

41 Club
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2011 AGM Extra

Welcome to 2011 AGM Extra

Welcome to "2011 AGM Extra", a brand new venture for 41 Club in its effort to keep all of our members informed of what is happening in their Association. Every year the National Secretary sends out the Notice and Agenda for the AGM to every club via the club's contact. This document contains reports from all of the national officers of the Association, together with the accounts, proposed budget, resolutions to be voted on at the AGM and details of all the members who have been nominated for a position (where there is more than one nomination) and for whom club delegates have to vote.

How many members actually see this document? Perhaps some club contacts, some chairmen and those who are delegated to vote at the AGM. We know that some

clubs do actively debate the items for the AGM, but we suspect that the majority of members never see any of the content of this document. It does present a view of what is happening within our organisation and can answer many of the questions asked by the membership.

This publication contains most of what is contained within the AGM papers plus some additional explanations of what is debated at Ipswich.

By using the Internet it is an absolutely 'no cost exercise' to the Association and our members, and hopefully keeps you up-to-date as to what is happening in your Association.

Please let us know your opinion of this new publication, and whether we should repeat it next year?

National Conference and AGM Timetable

Thursday 14th	19:30	Informal Suffolk Welcome Party	Gainsborough Suite, Novotel
Friday 15th	09:00	Tangent Executive Meeting	Munnings Suite, Novotel
	10:00	Constable Country Tour	Collect at the Novotel
	10:30	Charity Golf Tournament	Hintlesham Hall Golf Club
	10:30	41 Club National Councillors Meeting	Gainsborough Suite, Novotel
	11:30	41 Club National Council Meeting	Gainsborough Suite, Novotel
Saturday 16th	19:30	President's Ball	Trinity Park Events Centre
	09:00	41 Club Association AGM	Grand Hall, Ipswich
	10:30	Tangent Day Luncheon	Trinity Park Events Centre
	13:45	Tangent NAGM	Trinity Park Events Centre
Sunday 17th	19:30	Eastern Promise Party	Trinity Park Events Centre
	09:00	Tangent Executive Meeting	Sparrow Suite, Novotel
	09:15	41 Club National Councillors Meeting	Gainsborough Suite, Novotel
	09:30	41 Club Executive Meeting	Kilderbee Suite, Novotel

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Conference Registration

Novotel Hotel Lobby
Thursday 15:00 - 20:00
Friday 11:00 - 18:00

AGM Registration

Grand Hall, Ipswich
08:00 - 10:00

National President - Malcolm Lockey



This has been a busy and fulfilling year and the Association has moved forward on a number of fronts most especially in terms of strategic planning. No longer can we be accused of 'one yearism'. For some years now, successive Forward Planning Committees have been charged with the responsibility of giving careful thought to the future direction of the Association and matters are carried forward from one year to the next until they are either resolved at an AGM or

dismissed as being unworkable. This collection of Executive reports details some of the thinking that has been taking place this year and the progress that is being made. The AGM will consider the recommendation that we create a new Executive post – that of Community Service and Welfare Officer. It is a proposal that has taken two years to reach this stage and is worthy of your very serious consideration. Not only is it in keeping with the revised Purposes and Objects of our Association which were unanimously agreed at the 2010 AGM, but such an appointment will reflect the growing interest in and commitment to this aspect of our life and work as an Association.

Our Statement of Purposes and Objects is at last coming to the fore and being used to inform what we are about. They are the basis on which a current review of our organisational structures is being measured and can serve as a useful tool for any club wishing to review its programme or its future. Because of the way they are now written, the Associations Objects are often being read at the start of formal dinners and they also form a key feature of our newly adopted induction ceremony.

Last year, the AGM gave a clear indication that our future is inextricably linked with that of Round Table. It is pleasing to report that the links between 41 Club and Round Table at national level are closer than ever and it is good to see Round Table members invited to take part in many 41 Club functions. What is more, there is now a very strong bond between all branches of the Round Table family which of course includes Ladies Circle and Tangent as well as

Round Table and ourselves. There is a commitment to support and work together wherever we can, secure in the knowledge that we are stronger together than we are when we are apart.

Similar steps are being taken on the international front. Great Britain has formulated a resolution which was first mooted at the International AGM in Finland in April last year and then debated further at the Half Yearly Meeting in Romania, 'that the member associations of 41 Club International, explore ways in which together, they can provide humanitarian aid at times of natural disaster'. If this can be adopted at the International AGM this year, then we shall have taken a very significant step toward our helping to 'build a 'better and kindlier world' which was one of the aims of our founding fathers when they formed our Association 65 years ago.

The theme that was adopted for this year was 'Reach Out' and it has been pleasing to see how many clubs and individuals have done just that. It was especially gratifying to see how many 41 Club members took the opportunity to sail with the Ocean Youth Trust and who have since volunteered to help that very worthwhile charity that undoubtedly changes the lives of young people for the better. The remarkable achievements of York Ebor 41 Club in raising over £23,000 for 'York Against Cancer' by riding from Lands End to John O'Groats in 12 days shows just what we can still achieve when we put our minds to it. And I am particularly grateful to the many other clubs that have been 'reaching out' in their own way into their own communities and beyond but I am especially grateful to everyone who 'reached out' the hand of friendship and support to me throughout the year as I have travelled the country but nevermore so than when I walked the 41 Club 'Millennium Way'.

There is so much that is good about our Association. The strength of the truly unique 'Round Table Bond' which has brought into being such lasting friendships that unite us locally, nationally and internationally, is at times simply awe inspiring. It has been a privilege to serve our Association as National President and I shall be forever grateful to you all for giving me the opportunity.

But I end this report with a plea: that we continue to build up our Association around our agreed Purposes and Objects and that we use every means at our disposal to communicate what it is we are about to as wide an audience as possible.

National Vice President - Vaughan Harris



As the 41 Club year comes to an end (far too quickly!), I have really enjoyed the honour and privilege of being your National Vice-President this year and I would like to thank you all for your support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank National President Malcolm and the National Executive and Council for their support and friendship, who together have worked hard for the membership over the last twelve months to ensure the long-

term success of our Association.

My main task this year this year has been chairing the Forward Planning Committee, the members of which have worked extremely hard on various issues which have

prompted some interesting debate on National Council, but will hopefully deliver long-term strategic plans to assist and manage the Association in future years.

During the past year I have also been pleased to be involved in the meetings of the Round Table Family (Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Tangent) and we in 41 Club have continued to work hard to engender a spirit of co-operation. Suggestions as to topics for discussion are always welcome.

My best wishes go to all those standing for a position on the National Executive and I would, in particular, like to thank National President Malcolm for his guidance over the last twelve months and wish him every success for the AGM.

In conclusion, I have very much enjoyed my visits to Clubs during the last twelve months and thank everyone who has kindly hosted me and provided hospitality. My

diary is filling up and I am very much looking forward to attending the various functions throughout the 26 Regions during my period in office, looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and hopefully making many new friends during the course of the year ahead.

Thank you again for the honour of allowing me to be your President for the 41 year 2011-2012. I promise to undertake this very important role with enthusiasm, dedication and above all my total commitment to serve the Association to the very best of my ability.

Immediate Past President - Richard Matthews



At Ipswich 2011 I will retire after 10 years' service on the National Council, including 5 years as a member of the National Executive and as the Association's President 2009/10. Throughout this period I have endeavoured to use my skills to influence the modernisation of the Association. I have played an active part in many areas, latterly as a member of the Forward Planning Team which, from a personal point of view, gives me the greatest

satisfaction. Great efforts have been made to improve our Communications, Administration, Organisation and Finances over the last 10 years, and I am delighted to have played my part within a great team of volunteers. I hope at Ipswich we will continue our progress by adopting a new Executive structure which will establish the appropriate roles for delivering the Aims of the Association approved at Scarborough.

41 Club has many fine attributes, but it remains a mystery to the majority of the public. It is my earnest desire that the results we have achieved in recent years will increase awareness and bring about a greater sense of purpose within our clubs to attract the thousands of Round Tablers

who have never joined, simply because they do not see that we stand for the values and objectives we enjoyed in Round Table. The success of my Appeal on behalf of Help for Heroes which raised over £143,000, from around 50% of our clubs, and combined with Tangent, raised jointly over £170,000 shows what we can do. I hope that 41 Clubs will in future strengthen their embrace of organising an activity in support of our traditional Round Table charities and/or their own local worthy causes because it feeds the greatest aims of the Association - those of Fellowship and Friendship.

In conclusion, may I thank the members of the National Executive and the National Council for their friendship and their support. Thanks to, to the clubs in my Region who made such a great contribution to my year as President and to Help for Heroes. To my own clubs, Bournemouth and Shaftesbury and Gillingham, which have been tremendous by supporting me on my travels and at the National Conferences in Southport and Scarborough in such great numbers. Finally to my wife Barbara, not only for her support over 10 years but who as my personal ADC smoothed a very hectic Presidential year. The Presidential experience capped 38 years of Round Tabling which I intend, god willing, to continue with the same energy and enjoyment because it has given us so many friends and experiences.

National Secretary - Martin Green



After two years as National Sales & Marketing Officer I returned last April to the role of National Secretary to pick up from Vaughan Harris who had been in the role for 3 years.

Much of my time has been spent on three major areas:

POSTAL VOTING

In the spring last year – at the request of a Club – I chaired a Working Party to look at ways of introducing Postal Voting. This is a complex area which has a double edged sword. Its introduction would possibly increase the numbers of clubs participating in the decision making process at the AGM – but there is danger that it will further reduce the numbers actually attending the AGM to hear the debate before making a final decision. My only approach after the discussion was to produce detailed procedures to see exactly how it could operate. The net result was a complex system that was necessary to accommodate the opportunity for Clubs to consider Resolutions, submit Amendments and further consider them. All of this increased the lead time for the AGM and in reality to allow adequate time would mean significant alterations to the timing of our AGM. In addition – the voting process is complex – especially when amendments exist.

At the time of writing this is still to be finally considered at the February Council Meeting – and whatever the outcome of that I will be giving a short presentation on the process at the AGM in Ipswich. Suffice it to say – enormous thought has been put into this.

FORWARD PLANNING

As well Postal Voting I have been working with the Forward Planning Group on reviewing the structure of the National Executive Council. This too is a complex area and has involved many proposals, changes and amendments – which at the time of writing is still not resolved.

I.T. STRATEGY

Our computer systems are once again becoming old and tired. We need to consider more secure storage of data and documents, and improve our communication systems especially in the area of mailing lists and e-mail. When I was National Secretary 5 years ago – I was very clear that we would never 'disenfranchise' any club that was not 'electronic'. My view has now changed in line with the way the world is changing.

Frankly not being on e-mail now – is a bit like not having a letter-box in the fifties. I know I frustrate my colleagues over my views of this – but facts are facts – the world is changing and we must firstly keep up and also be appealing to the guys who leave Round Table to join us. They use technology all the time!

A major overhaul of our I.T. systems is currently in my remit and work will hopefully start on this in early 2011.

With regard to CAS – we continue to have an on-going battle to ensure Clubs keep their information up to date. As at January 1st 2011 – around 150 Clubs had not updated their details at all since 1st January 2010. I accept that some have remained 'static' but I suggest many have had changes that we need to know about.

National Communications Officer - David Smith



This is my third and last annual report as your Communications Officer. My three years in this office have passed quickly and I would like to think that during this time I have learned something along the way – my one fingered typing speed has certainly improved and my diplomatic skills have definitely increased when dealing with

missed deadlines.

Three years ago this office oversaw the magazine and the website. In the period since then, responsibility for the monthly newsletter has been added, and in the months to come decisions will need to be taken as to further duties for the Communications Committee, including, but not limited to, the extent of the Association's involvement in Social Networking Sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and the like. Public Relations which is currently supervised by the Membership Committee but which sits more comfortably with Communications, and Marketing and Sponsorship, currently under the aegis of Sales but which really ought to be managed by Communications.

When I began as Communications Officer I expressed the opinion that 'communication' is the most important facet of this Association – communication with its members, with other elements of the Round Table Family and with the world at large – and as I leave this office my views have not changed – if anything I am more convinced than ever that proper and efficient communication is essential to the wellbeing of the movement.

Dealing with the past year, once again we have published three magazines and fortunately have had the material to do so. I am disappointed that only a small number of clubs have sent articles and reports for publication – when I began this job I announced that I would do my level best to ensure that any copy sent to me would appear in the magazine especially if it was accompanied by good quality digital photos although I did warn that I – and I suspect the majority of members was not particularly interested in pictures of men dressed in DJs and gongs lining up before dinner. Those clubs which have contributed have sent a great deal of interesting articles such as Linlithgow's elephant, Rothwell's Behemoth and of course Chris Tayler's splendid reports on the Millennium Way.

Distribution of the winter issue of LINKS was heavily delayed by "the weather" which admittedly was severe although I am sure it may have been a convenient excuse for Royal Mail to devote its energies to the delivery of conventional mail whilst leaving magazines and periodicals such as ours in the sorting offices. The Association pays Royal Mail several thousands of pounds in postage every year and deserves better service. The delay has caused

many members to once again question the necessity of providing at high cost a hard copy of the magazine to every member who wants one whilst the online version can be read by all through the website – and several days or weeks beforehand. Whilst the winter's delays have shifted my personal view on the topic a few degrees towards the electronic version, I am conscious there are many members without the opportunity for online access and any steps towards abandoning hard copy must only be made after the greatest possible consultation and approval of all members.

Before taking office I considered the announcement in the magazine of members' deaths left a lot to be desired – you will recall it merely consisted of a list of members (and their clubs) who had passed away in the period since the previous issue. I felt they deserved better treatment with a dedicated obituaries page. The Association's Honorary Archivist, David Addison, kindly volunteered to also become the Association's Obituarist and has for three years edited an informative but sympathetic dedication to those who sadly were no longer with us. From feedback I know it is often the page of the magazine turned to first by many members – a sign of our time and ages, perhaps.

The Association's website is also nominally in my stewardship but in practice is splendidly managed by our Honorary Webmaster, David Hewitt. David keeps his webpages as up to date as he can – as with anything, if the information is not sent to him he can hardly be expected to publish it – and is consistently of great assistance to all members requiring technical and general advice appertaining to Association matters.

The Newsletter continues to be a great success, thanks completely to Ray Hill and his unceasing efforts to get the publication out at the end of every month. An idle comment at a committee meeting in the summer of 2009 that perhaps communication with members might be promoted through a monthly online missive was latched upon by Ray who offered to take charge of the project – and as they say, the rest is history – Ray has turned out to be a 'natural' in the field of editorship. The Newsletter is welcomed by clubs and their members and Ray's efforts are appreciated by all.

In conclusion, may I thank all those who have contributed to 'Communications' in the past three years including David, David and Ray from the Communications Committee, Reg Hewitt, the Grumpy ex-Tabler, who can be relied upon to provide me with a page of amusing copy for every magazine, Lee and Gary at our printers and Alan at our distributors. My thanks must go to all of you who have sent letters, photos, articles and copy for publication. Above all, may I thank all of you for your unfailing support in this most rewarding office – it has been a tenure I shall always remember and cherish.

Membership and Extension Officer - Jim Smith



Last year at the beginning of my report I started by talking about the membership numbers which at the time stood at 18,691 from 813 clubs. This year as I write the numbers stand at 18,169 from 805 clubs, or at least I think they do. One of the serious problems I have as Membership Officer is that in reality I haven't any accurate information on what the membership is. Whilst we would be highly delighted if clubs kept their

information on the Club Administration System up to date the reality is that most clubs only update once a year and

many clubs don't update their information until it comes to paying capitation and then they tell us they have not really got that number of members anymore and will only pay capitation for the new (lower) figure. As a result it is difficult to plan for the future and even more difficult to budget for it.

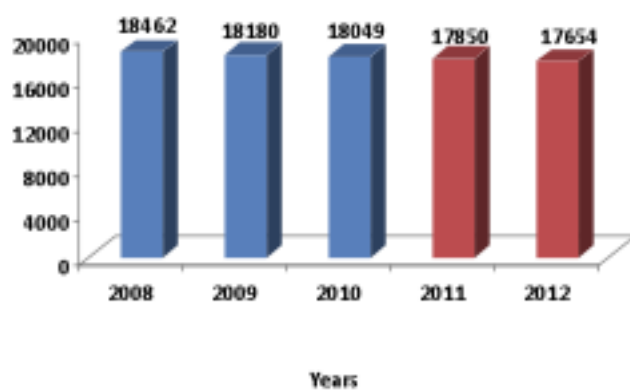
I have looked at this from a slightly different angle to give you some indication on membership trends. Obviously these figures are based on the same information as mentioned above and therefore in actual terms cannot be wholly relied on. The trends though are probably accurate.

The number of clubs as at the end of 2010 is accurate and I am fairly confident on the number of clubs now for 2009 and 2008. Prior to that the statistics are less reliable and

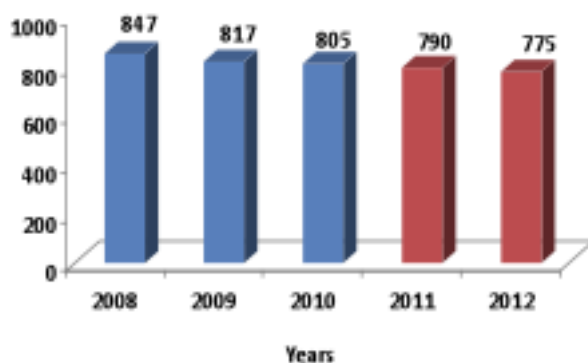
that was also before the Regional re-structures

The number of members is less accurate due to the lack of information noted above but the trend is almost certainly correct and will fall below 18,000 by the end of 2011. Based on this information I think we can predict that the number of clubs will fall below 800 by the end of 2011, although I am delighted to see that the number of disaffiliation or closures has slowed down. Part of this is the netting effect with new clubs opening. In the calendar year of 2010 we opened or re-affiliated 12 new clubs.

**Membership numbers 08-10 and
projections 11-12**



**Number of Clubs 08-10 and
projections 11-12**



Here are some other statistics. The average number of members per club is 22.5. This does vary significantly across GB& I with clubs in Region 23, Wessex & Channel Islands having an average of over 31 and those in Region 1, West Scotland, averaging just 16. Whilst Scottish clubs might have low average numbers the two Scottish Regions have more Round Tables than anywhere else, in fact both Regions have more Round Tables than 41 clubs which in the current climate is most unusual. There are lots more statistics I have been able to put together to help Regional Councillors this year and with the help of Marchesi House and Round Table I will continue to do that. The one thing I can't do though is to be accurate with the numbers because for that I rely on every club not only updating their information regularly but also honestly and accurately.

MEMBERSHIP PROJECTS

Following the debate at the Scarborough AGM where members threw out the proposal to selectively open up membership we were given a mandate to work closely with Round Table, to throw our full support behind them and encourage more Round Tablers to join 41 clubs. In June National Council fully discussed and endorsed the three key projects designed to improve membership of 41 Club and also aid Round Table. Most members will have seen the "Get One In" project designed to encourage 41 club members to introduce potential members to Round Table or Ladies Circle. We also launched the "Phoenix Project" for clubs where the feeder table had closed and 41 clubs were invited to re-launch it. I am pleased to say there has been some success with Bexley Round Table chartered in August with the help of Vigo Village and West Kent 41 Club supporting Welling Round Table and Mansfield club is working hard on its Phoenix. There are murmurings

from a couple of other clubs but we want more. The final project is "Mind the Gap-Bring 'em Back" aimed at clubs targeting ex-Round Tablers to either join an existing club or form a new one. To help with this project a letter jointly signed by President of Round Table, John Kilshaw, and 41 Club President Malcolm was sent to all 500 Round Table members due to retire from Round Table last year. A similar letter will be sent again in 2011. The projects are there to assist and the Regional Councillors there to support them but they need some assistance by clubs.

ROUND TABLE

Most members will have seen the article I put in the January newsletter about how Round Table is doing in its drive for members. I would like to congratulate David Weaver and the Membership team on their tremendous initiatives they have been working non-stop on for the last couple of years. Yes membership is still falling but it is falling slower now than it has done for many years. The number of new members joining Round Table is increasing year on year, in 2009-10 it was 823 the highest number for 5 years, and the excellent new external facing web site, www.roundtable.co.uk is showing great results. There were more membership enquiries in October 2010 than in the whole of 2008. Round Table is our future and it is vital we get behind them and support them. Whilst mentioning Round Table I must also mention Ladies Circle which is the current success story in the Round Table family. They are regularly opening or re-chartering new Circles and membership is finally on the increase. Well done to them.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

At the beginning of this year National Council approved the appointment of Avid PR to assist in developing external awareness of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs. Mira Taylor has worked closely with us during the year to first of all gain knowledge of the organisation and secondly to ensure media reports get published. There have been some notable successes with both Regional and National Press plus a couple of good Radio interviews. The President's plod around the Millennium way attracted good publicity and there have been a number of articles relating to activities supporting the President's Charity, Ocean Youth Trust. We have also launched 41 Club on the Social Networking scene and we now have pages on Facebook and Twitter plus a Group on Linked In. Undoubtedly we can make more of this medium of communication and next year more effort will be put into it. If your club members are linked to any of the social networks why not follow us. The more that do the more the association will get noticed. Bear in mind that our target market is the over 45 year old ex-Round Tablers who have not joined 41 Club and out of the 20 million or so people in the UK who have a Facebook account I would guarantee that a significant number fit our criteria.

The disappointment for us and for Avid has been the lack of information provided by clubs to Mira and the team to create public awareness. This is a real opportunity to show yourselves in the local community and to create a greater awareness of the Round Table family. PR next year will come directly under the wing of Communications but clearly we hope the knock on effect will be to membership. I would like to thank Mira and the team at Avid for the work they have done so far on our behalf.

This has been another busy year for Membership and our focus for the future has to be on making our clubs attractive to ex-Round Tablers and working hard to find those who have left but never joined 41 Club. We will continue to support Round Table and ensure that member clubs have the tools to develop and grow where they want to. I would like to thank the Membership committee and the staff at Marchesi House for their invaluable support.

Sales and Marketing Officer - Hugh Milward



By the time you read this report we will be into our second year of a three year contract with our 41 Club Sales supplier. The ordering of Jewels, Name Bars and 41 Club Sales items continues to be via the dedicated website 41Club Sales website www.41clubsales.co.uk which is proving the most simple and secure way to place an order.

New items introduced during the year, including those launched at the 2009 AGM were Baseball Caps, Umbrellas, Sweat Shirts, Rugby Shirts, Lanyards and Small & Large Jewel Boards. Members have suggested a few new items during the year, but having floated the suggestions via our monthly News Letter, limited positive feedback dictates that these items were not viable to proceed.

One request for "Blue" engraving on Name Bars was instigated and this option is now available. Engraving is now carried out in the UK which has improved quality and delivery times.

Despite a very low percentage of complaints, when they occur, they do cause considerable distress and frustration for the individual. One such issue has been the fixing arrangements of Name Bars and an alternative fixing option will be made available in 2011.

The range of colours and the option for personalised text on Polo, Rugby and Sweat Shirts continues to be very

popular.

It is accepted that though all items can be viewed on the website, you cannot touch and feel them. We have a number of National Councillors with portable Sales Boxes; therefore I would encourage you to invite them to your meetings or events where you can have a closer look before purchasing.

The 2010 winter edition of our "Links" 41 Club magazine included the last set of our "Platinum Privileges" offers supplied by Marketing Solutions. A decision as to the continuation of this service will have been taken by the 2011 National AGM. A number of 41 Club members have approached me who have similar products or services which they are keen to offer to our membership. Perhaps this is the way forward, but strict guidelines and protocols will need to be set.

The word Marketing is also within my job title, but other than the production of promotional banners and flags that fly above the AGM venues, my focus has been on assisting Jim Smith, our Membership and Extension Officer in the sterling work he has been doing in respect of "Mind the Gap-Bring 'em Back", "Get One In" and the "Phoenix Project" as well as the outward facing use of AVID PR.

Finally to those who have not yet been, please make an effort to see the 41 Club garden at the National Memorial Arboretum instigated by Lichfield 41 Club. It was a privilege to be present at last year's Remembrance Sunday where a large number of members of the Round Table Family paid their respects and showed the general public that we care.

Conference Officer - Dick Stanley



I was delighted to have the opportunity to take over the mantle of National Conference Officer from Terry Cooper at last year's AGM in Scarborough. Little did I know how massive that mantle was and how unprepared I was to wear it. However, this job does not allow you to let the grass grow under your feet and the Ipswich Conference Committee had me working at great speed from the off.

You are probably reading this as you sit in the AGM and you will already have seen what a great venue Ipswich is to hold a National Conference and what a superb Conference Ian Mackenzie and his team have produced. They have been working tirelessly for over two years to ensure that your stay here is precisely what you would expect from a 41 Club National Conference – entertaining, interesting, full of fun and an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. When you see a member of the committee (they are all wearing fezzes!) tell them what a great time you are having. It makes all their effort worthwhile.

You may remember that the National Conference format was changed a few years ago as it was felt that attendance was becoming too expensive and numbers were declining. It was reduced to two days by leaving out the Thursday event and Conference-goers were able to book their accommodation individually and not through the registration process. Well, that didn't last too long! It was soon realised that the tried and tested format was the one that people wanted. Accommodation is still not part of the registration process but a selection of hotels are recommended with

one being designated the Conference Hotel. Surprise, surprise that's the one which gets booked up first. Recent attendance figures (Newcastle 331, Torbay 333, Southport 468, and Scarborough 493) have certainly shown a steady increase over the last 4 years and the Ipswich Novotel was fully booked by the end of September. It seems obvious that this is what is wanted and I see no reason to change.

In 2012 we are off to – "the every 10 years" venue – Jersey. Their Committee under the Chairmanship of Paul Harding is already well into the arrangements and you can get full details from the stand in the foyer of the Novotel and also in the foyer of the AGM venue. There will be several members of the Jersey Committee attending Ipswich so if you have any queries or just want a chat seek them out and they will be happy to talk to you. The Jersey Conference Bureau will also have a display and would be delighted to see you.

If you have had a good time in Ipswich go back to your club and spread the word that 41 Club National Conference is the place to be each and every April, and don't forget to book for Jersey.

If you didn't enjoy it seek me out and let me know how we could do things better.

Another aspect of my job is to organise the National Council Meetings and in 2010/11 these have been hosted in Durham, Region 4 (June), Dublin, Region 3 (October), Rednal, Region 15 (February) and Ipswich, Region 17 (to come in April). Observers are always very welcome to attend these meetings. The spread of geographical locations gives members throughout the country the opportunity to see how our Association is run and the chance to question all aspects of the Association's business.

Remember

All paid-up members of the Association are entitled to attend the AGM whether or not they are attending other Conference events. The AGM takes place at the Grand Hall, Ipswich starting at 9.00 am on Saturday 16th April 2011.

International Officer - Andy Waite



International attendance at Scarborough was limited to three visitors thanks to the Icelandic volcano. Two came from Belgium by ferry while Karol from Poland flew in before the eruption but was then stuck for a week until he 'luckily' caught a 36 hour coach to Gdansk.

The International AGM in Finland was similarly affected, although International President John Bellwood, Past President Gordon McNab and Lawrence Bamber were able to attend.

Since the Southport AGM I have been on the following overseas visits:

- Cap d'Agde, in Southern France, to present the Charter to Cap d'Agde International 270. We have formed a new Club in Riyadh, Montpellier 1904 L'esprit de l'Entente Cordiale have returned to the fold, and we are hopeful of starting a new Club in Addis Ababa.

- RT 47 World Meeting in Belgium, where I broke my leg and was unable to attend the French AGM in Brive (Dave Campbell deputised), nor the IRO's meeting in Germany.

- Costa Blanca 41 Club for the Iberian Cluster in Javea, and I deputised for President Malcolm at the Sunday meeting as he had to be at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

President Malcolm also attended the Italian AGM and two other 41 events in Spain. Lawrence Bamber represented the Association at the Round Table World Meeting in Dubai.

I was unable to attend the Belgian AGM as it clashed with National Council.

A very healthy turnout (31 in total) from GB&I, including President Malcolm, attended the International Half Yearly Meeting in Brasov, Romania in October. All the 19 Associations were represented apart from Indian Ocean, Israel, New Zealand and Zambia. Constructive meetings were held on the YAP and Famex programmes. While Famex (family exchange) is not viable, the YAP (Young Ambassador Programme) is thriving, with tours involving 18-25 year olds

between Europe (Austria, Belgium, France and Germany in particular) and India and South Africa. It was suggested that GB&I could identify a couple of youngsters from the Round Table Family to join a tour of South Africa or India. The tours are typically of 30 days duration; participants pay their own flights and a €50 administration fee and are home hosted. Some Associations contribute in full or in part to the costs. I hope we will be able to get involved in this superb initiative.

The International IRO's also met in Brasov. Switzerland will host the International Vice-Presidency in 2012-13.

At the HYM a Resolution submitted by GB&I was carried: 'That all members of 41 International give due consideration to ways in which together we can provide humanitarian aid to those countries stricken by natural disaster'. This could be a fantastic platform to raise our profile on a world-wide basis.

In January a small group – President Malcolm, Vice-President Vaughan, Dave Campbell and myself met with key members of the French National Board in Toulouse – a repeat of last year's highly successful meeting in Canterbury. This was the third such meeting and most worthwhile.

I also acted as a Teller/Scrutineer at the RTBI Conference in Harrogate.

As I write I am looking forward to a 16 day tour of South Island New Zealand organised by 41 NZ. Four couples plus myself are attending from GB&I.

I would like to thank my Committee Lawrence Bamber, Frank Venables and Dave Campbell for all their help and support.

Thank you for allowing me to be your International Officer. Martin Young said it was the best job in the movement, and I couldn't agree more. My three years are up and I am standing down for others to follow. Please get in touch with my successor if he and his Committee can help in any way to help you and your Club get more out of International 41'ing.

National Councillors' Representative - Barry Durman



As the National Councillors' Representative on the National Executive I have seen at first hand just how hard the National Executive work on behalf of our members. They give up many hours, evenings and weekends to ensure that the Association is run professionally. They attend many meetings far and wide during the year, sometimes having to drive 3, 4, or 5 hours each way to do so.

Their enthusiasm knows no bounds.

Often they come under criticism from National Councillors and members at large for suggesting changes to how things are done, for spending money on items they perceive as being in the best interests of the organisation and then for daring to enjoy themselves whilst they are doing it!

I have also continued to witness the work of the National Councillors as they try to get around to visit their clubs and act as the link between members and "National". The same applies to them in terms of their own Regions, where often individual clubs themselves are less enthusiastic about the work of the National Association. They would love to be in a situation where they receive invites to visit clubs each week, but the reality is that they have to initiate most of the visits themselves. So my plea to members is ask your Councillor to visit your club and participate once or twice a year in Regional events.

41 Club is not a business, but it must be run professionally. Together, these guys really do try their level best to do this. I see an organisation that is thriving, looking and planning ahead and ready to adopt, adapt and improve. What more can we ask for?

Guide to Proxy Voting

- Any Club can appoint someone from another Club to vote at the AGM on their behalf
- That person must be a member of a fully paid up constituent Club
- The Proxy Voter can vote for his own club or clubs as well
- The Proxy Voter can have two or more votes. i.e. for his own Clubs and for the Club he represents as a proxy voter.
- The National Secretary must be informed by the Club appointing that person the name and details of the Proxy Voter IN WRITING to arrive THREE days before the AGM. Information may be sent to the National Secretary by: e-mail (secretary@41club.org) Fax: 01235 524112 or Post: 5 Beagle Close, Abingdon, Oxon.OX14 2NU

National Treasurer - Mike Turner



2010 has been a difficult year financially; particularly when budgets are prepared twelve months in advance and the direction that the Association is intending to go takes a different course or there are unplanned calls on our resources. Despite this, a very small surplus has been achieved.

To put this in context, last year you will recall that £5,500.00 was set aside for the refurbishment of the 41 Club Garden at The National Arboretum. The final cost was £9,283.00 which was £3,783.00 in excess of the provision. Also, a decision was taken by the National Council to embark on a limited PR promotion starting in May which added an additional £7,050.00 to the expenditure. As well as these items, it was agreed by the National Council that a 'buy-out' should be negotiated with Round Table to change our regalia supplier. This cost the Association £8,500.00 but it will be more than offset by the increase in commission; in excess of £4,000.00 per annum. Had none of these costs been incurred there would have been a surplus of over £14,000.00 to supplement the reserves.

Coupled with the decision not to increase capitation for this year, and if the PR promotion is continued at a cost of £10,800.00, along with a crucial upgrade of the Associations IT system, and also including sundry smaller initiatives, there will be a substantial deficit at the end of the year which could be as much as £20,000.00. This will have to be financed from the reserves.

This situation cannot be allowed to continue and it is necessary, therefore, to produce a realistic budget that redresses the balance so that expenditure is contained within the income. It has been the policy for the Association for many years to set the capitation from an anticipated expenditure rather than set an income and try to keep the expenditure within the prescribed limits. If the Association is to succeed in its objectives, then it must have sufficient funds at its disposal to fulfil them.

Last year's AGM gave very clear guidance that membership be open only to men who had been members of Round Table. The overall effect of this was that unless Round

Table were to increase their membership substantially and our Association attracted more of the retiring Round Tablers into its ranks, 41 Club would decline significantly.

Given this guidance by the AGM, the Association has embarked on a number of initiatives planned to help Round Table increase and retain its membership and at the same time aim to increase membership of 41 Club. These initiatives included attempting to raise our own profile within the community in general and secondly, to devise ways to encourage growth in Round Table membership. It must be appreciated at this stage that there was no budget provision for these initiatives and therefore, any additional expense would have to be funded from reserves in the short-term.

This AGM is the first occasion to present a 'budget of opportunity' to address the problem of a declining membership and provide some of the necessary finance to fund these urgent initiatives. The proposed budget has been increased to incorporate the following costs relating to the various initiatives:

Round Table Development Grant for the next 3 years.	£5,000 per annum
Membership Promotion initiatives	£1,650
The Phoenix membership Project	£1,000
P R Promotion	£10,800

In addition to these costs, there is a desire [i] to reintroduce a printed Handbook/directory. [ii] take steps to safeguard our archives and make them accessible on-line to all members, [iii] take account of inflation and the increase in VAT.

Recognising that our membership is likely to decline slightly next year, a budget has been prepared to cover the anticipated expenditure for the year. It does not set out to achieve a surplus that will increase the reserves. To achieve the income to meet this expenditure it is necessary to increase the capitation to £12.00 per member. It is proposed that the expenses paid to members of the National Council remain unchanged.

Whilst the increase proposed is substantial in percentage terms, in real terms it is a small amount and I trust that you will support the proposals

Resolutions for the AGM

RESOLUTION 1

National Council propose that a new Officer be elected to the National Executive called the National Community Service and Welfare Officer [CSWO] to promote and co-ordinate Community Service and Charity initiatives and also to manage Welfare matters throughout the Association.

This to take place with immediate effect.

This involves the addition of this role to Rule 6.1.

6.1 The Officers shall be the National President, National Vice-President (who shall be the National President Elect), Immediate Past National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Communications Officer, National Membership & Extension Officer, National Sales & Marketing Officer, National Conference Officer, National Community Service and Welfare Officer, and the Association's International Officer who shall be full members of constituent clubs and shall hold office until they resign, or until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting, whichever first happens. All Officers shall take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.

RESOLUTION 2

National Council propose that the number of Proxy Votes that can be cast by a Proxy Voter be increased to 2.

This to take effect from the 2012 AGM.

This involves a minor change to Rule 17.3.

17.3 Every constituent club shall be entitled to send one delegate, appointed from its full members, to a General Meeting. Each constituent club shall have one vote on any resolution at a General Meeting (subject to Rule 4.6). Such vote shall be given either by the voting delegate appointed by the constituent Club from its own membership and attending the meeting or by a proxy voting delegate. Any constituent Club may appoint a proxy voting delegate from another constituent Club to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf providing that the name of the proxy delegate shall have been registered with the National Secretary not less than 72 hours before the Meeting. A proxy voter may also vote for his own club but may not be a proxy voter for more than two clubs. Members of more than one club may carry a single vote for each clubs of which they are members.

Proposed Budget For 2012

	Budget		Actual		Variance		Budget		Budget	
	2010		2010				2011		2012	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME										
Capitation fees current	185000		179713		5287		180000		214200	
arrears	900		4397		-3497		3000		1000	
	185900		184110		1790		183000		215200	
Bank interest, less tax	1000		799		201		1000		1000	
Conference surplus	0		423		-423		0		0	
RT Sales Contract Break	0		-8500		8500		0		0	
Regalia - sales commission	2000		5232		-3232		7000		6000	
Sales profit	1000		0		1000		1000		1000	
Sundry income										
		189900		182064		7836		192000		223200
EXPENSES										
General secretariat	27500		24933		2567		30000		26000	
Admin/Postage & stationery	5000		5913		-913		6500		6500	
Handbook & Directory	0		0		0		0		4000	
IPP Attendance at RT Board	0		0		0		0		1000	
IT Systems	7500		7328		172		10000		10000	
Cost of AGM	2750		858		1892		2750		4000	
President expenses - home	18000		17039		961		18000		19000	
President expenses - international	5000		4642		358		6000		6500	
International Officer expenses	4000		2179		1821		5000		6500	
41 International expenses	3700		3232		468		3700		4000	
International Board Meetings	0		1786		-1786		0		2500	
Conference Officer expenses	1250		2663		-1413		1500		2500	
Cost of conference	6000		5869		131		6000		6500	
LINKS Magazine										
Printing	30000		19062		10938		22000		22000	
Postage & Packaging	20000		21837		-1837		20000		22000	
Database	350		0		350		350		0	
Advertising revenue	-4000		-282		-3718		-250		-250	
Communication committee	500		0		500		500		500	
Council expenses	35000		36893		-1893		35000		38000	
Insurance	9500		8933		567		9000		9000	
Gifts, jewels, presentations	1500		870		630		1500		1500	
Honoraria to officers	2000		2000		0		2000		2000	
Accountancy fees	1100		1680		-580		1500		1750	
Depreciation	0		1369		-1369		1000		1000	
Sundries	1500		182		1318		1000		1000	
Marketing / Development	8500		9905		-1405		8500		14500	
Arboretum	0		3783		-3783		0		0	
Membership Promotion	0		0		0		0		1650	
Phoenix Project	0		0		0		0		1000	
RT Membership Development	0		0		0		0		5000	
Archive Storage/Scanning	0		0		0		0		2500	
		186650		182674		3976		191550		222150
General Fund surplus (deficit)		3250		-610		-3860		450		1050
Proposed capitation fee		£10.00						£10.00		£12.00
Based upon membership of										
Current		18500						18000		17850
Arrears		100						300		100
Mileage rate (excluding first 30 miles)		HMC&E						HMR&C		HMR&C
Council weekend allowance (up to but not exceeding)		£110.00						£110.00		£110.00

Nominations for Association Officers 2011-2012

The following Officer Nominations were received by the National Secretary by the 1st February 2011:

Office	Name	Nominating Club
Vice-President (who shall be President-Elect)	David Smith Andy Waite	Long Eaton White Knights
National Secretary	Martin Green	Abingdon & District
National Treasurer	Mike Turner	Crowborough
National Communications Officer	Ray Hill	Northwich
National Membership & Extension Officer	Jim Smith	Bishop's Stortford
National Sales & Marketing Officer	Barry Durman Hugh Milward	Shirley Late Knights Ashby-de-la-Zouch
National Conference Officer	Dick Stanley	Hereford
Association's International Officer	Lawrence Bamber Dave Campbell	Poynton Westerham & District
Community Service & Welfare Officer (subject to Resolution 1)	Barry Durman	Shirley Late Knights

NOTES.

Each Vice-Presidential Candidate will give a presentation lasting not more than five minutes, to assist the Delegates in making their choice. All other Candidates will give a presentation lasting not more than three minutes.

Nominations for the post of Community Service & Welfare Officer were invited in line with all other Officers i.e. by 1st February 2011 subject to the Resolution being accepted at this AGM. Should the Resolution fail then the appointment will not take place. The Job Description for the Community Service & Welfare Officer is attached (Appendix F)

Nominations for National Vice President (President Elect)



Statement by David Smith:

One of the best decisions I ever made was to join Round Table. I threw myself enthusiastically into the movement, made a host of good friends, had a great deal of fun, and tried to put back a little of what I'd taken out.

When the time came to leave Round Table, I willingly joined 41 Club, made yet more friends, had yet more fun, and never regretted my decision to join. Virtually all my contemporaries did so too.

But that was then – now only a small percentage of retiring Tablers cross over into 41 Club, with the rest being lost to our Association. Why? After all, we have a membership of more than 18,000, some 800+ clubs, a regional structure designed to foster closer ties with Round Table, a magazine delivered to members' homes and a monthly newsletter sent electronically to every club, an affordable National Conference, close links with 41 International, a highly efficient Secretariat, a hard working and dedicated National Council whose members devote much free time to Association business – all for an annual capitation fee

costing the equivalent of three or four pints of beer.

The change some years ago in Round Table's retirement age did us no favours. I suspect we are perceived as 'old men' and are not attractive to retiring Tablers. But following the decision at our AGM last year, they are our only source of future recruitment. We need to get the message across to them that there is no great divide and 'Continued Friendship' – and fun, fellowship and, if desired, community service – are readily available – "The future's bright; the future's 41 Club".

Now comes the difficult part: selling myself. It is something I'm never comfortable with and it's not easy. But I'd like to think that seven years on the National Council, three of which have been on the Executive and four on the Forward Planning Committee, have given me the experience and knowledge to stand for election as your Vice-President.

Let's make 41 Club an Association we are all happy to belong to and one which Tablers want to join, let's encourage our Association to grow and flourish, and let's continue the fun and fellowship we've all enjoyed as Tablers.

David Smith

that are required of the holder of this pivotal and most demanding role. I am retired and have few demands on my time other than 41 Club.

I joined Wakefield 41 Club in August 1994 and was immediately given a job. Since then 41 Club has become more and more important to me; I joined the National Council in 2005 for three happy years, and the Executive in



Statement by Andy Waite:

This is an exciting time for 41 Club. We are striving to continue to improve our relationships with all our partners but particularly with Round Table, who are our only source of new blood.

I feel I have the resources and qualities

2008 for my three year term as International Officer.

During those six years I have seen at first hand the stamina and application needed to be an effective National President. Blowing one's own trumpet doesn't always come easily, but here goes....

Firstly, and most importantly, I have a passion for 41 Club and the fun and fellowship it can offer us all. This has been demonstrated at countless events at home and abroad. Ask anyone who knows me.

I am committed to the fundamentals of our wonderful

Association, encapsulated in our newly redrafted Purposes and Objects; continued fellowship, community involvement where Clubs wish it, supporting the Round Table Family, and the encouragement of international relationships.

I want to encourage Clubs to maximise the fun, fellowship and enjoyment 41 has to offer.

If given the privilege I will be delighted to serve the Association as its Vice-President.

Andy Waite

Nominations for National Sales and Marketing Officer



Statement by: Barry Durman:

When I first joined National Council for Region 15 five years ago, I was told that the main job was to go and visit clubs and act as a link between clubs and National. I was given a Sales box with lots of old stock and told to try and sell it. At the end of the year I had sold £1238 worth and found that this represented 25% of what the whole

26 National Councillors had sold. From then on I became focused on Sales taking between £10 and £80 at every club I visited, despite often being told that no-one would buy anything. Setting up a table with stock and standing near it is a great way of having fellowship.

It always seemed to me that becoming National Sales Officer would be a natural thing to do. Indeed everyone kept telling me so. I know what sells at what prices. I was in charge of Gary Smith's PLC in Table and we were known to have sold far more stock than ever before. We do not want high price items, but we do not want poor quality either. We all know that only a small proportion of our members buy items of stock and that is a shame – we should encourage members to buy products that proudly display our roundel. Together with jewel sales we can and should make a good

contribution to our funds.

If elected I would want to bring some new items into the range and remove some deadwood. Working in conjunction with our suppliers we need a good website, so that members can order direct. National Councillors should have, and actually want to, carry a limited range of the best sellers. This avoids having excessive stock, which then has to be discounted to clear it at some stage in the future!

I am not in favour of continuing Platinum Privileges. As I understand it, members are not taking advantage of them much at all, it takes up valuable space in the magazine and they are not fulfilling any of our aims and objects.

As part of the National Executive, there is much more to this post than just selling and administering sales stock. Our National Executive needs new blood and I can promise you I will challenge the status quo where necessary and protect our heritage where appropriate, I would like to make a contribution to that Executive. I have been the National Councillor's representative on the Executive this year and have a high degree of energy and enthusiasm for 41 Club, as anyone who knows me will tell you. I ask for your vote and would be honoured to serve if elected.

Barry Durman



Statement by: Hugh Milward:

I have just had a very fulfilling and enjoyable year as the Sales and Marketing Officer.

Members have indicated to me that they are prepared to pay for quality and for items that are more than just gifts. If elected, I would wish to move Sales in this direction and resource a much more quality based

range. I would propose to run down those current items that are not selling well and work with our supplier to shift those items via special offers over the coming year.

Feedback comes in fast and furious when minor issues over delivery and quality occur, but I trust my personal intervention has been welcomed and I would plan to maintain such an approach.

Having built up a good working relationship with our contracted Sales Supplier and despite taking positive steps

to improve the service and quality issues, there is still some work to do before the contract comes up for renewal.

There is a considerable amount of stock in our Sales Boxes held by National Councillors, but with new Councillors taking office at the AGM I propose to re-vitalise the whole Sales Box set up based on my finding this year.

Our "Platinum Privileges" packages have not been taken up by members as expected and I have some thoughts as to how we can offer benefits by promoting our own products and services to each other.

Having done the job for just a year the learning curve is complete and I get a better feel of what is required, when to do it and what has still has to be done, so I trust you will seriously consider giving me your vote to allow me to continue to strive to offer you a service you can be proud of.

Hugh Milward

Nominations for International Officer



Statement by: Lawrence Bamber:

My passion within 41 Club (and indeed Table) has always been International.

I have been a Member of the Association's International Committee since 2005, and in that time have not missed any 41 Club International AGMs or Half Yearly Meetings (HYMs), in spite of Icelandic Volcanoes!

I have been a voting delegate on behalf of the Association at meetings in Zambia and Finland and have represented the Association at National AGMs in

India, South Africa, Finland and Norway. In addition I have represented our Association at Round Table International (RTI) meetings in the Netherlands and Dubai.

So you can see that International 41'ing is in my blood!

I am well known on the 41 Club International circuit, having visited Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, France, Mauritius, Seychelles, Germany, Romania, and - by car - Clubs in Italy, Switzerland, Portugal and Norway, (including our twin Club in Mo - I - Rana).

I have understudied our current IRO Andy Waite, over the last 5 years, and have learnt from him how to foster

and encourage international relationships, which of course is one of our Association's aims.

If elected as your next IRO I shall continue to work - together with the International Committee - on the firm foundations laid by Andy and his illustrious predecessors, in order to ensure that GB&I continues to be a major player in 41 Club International.

I have developed a 5 point International Action Plan



Statement by: Dave Campbell:

During my time in 41 Club I have enjoyed the fellowship of 41'ers locally, nationally and internationally. My club, Westerham & District, enjoys a lively and active 5 way twinning with Round Tablers and 41'ers in Germany, France, Sweden and The Netherlands with visits being organised annually by each country in turn. I have been instrumental in organising the UK visits and have made many long-standing friendships over the years. My international interests also extend to being an active member of my local town twinning committee.

As a National Councillor I am a member of the International Committee and have represented the Association on a number of occasions. I have attended overseas 41 Club National AGMs, 41 Club International AGMs and half yearly

(to be revealed in April) for GB&I which, if accepted and implemented by our National Council, will further enhance GB&I's standing and influence within 41 Club International.

Please vote Lawrence Bamber in as your next IRO.

Thank You Very Much.

Lawrence Bamber

meetings, had the privilege of attending charters of overseas clubs and have organised an Anglo-French Board meeting for the National Executive Officers.

41 Club is a fellowship organisation. If elected, I would like to work in conjunction with International Officers from other countries to develop a twinning strategy to enable clubs and individual members to readily access information and guidelines on how to establish a successful overseas link. This could be achieved by developing the opportunities afforded by the 41 Club website, Links Magazine and monthly newsletter.

I know that I have the time, enthusiasm and experience to undertake this important role. I have the full support of my wife and family and would be honoured to represent the association as its International Officer.

Dave Campbell

Community Service and Welfare Officer (CSWO)

Last year at the National AGM in Scarborough the sun was shining on us. We as a National Association of 41 Clubs voted to maintain our membership in line with our heritage, former members of Round Table. We also voted to adopt four Objects that align very closely with the Aims and Objects of Round Table. We then finished the meeting with a bottle of Greene King IPA, making the day very satisfactory all round.

One of the gaps in our current organisation that needed to be addressed was how we fulfil the middle two of our four Objects:

- To encourage active involvement in the community, and
- To use our experience in support of the Round Table Family.

National Council will be bringing a motion to the Ipswich AGM to adopt a new National Executive role of Community Service and Welfare Officer (CSWO) to support the delivery of these two key objectives. The description of this role has been circulated with the AGM papers and follows a year of consultation through this Newsletter, 41 Club Magazine and one to one discussions with various groups.

Support for this role has been strong with odd comments: 'are we being told to raise money now?' 'are we turning 41 Club into Rotary?' and 'we did all that in Table'.

The Round Table family is a fantastic organisation; we do things because we want to not because we are told.

We learn how to behave responsibly towards our own community and fellow members, not because it is a rule but because we want to.

We do crazy things to raise money, because we want to and we want to support good causes.

The role of the CSWO is not to tell you to raise money;

the role will help 41 Club find the right causes for those that do wish to contribute.

The CSWO is not going to tell you to go and weed gardens or help school leavers apply for jobs; he will create an environment where those that wish to can use their talents to support the local and wider communities.

No one is mandating the concept of supporting members when they need help through Almoners within every 41 Club; just like some clubs have a vice-chairman and others manage without, the CSWO will help those that want to adopt this role, formally or informally.

Already on the back of these concepts 41 Club International are looking to align themselves with the Rotary Shelter Box initiative. No one is asking you to raise money for them; I know that I will.

Many years ago I was involved in a serious road traffic accident. Shortly afterwards my Table were going indoor karting. I was scared beyond belief at the thought of uncontrolled cornering four inches above the tarmac. No one told me I had to go to the meeting, no one told me I had to drive; but I did. I was still scared witless and was the slowest driver on the track; I did it because I wanted to.

My job is not to persuade you. I wish only to explain that what you do in 41 Club does not need to alter with the Community Service and Welfare Officer role.

For those that want to do something different then the CSWO can and will make a difference. I am not standing for the post of CSWO so your support will not make a difference to me; it will make a significant difference to the organisation that we belong to.

Alan Pattinson

Email Addresses - Clarification

In the next few months the Association will be in the position to mail directly to all members with email addresses on the CAS system and we encourage all members to ensure that their correct email address is recorded there. There is no compulsion to have your email address on the system, and even if it is there you can opt to receive all communications

by post, but in so doing you must recognise that you are opting not to receive communications that will be sent to other members.

We can assure you that the CAS system is fully covered by the Data Protection Act and that in no way will your details be passed on to other parties.