

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MALCOLM LOCKEY

Although traditionally a quiet time, this summer has been relatively busy in terms of making links with RTBI, my chosen charity Ocean Youth Trust and individual clubs.

Since the Durham Council meeting I have [1] addressed RTBI National Council, [2] walked the Millennium Way and presented the Associations Award to its creator - Chris Tayler [3] visited a number of Regions for golf competitions, Regional Clusters, dinners and other events [4] attended RTBI National Sporting Weekend, [5] been with OYT for two days after their success in the Tall Ships race [6] spent a considerable amount of time discussing the way forward with OYT during the remainder of the year [7] represented the Association at Tangent's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. [8] set in place the planning for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in London on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**RTBI Liaison:** I believe that there is a significant improvement in levels of communication with RTBI and a willingness by its current President John Kilshaw to work closely with us. Certainly I was kept informed of developments over the recent resignation of the CEO almost as events unfolded and was able to express our support for RT and also personal views as to the way forward. We were officially invited to be part of NSW where we had a 'sales and information' stand. It was good both for RT members from this country and abroad as well as our own members who were present in considerable numbers that we were there. I was also invited to speak at the formal dinner on Saturday evening. In my opinion we must have an information/recruitment stand at future NSW's if we are to show our support for Table.

RT has quoted for admin services and has amended their quote after representation by me. Admin services will be a separate agenda item at the Exec meeting and papers have already been circulated for consideration.

RT is keen to set an agenda for the future. They are giving some consideration to the revision of their Area structure and would like to consult with us over this so that we can work in tandem. They are mindful of the fact that they haven't consulted over significant decisions in the past and they want to avoid this in future. The driving force behind this shift in attitude is John Kilshaw.

I hope that individual officers are making links with their opposite number in RT as I requested earlier in the year. The time has never been better and following the membership decision at last years AGM it is incumbent upon us to strengthen links and relationships wherever possible. If officers have not yet made contact with their opposite number in RT then I would urge you to do so as soon as possible.

**Millennium Way Walk:** There has been quite a lot of coverage over this. It was a brilliant two weeks. The hospitality of clubs along the way was tremendous and I am grateful to all who home hosted us, walked with us, fed us and supported us in any way. I'm also grateful to Hugh, Shan and Yvonne for their company and help along the way. The walk could not have happened without the help and support of so many people, most especially Chris Tayler who fully deserved the Association award that was presented to him. The aim of the exercise was to raise the profile of our Association and also that of OYT. Secondly, to get out and about and meet members.

I discovered that -

[1]\* there is still a lot of interest, commitment and enthusiasm among clubs and their members. Some clubs are extremely active meeting more often than once a month. In some clubs there are active sub groups that meet weekly.

[2]\* there is a lot of nostalgia for Round Table days and for the things that were achieved in Round Table.

[3]\* most of the clubs welcomed the walk and the fact that they had to do something to be part of the experience. The comment was often heard 'this is just like the old days' [4]\* there appears to be little knowledge of or interest in National - even where there is an active National Councillor covering the ground.

[5]\* there seemed to be a willingness to consider the question I raised 'why did it all [activity and community service etc.] have to stop at the age of 40?'

[6] some groups/individuals admitted that the walk and all that surrounded it was in stark contrast to the lethargy that they had allowed themselves to get into.

[7]\* the general public haven't got a clue who or what we are but they do know the Round Table name and reputation. AVID have a key part to play in addressing this issue but they can't do it themselves.

[8] some of the older guys [and not so old] have given a huge amount to the Round Table movement in the past and have been active on the National and International front and it doesn't seem to be acknowledged, remembered or their experience harnessed or utilised in any way. [ items marked \* are worthy of further discussion]

[9]\* as a charity OYT does not appear on the radar of most people.

**OCEAN YOUTH TRUST:** The two boats that took part in the Tall Ships race did extremely well and their skippers and young crew are to be congratulated. It is a very low profile organisation but it is doing life changing work with young people. I need the help of Council to really push OYT and what it offers young people who are our future. The objects of OYT posted on the cabin notice board of James Cook the northern boat states that the aims of OYT are as follows -

'OYT uses the challenge of the sea to help [you] to develop and to gain knowledge about yourselves and others. Adventure sailing on board James Cook encourages you to - Set and achieve goals - develop team working skills and mutual trust - take responsibility for your actions and take decisions - cultivate a sense of equality, fairness and respect for others through gaining an understanding of their different needs and backgrounds - become more aware of the environment - learn a range of seamanship and sailing skills.'

[I have included this so that it can be of use to Councillors giving talks or justifying OYT as my charity this year]

We need to stress that clubs have access to a local boat. It is a regional charity and each region has its own set up which we want clubs to identify with.

Clubs are asked to [1] give at least £100 this year to support OYT [2] make contact with their regional boat staff and invite them to speak [3] make contact with someone in their Region who has sailed with OYT who can serve as an ambassador for OYT and speak at a club meeting [4] see how they can sponsor a berth for a young person or young people on an OYT cruise [5] see if they can offer an OYT cruise for one of their own junior staff 'apprentice

of the year award etc. [6] see how they can volunteer to serve with OYT as a seagoing or shore based volunteer. The target this year in donations and sponsorship is £80,000.

We plan for the James Cook to be in Ipswich. It will be sailed from the River Tyne by 41 club members. The Association - through our membership - will then sponsor a crew of young people to sail it back from Ipswich to the Tyne.

**Tangent 40<sup>th</sup>:** We presented Tangent with an engraved ornate commemorative bar to be added to the President's jewel as a gift on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. [This is what they requested] More than that - we presented them with a further 3 identical bars [buy one get three free!]. They have sent their thanks to us.

**65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon:** There is to be an invitation lunch at the British Overseas League on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November to which past Presidents, the Presidents of RTBI, Tangent and Ladies [Circle have been invited along with Council and Executive members and the chairmen of the oldest clubs throughout the country [affiliated in the first decade of the founding of the Association]. I am also giving thought to inviting the Chairmen of the 'youngest clubs' [founded in the last 5 years]. There will be an invited guest speaker representing the Government's 'Big Society' initiative.

**National Councillors:** From now until Christmas I want National Councillors to concentrate on the basics [1] making contact with all their clubs to give and request information. CAS is not working because it is significantly out of date in some cases and Capitation is still outstanding. [2] visit - those clubs that are believed to be capable of development and those giving cause for concern [no CAS updates - no capitation - not appearing at Regional events]. We need a Heads Up on those clubs that may fold or opt out of the Association [3] use the excellent membership/recruitment resources that have been provided.

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

I have been able to visit several clubs since June and, as well as charter and speaker evenings, I have been pleased to take part in several golf days, as well as helping out at a Donkey Derby to help raise monies for The London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy. All the meetings have been very enjoyable and I thank them for their kind hospitality.

The main task this year, has been working with the Forward Planning Committee to bring issues to the October meeting for discussion, and I would like to thank them all for all their input and hard work.

As reported in June, we are now in a position to be able to make presentations at the meeting on the following, in order to get the necessary feedback to finalise any papers necessary for the February meeting :-

- i) Revised Organisational Structure for the Executive and Council that will enable the Association to meet its new/revised aims.
- ii) Community Welfare and Service Office.
- iii) IT and Website Strategy.
- iv) Postal Voting.

v) 41 Club strategy for strengthening our links with Round Table.

A good and informative 4 Club meeting was held at Marchesi House on the 7<sup>th</sup> August, where not only could we meet our “opposite numbers”, but it was a good opportunity to update each other on what was happening within the clubs and offering support to each other should it be necessary. The next meeting is arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

The diary is slowly 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 just like to be there to support it.

**Vaughan Harris**

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

I have spent most of my time considering the proposal which I will be presenting to the Exec and Council about a restructure of the National Council. This is only for discussion at this stage which might lead to propositions at the Ipswich AGM after February. I have had one committee meeting from which a draft proposal has been tabled by Donald for a reorganisation in Scotland. Nearly half the National Councillors are due for re-election or retirement in April. Obviously this has been occupying my mind since we discussed it in Durham.

I am delighted to report that Clubs continue to support Help for Heroes. Simon Opie of Chilterns 41 Club has raised £7000.00 from Music for Heroes held in Leicester. £3500.00 has been donated to H4H. Chris Highnam an ex member of Shaftesbury and Gillingham now of Ottery St Mary 41 Club sailed from Plymouth to Tower Bridge calling at every seaside resort on the south coast and with the help of members of Exmouth Rotary and 41 Clubs raised £20,000.00. £10,000.00 will go to H4H. Yeovale Rotary asked me to accept a cheque for £1000 to add to the £800.00 already donated. When I went to collect the cheque the pub landlord announced before the meeting that Lloyds Bank would double what he collected on a special Bank Holiday Monday concert at the pub. Rotary decided to give him the £1000 so that he could get Lloyds to double it. I went along and supported the day but have not got the result yet.

Shaftesbury have asked Round Table to sit down with them to discuss how we might get some new Round Tablers. At our local Agricultural show I managed to pick up from the young farmer's marquee that there are 10 YF's Clubs in Dorset and we will be talking to the President shortly. Interestingly the Young Conservatives had put a Clip Board in the YF marquee asking if any members would like to know about YCs. 8 names we were on the list. I wonder if Round Table should have done the same.

I attended the Region 15 and 25 Golf days.

**Richard Matthews**

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## **NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARTIN GREEN**

### **FORWARD PLANNING**

The vast amount of my time since the last meeting has been on Forward Planning work. There have been two very detailed Forward Planning Meetings. I have had considerable involvement in many of the proposals.

### **AGM**

Time has also been spent on planning the AGM for next year. I have worked on a change of Agenda to try and remove the ever frustrating issues of the 'business' starting late in the morning. In Ipswich we will have a more balanced Agenda with the serious areas brought earlier – interspersed with the greetings and fun elements. Hopefully this will create a better balance.

I have visited the Ipswich venues - and although a fascinating building in keeping with our image – the Corn Exchange offers some challenges! Using a stage big enough to stage the Royal Variety Performance is just one challenge!

### **CAS**

You will all have received the Presidents 'missive' on CAS. I have shared that frustration since I introduced it seven years ago.

Everyone is now reliant on IT in this world – and we all have to come to terms with it – despite being annoyed or frustrated by it.

I hope that we will eventually be able to eradicate the need to post to Clubs – nowadays not having an e-mail address is like not having a letterbox in the 1940's!

We will bring some exciting proposals on IT to the Council Meeting – I was going to say 'far reaching' but in reality these are just the 'norm' these days.

Vaughan and I had CAS examined by external Consultants to check its stability and suitability – I am glad to report that it passed with flying colours and there is no suitable 'off the shelf' alternative for our needs.

### **ARBORETUM**

The majority of the work at the Arboretum has now been completed. The new sundial provided by Tangent is in place. Graphics have been changed, the obelisk sanded off and the seating re-stained.

There is still work needed on the grass – and this will need re-seeding. Malcolm, Gordon Macnab and I agree that the re-dedication should wait until the garden is fully finished – as we want to get maximum publicity for ourselves and Lichfield.

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

We will be repeating the 41 Club Remembrance Service at the Arboretum this year. This will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This year we will be publishing this to the adjacent Regions with the intention of having a larger turnout, and I hope that as many members of the Council possible can attend. Richard Matthews will lay the wreath on our behalf and this year Tangent will also have an involvement.

This is a lovely morning out and I hope you and your partners will be able to join us there. Hopefully after the 'serious' part - we may be able to have some local hospitality and fellowship.

### **CONFERENCE MANUAL**

I have now provided Dick with 2 sections for his Manual. These being the AGM requirements and an extensive section on Health & Safety.

## TRADEMARKS

Our new Trademarks were registered by Vaughan on the 7<sup>th</sup> September last year and this registration is valid for ten years until 2019.

The trademark is made up of 2 elements – the roundel and the words in our branding:



The old logo loses its trademark registration on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 and I seek Executives/Councils guidance as to whether we wish to re-register it.

The old trademarks are:



The cost to renew these is £1,000 each plus VAT i.e. £2,400 at 20% VAT

## DATA PROTECTION ACT

Registration of this is now complete.

## NATIONAL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

All vacancies except Region 12 have now been filled. Lawrence Bamber continues as 'caretaker' in this Region.

The number of vacancies occurring in next year is massive. Thought into what we do to replace these Councillors is needed.

**Martin Green**

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## NATIONAL TREASURER – MIKE TURNER

No Report submitted

## NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER – JIM SMITH

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Excluding the affiliations and disaffiliations shown below. 809 clubs with 18,247 members.

In addition to the affiliation and disaffiliation list shown below I have also had contact with 6 potential new or re-affiliated clubs and only 1 club currently discussing disaffiliation. The disappointing thing about the club that is considering disaffiliation is that due to their club contact inefficiency the members have not received 1 newsletter, only 4 of their declared 29 members receive a copy of the magazine, their new chairman knew nothing of fund raising activities nor had he heard of our involvement with Help for Heroes. In addition to all this they have one of the stronger Round Tables in the country as a feeder. The members voted that because they don't get anything from National for their £10 they would disaffiliate. Are we surprised!!!

## MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Since the last council meeting a lot of work has been going on to provide information to Councillors to assist in doing the jobs in the Regions. A full spread-sheet was sent out at the beginning of September giving details of all clubs in each Region including their membership numbers, all the Round Tables open as at 1/5/10 in the Region, including their membership numbers, plus a full list of all retiring Round Tablers by club as at 1 May 2010. A letter jointly signed by President Malcolm and Round Table President John has gone out to all those potential 41 club members. We are working on updating the Round Table family location spreadsheet and as soon as that is complete I will let you have a copy. This will tell you by location which clubs have another member of the family in the location and also where 41 club is not represented by an affiliated club where there are other members of the family. I have also been working on a future strategy for Round Table Liaison and membership which will be discussed at the October Council meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES

The 3 initiatives “Get One In”, “Phoenix” and “Bring ‘em Back” are now all launched. Aide memoires to assist members of council in discussions with clubs have been provided. The details of the projects are available on the web site. To date I have only had feedback from 1 councillor on any success or potential success with any of the initiatives. I’m assuming the reason is that everyone has been on holiday for the last 2 months but on the basis I don’t really get a great deal of satisfaction from persistently banging my head on a brick wall I really would appreciate some feedback and some success.

We have 1 new Phoenix club now meeting in Mansfield and I may be able to report further on their progress by the Council meeting. There are first stage discussions going on in at least 1 other club. Whilst it really wasn’t as a result of the Phoenix itself I am however pleased to report that as a result of action by Vigo Village & North West Kent 41 Club a new Round Table was chartered by Round Table President John Kilshaw in Bexley on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The new club started with 11 members all between the ages of 18 and 23.

We all committed to actions at the Council meeting in June and now is the time to deliver on those promises.

## AFFILIATIONS

We have received applications for affiliation from the following 3 clubs:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Three Steps Behind	15	5	new club for partners of Tangent Exec
Ryadh	26	10	new club
Northwood	19	12	new club

In addition I am talking to 6 other people about potential new clubs.

## DISAFFILIATIONS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Burntisland	2	10	Non payment of 2009 capitation
North Dublin	3	12	Non payment of 2009 capitation
Wexford	3	20	Non payment of 2009 capitation

Richmond & District	4	10	Non payment of 2009 capitation
Harrogate	6	45	Non payment of 2009 capitation
Bootle, Crosby & District	8	17	Non payment of 2009 capitation
Ipswich Avalon	17	14	Age/benefit
Castle Point	18	12	Non payment of 2009 capitation
Ammanford	13	15	Age/benefit
Total	9	155	

In addition to the above there are a further 6 clubs where 2010 has been paid but not 2009. These need to be corrected within the next few months. We also aim to bring in the process whereby we bring clubs to Council for non-payment of capitation earlier. For 2010 the list will be brought at February Council 2011. By doing this we have a more accurate number of clubs to report to the AGM in April. A formal process has been agreed with Mike Turner with letters going out in January, June, October with a final demand in the first week of January each year. You will have seen the recent list from Sue and will no doubt be getting an up to date list from Mike but there are around 60 clubs who have not yet paid capitation for 2010, with over 1200 members. **I will repeat what Mike will say but if these are still outstanding by the Council meeting the clubs must be spoken to.**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Monthly return is being received and the press cuttings service is now in operation. Between the June Council and the end of August there were 9 press reports published and 1 report on BBC Radio news about the Millenium Way walk. A place has been secured on the BBC Jeremy Vine show list of contributors for contact as appropriate and there are a further 3 generic pitches pending. In addition templates have been created for the membership initiatives which are now available on the web site.

In Social media Facebook is moving on and we now have over 200 people linked to the 41 club page. It is still somewhat disappointing that only 16 members of National Council are linked. This is a good media and it is hitting it's target market. Of those linked 71% are under the age of 55 and 22% of the total are still of Table age. During the last month we have been advertising National Conference, reporting on NSW and Tangent 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday events, able to express our condolences very quickly on the untimely death of Sean Smith a great Round Table and list a number of general interest comments. On Twitter we now are following over 100 people or groups and have over 60 following us, most of who are Round Table groups. In addition we have started a Linked-In group which has 40 members.

The real problem on PR is that clubs or councillors are not using the service. An article will be appearing in the next Links magazine showing the positive result of an approach for a publicity service. If we are going to really benefit from this exercise we must use it. If Councillors are aware of an event that is either Community, Fund Raising, Fun/Fellowship or membership related please either contact Avid direct through the [avidpr@41club.org](mailto:avidpr@41club.org) e-mail address or speak to me and I will talk to Mira.

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

As I write the Autumn issue of LINKS magazine is in preparation. I'm hoping the issue will be full size, i.e., 32 pages but I may be disappointed. Sadly, very few articles or reports have been received from the regions – please bear in mind it's a magazine for and about 41 Club and let members know what's going on in your patch.

I understand the Councillors resolved at their meeting in Durham to request the distributors of the magazine to intercept and suppress multiple mailings of the magazine. I did not issue those instructions for the Summer edition as whilst recognising the reasons for that decision I wanted to have the opportunity to put forward reasons for not doing so and to suggest an alternative course of action. I shall make my views known at the next meeting.

I seem to have run out of adjectives to describe the quality and value of Ray's monthly newsletter. It remains informative and interesting and well regarded by all who read it and I am sure it reflects well on the members of Council in general.

Webmaster David continues to keep the website up to date and interesting and will be delighted to add any contributions you may have to it. The layout and format of the website is currently under consideration by David, National Secretary Martin and Mike Gibbs as part of an overall review of the Association's IT strategy.

Archivist David ensures the Association's records and memorabilia are safeguarded for the use and pleasure of future generations of members but inevitably the available storage space in David's home is coming under strain and alternative measures are actively being investigated.

The magazine, newsletter and website rely on your contributions – please keep them coming.

**David Smith**  
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## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – ANDY WAITE**

Having missed the Durham meeting through injury I was also unable to attend the French AGM in Brive, attended by Dave Campbell, nor could I attend the National IROs meeting in Germany. I have been greatly cheered by the many good wishes from all over the globe.

Lawrence B kindly drove me to York where we briefly met Sandy Harmer, the IRO of Apex 40 in Australia, and his husband Darrol. They were on a coach tour of the British Isles.

I am looking forward to the Half Year Meeting in Brasov, Romania. It is very pleasing to see so many GB&I attendees. I am booked for Iberian Cluster and a 16 day tour of South Island, New Zealand next February. I hope to get several more trips in (no pun intended) before Ipswich.

We have another new Club wishing to affiliate in Riyadh which will come up in Membership.

A third Club has been chartered in Estonia, and the first in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Below is a letter from a member of Leek 41 Club in Region 11. Can we consider ways in which we can help without damaging the Ocean Youth Trust campaign?

Attn.: Andy Waite, International Officer

Dear Andy,

I am writing to you as a member of Leek 41 Club with a Table history dating from 1977 (Chesterfield, Leek).

Since my retirement in 2006, I have dedicated about half of each year to medical work in Uganda on a voluntary basis. Please visit my blog site [www.franzman.skyrock.com](http://www.franzman.skyrock.com) to get the fuller picture. Whilst in Uganda, I have enjoyed the services of a young man to translate for me during visits to remote clinics and assist in many other ways as well as ensuring my safety, which is not to be taken for granted there. He is called Michael Katende. Apart from the time with me, for which I paid him, he has no regular employment and no prospect of achieving such as he lacks higher education and practical skills, not to mention the mire of corruption and nepotism so rife in his country. He has proved himself an exceedingly deserving person, being scrupulously honest, very reliable and a wonderful personality, all traits not common in Africa in this combination.

To give Michael a chance to escape this self-perpetuating poverty, I have decided to fund him through university education in the UK. After lengthy battles with bureaucracy, we have secured a study place at Staffordshire University (Business Computing), paid the first years tuition fees, obtained a visa for 3 years and got his air ticket. He is scheduled to arrive in Manchester Sunday 15th August to start his course on 14th Sept. I have committed myself to an expenditure in the region of £ 35,000 over 3 years and this is for tuition alone, no food and other expenses. I can do this and am happy to do this.

This leaves some fringe cost to cover and whilst they are small in comparison to tuition fees, they still represent a strain and burden on my retirement budget. I wonder if 41 International are in any position to help by sponsoring an item or providing it, for one year or the duration of his studies, for example the bus pass.

Could you please be so kind to consider my appeal and I attach a menu of items for which support is needed.

Naturally, Michael and I would be more than happy to give a presentation if such an opportunity can be arranged through you at any place we can reach without significant expenses.

Further, I have produced two 2011 calendars and am selling these for raise funds for the Holy Cross hospital in Kampala. Please find attached the covers of both and prices are:

- Slim line version £ 6.50 each
- Double A4 (as A3) version £ 8.50 each
- Postage would have to be added upon knowing any quantities.

I am not sure if the calendar is a practical item for national / international 41 to sponsor, selling it through its channels. If so, I would be pleased to review the prices based upon bulk purchase.

Any help you may be able to give will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your considerations.



*With best wishes, yours in 41, Franz*

**Andy Waite**

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

Earlier this month Malcolm reminded us that we had agreed to produce a 'development paper' for the October Council Meeting which prioritises our objectives and attaches a budgetary implication to each of them. As a 'new boy' on the Executive I have not found this an easy exercise, particularly when it comes to anticipated expenditure. My priorities are to progress the future conferences already in place, seek to establish suitable locations for 3/4 years ahead, ensure that future locations for National Council Weekends are confirmed and to develop an on-line registration and payment system for future conferences.

Here goes.....

### **2011 IPSWICH**

Since the start of my involvement with the organisation of Conferences I have never experienced such hard work, enthusiasm and energy as that shown by the Ipswich Conference Committee. Their website is superb and no-one can be in any doubt that Ipswich 2011 will be an event to remember for all the right reasons. To date more than 150 registrations have been made and with some 50 room bookings made without packages being booked that is potentially a further 100 guests attending – and there are still 7/8 months to go!! There will be some changes to the usual conference Friday format as a result of the location and timing of the Golf Competition and the locations of the Civic Reception and Presidents' Banquet and Ball. The current plan, as detailed by National Secretary, is:

10.00 – Councillors' Meeting

11.30 – National Council Meeting

13.00 – Working Lunch

14.00 – End of Council Meeting

14.15 – President leaves Novotel to go to Golf

15.00 – Sound check at AGM venue for all those concerned

16.00 – President to be back at Novotel

17.15 – President leaves for Civic Reception (see below for future proposal)

### **2012 JERSEY**

A fully functioning Committee has now been formed and I am receiving questions, almost on a daily basis, about all aspects of organising a Conference. They have a good balance of experience and new blood with an obvious enthusiasm for the task. As previously mentioned they have no Tangent support on the island but I know that Gill Preston and Terrie Hewitt are attending the November conference committee meeting with me and we are hopeful that between us we will be able to overcome any problems. Jersey has traditionally been a very

popular venue and it is hoped that this will help to rekindle 41ers' interest in National Conference.

### **2013 LLANDUDNO**

I have visited Llandudno and was very impressed with the facilities that the town offers. They have a relatively new Conference and Leisure Centre (Venue Cymru) which will satisfy all the Association's needs for meetings and functions. Their major hotels are of a very high standard and these together with 3\* and 2\* accommodation and caravan sites satisfy all the current criteria for Conference venues. I have asked Lawrence Bamber to make the initial approach to Rhyl 41 Club to form a committee and Ray Hill has expressed a wish to get involved. I will be pushing for a decision by the end of October.

### **2014 WESTON-super-MARE**

Some members of Gordano Valley 41 Club have expressed an interest in hosting a National Conference in Weston-super-Mare. They are 'experienced' having organised the 1953 and 1998 Conferences. I am due to attend a club meeting soon and will report back at the February National Council Weekend.

Both Llandudno and Weston-super-Mare are anticipated to be less expensive than Jersey and should help to bring conference numbers back to former levels.

### **National Council Weekends**

Arrangements are in hand for February 2011, July 2011, October 2011, and February 2012. I have received offers for three further locations.

### **Conference Registration and Payments Online**

I have very recently received a 13 page report from David Henderson of [www.hendersononline.com](http://www.hendersononline.com) following my request for a comprehensive update of the way we organise delegates' registration and payment for annual conferences. The report reviews the options available and I will need time to consider the implications.

In view of this and the time constraints at this National Council Weekend I will postpone presentation of the report until a later date. If the Executive agree I will circulate the report with my recommendations by e-mail and by the end of October.

### **National Conference Civic Reception**

As a result of the limited number (40) of invitees to the Civic Reception in Ipswich I propose to reconsider the criteria for the issue of invitations in the future. It is certainly a sign of the times with local authorities having to trim their budgets and it is unlikely any day soon for the trend to be reversed. My proposal for Ipswich and subsequent Conferences is that invitees should be limited to the following with their partners:

National President of 41 Club  
National President of Tangent  
National President of RTBI  
National President of Ladies Circle  
International President

Conference Chairman

\*National Presidents or their Representatives from other Countries

\*Personal Guests of the National President

\*These numbers can be adjusted to accommodate the particular restrictions imposed by the host location.

### **Renaming Conference**

Following my article in the Summer edition of Links I have received the grand total of just 1 reply. This was the rather unimaginative 'ANNUAL EVENT'.

Issue 11 of 'NEWS@41CLUB.ORG' shows what a great mate the Editor is! But maybe it will get the juices flowing. My personal contribution is '*41 Club Annual Gala and AGM*'.

Finally my thanks to Nicky Phelan and Phillip Ellis for their generosity in allowing Council to attend the Irish Rally and for their hard work in producing what I am sure will be an excellent weekend.

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

I am pleased to report that the initial problem of the engraving and delivery of sales items, especially the Name Bars and Past Chairman Jewels has now been resolved and that turnaround of orders has been greatly improved with a number of members expressing how good the service from [www.41clubsales.co.uk](http://www.41clubsales.co.uk) is now.

Despite this good news, I do get the occasional telephone call from a Club who are still trying to order items via Marchesi House using an old order form. In addition some of our older members are not up to speed with modern technology and ordering via a web site basket causes them great difficulty.

May I ask Councillors during their visits to re-affirm the correct way to access sales and give support where required.

Members have expressed to me that they particularly like the quality of the Polo and Rugby shirts, the range of colours available and the opportunity to have a number of personal words embroidered within the price.

In addition 41Club sales are pleased to quote for and supply bespoke items such as the 41 Club Promotion Banners as used at the end of President Malcolm's walk and the "Special Jewel" for Tangent's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please give [www.41clubsales.co.uk](http://www.41clubsales.co.uk) the first option to quote before comparing costs with other suppliers.

Feedback requested that there was a desire to offer enamel inscriptions on Name Bars be made available in "Blue" as well as "Black" or "Gold" and this option is now available and I am already in discussions with our supplier on improving the securing pins on the back.

I am pleased to note that there is a regular take up (see below) of "Club Service Awards" jewels by members, but I am yet unable to identify if this is due to the new design or



awareness that they are available. Either way it is good to see individual members being recognised within their club.

To give you a flavour of the current sales, the top three items for the first five months of this 41 Club year are:

April 2010 (AGM month)

1. Club Pin Badge
2. Past Chairman's Name Bar
3. Past Chairman's Jewel

May 2010

1. Club Pin Badge
2. Dress Pin Badge
3. Past Chairman's Name Bar

June 2010

1. Club Pin Badge
2. Dress Pin Badge
3. 41 Club Logo Car Sticker

July 2010

1. Cufflinks
2. Past Chairman's Pin Badge
3. 41 Club Logo Car Sticker

August 2010

1. Past Chairman's Jewel
2. Past Chairman's Name Bar
3. Club Pin Badge
4. (Club Service Award Jewel)

The total Sales Commission to 41Club for the above five months amounted to £1468.89. The first of the "Summer Sale Special" of a Golfing Umbrella and Baseball Cap in the News Letter for one reduced price was a success. The "Autumn Sale Special" will be focused on reducing the stock of ties. Also a "Christmas Sales Special" is planned.

May I apologise for the early teething problems and the flack that some Councillors received, but I now feel we have turned the tide in respect of ordering and delivering sales items to members.

The improved Sales Website will be up and running soon having seen the "work in progress" pages which I hope will be more user focused to our members needs and understanding.

Our contract with our sales supplier is up for renewal at the end of the year and I continue to capture any comments made for the negotiation process.



The situation in respect of our new National Council Officers jewels will be communicated separately by the time of the National Council meeting in Dublin, so there is no need to comment in this report.

### **SALES BRIEF CASES**

I promised a review at the AGM, but this is proving more difficult than originally thought. Boxes have changed hands with new Councillors coming on board and the Brief Case Replenishment Forms were not designed to be easily changed to accommodate change of ownership.

Replenishment requests have been few since the AGM which is telling me that the review is overdue. A spreadsheet of the current stock of the Brief Case will be tabled at the October Council Meeting so Councillors can digest outside of the meeting at their leisure before I seek further views to draw up recommendations.

### **PLATINUM PRIVILEGES**

You will find in the pages of the next "Links" issue magazine another four page bundle of Platinum Privileges. This is the last set of offers for 2010 and I will be conducting a review by the end of the year with Marketing Solutions who have put Platinum Privileges together for us.

Initial feedback from Marketing Solutions indicates that the take up of the vouchers for discounted major store items has been higher than the specific discounts, with "City Breaks" and "Car Parking" being the leaders in this section.

More feedback direct from members, therefore Marketing Solutions have kindly offered a bottle of Champagne to the best feedback reply in respect of the use of Platinum Privileges.

Therefore once again can I ask the Councillors on their visits to encourage feedback as to members using the service, their experience, value for money or any other view on Platinum Privileges they may have?

### **MARKETING AND BRANDING**

Our relatively new branding is becoming more accepted and used with just the odd occasion that upsets the "Branding Police". It is good to note that on Club letterheads and flyers for events the correct logos are being used.

Two new Promotion Banners are available for Clubs to use that allow addition information to be temporary attached to the banners such as details and dates. Two date they have only been used twice since purchased.

There are a number of other promotion banners of the pull up type within the association, I have the Sales one (received damaged but repaired by myself), but perhaps an audit and inventory of what is out there is required so that planned use and maintenance can be established.

Marketing 41 Club externally to potential members and the wider public as well as internally to members is currently falling under the Membership Officers remit, but I am pleased to give Jim Smith my full co-operation and assistance in the work he is undertaking.

**Hugh Milward**



## **NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPRESENTATIVE – BARRY DURMAN**

No report submitted

### **REGION 1 – DONALD WATSON**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

The last meeting was in June and essentially Clubs in the West of Scotland close for the summer. I have followed this trend and concentrated on other activities such as making the arrangements for the National Golf Final, and trying to assist our National Archivist with his archiving Project.

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

Particularly interested in the efforts to establish the 41 Club in Elgin. But I think that Jim Smith seems to be assisting in the background. It seems well organised by David Willox and I wish them all success.

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

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).

Tackled Nithsdale at the Scottish Golf Championship and have arranged for one of the members to act as the email contact.

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

I wish!

Time has not permitted the contact of all Clubs, but I do know that virtually all are correct, as I contact most on a regular basis.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

See the Regional website <http://41club-region1.co.uk/default.aspx> and the Newsletters as appropriate and the 41 Club website – Region 1

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

Good!

Area 13, Dunblane and Dumfries still outstanding if the report on the national website is up to date

7. Any other matters to be raised:

Yes.

It was an interesting to be involved with our Archivist, Webmaster and Region 15 Councillor in the Archiving Project and with our IPP on the Councillors Welfare and RT Committee. I



have a firm belief that essentially the committees are a waste of time as they do not have sufficient time made available to them, *from my experience*, and do not communicate between National Council Meetings. (*Again in my experience*)

David Addison arranged a webinar for the four of us to discuss the Archiving Project via modern communication methods. *Again from my experience* we have paid lip service to this means of communication, but how refreshing was to take part in it and how effective it was to make real progress in progressing the work of the project group. The outcome is that we can evaluate work that has been done since our meeting and be prepared for our next online meeting.

Surely this is the way forward for making this Council more effective between meetings.

I do remember saying at the last Council meeting that I doubted if anyone read these reports in any detail, to test this assertion, would any Councillor who reads this advise me accordingly prior to the commencement of the next meeting in Ireland.

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## **REGION 2 – ALLAN THOMSON**

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

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August all roads lead to Forfar for the Scottish Region's 1 & 2 Golf, excellent day of Fellowship and organisation by the Forfar Club, prizes presented by National President Malcolm and the team prize was won by my own Club Inverurie and District, it helped when they dropped me!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September I was, along with my wife Moira at the Arbroath Club who are in their 49<sup>th</sup> year and had, at their last meeting, discussed disaffiliation, reason, no new members, ageing membership (one member present 94), Table disinterested and had no recollection of ever seeing anyone from National. They have 15 members and 14 were present, excellent meeting, good speaker, subject Germany, work and holidays and the V. of T. was given in German. With two of their closest Clubs having their 50<sup>th</sup> in the next few months more positive thoughts emerged and they should remain on board.

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

Possible Carnoustie with 30 members but still to be discussed further.

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

"Get one in" Have addressed this to all 41er's I have been in contact with and encouraged all to try to introduce someone to Table where Table exists.

"Mind the Cap" this has worked in my own Club and I am using this as a model of getting those who have never joined 41 club to come along in later years.

### 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).

Only one Club, Bo'ness has a postal Club Contact but they have an Officer Bearer on email. Many Clubs have linked positions which have, and will remain, traditional and to force "Change" would upset more than help. However still trying to progress this and in the last month have all Forfar members on CAS with email addresses for all, dropping hints and offers of assistance elsewhere.

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



Of the 35 Clubs in Region 2 all except Brechin; Burntisland and Kirriemuir have updated in 2010 however, on the plus side only Burntisland have Capitation fees outstanding so, in the other three Clubs mail etc is still getting through but, once again I will push.

#### 5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Weekend of 24/25.26<sup>th</sup> September Peterhead 41 Club International Get together with 41er's and in some cases wives from Germany, 6 41ers; France, 3 couples and 2 41ers; Crewe and Nantwich, 2 couples and 3 41ers.

1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 Linlithgow 41 Club meeting Whisky Tasting

26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Dundee Former Round Tabler's Club 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. Dinner, Panmure Golf Club, Stag, Formal, £30.00 ticket National President Malcolm to attend.

10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Inverurie 41 Club Burns Supper, National President Malcolm to attend.

26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Forfar 41 Club 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. Dinner, Forfar Golf Club, Stag, Formal, £40.00 ticket National Vice President Vaughan to attend.

25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 Scottish Regions 1 and 2 Golf Competition, Inverurie Golf Club, National present Vaughan to attend and play.

#### 6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

All as treasurer and Sue's recent notification, great to see that Corstorphine are now up to date and have a new Treasurer and that Forfar's are now on the right road and will be paid shortly.

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

Ocean Youth Trust Scottish Cruises, All who participated from Region 2 really enjoyed the experience and were from the following Clubs; Alan Sainsbury, Aberdeen and District; Roger Hemming, Hawick; Mark Saunders, Royal Deeside; and Robin and Alison Young from Inverurie. Well done to all for participating.

From the 7<sup>th</sup> February to the 7<sup>th</sup> March the Region 2 Councillor will be out of the Country as Moira and myself are going on the 41 Club New Zealand "Wild South Tour". It pays to look at the website.

**Allan Thomson**

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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 18 registered Clubs with a total of 324 members in Region 3, and currently 73.46% of clubs in the region have paid their capitations.

I am delighted to welcome all National Councillors to Ireland and I hope their stay here is memorable for all the right reasons.

The Region 3 Rally this year will be a memorable occasion, not only because we in Region 3 will welcome a National Councillors meeting at it, but the whole event will be hosted in an area that hosts so much of Irish history dating back 3200BC. The Rally itself will be a fantastic event with trips to Newgrange, built before the Pyramids and Stonehenge. The base is the City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co Meath from Friday, 1 October to Sunday, 3 October 2010. Region 3 would like to thank Nicky Phelan and his team from Laytown & Bettystown 41 Club for all their organization.

**Phillip Ellis**

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#### **REGION 4 – DAI BRYSON**

No report submitted

#### **REGION 5 – ANDREW MACKERETH**

No report submitted

#### **REGION 6 – ANDREW BELLAMY**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

None made over the Summer

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

None identified over the Summer

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

Brighouse & District 41 Club organising an lavish reunion dinner for all contactable ex-tableters with National President in attendance.

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).

80% of officers identified with email for Region 6 69% national average

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

Not all are up to date but some progress has been made.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

White Rose Dinner 22 October 2010,

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

I have had an assurance that the 2009 capitation will be paid.

7. Any other matters to be raised:

Contact with Table councillors seems difficult and fruitless

**Andrew Bellamy**

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#### **REGION 7 – MIKE GARNER**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Seven Clubs visited since the last meeting together with three "Phantom" Clubs meeting in the Region .

2. Clubs identified in the Region for the 'Phoenix Project'.  
No Clubs identified for Phoenix Project

3. Responses to the 'Get One In' and 'Mind the Gap' projects:  
My version of Mind the Gap has focussed on the three "Clubs" meeting in the region  
CHAOS .....consisting of 13 ex New Mills Marple and District Tablers  
Peter Panners.....consisting of 12 ex Macclesfield Tablers  
Poynton Rebels.....consisting of 14 ex Poynton Tablers

In all cases there has been a fall out with the 41 Club...mainly due to extreme age differences.

Both CHAOS and Peter Panners have agreed to come back into the fold and we are now discussing the arrangements for creating two new affiliated 41 Clubs....namely Macclesfield Active 41 Club and NMMand District Active 41 Club

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).

North Manchester...no chance of change they will not entertain it.  
Manchester and Stockport...one of their members has agreed to be club contact and can be contacted on [Kevin@kevinlovet.co.uk](mailto:Kevin@kevinlovet.co.uk)

5. Confirmation that CAS records for all clubs in the Region are up to date:  
As best as possible...still having trouble changing things but as of today's date only one club in the region is out of date...but only the e/mail address for the club contact which I will have in the next week.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Joint Region 7 and 8 Dinner - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The Village Hotel Cheadle Cheshire

Price £30 ...Black Tie

Contact me to book in...also for hotel accommodation at only £20 pp sharing

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation  
Only 4 left who have all had reminders from me and are due a visit in the next month

7. Any other matters to be raised:  
Apologies for not being with you...work intervend!!!!!! See you all in February

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## **REGION 8 - STEVE LEONARD**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Local; IOM, Rushen, Prospect

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

None. Earlier attempts (by others) to rekindle IOM R/T have failed I am afraid.

I have relooked at what was done but enthusiasm is not there.

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

Lukewarm, nothing pending. I shall be taking a relocated ex-Tabler to the Prez dinner (as my guest) when he comes over. He has not found a Table here to transfer to (only Rushen left and they meet down South)

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).

I have 2 such clubs – Huyton and St Helens

I do not know the contact of Huyton personally, but we all know Cleggie from St Helens.

Various nice letters and pleadings have gone unheeded.

Both these clubs seem to be 100% accurate on CAS

Going on hols myself tomorrow but will chase them both by phone before Irish Rally meeting

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

Not quite

6. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

7 October Presentation Service Award jewel to Sec Liverpool Aigberth

Prez visit to IOM 4-6 November ; Meetings arranged (over 2 days) – All 3 clubs dinner; lunch with Prospect Club; Rushen R/T bonfire night

Joint cluster dinner R 7&8 3 Dec

7. Progress on outstanding Capitation

Bootle Crosby & District chased but contact lost – if my successor is who is currently proposed I suggest we leave this one to him and his Rottweiler henchmen

8. Any other matters to be raised:

Will brainstorm my chaps pre-Irish Rally

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## **REGION 9 – ALAN PATTINSON**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Boston  
Holbeach  
Planned  
Deepings  
Sleaford  
Woodhall Spa

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

N/A

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

N/A

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).

N/A

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

Not done

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

None required

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

In hand

7. Any other matters to be raised:

**Alan Pattinson**

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## **REGION 10 – PETER GOOD**

Being new to the job I still getting my head around the administration etc.

Re; Emails.

Since becoming councillor I have had at least £20m left to me as a beneficiary, which I have invested in all those foreign banks that want me to invest with them.

Using the interest to keep the 102 24yr old girls that want to come to England and live with me.

On a more serious note, I attended RTBI NSW weekend in Lancaster being a regular at this event for a number of years as its properly is tables main event of the year.

It was great to see Malcolm there forging the links between table and 41 as has been a couple of years since 41 Club was represented at this level - thanks Malcolm.

A good weekend was had by all as usual.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September we have the first Leicestershire Cluster meeting which has been organised by Mick McQuade and Steve Hagger.

They have got John Spence as speaker as well as Malcolm Lockey, the event being a sell out with a waiting list.

Being a new Councillor and in an attempt to get to know the Region, I have conducted a survey and I will let you know the results at Dublin.

**Peter Good**

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## **REGION 11 – RAY HILL**

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

The summer months are the silly season on Region 11. Several clubs have no meetings and most others (including my own) have informal outdoor meetings. I arranged a joint meeting with Holmes Chapel and will be returning for a more formal visit in the future. I plan to visit as many clubs as possible between now and Christmas. Last year's experience shows that the nearer to Christmas you can visit them the more that goes into the President's charity tin.

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

In discussions with RT Area 22 executive we decided that Holmes Chapel was the best target for trying to re-start a Table. A wealthy market town it fitted the profile perfectly and used to have a thriving Table. Area 22 has already started promoting the possibility of reforming and Holmes Chapel 41 Club have been approached for help.

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

No response yet – will promote when visiting clubs.

### 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).

I have made a start on contacting the worse cases but it takes time and a visit is probably the best way to take this forward. By definition these are often the hardest clubs to contact and the least co-operative in activities such as this. Not updating their record for one year is often a sign that they either rarely change their officers or that (in at least one case) they hold the office of chairman for two years.

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

See above.

### 5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Nothing planned in the region in the near future. So little inter club communication has happened in this region over the last 10 years that many clubs are surprised when approached for a joint meeting. The golf tournament attracted twice as many entries this year and the winners (who were first time entrants) expressed how much they had enjoyed

socialising with the other clubs. In a region of 600 members only 2 attend the national conference and we are both officers, so there is a long way to go! Organising a high cost high risk event such as a regional dinner is not an option at the moment, but I do plan to introduce a pub quiz night to see what sort of response I can get.

#### 6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

Current payments for 2010 stand at 96.67%. Only one club with 20 members is yet to pay and they always appear to pay late in the year. The response has been much better this year, and several normally late payers have already paid.

There is still one club outstanding from 2009. I am in communication with Stoke-on-Trent and they thought that they had paid last year's capitation. The treasurer assures me that he never receives requests for capitation and the last communication he had from Marchesi House was 2 years ago when he underpaid by 50p per person and received a request for the difference. It would appear that he has paid £10 per head for last year, but it has been allocated to this year. Stoke 96 is the oldest Table in Area 22 and was a very strong Table in its day, but now it is struggling for survival and so too is its 41 Club. Last year they only had 2 meetings, but they are planning a fuller programme for the next 6 months and now have a regular meeting place. They had discussed disaffiliation but decided to continue with us. I will be visiting them at their first meeting in October and offer them all the support I can.

The duplicate entry for Delamere Forest is still on the CAS system. They have paid for 2009 but still appear as non-payers.

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

Since the last Council Meeting I have produced 4 monthly newsletters. The worries expressed last time about it being too long have been easily resolved as over the last few months I have received very little input. Please submit stories about 41 Club activities in your regions particularly ones that are not just about dinners, golf or quiz nights. We need good news to stimulate others into action! The newsletter gets a much wider readership than you may expect. I ran a story about a member of Stafford 41 who had run a marathon across the Sahara Desert, imagine his surprise when he received a cheque for £250 from Lagos 41 Club towards his chosen charities. My thanks to those of you who send me input, but I would appreciate if all councillors and exec members will think about the newsletter when they have something to share.

I spent two very enjoyable Saturdays in September manning a 41 Club stand at both the RT National Sporting Weekend and at Tangent's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday lunch in Nottingham. Sales of regalia were not great but being there promoted the club to other members of the RT family.

July 5<sup>th</sup> was my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and I spent a very enjoyable day walking 10.5 miles with President Malcolm along the Millennium Way. Events such as this do a great deal to foster inter-club relations and on that day we were joined by a member of Romford 41 Club.

**Ray Hill**

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## REGION 12 – LAWRENCE BAMBER

### 1. Visits/Contacts Since last Council Meeting:

- a) Holyhead; Mold; Rhyl x 3; Denbigh; Anglesey; and Llangollen
- b) NSW 2010 (RTBI) With Malcolm, Barry and Ray; got to the quarter final of the Darts partnering my RT Opposite Number, James Wells Regional Rep for Areas 36 and 53.
- c) Met - together with Andy Waite - the APEX ( Aussie ) IRO and her Husband in York.

### 2. Clubs identified in the Region for the Phoenix Project:

Have had discussions with James Wells ( see above) RTBI.  
We have identified a number of small Tables still in existence, and it has been suggested that consideration is given to setting up a new able in the Conwy Valley, possibly based around Llanrwst. Discussions are on-going.

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

This has been limited to date, as guidance paperwork only received recently.

However , there is a possibility of a new Club being set up in Y Felinheli ( Port Dinorwic) which will effectively be Caernarfon Active, for the younger breed!  
Talks are on-going and the forecast is early 2011.

### 4. Postal Only Clubs:

The 3 non Email Clubs have been contacted on numerous occasions.  
Most have now provided an E-Mail address for their Secretary who was not on CAS!  
Llangollen and Anglesey are still considering the matter, and will be followed up (again) soon.

### 5. Up to Date CAS for Clubs:

All clubs have been contacted twice.

To date 8 have confirmed that their CAS is up to date : Holyhead; Welshpool; Chester Grosvenor Knights; Tywyn & Aberdyfi; Birkenhead; Rhyl; Heswall& West Kirby; and Deesside.

### 6. Forthcoming Events:

Friday February 25th : St. David's Day Dinner/ Region 12 Annual Dinner, Rhuddlan Golf Club

Wednesday March 2nd : Mid Wales Cluster Dinner, Llandrindod

### 7. Progress on Capitulations:

2009 : all in

2010 ; most in; awaiting the latest outstanding list to enable follow ups to be made.

### 8. Any other Matters:

- a) Apols for non attendance at Dublin; will be in Dubai representing the Association at the RT International AGM
- b) Will be attending the 41 International HYM in Brasov, Romania, Oct 13th to 18th. 2010

## **REGION 13 – DUNCAN KENNEDY**

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

In view of the summer break I have not had the opportunity to visit many Clubs. Those that I have been to have no real interest in the projects but I will continue on that quest. Ammanford would have been ripe for this but they have decided to disaffiliate rather than put any effort into doing anything else. I have tried to persuade them and suggested a “National” visit but I am assured they have no inclination or energy to do anything about the “Family”.

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

I am continuing with discussions with Clubs with no feeder Table but to date I have not had any positive feedback. Vale of Glamorgan are the most likely but their nearest Table closed only last year and when they were approached by the then Tablers had no real interest in taking an active role but said they would try to support events.

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

There are one or two Clubs who will be getting involved with this and I will continue to work with them to move matters on.

### 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).

All Clubs in my Region (except Ammanford mentioned above) now have email contact for the Club Contact. I am currently working on the officers.

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

This is a work in progress. Some are done and I am pushing others. Where they are prepared to give me the details I can ensure the records are updated. In some cases I am told they will deal with it themselves despite by best efforts to persuade them to let me do it for them.

### 5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Nothing of note.

### 6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

I am told by the Clubs (save for Ammanford) that they have this in hand and payment either has been made or will be made very shortly.

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

NTR

## **REGION 14 – TERRY WELLS**

No report submitted

## **REGION 15 – BARRY DURMAN**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Shirley Late Knights, Regional Forum with Nat. Pres, Solihull, Millenium Walk completed three legs meeting 41ers from several of my clubs, Region 15 Golf with members from several clubs, Sean Smiths funeral with many 41ers, Lancaster for NSW, Rothwell, Leicester Cluster Meeting, National Golf Competition

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

Stratford? Has been tried before? All other large local towns have one Table still?

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' (Email addresses are needed for all Club Contacts, Chairmen, Secretary's and Treasurers).

Have updated a few clubs that have not been updated recently. Most officers have emails – all clubs have at least one officer on email

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

Although not perfect my clubs are reasonably up to date. About 5 date back to 2008.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Golf, Forum, Millennium Walk have occurred so no more events planned

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

100% paid up = I only had to chase a few as I have already got them into the habit of paying!

7. Any other matters to be raised:

I have struggled with club visits as I am still working in Yorkshire 2/3 days per week. I am coming towards the end of my 5 years so intend to go out with another round of visits starting with Hinckley next month.

Sales just ticking over slowly.

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## **REGION 16 – NIGEL DAVIES**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting: Cambridge, Ely, Stamford, Eastern Region Golf Day at Chelmsford and March (shortly)

2. Clubs identified in the Region for the 'Phoenix Project'. Possibly Ely
3. Responses to the 'Get One In' and 'Mind the Gap' projects: None to date
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). I have asked my Club to arrange this but I would like to report further to Council.
5. Confirmation that CAS records for all clubs in the Region are up to date: Not yet. Still doing my best to get the Clubs to comply.
5. Forthcoming Events in the Region: Ely Fireworks Dinner in November. All Clubs in Region will be invited.
6. Progress on outstanding Capitation All Clubs who are outstanding have been contacted except Huntingdon who seem to have disappeared.
7. Any other matters to be raised: I would like to discuss Item 4 please. I was not at Durham so was not party to any discussion there.

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## **REGION 17 – MARK RAMSAY**

Report received by e-mail:

Region 17 - nothing to report I have made a couple of visits but I can't find my notes . However i am doing the Great North Run for the Presidents Charity on Sunday , I will be wearing an Ocean Youth Trust Shirt my number is 29054 no one from 41 club has yet sponsored me see what you can do please Martin , I will e-mail my region ,

Thanks,

**Mark Ramsay**

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## **REGION 18 – NIGEL CAYNE**

No report submitted

## **REGION 19 – ROBERT BROWNING**

Apologies

I give my apologies for non-attendance at this meeting as I am in Spain on holiday for two weeks.

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Unable to attend Eastern Region Golf day as on second honeymoon (50<sup>th</sup>)

Boules Evening - Hertford 41

Golf for my own club v. Hoddesdon Rotary

Bishops Stortford 'Elsan Trophy' Night

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

None

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':

I have one club that falls into this category – Dunstable. I have contacted the four members with e-mail addresses and two have been returned as undeliverable. No reply from the other two.

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

15 clubs have not updated in 2010 and have been contacted.

At least 3 have 'no change' to report and I suspect there are more.

3 others are updating when they have the information.

I suspect usernames and passwords are a difficulty where the contact changes and fails to pass on the information.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

None to my knowledge.

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

One club only - Welwyn Garden City

7. Any other matters to be raised: None

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## **REGION 20 – FRANK VENABLES**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

- West Forest 41 Club: September 9<sup>th</sup>

This was hoped to be a joint meeting with Wokingham 41 Club, a close neighbour, but Wokingham were organising a 'Twinning' weekend. Eight of the nineteen members entertained me to a very enjoyable evening.

I briefed West Forest on the three potential projects to help Round Table [and ourselves] and we discussed its own relations with Round Table. The situation is complicated – West Forest [9 members] and Wokingham [2] Tables appear to have merged, unofficially. Of the two members who left Table recently, one has joined West Forest 41, and is very active; the other appears to have left the area.

The Club is very active socially, with some community service.

One problem with their Table seems to be that, of the nine members, eight work as managers, so the ninth and newest member is expected to action their ideas. Not good, and certainly not what we knew in Table!

- An action plan for visits to at least half of the region before the 2011 AGM is being finalised.

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

I have drawn up a short list for discussions with Club Chairmen and Round Table officers; see table in Section 8, below.

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

I have drawn up a short list for discussions with Club Chairmen and Round Table officers; see table in Section 8, below.

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).

All registered contacts have Email addresses.

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

Current situation; to be finalised at council meeting.

Newbury	28/03/2008 11:44:24	Update demanded
Oxford (No. 19)	20/12/2009 20:38:55	"
Sandhurst & Yateley	14/08/2009 19:31:22	"
Thame & Mid-Oxon	08/12/2008 14:02:07	"No change"
		Formal update demanded.

6 Forthcoming Events in the Region:

- Region 20 Dinner 2010 – Oxford – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 7:30pm for 8pm  
In the Hall at St Cross College, in the centre of Oxford.  
Keeping costs down has enabled a reduced ticket price of £36 for a 3-course meal. Wine and port are reasonably priced; fellowship comes with you free.  
National President Malcolm will attend, and Mark Todd, one of the Ocean Youth Trust's founding skippers, will address you.
- I am planning for a repeat of last year's Regional Quiz Night in February/March.

7 Progress on outstanding Capitation:

Current situation; to be finalised at council meeting.

Brackley & District	12	£120.00	"Paid early September"
Newbury	20	£200.00	Update demanded
Thame & Mid-Oxon	21	£210.00	"

£410 (4.58%) outstanding?

8. Any other matters to be raised:



The initial set of possible project foci (Sections 2 & 3, above):

41 Club & RT list Oct 2010 - Region 20

Club & Members	Table ?	Table & Members	No	Phoenix	Get One In	Mind the Gap	Comments
Buckingham	24 -	Buckingham & District	0 825	X A	A		For Phoenix
Reading (No. 11)	39 -	Reading & District	0 6	X A			
Windsor & Eton	48 Y	Windsor & Eton	2 277	A?	A		
Wokingham	40 Y	Wokingham	2 831	A?	A		
Abingdon & District	36 -			B		?	
Faringdon & District	12 -			C			
Bracknell	34 -			?			
Goring	23 -			?			
Wallingford	43 -			?			
Reading Valley Veterans	27 -				A		For Phoenix Reading (No 11)
Basingstoke	55 Y	Basingstoke	5 93		A		
Hungerford	8 Y	Hungerford	8 1109		A		
Sandhurst & Yateley	31 Y	Sandhurst &	6 982		A		
West Forest	19 Y	West Forest	9 1122		A		
		Thatcham	7 1251		A		Lone table
Caversham	33 Y	Caversham	8 1047		?		
Oxford Cherwell	24 -				?		
Maidenhead	12 Y	Maidenhead	9 202		?	?	
		Henley-on-Thames	20 600			?	Lone Table

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## REGION 21 – RAY JONES

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

June 14<sup>th</sup> Stroud. July 6<sup>th</sup> Bristol. August 12<sup>th</sup> Gloucester and Gloucester Active.

July 10<sup>th</sup> President's Millennium walk. Contact with Pershore and Worcester Clubs

July 21<sup>st</sup> Region Golf competition- 8 clubs represented

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Region Skittles competition final-4 clubs represented.

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

Possibly Gordano Valley, but I have not discussed this initiative with them.

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

Very little response from any club. When this issue is raised with members, most are unaware of these initiatives.

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).

Only 2 Club Contacts remain on postal contact only. I have spoken with both contacts who are not regular e-mail users and asked them to arrange for another member to be Club Contact. The Chairmen of these 2 clubs are both on e-mail contact.

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

Nearly completed! 3 out of 39 clubs remain to be updated.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

October 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Quiz Night

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

I have reminded the Chairman of the 1 club with 2010 capitation outstanding, Hereford, and he is to ensure that the Treasurer forwards payment.

7. Any other matters to be raised:

None

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## **REGION 22 – MARK FAIRCHILD**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Not many visits since the last meeting, for no particular reason other than a hectic work and social life ! However, I did manage to attend:

Newton Abbot 41 Club in June for their annual cricket match against Round Table. A game of 16 overs a side, stopped once for rain, ended up as a draw, with the trophy being retained by Table on the basis that they were reigning champions and had forgotten to bring it along with them.... The BBQ was, as ever, excellent.

Brixham 41 Club managed to pick the glorious weather in August for their Boules tournament. I was partnered by Ex-President Keith Howard but despite losing our only game we somehow walked away with the prize. Managed to sell a couple of floating OYT key-rings after proving they floated in the water jug! A fantastic seafood platter was finished off by a Firework display across the bay.

Okehampton hosted the Region 22 Golf competition on August 11<sup>th</sup>, which was contested by teams from Brixham, Exeter, Ottery St Mary and of course the hosts. On a challenging course home advantage told, with Okehampton taking the innovatively engraved shield from 3<sup>rd</sup> place Brixham (a sticky label). Exeter were runners-up. The plan is that we will have a team at the finals for the first time this year, although this still hasn't been confirmed at the time of writing this report.

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

There are three clubs in the Region that could potentially spawn a phoenix Table, based on the criteria set (30+ members, rural or market town). I have yet to discuss it with the clubs themselves, which I will do this during my visits this autumn. The three are Tiverton (36 Members), Totnes (35) and Newton Abbot (40). The latter's Table folded a couple of years ago, with the remaining members transferring into Exeter Table (one of whom is currently Chairman). Within Cornwall, Bodmin (21) would be the most likely candidate.

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

Of the 20 Tablers within the Region who left on 31<sup>st</sup> March :

4 were already joint members of 41 Club

2 are attending an unaffiliated club, which plans to re-affiliate within the next year

4 are in contact and attending their 41 Club (2 to an "old" 41 Club, and will I hope take other recent retirees with them.)

1 was RT Chairman in his final year, so is still in Table – he will be joining 41 Club next year.

1 has no affiliated 41 Club to join

At the time of writing I am awaiting responses from the remaining 8.

These initiatives will be promoted during club visits this autumn.

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).

Only one club (South Molton) have no email addresses at all. Visit planned for November meeting. All other clubs have email contacts.

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

At time of writing down I am down to 8 clubs still to be updated. Most of these have already agreed to update CAS, I will be chasing those that haven't this week. Confident these will be completed by time of meeting.

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Area Quiz will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, hosted by Okehampton 41 Club.

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

Only 5 clubs remain outstanding, they are traditionally amongst the last to pay. Will be included in my autumn visits.

7. Any other matters to be raised:

Have managed to sell a dozen OYT key rings at club visits – members seem happy to pay £1 for them, as it all goes to the charity. Badge sales are somewhat slower, but this is based on very few visits.

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## **REGION 23 – STEVE BOLTER**

1. Visits made since last Council Meeting:

Visit to Wareham with immediate Past President (my more active time in terms of visits starts from October)

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

None

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).

None in Region

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

Confirmed

5. Forthcoming Events in the Region:

Havant 50<sup>th</sup> Charter in October, Area Quiz in November and Dorset Knobs March

6. Progress on outstanding Capitation

97.52% paid ie 2 Clubs outstanding. Usual 2 which are the late payers

7. Any other matters to be raised:

None

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## **REGION 24 – MANNY MARTINS**

No report submitted

## **REGION 25 – DAVE CAMPBELL**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June Medway 41 Club hosted a cluster meeting, which Vaughan and I attended. The meeting attracted clubs from the Medway towns and the speaker for the evening was an ex policeman who used to appear on Crime watch and now supports a charity which provides first line help in disaster zones.

A successful regional golf day was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September with a record 53 people attending. A raffle and auction on the evening raised over £300 towards the president's charity, Ocean Youth Trust.

Tunbridge Wells 41 Club are considering re-affiliating, possible jointly with Tonbridge ex-tabletlers to form one strong group.

All but two Clubs in the region have paid their capitation. These are still being chased.

Those clubs that have failed to update their records on CAS have been contacted. The result of this "chase up" has been encouraging with most clubs now up to date.

Sales during the last quarter have been generally poor and some members have expressed concern about the range of goods available and the quality of some items.

Bromley 41 Club will be holding their Annual Cluster Meeting in November and are actively visiting neighbouring clubs to encourage support for the event. It promises to be a good evening and will be attended by National President Malcolm.

I shall be away for the Dublin Council meeting – attending our 5 clubs Euromeeeting in Bavaria, Germany. Part of the weekend includes a visit to the Oktoberfest (Munich beer festival ) ~ “ *Well someone has to go to represent the UK!* “

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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