

41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



CONGRATULATIONS ON AN MBE FOR 41 CLUB MEMBER KEN STAVELEY



Ulverston 41 Club were delighted to find our Past President Ken Staveley honoured with an MBE in The New Year Honours List for his community work with his involvement with Abbeyfield and the local community around Ulverston and Kirkby in Furness. He started as a volunteer for the local Abbeyfield in 1973 and is presently the North West Regional Chairman and he was the founder of the Residential Care home which bears his name at Dalton in Furness.

As Chairman on Ulverston Round Table and then President of Ulverston 41 Club, his message to all of us was "full commitment" and he still leads by example.

Congratulations Ken, we are proud of you.
Paul Barton, Secretary, Ulverston 41 Club



Ipswich is the centre of Constable Country and scenes such as that on the right are easily accessible from the Conference.

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EDITORIAL



COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION

Last month Martin Green expressed his vision on the future of communication within the Club, and Jim Smith gave his reply. We asked you for your opinions and you certainly have replied in force. A selection of your views are expressed on the Postbox page and they vary from those who cannot wait to see the end of the Links magazine to those who strongly support it just as we had anticipated. We do of course accept that this media will be dominated by those who prefer electronic communications as those without PC communications will not have seen the item, they are totally

dependent upon the printed word.

The debate will continue and is one of the major topics to be covered at the Birmingham National Council meeting in early February.

The National Council and Executive are very aware of the importance of communications, between members, between clubs and at a national level. But we are equally aware that many members receive absolutely no communications because of the unofficial censors in their clubs, who refuse to pass on communications or will not supply addresses on the CAS System.

We will be considering all forms of future communications and we will be asking you for more views in the future.

Round Table has also been going through the process of reviewing printed vs electronic communications, and I am particularly grateful to Phil Douce for his submission on the Table experience, and their reversion back to the printed page. President Malcolm will be particularly pleased by his comments on the need for a printed directory. You can read Phil's letter on the facing page.

2, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18

No these are not the winning numbers for a Lottery, neither have you to guess the next number in the sequence.

It is much more serious than that!

These are the numbers of the Regions that will start 2011/12 without a representative on the National Council.

As we approach the end of the 5 year period since the Regions were increased from 20 to 25 we have an unusual number of National Councillors retiring. As we anticipated, this is about to produce a serious problem for the Association because I regret to say that at this moment we have not received nominations for National Councillors in 6 of our Regions.

As the National Secretary had not received applications by the closing

date of the 1st February then he is obliged to re-advertise in the Regions below for candidates. The result is that we will not have people in place for at least another 3 months which means that the work of the Association suffers.

Gentlemen, please will the Club Secretaries in the affected Regions make a special effort to encourage candidates to become their national representative. You can contact me or the National Secretary for details. We can email an application form by return if you have a candidate. Please refer any candidate to me if they require any other information.

To repeat, the Regions where we require nominations for National Councillor are:-

2, Scotland East
6, Yorkshire
9, Lincolnshire
12, North Wales & The Wirral
15, Heart of England
18, Essex & North East London

Thank you for your help.

Richard Matthews
National President 2009/10

Email:- pastpresident@41club.org

A VIEW FROM LINLITHGOW 41 CLUB

I enjoyed reading Alan Pattinson's article in the December 2010 newsletter and believe his passion for the 41 Club movement (and RT) is genuine and inspiring.

I hope many read this article and are inspired to do more.

I have, as our 41 Club members have, a belief that the 41 Club moving forward will be a poorer organisation following last year's AGM.

See Alan's first paragraph quote:

"In April, 41 Club did an extraordinary thing, after 65 years as an ex-Tablers association, we finally decided that our membership should come from people that are or have been members of Round Table and to add to this original thinking we adopted four objects that many of us would recognise as being similar to RT Aims and Objects".

I am presently Vice Chair of Linlithgow 41 Club and a former member (founder member) of Eden Round Table 1263. I

very much enjoy the fellowship of all associated with our club. We have a membership comprising of both ex-Tablers and non ex-Tablers. Our non-ex-Tablers are not able to participate as I do in taking on committee roles. They are honorary members with no right to be on committee as they are not ex-Tablers.

We, in this fellowship, categorise them differently and therefore discriminate against them for one reason..they were not former tablers.

Like any organisation we can include who we like, I have no problem with that, but for me RT and 41 Club should be an inclusive organisation and should embrace, ON AN EQUAL FOOTING, all those people who believe, like Alan Pattinson, the ethos of RT and 41 Club.

We risk losing a great deal of people from our local community who could serve 41 Club so well in the future simply because they were not former

Tablers.

The strength of our club is due to ALL members, full or honorary, having a shared vision to benefit the Linlithgow community and community in general, so why do we need two categories of member and why are we so short sighted in terms of the future of our movement?

Maybe we are a "closed" club after all (as eluded to in another article in our December Newsletter) and happy with that. I certainly am not.

Interested to hear other views from ex-Tablers and non tablers who support the 41 Club movement.

Alan Mitchell, Linlithgow 41 Club

Note: These views were unanimously supported by all in attendance at our most recent meeting of the Linlithgow 41 Club.

SOMEONE ELSE'S FIGHT



I am sure that many Club Members will have watched "Hugh's Fish Fight" recently on Channel Four. Those who didn't can find the guts of it (if you'll pardon the allusion)

at www.fishfight.net and discover evidence of the criminal waste resulting from the Common Fisheries Policy, which in practice depletes the very fish stocks that it's trying to conserve. The site gives visitors an opportunity to add their name to a straightforward petition, and a ready made method of

lobbying MP's.

In the spirit of President Malcolm wanting 41 Club to show its teeth, and recognising his support of things nautical, I suggested to him and the National Secretary that they might wish to ask Club Members to support this fight against bureaucratic stupidity by spreading the word among members, their friends, families and acquaintances.

Their response revealed a reticence to get involved in "politics", probably based on the hangover from Round Table that the discussion of religion and politics were "verboden". However, it seems to me that we now live in a world where it's very difficult to divorce any decisions which affect our everyday lives from the Government which makes them. Leaving Party stances

aside, getting to the Government inevitably means involving politicians, so the only choice is to speak up or shut up. I prefer to think of this particular issue as one which adversely affects the environment and lifestyles, and the number of organisations which are supporting the Fish Fight reflects that point of view. It's also worth remembering that the Womens' Institute is "non-political", but its members aren't averse to telling the Government what they think!

Dare I suggest that it's time for 41 to speak out on social issues where a bit of common sense is required? I can't see anything in the Constitution which prevents it.

**Doug Dix, Hon. Secretary,
Toddington 41 Club**

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS - THE ROUND TABLE EXPERIENCE

Hi Martin

Reference your article in the 41 Club January 2011 newsletter: - We Should Say Goodbye to The Quill Pen and Parchment!

I read your article with interest and have some thoughts on going electronic and dispensing with the Links magazine:

Communication has changed over the years. I'm sure that you will remember the days when the chairman would ring or send out letters to all members reminding them of dates and drumming up support for events. Sadly these days have slipped away and have been replaced with emails and text messages.

Unfortunately emails and text messages are not popular as Round Tables have found, with few people visiting websites, website content and personal contact details not being updated, text messages not replied or acted upon, and emails often deleted without being read. This causes problems to most Tables when attempting to generate support and often resulted in direct telephone calls to each member to get the events supported.

In 2009/10 the Round Table reviewed its association costs and looked heavily at the association's Tabler Magazine for savings, with a possible view to cancelling it altogether. Advertising was the only way of generating revenue to offset the magazine costs but had been difficult to secure and had been in real decline for many years. We looked into reducing size down to A5 as well as reducing the amount of pages. This would save on overhead and postage

costs but effectively reduced the font size to get all of the information in it, or inevitably left some information out of the magazine including national officer's blogs, and turned the association magazine into something resembling a lifestyle pamphlet which would have been difficult to read. It was finally decided to reduce down from four publications per annum to at least two to save on costs and to also solidify the content. Also the cost of printing was reduced by sending it only to RT members. Working hard on reducing costs on all stages of production and postage would lead to reviews on how many editions of the Tabler Magazine per annum that the association would be able to afford.

Whilst looking to cancel the magazine RT found that it was popular with most because it was tangible evidence of something that a member got for his capitation fee, plus a read without having to turn on that damn computer again outside of work. The magazine is the only medium where a local RT can advertise what it does, where members can find out what other RT's do and maybe adopt, adapt and improve their own events. There used to be 4-sided periodicals made by Tables and Areas, but these are now in real decline. The magazine is also used for advertising local, district and national RT events and is often left by Tablers in their own office reception areas; bank waiting rooms etc for membership purposes.

The RT are nearing the completion of developing a new all singing and dancing website where Table details are updated by members annually to record total membership of each table/area and the holders of positions, it

also has the ability to carry adverts, merchandise shopping and also can hold pages for each RT to create a facing page to call their own. This will no doubt save RT members the time and cost of setting up their own sites and will also firmly aid the association's membership details which they use for capitation purposes, and maintaining consistent identity branding.

I also noted your comments on the directory. After a three year absence RT started issuing the directory again after it was found that members did not have local, area and national RT contact details or any idea of the national programme. As the movement is all about fellowship it was decided to reintroduce the directory to support the members.

A magazine and directory may be expensive and hard work to produce, but they are fantastic aids for advertising and membership and are a real benefit for members of 41 Club.

Yours in continued friendship
Phil Douce, Medway 41 Club

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**

FROM OUR ROVING SOLICITOR

Sir,
 Re Christmas Health and Safety in the newsletter for January 2011

I fear that the Little Donkey has been seriously mis-quoted.

Although a member of the horse family donkeys benefit from different codes of rights to those commonly known as equine rights. The Little Donkey will know this after many years of toil in lobbying those in power for a separate bill of rights for the donkey race.

If it is correct, as reported, that the Little Donkey expressed discomfort at comments regarding his stature I only hope he hasn't read our newsletter or had it read to him otherwise there could be serious trouble ahead.

Your contributor should have established of which particular rights the Little Donkey claimed the benefit as he, that is the Little Donkey (I note your contributor states the beast to be male and I hope this was actually

confirmed - see my earlier work entitled "Hung Like a Donkey and Proud" for an unscientific gender test) will be officially classified as either an Ass or a Mule. This classification is easily



established because, despite a huge protest at the time by all quadrupeds but about which there was very little publicity, the last government, upon the recommendation of MI6, set up a very expensive ID scheme for all beasts of burden with known links to the hot, sandy (and, indeed dusty) parts of the world. Consequently the

Little Donkey, upon production of his Biometric ID card will be able to say (or more properly bray) without question whether he enjoys Assinine Rights or Muline Rights.

No donkey would or indeed could legitimately claim any conduct breaches his equine rights as reported.

Please do not publish this letter as I fear I might be ridiculed for my pedantry by the few people who are still willing to admit they know me.

Faithfully Yours,
Steve Davidson, Beverley and District 41 Club

Thanks Steve and apologies to Little Donkey.

Like so many solicitors you are always prepared to give full and frank advice after the event! ☺

Should I be sending all future copy to you for clearance in advance of publication!

Editor

44-019 "LOUIS MARCHESI OF ROUND TABLE"

1976/77 was the Golden Jubilee of Round Table and for the first time a nationally co-ordinated appeal was launched to raise £150,000, the target being to purchase an all-weather offshore lifeboat for the RNLI. This year RTBI is again supporting the RNLI so I decided to do some research into the history of "our" lifeboat.

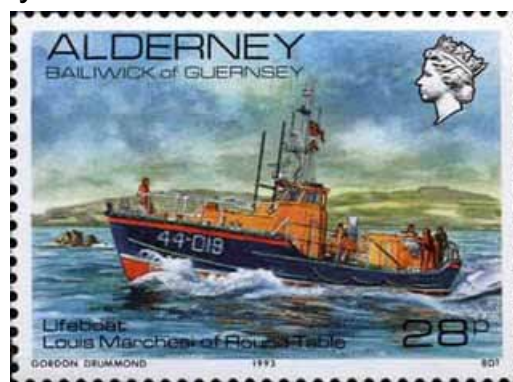
Named "Louis Marchesi of Round Table" she was one of 22 Waveney class lifeboats built for the RNLI. This class was based upon a US Navy cutter, was 44 feet long, of all steel construction and was the first class capable of maintaining a speed in excess of 10 knots. The keel was laid at Bideford Shipyard in 1975 and she entered service in 1977 carrying the operational number 44-019. Her 'official number' for the RNLI was 1045, making her the 1045th boat in their fleet.

The event was recorded in the Autumn 1976 RTBI magazine, then called "News and Views"

The Louis Marchesi of Round Table was initially allocated to Newhaven where she was to serve from 1977 to 1985, and is pictured below.



After that a few months in the reserve fleet and she moved to Alderney in the Channel Islands. She was stationed there from 1986 to 1994 and her stay was immortalised when she was featured on the island's 28p stamp for ten years.



Her final station was between 1994 and 1996 when she was based at Exmouth. In 20 years of service she was based entirely in the English Channel and was finally de-commissioned in May 1997. In that time the Louis Marchesi of Round Table had 506 service call outs and saved 264 lives.

But this was not to be the end as in 1999 she was one of 6 Waveney class

boats sold to the Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation. Renamed P&O Nedlloyd Rescue she was based at Waiheke Island until retirement in 2006, so we can only assume that



further lives were saved.

She is now in honourable retirement as a houseboat in Whangarei.

Many 41 Club members will remember this major fund-raising event. If any of you were involved or saw the Louis Marchesi the we would like to hear from you.

But the Round Table family involvement with the RNLI did not end with the Louis Marchesi as this photo taken at Flint lifeboat station recently shows:



CLUB NEWS

David Perrin Woodworth

National President 1993-1994
(15/10/1932 - 21/01/2011)



It is with sincere regret that we have to announce that David Woodworth, National President 1993-1994, has passed away.

National President Malcolm Lockey says:

David was seriously ill and in intensive for several weeks last summer but made a remarkable recovery sufficient to allow him to attend a 65th Anniversary Luncheon in London to celebrate the founding of the Association. He was delighted to be there.

I have spoken with his wife Joyce this morning (22nd January) and pledged whatever help and support she may need at this time.

May David rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd. Malcolm Lockey
National President 2010-2011

DORSET KNOBS

Christchurch 41 Club will be organising this year's Dorset Knobs Dinner at the Royal Motor Yacht Club at Sandbanks in Poole, Dorset, on Friday 4th March.

The main speaker will be football legend Lawrie McMenemy and the MC/Compère will be Denis Bundy, renowned star of many a Table National Conference in the past. National President, Malcolm Lockey and Martin Green, National Secretary will be in attendance.

Anyone interesting in attending this highly enjoyable evening should email Malcolm Plant on mplantpot@btinternet.com

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHARITY GOLF - FRIDAY 15TH APRIL HINTLESHAM GOLF CLUB IPSWICH.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your club to raise much needed funds for the charity of your choice. The charity prize fund will be in the region of £900.00 split between the top 3 teams. Play well as a team and your nominated charity will be rewarded.

The event is open to all 41 Club and Tangent members. Teams will consist of 3 players.

The cost is £48.50 per player which includes golf at a superb course and a two course lunch.

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS!

As an Association of 41 Clubs we have embraced new technology with a 41 Club website www.41club.org and a separate 41 Club Sales website www.41clubsales.co.uk.

Unfortunately some confusion has arisen over these two separate websites in respect of "Logons" therefore I hope the following simple explanation will help.

These two websites are not interlinked and should be treated as such.

Nominated Club Contacts have a "Logon", to the Association's Club Administration System (CAS for short) where they can update their Club Members details. The Club Contact is given a Username and Password via the National Secretary to access CAS via the 41 Club website. This "Logon" cannot be changed by members and is amended or updated on application to the National Secretary.

Individual members (including wives

or partners who may wish to purchase a gift perhaps???) can purchase sales items from the 41 Club Sales website. In order to do so, an individual "Logon" as a registered user is required. Once again a Username and Password is required but chosen by the individual when prompted by the system.

An individual member will then use the same "Sales Logon" when purchasing additional items at a later date.

As the websites are separate, you cannot use the 41 Club website Username and Password to "Logon" to the 41 Club Sales website and vice versa, so please don't try!

Your co-operation is appreciated as usual.

As I said at the beginning, don't you just love Usernames, Passwords, and PIN Numbers etc!

Hugh Milward
National Sales & Marketing Officer

AREA 23 SEVERNVALE DINNER

Thursday 3rd March 2011
Hosted by Gloucester 41 Club
At Brickhampton Golf Club,
Churchdown

Attended by 41 Club National
President – Malcolm Lockey

Bar from 7pm Dinner 8pm
Four course dinner
A great chance to meet up with
41ers, Tablers, & old mates
Raffle
£25 per head
Lounge suits with regalia

To reserve your place, please send
£25 per person by cheque made
payable to Gloucester 41 Club to:
Alun Rees, Stratford House Mews,
Suffolk Square, Cheltenham. GL50
2EB

ST DAVID'S DAY DINNER

Rhuddlan Golf Club with it's
acclaimed cuisine
Friday February 25th 2011
7.30 for 8.00pm
Lounge Suit

Rhyl are pleased to welcome
you for the usual evening of fun
and fellowship. The speaker is
Brian Waters a retired consultant
anaesthetist who comes highly
recommended, soporifically speaking.

This event will be National President
Malcolm's official visit to Region 12
Cost £16 (an Amazing Rhyl bargain)

Contact Allan Jones
brynaled@btinternet.com

MALDON 41 CLUB FELLOWSHIP & FOUNDERS EVENING

Join fellow 41ers, Round Tablers &
National President Malcolm Lockey
for dinner at Forrester Park Country
Club, Great Totham, Essex

Guest speaker
After dinner raffle & prizes

18th February 2011
7:30 for 8:00pm

Price: £30
Black Tie

Contact: Peter Holmes
E-mail: peter.holmes@virgin.net
Tel: 01702-556680



ROUND TABLE / RNLI CHALLENGE 2011

John Kilshaw (Kilsh) National President of RTBI has chosen the RNLI for his national charity this year. Many 41 Club members will remember when they too were involved in a major fund raising event for the same good cause. 1976/77 was Round Table's Golden Jubilee Year, and the members raised the magnificent sum of £150,000 to purchase a Waveney class offshore lifeboat, The "Louis Marchesi of Round Table". (See article on page 4.)

The aim this year is again to raise £150,000 but with all-weather lifeboats now costing in excess of £2 million pounds each, there is no way Round Table can repeat what was achieved in 1977. Instead they propose to use the money to train 100 voluntary crewmen. No matter where you live in the UK there will be times when you could rely upon the dedication of the RNLI and its volunteers.



January 14th saw the start of an extra special challenge which will take 112 days and conclude at the Blackpool conference on the 6th May.

The start was at Marchesi House where President Kilsh accepted a very large inflatable bottle from the RNLI and proceeded to take it to the lifeboat station at Lytham St Annes. Over the next 112 days it will be relayed by an assortment of Round Tables to all 235 RNLI lifeboat stations, not only on the UK mainland, but also on the Islands and Eire. This is a major logistical challenge but we all know that Round Table will rise to the challenge. When completed Round Table will be the first organisation to visit all of the lifeboat stations in a single relay. Innovative forms of transport and fancy dress are encouraged and photographic evidence of every visit is required.



The photos above and left show the official start of the challenge at

Marchesi House on the 14th. By the evening of the 16th it had passed through Merseyside and along the North Wales coastline. It is pictured here at Flint lifeboat station..



At Flint it was collected by members of Northwich and Whitchurch Tables from Area 22 who relayed it to Rhyl, Llandudno and Conway, where it can be seen being inflated in the dark...



It was then handed over to Holyhead Round Table for its journey around Anglesey.

Those with Facebook accounts can follow its progress here:

[facebook.com/roundtablegb](https://www.facebook.com/roundtablegb)

Help save lives! To donate to the RTBI / RNLI Challenge please click here:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=TheRNLIRelayChallenge>

ROUND TABLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

As you will be aware, the National Board has been holding interviews for the post of Chief Executive of Round Table. Following a second set of interviews for the appointment of Chief Executive held in late December, on behalf of my fellow members of the interview panel I am delighted to announce that we have offered Cait Allen the post.

All of the candidates were of a high standard and each brought something different to the table, and with different levels of experience, hence a number of lengthy discussions. I would like to put on record my personal thanks, along with those of the membership of Round Table, to all those who applied for the role and took the time and effort to attend for interview.

I would also like to put on record my personal thanks and that of the Board to Niall Campbell and all those involved in the interviews: Mark Newby, Damian Sharp, John Payne and Dave Barker. Niall Campbell, the recruitment

specialist, did an excellent job and played a pivotal role in the selection process to reach the first round of interviews, all candidates that reached the first interview were, I can assure you, of a high standard

Now a little about Cait.



Cait is currently Head of Media and Stakeholder Relations for a national Government agency, where she has developed strategies, communicated and implemented a new brand and developed partnerships with a wide range of organisations. Previously she was Head of Corporate Affairs for an NHS Foundation Trust, again where strategic planning was essential, dealing with major organisational change and communications with members,

employees, Boards, stakeholders and communities. Before that, she spent a number of years in private sector PR roles. She has particular strengths in the use of Social Media and PR to create positive awareness, working with little or no budget.

Cait is a member of the Chartered institute of Public Relations, has a PRINCE 2 project management qualification; Leadership Diploma, and an English degree. She lives in Birmingham, is married with two children, and is a member of a British Military Fitness group.

Cait will officially take the role in late March, however she will be in attendance at the March National Council meeting in Southport.

I hope that you will join me in wishing her congratulations and support her in her role as Chief Executive of Round Table.

Yours in Table

John Kilshaw

National President 2010 - 2011

POSTBOX

THE FUTURE OF CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry but I too am an early "60's" 41er and I totally agree with Martin. Yes please let's move with the technology. It is madness to continue with the printed magazine. I love being kept in touch with what is going on but ON SCREEN please.

Nick Davies, Llantrisant 41 Club

I support both arguments in the Newsletter. Yes, we must move forward with the electronic newsletter, but keep the magazine at least for the next few years. My reasoning is that a magazine does get more attention, every page, than the electronic newsletter. The magazine is easier to read than text/photos on a screen; one tends to be seated more ergonomically to read a magazine than a screen. Electronic copy tends to suggest a skim read, pausing to read closely only those bits which are of particular interest, whereas the magazine offers a more relaxed approach; what I don't read today I'll read tomorrow. Electronic copy can get very quickly lost in an inbox or deleted folder.

But we'll learn in time to dispense with the magazine at a personal member level. What then about its being read by others, for interest, in the waiting rooms of surgeries and the like? Perhaps the electronic age will render such reading opportunities redundant anyway by the time we give up the printed magazine.

I am not so sure about social networking like Facebook for 41 Club. Like, I suspect, many others, I have a deep scorn and distrust of these sort of activities and pointedly refuse the so called "invitations" from acquaintances to become their "Friend" on Facebook. And I cannot see the relevance of Twitter to an organisation like ours; our "stuff" is not that important or urgent. Convince me otherwise, anyone? Stick to the yahoo forum and encourage more members to join in.

David Garrett, Henleaze 41 Club

I say get rid of it!

Few people read it anyway and those that do can read it in an electronic format very easily

Why waste money on a magazine when that cash could be doing something more useful

Dave Harris, Dorchester 41 Club

Yes Martin, I have embraced new technology (well, I'm only 54) but I do still like to read a hard copy magazine.

I would say that I read Links more thoroughly than I do the emailed mag, as I can read it in my own relaxed time, rather than on a screen where I'm always trying to get things done to remove a backlog of "things to do". Does this make sense?

Michael Holden, Woking 41 Club

For 41 Club the day of the paper magazine is over. All except two of the active members of my club have email and access to the internet.

I do read the mag but it is binned immediately after that.

Richard Sherwood, Thame & Mid Oxon 41 Club

In response to the 'Quill versus Technology' surely we can have the best of both forms of communications.

I receive this news letter via email from a very diligent and efficient secretary of Jersey 41 Club. Thanks Peter. I also receive a hard copy by post from HQ.

I do not need the hard copy 3 times a year when I can keep up to date on a monthly basis via email. I save these letters for future reference, at the touch of a button, magazines gather dust and are thrown out with time, adding to the climatic problems in the world.

There are those members who may not have a computer and all the electronic gadgetry mentioned in the article who may like getting the hard copy as a means of 'catching up'.

It must be possible, with technology, to send emails via all secretaries and onwards to members who are happy to receive the magazine in this form and then you are able to reduce the number of hard copies produced and obviously reduce costs.

I understand having 'Tabler' magazine available in surgeries and places where people 'wait', as they are actively looking for new members but Links is only communicating between members and therefore does not need this distribution.

Has the Editor, or one of his acolytes, carried out a survey as to how many members prefer one form in favour of the other, if not, is it worth a try.

Lance Kiddie, Jersey 41 Club

I agree with Jim Smith, electronic media should be in addition to (especially for material that is time sensitive) and not instead of traditional media, they serve different and complimentary purposes.

Shaun Farrell, Dorchester 41 Club

I see a small, sad, wizened figure sitting in a darkened room lit only by a screen at which he stares 24/7. Our National Secretary really should get

out more.

We print a members card - with the year ahead's programme - after the AGM, and I send out a monthly circular by email or post - their choice. Our club thrums. Being organised is apparently old hat, so by contrast our Round Table operates exclusively and frenetically at the very frontiers of technology - and sadly it doesn't.

I would like a small wager with Martin as to how many members read Links magazine compared to the current e.newsletter. My money's confidently on the mag.

Allan G Jones, Hon Sec, Rhyl & District 41 Club

CALLING ALL PIN BADGE COLLECTORS



President Malcolm has 6 cases of assorted Table and 41 Club pin badges which will be raffled at the National Conference in Ipswich. If you would like a chance to win then simply place £5 into an envelope, write your contact details on the front and send it to Marchesi House, clearly marked '41 Club Pin Badge Raffle' on the envelope.

The badges will be on display in Ipswich and the draw take place on the Saturday afternoon.

All proceeds will be added to the Presidential appeal for the Ocean Youth Trust.

If you know any Tablers who are keen badge collectors then please pass on this information to them.

ALGARVE GALA EVENT

"A Tribute To Harry Warner" will be held on Saturday the 19th February at the Holiday Inn, Armacao de Pera. This is a gala evening and entertainment will be provide by Harry's grandson, who is a performer in the UK.

Tickets cost €26 including dinner, and are available from John Goodfellow. Discounted rooms are available at the Holiday Inn.

All proceeds will go to the St Vincent Church funds.



THE BACK PAGE

CAPTION CORNER

This month's photograph was taken at the first night party of the Scarborough Conference last April.

Please send your captions to news@41club.org. The best ones will be published in the February edition.

If you have any suitable photographs for this item then please send them to the editor at the same email address.

A SELECTION OF LAST MONTH'S SUGGESTIONS



"I only asked for a toothpick!"
Nigel Williams, Carmarthen 41 Club.

".....and the winner of the plaited nose hair competition is....."
Tony Hill, Nidderdale 41 Club

" and you see, by sticking this tool up my nose I am able to change my mind manually!!!!"
Ian Stockdale, Ringwood and District Ex Tablers Club

CHRISTCHURCH BURNS NIGHT

Christchurch 41 Club maintained its tradition of holding one of the first Burns Suppers in January

A record number of 48 members of Christchurch 41, Bournemouth 41 and Christchurch Round Table were welcomed by Chairman Bob Eveleigh in advance of the arrival of the haggis which had been specially made by the chefs at the Soho restaurant in Christchurch.

The lights were dimmed leaving candlelit tables, the sound of two pipers (John Adams of Christchurch 41 and David James, immediate Past Chairman of Christchurch Round Table) were then heard as they climbed the stairs ahead of the haggis

that was guarded by Past Chairman of Christchurch 41 Club, Tony John.

Tony John addressed the haggis totally from memory and stabbed it with a piper's knife, Chairman Bob Eveleigh recited the Celtic Grace.

The haggis was excellent and enjoyed by all, it was followed by a whisky cheesecake.

Following a highly entertaining talk from Denise Edwards, a female stunt coordinator who has worked on many well-known films and TV programmes, the meeting then descended into a thoroughly enjoyable and riotous night of fun and fellowship.

Count Dracula is on the prowl in Glasgow. He spends the night drinking Bloody Marys in various clubs and biting unsuspecting women's necks. He is heading for home, wandering along Argyle Street sometime before sunrise. Suddenly he is hit on the back of the head. He looks round and sees nothing. He looks down and sees a small sausage roll. Mmmm, he thinks. What's going on here.

A few yards further on and .. BANG. Smacked on the back of the head again! He whirls round as quickly as he can, nothing. Again he looks down and there is a small triangular sandwich lying on the ground. How odd!!

A few yards further along the street and ... crash. Smacked on the back of the head again!! He whirls round as quickly as he can, nothing.

He is getting really angry now. Again he looks down and there is a cocktail sausage lying on the ground.

He stands and peers into the darkness of the night. Nothing. He walks a few yards further on when he gets a tap on the shoulder. With a swirl of his cape and a cloud of mist he turns as fast as he can. He feels a sharp pain in his heart. He falls to the ground clutching his chest, which is punctured by a small cocktail stick laden with a chunk of cheese and a pickle. On the ground dying, he looks up and sees a young female. With his dying breath he gasps, "Who Are You ?

Are you ready for this ?

Are you really sure ?

She replies,

"Buffet, The Vampire Slayer."



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Tony John, Denise Edwards, Bob Eveleigh, John Adams, David James, Tony Rogers (President, Bournemouth 41 Club) and Flan Andrews (Chairman, Christchurch Round Table).



Tony John addressing the haggis, accompanied by Chairman Bob Eveleigh.

AND FINALLY.....

"After all is said and done, a lot more will be said than done"

Anon, but so true!