



## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MALCOLM LOCKEY**

Being National President of our Association is one heck of a job and perhaps one of the greatest privileges I have ever had in my life. It certainly hits home when you travel beyond these islands in order to represent the Association in another country as I did when I attended the Italian AGM. The Italians were delighted that we were there and the welcome and hospitality that they showed towards us was beyond belief. There is, I believe, an appreciation that we are the founding Association and as such we have a status that others do not have. I was very impressed with the commitment, professionalism and enthusiasm of our 41 Club colleagues from other countries who take their membership of 41 Club very seriously indeed. I was also very impressed with the pin badge of Club 41 Bologna which must be the most stylish in the world and I was delighted to wear it when I was with them!!

With 'status' - as the founding Association - comes responsibility. The trip to Italy was a vitally important opportunity to make links with representatives from across Europe and to discuss our shared future. I came away determined to [i] do all that I can to strengthen our links with Club 41 International [ii] to look at how we can improve our welcome and hospitality to international guests when they visit us [iii] encourage my own clubs to explore international links [iv] to continue attending Club 41 international events at the end of this year.

Italy was the first international trip of this year. In common with so many others we never got to the International AGM in Finland due to the volcanic ash problem. We got as far as being on an aircraft revving up at the end of the runaway ready for take-off but then no further! I am pleased to say however, that our proposal to work more closely together over the provision of humanitarian aid at time of natural disaster or other humanitarian crisis was agreed and is to be taken to the HYM in Romania as a formal resolution. Having spoken to a Belgian representative, I suspect we may get some opposition from that quarter. Nevertheless, I believe that it is an important focus for further discussion and I shall be refining the proposal in coming weeks in partnership with John Bellwood.

At the risk of boring those of you who have not had a glimpse of the Presidential diary of late, since our AGM and excluding my own club meetings I have attended – North Berwick RT and 41 Club Ceilidh [in place of Finland], Stratford 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch, Gurkha Welfare Trust curry lunch, a conference planning committee meeting at Bishops Stortford followed by a full day tour of 2010 conference venues, a weekend residential Exec meeting, LOTS meeting and induction of new member, Harrogate RT conference where I addressed the RT and Ladies Circle AGM's, North Berwick to Induct 2 new members on the Bass Rock!, OYT Garden party to raise funds for the Tall Ships race, meeting with AVID PR to finalise our relationship, Italian AGM followed by a meeting of Costa Blanca 41 Club and then Calpe Charter evening, Ponteland 41 Club, meeting with RTBI National President and VP in Birmingham and then Holyhead 30<sup>th</sup> Charter. Add to all of that general administration, the creation of my Blog and you have a full time job!

Speaking of Inductions, I have revised the suggested words of Induction to read as follows:





***As a former member of [Round Table name] you are now to be received into membership of [name of club] which is part of the National Association of Ex Round Tablers Clubs.***

***Your acceptance of membership carries with it an obligation to uphold the Objects of our Association which reflect the ideals that you adopted as a member of the Round Table movement.***

***The Objects of 41 Club are – [i] to continue to promote opportunities for fellowship amongst former members of Round Table. [ii] to encourage active involvement in the community [iii] to use our experience in support of the Round Table Family [iv] to encourage international relationships.***

***Do you accept this obligation? [response: Yes – I do].***

***The in the name of our Association and of [name of Club] I welcome you into our fellowship. The presentation of this badge is now a symbol of your connection with a world-wide Association of thousands of like minded men.***

***Wear this badge at all times, and remember as you wear it, that you carry the good repute of 41 Club into all that you do - for this Association is judged by those who recognise you as a member.***

***Fellow members – please be upstanding. I commend [N] to you and ask you to drink a toast to him and remind you that the obligation he has accepted today is an obligation of which you should be equally mindful, for it binds you together in life long fellowship.***

I commend this to you and to your clubs. It works and is not too cumbersome. It is a rite of passage which marks an important moment which should not go unrecognised. I have it printed on a small card which I have laminated. You might do the same. I have also stared reading aloud the Objects of our Association at dinner meetings.

### **Ocean Youth Trust**

We shall need to work hard on behalf of OYT. They do not have a permanent team of staff and no professional fund-raising officers so consequently I am finding delays in getting information or getting action on certain things.

There are 4 sailing opportunities. The southern cruise is full and there is waiting list. The Irish cruise is advertised and at the time of writing I do not know what numbers are like. The Scottish Cruise and the Northern cruises have been advertised and are recruiting but only slowly and there are vacancies.

One 41 Club member in Party Tyne 41 Club, along with a group of friends has already raised £20,000 [which can't be included against our total] in order to support the entry of the Northern boat in the Tall Ships race. I have received some cheques for which I'm grateful and Yvonne – in partnership with Moira Cochran has already raised £400 selling bags and other merchandise that Moira has made. It can be done – it simply needs a willingness and





it would be terrific if we could raise some 'new' money – not just money that comes from raffles and the like. Please try and encourage clubs to actually do something: it doesn't have to be hard work and it should be fun. If it involves their community – so much the better.

We have circulated an information note which was intended for OYT as a briefing paper for their voluntary staff but I also sent it to clubs for information. It had some errors and also presumed that two set events would be raising funds for the charity. This was a mistake for which I have apologised.

I shall be giving every councillor 10 OYT pin badges for sale [£2.50 each] and 10 of my personal presidential badges [£2.50 each]. All profits will go to OYT. I also have some key rings which OYT have produced and I shall let you have 10 for sale at £1.00.

To remind you – my theme for this year is 'REACH OUT'. It's a theme that will be informed by the revised Objects of the Association. Taken together, these point to us being an active association and I should like you to share this with clubs as you meet them.

The Durham meeting will focus on Membership and in will explore ways in which we can try to 'grow' our own membership and that of Round Table. We have changed the structure of the weekend to try and make best use of the time we have available yet still leave time for fun and fellowship.

Saturday morning has been designed deliberately as a workshop but it will be assumed that you will have read all reports as there will be a limited opportunity for you to ask questions of fact and interpretation. Officers and Councillors will not be asked to 'speak' to their reports. If we are happy with information and content we shall take them as read and move on. Councillors will have the usual opportunity for their own business meeting which will be chaired by Barry.

It took IPP Richard nearly a year to smash the windscreen on the Presidential car: it's taken me only 5 weeks before someone lobbed a stone as I was passing under a bridge on my way to a meeting. Such is life!

Finally, the National President is here to serve the Association and its members – and that includes you. Please make good use of me this year especially if you see that I am near your patch and you can link my visit with something that you may be doing in your area.

I'm, looking forward to seeing you in Durham. Let's make it a good, enjoyable and constructive weekend together.

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## **VICE PRESIDENT – VAUGHAN HARRIS**

I must admit that life seems a lot quieter now that I am not Secretary. I am slowly fitting into the role as Vice-President and have even had time to take on a new work client !

My diary is slowly filling up and I have attended several meetings including the Round Table National Conference in Harrogate, where they put on a magnificent Weekend bearing in mind the fire which caused them to cancel the venue and re-organise the whole Conference only a couple of weeks before.

I have met the Vice-President's of Round Table and Tangent and the first full meeting of all the Vice-President's has been arranged for the 7<sup>th</sup> August, and I will report back on progress at a future Council Meeting.

Very productive Forward Planning Committee meetings have taken place and items that were discussed include :-

A review of the voting system.

Revised Organisational Structure for the Executive and Council that will enable the Association to meet its Aims.

Council weekend format.

Community Welfare and Service Officer.

41 Club strategy for strengthening our links with Round Table.

Web site, data base and future necessary spend to improve image communication to individual members and data access.

Working papers are being prepared by several members on the committee for further discussion at the next meeting in August.

The aim is for draft final papers to be produced for the October Council Meeting.

If there is any event in your Area which Malcolm cannot attend and you would like a National Representative, just check my diary on the web site and if I am free I will be there. If you are aware of any dates for Charters, regional events, or clusters for next year please let me know.

**VAUGHAN HARRIS**

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## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – RICHARD MATTHEWS**

Following our Exec Meeting in Scarborough and a subsequent special Exec Meeting in Boston I thought it might be a good idea to share with the National Council the personal objectives that I have agreed to pursue as Past President. These objectives will form the agenda of my Committee which includes Barry, Donald, Andrew and Nigel C.

In an attempt to REACH OUT my objectives are as follows....

- Maintain regular contact with Councillors.
- Manpower Plan to fill Councillor vacancies and establish who might have Exec ambitions.
- Revise capitation collection process with Barry to make sure Councillors can chase more effectively.
- Try to establish more Regional Clusters.
- Revisit the reason why we want a Club action plan for each Region.
  
- As a member of the Forward Planning Committee discuss a new Organisational Structure for the Exec and Council that will enable the Association to meet its Aims.

As part of my remit I propose to attend the Councillors' Meeting in Durham to ensure that we establish a team working environment in order to meet the above objectives.

I would like a meeting of my Committee in Durham and will try to get everyone together for Breakfast on Saturday morning at 8.00am.

### **RICHARD MATTHEWS**

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## **NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARTIN GREEN**

### **Handover**

Once the AGM is over there is an enormous amount of change over to take place to set up the new National Council, update rules, CAS etc. This has involved updating everything from Address Lists to the Electronic Directory. Most of this is now complete; however the workload was not helped by an extra Executive Meeting in May.

What is very interesting is the volume of e-mails that have dramatically increased since my last stint at doing this job.

### **CAS**

The proposed software changes to CAS to ensure Clubs can only receive the number of magazines in line with their declared numbers has now been implemented. Indirectly this has somewhat forced the issue over whether Honorary Members should pay Capitation or not. The position now is simple. If a Club wants an Honorary Member to receive a magazine, they need to pay Capitation for that person. It is their choice if they collect that money off the individual or stand it out of Club funds. What is unclear is if an Honorary Member is 'insured' by us – if their name is not declared as a member.

I am very concerned at the number of e-mails I have received from Clubs asking me to change their Officer Details on CAS. CAS is designed to be used by the members to do the update themselves. That is why they are provided with a username and password. At the





moment Sue is making those changes for them, but there is clearly a need for a guidance document to help clubs do this themselves. Once Sue and I have done this – any requests will be fielded by the document being sent to them.

Also I am also concerned at the number of Clubs that the system states have not been updated this year. Updates to the Club Contact and the Chairman ensure our communications e.g. the Newsletter are distributed to the correct people. This was particularly highlighted during the recent Cumbria tragedy when I wanted to contact the local clubs. Two of the closest clubs had not updated their Officers since 2008!

I am attaching a full list as an appendix to the Council Report detailing the clubs that have not been updated since before January 1<sup>st</sup> this year. I would expect some may not have had their AGM's yet – but I would suspect that is a minority.

The work to ensure that the Treasurers receive the Capitation Requests is now finished and Capitation Requests and reminders are now copied to the Club Treasurers. However there are a large number of Clubs who have not declared e-mail addresses for their Treasurers. Barry Durman has this list and will circulate it.

CAS is rich in Data to help everyone to do the job! If you need help with how CAS works let me remind you that David Hewitt is doing a demonstration at 3pm on the Friday of the Council Meeting.

### **Data Protection Act**

I have now completed the Registration Form for 41 Club to be Registered under the Data Protection Act. At the time of writing I await the Honorary Solicitor to vet the application before lodging it. This will make me what is called the Data Controller. Ultimately that means I am responsible to enforce compliance and if we breach the Act.

On the advice of the Honorary Solicitor, I am requesting the following 'minute' to be adopted:

**If any Officer incurs personal liability while acting in accordance with his duties as an Officer, and the action has been properly authorised either explicitly by Council or the Exec or implicitly by being an implied part of his duties, he will be indemnified by the Association for any personal liability incurred.**

I am sure that there are many implications that I have not yet 'got my head around' with this Act. We need to consider CAS, Directories, Data held for Conferences, credit card details for conference bookings, to name but a few. Even Photos are viewed as 'data'! I will advise Council as this unfolds.

### **Brand Guidelines**

The latest version of the Brand Guidelines has now been produced and can be downloaded from the website. This includes a comprehensive guide on how the 'Brand' should be used at National Conference. There are a small number of modifications to a couple of the logos. Please ensure you print off a new copy and throw away the old.

### **Review Of Voting Procedures**

As a result of a request from Lichfield 41 Club last year we are reviewing our Voting Procedures for the AGM.





The purpose is to examine ways that more clubs than the handful that attend can have an input into the decisions and elections at the AGM. There are many 'pros' and 'cons' for systems like postal voting, electronic voting etc. The team looking at this consists of myself, Vaughan Harris, Duncan Kennedy, Mac Cummings (Lichfield) and Paul Cammiss.

The group met on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Marchesi House and have put together what we think is a workable framework to take this forward. This will go to the next Forward Planning Meeting and will be tabled at the National Council Meeting in October in Dublin for discussion. Should this receive favourable response from Council we will take this to the AGM in Ipswich for implementation in 2013.

### **National Councillor Vacancies**

Vacancies currently exist for:

Region 10  
Region 12  
Region 14  
Region 24

Closure date on all of these is the 27<sup>th</sup> June. I have received nominations for Regions 10 and 14, I have a 'name' for Region 24, and unless I hear otherwise Lawrence continues as Caretaker for Region 12. More news after the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Health & Safety**

Prior to the AGM, Vaughan and I received a lot of 'flack' from the membership on our adoption of our H&S Policy. I did agree prior to the AGM to review this in case it was too onerous, however after due consideration, and considering the confusion a revision would cause, I have decided against changing it. The Policy and Procedures were written by me – who in the 'real world' is an H&S Consultant - and verified by Lawrence Bamber who is also an H&S Consultant. Our belief is they are correct, and although we know that Clubs will totally ignore them, we have carried out Due Diligence by providing them. The 41 Club H&S Policy is now signed by the president and available for inspection if required.

### **Insurance Claim**

I have to advise the Council that one of our Clubs is currently in the middle of a quite serious claim for damages by a member of the public. I am not elaborating or commenting on this any further at this stage as it would be inappropriate to do so, suffice it to say, the National Treasurer and I have placed this in the hands of our Insurance Company who are taking the appropriate action.

### **Directory**

Despite my complete disagreement for producing a paper Directory, I am currently producing a sample 100 copies which hopefully will be available for Malcolm to distribute at the Council meeting.

### **AVID PR**

Contract preparation is now complete and verified by the Solicitor. I await a signed copy from AVID.





## **NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

Work on upgrading and repairing our Garden is now under way and hopefully will be complete by the end of the month. The new branded signs have arrived and will be fixed after the contractors have left. There has been an issue over the Tangent Sundial but that has now been resolved by Terrie Hewitt. Lichfield have organised a working party to re-stain the benches and to fix the signs.

We now await a date from the President to re-dedicate the Garden.

## **CRITERIA FOR LIFE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Currently the Association can bestow Life Honorary Membership and/or the Association Award on an individual. Although we have recently defined the criteria for the Association Award, we don't have this for Life Honorary Membership. I suppose one could ask what is the difference, and do we need both? I will be working with the National Sales and Marketing Officer and the Honorary Archivist to try and determine the way forward on this.

### **MARTIN GREEN**

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## **NATIONAL TREASURER – MIKE TURNER**

No report submitted

## **MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER – JIM SMITH**

### **Membership Numbers.**

I have sent out a new spreadsheet to all National Council which shows the updated figures for membership taken from the current Treasurers report on CAS. It shows we have 809 clubs and 18,279 members. These figures do not include any affiliations or disaffiliations to be proposed at the Council meeting as listed below. The spreadsheet also gives information on the Round Tables linked to each Region and club and how many Tablers there are in each club. These figures are as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. This updated list will give Councillors information to enable them to focus on our projects.

Round Table membership is showing a positive turn. At the AGM they showed that they are currently beating the last Optima forecast made in 2008 (figures in brackets). New members joining 13% (Optima projection 11%), resignations including closed clubs 11% (13%) and retirements 8% (8%). From a forecast fall of 10% per annum inroads are being made and although there is still a fall it is positive news. I am hoping that someone from Round Table will be at our Council meeting to explain what they have been doing in more detail. You will have heard that in 2009 they went for a big capitation increase. It was not agreed in its entirety but part of the reason was to invest in the future and develop strong and consistent membership tools. They have spent money on a number of initiatives including the new public facing web site [www.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.roundtable.co.uk), the Schhhh... marketing campaign, the post card campaign and also a series of workshops for members. The workshops have been well attended and have been very successful and they will be rolling these out again this year. All in all Round Table and in particular the Membership Committee have been working very





hard and they are now just starting to see positive signs. As they say the Scouts took 10 years to turn the ship round, Round Table are really only in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year but signs are good.

Round Table membership and support to Round Table is one of our key functions as an Association. We must be positive about their successes and work with them to make a difference.

### **Projects and Initiatives.**

The members at the AGM voted against selective membership but in doing so they did say that our efforts should be put into supporting Round Table and therefore developing our future membership. We have developed 3 projects which will be the subject of the workshops at the Council meeting. They are aligned to the members wishes and support the Purposes and Objects of the Association unanimously voted in at the AGM.

**“Get One In”** particularly aimed at encouraging members of 41 Club to introduce potential members to Round Table and Ladies Circle. We have 18,000 members. If only 5% introduced 1 member each and 50% of them continued into full membership of Round Table that would increase the new members of Round Table by 7.5%. If Round Table continued to perform in the same way they did in 2009 it would turn the 6% fall into a 1.5% increase in overall membership. This initiative is aimed at all clubs and not just those who have linked Round Tables. By working with the Membership Committees of Round Table and Ladies Circle we can introduce to any club in the country. For those clubs who have Tables this will also help to improve links where links have been broken.

**“Phoenix Round Table Club Project”**. Brought to us last year by Mansfield 41 Club we have built up the project process, the details are now shown on our web site. We need to look very carefully at clubs in our regions who have the capability in numbers and the desire to take this on. We also need to look very carefully at locations. Don't forget that very frequently large City Tables are not successful. The largest and most successful Tables currently are mostly from rural areas. We will work with the Regional Representatives of Round Table to ensure we have the right locations, catchment areas and support from other local Tables. We do have a process that really needs to be followed. This is a very challenging project but I have set myself a personal target of achieving 6 new clubs by the time of our AGM next year.

**“Reach Out – Bridge the Gap”** Using Malcolm's theme we aim to reach out to past members of Table who have never joined 41 Club either to join a cub or start their own. What is important in this initiative is to encourage our clubs to adapt their ways and make them an attractive proposition. It is worth mentioning that we have had a communication from Phil Douce who has just retired from Table and last year was on the National exec as PR & Media Officer. He had had no communication from anyone in 41 Club and it appears his own local 41 Club had no communication with him. He has now had a meeting with the existing club who are not happy that he intends to set up a new club but as he says they haven't done anything to link with Round Table for years, why should they start now. This has prompted us to get a new list of retiring Tablers from Round Table. We have agreed that a letter will be sent personally to all of them signed jointly by Vaughan and David Weaver as Membership officer for Round Table to encourage them to join their 41 Club, or contact us to discuss the alternatives. When received we will copy the list to each councillor. The workshops in Durham are not designed to discuss the projects but the important aspect of how do we deliver them, what tools do we need, what communication resources are required and the role of the Councillors and Executive in delivering them.





**Affiliations and Disaffiliations**

**Clubs to be affiliated**

<u>Club</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Stowmarket	17	25	Disaffiliated capitation 10/09 now paid
Mildenhall	17	8	Disaffiliated capitation 10/09 now paid
Gloucester Active	21	9	New active club
Montpellier	26	16	Reaffiliated following Cap d'Agde
Bromsgrove	15	17	Closed 2001 new team reactivated
Huddersfield	6	4	Closed 2003 new team reactivated

We are also in discussion with 6 more new or potential re-affiliated clubs

**Clubs to be disaffiliated**

Holmfirth	6	12	Age/Numbers
Trent Valley	10	14	Age/Numbers
Erdington	15	26	Age/ Numbers/ Benefits
Wyndham & Attleborough	17	28	Age/Numbers
Hailsham	24	13	Age/Numbers
Helensburgh	1	18	Age/Benefits

**Change of Name**

Isis 41 Club to change name to Isis Area 41 Club – reason to flog old stock!

**I ask for confirmation from Council that these affiliations and disaffiliations and change of name are approved.**

**Disaffiliated Clubs**

I have been keeping records of clubs that have disaffiliated since December and there seems to be some things coming up consistently that give indication that clubs might disaffiliate.

1. CAS is not up to date – in most instances of disaffiliation it hasn't been updated for over 2 years (8 of 15)
2. Number of members receiving magazines is a lot less than numbers recorded (11 of 15 of which 4 were still showing bulk delivery)
3. 1 member identified as doing more than 2 of the key jobs of Chairman, Secretary, Club Contact, Treasurer (12 of 15)
4. Consistent late payment of capitation

When we ask the club after they have told us they will be disaffiliating they invariably tell us that they haven't had any visit from anyone from National or in some instances any





communication and they therefore feel that there is no point in continuing to be affiliated. Most, if not all, intend to carry on meeting but just not as an affiliated club. As a consequence we tend to be fighting a rearguard action.

In addition to the questions we put in place last year if councillors just looked at the above list they might be able to identify potential future problems by researching their clubs on CAS.

### **New Members Welcome Pack**

A new pack has been developed and is sent out by post after affiliation has been confirmed at a Council meeting. It includes a letter of welcome from the President, a letter of information and welcome from the Membership officer including the details of the regional Councillor, a letter of information from the Sales Officer and a sales flyer, a letter of guidance and information from the web master, access passwords and guide to CAS, a copy of the model rules for clubs and a signed Charter certificate. In future copies of these documents will be e-mailed to councillors when they are sent. If councillors are close to the new clubs and a special chartering meeting is being held please let me know and I will let you have the Charter certificate for presentation.

### **Public Relations**

The appointment of Avid PR has been confirmed and a contract and terms of agreement signed. The committee of myself, David Smith, Ray Hill and Malcolm (ex-officio) (Hugh Milward was on holiday) met with Mira to establish the requirements and key activities. The contract includes key objectives, performance targets and measurements to achieve the following:

#### **THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF 41 CLUB FOR USING AVID PR ARE:**

1. To improve 41 Club's public profile both as an independent association and linked to Round Table.
2. To show evidence of 41 Club's work in the community both nationally and locally
3. To improve 41 Club's image in the eyes of ex-Round Tablers who have never joined 41 Club and to existing Round Tablers to encourage them to join in the future.
4. To assist in the growth of Round Table and consequently 41 Club's own future membership.

Brief reports will be made monthly with more detailed reports to be available for each Council meeting.

So far we have achieved the following:

- Initial Press release agreed which is now being promoted
- Local Press release relating to Malcolm which has been taken by Berwick local paper
- New Blog for Malcolm [www.thebigpresidentialwalk.blogspot.com](http://www.thebigpresidentialwalk.blogspot.com)
- Mira is linking with Ocean Youth Trust
- Mira is linking with the clubs who are organising the Millenium Way walk
- Facebook page created
- Wikipedia page created and linked to Round Table and Round Table family pages.
- A brief article will be in the June newsletter
- An article will be in the July Links magazine





A 41 club e-mail address has been set up for Avid. If any council member wants to contact them please do it through the [avidpr@41club.org](mailto:avidpr@41club.org) address. This goes direct to Mira and Jenny and also copies in to me so that we can keep a track on activity but also help Avid to avoid wasted time. They are only working on our account for 3 days a month and we must keep it focused.

## **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – DAVID SMITH**

As I write this report, I am in the throes of putting together the Summer issue of LINKS which I hope will be out in early July. Contributors have on this occasion kindly observed the copy deadline which has enabled me to get on with the job!

The monthly Newsletter continues to fulfil its purpose and provides the membership with up-to-the minute news and reaction. Ray Hill's hard work is certainly paying dividends and I know that members are getting to look forward to opening their copy on their PCs at the beginning of each month. In my view, the Newsletter should not be regarded as an eventual replacement for the Magazine – they each have very different functions; for example, the Newsletter is not designed to be downloaded – anyone attempting to print the May edition will have incurred a fairly hefty cost – whereas the Magazine with more in depth articles is intended to be dipped into and read by members and their families and friends at their leisure.

I'm pleased to report that at my Club's last meeting, my fellow members agreed to a man that they found the Newsletter interesting and welcome – and you will recall that the first few issues were denied to them by our former self appointed censor!

Webmaster David is keeping the website up to date. His photos from Scarborough were on the system within a day or two after the event. He's always pleased to receive contributions to and suggestions about the website from Council members.

Finally, the copy deadline for the Autumn issue of LINKS is **Tuesday 14 September 2010**. This does not mean you have to delay submission until this date – if you have a report or article you want to be published, please send it to me as soon as it's ready. Thanks.

### **DAVID SMITH**

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## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – ANDY WAITE**

After Scarborough came the International AGM in Finland. Only John & Helen Bellwood, Gordon & Elaine Macnab, Gill Young and Lawrence Bamber made it due to the volcanic ash.

Matti Hinttala was installed as International President, Denis Beck confirmed as International Secretary, and the accounts were approved in the absence of the International Treasurer. The Half Yearly meeting in Brasov, Romania 15-17 October will assume greater significance than usual and I hope we will have a good turnout (Wizzair from Luton to Bucharest is the least expensive method of travel).

I have chartered the new Club Cap d'Agde International 270 with 9 members and have completed the forms to re-admit Montpellier 1904 L'Esprit de l'Entente Cordiale back into the





fold, with 15 members. As you read you may have seen a small piece in the e-Bulletin on the weekend.

I visited RAF Fylingdales with Ossett & Horbury 41 Club (your hosts for the White Rose Dinner on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Cedar Court Hotel, J39 of the M1) and was one of a team of 41 Scrutineers and Tellers at the RTBI Harrogate Conference. I also managed to get to my own club Wakefield's AGM.

I was in Belgium for the RT47 Eurometing the same weekend as the Italian and German AGMs, which were attended respectively by President Malcolm and Ken Boden.

As I write I am looking forward to the French AGM in Brive and of course Durham.

Twinings are coming along nicely with Edinburgh and Aix-en-Provence and Ilfracombe with Juan les Pins. Both of these were largely made possible by my being able to send those two clubs a copy of the French 41 Directory. Another has been sent to a 41er touring France in a motor home. I have also used it for a Wakefield Member who lives in Perpignan most of the year to visit the Perpignan Club. The Directory is so detailed that, as a retired vet, there are two vets in the French Club. An invaluable tool for international fellowship.

One of the many requests from 41 France for a work placement for a 21 year old daughter may also be possible.

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## **CONFERENCE OFFICER – DICK STANLEY**

### **Scarborough**

What a great success our National Conference in Scarborough was. I heard nothing but praise from all the delegates to whom I spoke and our congratulations should go to Stephen Slade, the Conference Committee Chairman, and his team for a job well done. One or two minor issues have arisen and these have been taken on board and will be passed on to Ipswich.

### **Ipswich**

It's now off to Ipswich where Ian Mackenzie and his band of brothers (and sisters!) have been working extremely hard and preparations for Conference 2011 are well advanced. I urge you to book now before your hotel of choice becomes fully booked as registrations are coming in thick and fast and I wouldn't want anyone to be disappointed. A number of very important issues have been raised and I am working with the Ipswich Committee and our National Secretary to resolve them. That said their progress is well on schedule and I am certain we will have an event to remember.

### **Jersey**

Jersey will be our 2012 venue. I have visited Jersey and attended their second committee meeting. They have a very experienced and committed team under the Chairmanship of Paul Harding. At the moment this looks like being a 3 Day conference with a Welcome Party on the Thursday evening perhaps combining an International 'event' and Banner Exchange.





This will also feature the traditional Vin d'Honneur provided by the States of Jersey. I have some concerns about how Tangent is going to organise their part as the 'Ladies in Jersey have no interest in helping out!' There is a long way still to go but I am sure the resultant conference will be a great success. (Me, a hostage to fortune?).

### **Future Locations**

I am currently looking at locations in North Wales, Somerset and Yorkshire and hope to bring concrete proposals to the October National Council Meeting in Dublin for approval.

### **Conference Guidelines**

I have quickly realised that Conference Committees need a very comprehensive 'bible' to ensure that all the required elements, including branding, are in place well in advance of the event. Some significant issues have been raised that need much more detail than the existing guidelines offer. To achieve this Martin Green and I have been in discussion and have drafted new Conference Guidelines which give step-by-step details of what is required for a successful event. These will be published shortly. They do not remove the flare and personality that each committee brings to their event but ensures that all the required elements are in place and, where possible, nothing of importance is forgotten.

### **Conference Name**

You will see from my article in the summer edition of Links that I think we should consider a change of name for Conference. Our annual gathering is simply not a conference, it is a social occasion (plus an AGM) to catch up with old friends and to establish new and lasting friendships. I have one or two ideas which I will not repeat here but any suggestions would be gratefully received.

### **National Council Weekends**

National Council Weekends are becoming ever more difficult to organise and I know that the Forward Planning Committee is working towards a possible change. The format needs to make them more affordable and make the timings more acceptable to all of National Council. Time should also be given to committee meetings which, in the past, have been all too brief or completely absent. I appreciate that some committees meet outside of National Council Weekends but this is not always possible.

Finally, my thanks to Dai for all his hard work in organising this weekend. It has not been easy but everything has come together and I am sure you will have an enjoyable and constructive time.

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### **SALES & MARKETING OFFICER – HUGH MILWARD**

My focus since being elected at the AGM is to get my feet under the table (no pun intended!) in respect of this post following the major changes established by my predecessor Martin Green, as well as setting out my objectives.

A three week plus holiday following my retirement has not helped, so a big thanks to Martin who has covered for me in this early absence.





### **Our Sales Supplier**

To establish a good working relationship with our supplier I made a trip to Southend and see the operation at first had as well discussions with Masterparts senior staff. Regular formal review meetings have been diarised to manage the contract which is up for renewal in 2011. A number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are to be established to assist the process.

### **Sales Complaints**

These have centred on delivery and quality of jewels and collarets. Close attention to e-mails, phone calls and liaison with our supplier to ensure rectifying action is taken without delay is ongoing, almost daily, but the situation is now improving.

I consider keeping our members happy an important part of the job, therefore this area has taking up a lot of my time, but very enjoyable when we get it right and compliments are made.

### **Sales Web Site**

This is being upgraded shortly to include collarets and other items. As at the date of this report I have yet to get a firm date.

### **Sales Boxes**

Who has a Sales Box (some swopping around has taken place), stock levels; cash in hand, replacement returns, and general comments about their use, why we have them etc. Is a task I wish to get to grips with by the June Council meeting. It will please me if I meet this deadline!

### **Platinum Privileges**

Martin has currently run with this for the next issue of Links, so induction and understanding in this area is required on my part as soon as possible.

### **Branding**

I am monitoring our use to ensure we maintain the image we wish to project both internally to ex tablers and to the outside world. A good example has been the recent press release on the Presidents Charity the Ocean Youth Trust. I look forward to working with our Membership Officer and our new Public Relations agency as part of this.

We all have a part in maintaining and building up our 41 Club brand to show who and what we are.

### **Marketing**

This word is in the job title so I am pleased to be attending the forward planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June, working closely with our Membership Officer and delighted to offer my services to lead a workshop at the June Council Meeting.

**HUGH MILWARD**

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## **NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPRESENTATIVE – BARRY DURMAN**

No separate report

### **REGION 1 – DONALD WATSON**

#### **Club Visits**

Milngavie and Bearsden; Bridge of Weir, City of Glasgow and Airdrie

Invited and accepted an invitation to become a member of City of Glasgow, used these visits to feed back about proceedings at Scarborough. The Airdrie contingent were somewhat upset that there had not been any Newsletter coverage about the Club Service Award, National or Region 1, as this is regarded as the premier recognition of a Club's achievements. This was corrected in the Region 1 Newsletter and will be covered in Links.

Three National Councillors, Past and Present (David Wharton and David Campbell) attended the Airdrie Club meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June. A thoroughly enjoyable meeting during which various initiatives that I had in mind were discussed and adjustments were made to my planning as a result of the feedback.

**The City of Glasgow Club** was formed out of an ex-Round Tabler attending a Cooking Course, in the Metropolitan College in Glasgow. He invited a few of his friends in 41 Clubs around Glasgow to attend his meal prepared at the end of the Course. It was suggested that they should meet again and enjoy the cooking of subsequent courses, hence the formation of the City of Glasgow 41 Club. Others joined the Club as it was affiliated and their Club was not affiliated and they could not play in official 41 Club golfing events.

The members then decided to recognise the part played by their hosts and present a prize to the leading student each year. I was able to attend the prize-giving this year and saw Club President Peter Higson present the trophy, an inscribed Quaich and a replica is also presented.





### **National Council items**

No contact has been made with any ex Round Tablers from Helensburgh Round Table. They have not had the courtesy to respond to my invitation to talk.

Cochran Cup, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010, at Longcliffe Golf Club. Our prize sponsors for the initial two events had a difficult year last year, and cut back on their sponsorship. I wonder if any members of the National Council might be able to arrange sponsorship support, last year it was £250 and the prior year in excess of £450

### **Capitation Situation**

The progressing of payments will be completed shortly. Helensburgh regard themselves as disaffiliated and will not pay.

83.23% paid.

### **CAS Issues**

None experienced

### **Announcements of Coming Events**

Area 13 is planning their AGM for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Wick shortly after the Mod.

Still Planning a Cluster for Scotland during the first weekend in November, but will cancel provisional booking for Ullapool (Members are not as young as they used to be!)

2011 Ayr will arrange a mixed event for February that will be attended by Malcolm and Yvonne and they will invite attendance from surrounding Clubs.

### **AOB**

If there are going to be Questions on Councillors Reports the Councillor involved should be advised of the question prior to the meeting commencing, in order that proper preparation of a response can be completed.

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### **REGION 2 - ALLAN THOMPSON**

**Visitations;** Since the A.G.M. in Scarborough I have visited the following Clubs

On 10<sup>th</sup> May visited the Edinburgh and District Club, this was a disappointing evening as only 7 members turned up, no Chairman, no Club Contact, no structure to the evening, held in a restaurant where the public was present so any form of address was difficult. Sales £29.35 and money in the Ocean Trust tin. Ticking boxes in a Survey this Club scored quite well but !!!.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May visited the North Berwick Club, good turn out of Tabler's and 41's who all went to the Bass Rock by boat where 2 new members were inducted, all were dive bombed by the





“Gannets” and several left with decorations of the running type. Meal to follow in local Pub, more money in the Ocean Trust tin and £65.95 from sales and the raffle. A good evening of fun and fellowship.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May visited the Leven Club, evening started with 9 holes of Golf at Lundin Links followed by a meal in a local hotel, once again difficult as a large number of the public were also in the Dining room but got most things across, 11 members present Golf Trophies presented, winner received a “quaich” presented by the widow of a past member for annual competition, all are getting the Mag. and news letter. More money in the Ocean Trust tin and £16.25 in sales. Extremely disappointed in Quality of Name Bar for Jewel and want it replaced.

Three Visits 844 miles

### **National Council Items:**

Only item at this time involves the minutes of meeting 211 item 3 when I brought up Insurance for members on Community Service, I specifically said that if we expect members to do C/S then we must cover this and if an additional cost is involved then so be it, no mention of cost in minutes.

### **Capitation Situation:**

2009 Three clubs still outstanding, all were written to on 19/04/10 Corstorphine have responded saying at long last they have a new treasurer and should address the matter shortly, no response from the other two.

2010 67 72% paid, 13 clubs still to pay but may be slightly better as have been “told” others have paid but until Sue returns and updates can not confirm.

### **CAS Issues:**

All Clubs were contacted on 28<sup>th</sup> April and updates continuing however, main problems are still with the following clubs; Brechin; Larbert & Falkirk; Burntisland; Corstorphine and Forfar, I have offered to assist if they send me the members details and I will do the job for them but no response to this appeal either. New Chairman and Club Contact at Monifieth have been trying to update but there was a CAS problem which was reported to Martin. This may be causing problems elsewhere.

### **Forthcoming Events**

25<sup>th</sup> August Scottish Region 1 and 2 Golf at Forfar Golf Club ( could be problem here as despite best efforts can not get Forfar to send out details and Clubs now on summer break).

26<sup>th</sup> November Dundee Former Tabler’s 50th Ann. Dinner.

April 2011 Forfar 41 Club 50<sup>th</sup> Ann.

### **A.O.B.**

International, over this coming weekend we will be hosting Alan and Sue Ironside from 41 Club in New Zealand, Alan is researching family history as his GGG Grandfather had died in Inverurie.





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### **REGION 3 – PHILLIP ELLIS**

The following report from Region 3 is based on what I am aware of. I appeal to all clubs in Region 3 to get as much information to me as often as possible:

There are 18 registered Clubs with a total of 324 members in Region 3, and currently 73.46% of clubs in the region have paid their capitations.

I am delighted to report that Bangor 41 Club has completed the handing over of a cheque for the amount of **£20,714.10**. The handing over to the Ireland Air Ambulance Ltd was on 21 May 2010 by Chairman Roy Wilson and Phillip Ellis, Event Organizer. There to receive the cheque on behalf of the IAA was Bill Megraw and Michael Montgomery (IAA). The money was raised by a motorcycle run on 26 April 2009 around the North part of Ireland in which 440 motorcyclists rode approximately 500 miles in one day. Bangor 41 Club would like to thank everyone for all the help in raising this money.



The Region 3 Rally this year will be a memorable occasion, not only because we in Region 3 will welcome a National Councillors meeting at it, but the whole event will be hosted in an area that hosts so much of Irish history dating back 3200BC. The Rally itself will be a fantastic event with trips to Newgrange, built before the Pyramids and Stonehenge. The base is the City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co Meath from Friday, 1 October to Sunday, 3 October 2010. All booking and registration enquiries to Nicky Phelan of Laytown & Bettystown 41 Club as early as you can, as places could become limited.

Rally Booking Form Attached

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### **REGION 4 – DAI BRYSON**

The past weeks since conference have held some challenges which have prevented me from doing much for my region.





I have however found it helpful to have the Durham Meeting to organise.

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**REGION 5 – ANDREW MACKERETH**

I am in the process of contacting all my clubs over the next two weeks to remind them of subs due for this year and to check CAS is order. They have all had a short newsletter in the last month . I was due to go the Holker Garden Festival with Mildred on Sunday to help Furness 41 Club and Barrow in Furness RT man the gate but never made it ! One of my clubs Preston have complained who attended the AGM at Scarborough that they would not have come if they had known the motion required a 70% majority. They were in favour.

With my mother passing away recently and now that I have finally passed my lettings exams this week I can put more time into Region 5 for the rest of this year. With visits to Silloth and Bentham Charter recently. Having served nearly 4 years by the time of the AGM in Ipswich I have decided not to offer myself for a further 2 year term but I would like to come back in the future when time allows.

**ANDREW MACKERETH**

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**REGION 6 – ANDREW BELLAMY**

Just to round up some business from last year. I have checked the contributors list for H4H and need to confirm that Region 6 contributions from club visits has not been listed. My thanks need to go to clubs that put a total of £65.37. this money was paid directly to H4H using the reference code provided.

**Club Visits:**

B41's a relatively new club, yet to organise a charter dinner they are ;looking to organise something for the Autumn. This club is predominantly recently retired tablers who felt they wanted a new 41 Club that best served their needs. Their main aim is to proactively support Bridlington 42. I counselled against over exposure of 41 Club members appearing as tablers to boost apparent numbers (the honorary hangers on syndrome). I likened the ideal assistance from 41 club to be like a theatre production tablers should the cast and 41 Club the back stage staff the director if necessary but never the top bill.

I have visited Ilkley Olicana twice, their AGM in April was well attended including six or seven members of Ilkley RT and the chirman of the un-affiliated Burley In Wharfedale "41 Club". The chairman Paul Kitching present long standing Hon Secretary (and past national councillor) Geoffrey De Vere with a Club Service Award jewel in recognition of the countless years dedication to The Club. Ilkley Olicana always have a full annual programme Paul's has extended this idea and had a number of the club's member organise some interesting





outside visits throughout the year. Should be more appealing to the prospective members from Table.

Todmorden have no feeder Table but they do have past national president of RTBI Chris Horsfall as their chairman. Todmorden was once a self contained, self sufficient town but now most of the young residents commute to Leeds or Manchester. We discussed the problems this created in even contemplating resurrecting tabling in Tod. New ideas are needed if jazz clubs can meet on a train why not Tablers on their way home.

Brighouse & District 41 Club, mine own, Chairman George Linton is a relatively, recently joined member and was encouraged to join after attending Brighouse RT 451 fiftieth charter dinner. He is keen to reach out to other ex-members of Brighouse RT who haven't taken advantage of the benefits of 41 Club by organising a charter style dinner and inviting as many ex-tablers as possible

### **Collaboration with Round Table:**

I have made contact with all three area chairmen and the RT national councillor. A slow start and I get the feeling that there is going to have to be more push from me than pull. I am attending Area 9's next council meeting. To talk about the initiatives that 41 Club are going to try and find out how this might fit in with their own strategies. I was a little concerned to learn that the restructuring of RTBI has left the area structure wholly social there is no overarching membership role. This is left to tables. Making our Phoenix Project all the more important but will need to be sensitively handled.

### **Capitation:**

Two clubs have yet to pay capitation for 2009 Harrogate and Holmfirth.

Holmfirth are a small club aging club who meet infrequently and have never accepted my entreaties to visit. At my last contact just after their AGM they said that they had decided to disaffiliate. No letter of such ahs been received as yet

Harrogate who appear to wish to be left alone. They do not respond to contact about the capitation and have of late had to be chased each year for late payments.

### **New Clubs:**

Four recent retirees from Huddersfield 68 RT have applied to create 6841. I understand that they have persuaded the disaffiliated Huddersfield 68 club to pass over their regalia. Having extended my congratulations to the new chairman Mark Allen I am looking forward to attend a meeting soon.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

July 29: Region 6 Golf Competition At Howley Hall Golf Club Morley, So far 6 Clubs entered.

October 22: White Rose Dinner organised by Ossett 7 Horbury 41 Club. Cedar Court Hotel Wakefield (J39 M1)





## **AOB**

Bridlington Past Table asked me to pass the following on to the exec.

***Bridlington Past Table unanimously request the National Executive should be asked what it now proposes doing about these clubs in default. I also pointed out that it should be possible to police this membership rule and those clubs already known should be asked immediately to correct their membership qualification. As our National Councillor we trust you will represent our feelings at the earliest opportunity to the National President and Executive Council. Tony Brockbank, Immediate Past chairman Bridlington Past Table***

I have already sent this request to Exec member, Councillors Rep, Barry and after discussion and a brief reply I sent the following back to Tony

***Tony***

***I have forwarded your comments to the National Executive in advance of the National Council and have already had a response.***

***The Nat Exec has no plans to do anything not least because we have no records of Table membership against which to compare nor actually do our clubs have to record their members unless they want a magazine.***

***I will expand a little further. This is an association of clubs not individual members. You mentioned in your speech suspension of clubs who are found to be in breach of the rule; no such sanction exist in the rules of the Association. I do not expect that National Council will be writing to all or any clubs asking them to regularise their own membership qualifications; such a campaign would be divisive.***

***I did ask all other clubs in Yorkshire what they thought of your views. I have not had an overwhelming response from the other 43 clubs but those that did reply were very surprised and felt that tolerance was a better approach; better to forgive than be indignant.***

***I hope now that we can all put these issues behind us. We need to be forward looking and find new ways of recruiting more 41club members and helping Round Table survive to keep a enduring supply of potential members.***

## **Round Table National AGM:**

At very short notice 41 Club rallied and provided RTBI with tellers and scrutineers for the AGM at Harrogate my thanks go to David Weaver (White Knights & Rothwell), George Layton & Keith Bottom (Brighouse), Geoff Bond (Nidderdale) and Geoff De Vere & Paul Kitching (Ilkley Olican). Jim Smith Andy Waite and Vaughan Harris were already attending but were commandeered as well. Whilst Vaughan sent his thanks on to all concerned I am still waiting for a thank you from RTBI.

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## REGION 7 – MIKE GARNER

As this is my first attempt at this and as yet I haven't attended any Council meetings as yet...bear with me.

I have attended 7 club meetings within the Region and in all cases excellent hospitality was forthcoming and a great opportunity to renew some slightly lapsed friendships...and make some new ones!!

The main purpose was to try and gauge the feeling of members, especially regarding the selective membership outcome following Scarborough

The overwhelming response has been "I thought that would be the case...we were carrying on with what we were doing anyway".

This came as no great surprise to me either.

In relation to some of the other initiatives we are looking at...a much less favourable reception to the Phoenix project...a feeling of far too much work involved...or should that read apathy!!!

"Get One In" seems to have more legs!! With a very positive response all round.

As one of the younger councillors...who until last year played a full and active part in Table, I feel that if we are to make anything of these initiatives our/my views should be heard more. It is very apparent to me that the new Tabler of today is a completely different animal to what we all were ....all those years ago

As regards capitation, the system tells me that there are 11 clubs in Region 7 who have not paid their capitation for this year. They have all now had a reminder....whilst inviting myself to a meeting.

The Regional Dinner is on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at The Village Hotel, Cheadle, Cheshire. This year the dinner is to be joint with Region 8...Steve Leonard kindly offered to let me organise this on their behalf .....~#\*\*£%& !!!!...obviously thought he would take advantage of a virgin!!!!.....revenge will be sweet.....more details to follow.

### MIKE GARNER

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## REGION 8 – STEVE LEONARD

### Club visits

- Isle of Man (3 clubs) Usual interesting visits  
All Charters and AGMs attended on IOM  
All doing OK, and meeting regularly, only Rushen still has a feeder Table, but that R/T is still active and very lively, took on 2 new members recently.
- Other Clubs  
Little activity reported. 3 members from IOM attended Conference plus 1 from





Southport, but little further interest (despite being held in North)

### **National Council items**

- Council Committees 2010 - I shall be delighted to assist Mike Turner with finances. While I can already cope with Armagnac, he is going to have to learn to suffer a whole lot of real ale!
- Recruitment  
No new members recently that have been brought to my attention, but no sign of a major fall off of existing members.  
Main problem on IOM is that we had 2 losses of elderly though excellent members during the year, and these have not been replaced yet.  
I have already invited an ex-Tabler to our forthcoming Presidents dinner
- Replacement Councillor Region 8  
Top Southport Hesketh Tabler David Yardley came to Scarborough as an observer and expressed interest. I hope he will become my replacement at Ipswich.
- AGM - It's all been said

### **Capitations**

Unable to rouse one club – Bootle, Crosby & District Club  
My only fee outstanding from 2009, 17 members = £153.00.  
They are always the last but I have lost contact with any of their members, no response.  
Will knock on some doors when I am next across.

### **CAS issues**

Some clubs take to it easily, others may never get it.  
I have spoken with all clubs who are out of line.  
I have sorted some of them out myself, one club (Bootle, Crosby) will not respond  
I shall have another ring round.

### **Announcements of coming events**

Presidential Visit to Isle of Man confirmed November 4 - 6 2010  
Malcie is booked for the Thursday evening (3 IOM clubs dinner), Friday lunchtime (Prospect ex-Tablers), and Friday evening Bonfire night (Rushen R/T).  
Good value, eh?  
WRD, RRD, R7 & R8 dinners all lined up before year end

### **AOB**

#### **Euro 8 Meeting Narbonne**

Irene and I went with Roger and Glenys Arden from Liverpool No 1 club.  
Met up with Andrew & Debbie Robinson and some friends, now members of new club Cape d'Agde 270. It was COLD!!!  
John & Rosemary Livingston and Ian and Zan Kelso and friends from Region 8 (vieux) and ourselves sampled the finest wines and even a Michelin star restaurant.  
Excellent arrangements by local President Philippe and amis.  
I recommend all members, particularly Councilors, to try any International experience they get a chance of, it's well worth the effort (and cost).

**STEVE LEONARD**

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## **REGION 9 – ALAN PATTINSON**

### **Club visits**

Woodhall Spa and Alford, Indoor bowling competition

Boston, Royal Mail sorting office

### **National Council items**

None

### **Capitation situation**

NA

### **CAS issues**

None

### **Announcements of coming events**

Yellow Belly Ball 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

Golf competition tba

### **AOB**

None

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## **REGION 10 – HUGH MILWARD**

Since the AGM I have focused my efforts in getting to grip with my new role as Sales and Marketing Officer and visits to clubs have suffered.

In respect of caretaking the Region 10 Councillors role I have secured one nomination for my replacement. I am current not aware of any others.

I still awaiting a date from Rotherham 41 Club to visit and present the new Annual National Golfing Trophy on behalf of Drew following the AGM.

The Region 10 golfing day has provisionally been set for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010.

The proposed new active 4141 Club in Region 10 has stalled somewhat due to the proposed Chairman being extremely busy who has been the main driver. Never the less there is a





band of 41er's who want to maintain the momentum; therefore I am confident that efforts to get this new club off the ground will happen.

Following my recent holiday where we met up with Remy and Françoise Senicourt. Remy is keen to establish a Region 10 twinning as he belongs to the French Region 10 (formerly chairman and this year editor), so watch this space.

**HUGH MILWARD**

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## **REGION 11 – RAY HILL**

### **Club Visits.**

Visits are continuing well but as many clubs have 'outside' events during the summer months they tend to be of a more social nature than during the preceding 8 months. I have managed to arrange a joint meeting between Northwich and another local club in August. I see re-establishing such meetings as a major contributor to improving the future development of 41 Club.

### **National Council Items**

As part of the national membership initiatives I have established a link with the Area 22 Round Table Council and now attend their council meetings. (What a shock they are to those who remember the old formal Area councils!) They are working hard on their membership drive, with a new Area website about to be launched, mass deliveries of thousands of the RT invitation cards and real use of social networking. I will endeavour to give them all the help I can and they have identified two Cheshire towns that could be considered for a Phoenix Club type operation.

I am also Hon President of Northwich 41 Club this year and they jokingly said they would challenge us to a 'New Members Night' as they know far more potential 41 Club members than we would know potential Tablers. This could in fact be something well worth considering for they will know many of the Tablers who have left since the age rule changes, but who have never joined us. So could you invite clubs in your region to hold such an event? Both clubs could benefit and for 41 Club it could be a double strike: new members now and potential new members for the future.

### **Capitation Situation**

Two of my three problem clubs have now paid their 2009 capitation, and are in fact now completely up to date, having paid 2 years at the same time. One club (Stoke-on-Trent) remains a problem. Their CAS entry is very out of date and the one contact address does not respond to messages. I am continuing to progress this one. As for 2010 capitation payments are very good with 80% paid already.





### **CAS Issues**

Many entries are out of date but I have not chased them up as I am very busy on another Club project on most of my 'spare' evenings. No clubs now have more magazines than declared members, but there are several with less magazines.

There is a problem with the CAS system in that Delamere Forest appear twice in the 2009 capitation table: once as paid up and once as in default. Sue assures me that the system created this when they were re-affiliated and that the CAS administrator is the only person who can put this right.

### **Announcement Of Coming Events**

I will be providing a sales table at the Northern region Tangent luncheon next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June in Crewe.

### **AOB**

Nothing.

### **RAY HILL**

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## **REGION 12 – LAWRENCE BAMBER**

### **Capitation and CAS**

All 2009 dues have been paid, and all Clubs have been reminded that 2010 capitations are now due, and that the CAS should be updated , following their individual AGMs.

### **Sales**

Have received adverse reports re the quality of the new Past Pres/Chair gongs; not to do with the engraving, but with the standard of the pins.

For example, Rhyl ordered 2 service awards and one PP jewel; Of the 2 that arrived in time for the AGM ( all ordered together ) both pins broke during the award ceremony!! Theo/s service award arrived for presentation at the May meeting; it did not self-destruct!

### **Regional/Club Activities**

a) Regional St. Davids Day Dinner 2011

This will be hosted by Rhyl 41 Club, and will be held at Rhuddlan Golf Club, Denbighshire on Friday February 25th., 2011. President Malcolm will be in attendance

b) Holyhead 41 Club had their 30th Charter Dinner on Friday June 11th., 2010

c) Rhyl 41 Club : attended their AGM





### **International AGM**

I was one of the few Brits that made the 41 Club International AGM in Finland.

Gordon McNab and I acted as GB&I voting delegates, and saw Matti Hinttala installed as International President for 2010/2011.

### **LAWRENCE BAMBER**

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## **REGION 13 – DUNCAN KENNEDY**

### **Club Visits**

At the time of writing I have had a number of invitations to visit Clubs in my Region as well as those that I am targeting to visit. I anticipate that in one or two Clubs there will be lively discussion of the motions but in most it will be business as usual – AGM, what AGM??? Still, I can always manage to sell some stock at each Club – even if it is just a Chairman's badge!

### **National Council Items**

Nothing at this moment in time.

### **Capitation Situation**

I do not have the current figures to be able to comment on this at this stage.

### **CAS Issues**

Just under half of the Clubs in my Region have their CAS entries up to date and only receiving one magazine. I have been in contact with all the others and will continue to try to get everything in order.

### **Announcements Of Forthcoming Events**

Nothing of substance in the diary at the moment.

### **AOB**

Following the defeat of the motion regarding selective membership at the AGM I have only had one Club contact me with feedback after I sent all Clubs details of all the votes. Dismay was expressed by the secretary of Penarth that those who voted against the motion "were rather short-sighted and not prepared to consider the needs of others". That said Penarth will carry on the way they have been going and continue to invite suitable non ex-Tablers to become members "as the system is not going to be policed".

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## **REGION 14 & 15 – BARRY DURMAN**

### **Club Visits**

I have visited Kenilworth/Leamington/Northampton/Stratford/Bedworth recently as well as the RTBI National Conference in Harrogate with Rachel. I have resolved to visit my smaller clubs over the next 6 months. Erdington have surprisingly requested to disaffiliate.

### **National Council**

I have cajoled a volunteer to be National Councillor for Region 14 – one nomination in and waiting for the closing date.

I have attended a National Exec weekend in May and a Forward Planning meeting in June. These were interesting and gave me an introduction to Exec. Durham will be different in that the NC will be in a workshop format on membership for the most part and will finish at lunch on Saturday leaving free time with our ladies in the afternoon. There is a CAS training session at 3pm on Friday followed by a Councillors Meeting at 4pm. I have asked Dave Campbell to take minutes. Please try to be there as there is no time for 26 Regional Reports on the Saturday. I got mixed responses about the format of this meeting.

There is talk of having an Exec meeting between NC Weekends so that Exec can both take into account what has been said at the previous one and plan proposals for the next one. Then there will be no need for an Exec meeting on the Friday afternoon and the meetings can be confined to the Saturday. As always there are pros and cons.

### **Sales**

Tick over nicely and I always sell something at every visit.

### **Capitation**

Region 15 is at 86% and Region 14 at 72% - without one single chase so far. Chase letters have now gone out as I understand it.

### **CAS**

One of my Treasurers is not recorded!

The new reports are very good. New Councillors should just print one of each report for their region. Capitation/Magazines/Club Officers etc

Come to the CAS Training session at 3pm Friday at Durham.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Millennium Way	From 28 <sup>th</sup> June	National President in our area for 12 days!!!!
Region 15 West	Thursday July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Regional Forum with National President





Region 15 East      Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July      Golf at Staverton Park Daventry  
Followed by      Regional Forum with National President

Birdlip Run      Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August      Car Rally around the Cotswolds

Region 15 West      Tuesday 3rd August      Golf at Olton

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**REGION 16 – NIGEL DAVIES**

All Clubs(except March and Huntingdon) have been contacted with details of the AGM at Scarborough. Also the May Newsletter was sent to each club again. Clubs have also been reminded at capitation payments are now overdue.

March and Huntingdon Clubs do not respond to e-mails or phone messages. Their CAS details are well out of date. I have now e-mailed individual members but no response to date.

Jim Smith and I are visiting Cambridge 41 Club on the 9th June. They may be a suitable candidate for the Phoenix project as they are a strong Club(45 members) with no Round Table.

I shall be attending the Eastern Regions Golf Day at Chelmsford in July.

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**REGION 17 – MARK RAMSAY**

**Club Visits.**

Stowmarket now up and running again due to pressure from a regional councillor I wonder who ? Excellent dinner evening , they are tired of the debate on membership and hope we move on to other things for now . We discussed the annual Region golf 6 members will attend in July , we also discussed Ipswich 2011 where they will attend in strength the local Hyundai dealer is a member of Stowmarket and he and I have discussed the situation and both realise all the direction comes from National directives . Other members showed interest in helping, I promised to let them no the date of the cluster meeting I am holding in Ipswich in September.

Felixstowe attended meeting they are keen to see the reintroduction of cluster meetings, they are an older group and thought the new branding a little morbid, i replied that the Black ties are very suitable for funerals !! Again a very upbeat meeting with a few badges purchased.





Haverhill AGM a great evening in a local pub, my club so all i got was the usual abuse! They are keen to attend conference and will, they will also support the Cluster meeting in Ipswich in September .

East Dereham attending their annual ball a fantastic event organised jointly with Round Table , this will become an annual event and I have booked in for next year , this really does encourage partnership with R/T and i will be speaking to other clubs about this .

Wymondham and Attleborough decided at their AGM not to continue membership of the Association, I have been to see the Secretary John Wingfield and asked him to invite me to 1 last supper , he will put this too the membership , if agreed I will then attend and attempt to get them to change their mind !

Colchester Colne, attended meeting which was based on walking around the countryside , I thought they were joking and it meant a pub crawl 2 ½ Hours later I realised it was not we marched 6 miles across Essex countryside , I introduced a new member to them an Ex – tabler moving into the Region from Wales . They are again a lively group already planning the minibus to the Ipswich conference and are in favour of regional dinners / cluster evenings at least 6 will come to Ipswich.

I have also attended many Ipswich 2011 meetings for sponsorship / planning / site visits/transportation & stewarding.

### **National Council Items**

Having missed National meeting not on purpose but due to pre commitments i do not feel I have any relevant comments except that most clubs are tired of the membership debate for now .

We should move forward in a positive manner and share with clubs ideas from others to encourage creativity to make clubs a more upbeat environment so all want to attend their monthly meetings on a regular basis.

Who put the Ball on in Durham the same night as the England world cup game ? Hope the large screen TV is the backdrop or the attendance may wilt !!

### **Capitation Situation.**

Region 17 clubs are in line with before most have paid I will prod the ones who have not in the next couple of months. I am not aware of any problems apart from Wymondham as mentioned above.

### **CAS Issues**

The system is working for me especially once I was given my correct password !!

### **Announcement of coming events.**

Ipswich meeting June

Norwich Wensum & Yare speaker meeting June,, i am the speaker and my chosen subject will be Ipswich Town football club 1978 – 1982 , I have not told the that bit yet.

Ipswich Cluster meeting even the President is attending in September .





Ipswich 2011 anyone reading this and not yet booked in should be made to pay double, this event should put conferences into a level where everyone wants to go in the future. April 2011 cannot come soon enough.

Great North Run September some idiot put me in for this again I will try to raise some money for the Presidents Charity if he asks me or the funds will go to the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation .

Planned visits in July to Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket at present.

### **A.O.B.**

The dates for the council meetings always seem to clash for me, the next one is my Birthday and my sons have already told me they are taking me away for the weekend Do we need 4 National meetings a year? How much would we save if there were 3? What is a central point to meet? Just something I think should be considered , our effective time as Councillors should be spent in the field with our members not at National meetings.

See you in Durham.

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### **REGION 18 – NIGEL CAYNE**

Sadly, I cannot be at the Durham National Councillors meeting but, can report that Region 18 were fully apprised of the outcome of the AGM and despite considerable disappointment, is putting a brave face on looking to the uncertain future. Frankly, most clubs in line with (I suspect) the majority of others nationally will continue on as before and maintain the status quo with regard to new members and existing ones. The worrying trend however is for more and more isolation and feelings of fragmentation that, not being allowed to grow in the way the majority wanted with the inclusion of like-minded friends, has brought.

Only time of course will tell just what the current publicity and PR exercise generates.

Hopefully, the feelings of being disenfranchised will fade and we (as a council) can build better and more responsive links to our membership.

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### **REGION 19 – ROBERT BROWNING**

#### **Club Visits**

I have only one visit planned at present, that of Uxbridge 41 Club on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

I visited Letchworth Cluster meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March which had a good turnout. Stevenage (see below) agreed to organise the 2011 event.





My request to clubs to invite me has fallen on deaf ears, so when my Golden Wedding celebrations and ensuing 'honeymoon' holiday are over I will try to invite myself individually.

### **National Council items**

Stevenage 41 Club are to vote shortly on disaffiliation. I have asked Secretary Stephen Sypula to keep me informed. The vote will apparently be close. The club has been advised on the procedure to adopt.

### **Capitation situation**

There are no clubs with 2009 capitation fees outstanding. I do not know about 2010.

### **CAS issues**

None I can think of.

### **Announcement of coming events**

I am sad to report that Royston 41 Club Charter and St. George's Day Dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> April had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

### **AOB**

I sent a cheque to Party Tyne 41 Club for a deposit for the Durham weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> May but I find the cheque has still to be paid in. I would like to see cheques paid in quickly when passed to a national councillor, or better still be provided with an account details to pay over the internet.

I am also a bit concerned about the amount of e-mails, and the amount of reading they necessitate, from members of the Executive and other councillors. I appreciate information has to be imparted but is it my imagination that tells me such information could be imparted more succinctly.

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## **REGION 20 – FRANK VENABLES**

As the newly installed National Councillor for Region 20, I am on a learning curve both upwards to the Exec, and sideways to my clubs. Thus many of the following paragraphs are in the nature of "Watch this space" posters.

### **Club visits**

I have visited my own local clubs (Faringdon and ISIS) and briefed on the AGM. Their voting positions at Scarborough were opposed; something which I suspect will be repeated across the region.

I have a few invitations to visit, and will be inviting myself for the autumn onwards. As a learner, I will prioritise the extremes, flourishing clubs with feeder tables, and small clubs without.





### **National Council items**

Headings from Barry Durman's email dated May 3<sup>rd</sup>:

*Archiving our old magazines minutes etc*

Desirable, but what is the advice from the Honorary Archivist?

*Our PR initiative with Avid*

Cannot comment

*Community Service inc National Presidents Charity*

Action I think should be the keyword of club business, something which I intend to encourage.

*National Councillors vacancies - 4 of them*

Cannot help

*Refurbishing the Arboretum*

Is there a case for treating this as a H4H subject?

*Our relationship with Table/Marchesi House*

Should these be separate considerations?

*Phoenix initiative to get Tables growing from 41 clubs*

Limited feedback so far – rather negative, but many more clubs yet to comment.

*Getting all club contacts onto email*

All of mine seem to be. However, in general, this is essential.

### **Capitation Situation**

I expect to be able to give an up-to-date figure at Durham.

### **CAS Issues**

Not yet sufficiently immersed to risk drowning [yet]; what I have researched has come up.

### **Announcements Of Coming Events**

Regional Golf Day June 15<sup>th</sup> at Temple Golf Club, Maidenhead.

Region 20 Dinner November 19<sup>th</sup> at Oxford; full details will be available at Durham.

### **AOB**

In my report to clubs on the National AGM, I invited them to let me know whether they had voted at Scarborough. If they had not, I asked for their reason(s). We all agree that a 200-odd vote from a membership of more than 800 is a pretty poor result.

**FRANK VENABLES**

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## **REGION 21 – RAY JONES**

### **Club Visits**

20/04 Henleaze Presented Service award

10/05 Cheltenham Inducted new member

26/05 Gordano Valley

Total sales from above meetings £108.75

Visits scheduled to Stroud and Bristol.

### **Capitation**

78.54% of clubs paid. 7 clubs outstanding will be reminded.

### **CAS**

1. I will be contacting 6 clubs not on e-mail contact to enlighten them!!!
2. I am receiving spam e-mails directly to [region21@41club.org](mailto:region21@41club.org)
3. Have asked Webmaster to add regional dates to National Calendar but these have not yet appeared.

### **Coming events**

26 clubs are currently involved in our Skittles competition. Finals to be held on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. A nightmare to organise!!

July 21<sup>st</sup> Region Golf competition. Monmouth Golf Club. Expect 10 clubs to enter.

October 14<sup>th</sup> Region 21 Quiz

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## **REGION 22 – MARK FAIRCHILD**

### **Club visits**

None since the AGM in Scarborough

### **National Council items**

None

### **Capitation situation**

58.33% paid





### **CAS issues**

Still have some clubs who haven't listed all their members, so not getting magazines

### **Announcements of coming events**

Region 22 Golf Day is on Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at Okehampton Golf Course. If you are in the area on holiday and fancy a game I am sure we can come to some arrangement.

Advance notice of the Regional Quiz – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011, again in Okehampton.

### **AOB**

Iffracombe 41 Club recently visited Juan-Les-Pins in France, restarting a twinning which originated in their Table days.

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### **REGION 23 – STEVE BOLTER**

#### **Club Visits**

As always, very quiet at this time of year due to not much time between the AGM and our first meeting. However, I have been invited to a few Clubs to talk about membership and the diary is filling up for later on in the month and coming months.

#### **National Council Items**

None

#### **Capitation Situation**

Some Clubs still outstanding

#### **CAS Issues**

None

#### **Announcements Of Coming Events**

None

#### **AOB**

None

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## **REGION 24 – VAUGHAN HARRIS**

No report submitted

## **REGION 25 – DAVE CAMPBELL**

Since our AGM I have had some discussion with numerous individuals regarding the outcome of resolution 2. Naturally, there has been mixed feelings over the decision and this has resulted in one club having divided opinions which have led to a split within the club. I have been in contact with both sides in an attempt to mediate and bring the proceedings to a satisfactory conclusion

Medway 41 Club have organised a Cluster meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. They have asked me to invite 10 surrounding clubs to the evening and have arranged an interesting speaker, an ex-policeman and now a charity worker, to attend.

Canterbury Table Plus 41 Club have taken it upon themselves to put a page on Wikipedia purporting to be a separate organisation within the Round Table family. They also mention that there is a national drive to encourage members to join Table Plus ~ a fact that is completely untrue.

On their own website <http://www.canterburytableplus.org.uk> they state that whilst their membership is mainly drawn from their local Round Table, they will consider applications from like-minded men over the age of 40

Their web site also says the following: *Table Plus: the international "social club" for men aged between 40 and 60.*

*We enjoy meeting up for fun events in a full and exciting programme. You may have heard of Round Table for men aged between 18 and 45, well we are its older brother!*

In light of this blatant breach of our aims and objectives, the club have been written to and asked to remove all inaccurate references to our organisation.

Two thirds of the clubs in the region have paid their capitation; those still outstanding will be chased up.

There have been no items sold since the National AGM

The Region 25 golf day will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at West Malling Golf Club.

I shall be attending the French AGM in Brive from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010

My own club ( Westerham & District ) will be holding their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter on the 17th September and our National President has accepted an invitation to attend.

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**HONORARY WEBMASTER**

No report submitted

**HONORARY SOLICITOR**

No report submitted

**HONORARY ARCHIVIST**

No report submitted

**END**



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