

**41 Club**  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



## PARTY TIME AT IPSWICH



It is not all business at the National Conference and AGM and those of you who have attended recent conference will know that the evening entertainment and fellowship easily rivals that of the great Table Conferences of our days.

The Ipswich committee have now announced the entertainment line-up for the Friday night banquet and the Saturday night party, and you are guaranteed plenty of the wow factor.

Friday night is the Presidential ball and during the meal entertainment will be provided by the **Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band**. Plenty of time to get practice in for the "Dambusters".



After the short speeches the night will be taken over by one of the country's greatest show bands, **Mixed Feelings**. They last performed for us at the Bristol Conference 5 years ago to rave reviews, and they are back as good as ever.



Saturday is party night. It will be in the capable hands of radio DJ **Luke Harrod** and will feature **Alpha Connection**, the showband that was a favourite at Round Table conferences in the 1990s.

## NATIONAL COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS

I am delighted to announce the following new National Councillors who will take up office from the AGM in Ipswich:

- Region 4 Colin Steen  
Gosforth 41 Club
- Region 5 Richard Pattinson  
Bentham & District 41 Club
- Region 8 David Yardley  
Southport Hesketh 41 Club
- Region 17 Sean McCormick  
Saffron Walden 41 Club
- Region 23 David Brown  
Taunton 41 Club
- Region 25 Philip Douce  
Medway 41 Club

Vacancies still exist in the following Regions:

- Region 2 Scotland East
- Region 6 Yorkshire
- Region 9 Lincolnshire
- Region 11 Cheshire & NW Midlands
- Region 12 N Wales & The Wirral
- Region 15 Heart of England
- Region 18 Essex & NE London

Please contact me if you require further information on this important, interesting and rewarding role. The closing date for nominations is the 1st June 2011.

**Martin Green**  
National Secretary

## NEWS ABOUT NEWS@

This will probably be the last edition of News@41Club.org that is distributed through your Club Contact and Chairman. From next month we will be distributing the Newsletter directly to everyone who is on our Club Administration System where we have an e-mail address.

The 'techy guys' have nearly finished putting together a much more efficient and reliable Mailing List system for 41 Club, which will hopefully improve communication and also put a stop to the Club Contact who sometimes acts as a 'Club Censor' which, sadly, we know happens.

We are very conscious that not everyone may want to receive their Newsletter directly to their e-mail address. If you really do not, but we hope that you will, please let us know and we will change this on our CAS system. Alternatively your Club Contact can do this for you by changing your preferred contact method on CAS to 'Post'.

What is important is that we have everyone's up to date e-mail address on our system and you advise us any time it changes. Your Club Contact has the relevant passwords to access our Club Administration System to check this for you or to put this right. If you are having difficulties over this please contact the team at Marchesi House and they will help you with it. [admin@41club.org](mailto:admin@41club.org)

We hope you will continue to enjoy receiving News@41club.org and look forward to your comments.

**Martin Green**  
National Secretary

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## Contributions to News@41Club.Org

Please send contributions to [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org)  
The copy date for the April issue is Sunday 20th March.  
**Editor: Ray Hill**  
National Councillor  
Region 11

# EDITORIAL



## LIFE WITHOUT COMPUTERS

It is difficult to imagine now, but when our Association met for the first time in Wakefield, there were only a handful of computers in the UK and the post war powers were actively destroying them. The Colossus machines at Bletchley Park had helped win the war, decoding the enigma code, but there would be no need for them in peacetime. When our founders met they had no mobile phones, no photocopiers, no faxes and definitely no personal computers. Indeed for many the nearest telephone was in a red box at the end of the street and very few households had televisions. Personal communication was usually by hand written letter and the usual means of duplication was typing using carbon paper, which was a nightmare for bad typists. The only means of mass communications was the printed word, therefore when the

first bulletin was published in 1949 it was the first universal communication for the Association.

In 2011 we now take global communications for granted. We know within seconds the news from around the world, we can look up virtually any fact we need and we can even watch the TV programmes we have missed at our own leisure. All of this is because of the growth of the PC and the Internet. Whenever any member of my family want anything the first port of call is the Internet, be it instructions for a gadget, train or plane schedules, booking a holiday etc. etc. If we want to buy anything the Internet will almost certainly point us to the cheapest supplier, or at least, make us aware of the price to look for. We often ask "How does anybody survive without the Internet these days?" Just one

purchase a month can often save the cost of the broadband service itself, and the cost of the PC can soon be recovered. It even reduces the cost of driving around and parking, looking for what we want to buy.

Every year the BBC encourages the 'oldies' to get on-line and silver-surfers are indeed a major part of the digital age, but there are always some for whom the Internet is a complete mystery, and almost certainly these are the members who are not reading this editorial. If you have members who do not have a computer or use the Internet then why not see if you can guide them into the advantages of being on-line.

Just think, how would your life be different without the ability to go on-line. As always your comments are welcome.

## BEING A NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

I thought that members might like to see how their National Councillors are "working" on their behalf and to encourage guys to consider taking on the role. We have a number of Regions where not one single person has stepped forward. This is amazing – it is such fun.

I took over as a National Councillor nearly 5 years ago and have enjoyed it greatly. After the reorganisation of the Regions in September 2007 I took on Region 15, Heart of England. I am responsible for all 34 clubs linked to Tables from Area 35 and Area 45, so there is some cohesion from Table days.

The main idea of the role is to act as a link between members and the National Council. Club visits are most important. I would say it is a good target to get to all your clubs within two years. In my case this means about 3 visits every two months. Luckily some clubs have joint meetings with others so that makes life easier. Sometimes

you can be their speaker for the night and often they pay for your meal and drinks. If you are not the speaker just ask for a 5 minute slot to update them with any news, events and the National Conference. If you want you can take a small box of regalia / pin badges etc and try and sell a few. Most clubs buy something – I average £20-30 a meeting but last night at Moseley I managed £75.

Often members say that they never get a visit from "National", but clubs do not fall over themselves to invite you so you have to be proactive – ring them up and arrange a visit in advance or better still get on their circulation list. Once you make the effort members are so pleased to see you.

The other side of the role is to go to the National Council Meetings and put across what your clubs think about the issues. Usually you get put onto a small committee. These meetings are held four times a year – one is the AGM, then in July/October/February.

You can take your partners along to some of these, but it is not compulsory. This is just like being a member of another 41 Club, except you only meet 4 times a year. This coming year they are in Brighton/Cardiff/Birmingham.

It is silly to pretend that you can do this without dipping into your pocket, but there are expense allowances to help you – 40p per mile after the first 30 miles to cover club visits and £100 per National Council Meeting, plus any fares incurred. Often meals and drinks are paid for by the club, but not always!

So there it is – a busy life, but very enjoyable meeting friends old and new at a great variety of events. As a result of this article I hope guys will come forward for all vacant regions – we need you and all you have to do is get your club to sign the nomination form.

**Barry Durman, National Councillor ,  
Heart of England**

The National Council is seen here debating the 2012 budget at the recent Council Weekend in Birmingham. It is not all work though and there is always time for fellowship.

The levels of humour are just as we remember them in our days in Table.



## Tangent Charity Masked Ball

**Leicester Marriott Hotel  
Saturday 2nd April**

**Proceeds to The Princess  
Royal Trust for Carers**

**Tickets £40  
from Elaine Moss  
[kenmoss2@btinternet.com](mailto:kenmoss2@btinternet.com)**

## BY FIRST CLASS POST



This month's featured Soap Box item is supplied by John Hindson, Hon Secretary of Newport 41 Club. It is the first letter I have received through the Royal Mail since the newsletter was created 17 months ago. He makes a very strong point that there are some members who choose not to be on the Internet and we cannot and should not ignore them. These members pay their capitation like all of us and are entitled to be kept fully informed.

The Communications debate continues to

dominate the Post Box, but I ask you to read John's letter and consider how important the printed magazine is to many of our members.

The Communications Committee are actively seeking ways that will satisfy the needs of all members.

Keep an eye open for announcements that will be coming in the next few months, They should be of interest to all of you.



May the hinges of  
friendship never rust

### NEWPORT 41 CLUB

Affiliated to the Association of  
Ex-Tablers Clubs.

Chairman: Paul Harris

Newport, Mon.

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Dear Ray,

By courtesy of our Treasurer, who is on e-mail, I have received a copy of the Monthly Newsletter Issue No.15.

I must compliment all contributors for an excellent publication, but I am somewhat amused by the comments of our Secretary Martin 'Gizmo' Green.

When I was in gainful employment, I used e-mail constantly (mainly because someone else was paying) but now I am retired I do not need it to contact my friends, I don't need the teenagers toys Twitter and Facebook and I can do without the extra monthly expense of paying for Broadband and especially a Blackberry.

Enclosed is a current Directory of Newport 41 Club showing details of our 36 members together with 16 e-mail addresses.

Perhaps our Secretary could suggest which 'real world' method I could use to ensure that the remaining 20 members (55%) all receive their Newsletter.


The comments of Jim Smith are 'spot on'. However problematic, we need to run with both formats until we non-conformers pass on, otherwise we risk alienating a large proportion of the membership.

I also agree with 'El Presidente' regarding an Annual Directory.....I am still using the Newcastle Conference 2006/7 version !

I hope this response is not too negative, but I now actually live in the real world, not surrounded as I have been for 46 years, by impersonal electronic gadgets.

I hope this response reaches you, as the address for comments was given as [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org) which will be difficult for 22 of our members especially if they don't even get the Newsletter in the first place.

Yours in 41,

  
JOHN HINDSON.....HON.SECRETARY

## 41 CLUB NEEDS TO BECOME MORE AMBITIOUS IN ORDER FOR MEMBERS TO VALUE THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND ATTRACT ROUND TABLERS.

As our National AGM approaches, the need for an increase in capitation rears its head once again. National Treasurer Mike feels that we will need a £2.00 increase in 2012 after having frozen the capitation for 2011 at £10.00. This article argues that we should radically reconsider the level of capitation to give 41 Club a much greater sense of purpose and one which would give members a much greater sense of value.

Many 41ers raise their eyebrows at the news from Round Table that their capitation is now around £100.00. Interestingly, Tablers do not see this in the same way that many Ex Tablers do. In fact, Tablers see their capitation as an investment in their future along with hiring a new CEO. They feel it is a justifiable cost, in keeping with the exclusivity of being a Tabler, and the calibre of member they want to attract.

The cost of being in Rotary is now over £70.00 pa. Masons pay over £145.00 pa to their Lodges for 7 meetings a year. Golf subs are £600/£700 pa. In France 41 Club members pay 100 Euros. Ironic, when you think we introduced them to 41 Club. So, if the French can value something made in Britain by a factor of almost ten times more than we do, why is 41 Club here so cheap? Why with the quality of our membership do we consider the value of 41 Club is less than 3 pints of beer or two mediocre bottles of wine? Our capitation represents less than 15p per week. In strategic marketing terms, being cheap is not sustainable.

Quite frankly the level of capitation is testimony to the lack of imagination and ambition of 41 Club. £10.00 pa in no way values our heritage of being a Round Tabler. The paltriness has two considerable drawbacks. 1. Members do not value their Association and 2. What do Tablers feel when we tell them that our sub is so low. It clearly indicates to them a lack of aspiration. How can they take us seriously? Why

### MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT

No, not as National President of 41 Club, but to me an even greater honour, as President of my old Round Table, Northwich 348.

It is 20 years since I was ceremoniously thrown out of Table and things have changed a great deal. In the 1980s we talked seriously of having to limit the number of new members joining as we thought that 36 was as many as we could accommodate. At the AGM it was rare for a post not to be contested by at least two candidates and every meeting had a set agenda, with minutes and reports, even if it was an away meeting.

would they want to join?

Nothing irks more than clubs which disaffiliate under the pretext of "what does National give to us". The answers are simply "What do you expect for £10.00?", "When did you ever say what you wanted?" Our heritage and the friendships made cannot be measured in money, if it were, then by comparison £10.00 a month would still be a bargain.

Members of the National Council debated, in February's meeting, the planned increase in capitation. From a position of wanting no increase, the Councillors concluded that we should actually propose an increase of £5.00 not £2.00, because they felt, for what we offer, £15.00 pa is great value.

Over the last few years members of the Executive have been responsible for:-

- Rebuilding our reserves to £120,000 from £50,000.
- Building a new and very efficient Administration System.
- Delivering a remodelled magazine and a new monthly newsletter.
- Keeping our travelling expenses in check even though fuel prices continue to go through the roof
- Replacing our old sales stock and launching a new modern image.
- Finally, managing our finances to offset the effects of a falling membership.

Pretty mundane stuff! But good value for £10.00!

Round Table invest in their future so why do we not invest in our future too? The Forward Planning Team and the National Council have been working on a new structure designed to deliver a new strategy based on the Association's Aims agreed at Scarborough.

We want to develop our plans for increasing fellowship, encourage clubs to take on community service, support the revival of Round Table and encourage the International

Today's Tablers are far less formal, business meetings are rare and activity is far more important to them than structure. We are all aware that membership of Table is well down on the peak years of the 70s and 80s, but they still have a great time, albeit in the way that they choose. Not once have I been tempted to say "It's not like in my days". For this is their time and they are working hard at trying to reverse the trend in membership. I now know that at club, area and national level they are striving to increase membership, re-charter Tables and find new ways of presenting Round Table to an ever

membership to play a role in providing support in areas hit by disaster. These plans are the National Council's response to giving the Association a greater sense of purpose.

This new look Association will remain a dream if we have to rely on £10.00 or even £12.00 a year from each member. Our heritage is about enjoying fellowship and using our expertise to support our community. The Association does not wish that members revert to massive fund raising but to encourage members to embrace our Aims to increase the value of membership and along the way give help.

Should our capitation mirror that of Masonry or even Rotary, 41 Club could offer a number of very exciting choices to its members. For example, unique entertainment, leisure or welfare benefits. Or, provide funding for major fellowship events in each region so that we can pursue our most important aim. Or, we could consider providing significant support to, for example, Anthony Nolan or Round Table Children's' Wish.

If we were more ambitious we could even consider adopting a major cause to end the risk of Alzheimer's Disease or support the British Heart Foundation's plan to eradicate heart attacks within 5 years. We could also consider in conjunction with the International Association providing shelter boxes for use where natural disasters strike.

The National Council would like your support for an increase in the capitation to £15.00 in 2012, to enable it to fund the work to develop our future strategy. We still have a long term future with 800 clubs and nearly 18,000 members. We want our members to play an active part in developing our ideas which will be communicated during the next 12 months.

**Richard Matthews,  
National President 2009/10**

more demanding potential audience.

My body may not be as fit as when I was a Tabler and I have not been able to fully participate in all the activities but I have had a great time with them.

My thanks to all the members of Northwich 348, numbers may be down but the spirit lives on.

Gentlemen do not write off Round Table. It is adapting to meet the current needs, let us give it our full support.

**Ray Hill, President  
Northwich Round Table 348**

# CLUB NEWS

## THE COCHRAN CUP



The Cochran Cup, presented by Past President Drew Cochran, is awarded annually to the winning team at the National Golf Final. Teams consist of four golfers who play in pairs with a

## DAVID WOODWARD

David Woodworth, Past National President 41 Club 1993-1994

A full obituary will be in our "Links" magazine and on the National website.

David's widow, Joyce has received many cards and messages and will reply to them in due course but in the meantime, Joyce wishes to pass on the following:

**"Thank you to all friends in 41 Club both far and wide, who have sent kind words and condolences following David's passing. They have given me much comfort along with many fond memories of David, and reading them has been a great help to me at this difficult time".**

**Joyce Woodworth**

## COMMS TROPHIES

Now is the time to enter the annual national press and website awards.

To enter the Press Award email two editions of your magazine to the Links editor, [comms@41club.org](mailto:comms@41club.org), by the 31st March. Alternatively you may send hardcopy via Marchesi House.

For the website trophy email your website link to [webmaster@41club.org](mailto:webmaster@41club.org) as soon as possible as it will be viewed now and again just before the National Conference to ensure that is being kept up to date.

Entries will be judged by the comms committee and the winners announced at the conference in Ipswich.

team from another Region. The three best scores from each team are used to decide the winners.

Qualification for the final is through a Regional Competition arranged by the National Councillor, there are several of these, examples include the Eastern Region Charity Golf Day, the West Midlands and Scotland.

### Club Entries

With the changes to personnel on the National Council it has been decided, in addition, to invite entries from individual clubs, with no qualifying competition in their Region. If your area does not have a competition please click on the link below and complete the form:

<http://41club-region1.co.uk/ngf.aspx>

We will be in touch regarding your entry. .

To request further information email

[region1@41club.org](mailto:region1@41club.org).

If several clubs apply to enter the event from within the same Region, a Regional play-off that may resulting in a "friendly" eliminator ma be required.

**Donald Watson**  
**National Golf Final Facilitator**



Longcliffe Golf Club, venue for the 2011 final

## HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY LYTHAM ST ANNES



April 17th 1941, Britain had been at war for 18 months and it was the day the Yugoslavian army surrendered to the Germans. King Peter II subsequently fled into exile.

In Liverpool Ronald Wycherly was celebrating his first birthday (he was later to be better known as Billy Fury) and just up the road at Lytham St Anne's Golf Club 3 ex members of Lytham Round Table No 130 met for the inaugural meeting of St Anne's on Sea 41 Club, later to be renamed Lytham St Annes 41 Club.

The three founder members were RT Lewis, GH Smith and A Nuttall. RT Lewis was appointed the founder chairman and remained as such until

1947. The club was also instrumental in forming the National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs in 1945, when they joined with Liverpool, London Old Tablers and Wakefield at the first AGM in Wakefield. RT Lewis was appointed the first National Treasurer at that meeting.

On March 11th they will be celebrating their 70th anniversary at the very same golf club. The event is a complete sell out, so it is no use applying for tickets now.

Congratulations to Lytham St Annes who are a thriving 41 Club. One of the original 4 clubs and a club that is four years older than the National Association.

# POSTBOX

## THE FUTURE OF CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

It's about time we got back to using FORUM....remember it ? It is part of the OFFICIAL website of our National organisation. It seems to have got left behind by a new infatuation with Facebook (have I spelled that properly) and heaven help me Twitter.

So here goes

First of all to Ray. Thanks for all your efforts in producing the monthly NEWS@. It is excellent and the new Adobe format is a great improvement. As one involved in producing the fine, real-time, www.lichfield41club.co.uk website, I appreciate how much work is involved and I only have the input of one club to deal with.

Which brings me to my "sixpennyworth" on the magazine issue.

I am firmly in the Electronic camp because of its immediacy and because it is "Today". Not having a PC in 2011 is a bit like not having a letterbox in 1911 !! But I understand the concerns of those who believe that dumping the printed mag would only serve to disenfranchise some members.

It's not an easy decision but it is time to remove the emotion and look at the financial facts.

In the last reported financial year to 12/2009 the magazine cost £37000 or put another way about 20% of the association income.

In reaching all members this may only be about £2 per head which doesn't seem too bad but let's take out those who CAN and DO read it online.

Based on my own club (where only 8% of our membership alleges not to have access to a PC) this would extrapolate to about 1500 members nationally and a per capita cost of £25. That does not make sense to me.

By the way does anybody really believe the urban myth that copies of our magazines are to be found in waiting rooms the length and breadth of the kingdom. I think not!

Yes closing the magazine will cut off a link for some but sadly that time has come. There is a time at which life support has to be cut.

It won't, I repeat, be an easy decision for National Officers but they alone are not responsible for communication to members. They manage an Association of Clubs. It is the clubs themselves who have the responsibility to their members. If some clubs are abrogating that responsibility then don't blame "the chaps with all the medals"

So National Councillors and Executive, if you discuss this at your

meeting in Brum next weekend take some comfort in the fact that whatever the decision, some of us will consider it wrong. But will it be those who live looking forward or those still yearning for their chalk and slates that will be in the majority?

**Mac Cummings, Lichfield 41 Club**

Well done, Mac, for enabling at least one Forum entry for February! :-))

Agreed, as a sort of semi-computer-literate oldie, I also feel that we should leave the dreaded Facebook and Twits severely alone!

Apart from disliking many of their ramifications, having this multiplicity of media means that many discussions that may be happening over there could be totally missed by those (vast majority?) who don't intend flipping between half-a-dozen possible 41 Club communication sites daily.

We presently have an excellent base of daily Forum, monthly News@ and quarterly magazine, often supported by clubs' own publications. (As with Mac's club, we only need to snailmail 7% of our own monthly newsletter, and most of those are to late members' widows).

That's ample!

Let's, for a start, just concentrate on getting these three national media working properly - they all currently have 'popularity deficiencies' - rather than further diluting the present minimal participation.

However, I depart from Mac on one point.

I do feel that a printed periodical can be a flagship and a base for any organisation, especially one as large and widespread as ours.

It also has advantages and facilities over Forum and News@, not least being more appropriate for more lengthy features, and for much material that is not time conscious.

The financial answer to survival of the magazine is, of course, advertising. This can only follow from a settled and secure circulation.

Then, maybe in combination with RT's mag, an advertising package could be marketed properly amongst advertising and media agencies, etc., aimed at supplying good volumes of an excellent socio-economic profile.

Maybe promoting internal use of our existing media and, where appropriate, selling those wares to external money, could be a more fruitful target for our new PR facilities than promoting us to Twits?

**Alan Spencer, Woking 41 Club**

As one of those who has enthusiastically embraced Facebook

and Twitter, and set up I think the first FB page for a 41 club (Rossendale) I agree that too many outlets for information can be self defeating as not everyone has all of them.

However, sites such as FB are easy to use and do get the information out there and significantly, then passed on and networked and seen by many users (we can debate if that is a Good Thing). Be circumspect what you say, and what you disclose.

The Enewsletter, is easily circulated around the clubs, and easily printed off for anyone who doesn't have web or email access. Realistically a printed copy for every member is no longer necessary

**Duncan Baldwin, Rossendale 41 Club**

## THE LOUIS MARCHESI OF ROUND TABLE

Thank you for the great article on the Round Table Life Boat.

Bushey and Oxhey Round Table were commissioned by National to make a film about the building of the boat although it is not mentioned. Must be in the archives at Head Office somewhere!

One of our cameramen and I took a most memorable trip from the mainland to the Isle of Wight on an extremely fast 'Gun Boat' to film the upturning trials whereby the boat was turned upside down and had to correct itself within a given period. It was fantastic to witness and we captured it all on film.

We were commissioned by Head Office to make the film because of our expertise as we had won the National Film competition a few times and especially the talents of Jack Debnam who was our driving force.

Bushey & Oxhey Round Table are celebrating their 50th Charter this year. **Greg Farrell, Bushey & Oxhey 41 Club.**

I read with interest your article. Do you remember National Round Table Conference Brighton. The Coxswain and Crew of Louis Marchesi paraded the life boat just off shore along the Brighton frontage during the Parade of all Round Tables attending the conference, a very moving and proud moment for Table. The crew if I remember joined the fancy dress party after.



I have seen the life boat in a number of locations since. When she was on station in Alderney I had a Steadfast 24 sailing boat. Friends of mine sailed the boat from Lymington, Hampshire to St Malo France where I arranged to pick up the boat for a cruise through the Rance and Villain canals out into South Brittany and down the coast.

On the way to Alderney the crew, I am advised hit a thick fog bank, this was before Satnav. They called up

## AGM TIME

By the time you read this article your Club Contact will have received the Agenda and all the necessary paperwork for our AGM. Club Chairmen need to obtain this paperwork from the Club Contact and you should consider the contents at your next available Club meeting.

Saturday 16th April sees the National AGM at an excellent venue – The Corn Exchange in Ipswich. The huge Grand Hall allows us to stage the AGM with plenty of space for the staging and the foyer exhibitions such as our Sales Stand, next year's Jersey Conference and the various charities we are involved in.

This year we have two Resolutions to debate.

Firstly, the introduction of a new role on the National Executive – The National Community Service & Welfare Officer.

The Resolution states:

**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.**

There is clearly a trend and desire to return to our Round Table roots in the Community Service area and help co-ordinate the fund raising activities that many of you all participate in.

The second Resolution is to increase the number of Proxy Votes allowed per person at the meeting to two.

The Resolution states:

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

After a request from a Club we have looked this year at the implications of Postal Voting. This, we believe has too many issues associated with it, but we are conscious that the number of Clubs represented at the AGM is low, this may at least go a small way to improving the number of Clubs having a vote at the AGM and participating in making the key decisions.

We also have three elections: For the

Alderney Radio for a fix on position but as I am also advised there were two boats in the fog and there was a mix up on positions. The Crew of my boat were trying to get into Bray Harbour. The Life boat was out. My boat was going towards the Alderney Race which runs much faster than my boat which averaged 5 knots. Once the crew of the lifeboat establish the speed of my boat they threw a heavy line across which nearly knocked one of the crew

over! They were then towed into Bray Harbour and had to buy the crew of the life boat a good number of drinks.

When I subsequently visited Alderney in my next boat I saw that my old boat's name was registered as a saved boat with three crew on the outside of the station. I have somewhere a picture of the boat being towed.

**Bill Bowen**

first time for several years we have two candidates for Vice-President. There are also elections for the International Officer and the National Sales and Marketing Officer.

Candidates are:

### Vice-President (President Elect)

David Smith (Long Eaton)



Andy Waite (White Knights)



### International Officer

Lawrence Bamber (Poynton)



Dave Campbell (Westerham & District)



### Sales & Marketing

Barry Durman (Shirley Late Knights)



Hugh Milward (Ashby-de-la-Zouch)



If you are coming as Voting Delegate – don't forget to bring with you the 'Form A' that has been sent to your Club Contact. That way you will receive your Voting Papers.

Remember, all members are entitled to attend the AGM – either as a Voting Delegate or as an Observer. This year there is plenty of space! If your Club can't send a delegate yourselves you can always appoint a Proxy Voter from another Club to vote on your behalf.

The AGM is the culmination of the years' work in the Association. You are guaranteed an interesting and entertaining day, with provocative debate, first-class speakers, and of course the fellowship we are so good at - when 41'ers come together from all over the world.

Please join us in Ipswich on the 16th of April!

**Martin Green**  
**National Secretary**

# THE BACK PAGE

## CAPTION CORNER

This month's photograph was taken on the RTBI / RNLI Challenge, when it was discovered that a 15 feet tall inflatable bottle does not fit into the back of a Discovery, even with the back seats down.

Please send your captions to [news@41club.org](mailto:news@41club.org). The best ones will be published in the March edition.



### A SELECTION OF LAST MONTH'S SUGGESTIONS .....



"I usually like to talk face to face but your height and our beer bellies make this an impossibility."

**Roger Westbury, Rubery 41 Club**

"What do you mean one man's 'smart casual' is another man's 'scruffy'?"

**Bob Bown, Chairman, Bexley 41 Club**

"and is your wife also in costume for the Latin American dancing later"

**Alan McEvoy, Harpenden 41 Club**

You may be bigger and fatter than me "but I have the microphone so P--- O--"!!!!

**Paul Jay, ABC 41 Club**

"How many times have I got to tell you to take your hands out of your pockets when I talk to you."

"I suppose you realise that we will be the victims of a Caption Corner because of this"

**Anon**

## A TOP TEN OF MARK TWAIN'S SAYINGS

"I apologise for the length of my correspondance. Given more time, it would have been shorter"

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society"

"When in doubt, tell the truth"

"Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow"

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect"

"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes"

"Go to heaven for the climate and hell for the company"

"I did not attend his funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it"

"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please"

"Always do what is right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest"

"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech"



## CONFERENCE WORD SEARCH

With the National Conference and AGM rapidly approaching can you find the following words in the square on the Left

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|------------|-------------|------------|
| Annual     | Eastern     | Promise    |
| Banquet    | Fancy Dress | Novotel    |
| Big Bands  | Fellowship  | Party      |
| Conference | Friends     | President  |
| Constable  | General     | Promise    |
| Country    | Greene King | Proxy Vote |
| Disco      | Ipswich     | Tangent    |

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 W C X E T O V Y X O R P W B E  
 Y R T N U O C J O C S I D R M  
 T G Q E D B C D S D N E I R F  
 R N A L A R E N E G Q H P N Z  
 A I K F C O N F E R E N C E N  
 P T T B Q E S I M O R P W B T  
 E E N P O Y C O N S T A B L E  
 N E E T N E G N A T L I L A U  
 O M D G Y W O E A S T E R N Q  
 V H I C G R E E N E K I N G N  
 O G S F E L L O W S H I P P A  
 T P E A N N U A L U J P V Z B  
 E H R M J T P S D N A B G I B  
 L W P H C I W S P I X K Z Y R



## AND FINALLY.....

We grow too soon old and too late smart

Dutch Proverb