



WILL YOU BE THERE?

The third week in April will see the annual migration of a gaggle of 41 Club members to their favourite spring roost, the 41 Club Annual Conference and AGM, being held on the 18th to 20th April at the Spa Complex in Scarborough. There they will enjoy a variety of festivities and renew many of their friendships from the past, but in 2010 they will also be debating a subject very dear to the hearts of its members, the very foundation of the Association. At the National AGM last year the Council was mandated to bring forward a recommendation regarding 'selective membership' to be debated as a motion at the 2010 AGM. At the time this newsletter is being prepared that motion has not been formulated, but the topic has created a great deal of debate and discussion in the Association.



But one thing is for sure, if your club is not represented at the AGM then you will have absolutely no say in the future membership policy of the Association, no matter what view you hold.

So how can you be represented? Every club is allowed to send one voting delegate to the event and he, or any other bona-fide 41 Club member in attendance, can also hold the proxy vote for one other club. In order for the final vote to be truly representative we need as many clubs as is possible to be part of the debate and to vote. The level of the discussion last year was very high and there were some very impassioned speakers, and that was only for the enabling motion. This year the quality

of the debate is expected to be equally, if not more, impressive, and delegates can then make up their minds on the strength of those arguments. All attendees may speak during the debate, therefore the voting delegate can be accompanied by other members of his club.

There is no obligation to attend the rest of the Conference weekend if you only want to be present at the AGM. (Although, you would be made very welcome if you did choose to attend other events.) The start of the AGM has been put back to 9:30 in order to make it more accessible to those who have to travel on the day, and voting delegates can still register after the start. Please note that notification of proxy voters must be sent by the nominating Club to arrive with the National Secretary not less than 72 hours before the start of the meeting.

So gentlemen it is up to you, the members, to decide the fate of our Association.

Will your club be represented at the AGM or will you leave it for others to decide?

Editor

AN EXCITING NEW VENUE FOR DORSET KNOBS

To mark the fact that this year's National President, Richard Matthews, is one of our own and that his nominated charity is Help for Heroes, Wareham 41 Club are pleased to announce that we will be hosting Dorset Knobs 2010 at the Bovington Tank Museum on Friday 5 March 2010. President Richard will present the 41 Club cheque to Bryn Parry, one of the founders of Help For Heroes, at this event. All 41 Club members are welcome to attend and full details will appear in the February newsletter.

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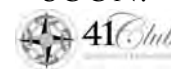
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Please send contributions to news@41club.org or phone 01606 832807 and ask for Ray.

The press date for the February issue is Sunday 24th January.

It is your contributions that will make this newsletter a success. So go ahead and send in that news item straight away.

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EDITORIAL

THEN AND NOW

The founder members of 41 Club were all born before 1905, when the average life expectancy for a male was only 50 years, for those eligible to join now this has increased by 20 years. As a new organization the average age of members would have been in their 40s, but now many clubs have an average age in the 50s, others in the 60s, some in the 70s and as we saw last month, at least one where the average age is in the 80s. In 1945 Round Table was a rapidly expanding organisation, the majority of people would have worked in the towns where they lived and would have joined that Round Table, but now Table is in decline, many career people have to work miles away from their home and often have to move home many times because of their jobs. Those born during the 'baby boom' of the late 40s and 50s left Table many years ago, and the actual number of eligible men has decreased since then. Things have changed dramatically over the last 64 years. There are a lot of men who have either retired or are approaching retirement that just did not have the opportunity to join Round Table because their jobs precluded the level of commitment expected or even because Round Tables were full and membership was often by invitation only.

Whilst we were enjoying our time in Round Table we all agreed to follow the same principal, "Adopt, Adapt, Improve". We said Amen to that at every meeting. So why should we not maintain the same principals when we endeavour to continue that friendship after Round Table?

All clubs have a basic set of rules when they are set up, but rules are made to be changed as circumstances change. The one basic foundation on which our Association was founded was that every member had to have been a member of Round Table. Not an 'active' Round Tabler, just a Round Tabler. We all had different levels of commitment to Round Table, just as we have differing commitments to 41 Club. We all have our own idea of how the future of 41 Club will develop. We live in changing times. Louis Marchesi could never have envisaged cheap air travel, home computers, the internet, commuting hundreds of miles to work. He would never have expected to visit an ex-Tablers Club where the average age is over 80 years but I am sure that he would have enjoyed them all if he had.

The future is in our own hands. The world will not stand still, change is around us everywhere and is accelerating at breakneck speed. Let us have a reasoned discussion over the future of our club and not dismiss anybody's heart felt beliefs. Please make sure that your club makes its opinions known, whichever way you decide and most of all, let us get as many voting members to the AGM as is possible.

The entire Letters pages of this edition have been dedicated to the membership debate. Apologies if your letter was not used, but I have attempted to include a wide variety of views and suggestions for discussion.

Also in this issue are two reports on international events held recently in the UK. One is a formal twinning between Wimbledon 41 and Paris II 41 (the article is written from the French perspective and originally appeared in the French magazine), the other is a report of the Euro 48's, friendship built up in Table, and continued for many years after in 41 Club. Many clubs appear to have no interest in international contacts, but those that do have a really great time, and these two articles illustrate the levels of friendship that have been generated

We also have a message from Hyundai Cars, who provide the president's car, offering a combined saving of an affinity discount for all 41 Club members, and a scrappage allowance if you have an old vehicle to trade in.

TINKER, TAILOR, PR MAN, SPY

One thing we can be sure of in 41 Club is that our members have had a very wide selection of professions. Ask for advice on any topic and someone is sure to come forward who has many years of experience, and is willing to give freely of that advice. However it would appear that it is every topic apart from one: public relations! The Association is in serious need of someone to act as its PR officer.

With a membership of 19,000+ there must be one member who has experience in public relations, yet nobody has been forthcoming. If you have any relevant experience

and are prepared to use it to help develop your Association then please contact National Vice-President Malcolm Lockey on 01573 228709 or on 07710 467785.

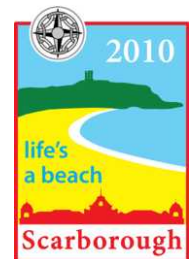
Alternatively you can send him an e-mail at vice-president@41club.org.



EINHART MELZER
1923 – 2009

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Einhart Melzer, Life Honorary Member of our Association and Vice President 1974/75. His funeral will take place in Berlin on the 15th January

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CLUB NEWS

EASTBOURNE INDUCT 4 NEW MEMBERS

Eastbourne 41 Club inducted four new members at their Ladies' Night on the 8th of December to bring their total membership to 48. The evening was the Club's annual Christmas celebration when they are joined by their wives/partners for dinner, games and lots of fun. The occasion was made much more of an event when the new members were inducted.

All four new members came through their feeder Round Table, Eastbourne 32. Three of the four had been inactive ex-Tablers for a number of years and the other is still in Table. They have all joined Eastbourne 41 Club because they had heard and experienced what a great Club it is and they all have a good time.

Eastbourne have found 3 of the tens of thousands of eligible ex-Tablers. It shows that our club can be attractive to those who had chosen not to join in the past and should inspire other clubs to go and out and find their ex-Tablers, and those who have moved into their area. Congratulations.

Editor

TIME TO ORDER CLUB JEWELS

The new range of Past Chairman/President and Club Service Award jewels is now available to be ordered from our sales website www.41clubsales.co.uk. Please note the new jewels now reflect our new 'platinum' branding and the ribbon colours for a Past Chairman is now blue – to reflect the colour of the main Chairman's jewel. We have been able to negotiate a new price for these at only £25 each including a nice solid presentation case.

The old gold jewels are now completely discontinued and we no longer order jewels through Marchesi House. It is still possible to have gold 'bars' for your existing Chairman's ribbon – these too can be ordered from www.41clubsales.co.uk

Please order now to ensure you get them in time for your AGM's!



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S CAR SPONSOR

It was good to see that email has reached 41 Club as we down here in Brackley Northants still use smoke signals and snail-mail. Notwithstanding, we are presently busy re-activating our club, which has been a bit moribund for a few months, and we now hope to drag in some of the more recent retirees from Brackley 1037.



Life has been hectic in my day job as head of Fleet and Remarketing for Hyundai UK, as we have been great beneficiaries of the Government scrappage

scheme. Members may not be aware that Hyundai are sponsoring the car for president Richard and also for the president of Tangent, and part of the deal is that members can also access a special Affinity purchase scheme <http://www.hyundaiaffinities.co.uk/> - log on code A01). What few will know is that if you are quick, then you can get some scrappage money in addition, if you have a car that is V reg or older that you have owned for at least a year. A happy New Year from Brackley 41 and Hyundai UK, and see you all at Scarborough.

Yours in continued friendship

Jeff Peyton-Bruhl, Brackley 41 Club

REGIONS 7 & 8 'BACK TO THE FUTURE' DINNER – 19TH MARCH 2010

MANCHESTER AND MERSEYSIDE CLUSTER



John Spence was considered by many as "the greatest national President that Round Table never had". It was always a great pleasure to hear John speak, and you too can have that opportunity when he is the guest speaker at the joint regions 7 and 8 Dinner at the Lancashire County Cricket Club, Old Trafford on the 19th of March.

The event is black tie and regalia, with a 7pm for 8pm start and the cost is £33. Overnight accommodation can be booked directly with the Old Trafford Lodge. Steve and Lawrence promise a top menu, at a premier venue and a top class speaker.

Requests for information and bookings should be sent to either region7@41club.org or region8@41club.org or phone Steve Leonard on 07624 494544.

CLUB FORUM

A warm welcome to all those 41ers who have joined the forum in the last two months. As a result membership has nearly doubled. You too can access the forum at:

<http://41forum.notlong.com>

Registration is simple and secure. So give it a try, and make yourself part of the 41 Club on-line community.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

INTERNATIONAL 48'S WEEKEND

During the week-end of 11-13th Sept, Northwich 41Club met our fellow ex-Club "48" Round Tablers from a number of European Clubs, hosted them and took them on a varied program that made sure they took advantage of Cheshire hospitality, pubs and glorious weather! We had promoted the event through our website <http://www.41club-euro48s.org>

This year we welcomed guests from Norway, France, Germany and Austria. We also have contact with Sweden Italy, Denmark, Belgium and Finland.

The weekend started with registration in a marquee erected at Clive and Margaret Richardson's house. After collecting their "goodie-bags" which contained home produced honey, our guests had the option of touring our host's beehives (we call them the "Clive hives"), before departing to their evening host for a 2-course supper prepared by 41Club and Tangent members. After a few drinks a rather complicated taxi rota (at least one of our members forgot to pick up his guests) collected them up for an evening welcome bash back at the marquee with stand-in band "Boys Allowed Out" who were excellent (unfortunately, our original band's lead singer had an accident a week before the event). The evening ended (...after wine and schnapps...) with lifts for our guests either to their host's homes or to their hotels.

After a few hours sleep, we packed them onto a coach to Chester (during a race meet day too), where we hired the heritage double-decker open-top bus for a guided tour of the city. We were highly entertained by seeing one of our newest members carrying shopping bags around the city whilst we soaked in the sunshine on the bus. This tour was followed by lunch at a very Euro-friendly restaurant. Next, a welcome by the town crier and the ritual humiliation of one of our members who was videoing the event quite unaware that he was the target! Fortunately for him, we were unable to make use of the stocks on this occasion. In the afternoon we provided a choice of pub-crawl/shopping/quiz as our guests saw fit. After a quick return home for shave and shower we boarded the coach again for a short journey to the Swan hotel, Tarporley for our Gala dinner. We had been fortunate to secure the exclusive use of the Hunt room, the cornerstone of one of the country's oldest hunt meeting places - the names on the wall indicative of the power this select group held. Whatever your opinions about hunting we believed that this was a true slice of Cheshire and England that our guests could savour. Our arrival at the Swan was welcomed by a glass of British sparkling wine and some pork scratching to nibble on, whilst listening to a school flute group performing some Euro friendly themed tunes - so much so that we all sang "Frere Jacques" to Jacques from our French guests. All too soon the evening ended after eating the locally sourced food, some wine, brief welcome speeches and more live music from Dave Prince, our one-man band.

We held the gift and banner exchange early on the final morning, (due to early flight departures for some of our guests), and we agreed that next year's event will be in Grimstad in Norway.

Brian Moss, Northwich 41 Club

WIMBLEDON TWINNED WITH PARIS II



In mid October Paris II was invited to meet with Wimbledon 41 Club.

After the twinning in the Spring and a "Summer Party" this summer, this was the first time that Paris II went to the meeting of our UK friends in numbers. We were a party of 21 with wives.

On our arrival by Eurostar at Saint Pancras, we were taken in hand by the President of Wimbledon, Peter Tennant and his Vice President Graham Hunter.

To celebrate our arrival, the sun came out from behind the clouds providing us with a day of sunshine. After leaving our baggage at Waterloo station and a brief breakfast we passed over Waterloo Bridge, turning our backs on Trafalgar Square. (How the British should thank us for giving such evocative names to their monuments!). Graham gave the commentary of our tour, which took us first to the "Courtauld Gallery", a museum endowed with a magnificent collection of paintings from the Renaissance period to the 20th Century. But it is above all famous for its Impressionist Collection. We were able to admire notably "La Loge" of Renoir, one of Cezanne's paintings of the "Card Player" and of the "Sainte Victoire" Mountain, the bar de "La Folie Bergeres" of Manet as well as the self portrait of Van Gogh with his missing ear, a nude by Mogdjalani. Other artists represented were Degas, Seurat, Gauguin and Rubens (several paintings).

After lunch in one of the oldest pubs in London, we discovered the house of Samuel Johnson, famous writer of which the 300th anniversary of his birth is celebrated this year. It was in this house that he wrote over a period of several years "The Dictionary of the English Language", considered for a long time to be the most important British work of its kind.

With evening approaching our British friends accompanied us to our hotel. The day ended with a very friendly dinner among our Wimbledon friends.

The following day's programme took us to lunch at Brian Cooper's, member of the Womblers Club. It is to be noted that our host has a vineyard on the premises. Yes! There are vines in England. We were able to appreciate both his white and red wines. We should have also picked the grapes, but the harvesting was postponed by light rain in the morning. Nevertheless, Brian was happy to explain the vinification process. Lunch at less than 20 metres from a vineyard, 10 kilometres from London! Who in the 41 Club in the 13th. Region of France has had such an opportunity.

It is with regret and the desire to see each other again soon that we left our friends, Peter and Graham took us back to the station. At our arrival at the Gare du Nord, we were left with the memory of a wonderful weekend, of the welcome we received from our British friends, of the will to strengthen the friendship. Our next meeting is already scheduled for the end of May and our Rallye.

Many, many thanks to our English friends with special thanks to Peter Tennant and Graham Hunter who were always there to guide us. Many thanks to Brian also for welcoming us at his home.

Assuredly, the chain of friendship can only be reinforced. 41 Friends you too can appreciate the wealth of twinning.

Thierry Laquerbe, Paris II



POSTBOX

Send your letters to
news@41club.org

All members are invited to submit views on any topical subject. Please do not make them too long and definitely no personal attacks will be allowed.

Further debate on these topics can be found on the club forum at
<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/41club/>

THE MEMBERSHIP DEBATE

A few days ago Lichfield 41 Club voted against the draft changes proposed to the constitution or rules of OUR Association.

We said **NO** to “open” or “selective” membership.

We said **NO** to the idea of “guidelines” as suggested in National proposals.

But in a recent poll we said **YES** to continued membership of the Association.

We don't need the changes suggested. We don't need direction from the “centre”. We don't need a party line on fund-raising! We are happy as we are!!

So we urge National officials to cease “rocking the boat” and trying to invent something we do not need.

Of course we know that by resolution at last AGM you were instructed to formulate proposals on “membership” and bring them to Scarborough in 2010.

But having read and re-read the resolution umpteen times we really do wonder whether the following wording would suffice to end the discussion

“We have formulated a proposal as instructed and bring to the meeting the proposition that no change to current arrangements and rules is appropriate”

What does the Hon Solicitor think? Would that be valid?

Communications, Lichfield 41 Club

I have been reading the forum with interest but have refrained from making any comments regarding opening up of the membership until my own Club, Stafford, discussed the issue.

At our recent meeting we had a very lively discussion, one of the best debates for some time. There were strong views expressed both in favour of and against the idea, clearly some individuals had strong views.

At the conclusion of the discussion we had a show of hand for and against opening up the membership. As I suspected, the outcome was evenly balanced. Had we been voting on a firm proposal I think the vote would have been slightly in favour of more open membership but with a lower limit (say 10%) of non ex-tablers as members.

Stafford 41 Club is in the fortunate position of still having an active feeder Table, in fact we have inducted one member at each of our last two meetings and a third possibly in the near future.

I believe many of the difficulties associated with opening up membership are real and must be fully considered. Those against the suggestions have raised some interesting and valid issues and these must be fully addressed by the National Council before any motion is put to the AGM.

With regard to fund raising, Stafford support Round Table as requested and run a joint fund raising event with Stafford Round Table and another 41 Club to honour the memory of a previous member who died from cancer. Beyond this we are not actively engaged in community service.

In Continued Fellowship

Paul Ritson, Stafford 41 Club

There were 18 members present at our meeting on Monday evening and the matter of membership was discussed. Our Club has two members who did not come to us via Round Table. They were both introduced to the Club by very close friends of members - one is the current secretary and the other a past chairman.

We have no plans for others such as this to join our club but we feel very strongly that whether we do or not should be our decision and not that of the National Organisation.

We agree that any members should be over 40, adopt the values of Table (whether or not that they are past Tablers) and all be treated as full members and subject to the annual capitation fee..

Accordingly it would appear that we are in agreement with the proposed rule changes

Neil Kellett, Cheadle and Gatley 41 Club

Following our recent meeting I am undernoting the minutes of our Club's discussion on the Open/ Selective membership issue. Although some members' attitudes have changed on this, insofar as they are not so strongly against open membership I do think that when the time comes to vote on this issue at our AGM in April, prior to the National AGM, that we as a club will wish to continue as a closed club. However that will be a decision for our club membership to decide at that time

David Jacobi, Chairman Southend-on-Sea 41 Club

Thank you for giving my colleagues and I the opportunity to contribute to the debate on Membership and the Future of 41 Club.

14 of 16 eligible members attended our meeting and wide ranging discussion ensued. Clearly, we share the 3 main concerns of the National Council and we believe that the initiative already taken by some of our clubs in opening up to non ex-Round Tablers should now be grasped formally by all.

We Therefore add our support fully to the implementation as proposed of:-

- Draft new Rule 2.1
- Draft new Rule 4.1

We also discussed at length the national Council guidelines for clubs as set out and we endorse then all as proposed with the exception of reference to “50%” in relations to:-

- the level of ex-Round Table Members
- the minimum of Round Tablers in new clubs

We firmly believe these proposed percentages to be pointless, illogical, potentially unworkable and, to some extent, we feel they reflected an emotive attempt to cling to the “old” whilst embracing the “new”.

I am delighted to say that we are not one of the 58% of clubs said to be inactive in their community issues – far from it! However, if this is a reflection of feed-back, then clearly we need to move on with the new “likeminded” blood.

Moreover, it was felt that the current purposes as outlined represented the foundation of the “model” club to which you refer and we believe they retain their relevance within the rules and regulations of 41 CLUB.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harding, Chairman Dawlish&Teignmouth 41 Club

Dear President Richard,

You have asked all clubs to discuss membership and the future. We have done this at our October meeting and below are some comments which we hope you will find helpful and take on board.

Shepperton 41 Club is a thriving well run club with regular monthly dinner meetings and a lively social programme maintaining the spirit of Table. Many of us have enjoyed each others company over 40 years but regretted that we could not attract Tablers to join us in past years and when Shepperton RT ceased to exist.

Before having our debate we invited Jim Smith to a meeting to hear from him first hand and also to express some of our concerns on the various issues facing 41 Club.

I We are against Open Membership mainly because although it may help survival in the short term 41 Club would inevitably become just another men's dining club. We believe strongly that the bond of Round Table /41 Club should be preserved and not sacrificed simply to keep a club called 41 Club in existence. We would therefore vote against this and if it is passed at the AGM we would opt out and not open our membership to non past Tablers. (Some of our members thought that if voted through it should be restricted to say 10%). You have said yourself that "41Club has a niche market position distinct from other clubs", but you would no longer be able to claim this if the membership rules were changed.

Alan G McGee, Chairman Shepperton 41Club

The complete letter from Alan together with President Richard's reply can be found on the Club Forum:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/41club/message/134>

Editor

Dear Richard,

We in Alsager 41 Club were very pleased to be visited recently by Ray Hill, National Councillor for Region 11. We had a healthy discussion about the admission of non ex-Round Tablers into 41 Club. I have written to you previously about our Club's strong feelings about this. Whilst I accept that some 41 Clubs are struggling for members as Round Table are, we feel that it would be disastrous to the movement and split it right down the middle.

There are two suggestions that we implement in our Club, which I cannot understand why they cannot be adopted nationally. We recognise that many potentially great Tablers were overlooked by Table, usually accidentally. We have had a few such examples. We first of all invite them to come along a few times as guests, and if both the club and the individual are happy they are invited to become Honorary Members, they receive a badge and are really made welcome at our meetings. If they continue to be active members they are invited back annually. In an exceptional case because of his outstanding help to Round Table we have bestowed the honour of Life Honorary Membership. For the life of me I cannot understand why the honorary membership scheme should not be expanded. I also feel that where 41 Clubs are thin on the ground, then why don't they get out and look for past Tablers, inviting them along to meetings.

We in Alsager 41 Club have a very strong club and an excellent relationship with our Round Table. However we realise we are reliant on new blood from Table. Alsager Round Table have 20 members and are very very active, but as happens this coming year 6 of their most active members are leaving on the age rule. As I am Hon President of R T this year and was aware of the mutual concern about the loss of their members, so I asked all Tablers and 41ers to make a special effort and bring along to an evening of fellowship, a potential prospective member. The evening took place, with nearly 20 guests, tremendous calibre, we had photo albums and speeches

by past and present round Tablers, informing them what Tabling is all about. If only half of these eventually join the movement then it is an exercise well done. You see Richard I know that there are thousands of potential Tablers out there, Tables and 41 Clubs have got to get out there and find them.

I remember Round Table a few years ago panicking because of numbers, they took the easy and detrimental step of increasing the leaving age. All this did was preclude younger potential members from joining because they had nothing in common with the older ones. Having done this, it has not solved the problem for their numbers are still diminishing, they have got to get over to the Clubs that they must get out there into the community and look for new potential members.

Please do not ruin our organization, for there is one thing that is exclusive to 41 Club, which makes it the finest Club in the World, that of being an EX ROUND TABLER.

I hope that you will take my comments in the spirit that they are written, for I do not wish to demise the excellence of the 41 Club Movement....and it is to late when you change the Rules and split the Movement in two. You may wish to print my views in our magazine.

John Grint, Hon Secretary, Alsager 41 Club

We debated the potential motions for next years AGM at this weeks Penkridge 41 Business Meeting. An unusual event in itself. Following a discussion about our own club, and the various categories of membership that we have, we all felt that the proposals set out in the Presidents letter represented a sensible way forwards and we'll be supporting them at the AGM.

Peter Davenport, Secretary Penkridge 41 Club

At their recent meeting, Llantrisant 41 club discussed the issue of "open membership".

The unanimous decision of the club was to support the concept of extending membership to persons who have not been members of Round Table, in line with the recent musings of the National Council.

Lionel Davies, Chairman, Llantrisant 41 Club

Moseley 41 debated the rule change last night.

In essence our opinion has not changed since we completed the survey, that limited admission of "like minded" men to local clubs should be allowed \ formally acknowledged. We do however have some comments on the rule change.

1. As currently drafted we find it confusing, if there is only one class of membership how do we distinguish non former Table members and maintain any maximum number rule.

2. If a limit, say 50% is put on "like minded men" joining a club, but that club has no feeder Table, over time will not all members be non-Table? Would that mean the club has to close?

3. As already acknowledged by the National President, clubs will do what they want anyway and any reference to "Open Membership" could loose us members.

4. We would prefer clubs to be formally allowed to recruit "like minded men" but that they are only full members of their local club and have no automatic right to transfer to another club and they would not be able to stand for National office. This could be relaxed for those with "family" connections, such as partners in Circle\Tangent but this may get too confusing to implement.

5. We are concerned that the debate about the rule change is drawing attention away from the discussion about how clubs remain/become attractive to 45 year olds from Table and get more active\attractive programmes.

Tony Chesters, Hon. Secretary, Moseley 41 Club