officer Steve – all describing their roles and views which were very well received by the members.

### **Regional Dinner 2021**





I still have a provisional date for the Annual Region 24 Dinner of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at the Reigate Manor Hotel but for obvious reasons I think I might have to tweak any plans and prepare for a night in watching reruns of Crystal Palace winning the 1991 Zenith Data Systems Cup victory at Wembley Stadium.

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

I published the October Regional Newsletter under the headline *'Locked down but not out'*. It was sent out to all members within Region 24 using the new CAS2 system (via the developer Carl Smalley at the moment). All seemed to go well and it was good to get back to being able to send bulk email out to my Club members, each of which was personally addressed to the member as well as being able to attach the document rather than sending a link to access the document.

### **National Golf Finals 2020**

I had hoped that the National Golf Finals at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel & Country Club in October – the only remaining National 41 Club sporting event left in the calendar - would be spared the ravishes of Covid-19. Sadly however, the upsurge of local lockdowns forced us to cancel. Three days after which all the golf trophies arrived at my door! They will have to keep, as I am looking to reschedule the event for next year.

### **CAS2**

I have continued to participate on the ongoing weekly CAS2 progress calls and provided regular testing feedback. The ongoing delay in getting the final deliverable has been frustrating, but it has now rolled out after a fashion and hopefully the final system and full functionality will be delivered in November. I have already been fairly vocal in my views on the overall project, so will leave others to formally comment!

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### **REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILIP DOUCE**

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### **HONORARY ARCHIVIST – HUGH MILWARD**

No report received.

**Hugh Milward**

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## HONORARY SOLICITOR – DAVID SMITH

In addition to joining in Zoom meetings of my clubs and with other past Presidents I have been pleased:

- a) to advise the Board and its members on a few issues for which it and they were seeking legal input;
- b) to attend a couple of Rules sub-committee, Zoom meetings with other Councillors chaired by secretary Bernard; and
- c) to discuss with and advise (correctly, I hope!) clubs regarding the impact on their activities of COVID-19 Regulations.

Arising out of these may I request Councillors:

1. to carefully consider the Declaration of Personal Interests item on each Council agenda. Even if you think it is universally known and accepted that you may derive a personal benefit from a particular activity it is still essential that the benefit is brought to the attention of every Council meeting; and
2. when in touch with their Region's clubs to draw their attention to the advice on the website regarding the use of photographs in newsletters, promotional material, etc. If a club member or another trusted source did not take the photo it is almost certain that its copyright will belong elsewhere and there are a number of people and agencies who will seek to gain a substantial financial penalty for any unauthorised and unlicensed use. If in doubt do not publish without firstly speaking to the National Secretary.

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## HONORARY WEBMASTER– MARK HOUSE

### WEBMASTER REPORT OCTOBER 2020

I now feel like I have the hang of the 41 Club website system now and have been making changes in content following various requests. This includes:

- 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:

- Changing the site from HTTP to HTTPS meaning that the site now offers a secure visitor experience.



- Repairing the Google Maps functionality so that the maps show when they are used – this is still ongoing as there were some complications, but the work will complete by year end
- Updating the underlying system – the site was using an outdated and insecure version of PHP and this has been updated

## **DOMAINS**

Communications and IT Officer Don Mullane is working towards bringing our domain names under a single umbrella so that we can see and control them all in one place and make sure that our brand and digital assets are well protected. I have been supporting those efforts and will support work to bring them into one place.

## **41 CLUB CONNECTS NATIONAL EVENTS**

As well as spending time on the site, I have been supporting Don, Steve and the PLC and their teams through building content and offering general support for the various online events. These have all been fantastic to date and have been a pleasure to be able to join and offer help to.

To support the events further, a new site, [www.41clubconnects.co.uk](http://www.41clubconnects.co.uk) has been developed where members can find details of events, view videos or other content from past events, or to view the latest newsletters in a new online flipbook style.

## **GET INVOLVED**

In these increasingly online times, there seems to be more and more to do to get the websites up to date to help and work with clubs so they can share news, and hold events that keep that strong fellowship going. If you have a passion for all things Web, and want to help, please get in touch and join a great team as we work for members.

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# Income & Expenditure Account

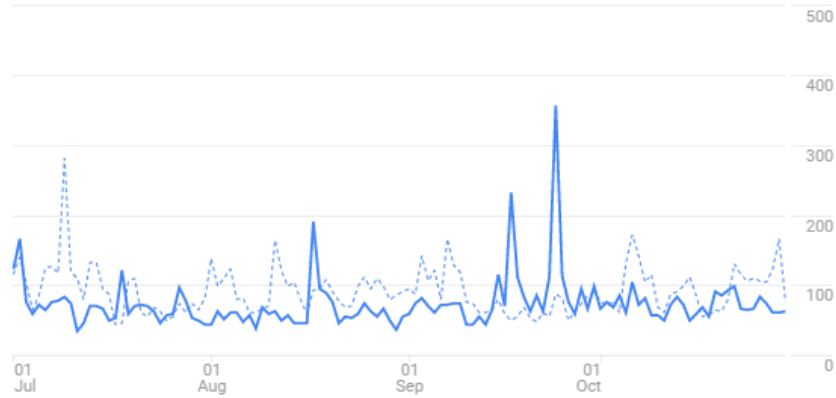
as at 30/09/20

	2020		2019	
	Budget	Outturn To 30/09	Budget	Outturn
<b>INCOME</b>				
Capitation	204,450	167,024	217,500	206,087
Bank interest	400	120	1,000	1,178
Less Corporation Tax				-224
Sales profit	2,000	1,900	2,000	3,770
Other Income	3,000	1,000	3,000	5,260
	<u>209,850</u>	<u>170,044</u>	<u>223,500</u>	<u>216,071</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administration - Marchesi House	28,800	21,000	29,000	29,016
Printing & stationery	900	1,700	1,000	938
IT systems	16,000	9,500	17,000	15,414
Cost of annual general meeting	5,000	600	5,000	4,895
Presidential expenses - home	16,000	4,000	17,000	18,732
Presidential expenses - international	4,000		4,000	2,469
President's car	5,000	4,050	5,000	2,315
Vice-President exp - home	1,200	300	1,000	1,099
International Officer's expenses	7,000	4,000	7,000	7,015
41 International subscription	9,000		9,500	8,744
Ceremonials	1,500			2,517
Fellowship Officer's expenses	3,200	1,300	2,500	2,040
Cost of conference	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,663
Membership database	12,800	20,000		
Magazine printing	36,000	26,500	37,000	38,163
Council meetings	31,000	6,000	31,000	31,845
Board & other meetings	4,400	1,000	4,000	5,056
Club visits by councillors	8,000	1,700	8,000	6,185
Insurance	10,000	10,438	10,000	10,141
Gifts, awards & jewels	2,000	100	2,000	1,474
Accountancy fees	1,100	100	1,000	1,156
Sundries	1,200		1,000	957
Obsolete stock written down				
Depreciation	1,200	900	12,000	215
Membership promotion	5,000	800	5,000	5,202
NCLO training & development	3,000		4,000	1,871
Millennium Way				
CSLO projects	2,000	170	4,000	1,445
Archives	900	150	1,500	923
	<u>221,200</u>	<u>119,308</u>	<u>223,500</u>	<u>204,490</u>
<b>General fund surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>-11,350</b>	<b>50,736</b>		<b>11,581</b>

## APPENDIX ONE - WEB STATS FOR 1 JULY TO 30 OCTOBER 2020

### WEB VISITORS TO 41CLUB.ORG

Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Session Duration
7.3K	9.9K	6.39%	1m 47s
↓ 12.1%	↓ 22.4%	↑ 562.9%	↓ 19.8%



### MOST VISITED PAGES

### HOW DO THEY FIND US?

	Acquisition	
	Users ↓	New Users ↓
	7,218	6,954
1 Organic Search	4,074	
2 Direct	2,009	
3 Email	981	
4 Referral	331	
5 Social	90	

### REFERRERS



Page	Page Views	Page Value
/	10,412	\$0.00
/clubs	2,590	\$0.00
/remembrances/8/david...de--district-41-club	1,338	\$0.00
/pages/what-is-41-club	1,292	\$0.00
/pages/platinum-privileges	1,230	\$0.00
/files/2020-06-25/0...azine1592342360.pdf	1,006	\$0.00
/events/index	955	\$0.00
/micro/isis-area	827	\$0.00
/account/passwordReset	662	\$0.00
/account/login?0[return_uri]=/	608	\$0.00

	Source/Medium ?	Acquisition
		Users ? ↓
		<b>7,218</b> % of Total: 100.00% (7,218)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. google / organic	<b>3,715</b> (49.61%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. (direct) / (none)	<b>2,009</b> (26.83%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. sendinblue / email	<b>977</b> (13.05%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. bing / organic	<b>217</b> (2.90%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. baidu.com / referral	<b>101</b> (1.35%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. baidu / organic	<b>71</b> (0.95%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. 41clubsales.co.uk / referral	<b>49</b> (0.65%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. l.facebook.com / referral	<b>42</b> (0.56%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. yahoo / organic	<b>34</b> (0.45%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. m.facebook.com / referral	<b>29</b> (0.39%)

## HOW MANY PEOPLE VISIT THE SITE, WHERE ARE THEY FROM AND WHAT DO THEY USE?

- 7218 Users visited the 41 Club website since 1 July. 6954 of those users hadn't visited before
- Of these users, there were nearly 9910 Web visit sessions (this means that the site was visited 9910 times by the visitors) and between them, they viewed 49791 pages.
- This means the average visitor went to an average of 5 pages each time they visited, and that to do this, they remained on the site for an average of 1 minute and 47 seconds.
- Of those who visited, 6.39% 'bounced'. These are people who arrive on the site and quickly realise they have arrived at the wrong place and click back or go to another site.
- The majority of visitors are from the UK, but the site saw visitors from China (487), Australia (138), Canada (118) and then a mix from India, France, UAE and Germany.
- Of our visitors, 55% (down from 63% in June) are using a desktop or laptop. Most visitors either use CHROME (40%) or SAFARI (33%) and are using WINDOWS (35%) or IOS (25%).
- Of the remaining, 37% are using mobiles, and the most popular is Apple iPhones, closely followed by Samsung Galaxy phones.





- The final group are using Tablets, and the absolute leader there is the Apple iPad.

#### **WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR PAGES?**

- The homepage is the most visited page, followed by clubs, and then the others are you can see in the chart above. The analytics service allows us to see how many visits to any page over any period, so if you want to learn more about a specific page, please let the Webmaster know.

#### **HOW DO VISITORS FIND US?**

- A significant amount of the traffic comes from Google – the data says that the most common search term is '41 Club'.
- Other traffic is also driven by people coming directly to the site using 41club.org
- It is good to see the new emails are making a positive impact with links through to the site with nearly 1000 visits driven from emails that have been sent.

#### **WHY IS THIS INFORMATION IMPORTANT?**

This simple information tells us about whether people are visiting the 41 Club site, who they are and what they are using.

It will require more research, but with this set of information, there are some topics that could be looked at:

1. The site appears to attract a high number of new visitors – for the Webmaster, this means that it is people interested in 41 Club. This means potential members, people that want to find out about us, people looking to sell things to us, or maybe to offer member benefits. With this information. If this is true, the site **MUST** be capable of quickly directing people to the topic they are searching for as that makes visitors feel better about their experience
2. The site has an increasing number of mobile or Tablet users – the current site can handle mobile visits, but was designed for a desktop experience – at some point, the Association will need to consider the visitor experience for the majority of users who will be accessing in forms away from larger screens.
3. Many people are interested in the benefits – we could offer many more ways to showcase those benefits and allow people to find the page more quickly
4. We could get more referrals from the Family; Tangent has referred 15 visitors, Circle 8 and Round Table 1. Equally, we could offer more traffic to them with great content that offer support to those clubs as we seek to grow.

