

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MALCOLM LOCKEY

I have been impressed by the 'spirit' and strong sense of fellowship and belonging [to their individual clubs] that I've found as I've attended functions throughout the country. At the same time I am extremely concerned at the parochial attitude on the part of many members and clubs who appear to know little of regional or national initiatives even though they may receive the LINKS magazine. The monthly newsletter is still not being circulated as widely as we want.

How to address these problems I'm not sure but the National Councillor is a key player in this and we must do all that we can to recruit, train and support our team of Councillors. We must also use every resource available to us to communicate with the membership at large. Communication at every level remains a priority for us. Detailed reports from National Councillors are vital to our immediate and strategic planning needs and I would ask Councillors to make every effort to keep us up-to-date with what is happening in their Regions. I would also ask Councillors to make us aware of EVERYTHING that is positive and to encourage clubs to make use of our PR team. Too much is going unreported and too little is being celebrated.

We have now finalised arrangements for a new Admin' contract with Round Table which began on the 1st January 2011 and will run for 3 years. The full office team at Marchesi House – not just one individual - will be available to support us and they will be under the direction of the office manager. The contract is for 16 hours per week. Tasks and requirements will be closely monitored and regular review meetings throughout the year have been built into the contract. We shall have to pay for additional hours but we anticipate that an average over the year of 16 hours per week should be sufficient for our needs.

In addition to admin' services, the agreement also includes an option to base our archives at Marchesi House [at additional cost]; out of hours access to Marchesi House for meetings; access to RTBI's IT infrastructure should we require it; the opportunity to erect the 41 Club logo outside of the building alongside that of Table and to display a list of 41 Club Past Presidents within the building. There is also an opportunity to meet and work with RTBI's new CEO [I have invited her to address our AGM]. We have also left the door open for future sales links should we wish to do so. The Round Table President and his Board have expressed a strong desire for our two Associations to work closely together in a spirit of partnership and this is to be welcomed. For the moment, our future is inextricably linked with that of Round Table.

A highly constructive meeting was held in Toulouse with members of the French National Board during the period 18th/19th January. This is now an annual event and is proving to be important in terms of informing our own work and the work of 41 Club International. We might usefully give consideration to holding similar meetings with the Germans and the Italians.

At the Toulouse meeting we were able to look at ways in which we might begin to modify membership requirements of 41 International, voting issues, enhance working processes in

order to speed up the business of the International Board and give a 'sense of purpose' to 41 International. We were also able to give further thought to our own resolution to the International AGM in June - that member Associations [and clubs] of 41 Club international seek to work together to provide humanitarian aid to those stricken by natural disaster. Thinking at the moment seems to indicate that the best option would be to buy into the 'shelter box' system that is so well used by Rotary.

It was also interesting to discover that the 'welfare scheme' operated over several years by Club 41 France, includes donations from Round Table and Ladies Circle and that any member of the 'RT Family' can access the funds.

We should have good representation from 41 International at Ipswich and I would ask that we make our international guests welcome.

Presidential Charity. So far, fewer than 10% of our clubs have donated in one form or another, in excess of £20,000 which is remarkably generous. In addition we helped OYT Scotland to win £50,000 from the People's Millions by asking members throughout the country to vote for them. I have recently asked northern clubs [north of Birmingham] to sponsor 12 young people to sail the 'James Cook' from Ipswich back to Newcastle after conference at a cost of £500 per person. So far, the White Rose Dinner, Ponteland 41 Club and Gosforth Round Table have provided funds for 3 youngsters. OYT will be strongly represented at Ipswich and I would ask Councillors to do all that they can in these last few weeks to encourage their clubs to support the charity so that I can present them with a generous cheque at the Presidential Banquet. OYT regions are always willing to provide speakers for club meetings so please call on them.

Regional visits: At the time of writing I am pleased to say that I have managed to visit – [or have a visit planned] – every region in the country at least once during the course of this year. If you believe this not to be true, then please make sure that I receive an invitation to your Region before April.

I have been grateful for the warm welcome that I have mostly received wherever I have gone and for the very generous hospitality I have received, especially when members have welcomed me into the homes.

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NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT – VAUGHAN HARRIS

1) Forward Planning

A considerable amount of time has been put into the discussion items since the National Council meeting in Dublin and my thanks must again go to the members of this year's Forward Planning Committee for the hard work they have put in on our behalf.

As I stated in my recent letter, 23 Councillors replied and I thank you all for your contributions. All your contributions were distributed to the Forward Planning Committee for consideration and discussion and the outcomes will be discussed at the National Council Meeting in Rednal.



IT Strategy

Following on from the last Council meeting, Martin will update everybody on progress made and will hopefully be in a position to give some outline cost as well as an outline for a phased approach for implementing an IT Strategy for the Association.

Following on from the Councillors' replies, the issuing of a PC/Laptop/Blackberry (or similar device) to some members of the Executive was discussed and the position revised, with the recommendation that only the National President should be issued with a Blackberry (or similar device) at the Association's expense – hopefully we could get this sponsored. This would enable him to be contactable at any time by e-mail.

Other items that Martin has been asked to consider with the above relate to the security of any proposed system, integration with Social Networking sites, stability, efficiency, ease of use and the integration of individual 41 Club websites (with the provision of templates to use should a Club wish to use it).

Postal Voting

The majority of Councillors thought that postal voting would prove too cumbersome and complicated to implement. Despite this, it is on the agenda for the Council Meeting for any further discussion and formally voting on, the outcome of which will be either to propose it as a National Council recommendation or not to pursue it.

If it is the latter (as the issue was originally raised by an individual Club) it is the intention that Martin will prepare a presentation for the AGM of the process we went through so that Clubs will be aware the issue was fully discussed before a decision was taken.

Other items that Martin is putting on the agenda are:-

- a) A proposal that standing orders be amended to allow a National Councillor's Assistant/Deputy to vote at a Council Meeting should the Councillor not be able to attend.
- b) Discussion on amending the Rules to increase the number of proxy votes, which can be held by Clubs and/or National Councillors.
- c) Discussion on future electronic voting.

Community Service

Martin will detail in his report, the final resolution for approval at the AGM on the Agenda Paper.

Strengthening Links with Round Table

The majority of Councillors agreed that we should support initiatives to bring the two Associations together. They did, however, express their concerns on the "Club Grading Process" and Jim Smith has agreed to review this and clarify it more clearly.

Jim will also be looking at:-

- a) Key Performance Indicators on the success of the membership initiatives.
- b) Producing graphs showing past and future membership trends.
- c)



Association Structure

You will all have received my letter reporting that the Councillors' were not in favour of the proposed changes as discussed in Dublin. After considerable debate in the Forward Planning Committee, it was agreed to re-visit this project by involving the Councillors in the decision making process. As a result, you will all now have received the Paper from Richard Matthews on the Association Structure. Time has been set aside in the National Council Meeting for starting the discussion on this important item. At the moment there is no timetable for any decisions to be made, but I hope you will take the opportunity to actively contribute to any discussions within your Working Parties and any decisions that are made.

2)Round Table Family

The next meeting of the Round Table Family is 28th January at Marchesi House and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with the other Associations. If any Councillor has issues he wants raised, please do not hesitate to contact me.

3)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.

Finally, I would like to thank the National Executive and Council for their support and friendship over the last twelve months and 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

The arrival on Saturday 15th January of our first grandchild has certainly thrown the household into a state of great joy and excitement. Isabella and her mum Caroline are both doing great. Barbara of course is on cloud nine and cannot get her hands on the little bundle enough. Needless to say my mind has not been on 41 Club affairs so my apologies for the late report to Martin.

Dublin seems ages ago but we have been making some progress on the idea of a new structure with the establishment of 6 mini projects following the Forward Planning meeting. I want to thank you all for responding to the ideas I presented at Dublin. We discussed them at the forward Planning meeting which enabled us to consider a revised approach in which all of you should now have an opportunity to contribute in Birmingham.

I have to say I am concerned that some of you are misguided if you think the changes are about getting more power to the Exec. In fact I think that it is quite offensive. Seriously, no body joins the National Council to seek power. Hopefully we all join with the best of intentions to serve the organisation because of what it means to us.



We now face the largest threat to our organisation in 65years. If you do not recognise this and do not want to seek ways to revive the prospects of 41 Club then you should not be on the Council. If you cannot see that we have to change and do not want to contribute, then you should not be on the Council. Our job structure has been in place for most of our 65 years, period when we were a growing Association. The reverse is now true and we have to manage the decline. Jobs have to change and some jobs will have to go.

The first priority is Part One of my presentation to get the Exec positions in place and for those individuals to produce their own plans. Personally I think we should distribute an attitude survey to all clubs on the 4 Aims as a matter of priority in 2011.

I do not think cutting the Councillors is an option now. But we should establish milestones and trigger points as the membership declines. We should also consider how we can better manage individual Regions given the geographical and population differences.

Following Dublin I represented you all at the Remembrance Service at the 41 Club garden in the National Memorial Arboretum. This is something for us to develop and I want to thank Martin for all his hard work on what was a very moving occasion. I must also record my very heartfelt thanks to Lichfield for their support and the work they have done on our behalf.

In Shaftesbury work continues with the Round Table and arrangements are in hand to hold a Comedic evening to which prospective members will be invited. I have also drafted a media campaign to raise awareness of Round Table in the town.

Finally I would like to see as many of you as possible at Dorset Knobs in Poole in March details on the website. This will be great fellowship occasion.

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARTIN GREEN

The next 3 months are a very busy period for the National Secretary. The AGM, another Council Meeting and all the paperwork needed to be prepared to send out to the clubs etc for the AGM.

Much of the preparation has been done – but until the Council meeting is over it cannot be finalised.

Please help me by responding to any deadlines I might set for reports etc.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

I will update Council at the meeting as Nominations do not close until February 1st.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR THE AGM

At the time of writing there is only one – namely the addition of the Community Service & Welfare Officer to the Executive.

This was formally agreed at the Council Meeting in Dublin however there is a minor wording change that needs agreeing at Council.



IT STRATEGY

I presented a 'taster' to the Dublin Council Meeting on our status and need to move forward on IT. I sensed from the reaction of the Councillors that this was a 'no-brainer' Since that time I have produced with the help of Mike Gibbs at Technos a proposal and costings that I am presenting to the Executive at the January meeting. Depending on the outcome of that I will update the Council at the meeting.

POSTAL VOTING

I presented in Dublin the results of our deliberations on Postal Voting. The consensus seemed to be not to go forward with this. We do however have to make a formal decision on Postal Voting at this meeting as to whether it is going into this AGM or not.

PROXY VOTING

The Forward Planning Committee have asked me to look at changes to Proxy Voting as an alternative to Postal Voting – the intention being to allow more clubs to be represented in making decisions. I have several proposals for consideration – none of which I favour.

- No limit on proxys a voter can use
- Increase proxy allowed to 2
- Allow Councillors to carry proxys for all clubs in their Region

These will be discussed at the Executive and I will report to the meeting

COUNCILLORS DEPUTIES

I am proposing to ask National Council to approve the following additional rule within Standing Orders for National Council

6.3 (New)

In the event of a National Councillor being unable to attend a National Council Meeting, he may appoint a deputy to attend a Council Meeting on his behalf. That Deputy will be able to cast the vote for the Region on his behalf.

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NATIONAL TREASURER – MIKE TURNER

No report submitted

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER – JIM SMITH

Membership

There has been very little activity to report since the October Council meeting. We are ploughing on with the Mansfield Phoenix Club although it is slow going and I have kept dialogue going with Colin Bentley. It will happen but in the time he determines as he is very keen not to involve anyone else. I have indication from John Livingston at Stratford that they are likely to start the process this year but so far no others.

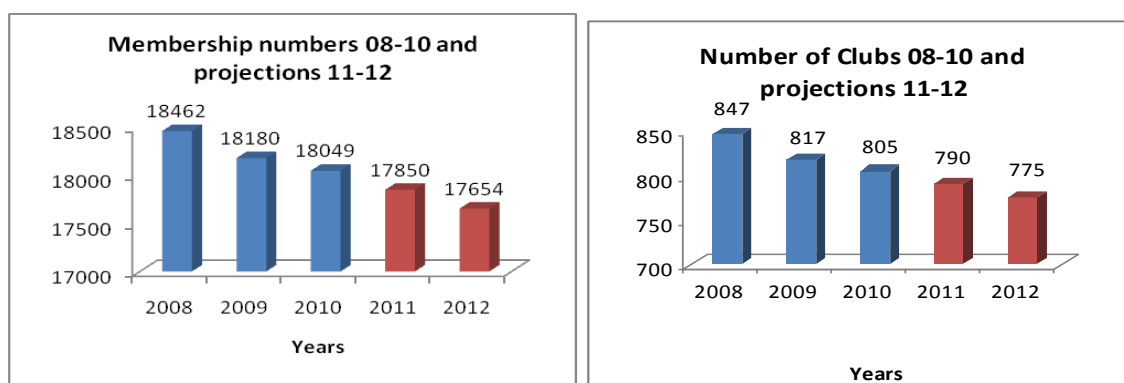


I have had little or no feedback on the other two projects. I am concerned that a lot of work was done to give information to councillors about their clubs, the links to Round Tables and members due to leave Round Table who could be joining 41 Clubs. The full information was provided on the 7th September and referred to again in the October Council report. Aide Memoire's were provided on how Council had agreed to promote the activity yet regrettably I am still as much in the dark as to what is going on or what success there has been as I was when I launched the projects last April. By the time you read this report you will have an updated spreadsheet with clubs and numbers as at the 1st January. At the bottom of each of the Regional pages (just click on your own Region tab) is a list of members of Round Table who were due to leave on the age rule last May who should by now have been contacted.

I am progressing with Vaughan and John Payne the letter to go out to the 2011 leavers now with the intention that it goes out towards the end of March. As soon as I get the new list from Marchesi House I will update the Regional lists again.

I am in direct discussion with 3 potential new or re-affiliated clubs. City of Rochester, Region 25, Richmond, Region 4 and a 2nd club in Milton Keynes, Region 19.

At the recent Forward Planning meeting I was asked to put together some graphs on historical information. This is shown below.



Whilst information is available for before 2008 I don't believe it is accurate but the trend is quite clear. Whilst we continue to be relatively poor at recruiting from Round Table retirees our numbers are going to fall. So, therefore does our capitation revenue.

Here are some other statistics. The average number of members per club is 22.5. This does vary significantly across GB& I with clubs in Region 23, Wessex & Channel Islands having an average of over 31 and those in Region 1, West Scotland, averaging just 16. Whilst Scottish clubs might have low average numbers the two Scottish Regions have more Round Tables than anywhere else, in fact both Regions have more Round Tables than affiliated 41 clubs which in the current climate is most unusual.

Since the last Council report I have posted new pages to the web site, I have put articles on membership in the October and January newsletters and an article in the last Links magazine. The information is going out but we need to work with it with our clubs.

Affiliations

I have 1 club to bring forward for affiliation:

Addis Abbaba in Region 26 who have 10 members currently and wish to affiliate.

I propose for affiliation

Disaffiliations

Aberdeen Bon Accord Region 2 with 2 members (one is a member of another club)

I propose for disaffiliation

In addition at the Council meeting in October it was minuted that those clubs which had not paid their 2010 capitation by February 11 should be brought forward for disaffiliation so we could give an accurate picture of numbers to the AGM. I am delighted to see that the number of clubs in this category has significantly reduced over last year and the year before. The clubs with capitation outstanding are:

Region 3	Waterford	12 members
Region 8	Formby	39 members
Region 12	Chester	23 members
Region 16	Huntingdon	4 members
Region 18	Dengie	12 members
Region 22	Torquay	3 members
Region 25	Dartford	6 members
Region 26	Cairo	2 members

Unless the relevant councillors can confirm that payment has been made or is on the way by the time of the meeting I recommend that these 8 clubs are disaffiliated.

Public Relations

We continue to receive monthly statistics from Avid PR and the latest to the end of December are summarised below:

5 General Press releases on general 41 club topics

12 General Media proposals including Regional or National magazines + Radio or TV of which 6 have been accepted and either published or broadcast. There are 2 more pending for publication in January/February which have been accepted.

3 other specific articles about club events

Facebook and Twitter accounts have been opened and regular content is now being put through pulled from newsletter and other articles. We now have 232 fans of our Facebook page and there are still 70% of those under the age of 55. On Twitter we are following 130 and followed by 105, mostly Round Tables.

Since we established the cuttings service in August we have picked up a further 27 articles that have been placed directly by local clubs. Why haven't we picked up on those before they happen to give it the 41 club slant?

The frustration for both myself and Avid is the lack of content or opportunity generated by clubs or Councillors. Apart from articles generated either by Malcolm or myself there have only been 4 direct contacts with Avid. 2 of those have generated publicity and a 3rd one for the forthcoming Norwich, Wensum and Yare forecast meeting has been accepted for publication after the event by 2 different papers. This contact came as a result of the newsletter article in October and the club chairman making contact. He has seen and approved the content of the articles and is delighted to get such good publicity for his annual event. It is not difficult.



Avid are now working on a major publicity push surrounding the Ipswich conference to include the Round Table family, conference and OYT.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – DAVID SMITH

Firstly, an apology for the delay in delivering the Winter edition of LINKS to your door. The magazine was signed off at the printers on 2 November and I was assured it would be with the distributors in a fortnight or so. In the event, it did not reach them until the last week of the month due to illness of key printing personnel. The distributors bagged the magazines within 48 hours of receipt, but Royal Mail did not collect them until three days after it was due to do so “because of the weather”. It then took Royal Mail more than three weeks to deliver the magazines “due to the weather” – I received mine on 23 December. I agree the weather was severe but nevertheless consider the conditions were a convenient excuse for Royal Mail to devote its energies to delivering the Christmas mail whilst leaving periodicals and magazines back in the sorting offices.

This Association pays Royal Mail several thousands of pounds in postage every year and deserves better service. The delay has caused many members to once again question the necessity of providing at high cost a hard copy of the magazine to every member who wants one whilst the online version can be read by all through the website – and several days or weeks beforehand. Whilst the latest delays have slightly shifted my personal view towards the electronic version I am conscious that not every member has online access. I am clear in my own mind that any steps towards abandoning hard copy should only be made after the greatest possible consultation with and approval of all members. I was going to set the wheels in motion with articles in the next magazine putting the pros and cons of discontinuing hard copy but Ray has beaten me to it in the current Newsletter.

On that topic, the Newsletter continues to be welcomed by everyone I speak to – indeed, the members of my own club who are traditionalists to a man amazed me by telling me how much they enjoy reading it – praise indeed!

I am disappointed that many Councillors do not appear to be making the best use of the website – I feel sure that many will have Regional events which could be promoted through its pages. The website exists as the servant of the Association and the Council – please use it to its best advantage.

The Forward Planning Committee has highlighted several areas where ‘communication’ can be improved in future years which will no doubt be discussed at Rednal.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – ANDY WAITE

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 a 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&I 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.

All capitulation monies are in except Cairo (with 2 declared members). They are not responding to letters or repeated emails and it may be necessary to disaffiliate them.

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. I write in advance of the event.

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.

Since the Dublin Council meeting I have been busy.

Ahead of the White Rose Dinner, superbly organised by Ossett & Horbury 41 Club, President Malcolm and a small group were entertained by the Mayor of Wakefield in his parlour in the Town Hall, as it was 5 years earlier that a Plaque was presented to the City to be fixed in the Town Hall to commemorate the first National Conference in 1945. The 'before and after' photos are lurking in the 'President's Journal' on the President's page.

I had a great night with Shirley Late Knights with some visitors from Melita in Malta. Vaughan and I can now say we have spoken at the same dinner as Dave Gunson, the former Air Traffic Controller.

The 65th Lunch in London was a great day, crowned by a White Knights G&T at the Ritz with the delightful Ladies Circle Vice-President.

The Iberian Cluster in Javea, Costa Blanca was a super event. I had to stand in for President Malcolm for the Sunday meeting as he had to leave early to attend the Remembrance Day Parade. Gibraltar next year!

The R20 Dinner in Oxford was held in a new venue, food excellent as always and, in a break from tradition, we could actually hear the Speaker!

The Region 7/8 Dinner in Cheadle was very well put together by Mike Garner and his team, a great event inexplicably poorly supported.

President Malcolm's surprise 65th Birthday party was brilliantly arranged by Past President Drew. He was surprised to see most of us but particularly by his son who flew in from Hong



Kong. Thanks to Yvonne for the wine! We had Tillmouth Park Hotel to ourselves and breakfast the next morning had the air of an Edwardian house party.

A few days later I was again with Malcolm at Rothwell's Xmas meeting. Wakefield's Christmas meeting was the next evening.

I am looking forward to New Zealand, Dorset Knobs, Lytham St Annes 70th, The Region 4 Cluster, The Finnish AGM, and of course Ipswich.

I'd like to thank my Committee Lawrence Bamber, Frank Venables and Dave Campbell for all their help and support. My three years as IRO are up and I am standing down for others to follow. It has been an enormous privilege and I hope to continue to work tirelessly for our wonderful Association.

Andy Waite

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OFFICER – DICK STANLEY

Ipswich 2011

At the time of writing numbers are rapidly approaching 400 and, with further visits to local Clubs planned right up until the end of March, it is anticipated that the figure will be in excess of 450. The planning has been meticulous and there will be one or two surprises that cannot fail to delight all delegates.

The Ipswich team, so ably lead by Ian Mackenzie, are a very hard working group and I am in no doubt that this Conference will be a great success.

Jersey 2012

I visited Jersey recently in the company of Vaughan, Gill Preston and Terrie Hewitt and was impressed with the preparedness of their plans with still 15 months or so to go.

The Hotel de France is a superb venue for all the functions although there is a possibility that the AGM will have to be located at a separate venue. They are having tremendous support from the Jersey Conference Bureau to the extent that JCB are paying for the hire of all the function rooms in the Conference Hotel together with fares and other expenses for some members of the Jersey Committee to attend the Ipswich Conference.

This Conference will be a true 3 Day event with the Thursday Welcome Party being hosted by The States of Jersey with their traditional Vin d'Honneur. It is envisaged that the International Banner Exchange will also take place at this time.

Llandudno 2013

It is still early days and regrettably I am not yet in a position to bring a proposal to Council. We have an embryonic committee in place but I need a much greater commitment from the local Club before I feel confident that we can proceed. I have urged those who are driving this forward to produce a 'blue print' within the next month otherwise an alternative will have to be considered.



Weston-super-Mare 2014

I am awaiting the outcome of a discussion among 2/3 local Clubs and an invitation to visit.

National Council Weekends

At this stage we only have Brighton confirmed as the venue for the July meeting and Cardiff in October. Further locations will be sought when decisions have been made as to the number and dates of meetings.

Conference Manual

A tremendous amount of work has been done on this project and once I receive the contribution from Tangent and the National Treasurer I will be in a position to go to print. I must thank the National Secretary for his invaluable assistance (actually he did most of it!), and the Immediate Past President who used his vast experience of such things to make a useful contribution.

On-Line Registration and Payment

Although at the last meeting I expressed some doubt that this would be in place any time soon I have had a discussion with David Henderson and Martin Green and it has given me some cautious optimism that a system could be in place in time for Jersey to use at Ipswich.

Dick Stanley

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NATIONAL SALES & MARKETING OFFICER – HUGH MILWARD

Sales Items

I have now concluded as to what is selling well and what is not. I will now run down those items that are not selling and work with our supplier to shift these items via special offers etc.

Members are prepared to pay for quality and for items that are more than just gifts; the sales of polo, rugby and sweat shirts proves this. If you attend International events you will note that our fellows 41er's wear such casual 41 Club clothing with pride, but they also wear smart 41 Club clothing, such as monogrammed collars on shirts. I wish to move in this direction and hope to have some mock-ups on display at the National AGM to seek member's views and demand.

There will always be a demand for the various Pin Badges, and I am looking at one additional 5mm badge that members are indicating they would want.

Sales Boxes

We currently have over £12,000 of stock sitting in our Sales Boxes and I have since taking office had no request to replenish any of them. With 13 National Councillors retiring or not carrying on in April, action needs to be taken.

I propose to call them all back in, redistribute the stock and issue Boxes to new and existing councillors as required more as sample boxes (with the emphasis on pin badges and small items) with the continued drive to direct members to the 41 Club Sales website which is a safer and easier way to purchase Sales items.



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

OCTOBER 2010

Sales Supplier

Our contact with “Master Parts” as our external sales supplier comes to an end December 2011. Existing contract evaluation and alternative contract options now need to be looked at to ensure a continued service to members into 2012.

Platinum Privileges

The request for feedback on this service to members as highlighted in the winter “Links” magazine (with a bottle of champagne up for grabs!) has produced a zero response. If I was to take a straw poll at the National Council meeting, it would be interesting to see how many of us have taken up these offers. I suspect not many.

Therefore I propose not to renew the current arrangement with Marketing Solutions which concluded with the last copy of “Links”.

One such “offer” that did cause a reaction was when Table asked us to circulate a Christmas Offer from one of their members who had a special deal on their business product. A number of 41 Club members contacted me and asked if I could promote their product as well.

I see nothing wrong with this. We currently allow this via the small ads in the “Links” magazine at a charge. I propose to look into this and will bring forward proposals to the Executive and National Council. Clear protocols and guidelines will need to be established to ensure fairness to all prevails, but above all brings benefits to the members.

Marketing

Other than producing Promotional Banners and Flags for members and national events, the role of marketing has rightly been questioned within this current officer position and is the subject of Forward Planning proposals.

I am working with Dick Stanley our Conference Officer on the draft Executive structure looking at the proposed “Fellowship” post while others are looking at “Marketing” both internal and external.

These proposals are up for discussion at this National Council meeting.

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REGION 1 – DONALD WATSON

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Joint Ayr – Troon meeting February 9.

Inter Club golf matches (maybe)

2. Membership Initiatives

None

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

Reasonably

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

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Most of them if not all of them.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

My interest since Dublin has been focussed on the future of this organisation and the preparation of the material for our Vice President.

The material was submitted on time. It appears that the first time that we will be able to discuss the outcome will be at Rednal and this seems to be an unnecessary delay.

One thing that I have requested since considering a revised structure is membership projections over the next 3 – 5 years and I do not know how re-organisation can be considered without this data.

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REGION 2 – ALLAN THOMSON

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Over the weekend of 24/25/26th September 2010 Peterhead 41 Club hosted a Euro Weekend with 41 ers and in some cases wives from Germany; France and Crewe and Nantwich, starting with a “Pig Roast” and get together on the Friday night; Saturday started with a day out at an Activity Centre, Archery; Segway; Go Karts and Clay Pigeon Shooting, this was followed by a Whisky Distillery visit and an evening Dinner. Moira and myself were able to join them for a large part of the weekend, Peterhead only have 9 members , numbers do not count where there is enthusiasm.

26th November 2010 Dundee Former Round Tables Club 50th Anniversary Dinner, 78 present which included National President Malcolm and 29 Past Chairmen, Clubs represented were Dundee Fortay; Monifieth; Carnoustie; Brechin; Forfar; Broughty Ferry;



Kelso/Yarm/PartyTyne; Inverurie; Dundee Round Table and a Past R/T member from Dunfermline; an excellent evening of Fellowship, Main Speaker John Morgan who himself is a Past Tabler from Area 51.

27th November 2010 Mini Film Festival "Born 'N' Bred" organised by Dundee Fortay 41 Club in Dundee University, five very different short Films by young film Directors who had all studied "Media Studies and the Arts" at Dundee, well done to the Fortay Club for organising this type of evening, reasonable support but could have been better by 41 Club.

1st December 2010 had to abort my proposed visit to Linlithgow due to the heavy deluge of the **WHITE STUFF**, this visit now planned for early April,

13th December Inverurie Club's Christmas meal, 27 members, 2 prospective members and Table Vice Chairman Murray Skinner attended.

19th January 2011 Inverurie Club's Burns Supper, a first, we had the Ladies attending this year, 44 present which include Past National President Drew Cochran and Moira, Table Chairman John Sorrie, Table Vice Chairman Murray Skinner. Drew inducted Raymond Taylor (Bring em Back) into the club and all enjoyed the Cock-a-Leekie-soup and the Neeps and Chappit Tatties followed by the entertainment. We were disappointed that Malcolm and Yvonne had to call off but we wish her well.

Forthcomming Events

4th March 2011 Ellon and District 41 Club 21st Charter night, McDonald Golf Club Ellon, £21.00 per head, stag.

15th March 2011 Turriff 41 Club 30th Charter Dinner

26th March 2011 Forfar 41 Club 50th Ann. Dinner, Forfar Golf Club, Stag, Formal £35.00 Ticket, National President Vaughan to attend.

25th August 2011 Scottish Regions 1 and 2 Golf Competition, Inverurie Golf Club, National President Vaughan to attend and Play.

2. Membership Initiatives

Attracting recently retired Tablers into 41 Club still proving difficult, very patchy, main problem is Tables reluctance to use 41 Club, personally offered to tow Santa's Sledge during Christmas collections but offer not taken up, they only have 9 members??.

Attracting Ex 41'ers back is having more success but this does not help the age problem.

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

Total 33 Clubs, all but Brechin and Kirriemuir updated in 2010 however, still problems with Corstorphine and Brechin with only 2 and 8 members details on CAS respectively always promises but no action, I can not get members details to input myself as I have done in other situations.



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

This is slow, sometimes a no movement situation compounded by being in a large Geographical Region covering four Table Areas 39; 44; 49; 51 personal contact is lost plus the age difference 45/69plus does not help, perhaps a young viral Councillor (if he can be found) can succeed.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

With Aberdeen Bon Accord now closed Region 2 do not appear to have any other Clubs at risk but, one can never be sure, my successor will no doubt have other problems to face, I have lost 3 Clubs during my term.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

Forward Planning Committee already have my thoughts.

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REGION 3 – PHILLIP ELLIS

The following report from Region 3 is based on what I am aware of. I have appealed to all clubs in Region 3 to get as much information to me as often as possible:

There are 16 registered Clubs with a total of 278 members in Region 3, as two clubs were disaffiliated in Dublin.

I have over the last few months before Christmas visited couple of clubs in Ireland. I started in October 10 by visiting lisenargarvey, who are a vibrant club with some 23 members who all came to the meeting. I am hoping that they assume the mantle of area executive for 2011-12 and run this year's rally. I then travelled down to Arklow to a club which has not had a visit from the region council since the last time the post was held in the republic. The club has 7 members and really they have no chance of growth as no table is in the area and no possibility of one starting up in the near future. I next attended the Christmas dinner of Belfast 41 club and this was a humbling event as "I now find myself in the Community Service and Welfare committee", I found that Belfast beat me to it and set a great example by inviting the widows of past 41ers to the meal as well.

I have set up visits to Omagh and I am in the process of planning my 2011 visits. I would hope to have visited every club in Ireland by the end of 2011. I have one club who has ask for no communication and no to a visit and that's Cookstown, I am not sure why but if we leave alone for a while they may come back into the fold. I have asked repeatedly for clubs to send me information for the monthly magazine and also the club magazine but none has yet come forth. Most of the clubs in our region I would class as "diner clubs" and they seem to be happy to be like this for the meantime.

I attended the Ocean Youth Trust AGM last November and I must say I got my eyes open to what a few paid employees and a substantial volunteer back up can achieve. I also extended a welcome to Bronagh to attend one of my own clubs (Bangor 41) meeting to receive the monies raised in the region 3 area rally and we thank all the councillors who give very generously. The monies handed over were around £485.



This concludes my report and I can only hope the clubs and numbers can stop the decline and growth will begin again.

Phillip Ellis

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REGION 5 – ANDREW MACKERETH

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

I have visited since my last report Blackpool North, Preston South Ribble, Carnforth, Furness 41 clubs. Area 34 RT Founders night.

Red Rose Dinner Friday 7th October Nat President and John Spence as guest speakers.

Possible Cumbrian Coast Dinner

2. Membership Initiatives

Preston South Ribble membership dinner

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

As far as I know

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

Only received list last week nothing done yet.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Several small clubs but all seem happy and we have now sorted out Blackpool North

6. Any other matters to be raised?

All subs from last year collected earlier. I would like time at National Council meetings to hear proper reports from the executive rather than keep going into focus groups

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REGION 6 – ANDREW BELLAMY

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Due to illness atrocious weather I have had to cancel all arranged visits through November and December. Visited Ilkley Olicana on Jan 21 along with NP Malcolm for Burns Supper. A superb evening.



2. Membership Initiatives

Bramhope 41 Club have expressed an interest in re-affiliating.

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

All but four clubs are reasonably up to date with their club records. The four clubs involved are active in their own way and along with all other clubs have contributed to a 100% payment of R6 Capitation

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

No progress

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

None

6. Any other matters to be raised?

None

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REGION 7 – MIKE GARNER

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

I have visited various clubs in the region since my last report.

To date there 3 clubs that have not had a visit but these should happen over the next month or so.

2. Membership Initiatives

Significant progress has been made with the groups meeting outside the umbrella of 41 Club. Of the three groups in the region two have decided to “join the fold” resulting in 39 new members. The other one (i.e. Poynton) is proving more difficult but slow progress is being made

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

All up to date

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

Not being at the last meeting it appears that the list for this region never got to me...can someone supply and I will deal with it.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Only one...Ringway... who have written to me stating/asking the following

Mike,

There are murmurings in the camp that Ringway should withdraw from National as there are no perceived benefits. I am the Secretary and feel



obliged to give the lads some reason to pay £10, pa can you help.

One of the reasons we may have to withdraw is that we may decide to include non-extablers and ladies.

Regards and HNY David

I have spoken to the secretary and arranged to go and see them....I could be fighting a loosing battle...any suggestions ???

6. 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

Visited recently

Liverpool, Aigberth

Isle of Man

IOM Prospect

Rushen

Rushen R/T

Cheadle (Jt R7 & R8 Dinner)

Forthcoming

- None in Region except IOM
- Invite to Liverpool club is o/s – meetings Wednesday lunchtimes, will not be able to visit until Liverpool ferries return (Easter) therefore not before I retire, will pass invite on to new Councillor
- A party of x4 Region 8 members travelling in May by motor cycle to German R8 meeting.
- Roger from Liverpool (and wife) may also go (by air)

2. Membership Initiatives

None

Recently written to those leaving R/Ts from your list.



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No response to date.

My own clubs:-

In Prospect club we have actively sought to make our presence known (Friday lunchtimes) to known ex-Tablers. No result. The new member we recruited had moved to the Island and approached Nat Sec, who had sent his name to club contact, who approached him with positive result.

Rushen remains linked closely with Rushen R/T.

IOM still meets but numbers reducing. (note later comments) IOM not alone here, drive and energy required at many clubs

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

Was up to date October 2010

Will trawl before I retire

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

Recently written to local 41 Club Contacts re those leaving R/Ts from your list

No response to date

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

The only club officially meeting the at risk criteria (IOM Prospect) is very much alive, recruited one new member last month

Several smaller clubs happy to run themselves down 'till the last man standing'

6. Any other matters to be raised?

Yes – when I have spoken with clubs at visits they are very much against any recruitment policy. Their view is the 'Phil Jones' style. If I want to chase new members for them most will go along with me, but there is a heart-felt feeling that their 41 club is for their ex-Tablers, NOT anyone else's!!! I have heard this more than once

Jim - General – I think that your initiative is imperative. However it's not like being Area Manager at the Bank for members do not respond in like style. Some clubs have very clearly defined views on membership and really do not welcome outsiders. Others may be more cosmopolitan, but not in Region 8!

Only IOM seems to embrace outsiders. Perhaps we are used to 'come-overs' !

Also some clubs are confused following the 'ex-R/T only' vote last year, and some of the blatantly cynical comment in the newsletter,

Steve Leonard
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REGION 9 – ALAN PATTINSON

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Very little activity most of December travel was not possible.

12th October 2010 Woodhall 41Club

15th November 2010 Scunthorpe 41Club

10th January 2011 Boston 41Club

2. Clubs identified in the Region for the ‘Phoenix Project’.

Initial discussions with Woodhall RT to set up a new 41 Club

3. Responses to the ‘Get One In’ and ‘Mind the Gap’ projects:

None

4. Action taken on Clubs in Region that are ‘Postal Contact Only’ (Email addresses are needed for all Club Contacts, Chairmen, Secretary’s and Treasurers).

NA

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

Yes

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

None

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

NA

7. Any other matters to be raised:

A few comments have been raised about the level of communication and repetition, Magazine, newsletter, letters from National President, letters from Executive Officers etc..

One member did suggest that we focus everything through the newsletter (well received) and stop the other mass emailings.

Alan Pattinson

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REGION 10 – PETER GOOD

Attended 65th dinner in London very British do well done Malcolm.

Remembrance service at the Alrewas Arboretum.

Went to Worksoop 41 to present long service award to one of the members nice bunch they have no idea what cracks off out side thier club met in same the place for 35yrs.



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not interested in fund raising or trying to form a feeder table.

Went to City of Nottingham meeting .speaker National President Malcolm. Also Beeston members present.

Visited Liecester St Martins.41

Visited Swadlincote.41

I put the vice Chairman of Dronfield 41 in touch with his old table which he was delited with prompt service from national council i was to go to thier 50th charter but sadly it had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

I have been surprised that alot of Clubs havent heard from any one on national for 6yrs or so. i know some of them dont really want to, and i find it difficult to understand thier lack of interest.

Out on several nights run up to Christmas with Tables and 41Clubs helping each other on the Santa sleigh runs collecting for various Charities,
There was seven clubs in my region that i know of did this and between them raised over £30k. and also builds the links with Table.

I am booked in to 5 Table charter nights and the area dinner in the next month.

I am attempting to get a club in my region to host the Derbyshire cluster as my predecessor forgot to at last years event.
Again they want it to happen but dont want to organise it i have to do it all for them if they would just put a club name to it,they are bloody hard work but i will make sure it takes place.

I am also organising the Leicester Cluster in September.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the council meeting in Feb.

Peter Good

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REGION 11 – RAY HILL

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

3 new clubs visited plus 2 planned.

Stoke-on-Trent is the oldest Table in the Area and its 41 Club had reasonable numbers but like many city clubs is failing to get new members. Their Table is struggling to survive, and the whole RT family is under threat in Stoke.

Whitchurch is a thriving 41 Club with an excellent Table. I thoroughly enjoyed my evening with them, 'it was just like the old days'.

Middlewich 41 Club is also sound, well supported by Table, but Table numbers are declining rapidly.



2. Membership Initiatives

I have helped and advised Area 22 with their attempts to attract new members. The town identified most suited to reforming a Table proved totally negative.

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

On going situation – finding time between newsletters is difficult.

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

As point 3.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Any of the clubs in the Potteries could soon be at risk because of the demise of the ceramics industry. Tables are struggling and 41 Club may well follow suit soon.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

None

Ray Hill

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REGION 12 – LAWRENCE BAMBER

7. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Mold; Rhyl x 3;

St Davids Day Region 12 Annual Dinner being organised by Rhyl 41 Club at Rhuddlan Golf Club on Friday 25th February. See the latest Newsletter for further information.

Mid Wales Cluster Dinner, Wednesday March 2nd., being organised by Welshpool 41 Club

8. Membership Initiatives

Working with James Wells RTBI Regional Rep. To identify potential new/resurrected Tables and 41 Clubs in the Region

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

All Clubs not updated since 2009 have been contacted and asked either to update, or to provide information to allow updating. 3 requests have been made to date.

Two Clubs : Anglesey and Llangollen have still to provide email addresses

10. Progress in contacting retiring Tablers from list given in October

List now obtained; will be in contact with those on the list asap.

11. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Not that I am aware of



12. Any other matters to be raised?

No

Lawrence Bamber

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REGION 13 – DUNCAN KENNEDY

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

I attended Lampeter's 40th Charter where there was present a founder member of the Club who was also a founder member of Lampeter Round Table. He is a funeral director and informed me he had buried all the other founder members. He also attended Louis Marchesi's memorial service in London when he was a Tabler.

In addition to that there were a couple of local visits. I have scheduled in visits to a number of clubs prior to the AGM.

2. Membership Initiatives

I have contacted all Clubs regarding these and no-one at the moment is interested. I will keep plugging away.

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

Most of the Clubs are now up to date with members details on CAS.

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

I am told all have been contacted and indeed about 6 on my list are now members. Some others should be joining before the AGM. This is a very useful tool and if used widely and kept on top of can only assist the growth of the Association.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

There are no clubs specifically at risk at the moment but there are a few without a feeder Table or indeed a very weak Table. I have contacted the latter to try to get a plan of action together to help build up Table. At the moment the best that can be said is that apathy rules! I am keeping on at it and one day something may come of it – hopefully before it is too late.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

Nothing that I am sure won't be raised following Dublin.

Duncan Kennedy

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REGION 14 – TERRY WELLS

1. **Club Visits** – 4 41 Clubs, 1 Round Table, and 1 Round Table Area 5 meetings attended.
2. **Membership Initiatives** – What Initiatives? All Clubs visited cannot understand that the only official recruiting source is from Round Table. A failing Organisation recruiting from a failing Organisation. What about Clubs with no feeder Table? Two of the Clubs visited have already ignored the directive and recruited non-tablers.
3. **CAS** – Nothing to Report
4. **Progress in contacting retiring Tablers** – Spoke to several Tablers approaching retirement, at the Area 5 meeting. The general attitude seemed to be “What has 41 got to offer”. I mentioned 41’s Aims and Objectives. The only comment was “Pretty Bland”.
5. **Clubs at Risk** – To the best of my knowledge no Clubs imminently at risk.
6. **Other matters** – I spoke to one 41 member, who is also a “LION”. He tells me that the Lions, is the fastest growing service organisation in the UK and probably world-wide, with a massive involvement in community service. Interesting!

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REGION 15 – BARRY DURMAN

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Hinckley, Heart of England, Bromsgrove, Nuneaton, Rugby, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa have been visited. Stratford was cancelled due to snow! Leamington Spa have their 60th on 11th Feb and I am visiting Rubery with the National President and IPP before the Council Meeting.

2. Membership Initiatives

I am struggling to find a town needing a new Table and have found luke-warm reception to the various initiatives we discussed. Can we have a badge for “Get One In”

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

Most of my clubs have been updated in the last year and we were the first region to pay 100% capitation. Generally the Region is quite up to date on CAS

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

I confess to not having done much on this besides looking at the list and identifying those that have joined 41.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Yes there are several but I try to keep in contact – Atherstone, Towcester Centurians, Hinckley, Handsworth



6. Any other matters to be raised?

Nothing that I can think of.

Barry Durman

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REGION 16 – NIGEL DAVIES

REPORT:

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region - National President Malcolm visiting Region on Feb. 10th. All Clubs in Region 16 invited to attend this meeting in Ely. Visits to Stamford 41, March 41. Hoping to visit Whittlesey, Peterborough, and Bedford before AGM. So far in two years as National Councillor no Club has invited me to a meeting. All my visits have been at my request. I think this stems from lack of contact over a protracted period. All Clubs spoken to and/or e-mailed on regular basis but I am not convinced that the message always gets through.
2. Membership Initiatives. None yet.
3. CAS – Is your Region up to date? (there are 150 clubs with no updates in 2010) By and large yes. Huntingdon remain out of date. Several attempts have been made to persuade clubs to update members list with limited success. March 41 Club were thinking of disaffiliating but have joined the fold for another year.
4. Progress in contacting retiring Tablers from list given in October.
5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any? - Yes Huntingdon.
6. Any other matters to be raised? None.

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REGION 17 – MARK RAMSAY

No report submitted

Mark Ramsay

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REGION 18 – NIGEL CAYNE

Region 18 has enjoyed another busy and stimulating period since the last National Council meeting and is healthy and vibrant, morale is holding up and capitations have been paid.

We had another extremely successful Martin Young Memorial Region 18 Dinner early in January exceedingly well attended and visited by our esteemed Vice-President.

Sadly, Harlow Ex-Tablers' Club secretary has just informed me of the sad death of



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Ted Stanley who many will have known as a passionate Tabler and 41er, many no doubt will wish to give their respects when details are given of his funeral. Mike Ruocco secretary of Harlow can be contacted for details.

Many in the Region are looking forward to attending the Ipswich AGM which, of course, abuts our Region.

Southgate are organising a Table Quiz night and, by all accounts, many Tablers will mingle and interact with those 41ers who have said they are coming, organised by Southgate and 1741.

Nigel Cayne

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REGION 19 – ROBERT BROWNING

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

3 Nov – Harpenden 41 Club visit

9 Feb - Pinner 41 Club visit

18 Feb – Hoddesdon 41 Club Ladies Night

26 Feb – Bushey & Oxhey 50th Charter

25 Mar – Berkhamsted RT Final Charter Night and 41 Club 60th

11 Apr – Baldock 41 Club visit

19 Jul – Eastern region Golf day

21 Jul – Beaconsfield 41 Club visit

2. Membership Initiatives

None

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

All clubs have been checked relatively recently and all appear to be up to date. Some details have not changed since the last up-date. Reminder sent to all clubs to up-date and pay capitation fees in January.

I have still not been able to make contact with Dunstable 41 Club.

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

Not aware or cannot find such a list.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

None that I know of specifically but clearly numbers are very low in some clubs. A number do not communicate very well either.



6. Any other matters to be raised?

None

Robert Browning

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REGION 20 – FRANK VENABLES

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

January 6th: Visit to Bourne End & Flackwell Heath 41 Club (BE & FH), with Marlow 41 Club as guests. A very sociable evening with most of BE & FH's members, thirty-odd from Marlow, and the Chairman of Marlow Round Table. Marlow are BE & FH's sponsor Club. I described the National Council's deliberations since the National AGM, read out the 'Purposes & Objects' and passed round a questionnaire on club's actions (actual & desired) based on one I produced for my Region's clubs in France. Marlow's secretary handed me a completed one on leaving, thus starting my unofficial database. See also Section 6, below.

January 19th: Visit to Maidenhead 41 Club. A sociable evening, but almost devoid of protocol. The membership is very aged; only two or three appear to be under 70! The Chairman, at least, worries about the future. Relations with Round Table are good, but transfers-in are very unlikely. I described the National Council's deliberations since the National AGM, and read out the 'Purposes & Objects'. I did not produce the questionnaire as the attention paid by some present was very limited. I intend however to email it to the Chairman to complete.

Visits to Bicester, Newbury, Sandhurst & Yateley, and Wantage are planned.

April 4th 2011 will be the 35th anniversary of Bicester 41 Club's Charter.

June 29th 2011 will be the 45th anniversary of the Charters of both High Wycombe and Windsor & Eton 41 Clubs. The 60th anniversary of Windsor & Eton Round Table's Charter also falls this year.

I drew the clubs' attention to these anniversaries and have offered to help if any are to be celebrated.

There will be a Regional Golf competition, organised by Bourne End & Flackwell Heath, in early June.

There will be regional dinner in November; date and venue, etc, are under review.

2. Membership Initiatives

None underway yet.

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

No. Newbury and Sandhurst & Yateley remain a year or more out of date. A further reminder was sent recently, explaining that their Club Contacts can do this by themselves. I intend to visit both clubs before the National AGM, and will press them.



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

Email contact has been made with all but one of the 18 Ex Tablers listed. A letter has been sent to him. None of the 18 has (yet?) appeared on club lists in the CAS.

In the case of two from Thatcham Round Table, which has no 41 Club, I offered to facilitate contact with a nearby 41 Club, eg, Newbury or Reading. This had the happy result, that same day, of invitations to Newbury's Burns Night.

West Forest and Windsor & Eton have each received an Ex Tabler who has integrated well, playing an active role.

I am in the process of re-contacting those who have not replied.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

It is too early to be certain; those, with whom I have discussed this, recognise the possibility and are considering possible actions.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

I have prepared a card with the text of The Club's 'Purposes & Objects' which I give to all the clubs I meet, urging them to read it at meetings (if only on 'ceremonial' occasions). See overleaf.

When I was on the executive of Region 3 in France, I produced a questionnaire for my clubs on outward-looking activities, both actual and desired. Something similar could be useful to us, so I translated it into English, and am getting clubs I visit to consider it. At the moment, it is just an experiment, but I have sent it to Richard Matthews for consideration. Clearly, the questions would need to be tailored to our interests.

The second weekend in October I spent in Tours, France, at the 9th 'Euro3' reunion of 41Clubs from 'Regions 3' in Denmark, France, Germany and GB&I (South Wales). This was a fantastic weekend, partly because our French hosts had agreed, before the event was first held, to increase their regional capitation by a small amount. This was to build up a 'fighting fund' for the club(s) organising the event at the French turn, ie, every four years. It is an example, albeit minor, of what can be achieved by small levies. The grand example is the French 'Amitié Assistance', an 'Insurance' scheme for the French version of the Round Table Family, funded by small levies on National Capitation. It gives grants to members and/or dependents in need.

Now that Ireland is our Region 3, the question of its participation was raised (again) at Tours; the other members would welcome it. Phillip Ellis had hoped to be in Tours, but could not attend. The door is open.

Purposes & Objects Reminder Card

The Purposes and Objects of the Association

- Link together the constituent clubs.
- Promote amongst the constituent clubs, and those eligible for membership, the following objects:
 - Continue to promote opportunities for fellowship amongst former members of Round Table
 - Encourage active involvement in the community
 - Use our experience in support of the Round Table Family
 - Encourage international relationships

These objects to be promoted through regular meetings and other activities.



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PURPOSES & OBJECTS

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REGION 21 – RAY JONES

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Apart from my own club, recent contacts are as follows;

14 Oct 2010 Region 21 Quiz was held at a hotel central to the Region. 15 clubs were represented with teams of 4 and the winners Nailsea 41 Club agreed to organise the quiz in 2011.

23 Oct 2010. Gloucester Active 41 Club Charter Night. Nine new members were inducted by Hugh Milward. Dick Stanley also attended but otherwise a poor attendance with no support from the local club.

17 Nov 2010. Visit to North Cotswold Club for a Skittles match and a good opportunity to discuss membership with the 18 members present.

Future Events.....Region Skittles competition for 2011 has commenced with 32 clubs taking part. Four inter-club rounds with the final on July 13th.

3 March 2011 Severn Vale Re-union dinner organised by Gloucester 41 Club

2. Membership Initiatives

I am unable to report any success with any of these initiatives although they have been discussed on visits. My own club Malvern Hills used the information from Avid to publicise the club in the local newspaper and received 2 enquiries from past Tablers, one of whom has joined.

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

All clubs are up to date and all contactable by e-mail.

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

Unfortunately I have only just got round to this.....having missed to open the list of retiring Tablers sent to me from Membership. However, I will be meeting with 4 retirees this week and I have been invited to a meeting of all Round Table Area officers and Vice-Chairmen on Feb 3rd to discuss membership and liaison between us in this Region. Hopefully I will have some success to report at Ipswich.

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Having only visited 12 out of 39 Clubs so far in my term of office, this is difficult to answer. I am concerned about 2 or 3 clubs with low membership who do not seem to get involved in Region events and I will try and visit soon.



6. Any other matters to be raised?

None

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REGION 22 – MARK FAIRCHILD

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

In October I visited Camborne 41 Club for a cluster meeting along with Redruth and St Agnes & Perranporth. Camborne Table also attended. Unfortunately the speaker, local comedian Betty Stoggs, had suffered a bereavement in the family earlier in the week, but the meeting was still a lively affair.

The next event is the Regional Quiz, which takes place on Wednesday 2nd February, hosted by Okehampton. Over 40 are booked in so far, including National President Malcolm and a couple of teams from Region 23.

A host for the golf competition has yet to be found, but I'm sure that a willing volunteer will be found at the quiz !

Sidmouth 41 Club celebrate their 50th Charter this year, on Tuesday 18th October. President elect Vaughan Harris will be attending.

2. Membership Initiatives

I am still hopeful that Bideford will affiliate this calendar year.

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

6 clubs from the Region have not been updated during 2010. Of these, one only has postal / phone contacts, but I keep chasing

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

Of the 20 Tablers on the list :

18 are either already joint members or are in contact and attending meetings (although a couple with an as yet unaffiliated club)

1 has no 41 Club in his area

1 is intending to go along in the future

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

4 Clubs have 6 or less members.

One of these is a recent affiliation, and should grow in the future – it has an active feeder Table.

The other 3 all have no feeder Table, but show no signs of folding in the immediate future.

6. Any other matters to be raised?

In April I will be entering my 5th year as NC, so the focus in the summer will be to identify suitable candidates as my successor.

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REGION 23 – STEVE BOLTER

1. Club visits and forthcoming events in your region

Have major forthcoming event – Dorset Knobs – in March and in Feb attending several Ladies' Nights across the Region

2. Membership Initiatives

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

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

Have spoken to the Clubs involved

5. Clubs at Risk – do you have any?

Potentially 1

6. Any other matters to be raised?

None

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REGION 24 – MANNY MARTINS

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Caterham 50th Charter including

Wimbledon

Kingston

Banstead

Oxted

Havant and Emsworth 50th Charter - out of Region

Guildford

Ewell and Worcester Park

Region 24 Burns Night

Wallington and Charshalton

Wimbledon

Kingston



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

None yet

3. Responses to the 'Get One In' and 'Mind the Gap' projects:

None yet

4. Action taken on Clubs in Region that are 'Postal Contact Only':

Completed

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

Last report left me with 14 Clubs to update. At present I now have this down to 9. There are various reasons for these ranging from a club with 4 members that is operating at a just sustainable level, to a lack of real interest and contacts with some pretty horrendous personal (cancer and death of wife) and club stories. I am still working on these and intend personal visits to these in this quarter.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Reunion Dinner on 25 February with Sutton and Guildford 41 Clubs.

At the Reigate Manor Hotel

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

None required

7. Any other matters to be raised:

None

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REGION 25 – DAVE CAMPBELL

The highlights of this quarter have to be the two overseas trips that I took.

At the end of September I visited Kempten in Bavaria for the 5 countries twinning meeting. The programme was full of fun and fellowship and included a trip to a Bavarian brewery followed by a visit to the Munich beer festival.

My second overseas trip was to the 41 Club International half yearly meeting in Brasov, Romania. This was my first visit to this country and I was really impressed in the superb way in which our hosts looked after us. The brits were by far the largest group to attend the meeting.

On 6th November I attended the 41 Club 65th Anniversary lunch at the Royal Overseas Club in London. Despite the negative comments that have been circulating post this event, I can only say that it was a great occasion and enjoyed by those attending.



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On 19th November I attended the 75th Charter and final meeting of Croydon Round Table. It's events like these that make you realise what a great movement we belong to. I met up with Ex-tablers that I had not seen for over 20 years.

Bromley 41 Club held their annual cluster meeting on 22nd November. Our President, Malcolm, was there along with members from over a dozen 41 clubs. Money was again raised for the Presidential charity.

Despite several chase ups, one club in the region has yet to pay their capitation,

All clubs have been contacted and asked to update their details on CAS

Sales have again been slow with some comments on the quality of goods.

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HONORARY WEBMASTER – DAVID HEWITT

No report submitted

HONORARY SOLICITOR – PAUL CAMMISS

No report submitted

HONORARY ARCHIVIST – DAVID ADDISON

No report submitted



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