



**41 Club**  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



## BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATING

For 2011 RTBI returned to Blackpool for their Annual Conference and AGM. Conference is much smaller than the grand days when we filled the Winter Gardens, and all of the Table and Ladies Circle events took place in the Imperial Hotel. The events may be smaller but the enthusiasm and dedication of those present was just as evident. They had partied hard the night before but at 9:30 President John (Kilsh) Kilshaw brought the meeting to order.

It was good to see that there was competition for the vice-presidency, with Jason Thompson of Saffron Walden 582 being declared the winner.

Declining membership obviously remains the major concern of all, but this year has seen a definite reduction in the net loss of membership. It was heartening to see the number of Areas that were awarded 'Plus One' certificates. These are awarded to Areas where the number of members at the end of the year exceeds that at the beginning. David Weaver gave a very upbeat report on membership, pointing out that membership was well above that which had been forecast in the Optima survey made three years ago.

	Forecast	Actual	
No of Tables	454	515	+61
No of Tablers	4654	5284	+630
Average Members	10	10.3	+0.3
Average Age	39.7	38.7	-1.0

The average age of new joiners is now lower at 34.3.

The situation is looking brighter, they have implemented numerous improvements to all of their communications and are ready to launch an all new website with many interactive features. But they are taking even more steps to reverse the decline, one of which is to replace the National Membership and Development Officer with two positions: the Recruitment Officer and the Retention Officer, for retaining members is equally as important as recruiting new ones. It has been the leakage of members below 45 that has been causing much of the decline, and this will be tackled by the new officer.

Cait Allen, the new CEO is now in place and gave a very

inspiring message to the AGM. They are no longer following the path of 'one yearism' and she is already preparing her 'Vision 2022', a ten year plan, profiling the prospective Tablers of tomorrow and what Table must do to attract (and retain) them.

The accounts were presented and accepted with very little debate. They then moved on to the Budget for 2011-2012, with a proposed national capitation of £99.40 per member, representing an increase of £10.15 over last year. The debate was very positive, recognising the fact that if Table is to grow then they must adopt a professional approach, using all means possible. The budget was passed.

A proposal to scrap the Tabler Magazine resulted in a very emotive debate. Those that supported the motion said that it was not for cost reasons, but rather that a magazine is not so relevant to today's Tablers. Those opposed were keen to retain all means of communicating with current and potential members. A magazine presents an association with a professional image and is a record that will survive when electronic media fails. The motion was overwhelmingly defeated and the Tabler Magazine will continue.

Two other motions failed. One concerned splitting Region 8 back into two regions. (This was proposed by RT Areas 22 and 14). The other was an attempt to allow Tables to purchase items with the Round Table logo from local suppliers, rather than from the approved supplier.

A motion to eject all estate agents, tax inspectors and speed camera operatives from Round Table membership appeared to have been passed, but a careful recount discovered that it had been comprehensively defeated, much to the relief of the incoming President and his executive.

The farewells followed and the tears were hard to hold back. President Kilsh then handed over the meeting to John Payne, but the actual handover of the jewel did not happen until the end of the President's banquet in the evening. (Friday night is now the fancy dress party and Saturday is the banquet.)

Next year conference will move on to Torquay, another venue famed for great events in the past. Table is changing, but the spirit lives on, and it is safe hands. Let us make sure that all 41ers gives them the support they deserve.

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**National Communications Officer**

# EDITORIAL



## WHERE DO NEW MEMBERS COME FROM?

It may sound like a silly question but, where do new members come from? They certainly do not grow on trees or



are found under the gooseberry bush. So where **do** they come from? It is our rule that all members must have been members of Round Table, so that must be the answer, from Round Table!

Well yes and no, let us investigate this a little further.

I, like all other members of the National Council, regularly visit clubs in their regions, meet other 41ers at functions and even occasionally just meet them in my day to day life. We regularly hear the same sad story:

“Our club has had no new members for many years, ever since our Table closed, so there is no chance of getting any new members. We will probably close in a few years time when the numbers get too low.”

Then, gentlemen, I look at my own club which is thriving. Do we have a feeder Table, well fortunately we do, but it is few in numbers and cannot provide us with many new members. But our membership is not decreasing. Why? Well our current chairman and all of his four predecessors were never members of our Round Table. They

are all ex Tablers however, but not from our Table. We appear to be a magnet to 41ers who move in to our area and are looking for a new club to transfer into. They had probably visited a few clubs before making the decision which to join.

Put yourself in their shoes. You have just moved to a new town and you wish to continue the fellowship you have enjoyed for so long. The Round Table family is built upon fellowship and gives you the perfect introduction to other ‘like minded men’. You visit a club where you are welcomed and told that there are not many members attending tonight. You enjoy a drink and settle down to a meal where the conversation is dominated with chat about members who are not there and by the latest round of golf each has played. There is no guest speaker and apparently they always meet in the same place every month. You feel left out, you go home and they never bother to contact you.

However at your next visit to another club you are greeted by the chairman who introduces you to many of the members who are about to sit down for the meal. You chat to several people and they show interest in you. There is an amusing speaker and the business is kept to a minimum. After the meal you retire to the bar to continue the fellowship, where you learn all about the various activities that the club does. You are invited back to the next meeting.

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Hopefully you will all be aware that the way we distribute News@41Club.Org is changing. All members with an email address on the CAS system now receive a direct email with links to both downloadable and screen readable copies of the newsletter. Overall this has been very successful and over 1,000 members viewed the online version in the first 24 hours last month. This greatly reduces the volume of data sent by the Association and at the same time means that those with slow connections do not have to download the file unnecessarily.

We are aware however that for a few members with old PCs or graphic cards that the online version does not work correctly and navigation is virtually impossible for them. If this is the case we suggest that you download the file and view it using Adobe Acrobat as before.

### DIARY DATES

We are now in the process of putting together the diary of events to be published in the July Links magazine. Can I request that any club or region with events that they would like adding to the diary be sent to me at [Comms@41club.org](mailto:Comms@41club.org), with a heading of Diary Date.

### 41 CLUB FORUM

Membership of the Club Forum has now reached 95, which means that there are around 17,900 more members who could join in.

Like most forums some months are very quiet, whilst others buzz with the latest topic.

If you would like to join in with the forum then [click here](#). You will require a Yahoo account, but they are free and very easy to create.

Gentlemen which club would you choose to join?

Additionally club members regularly meet new colleagues, new customers, new friends. Do you ever ask them if they were in Round Table? We have inducted one new member this year who was in Table over 20 years ago in another area, but never joined Table or 41 Club after he moved north. One of our members invited him along to a meeting and he was hooked.

So gentlemen never assume that just because your club has no feeder Table that inevitably there will be no source of new members. Always be looking for those who have moved to your area, and those that never joined 41 Club when they were ‘chucked out’ of Table. Additionally there are Tables that have no 41 Club to join, so are there any Tablers in that situation in your area?

There is no simple answer to getting new members, but I would say never give up. Do not think that the only supply is from your own Table. There are many thousands of eligible potential members out there. Perhaps you may consider advertising in the local press, you may be surprised!

By the way we already have another five members who were never in our Table, but all of whom will, I hope, become chairman one day.



### NEW SALES ITEM ON ITS WAY!



Following on from positive feedback at the AGM 41 Club Sales shop, a smart white crisp cotton shirt with the logo on the collar will be available shortly for around £30.00.

Please keep your eye on [www.41clubsales.co.uk](http://www.41clubsales.co.uk) as to when available and how to order!

**Hugh Milward**  
Sales & Marketing Officer

# THE PRESIDENT'S CHARITY 2011-12

**ROUND TABLE CHILDREN'S WISH**  
granting wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses

**YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CHOSEN CHARITY  
FOR 2011-2012**



Imagine having a child in your family who has a life-threatening illness and the effect it would have on everyone – it would be overwhelming ...

Our aim at Round Table Children's Wish is to try and bring a little magic into the lives of these special children and their families at a time when their future is uncertain.

This year we are thrilled to have been chosen by Vaughan Harris, your National President for 2011-12, as his charity for the year and we are looking forward to making new contacts within the association as well as catching up with many of you have already supported us so strongly in the past.

The charity grant Wishes for children between the ages of 4 and 17 referred to us by hospitals and the community from anywhere in Great Britain and Ireland. The Wish is something unique to each child but we importantly make sure that the whole family are included at this special time. Struggling with gruelling treatments and endless hospital visits a Wish gives them something to look forward to at a very difficult time in their lives.

The child is given the opportunity of choosing to do, have, go or meet someone special and here is just one wonderful story...



Diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia, little Lillie wished for a Wendy House with 'an upstairs' where she could play inside with her friends. So with the help of local Tablers Snowdrop Cottage complete with sandpit, appeared as if by magic one morning...

For more details of her Wish please follow the link:  
<http://www.rtcw.org/wish-stories.html>

Since 1990 we have granted almost 1500 wishes to some special children and their families and we would like to offer more children the opportunity to have their wish granted.

Together we can make this a very special year. We have a very busy time ahead and look forward to working with all 41 Club members throughout the country, raising the profile of the charity and the work we do by growing

corporate contacts and promoting various events throughout the year.

Tel: 01202 514515 or email: [julie@rtcw.org](mailto:julie@rtcw.org) Our website: [www.rtcw.org](http://www.rtcw.org)

## THE 41 CLUB GARDEN REDEDICATION

A date for your diary is Sunday 17th July when The 41 Club Garden will be rededicated at 11.00am at a special service conducted by Immediate Past President the Reverend Malcolm Lockey.

The garden, being one of the early memorials at The National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, near Lichfield, was first dedicated in 2003 but over the past year extensive improvements have been undertaken with the inclusion of the sundial generously donated by Tangent.

All members of the Round Table Family are welcome to attend so why not come along and join members of National Council and Lichfield 41 Club for this important ceremony, following which you will have the opportunity to spend as much time as you wish to enjoy the facilities at the Arboretum, the UK's year round centre of remembrance.



# CLUB NEWS

## HOLYHEAD 41 CLUB AGM : 12TH MAY 2011

Some weeks ago, Mervyn Davies, Chairman Elect of Holyhead 41 Club asked me as National Councillor how to get a Service Award for one of their members. I put him in touch with our suppliers and suggested that I could come to make the presentation on the night, on behalf of the Association.

So on the afternoon of May 12th I checked into the meeting venue, the Valley Hotel, in Valley, just outside Holyhead. No sign of Wills and Kate, who were honeymooning in the Seychelles, but Wills had been seen at the Burger Van opposite the Hotel!

I met up before the meeting to discuss tactics with outgoing Chairman Paddy Shiels - who was also in for a surprise and incoming Chairman Mervyn.

The recipient of the Service Award

was Dave Hall who had been Secretary and Club Contact since at least 1997. No sooner had we sat down when in comes Dave, complete with gongs, one of which was, you've guessed it, a Service Award! This was presented back in 1997 for his sterling work as Secretary for as long as the then members could remember!

So on to the Citation and Presentation of the 2nd Service Award : for services to the Club as Secretary and Club Contact since at least 1997. Dave took a year off in 2003 to be Chairman, but still ended up doing most of the secretarial role. In the opinion of all Club Members Dave is the lifeblood of the Club, and keeps them on the straight and narrow; without him, there would probably be no club! So it was

with great honour that I presented Dave with his 2nd Service Award.

(Is this a record, I asked myself - and our Archivist, David Addison ? Watch this space for his response!!)

On to the 2nd presentation of the night. As Paddy was not only leaving the Chair, he was also leaving Holyhead to what he called "Civilisation" in Rhos on Sea. Paddy is a Founder Member of the club, so I was honoured to present him with a scroll bestowing Honorary Lifetime Membership of Holyhead 41 Club on him.

So a Dual / Jewel Presentation; we now have a Club with one member having 2 Service Awards! Is this a record? Is it unique?

**Lawrence Bamber, National Councillor, Region 12**



## LONDONDERRY 41 CLUB

On Friday 6th May, at the Everglades Hotel in Northern Ireland, Londonderry 41 Club and Londonderry 87 Round Table had a joint AGM. It was attended by 41 Club Region 3 National Councillor Phill and Round Table's Area 11 chairman Ian. Phill would like to extend his congratulations to the new chairman Keith and I hope he has a very good year.



In 2013 Londonderry is to be the European City of Culture and lots of festivities will be going on. I know that Londonderry 41 Club and Table are planning a great weekend around the end of October 2013 for the Irish Rally, so get it in your diary now.

**Phillip Ellis,  
National Councillor Region 3**

## NEWS FROM OSWESTRY 41 CLUB

Being appointed both President and Press Officer of Oswestry 41 Club meant former newspaper editor David Parry-Jones could forward his own appointments to 41 Club's national magazine.

And the future was 'fun', promised David, former editor and then executive editor of Trinity Newspapers' Chester Chronicle, which won the best weekly paper in Britain during his watch.

Retiring president, ex college lecturer Dave Thomas, handed over the chain of office at Oswestry's Sweeney Hall Hotel on April 28.

David thanked him for a great past year of activities, including a memorable Shrewsbury Prison visit where they met inmates, and promised members the year ahead would be laced with fun with hot-air balloon, nine and 10-pin bowling visits as well as golfing and bowls.

New officers for the year are Dave Matthews as vice president, Ray Nixon as secretary, Dave Thomas as treasurer, David Parry-Jones to double as press officer and Steve Theobald as sports officer.



Newly installed Oswestry 41 Club president David Parry-Jones (seated) is joined by members at their annual meeting.



Delighted at being 'out', members of Oswestry 41 Club after meeting inmates inside Shrewsbury Prison.

# INTERNATIONAL 41 CLUBBING

## “ENTENTE CORDIALE”

Newly elected International Officer, Dave Campbell, got his year off to a good start when, less than a week after the National Conference in Ipswich, he held his first International event. This



was a joint meeting between Region 25 ( South East England ) and Region 1 (

North West France). The meeting was held on board a P&O cross channel ferry and was attended by 50 French 41 Club members including the Region 1 International Officer and joint organiser Stéphane Andriolo. Attending from the UK were the National President, Vaughan Harris, International Officers (past and present) Andy Waite and Dave Campbell, National councillors from regions 24 & 25 plus members of West Kent and Vigo Village 41 Club. Having exclusive use of the ferry's Club Lounge, the group were treated to a champagne reception. The meeting ended with speeches and a banner exchange. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and it was unanimously agreed that this should become an

annual event.



French Region 1 IRO Stéphane Andriolo with National IRO Dave Campbell

## A REQUEST FROM AUSTRIA - CAN YOU HELP?

Dear members of 41 Great Britain & Ireland,

A most wonderful 41er and friend of mine from Club 41 Leibnitz in Austria asked me help to find, if possible, good jobs for his two sons, who would like to come to your country to bring to a higher standard their English knowledge and find a job to finance their staying of a

couple of months in summer of 2011.

Please click below to read their CVs:

[Martin Sutter](#)

[Andreas Sutter](#)

It would be great if with your help we could give a good chance to the two

young men in question. It would be also good to accommodate them in two different parts of your country to make sure that they will talk only English and NOT communicate in their language.

Looking forward in your kind reply or comments. I am yours in 41

**Randolph Riedlinger**  
Int'l. President of Club 41 - 2008/2009

## 41 CLUB IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

Riyadh 41 Club held its first AGM at their joint AGM and Dinner with Riyadh Round Table on Thursday 7 April. It was attended by the Round Table Arabian Gulf Association President Robert Duce from Dubai RT.



Round Table has been operating in the Arabian Gulf since the mid 1970s. Tablers of RTAG Clubs, are mostly a transient expatriate population, which means membership numbers are volatile and this brings about clubs closing down and reforming. RTAG

was formed as an Association in 1980.

Riyadh Round Table, a founder club of RTAG has been kept alive in recent years mostly through the efforts of ex Tablers who have continued to attend meetings. In the past two years, 41ers have outnumbered Tablers and at the RT AGM and Charter Night on 20 May 2010 it was proposed to form a separate 41 club. On 3 August 2010, the rules of Riyadh 41 club were formally approved.

Founder Chairman Trevor Chappell organized all the paperwork and on 2 October 2010 it became affiliated to the National Association ex Round Tablers Clubs as part of the offshore region 26.

Riyadh 41 club with 11 founder members boasts over 150 years of tabling experience from RTBI Clubs of Tower Hamlets, Stokesley, Wearside, Belfast, Prescott, Carmarthen, Norwich Castle, Wellington, Brecon and Abergavenny; the Arabian Gulf

– Dubai, Jeddah, Riyadh, Al Khobar and Muscat; Hamburg, Germany; and Kingston in Jamaica. The Club has two RTAG Past Presidents and six past RT Chairmen amongst its members.

The AGM and Dinner was attended by wives and partners making a great dinner party of 19 hosted by 41er Owain Raw-Rees and wife Helen at their villa. As is normal at 41 and RT events and even in Riyadh the liquid and edible refreshments were only matched by the considerable wit of those present. The revelry only ceased when the RTAG President had to leave for the airport for his 4,00 am flight.

If anyone knows of Tablers or 41ers who are resident in Saudi Arabia or about to move there, please let us know their contact details through the 41 Club Association Website – Region 26 International Club Riyadh 41 Club.

**Trevor Chappell**  
Chairman, Riyadh 41 Club



Would you like your club to meet in such idyllic surroundings as these?

Then turn over the page and discover how Ifracombe did just that



## ILFRACOMBE 41 CLUB TWINNING WITH CLUB 41 FRANCAIS JUAN-LES-PINS OR VIVE LE JUMELAGE!

An evening banquet on Monday 18th April was the final event in an excellent weekend spent hosting visiting members of the 41 Club from Juan-Les-Pins. Gérard Arcis, the President of the club, speaking after the dinner, extended an invitation to Ilfracombe 41 Club to twin with them. This was the very satisfying culmination of two years effort, albeit erratic, by the international committee of Ilfracombe 41 Club.

As part of ongoing efforts to rebuild Ilfracombe 41 Club, the then chairman, Chris Batstone and International Officer, Mark Roberts, decided to try twinning with a French club. They were encouraged by the very successful relationship between Ilfracombe Round Table and Ville Neuve D'Asq, near Lille. However this French club does not have a 41 Club.

Andy Waite supplied Chris with a brand new French directory – a work of art in its own right! - and the committee searched for a suitable French club to approach. Their selection criteria were clubs without an English twinning partner that were within easy reach of flights from either Exeter or Bristol airport. A short list was drawn up, and emails sent to the clubs selected. Eager to make a good impression, the letters were translated into formal French. They would recommend this approach even if it ends in embarrassment when their language expert moved away and they had to rely on Google Translate and school boy French!

The exploratory letters were sent to coincide with Mark's motorbike tour of Southern France in September. There was a universally enthusiastic response from the French Clubs, and arrangements were made for Mark to meet some of them.

Unfortunately Mark was knocked from

his bike but escaped with a shocking black eye and needed to come home to recover. However, anxious not to waste so much groundwork, he agreed to visit just one club on his slow and painful ride back to the UK. Juan-Les-Pins were able to meet him at short notice, so profuse apologies had to be sent to the other clubs. Mark met Jean-Pierre Gogniat, then club president, and Mickaël Megdad, IRO, in a bar in Juan-Les-Pins, and to their credit, the Frenchmen were not put off by Mark's appearance as an escapee from a Mad Max film. After several glasses of wine, entente cordiale was firmly established.

Seven members of Ilfracombe 41 Club with partners went out to Juan-Les-Pins in the following June. They went for a long weekend and decided to stay in a local hotel while still introducing themselves and starting the relationship. The visit ended with a very enjoyable meal with members of the French Club and their wives. For reasons that no-one could later convincingly explain, they took as a gift, a signed photograph of Ilfracombe harbour. In the UK this seemed to be very appropriate, but after seeing all

the luxury yachts moored on the French coast, their local dinghies seemed rather small and drab by comparison.

And so, five members of Juan-Les-Pins 41 Club with their partners, came to Ilfracombe this April. They were greeted with a Devon cream tea after their flight over on the Saturday. Sunday was a trip around Exmoor, to Lynton and Lynmouth, accompanied by members of Ilfracombe 41 Club. It was a brilliant day, with Devon at its Spring best, bathed in unseasonal sunshine. On Monday evening, they were entertained to a Spanish Banquet in Ilfracombe, which ended with a spirited performance of the French Round Table chant with accompanying 'hand wagging' – which they still do not understand. Plans are currently being made for a return visit to formalise the twinning, possibly to coincide with the Autumn Riviera oyster festival.

Ilfracombe 41 Club would like to gratefully thank Mickaël Megdad, their very patient IRO, the immediate past chairman of Ilfracombe 41 Club, Glen Irvine, for all his support and encouragement and Andy Waite, whose encouragement in the early stages was much appreciated.



Ilfracombe and Juan-Les-Pins 41ers and their wives enjoying an evening in the sun on the French Riviera

## FORMULATE OUR FUTURE TOGETHER ...

Or: what happens when advisory board and National Council of Old Tablers Germany (OTD) and Round Table Deutschland (RTD) arrive for the joint meeting in Munich?

That's an interesting question that can be answered very simply after the common weekend: it is intensive work, exchanging views, and laughing a lot together. The most important aspect is that one has seriously discussed how to represent the mutual expectations and positions/views of the two organizations.

We all know that in Round Table Deutschland with 40 years of age it is time to leave Round Table. Despite all the ever so creative interpretations of the statute it is very difficult to succeed

in the age of 42 if you are still trying to run as a full member. "Your 40th birthday does not mean the end of your career as a tabler – there is a possibility of following the same way – and that is becoming a member of Old Tablers Germany"

In Munich Round Table Deutschland unambiguously presented their actual points of view on the common future of Old Tablers Germany and Round Table Deutschland in order to avoid further hypotheses and assumptions like "...what would the Round Table Deutschland members think about this ...?"

**Topic 1:** Is Old Tablers the future or the end of Round Table?

Spontaneously every Tabler of both

fractions would say: "What a banal question, OTD is the future." In order to grant future progress Round Table Deutschland therefore asked Old Tablers Germany and Sponsor Tables for assistance to recruit new members for RT.

**Topic 2:** The above mentioned issue also has a reference to further discussion – namely the inclusion of Non-Tablers into Old Tablers Germany which Round Table Deutschland strictly rejects at the moment. Instead Round Table Deutschland repeated their appeal to OTD for more assistance in the recruitment of new members.

**Topic 3:** Service in Old Tablers Germany

Round Table Deutschland made

clear that to their opinion Old Tablers Germany should not become a Service Club but should support Round Table's activities. Round Table wishes in fact that OTD help them because without their assistance most of their projects would not have been successfully closed. However Round Table leaves it to Old Tablers to decide whether to do active service or not.

Developing and maintaining friendship and tradition is never so easy

as working together in joint projects.

**Topic 4:** Name change from Old Tablers Germany

Well, that's always a matter of names and English words. Round Table Deutschland say they feel it attractive being called "Old Tablers Germany" one day – because it embodies for them the most important element in the name – namely "Tablers". They also interpret the word "Old" traditionally as "venerable" and less as "shaky

and dismantled". Their research in the direction of "41" has not really motivated them to discuss this further.

**Bob Parton, Life Honorary Member 41 International with an Abstract from Quotations from Round Table Germany Presidium, National Council of Round Table Germany, Speakers of Round Table Germany**

## SERVICE AWARDS



In December last year Yeovil 41 Club honoured two members for many years of service, who were both founder members of Yeovil Round Table. Left to right are Norman Unwin, Mervyn Davies and Tony Ewens  
 Congratulations to Norman and Tony.

## SMALL ADS

### Holiday Homes

We are pleased to offer you our holiday homes in either Spain, France, or in Florida, USA. Each house is owned (and regularly visited) by members of our family, with English caretakers who live locally. The houses are well-furnished, equipped, and maintained to provide you with a "home from home" whilst on holiday. Visit [www.athomeonholiday.com](http://www.athomeonholiday.com) or call 07899-982380, with 10% discount for Table/41 Club members.

*"You can't have everything.  
 Where would you put it"  
 Steven Wright*



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## THE BACK PAGE

### IN THE WORDS OF NOEL COWARD

"The only thing that really saddens me over my demise is that I shall not be here to read the nonsense that will be written about me and my works and my motives. There will be books proving conclusively that I was homosexual and books proving equally conclusively that I was not. There will be detailed and inaccurate analyses of my motives for writing this or that and of my character. There will be lists of apocryphal jokes I never made and gleeful misquotations of words I never said. What a pity I shan't be here to enjoy them!"

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

"My importance to the world is

relatively small. On the other hand, my importance to myself is tremendous. I am all I have to work with, to play with, to suffer and to enjoy. It is not the eyes of others that I am wary of, but of my own. I do not intend to let myself down more than I can possibly help, and I find that the fewer illusions I have about myself or the world around me, the better company I am for myself."

"Having to read footnotes resembles having to go downstairs to answer the door while in the midst of making love."

There are dark times just around the corner. There are dark clouds travelling through the sky. And it's no good whining about a silver lining. For we know from experience they won't roll by."



"Television is for appearing on - not for looking at."

"The higher the buildings, the lower the morals."

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 2012

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Do come and join me in Jersey in 2012, where the Jersey Conference Committee is working hard on our behalf to put on what will be a superb conference. It promises to be a great weekend of Fun and Fellowship with the opportunity to meet up with friends. Along with Paul Harding and his Conference Team, I look forward to welcoming you to Jersey in 2012.

**Vaughan Harris, National President 2011-2012**



#### TANGENT NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I really can't think of a nicer way to end the Tangent year than sharing a weekend on the pretty Island of Jersey enjoying Conference 2012. I look forward to welcoming you to our tasty Tangent lunch followed by the NAGM and then to partying the night away and getting the new Tangent year off to a good start.

**Jan Dowling, Tangent National President**



## STOP PRESS

### SAFELY DELIVERED AT LAST!

For members who attended the AGM in Ipswich in April it was a delight to witness two Clubs presented with the Club Service Award for outstanding contributions to the Association by the National President.

The Awards consist of beautiful engraved glass crystal gavels and were presented to York Ebor 41 Club and Chelmsford 41 Club (photographs of the presentations are available at [www.41club.org](http://www.41club.org))

What you might not know is that the Club representatives who had received the awards were jumped upon as they left the stage and the awards taken back as both glass gavels had unfortunately been broken during transport to the AGM!

I am delighted to report that both awards were repaired by the Sales & Marketing Officer and safely delivered to their respective clubs. The York Ebor award was dropped off at the Chairman's house in York following a visit to the North Yorkshire Moors area and the other when the Chairman of Chelmsford happened to be in the location of my home.

I understand that both clubs appreciated being given the awards and that much fun was made of going all the way to receive them at the AGM only to have them taken straight back. But all is well that ends well!

**Hugh Milward**  
**Sales & Marketing Officer**

### AND FINALLY.....



Sounds great to me!