

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MALCOLM LOCKEY

It has been a busy and demanding year but it has been a great privilege to have served the Association as National President. I believe that I have attended meetings in every Region in the Country as well as representing our Association at meetings in Finland, Romania, France and Italy. I have also attended 3 meetings in Spain, including the Iberian Cluster. In the summer I spent two weeks walking the 41 Club Millennium Way where I was so well supported and assisted by 41 Clubs along the route

That extended period of time spent with 41 Club members and their families was a great 'window into the soul' of our Association. I discovered a great nostalgia for all that was done and achieved in Round Table and a sense of 'sadness' that it had stopped. Those conversations, along with the many other conversations I've had as I've travelled the country, have helped shape my views on where we might go as a Movement and have prompted me to ask the question – 'why did all the action and activity have to stop at the age of 40?' In truth it didn't have to and reading John Creasy's book 'Round Table the first 25 years' has confirmed that view.

The greatest privilege that comes with being National President is that one gains a much greater perspective on 41 Club and what it is about. Having the opportunity to travel and meet so many people both nationally and internationally helps one to see beyond the horizon of the individual club, Region or even National Council. There's a realisation that we are part of a world-wide international movement and that even though we might be the oldest Association within Club 41 International, there is much we can learn from our younger international friends. The challenge to us is how we might adopt, adapt and improve on some of the things we discover. The next problem of course is how we can convince our membership that some changes might be a good thing and might help us to grow and flourish.

Communication is by far the biggest issue we have to tackle. But then, there is no way that we can ever force an individual member to open an e-mail or an envelope, or read the contents of a magazine. The level of 'ignorance' among our membership as to what we are trying to do is simply staggering. Why the club contact takes it upon himself to become the club censor is a question that I simply can't answer. The club contacts in two of my own clubs are two of the biggest culprits! Faced with this communications dilemma we can either become as apathetic as much of the membership or we can make an increased effort to reach our members using whatever resources are available to us. I nail my colours firmly to the mast of the second option. And the reason why I do so - is that quite simply I am inspired by some of the things that I have seen going on this year in clubs such as Chelmsford and York Ebor – two outstanding clubs that I am privileged to nominate for the Club Service Award. **I seek the approval of National Council for these two nominations.**

I'm sure that those two clubs are not alone – there will be many others. But we need to know about them. That is part of the role and responsibility of the National Councillor – to let us know what is going on in their Regions so that we can support, endorse, celebrate and share what is going on throughout the country. We need to 'inspire' our membership and we can do that by drawing their attention to inspirational things even though we might be knocked and criticised by a minority of our membership who simply enjoy knocking and blaming the Association whenever it tries to do something different or if it dares to look toward the future or have a view of what the Association might be that is different to their own view.

One of the most significant steps we have taken over the last couple of years, is to have our revised statement of purposes and objects endorsed by the 2010 AGM. They give us a clear and concise framework within which to shape our life and work as an Association. Quite simply they inform what we should be about – including our Budget setting. They have been used well by the Forward Planning Committee this year. I believe the FPC to be the most important committee we have because it looks at the directions we might take and considers options that might be open to us. Although it has no executive powers of its own, it does provide vital material for consideration by National Council and I congratulate the FPC on its work this year.

During the course of this year, Councillors have rightly expressed concern over the effectiveness of the other committees to which they are attached. Steps have been taken this year to improve the way that we make use of the time available to us and we have seen some changes to the way we have used the time available to us at National Council weekends which have been important this year as we considered some big issues. The last National Council meeting in February was without doubt the best and most constructive that I have attended in 11 years of being on National Council and I thank and congratulate everyone who played a part in that meeting.

During the course of this year I have made it a priority that we strengthen links with Round Table. I think that I can say without fear of contradiction that relationships between Round Table and 41 Club at National level have never been stronger. We have been an official part of the National Sporting Weekend. I [in common with my predecessors] have had the opportunity of addressing their AGM, but I have also been able to attend Council meetings and private Executive meetings. We are endeavouring to create new Round Table clubs with some success. We have agreed to give them a significant development grant of £15,000 over the next 3 years. We have resolved difficulties over withdrawing from the sales contract that we had with Table. We have re-negotiated a new and better administration contract with Table which brings with it many other benefits including the use of Marchesi House with our logo to hang beside theirs outside the building and a 41 Club Past Presidents board to hang alongside theirs within the building. We can make use of conference call facilities and there is an option to locate our extensive archives at Marchesi House. John Kilshaw and I have agreed on a united front to support the provision of humanitarian aid to Japan – an initiative which has also been discussed with the other two members of the RT Family. Next year, as IPP, I shall be able to sit in on RT Council meetings and John Kilshaw as IPP will officially be a part of ours. Incoming President Vaughan is to join with incoming RT President John in supporting RT Children's Wish as their chosen Presidential Charity. Hopefully, these steps will lead to a strong working partnership between two branches of a common and united Movement.

Over the last 2 years Council has been considering the growing interest across the Association in community service initiatives. This last year we have also been considering the desirability of creating a new Executive post – that of Community Service and Welfare Office. With Council's support, we have been having similar discussions with friends in Club 41 international over the course of this year. Last year, Council agreed that co-operation between member Associations would be desirable and so in consultation with the then President of Club 31 International, John Bellwood, we formulated a proposal that was considered at the 2010 international AGM in Finland. It was further discussed at the HYM in Brasov and it was agreed that it should be put as a resolution to the International AGM in Toulouse. The proposal has the support of German delegates, Cyprus and India and the incoming international President sees that such an initiative would give 41 International a greater sense of purpose. *The resolution asks that member Associations of 41 International, give consideration to ways in which together they might help to provide humanitarian aid at times of natural disaster. I seek the agreement of Council that we put this resolution to the International AGM in Toulouse.* [the wording might be refined as a result of discussion]



As part of the on-going discussions the favoured approach to this initiative would be to provide funds for the Shelter Box project that has done so much to give immediate and very practical help to those who have lost everything through natural disaster. Alan Pattinson has been in discussion with Shelter Box and they welcome our interest and possible support.

We now face the AGM when I hope that delegates will endorse the recommendations we are putting to them. We have spent many hours over two years considering the proposed new post. We had prolonged debate over the proposed Budget and the modest increase in capitation and we believe it to be justified. I have written and urged delegates to take an objective view of what we are proposing and to vote for the future of our Association. 41 Club GB & I is a very broad 'church' and the responsibility we all share at the AGM is to look beyond our often narrow 'parochial' view and try to grasp the bigger picture. We have formulated a reasoned argument as to why we should have a modest increase in capitation and we can justify our proposed Budget which seeks to fund on-going development in the face of rising costs. It might help our understanding of how modest our capitation is if know that we pay the least in Europe [France pay 100 euros, Italy in the Region of 80]. It is also interesting to note that one of our founder clubs 'Lytham St Annes' had a capitation of £2 Gns in the late 1940's. That equated to a week's wages for many people!

Gentlemen, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship over the course of this year. The Executive in particular has worked exceptionally hard both as individuals and as a team. It is their commitment that has filled the gaps and allowed me to do what I have tried to do – to get out and about, to be the first among equals but to represent the Association wherever I have gone. I have tried to support, inspire, inform and on occasion entertain. I have tried to stimulate and inform debate and on occasion to be provocative. I have endeavoured to encourage us to move forward on a number of fronts and in the process I hope that we have enjoyed ourselves. I certainly have.

And finally, to my chosen Presidential Charity – The Ocean Youth Trust. In comparison to the last two years a small and little known organisation and not really on anyone's radar. But nevertheless a worthy organisation that quietly does some outstanding work among young people from every walk of life. I have tried to help raise their profile and it has worked. I'm delighted that Prince William and his bride to be have chosen OYT as one of the charitable organisations to benefit from their wedding. Perhaps they have seen what we've been trying to do!! But over 30 of our guys will have sailed with OYT during the year this becoming 30 new ambassadors for the organisation. They have been impressed by what they found and what they experienced. Some have even volunteered to become assistant crew. That's a success. Hartlepool 41 Club will be sailing the James Cook [the northern boat] down to Ipswich for our conference. That has attracted a lot of interest. I set a target of £80,000 raised for the year – £100 per club, which I thought was manageable. At the time of writing we've managed in excess of £25,000 – [£29.50 per club!] from a smallish number of clubs, individuals and regions. I'm grateful to them all for their support. OYT will be grateful and the money will make a difference. I have visited each of the 4 OYT Regions in the course of the year, met staff, young sailors and been with them at the end of the Tall Ships race when they did so very well. I hope to continue to support them next year and in years to come.

My thanks to IPP Richard for the benefit of his experience, advice and support: to Martin our National Secretary, for all of his invaluable help and support. We have fought tooth and nail on occasions during the year but I greatly respect his tenacity, commitment and professionalism and I have valued his concern and his friendship at difficult times. And I couldn't have managed without Mike our Treasurer who has been incredibly understanding and supportive but always the professional Treasurer he needs to be.

I wish Vaughan our incoming National President every good wish for the forthcoming year. I will do all that I can to support him in any way that I can. In my new role as Chairman of the new Operations Committee, I will also do my utmost to support each and every National



Councillor in this coming year, to do what I believe to be the most important and probably the most creative job in the Association – that of nurturing 41 Club at grass roots level.

**Malcolm Lockey**

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## **NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT – VAUGHAN HARRIS**

### **Forward Planning**

Progress has been made since our February meeting as follows:

1. Martin is progressing the new Microsoft BPoS system as agreed at the last Council meeting and is working towards an August timetable for starting/preparation its implementation.
2. Martin will be presenting the outcome of the Postal Voting discussion at the AGM.
3. The proposition to increase the number of proxy votes to two as agreed at the last Council Meeting is on the Agenda Paper.
4. The proposition for the new Community Service and Welfare Officer as agreed at the last Council Meeting is on the Agenda Paper.
5. Jim has been extremely busy with the AGM since February, but has produced the graphs showing past and future membership trends and these have been included in the Agenda Paper. Jim has still to complete looking at the Key Performance Indicators of the Membership Initiatives but this is in hand and the “Club Grading Process” is to be reviewed.
6. The work on a proposed new Association Structure is on-going. Richard has produced slides showing a summary of the draft proposals from the working parties set up at the last Council Meeting. The slides are available as a downloadable document.

As you can see, there has been a lot of work undertaken by the Forward Planning Committee this year, some of which is on-going, but some of the work will be presented to this year’s AGM. My thanks again to all the members on the Committee for their input and hard work and to the Council for their valued contributions which have got us this far.

### **Liaison with Round Table**

My objective at the beginning of the year was to work closely with Round Table in association with Malcolm. I hope I have achieved this being involved with meeting my opposite number John Payne very early in the year and from then have built up a good friendship. I have met him at various functions both around the country and internationally and look forward to working with him next year. I have already been invited to attend several functions with RT, such as their AGM and Sporting Weekend and I am looking forward to joining them. John will be coming to address our AGM and also to the party afterwards. Please give him a warm welcome.



## **Round Table Children's Wish**

I am pleased to have chosen Round Table Children's Wish (RTCW) as my Presidential Charity next year. I am also pleased to say that it is the charity that has been chosen by John Payne. There will be a short presentation by RTCW at the AGM and this gives us a wonderful opportunity not only to work closely with Round Table over the coming year at joint functions/events while having a lot of fun and fellowship on the way, but also for clubs to work closely with the charity that bears our RT family name whilst at the same time supporting a very worthwhile charity which does such great work.

## **Round Table Family**

We continue to meet with the other Associations to discuss what is going on and next year I am pleased to say that we are the hosts. The first meeting is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> July and if any Councillor has issues he wants raised, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Generally**

The diary is filling up, so if you have any dates please let me know as soon as you can, especially weekends. It does not matter how small the event (or even what it is e.g. sports event, BBQ, helping at a fun day, charity event, meeting with RT etc) I would like to be there to support it. A copy of my diary is on the website.

Finally, I would like to thank the National Executive and Council for their support and friendship over the last twelve months and I am looking forward to working with you all next year. In particular would like to thank National President Malcolm for all his help and guidance and congratulate him on an excellent year in office.

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## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – RICHARD MATTHEWS**

My original objectives seemed a good idea when they were set. The presentation on the new strategy and structure however changed what I might have been expected to deliver but I am grateful for the Councillors responses and for their candour about the proposals. Nevertheless I have pursued the spirit of my objectives albeit less diligently.

### **Contacting Councillors regularly.**

I attended the first Councillors' meeting in June and explained what I hoped to do. I have to admit, like Drew, I have not spoken to very Councillor individually as quite frankly I felt something of what I was trying to do was in the role of the Councillors' Rep. After my presentation of the Structure relationships with some became perhaps a little strained.

I have tried to identify those who are more disposed to change and those who I felt were making a real effort in their Region. I have had several conversations with the Scottish Councillors in particular in an attempt to pin down how Scotland should be structured. I am afraid that the two incumbents do not share any points of view in fact they never seem to talk to each other. The result is Donald has a plan but no one in Scotland wants it!

If only we could establish an induction of new councillors as they take their post just to make sure they understand what we want and if they can actually commit to the role. I welcome the idea that the President will meet the Council at Conference but I also think the Past President should perhaps with the new Councillors and their Rep go through an induction to



their job. This will be particularly relevant in a year when so many Councillors will have changed

On the whole I am encouraged that we have got the guys talking about the future. Nearly all of the Councillors did put their views on paper and we have listened and I think the workshops worked well and must be continued. We have to end the "them and us". I stand by my suggestion that a separate Councillors' meeting is counterproductive. We should not continue them at Council weekends. If we do get an Operations Officer then it will be time to let them have their own meetings in their own time on purely Operations matters. But Council Weekends should in my opinion be focused on Team working with them as a whole.

### **Manpower Planning Councillor Vacancies**

I have had several conversations with Martin and with the retiring Councillors to try to fill vacancies. Thankfully several have replacements. I wonder what will happen in N Wales if Lawrence gets elected to the Exec?

The suggestion that we might move towards 12 Regions has not helped the cause but I have spent quite a bit of time talking to individuals at meetings setting up local teams which will almost certainly become necessary should the association not approve Capitation increases in future. There are already mutterings from some Clubs. I do not think it will get any easier to recruit outstanding guys until we get our new strategy in place when we can try and build local teams with financial support from the Association.

### **Councillors Chasing Capitation**

I have kept a watching brief here because quite frankly I think this is a Councillors' Rep job and I think Barry got the guys to do the job as well as usual. Barry reconfirmed how this process should work but we have a perennial problem that Club years generally do not align to the Association year. In the members' minds Capitation becomes due following their own AGMs when they set their new subs, this is probably up to three months after the capitation becomes due.

### **Regional Clusters.**

I firmly believe that Regional Clusters are a great way to encourage fellowship. For example, Dorset Knobs is stronger now than ever. Interestingly the last two have raised over £7000 for charities. But all our current Clusters are social dinner events. I do not believe we will progress our strategy until we get members in a room talking about our aims.

Many of our Councillors would welcome a Business Cluster meeting in their Region. This is a big issue. Quite frankly I feel it falls very much into the realm of our new structure under the control of the Fellowship Officer. I think that for the future the most effective use can be made of the President and the Exec by having a cluster in every Region, a business meeting and a dinner. This is not something I could achieve in one year as Past President these meetings have to become a key responsibility of a New Exec officer and each Councillor and I believe we should put some Association money into venues and into decent speakers to attract our members.

### **And finally.....**

I have had a great time over ten years on the Council. I am probably ready to go, but as usual just when it is my turn, there is something really interesting on the horizon. I think our ideas on the structure could be a real kick start for the future. By focusing on the Four Aims there is so much to interest our members it just needs the right guys with the energy and capability to put 41 Club on new track. Whatever happens to Round Table, 41 Club should continue "Active Tabling". We have so much experience, so many friendships and we remain a great fellowship organisation. I always feel sorry for Past Presidents, they are forgotten immediately after receiving the retiring jewel, but I will promise that I will be happy to be



forgotten and won't be a nuisance ever again if you make my dream happen and launch the new structure and strategy.

Thanks to all of you for your friendship and fellowship and best of luck for your future.

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## **NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARTIN GREEN**

### **CAS**

I start my report on the subject of CAS. The recent implementation of the Mailing List system has confirmed my worst fears.

The first mailing produced nearly 80 'bounce backs' into my Mail Box. This mailing was only to Club Contacts and Chairmen. Our mailing to 'International Clubs re 'Japan' also produced a 25% bounce-back situation.

Since implementing CAS 7 years ago – I have monotonously 'harped on' about 'garbage in – garbage out'. Small attempts have been made to try and improve the integrity of the data we have – however this has now come home to roost and now we have a real problem on our hands.

You will have received from me the details of the debacle that occurred when I sent out the Newsletter via the new system. There were 689 bouncebacks. All of these have been forwarded to each of you for rectification. I accept this is a laborious and painful process – but somehow we have to address this.

We all agree that one of our main objectives is good communication. We cannot communicate unless we have accurate data and have confidence that when we send out a communication it will arrive at the recipient. We have just spent £4,000 on a new Mailing System – bit of a waste if the mails go nowhere!

We have 'joked' about the Club Contact sometimes being the Club Censor – now our own CAS system is becoming the biggest censor of all.

In our new Councillors Handbook we have added in the Administration section the following statement:

**Maintaining the data on CAS is an important responsibility of a National Councillor.**

Never before has this been so important and apt as it is now!

The team at Marchesi House and of course myself, will do as much as we can to help improve the integrity of our data, but this needs everyone to get involved, and try and resolve this problem. My focus and objective for next year will be 'data accuracy'. Putting all of this right only makes us stand still; we still have to address the 6,000 members we have no e-mail addresses for. It will be the subject on my tongue whenever you see or hear from me!

And so to the rest.....

### **AGM**

The period since the Council Meeting in February has been focussed on AGM preparation. This has involved the production of the Order Paper and the preparation of all the delegate paperwork for the meeting. The team at Marchesi House have been an enormous help in



producing all the paperwork in good time and even getting the Order Paper into the Club Contacts homes over a week earlier than the schedule.

In addition I have worked on the AGM running order and although still not ideal – I hope you will see a more ‘balanced’ AGM this year - we will get down to business earlier – this year we will not reach Item 2 of the Agenda at 11am!

I also hope you will like some of the ‘choreography’ I have put into the AGM. I believe that our membership now expect some ‘razzmatazz’ at the AGM. This will not be ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ but I hope it won’t be dull. The support of the technical team at the Corn Exchange has been invaluable.

### **Jersey 2012**

Since February I have also visited Jersey to review the plans for next year’s AGM. The convenience of having the AGM in the same building as the majority of us will be staying far outweighs the difficulties the AGM venue presents. Next year we will have to build everything – even the stage!

### **IT Upgrade**

Also since February, as noted at the beginning of my report, I have been working with Mike Gibbs on the implementation of the new Mailing List System. This is now complete. The Mailing Lists System is the first stage of our improved IT and Communication Strategy. The next stage – BPOS – is the more difficult and challenging one. We have been advised by Microsoft that their new upgraded BPOS system – called Office 365 - will be launched late July. I have therefore decided to hold the start of the launch of our system until August. This helps us by avoiding changing over systems mid-way through the implementation and we can take advantage of the improved features Office 365 presents from day one.

### **Councillors Handbook**

I have taken the opportunity of updating the Councillors Handbook. This has not had a major review for nearly 8 years – so it is long overdue. Printed versions of this will be handed out at the Council Meeting. My thanks to Malcolm, Jim, Andy and Vaughan for their input on this. The Handbook is a far more comprehensive document which should help Councillors do their job more effectively especially when taking on the role for the first time.

To complement this I have also updated the CAS Handbook. This will also be given out at the Council Meeting.

### **Pie Chart**

I have heard many requests for the ‘pie chart’ detailing what we have and propose to spend. This has now been produced and again will be issued at the meeting. Copies can be downloaded from CAS now.

### **Affiliation Paperwork**

Jim Smith and I have worked on updating our processes for the affiliation and disaffiliations of Clubs. We needed an accurate process to ensure everyone involved in affiliation and disaffiliation are clear as to what they need to do. See Membership Report for details.

### **Post AGM Change-Overs**

Apart from the preparation for the AGM, I have tried to anticipate some of the work that takes place afterwards when people change roles and new faces join the team. Letterheads, E-Mail signatures, etc. are all prepared so we can carry out the ‘change over as quickly and efficiently as possible after the AGM.



## **Approvals**

There are a number of approvals that are needed at the meeting. These include two proposals for Club Service Awards and a change to the Standing Orders reflecting our new objectives and the way we structure our Committees.

## **National Councillor Vacancies**

Vacancies for National Councillors still remain in the following Regions:

Region 2  
Region 6  
Region 9  
Region 11  
Region 15

I have one Nomination for Region 18 so far for Jonathan Sage of Leigh-on-Sea 41 Club – Nominations close on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Caretakers**

Donald Watson has agreed to act as Caretaker for Region 2 until a candidate is found  
David Weaver of the White Knights has volunteered to cover Region 6 until a permanent solution is found  
Allan Pattinson will continue in his role until we find someone for Region 9  
Ray Hill will act as Caretaker for Region 11 until a candidate is found  
Barry Durman will continue in his role until a permanent solution is found for Region 15  
Jim Smith will look after Region 18 until June.

## **Achieving Objectives**

My objectives set out at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Postal Voting – Full evaluation has taken place  
Arboretum – I have worked with Lichfield on this and it is now virtually complete  
Conference Manual – I have worked with Dick on this and apart from one section from the Treasurer and a final review post Ipswich, it is finished.

## **Marchesi House Contract**

Finally can I remind everyone that although we are only in the early stages of our new Administration Contract with Marchesi House and things have yet to settle down, the contract is for 16 hours work per week. Over that we now have to pay extra. This makes it all the more important for any additional work you may need to have done be discussed with me first, I can then discuss with Beverley in the office where this can fit to keep us within the contracted hours.

**Martin Green**

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NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

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## **NATIONAL TREASURER – MIKE TURNER**

No report submitted

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## **NATIONAL SALES & MARKETING OFFICER – HUGH MILWARD**

The National President has requested that in this report Executive Officers comment on the status of their objectives as agreed at the first Executive meeting of the year held at Scarborough on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 9.00am.

Despite the fact that this meeting was held after the conference Final Night Party and my first Executive Meeting, the minutes record the following objectives down to me!

1. Understanding our approach
2. Service Awards v Honorary Life Membership
3. To work with the previous Sales & Marketing Officer to take over Branding

I therefore report as follows:

### **Understanding our approach**

This was more of a personal objective being new to the role than an objective relating to the post.

It has taken me a full year of involvement in Sales and Marketing to understand the requirements in managing our external Sales Supplier, establishing a good working relationship by face to face visits and jointly managing complaints about quality, delivery and service. I am pleased to report that I now fully understand the member's issues and requirements in respect of Sales.

Another area of understanding our approach is the requirement to ensure that sales commission and end of year accounts are auctioned so that our sales income is recorded and maintained with end of year accounts that balance are submitted on time.

This can cause problems as we are a voluntary organisation, and asking National Councillors who manage the Regional Sales Boxes requires tact and gentle to obtain returns and details of sales etc. I fully understand we all do the job as a hobby and not a full time job.

Having said that, I acknowledge that our approach within National Council is clearly to aspire to do a profession job with the range of skills, enthusiasm and time commitment that officers offer. Checking one's e-mails daily is an approach I fully understand!

Taking part in Forward Planning meetings and supporting the work of our Membership Officer in respect of marketing 41 Club has enabled me to understand this part of the role.

I can confirm that I have met this objective.



## **Service Awards v Honorary Life Membership**

I have to put my hands up to this one!

I am fully aware of the individual Service Award jewel, the individual Association Award jewel and the Club Service Award glass gavel but not up to speed on the Honorary Life Membership.

I am aware what the rules say as this has been discussed at National Council meetings over the year, but I have to report that I have not looked at the one over the other and put forward proposals that this objective implies.

I confirm that I have not met this objective.

## **To work with the previous Sales & Marketing Officer to take over Branding**

Martin Green, (our current National Secretary) initiated the change to update our image and branding as the previous Sales & Marketing Officer. His proposals were approved by the Executive and we have had the new branding and logo for over a year now.

Martin worked tirelessly to drive this objective forward and being “his baby” he has a natural affinity to maintain the brand, known with great affection at meetings as the “Branding Police!”

In order to maintain our branding and to promote 41 Club all Officers, Club Secretaries and members are encouraged to use our branding guidelines available via our website when communicating both internally and externally with the wider world.

This can be as simple as a 41 Club e-mail signature box displaying our logo, but even this can cause problems some e-mail systems cannot accommodate this, but plans are in hand to address this and other issues.

Working with Martin as Secretary and responsible for 41 Club administration, I have been identifying the benefits for Officers and indirectly the members, in respect of the proposals Martin is introducing to improve our communications that will enable consistency and easier implantation of our branding for the future.

So, strictly speaking having not taken over the Branding as such, I have failed to achieve this objective, but I can report that I have worked with Martin to maintain and improve the Branding where able to do so.

## **Other comments**

Finally a short comment to report that Sales is moving towards a more quality range of items and improved service, so by the time this report is tabled at the next National Council Meeting, I trust you have taken advantage of the special offers and new sales items at the Conference and AGM Sales Shop.

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## NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER – JIM SMITH

Much of the last 2 months has been spent with my involvement in Conference but there has still been quite a bit of activity and there is more to come.

I can update the numbers for you to include the proposals for affiliation and disaffiliation shown below. As at April 16<sup>th</sup> there are 808 clubs and 18,099 members. In addition to that I have 5 more 'new' clubs where discussions have commenced and we are going through the process of discussion with existing clubs. I expect all of those to be in place for the July meeting in fact one of them might be a late addition to the April meeting. For the Association Year we have affiliated 15 new clubs with 157 members and disaffiliated 15 clubs with 217 members. Of the list of disaffiliations 3 are for non payment of 2009 capitation which in reality should have been in the previous year. I still stick by my forecasts for the end of 2011 but clearly I would like to continue the recent trend which has seen more new clubs than disaffiliations.

Since the last meeting I have also received confirmation that Baldock 41 Club in Region 19 are commencing the process to re-build their Round Table under the Phoenix programme and I also had good news that my own club, Bishop's Stortford have approved that we will make an attempt during this year as well. If anyone has any others please let me know.

Apart from some comments from one or two councillors it is still disappointing that I have not had any feedback on the number of ex-Tablers who retired from Table last year as to whether or not they have joined 41 Club. The new letter signed by Vaughan and John Payne has now been agreed and that will have been sent from Marchesi House to the 390 Tablers, who are due to leave this year, by the time of the Council meeting. I will be updating the Regional lists with the new names and up to date club details so that flushed with enthusiasm after the Council meeting and AGM Councillors can start making contact immediately so that I can have a full feedback by the July Meeting on how many have actually joined or will be joining.

During the past 2 months I have also been encouraged by the number of direct contacts I have had from ex-Tablers wanting to set up new clubs. I suppose the disappointment here is that many of our 41 Clubs have just lost the link and contact with their Round Table. This really is something we must continue to work with. One comment I have had from every one of the 6 new or potentially new clubs is that they want to continue doing the Community work they have been used to both in support of Table and independently. When I've explained to them the Purposes of the Association they are even more enthused and feel they can expand their numbers. This really emphasises the point I've been making that our future is dependant on Round Table and encouraging ex-Tablers from those clubs to join us either to an existing club or by setting up a new one. Councillors must focus their efforts on those clubs who have Round Tables as a priority. Find out if they do have a strong link and ask when the last member joined them from Round Table. If it is more than 5 years we have to link to the Round Table to start looking for those people who can set up a new club. The existing club cannot have any argument if they have lost contact. Under disaffiliations you will see a comment about Frank's efforts with Hungerford which has not only saved a club but brought in people who had never joined before. Please note I will not accept any further requests for disaffiliation from clubs who still have a feeder Table without making contact with the Round Table first.

A new disaffiliation process has been put in place which reflects the above but also asks for more information about the disaffiliating club on a disaffiliation form. The new process will also aid our administration with Marchesi House. There is a dual sign off by the Membership Officer and Secretary after final approval at a Council meeting. The purpose of this is so that in future we don't just accept disaffiliation but make every effort to retain the club or set up a new one where appropriate. The form and process are shown at Appendix 1 and 2 to this report



In the last week we have also amended the administrative process in respect of affiliations to ensure all documentation, capitation payments, CAS entries and communications with the clubs are watertight. To aid this we have developed a new affiliation form with minor changes to the administration. We have also taken the opportunity to remove the option of post only contact for officers and made it compulsory for a club contact for newly affiliated clubs to have an e-mail address. Please note that the new Affiliation form is available on CAS and on the Membership Page of the web site. Where Councillors are dealing with potential new clubs they should use the new form (revised 03.11). The revised affiliation form is shown at Appendix 3 and the revised process for Marchesi House shown at Appendix 4

Membership Strategy. Our document was in a good draft form at the February meeting so nothing has been added since. I will be working with the new committee to finalise that before the July Council meeting.

### **Affiliations**

I propose the following new clubs for affiliation:

Addis Ababa 41 Club	Region 26	10 members
Strathaven 41 Club	Region 2	10 members
New City 41 Club	Region 19	15 members
Eastern Promise 41 Club	Region 17	9 members

I propose the following for re-affiliation with a new team in place:

Bramhope 41 Club	Region 6	6 members
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### **Disaffiliations**

We have had 2 clubs advising us that they wish to disaffiliate on the basis of age/numbers, Hungerford (Region 20) and Arbroath (Region 2). Both clubs still had feeder tables but there didn't appear to be a live connection. I have been in contact with both Frank and Allan to ask them to make enquiries with the local Tables to see if these clubs can be taken over by recent ex-and current over 40 year old Tablers. Frank has had a successful meeting with the Table Chairman and a member of Hungerford 41 Club and a take-over has been agreed and the new members installed. Allan will be doing the same with Arbroath. On that basis for the purpose of closure through age/numbers/benefits or can't be bothered any more I do not have any clubs for disaffiliation.

At the last meeting we agreed to defer Formby (Region 8), Dengie (Region 18) and Torquay (Region 22) to try to get capitation paid. I have spoken to Dengie and confirmed that payment will be made either just before or just after the 15<sup>th</sup> April (their AGM is on the 14<sup>th</sup> April). I wrote to both Steve and Mark to ask them to establish the position with Formby and Torquay. David Yardley on behalf of Steve has established payment is being made for Formby and Mark has confirmed that some new people, recent ex-tablers, are taking over Torquay and payment will be made shortly. He also mentioned a great revival in Torquay Table which is good news.

### **PR**

Avid have had recent successes with articles in a Regional countryside magazine about 41 Club and OYT and a good local article worked with Norwich, Wensum and Yare around their forecast night which attracts 120 people. They have put together a series of press releases around the Ipswich conference and the pre-conference promotion led to a significant number of enquires to the Ipswich Tourist board. A montage of releases and publicity will be on display at the AGM venue.



Some of you will know, particularly those of you who have joined the 41 Club Forum, that our expenditure on PR is perceived as a waste of time and money. Gentlemen I'm not going to pull any punches here but **it's your fault** both individually and collectively as a Council. Since we started the contract at the end of May last year there have only been 3 councillors made any form of contact either directly with Avid or through me. One of those was to publicise an event that had happened a week earlier, one was for something Avid didn't feel could generate suitable publicity and the other is for an event that will happen in the summer that they are working on.

Avid work for us for only 3 days a month and within that period we cannot expect them to research and find things that are happening in 41 Club without us giving them a bit of a clue. Where we have worked with them in advance of events or involvements they have produced good timely releases and been successful in placing coverage. Ipswich is a good example where a plan was put in place 3 months ago with both pre and post event publicity. The Norwich event in January was instigated by Martin Sexton of Norwich directly after he read the article in the Autumn Issue of Links. There is no doubt there will be comment at the AGM about PR.

This is my last comment on PR to Council as Ray will be taking it over after the AGM. If we remember the reason we did it in the first place was because after 12 months of trying through the web site and the Links magazine to attract a volunteer we couldn't find anyone to assist. We had a magnificent year working with Help for Heroes but no-body knew about it. We felt that to move forward we had to try and get the name of 41 Club out into communities and in particular linking it to Round Table, thus providing them with some free support. If you argue that the value of PR is measured by the relationship between column inches and advertising cost we have probably just about covered our cost but we could have done so much more. Avid are as frustrated as I am.

I have 300 plus e-mails and endless hours of phone calls to achieve in reality not a great deal. If we want it we have to use it, it's up to you. It's now over to Ray.



Appendix 1



**CLUB DISAFFILIATION FORM**

<b>Form generated by:</b>		<b>CAS Information</b>	
<b>Date generated:</b>		<b>Affiliation Date:</b>	
<b>Club:</b>		<b>Number of Members:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>		<b>CAS last updated:</b>	
		<b>Number of Magazines:</b>	

**Reason:**

<b>Non-Payment of Capitation</b>	
<b>Closure through Age/Numbers</b>	
<b>No longer wish to be part of the Association</b>	
<b>Bringing the Association into dis-repute/expelled</b>	
<b>Other (please state below)</b>	


<b>National Council agreement date:</b>	
<b>Date of Disaffiliation:</b>	
<b>Signature of National Membership &amp; Extension Officer:</b>	
<b>Signature of National Secretary:</b>	

**Marchesi House use only:**

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>BY</b>
<b>Form received:</b>		
<b>Disaffiliated on CAS:</b>		
<b>Date members to be removed: (3 months from disaffiliation)</b>		
<b>Date members removed:</b>		



## Appendix 2

### DISAFFILIATION – PROCEDURE

1. Anyone receiving a letter from a Club requesting Disaffiliation must forward the letter immediately to the National Membership & Extension Officer. A copy must also be sent to the National Councillor responsible for the Club.
2. Either Marchesi House or the National Secretary, depending on who receives it, must acknowledge the letter and state it has been passed to the National Membership & Extension Officer for further action.
3. The National Membership & Extension Officer must contact the relevant National Councillor as soon as possible to discuss the request and form an action plan. This may be:
  - a. A visit to the Club by one or both of them
  - b. A telephone call to discuss the matter with the Chairman.
  - c. If there is a current Round Table active seek out members from that source to take over the 41 Club.
4. Should the club close due to lack of numbers, or lack of interest, the relevant National Councillor should attempt to place any remaining members who remain interested in other adjoining clubs within his Region
5. Should the Club decide not to disaffiliate then no further action should be taken unless a takeover of the club is agreed. At that stage new members will need to be added to CAS and all existing members who no longer want to be part of the “new” club will leave and their details will be taken from the web site.
6. If the Club decides to continue to disaffiliate then the National Membership & Extension Officer will bring the proposal for disaffiliation to the next Council meeting.
7. Providing disaffiliation is approved the National Secretary will write to the club confirming that disaffiliation has taken place. A copy of the letter should be sent to the Membership & Extension Officer, National President, Treasurer and relevant National Councillor. In his confirmation letter – the National Secretary will ask the club if we may store their club regalia at Marchesi House in case the club reforms at a later date. Similarly any minute books, club records should be collected by the National Councillor and passed to the Association Archivist for safe keeping. He will also advise them that if they do continue to meet:

You will no longer be allowed to use the name ‘41 Club’  
You may not use the rondel, or the name, on anything you do or publish  
You may not wear any regalia or wear the 41 Club badge  
Your members will no longer be insured for anything they participate in  
Your members will no longer receive any newsletters or magazines  
Your members will not be allowed to vote at a General Meeting
8. The National Secretary will advise Marchesi House after the National Council meeting and they will remove them from CAS.
9. Should a club be disaffiliated at a National Council Meeting due to lack of capitation payment, or bringing the Association into disrepute etc., the National Secretary will

advise them in writing of the reason for their disaffiliation and advise them of the terms of disaffiliation in 7 above

10. If for reasons of urgency, i.e. bringing the Association into disrepute a club is disaffiliated outside a National Council Meeting the Membership & Extension officer will bring the details forward at the next National Council Meeting for ratification.
11. It should be noted that any club regalia, jewels etc. – remains the property of the members of that club on disaffiliation, and we can only suggest its return to Marchesi House for storage in case the club wishes to re-affiliate. If however the club is subject to take-over by new members for continuation purposes the regalia will pass on to the new membership for safe-keeping on behalf of the club
12. Once a club is disaffiliated on the CAS system – its Club records remain archived in the system, however the Officers details are deleted. Marchesi House should diarise the removal of the individual members after 3 months for Data Protection purposes. The 3 month gap is provided in case the Club changes its mind, or pays capitation if disaffiliated for non-payment at which point it can be re-affiliated without having to re-create the member's details.
13. All Disaffiliations are recorded on the Club Disaffiliation Form

**Martin Green**  
National Secretary

Updated: March 2011.



Appendix 3



**APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION TO THE ASSOCIATION**

<b>Full Name of Club:</b>	
<b>County located:</b>	
<b>Alternative name:</b>	
<b>Proposed Meeting Venue:</b>	
<b>Day and time of Meeting:</b>	
<b>Month of AGM:</b>	
<b>Frequency of Meetings:</b>	
<b>Feeder Round Table:</b>	
<b>Ladies Circle:</b>	
<b>Tangent:</b>	

<b>Number of Members:</b>		<b>Cheque for value enclosed</b>	<b>£</b>
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**CLUB CONTACT**

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

**Note: Communications will be with the Club Contact, Chairman, Secretary Treasurer and the person responsible for Membership will usually be by e-mail. It is necessary to have a Club Contact who has regular use of e-mail and recommended that all officers have an e-mail address.**



## DECLARATION

The above club wishes to affiliate to The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs and undertakes to conform to the Association Rules

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this Application to:  
41 Club Administration  
Marchesi House  
4 Embassy Drive  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
B15 1TP

Please enclose a cheque – made payable to “The Association of Ex- Round Tablers’ Clubs” for the number of Members x the current Capitation Fee.

The Capitation Fee for 2011 is £10.00 per member.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your application will be copied to the National Membership & Extension Officer who will formally propose your club for affiliation at the next available National Council Meeting. It will also be copied to the relevant National Councillor for your Region. National Council Meetings take place in February, April, July and October.

Your Affiliation will only be complete once the National Council have approved it.

After approval at National Council meeting your Club details will then be entered on our Club Administration System (CAS) on our web site **and your cheque banked**. Your affiliation date will be the date of approval by the National Council.

Once your details are processed the National Membership & Extension Officer will contact you to send you your Charter certificate and give you details about your membership, how to obtain jewels, information you can find on the web site and other important matters. If you decide to hold a Charter dinner The National President, or if he is unavailable, another member of the National Executive will be happy to come along to an appropriate event to formally present your Charter.

**Club Contact.** Once affiliated your Club Contact will have internet access to CAS on our web site and will be able to add members details. It is the responsibility of the Club Contact to maintain the records of the Club on CAS whenever they change. The system automatically updates the club details on the Website and in the Directory. The ‘Links’ magazine is only posted to members homes and to ensure that each member receives their copy it is important that the details of addresses are maintained accurately. 41 Club now has a monthly e-mailed newsletter. It is important that the club contact keeps the e-mail



addresses on CAS up to date. If any member does not have access to e-mail the club contact should find an alternative way to distribute this information.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

### CHAIRMAN'S DETAILS

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

### VICE CHAIRMAN' S DETAILS

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

### SECRETARY'S DETAILS

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

### TREASURER'S DETAILS

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

**Note: Annual requests for payment of capitation will be sent to the Treasurer and Chairman by e-mail and it is recommended that the Treasurer's e-mail is listed on CAS.**

**PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB:**

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Address Line 1:</b>	
<b>Address Line 2:</b>	
<b>Town/City:</b>	
<b>County:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail address:</b>	

**MARCHESI HOUSE USE ONLY:**

<b>Date application received:</b>	
<b>Date passed to Membership Officer:</b>	
<b>Date passed to National Councillor:</b>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ 41 Club Administration

**MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER ONLY:**

<b>Date application received:</b>	
<b>Date proposed and approved at National Council meeting</b>	
<b>Date of Charter</b>	
<b>Date Charter Certificate and membership Pack Issued</b>	
<b>Date Approval for Affiliation sent to Marchesi House for CAS entry</b>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership Officer National Secretary

**MARCHESI HOUSE USE POST APPROVAL:**

<b>Date confirmation of National Council approval received:</b>	
<b>Allocated to Region:</b>	
<b>Date Details entered on CAS:</b>	
<b>Cheque value:</b>	
<b>Cheque banked:</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ 41 Club Administration

**Jim Smith**

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



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – ANDY WAITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

President Malcolm also attended the Italian AGM and two other 41 events in Spain.

Lawrence Bamber represented the Association at the Round Table World Meeting in Dubai.

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

A very healthy turnout (31 in total) from GB&I, including President Malcolm, attended the International Half Yearly Meeting in Brasov, Romania in October. All the 19 Associations were represented apart from Indian Ocean, Israel, New Zealand and Zambia. Constructive meetings were held on the YAP and Famex programmes. While Famex (family exchange) is not viable, the YAP (Young Ambassador Programme) is thriving, with tours involving 18-25 year olds between Europe (Austria, Belgium, France and Germany in particular) and India and South Africa. It was suggested that GB&I could identify a couple of youngsters from the Round Table Family to join a tour of South Africa or India. The tours are typically of 30 days duration; participants pay their own flights and a €50 administration fee and are home hosted. Some Associations contribute in full or in part to the costs. I hope we will be able to get involved in this superb initiative.

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

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

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

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

As I write I am looking forward to a 16 day tour of South Island New Zealand organised by 41 NZ. Four couples plus myself are attending from GB&I. I am also attending the Finnish AGM in Karjaa with President Malcolm.



At the beginning of the 41 Club year I set myself an objective to 'raise the profile of International'. While this is difficult if not impossible to measure, I feel pleased with the year's progress based on three main strands – the increased interest in twinning, the GB&I attendances at overseas events, and the setting of humanitarian aid on the International agenda.

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

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

**Andy Waite**

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

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OFFICER – DICK STANLEY**

### **CONFERENCE**

At my first Executive Meeting, an early Sunday morning in Scarborough, I set out 4 objectives for my year. By the time you read this the first of those will have been fulfilled – **Ipswich Conference**. You should, by now, all have booked in to the **2011 National Conference in Ipswich** and I very much look forward to seeing you there. I am absolutely certain that this year's event will be spectacular as so much time, effort and thought has gone into the arrangements by **Conference Chairman, Ian Mackenzie, and his team**. When you see them be sure to thank them – they're the ones wearing the fezzes!

My second objective was to consider changing the name from 'Conference' to something a little more exciting. I asked for suggestions from the membership through the pages of Links and the Newsletter. I had 1 reply!! It seems we don't like change and it is interesting to see that having recently decided that Conference was getting a bit too expensive we should reduce the package to 2 days and allow accommodation to be booked separately. Well, you've guessed, most people have booked for the **Welcome Party** as an additional event and the 'Conference Hotel' was the first to be filled!

My third objective was to create an alternative to the very successful 'Your Conference Needs You' which my predecessor had used to great effect. My 'Follow Me to...' logo was launched for Ipswich and will have an obvious change for Jersey. Look out for the Fokker!

Arrangements are nearing completion for **2012 National Conference in Jersey**. **Paul Harding, Conference Chairman**, and members of his team will be in Ipswich and taking bookings for 2012. They have promised a spectacular interruption at the **AGM** and also at the **Final Night Party** so don't miss these. The Conference will be based at the superb Hotel de France in St Helier and I know it will be a resounding success.

Future Conference venues are being negotiated or considered as I write but if you have a burning desire to host a National Conference and you can gather together enthusiastic and committed members please let me know and I will give all the help and encouragement that is needed.

My fourth and final objective was to write a definitive Conference Manual. Previously we have relied upon 4 pages of A4 and the knowledge and experience of a succession of very



capable Conference Officers. I got started on the project last summer and, with the help of National Secretary Martin Green, have very nearly completed the document which now runs to some 40+ pages.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL WEEKENDS**

The next 2 **National Council Meetings** are in the advanced planning stages and I am very grateful to **Dave Campbell** and **Duncan Kennedy** who are organising **Brighton in July (8, 9 & 10)** and **Cardiff in October (30/9, 1 & 2)** respectively. Full details for Brighton will be available at the National Council Meeting in Ipswich and details for Cardiff will be issued in Brighton.

This Conference will be my first as National Conference Officer and I have to thank my predecessor, Terry Cooper, for all his help and guidance. Everything that goes right is down to him and everything that doesn't is my fault!

## **ON-LINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SYSTEM**

After much negotiation and debate it was finally agreed that the Association would provide the funds to put in place a system to allow members to book for Conference on-line and to make payment similarly. In the first year the booking system would initially be paid for by the Association but subsequent conferences would need to absorb the cost in the package price. The payment system would require the purchase of the appropriate software which would be a one-off cost and the system transferred from conference to conference.

The decision came too late to be implemented in 2012 but will be up and running for the 2013 Conference.

Enjoy **Ipswich 2011** and don't forget to book for **Jersey 2012**.

**Dick Stanley**

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## **NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – DAVID SMITH**

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

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

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

Dealing with the past year, once again we have published three magazines and fortunately have had the material to do so – just! The Spring issue runs to only 24 pages due to the dearth of copy. I am disappointed that overall only a small number of clubs have sent



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NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

APRIL 2011

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

It has also been a disappointment that only a very few Regional Councillors have taken the opportunity to publicise their clubs' activities through the medium of the magazine. When I came onto the Council it was expected that every Councillor would submit a report for every issue of the magazine. Inevitably those reports became a list of the clubs which had been visited in the previous few months and were of little interest to outsiders and rightly so, have been quietly dropped. I do however find it surprising that many Councillors appear not to have attended any newsworthy functions, events, etc in the past three years – it would have been so helpful to have received a few reports of such activities.

At the outset of this Club Year, I announced that my goals for the year included:

- better publicity for the Round Table Family. Two of the three magazines have contained two pages dedicated to the Family and I am most grateful to the presidents of Round Table, Tangent Clubs and Ladies Circles for finding the time in their busy lives to write and send me articles about their associations;
- getting our magazine to Round Tablers. The only cost effective way of doing so would be to adopt and adapt the method by which Tabler Magazine is sent to 41ers, ie, by including LINKS in the mailing of TM. Sadly this has proved unfeasible due to the cutting back of TM for cost reasons;
- increasing the number of articles dealing with international matters. In this I have been helpfully assisted by Andy Waite who has unfailingly supplied me with copy whenever requested and which has enlivened the magazine;
- reviewing the website. Our webmaster David does a splendid job in looking after our website but to give it more 'bells and whistles' will involve significant cost. It is a topic which has been on the agenda of the Forward Planning Committee and I am sure will be raised again in the near future; and
- continuing the monthly Newsletter. As you will all know, Ray's baby has gone from strength to strength and is now eagerly awaited every month by a growing army of admirers.

In conclusion, may I thank all those who have contributed to 'Communications' in the past three years including

- Comms Comm stalwarts David the Archivist/Obituarist, David the Webmaster and Ray the Newsletterist;
- Reg Hewitt, the Grumpy ex-Tabler, who can be relied upon to provide me with a page of amusing copy for every magazine;
- Lee and Gary at our printers and Alan at our distributors.

My thanks must also go to all of you who have sent letters, photos, articles and copy for publication. Above all, may I thank all of you for your unfailing support in this most rewarding office – it has been a tenure I shall always remember and cherish.

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## REGION 1 – DONALD WATSON

### 1. Club Visits

Scotland is not the Region for numerous visits to the various Clubs located throughout the length and breadth of the country. From Wick in the north to Stranraer in the south is 355 miles and from Wick to Dumfries is 334 miles, and to the most northerly Club at Orkney a further 50 miles. In England, Carlisle to Bournemouth is 360 miles. There are 23 Clubs in the Region and a further 2 in the process of formation. This is not a Region for regular visits to Clubs and as a substitute an alternate means of communicating with the constituent Clubs must be developed.

To meet this requirement I have developed a website designed to and focussed on communicating with Clubs in Scotland and servicing their particular needs, see <https://sites.google.com/site/41clubregion1> this site has been separated from the National Golf Site that is now available at <http://final.41club-golf.org> that concentrates on golf activity with 41 Club.

The next stage in this activity will be to involve the Clubs in Region 1 to publish their programs and file news reports (photographs etc.) Now this activity will no doubt be as popular as involvement in the National Website. But this site has details about “all things Region1” It has Newsletters, Charters, Reports, Sporting Events and a Discussion Forum. Rather than circulating Newsletters etc to Club Contacts I intend to publish these on the website and then email directly the members advising them of a new publication and providing them with a link rather than emailing the publication directly.

This approach will not preclude me from attending events in the Region but hopefully will provide a means of more regular contact to the members who want this type of contact.

I have tried to arrange events that will give a meeting mass. There are a couple of local ones arranged recently of note, the first was the Burns Supper by Troon attended by 90 and the joint meeting between Ayr and Troon, attended by our National President and his lady, when nearly the same number were in attendance. Surely events of this nature have the attraction of giving the impression of belonging to a much larger organisation, compared to attendance at a normal meeting of circa 10 members, that might have difficulty justifying the attendance of a speaker.

### 2. Forthcoming Regional Events

41 Club	Date	Charter No.	Charter	Charter Date	Location
Inverness	15 March 1982	30	Yes		Details to be announced
Bridge of Weir and Kilmacolm	8 September 1986	25	Yes	19 November 2011	Old Ranfurly Golf Club
Oban	1 June 2001	10	Don't Know		
Dunblane	5 January 1967	45	Don't Know		
Troon	27 April 1977	35	Yes	13 April 2012	Royal Troon Golf Club
Stornoway and District	21 March 1997	15	Yes		

A Cluster is under consideration and there is a body of opinion that perhaps there is insufficient disposable income to support an event.



### 3. Community Service in your Region?

Most of this type of activity is involved with assisting RT with their various projects.

Troon are still pursuing their project in Mzuzu, Malawi

### 4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs

Progressing with Clubs for Wick, Elgin and Calendar. These are really on slow-burn, but there is significant progress at Elgin with an average attendance of 14 between October and now.

### 5. Any Other Matters to be raised

<http://final.41club-golf.org>

Since our last meeting I am aware of Regional Competitions, as follows:-

- Region 1 & 2
- Region 11
- Region 15
- Eastern Regional Charity Golf
- And no doubt Region 25

I have been contacted by a couple of Clubs that would like to attend the final and their Regional Councillors have been informed accordingly.

Within Region 1 we have an on-going 41 Club Whisky investigation, 4 potential suppliers, and I hope to be able to provide an update at our meeting.

I have had no feedback about a National Burns Supper, and would welcome encouragement or otherwise prior to our meeting.

**Donald Watson**

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## REGION 2 – ALLAN THOMSON

### 1. Club Visits

For most of February and early March I was on the “ Wild South Tour of New Zealand “ during which we visited the following Clubs; Christchurch; Timaru; Alexandra; Invercargill; Gore and Oamaru. The trip being a great International experience, our party consisted of 2 Tasmanians; 7 English; 2 Scots and 11 Kiwi’s. A tour superbly organised by Derek Johns, New Zealand’s I. R. O. a 15 Club National Association.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March was Ellon and District 41 Club’s 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner, a total of 36 attended as follows; Peterhead 41 Club 6; Westhill 41 Club 9; Ellon Round Table 2; Ellon 41 Club 18 and myself, an excellent evening of Fellowship, no formal speakers but 8 present asked to give a small resume of their memories of R/T and 41. Nic Poole Ellon R/T



Chairman said that he did not know what 41 did but from tonight can see that is still R/T and would have no hesitation in moving across when the time comes.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March was Forfar and District 41 Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. A total of 46 attended which included National Vice President Vaughan and 26 Past Chairmen, overall a poor turnout from the surrounding Clubs with only Dundee; Ellon and Linlithgow represented along with two from Forfar Round Table, the Forfar members and myself. The main Speaker was Alex. Fleming, a real "Stand up Comedian", another great night of Fellowship. At the end of the evening V/P Vaughan presented Alan Garrick with a framed Citation as the first Honorary Life President of Forfar 41 Club.

## 2. Forthcoming Regional Events

Scottish Region's 1 and 2 Golf Competition, Inverurie Golf Club, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Westhill 25<sup>th</sup> due in January 2012 still waiting to hear if they are to do anything

## 3. Community Service in your Region?

No feed back from Clubs

## 4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs

New "Discovery Club" at Broughty Ferry and additional Club mooted at Kinross. No movement at Dalgety Bay or Callander.

Arbroath Club has advised that they no longer wish to be part of the Association. Jim Smith advised, other avenues being looked at.

## 5. Any Other Matters to be raised

Sales at extremely low level, many items no movement, especially ties. When special offers are on they must also apply to the National Councillors Sales Boxes, this practice of trying to sell at a higher cost than the website must stop

Allan Thomson  
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## REGION 3 – PHILLIP ELLIS

I have visited Omagh 41 club in March and it was a great evening, this is one of the larger clubs in my region but like so many no feeder table.

Next week I will attend Newtownards 41 club, to try and encourage them into accepting the area office for the year and continue the area rally.

I have also sent out a survey to all the clubs in Region 3 to be completed by the end of March and to date I have received 2 returns. I find that this very disheartening and wonder where 41 club is going in Ireland. I will endeavour to get round all the clubs and try and encourage fellowship but it's hard when there is no return.

Phillip Ellis  
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## **REGION 4 – DAI BRYSON**

### **1. Club Visits**

I have managed to visit three clubs in this period, Whitley Bay, Ponteland and Heaton. The last one was the most important as the club was in danger of disaffiliating. Malcolm came along as well and after an interesting conversation we were able to assure the club and alleviate their fears. The meeting finished very well with Malcolm inducting in a new member.

### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

None at the moment. but we have just had our cluster which was a good night with a speaker from the Ocean Youth Trust. It was attended by ex tablers from 14+ clubs. Thank you to Malcolm for his attendance. Thank you to East Durham and especially Bert, for their work in organising the event.

Lastly A very big thanks to Hartlepool for taking on next years cluster.

### **3. Community Service in your Region?**

A number of clubs, do take this on to a degree, in particular East Durham and Hexham who do fund raise but this tends to be in support of their Round Tables.

### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

Following last meeting when I asked for a hold on Ryton's disaffiliation I have had a word with a member who is not happy with the situation but says there is little hope of this not happening.

### **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

Thank you to all on council for three years of excellent fellowship. Linda and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time on council weekends. However you cannot get rid of us so easily and I am sure we will pop up from time to time.

**Dai Bryson**

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## **REGION 5 – ANDREW MACKERETH**

### **1. Club Visits**

My only visit since Rednal has been Lytham's 70 anniversary , which was hosted at Royal Lytham Golf Club. Malcolm was guest speaker and made a very good speech to the 100 guests. It was also attended by Lawrence , Andy and Ray.

### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

Red Rose Dinner ,7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Longlands Hotel. Carnforth. Just off the M6

### **3. Community Service in your Region?**

Very little apart from helping local Round Tables



#### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

Poulton Progress are applying to become members of the Association.

#### **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

I would like to welcome my successor and I hope he enjoys it as much as I have done. I have been just made Chairman of Lancaster 41 Club again and will be working hard to pull it around.

**Andrew Mackereth**

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### **REGION 6 – ANDREW BELLAMY**

**No report submitted**

**Andrew Bellamy**

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### **REGION 7 – MIKE GARNER**

#### **1. Club Visits**

I have visited 12 Clubs in the region since my last report. I have attended numerous dinner/speaker meetings together with a wine tasting with Poynton/Cand G.

#### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

Macclesfield Beer Festival 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011

#### **3. Community Service in your Region?**

Cheadle and Gatley 412 Club in conjunction with their Table have re-started the Bonfire and Fireworks Display after a two year gap...due to H and S problems

#### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

Have now “signed up” a new 41 Club in Macclesfield with a further Club starting in New Mills Marple in a couple of months. A great deal of work and meetings have taken place to make this happen , but the enthusiasm of the “members” has made it a lot easier for me.

The common factor in both is that by virtue of the age gap people leaving Table were not joining their 41 Clubs. Both groups have been meeting regularly for a couple of years but assumed they would have to outside the banner of 41 Club....a simple change was instituted and will now have 42 new paying members !!!

#### **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

None

**Mike Garner**

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## **REGION 8 - STEVE LEONARD**

### **1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region**

All 3 of Rushen, IOM and Prospect ex-Tablers AGMs are in next few weeks

### **2. Membership Initiatives**

Discussed at both local and Merseyside club level. Little appetite for expansion, even for letting in ex-Tablers not from their catchment club, even when it has closed

### **3. CAS – Is your Region up to date? (there are 150 clubs with no updates in 2010)**

We have undertaken amendments per Secs latest bounceback initiative. CAS is monitored, will liaise with new Councillor Dave Yardley at handover

### **4. Progress in contacting retiring Tablers from list given in October**

No results to report

### **5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?**

I have not heard from Cleggy (St Helens) for some time. This club must be considered at risk

### **6. Any other matters to be raised?**

This is my final Council Report, after my 11<sup>th</sup> year on Council.

I have met a surprisingly broad mix of people, surprisingly few have been egotistical. Most have been nice people, but it is fatal for any of us to see things only through our own eyes, for the members out there, and there are very many really good ones, tend to see things their own way. We on Council cannot assume anything. Membership generally supportive of last year's decision to steer away from open membership.

I have seen control of 'the Council' slip away from 'Councillors' to come under the greater control of the Executive, like a Plc. I feel this should be reversed and the old status quo resumed. Councillors out there in the field deserve Executive support.

Our clubs out there are often merely a 'home for old Tablers' and if that's what the membership want then so be it, let's not use the term 'dining club' in the derogatory manner often heard recently.

However we are feeling confident enough to move the capitations above the break-point of £10.00 – I hope the initiatives in hand will merit that brave move and not mark a backward turning point in our club's fortunes.

The decision to move towards community service has received a cool response from the clubs I have mentioned it to.

Finally, and while I have always welcomed the initiatives of recent Presidents for a charitable effort, we must remember that not all members see this as a priority or indeed their raison d'être.

I feel most privileged to have served on Council for 2 different Regions and thank all Councillors past and present for their comradeship.

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## **REGION 9 – ALAN PATTINSON**

### **1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:**

Scunthorpe  
Woodhall Spa  
Boston

### **2. Clubs identified in the Region for the 'Phoenix Project'.**

Initiated discussions with Woodhall Spa and District RT about the idea of a Phoenix club, no response since.

### **3. Confirmation that CAS records for all clubs in the Region are up to date:**

No rejects from latest all club email

### **4. Forthcoming Events in the Region:**

Boston 55<sup>th</sup> Charter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 National president confirmed

### **5. Progress on outstanding Capitation**

Up to date

### **7. Any other matters to be raised:**

No replacement found for National Councillor for Region 9.  
Still working on one or two potential candidates identified.

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## **REGION 10 – PETER GOOD**

No report submitted

**Peter Good**

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## **REGION 11 – RAY HILL**

### **1. Club Visits**

Runcorn 41 Club was visited in February with President Malcolm. Most members had never met a national officer before and were very impressed by the National President visiting their meeting.

Lytham St Annes – out of my region but helped them celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> charter.

### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

April 20<sup>th</sup> Stafford 41 Club 50<sup>th</sup> Charter. President Vaughan speaking.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Region 11 Golf Day at Crewe Golf Club. President Vaughan will be a guest.



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### 3. Community Service in your Region?

Few clubs do active community service. A few do have fund-raising events and others support Table, but many have no interest.

### 4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs

None in the foreseeable future.

### 5. Any Other Matters to be raised

None.

**Ray Hill**

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## REGION 12 – LAWRENCE BAMBER

### 1. Club Visits:

Rhyl x 3; Llandrindod; Welshpool; Newtown; Oswestry; Llanfyllin; Montgomery

### 2. Regional Events:

Feb 25<sup>th</sup>., Region 12 St. David's Day Annual Dinner organised by Rhyl & District was unfortunately cancelled, as only 27 from 4 Clubs had booked in! Despite emails and Newsletter adverts, at least 3 Clubs said "we know Nothing about it" after receiving an old fashioned letter from the Rhyl Hon. Sec.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>., Mid Wales Cluster Dinner organised by Welshpool went ahead with over 60 present.

Next Year's event is to be organised by Llandrindod, probably in the Newtown area. Date likely to be either March 7<sup>th</sup>. or Feb 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Community Service

Some Clubs do something; donating small amounts to local charities out of Club Funds/ Fine sessions/ etc.

Rhyl always has a Club President's Charity to which an annual donation is made. This year the North Wales Air Ambulance will benefit. Since 2005, over £8100 has been donated, with coverage in the local press.

I circulated Region 12 Clubs asking what they had donated since 2005, and whether or not it was "New Money".

The majority was from Club funds, and to date over £ 11,000 has been donated.

I feel that we should ask all UK Clubs on a regional basis what exactly they do re Charity; how much they donate each year; and whether or not it is new money. I am sure that we will be pleasantly surprised with the results, especially following the indications gained via the Membership survey.



#### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

Possible new Club in Abergele.

No indications of Disaffiliation.

#### **5. Any other Matters**

Yet again, at least 3 Clubs claim No Knowledge of the Regional Dinner, in spite of 3 or 4 rounds of Emails and 2 Newsletter adverts. The only way Rhy! Hon. Sec got to know was after sending out an 11<sup>th</sup> hour letter asking why they had not booked in!

Hence I have contacted – yet again – all Clubs re their email contacts. To date 10 out of 22 have Responded positively. If this is replicated Nationwide, it means that we are getting through to less than 50% of the membership by means other than the Magazine!

For those not on CAS, or reluctant to update, the only way to get through to these Clubs seems to be – from Region 12 experience – to be a one off snail mail letter after the AGM season has died down.

**Lawrence Bamber**

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### **REGION 13 – DUNCAN KENNEDY**

#### **1. Club Visits**

I have recently attended Newport 41 Club's cluster night well supported by clubs from Abergavenny, Barry, Blackwood, Cardiff, Chepstow, Cwmbran, Newport and Risca. President Malcolm duly warmed up the audience for Rick O'Shea to provide added humour.

A good night was had by all topped off by the proceeds of the raffle and auction (run by me!!!) going to OYT.

#### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

None before the AGM. There are 2 Club charter's on the horizon – Penarth on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Llantwit Major 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and Caerphilly some time if they can agree a date.

#### **3. Community Service in your Region?**

No-one is particularly interested in this at the moment.

#### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

All quiet down here and quite static.

#### **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

I am continuing to push Clubs to provide email addresses for all members. There are some members of some Clubs who do not and steadfastly refuse to have anything to do with emails. We are not going to change this attitude but over time the position should sort itself out with input from all Councillors.

I know this is being dealt with but I would just flag up that I am continuing to get requests for a smaller dress badge.

**Duncan Kennedy** [region13@41club.org](mailto:region13@41club.org)



## **REGION 14 – TERRY WELLS**

### **Club Visits**

3 41 Clubs, 1 Round Table

### **Membership Initiatives**

It is pleasing that Rugely Quarante-et-Un has been reformed, and will shortly receive its new charter from National President Malcolm.

There has been favourable comment regarding the proposed National Community Service Initiative, and this may well prove to be significant when retiring tablers are contemplating membership of 41.

The general feedback on the recruiting rule (ex tablers only), is that the rule is little short of crackers.

### **CAS**

Nothing to report

### **Clubs at Risk**

To the best of my knowledge, no Clubs imminently at risk.

### **Other Matters**

I mentioned in my last report that Lions claim to be the fastest growing service organisation in the UK, and probably world wide. I will be researching this issue further

### **Terry Wells**

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## **REGION 15 – BARRY DURMAN**

### **2. Club Visits**

Since the last National Council Meeting I have been pretty active again. Visits have been made to Kings Norton, Market Harborough, Leamington Spa, Sutton Coldfield, Moseley, Stratford on Avon, Atherstone, Lutterworth, Shirley, City of Birmingham, Smethwick, Handsworth and Solihull. Each meeting I have sold some stock and Hugh seems to have struggled to keep my box full. I have also donated £100 to the funds from the sales of ad hoc items.

Of the 12 clubs, I had considered 3 to be “at risk”. Having visited I realise that actually none of them are really at risk. They continue to meet, have their own activities and be proud to be a part of the Association. My visits just served to show the face of National and keep them in the loop.

City of Birmingham – average age about 78, oldest 95, meet at lunchtimes at a golf club. It was lovely to see them for only the second time in 5 years. Without my prompting they discussed how to get the newsletter to those without email. Amazingly their membership list was up to date with most having email addresses. Luckily their club contact is one of the



younger computer literate ones. They were keen to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Charter and asked me to invite Vaughan and Jill for Sunday lunch in October. Brilliant.

Handsworth are now very low in numbers, about 10, but continue to meet and have the odd social function. They have lost 2 members who died recently.

I have to say that I am really struggling to get going with the membership initiatives. Quite a few clubs have inducted the odd new member/transferee, those without Tables cannot raise the enthusiasm to start a new Table, even those with failing Tables seem to find it difficult to get them new members. Not good news on this front Jim.

### **3. Forthcoming Regional Events**

Regional Golf on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Tamworth

No sign of anyone to replace me as yet so I might have to organise the Regional Forum again.

### **4. Community Service in your Region?**

Almost all the clubs I visited do some activity or other. Some such as Moseley and Shirley support their Tables, others run raffles for the National President's Charity and lots support some sort of local good causes. I heard no complaints about the forthcoming CSWO post.

### **5. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

New                    4 Steps behind - Partners of current Tangent Executive, but this is just duplication of current members

Disaffiliating    They better not!

Paid                    one of 4 Regions on 55% paid without a single chase so far !!

### **6. Any Other Matters to be raised**

Not that I can think of – see you all at the sold out Ipswich conference!!

**Barry Durman**

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## **REGION 16 – NIGEL DAVIES**

### **1. Club Visits**

None made since January. Most of my Clubs have been spoken to relating to the various items coming from the National Executive. I have also been involved with the organisation of the National Conference Golf Competition including visits to Ipswich. This was unexpected but has arisen because of health issues with the organiser who I am pleased to say is almost fully recovered.



## 2. Forthcoming Regional Events

Eastern Region Golf Day on 19th July 2011. I am involved in organising this and all Clubs in this, and adjoining region, have been notified of the event.

## 3. Community Service in your Region?

None other than fundraising initiatives relating to the Presidents Charity and other appeals

## 4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs

None

## 5. Any Other Matters to be raised

None

**Nigel Davies**

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## REGION 17 – MARK RAMSAY

### Received by e-mail:

Martin , my report will be full of nothing but conference meetings since Birmingham , i have talked to Shaun my successor and he will start calls straight after conference handover , i have talked to numerous clubs by phone to clarify all subs are paid as per the list and believe Region 17 is now in a better shape than when i inherited it . Do i let Shaun have my product case or does it get turned in and re-issued ? Please let me know,

Thanks,

Ps. My most important meeting was Greene King last Friday when i went to pick up the beer and check the bar layout for conference !!

**Mark Ramsay**

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## REGION 18 – NIGEL CAYNE

Gentlemen, my last report. I would have loved to go on as custodian of Region 18 and to belong to National Council but, when the National Executive says go, I suppose one has to go!

My fervent wish is that the Association can go on to regain its strength and more than recover but, I am more and more of the opinion that that is wishful thinking. Times move on, people's aspirations and circumstances change and society becomes more and more insular. Beyond a few more glittering AGM's, unless we face up to what the members actually want, we can have no other expectations than to prepare for our slow decline (trite expressions about light switches and the like could follow).

At least Region 18 is left as one of the strongest (not just down to me but a long history of very good councillors). Gerry Woodruff has done more than his bit to promote fellowship and



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as we all know has nurtured the Eastern Region Charity Golf Day to become the biggest regional sporting event in Association history. Gerry as most of you will know is relinquishing this role due to a health scare and so, you should make the most of coming to this year's event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Otherwise, I shall watch to see how dynamic my successor can be.

To all of you, thank you, good luck, good fellowship and I hope I shall see you all again some point.

**Nigel Cayne**

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## **REGION 19 – ROBERT BROWNING**

### **7. Club Visits**

9 Feb - Pinner 41 Club

18 Feb - My own clubs Ladies Night cancelled through lack of interest. First time ever!

26 Feb – Bushey & Oxhey RT 50<sup>th</sup> Charter (and their last apparently). Cancelled my visit through illness.

25 Mar – Berkhamsted RT 60<sup>th</sup> Charter (their last) – Also cancelled due to illness

11 Apr – Baldock 41 Club

16 Jun – Beaconsfield 41 Club

### **8. Forthcoming Regional Events**

12 Apr – Stevenage Cluster meeting (Knebworth Golf Club)

19 Jul - Eastern Region Golf Day

### **9. Community Service in your Region?**

I am not aware of any hands-on community service projects but then I have not sought this information from clubs. I will endeavour to get some idea from a round robin letter to clubs.

### **10. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

None

### **11. Any Other Matters to be raised**

None

**Robert Browning**

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## REGION 20 – FRANK VENABLES

### 1. Club Visits

January 31<sup>st</sup>: Visit to Bicester 41 Club. A very sociable evening with some 20-odd members, for an evening with TV auctioneers. I described the National Council's deliberations since the National AGM, and read out the 'Purposes & Objects', handing a version on card to the Chairman. To my surprise (and delight) he planned to take it to his printer friend to produce one for each member. April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Club's Charter, but they regard 35 as not round enough a number and plan to join Bicester Round Table's celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary later in February. The Chairman confided that **he** can foresee a time when the 'Chain of Age' will snap and a second 41 Club will form. I asked to be kept informed.

February 15<sup>th</sup>: Visit to Wantage 41 Club. A sociable evening, with some 20-odd members, for a talk on the experiences of a local special constable. I described the National Council's deliberations since the National AGM, and read out the 'Purposes & Objects', leaving a card copy with the Chairman.

Requests to visit Newbury and Sandhurst & Yateley have so far been ignored. As have requests to update their CAS entries

### 2. Forthcoming Regional Events

June 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 will be the 45<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary of Windsor & Eton 41 Club. They have elected to hold off for their 50<sup>th</sup>, but to celebrate Windsor & Eton Round Table's 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary which also falls this year.

Bourne End & Flackwell Heath 41 Club (as holders of the Trophy) will host the 2011 Area 20 Golf Day at Temple Golf Club, near Maidenhead, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The Regional Dinner is being organised by a new committee; the date, venue, etc, are expected soon.

### 3. Community Service in your Region?

Lacking an extensive survey, I am reporting impressions gained from my own clubs and from limited discussions elsewhere in the region. There are a number of clubs, perhaps one in five, who hold regular significant fund-raising community service actions (Fireworks, etc). These dispense the profits among deserving local causes (sometimes, the 'small print' in the publicity for such events speaks of "Benefiting local charities").

On the subject of 'Boxes for Japan', such clubs may well have the funds available to pay for a box immediately, but can this be squared with 'local charity'?

Some, maybe most, of the other clubs have one or more small actions, either helping a weak Table, or carrying on what a now defunct Table used to do.

### 4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, I received from Jim Smith a disappointing message from a Past Chairman of Hungerford 41 Club, announcing its intention to disaffiliate! I agreed to investigate, and contacted the Past Chairman, Peter, and the last joiner from Round Table, Keith. They both agreed to meet me to discuss alternatives. This happened at a neutral venue on March 14<sup>th</sup> when it emerged that there is a body of retired Tablers who socialise with and support the Round Table. I explained that there are real benefits from being an associated 41 Club, and that these Ex-Tablers could become members of what would be a revived Hungerford Club.



As a result, Keith, who retained strong links with Table, would canvas support from Ex-Tablers to join the 41 Club "in some form". That would happen by the first week in April. Peter agreed that disaffiliation could be withdrawn if that were successful. Some of the existing members might wish to remain (apparently, the disaffiliation vote was not unanimous). I promised to forward more information on membership benefits, etc. After several email exchanges, on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Keith forwarded an email stating that:  
*It was decided to keep the "official" Hungerford 41 club in existence for at least one year.*  
Six members' names were listed, with Keith as Club Contact. When I obtain their details from Keith, I will update the CAS. I understand that the disaffiliation request can be binned.

## 5. Any Other Matters to be raised

I have made a start on meeting the Secretary's request to update inaccessible email addresses for Club Officers in the Region. I hope to have made significant progress by the Council Meeting.

From the limited contacts made since the Secretary's email of March 18<sup>th</sup>, it seems that support for 'Boxes for Japan' on the scale requested is not unanimous. 'Counter-arguments' included:

Third biggest world economy and First World country  
Contribution demanded is too great for non-local cause  
You cannot specify the destination for your box, so you end up funding Rotary.

As I said, a limited survey; no one questioned the humanitarian need.

I don't think I have made a very good start to this National Councillor thing, but I have learnt and will do better.

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## REGION 21 – RAY JONES

### Club Visits

Recent contact with clubs as follows.

Feb 2nd 2011 Visit to Wotton-u-Edge (speaker meeting) Active club with good links with Table.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011 A Table Area meeting in Cheltenham. Good links made with the 15 Table Vice-Chairmen present.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 Visit to Cleeve Hill (speaker meeting with wives/partners). No feeder Table but strong club. See details of charity event below.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2011 Regional Dinner organised by Gloucester 41 Club. 12 Clubs from Region represented plus Table Area V-C.

8<sup>TH</sup> Mar 2011 Visit to Downend (speaker meeting) 35 members present. Very active and vibrant club.

26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2011 Official starter for Cleeve Hill Swimarathon an all day charity event.



### **Forthcoming Regional Events**

Regional Golf competition Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Cumberwell Park Golf Club.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Cirencester Table and 41 Clubs 60<sup>th</sup> Charter and Handover.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Round Table Area 23 (Severnvale) 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary, Gloucester.

### **Community Service in your Region?**

6 clubs have responded to my request for information.

Cleeve Hill have organised a Swimathon for the past **32 YEARS** and during that period have raised a total of **£375,000**. This year's event on 26<sup>th</sup> March raised £13,353 and involved some 500 swimmers from 35 local organisations.

North Cotswold gave £500 to a local Emergency Bikers club (Blood delivery etc).

Gloucester and Cheltenham and Trowbridge all assist their local Tables with mammoth bonfire and Fireworks displays.

Malvern Hills ran a fete to raise £800 for OYT and Help for Heroes.

### **New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

No proposed new clubs. I am not aware of any disaffiliating clubs but to date only 55% of clubs have paid capitation and 16 clubs have yet to pay.

### **Any Other Matters to be raised**

None

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## **REGION 22 – MARK FAIRCHILD**

### **Club Visits**

The Regional Quiz was hosted by Okehampton 41 Club in early February and had a record turnout of over 50 representing Plymouth, Ottery St Mary, Kingsbridge, Exeter, Liskeard & Looe (2 teams), Launceston and Exmouth, plus guest appearances from Shaftesbury & Gillingham and a Region 23 team. Launceston and Okehampton Table also sent along teams to compete for the trophy. After an initial surge into the lead by Exmouth and S&G, the alcohol and joker selection began to tell, with Plymouth taking top place comfortably in the end from Exeter in second place. Malcolm Lockey attended and was presented with the proceeds from the raffle, topped up by Okehampton 41 Club to £200 towards the OYT.

### **Forthcoming Regional Events**

The Region 22 golf Competition will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Crediton Golf Club. Full details can be obtained from Jim Enright ([jim.enright@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.enright@btinternet.com)) or myself.

### **Community Service in your Region?**

There are no active community service projects in the Region that I am aware of, other than the normal support for Round Table activities (mainly Fireworks and Christmas Float)



### **New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

No clubs are intending to disaffiliate this year as far as I know. We are hoping to re-affiliate Bideford 41 Club later this year.

### **Any Other Matters to be raised**

As Chairman of Exeter 41 Club this year I set myself a target of raising at least £100 for OYT by providing the catering at a couple of 41 Club / Exeter Round Table meetings. This proved extraordinarily easy, as I probably would have ended up doing the catering anyway! So, thanks to the BBQ at the Table / 41 club cricket match (£60), 41 Club wine tasting (£30), Table poker night (£30) and a bit of bargain hunting at Lidl's I've managed to raise £120 for OYT with very little extra effort. Why not give it a go next year to support Vaughan's charity ?

Badge sales and tin rattling around the region has raised another £60 for OYT.

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## **REGION 23 – STEVE BOLTER**

### **1. Club Visits**

Over the last few months, I have visited Wellington, Ringwood and Wareham Clubs as well as our famous Dorset Knobs evening in Sandbanks.

### **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

I have booked in to attend various Ladies Nights and AGMs in the Region

### **3. Community Service in your Region?**

Nothing to report

### **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

Nothing to report

### **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

Sadly this is my last Report after 5 years as a National Councillor. I have really enjoyed my time on National Council and as someone much more famous said, "I will be back"! Before Conference I will be getting together with the new Region 23 Councillor, David, to give him a bit of a handover and wish him as much enjoyment in the role as I have had.

**Steve Bolter**

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## REGION 24 – MANNY MARTINS

### 1. Club Visits

Following a highly productive National Council weekend at Rednal I felt renewed energy for the task of maintaining a strong communication link with the clubs in my region and looking at long term sustainability.

The Region consists of **45 clubs** with a total membership of **961 members**. The region stretches from **Wimbledon** in the North to **Brighton** in the South and from **Aldershot** in the West to **Rye and Romney Marsh** in the East. There are 3 clubs with only 4 members at the other extreme I have one club - Farnham with 50 members and 3 others with 43, 46 and 49 members respectively.

**8 February 2011.** I took to the backstreets of suburbia to a Masonic Hall in South London where **Norwood 41 Club** meet. I was warmly received by the club and pleasantly surprised to see our National Treasurer sat amongst them as a bono fido long time member. Chairman Peter (Runacres) led a lively discourse on table and 41 both past and present. The meal was superb, as was explained by Chris Nelson the club contact, it was due to the catering arrangements for larger group meetings within the building, and we were included in total numbers and eating the same meal for half the price. I was further surprised to find that the club contact was the uncle of the Meetings Secretary for my club, 'Kingston'. I spoke about the current situation and the work being conducted by both National and other clubs. On close of meeting I was shovelled into a seat in the bar and filled with copious amounts of non alcoholic drink which I resisted very weakly.

**9 February 2011.** I enjoyed a thoroughly enjoyable evening at **Kingston 41 Club** my home base with an outstanding talk by Howard Nichols, a fascinating story of endurance and survival by one of the Titanic crew members and survivor. We learnt how Titanic crew survivors on returning to England from America were shunned in their home base, Southampton, because it was expected they should have died with their shipmates, not survived when passengers did not. They had to find work in other shipping lines operating from other ports. The story was involved, interesting and well presented by Howard. Chairman Graham Osborne dealt with a number of business items while I ribbed John Ballard on meeting his uncle the previous night.

**18 February 2011.** I attended **Hamble Valley Stick Club** Ladies Night (out of Region) another club I pay capitation to and was royally entertained to a superb meal and after dinner entertainment. Chairman David Moss and his wife Fiona set a superb table and arranged table seating so that 41ers and guests were mixed equally and each table had a table captain. I was joined by (Captain) Jack Maunders from Kingston 41, a potential Deputy National Councillor learning the ropes. The entertainment was a stage hypnotist and it was hilarious to see fellow 41 ers playing non existent musical instruments and taking part in steeple chasing without horses.

**25 February 2011.** I was privileged to attend **Sutton and Cheam** Round Tables Reunion Dinner. This event celebrates the events and achievements of two Round Tables that had played a large part in the Local Community for many years but were now sadly closed. There was regalia on display spanning many years and events including the two Chairman's Chain of Office, news articles, magazines, gavels and much more. The two 41 clubs had visitors from 6 other 41 clubs. There were 26 existing 41ers to both clubs, 30 Ex-Tablers and three visiting guests. On this occasion Will Stevens from my club Kingston joined me for a fun packed evening. Gerry Booth did a sterling job as greeter and regalia presentation (though there were 6 in the Reunion Dinner Committee – one of which Nick Kendall sadly passed away in January 2011.both Reigate and Hastings). Sutton 41 Club Chairman Nigel Elsley in Partnership with Cheam 41 Club Chairman Jeff Jones did their best to herd this crowd of cats through a wonderful evening. Vice President Vaughan Harris had his pedigree



read out and I almost fell asleep, mine was MUCH shorter. Vaughan proposed the toast to the past members of these two great clubs which did much to raise the esteem of the clubs and also promote the future vision of 41 Club. Nigel Elsley gave the response and was equally stimulating. BUT THEN Colin Dunn and Fintan O'Toole proposed and responded to the toast 'The best Tables ever to be Chartered'. What a talk!, how hilarious and gut busting were the potted history excerpts especially about overnight moving a bus shelter outside a fellow Tabler's house so in the morning there was a queue down his drive and he could not leave his house. What a night. Thanks for the hospitality.

**28 February 2011.** I took my Tesco discount voucher to the filling station and topped up the motor for a short 70 (140 return) mile hop to Hastings and joined **Bexhill 41 Club AND Bexhill Round Table** at a Speaker Meeting hosted by Toyota Dealership (more later). Club contact Ray Barry had made all the arrangements. The venue had been offered by club member Ian Wakeford who was the MD of the Toyota Dealership. Chairman Peter Winchester started the evening off with an Indian cuisine buffet served by the staff from a near by restaurant. Wine and soft drinks flowed like water. I was surprised to then find out that the speaker was Ian Wakeford himself a (once) famous Formula 1 driver. Absolutely fabulous talk about how and why it costs £1 Billion a year to deliver and maintain two racing cars for just 12 months. I learnt that on a certain circuit whilst taking a bend the head and neck of the driver went through 5G's, the head weighing the equivalent of a 5 litres container of oil. Frightening. After the meeting I spend some half an hour talking to Bexhill Round Table number 188 led by RT Chairman Mark Lands, and his Tablers'. We talked about working together to market Round Table, run a recruitment drive and liaise with Bexhill 41 forming a closer relationship (there is one already), and build up their club. We agreed to work through the Area Executive on a way forward. Ian Robinson of Bexhill 41 has agreed to work as the Club liaison on this and I picked up another potential Deputy National Councillor in Nish Sushak, so watch this space for his input in the future. A highly satisfactory evening.

**4 March 2011.** I joined **Hamble Valley Stick Club** in attending the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for Region 23 affectionately known as the Dorset Knobs (out of Region). There were 147 in attendance representing **17 41 Clubs AND Christchurch Round Table**. The event was held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Sandbanks, a most salubrious venue. I could be forgiven in believing that I was not at a well attended National Council Meeting on seeing a large number of the National Executive led by President Malcolm, National Secretary Martin Green, National Conference Officer Dick Stanley, International Officer Andy Waite and a host of others. Steve Bolter (Region 23 National Councillor) and I exchanged many pleasantries and ideas for future events. The speaker was due to be Lawrie McMenemy but unfortunately his mother-in-law had had a heart attack and he was obligated to attend her in hospital. Luckily the MC for the evening had been the irrepressible Denis Bundy who entertained us to a complete review of his public speaking 'characters'. Brilliant as was of course President Malcolm. Bob Eveleigh, Chairman of Christchurch 41 Club did a magnificent job of keeping order and Malcolm Plant equally brilliant organisation.

**15 March 2011.** On attending Caterham 41 Club's Charter Night before Christmas their Gavel fell into my pocket and I was invited to return it at their AGM where it was required to undertake some really heavy work. On this trip to the Surrey National Golf Club was my trusty side kick Captain Jack Maunders. Club contact Malcolm Price was delighted to see us (or was it the Gavel?). Chairman Tony Webb really needed the gavel as following a most pleasant dinner we went straight into the AGM. The minutes read like a comedy script for some sit-com, well written and entertaining. Jack and I were asked to become scrutineers and vote counters for the secret ballots. We made a small fortune in back handers or was it drinks? No matter what we tried Keith Harris was elected Chairman, following a harrowing double count his brother Trevor Harris became Vice Chairman. Nepotism, now they were in for it. Vigorously fought battles followed until all posts were filled. What a great evening of fellowship. We left with Chairman Keith's vision of fun and joy for the year, including fundraising for National Campaigns still ringing from the ceiling. Thanks for the pleasure.



**28 March 2011.** I was set to visit **Camberley 41 Club** but due to other commitments the club did not meet.

**30 March 2011.** I awaited a call from the club contact of to confirm my attendance at **Chertsey and Addlestone 41 Club** but unfortunately I was informed that due to illness and other commitments this meeting was cancelled.

**1 April 2011.** I knew it was April Fool's Day and had wanted to visit **Oxted 41 Club** but was instead invited to a speaker meeting on the 17 May 2011.

The Clubs in the Region I have visited to date are well and lively, I look forward to the next programme of visits.

## **2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

**Chertsey & Addlestone 41 Club will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Charter this year.** I spoke to the club contact and he said he would bring it to the attention of the club Chairman at the next meeting. This club only has 4 members at present, so I offered my assistance if required in organising the event.

19 April 2011. Burgess Hill, Hassocks and District 41 Club is celebrating St. George's Night. Come and join us. In the first instance contact me.

### **Friday 22nd April 2011 – Anglo French Day.**

David Campbell my brother National Councillor (Region 25) has extended an invitation to Region 24 to join him on a fun day to France (and back) as below. This is primarily a joint 41 Club meeting between Region 1 France and Region 25 U K. Meeting at Dover ferry port at 15.30 pm, we will travel across to Calais on the P & O ferry where our French friends will join us for the return trip. (Arrive back in Dover at 8 pm)

### **September/October 2011**

It is hoped to organise a Regional Dinner in the South East Quadrant of Region 24.

## **3. Community Service in your Region?**

At this moment in time nothing to report though there is much going on but reporting available yet.

## **4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

There are no new Clubs (as yet).  
To my knowledge there have been no disaffiliations.

## **5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

One of my Clubs has complained of the complexity of the Proxy Voting system.

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## **REGION 25 – DAVE CAMPBELL**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we inducted a German 41 Club member into Westerham & District 41 Club. Jens Dambietz from Kempten in Bavaria asked to join the British club and was welcomed in the traditional manner.

I have arranged a joint meeting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April between Region 25 Clubs UK and Region 1 clubs France. We will be holding the meeting on board the P & O cross channel ferry between Dover and Calais. A great deal of interest has already been shown and if successful we hope to make this an annual event.

Since this will be my last report as National Councillor for Region 25 ~ I thought it would be good to look back over the last 5 years and summarise the activities that have taken place.

Five successful regional Golf competitions have been organised. Each year the National President has attended and a large amount of money has been donated to various charities. Two new clubs have been started and it is worth noting that both of these have been in places where an existing club already exists, the new members wanting a younger club akin to their old Round Table . Several cluster meetings have been organised and these have all had good representation from the National Exec. I have lost count of the number of miles travelled and clubs visited; I have always received a warm welcome whenever I visited a club and enjoyed the fellowship. The reorganisation of the regions has been an overwhelming success making it far easier to manage the region and get out to more clubs. Many clubs have organised fund raising events and thousands of pounds have been donated to charity.

I have worked hard on the CAS system and personally entered many members' details onto our computer records. Regarding capitation, after some chasing, I have managed to achieve a satisfying 100% return every year. Sales have been generally good but some criticism has been received regarding the quality and variety of stock.

I feel that I am leaving the region in good running order with some changes and improvements - all for the better. I wish my successor all the very best for his term of office and will be conducting a full handover to him along with all the necessary paperwork, templates and records.

**Dave Campbell**

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NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT  
APRIL 2011 MEETING

REQUIRED BY: SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2011

FROM: Peter Good

REGION: 10

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REPORT:

**1. Club Visits**

**6**

**2. Forthcoming Regional Events**

**14<sup>th</sup> Oct Leicestershire Cluster Organized by myself**

**3. Community Service in your Region?**

**Working on it.**

**4. New or Disaffiliating Clubs**

**Not as i know of**

**5. Any Other Matters to be raised**

**Having problems contacting Mansfield Phoenix**

**Sorry for being late out every night last week at Table and 41 events!**

