



## National Council Report

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### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH**

By the time of the National Council meeting I will have completed visits to every Region, including Region 26, during the year. The last 2 months have been extremely busy with visits all of which have been absolutely great. Throughout the year both myself and Chris have received a wonderful welcome wherever we've been and when I or we have been home hosted the club members have been terrific.

Full information on all my visits has been posted in a sort of monthly blog on the web site but there have been some tremendous highlights. The Transmanche in Dover was well attended and well organised by John Alford, and I had an excellent fun night with Wokingham who totally surprised me by presenting a cheque for £2,500 for Anthony Nolan. This was money they had raised through a fund-raising and community venture. In early March I had the honour and privilege to be at the Severnvalle dinner to talk to and listen to Jonny Johnson, the last British Dambuster. What a wonderful man. The dinner was extremely well organised by Ray Jones and tickets for the event sold out in 2 weeks. That week I'd already been to a really fun night with Ashby, banging drums and making lots of noise whilst having a very good laugh. Other visits included Mid- Wales Cluster, Dorset Knobs and finishing the week joining 250 others at the Round Table President's Banquet in the West Midlands Safari Park along with Terry and Lin. Further visits to Cheltenham and Isis with a great new event in Region 9 being the first whole 41 Club Region joint meeting with the whole of the Round Table Area 30. Round Table President Steve and I were well looked after and I hope the event, well put together by Paul Cooper and his Round Table counterpart J.P. will become an annual event. After a visit to Stourport on Severn, Dave Campbell and I went to Javea for the Costa Blanca club charter. No-one could believe we had just travelled over for the night. I was also able to attend the Newport Cluster in South Wales and followed that with a trip to Looe in Cornwall where Mark Fairchild and I enjoyed an excellent fish supper and I was able to stay with Claire Wevell, Circle President, and her husband, Guy, a member of Liskeard & Looe 41 Club. The final event of March was the Nuneaton Round Table 70<sup>th</sup> Charter boxing night which was well supported by over 20 members of Nuneaton 41 Club amongst 130 guests and Tom Atkins had been the main organiser.



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In addition to the wonderful visits I have also ensured that the Strategic Plan and Governance proposals were completed and circulated. These are now on the web site so that people can see them before we get to the AGM. I have also had a number of very useful discussions with Round Table President Steve and Vice President Marcus. We have ensured our strategy plan has been shared with them. The more we work together the better it will be for both our organisations.

One disappointing bit of news during the last few weeks is that Laura Watts, who has been my main contact for Anthony Nolan, has left the charity to go and work for a smaller charity, Imperial College Health Care, but in a larger role in a more convenient spot. Laura has been fantastic but she has left a great legacy with Nancy Gray, who has worked with us during the year and who has just been appointed to replace Laura. Nancy is aiming to join us at our Council meeting and she will also be attending the Friday night Ball in Harrogate. After she completes the London Marathon on 26<sup>th</sup> April Laura has told me she fully intends to join Reading Ladies Circle as she has seen first-hand the sort of fun that can be had in our organisations. We wish both Laura and Nancy every success in their new roles. I am not really sure at this stage what the total collected will be as there seems to be money coming in most days at the moment but we will update Council at our meeting. If you haven't sent in your collections or badge sales money yet can you please do so before the Council meeting.

This is a fantastic organisation but, as I've said in my annual report and magazine article, to survive we have to change. We all know that this year has seen some challenges but I believe we are in a very good place to move forward for the future and a significant amount of work has been done towards that. I thank all the members of the Board and Council who have supported me through the year and I am looking forward to our conference in Harrogate and of course our AGM when I will be handing over the baton to Terry. I wish him, and Lin, every success and I will be there for the next year in full support and I expect I will be getting the coffee and tea for the Board.

Chris and I hope you all enjoy a wonderful conference in Harrogate and we'll see you there.

**Jim Smith**



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### **VICE PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER**

This will be my last report as your vice President and with only just over two weeks until the AGM I'm busy with the final preparations for my year at the helm of this wonderful Association we all love.

The period since our last meeting at Rednal has been a busy one for me as I've attended some great events and had the opportunity to speak at most of them.

I attended the Stratford upon Avon 41 Club Burns Night on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. A very well attended event not only by 41 Club but by other local service clubs which made for an enjoyable evening. I sat with Past President Iain Kelso who had organised the event and we had a fine time enjoying our Haggis, neeps and tatties!

I accompanied President Jim to the Region 4 Dinner at Hexham on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February a large gathering of enthusiastic 41er's from Region 4 with an excellent comedian made for a very good evening.

The following day I joined the Harrogate Conference team for their meeting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Before the start of the meeting I was "whisked off" to a village in the Dales to try on my fabulous fancy dress costume for the Final night party. The meeting itself was well run by Eric and the team are right on top of their game from the discussions around the table. I think we're all in for a real treat in the spring sunshine in such a great setting as Harrogate.

Having never attended a Transmanche before the event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February in Dover I must say it was a very pleasant surprise. Exceptionally well organised by Region 25 Councillor John Alford I had a fun day plus great hospitality from John and Anne for my overnight stay, I'm looking forward to next year already!

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March I attended the Birmingham Conference Committee Meeting to again find everything in good order with a very committed team under Chairman Andy all geared up to deliver their Conference in Birmingham next year.

The Region 21 Seven Vales Dinner on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March where I accompanied President Jim along with other members of Clevedon 41 Club was a delight. The Guest speaker was none other than an ex Dam Buster, squadron Leader George





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“Johnny” Johnson DFM, the Bomb Aimer from Lancaster T for Tommy on that amazing raid. You could have heard in pin drop in the room as he spoke to us and we were enthralled and humbled by his story and his delivery from such a modest and great man. Ray Jones pulled an absolute blinder with this event and every one of the 120 sell our crowd will, I’m sure, like my never forget the evening. Well done Ray a great Swan Song to your 5 years as Region 21 National Councillor.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March Lin and I attend the RT Presidents Ball at the West Midlands Safari Park. This again was an excellent evening and Lin and I sat with Alex and Mark Voller, the Tangent VP and her husband which gave us an excellent opportunity to catch up on our preparation for our year ahead.

Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> found Lin and me in London for The Lamb Birthday Lunch Meeting standing in for President Jim who was in Spain. The Lamb is another venue and event that was new to us and we were surprised and impressed with both the attendance and hospitality, I look forward to returning again in July.

The Isis Area 41 Club 20<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March was next. An excellent evening organised by two Past National President’s Mike Fitchett and Martin Green. President Jim was on good form and as Founder Chairman of that Club we both spoke to the assembled couples at Frilford Heath Golf Club after a very good meal.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March found me in Leicester as a guest of Marcus Jones the RT Vice President at the RT Area 14 80<sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch at Leicester Tigers Rugby Club. The event was well supported by 41er’s and it was my pleasure to chat to Past President David Smith, Councillor’s Peter Good and David Leach along with DNC Mark Gilda. My only regret of the day was that I was driving so unfortunately I had a slightly “quieter” time than I might have done otherwise, I’ll learn from that and be sure to either stay over or get someone to drive me to RT events in the future!

Other than the Clevedon 41 Club meeting I’ve nothing else events wise planned until Conference which is coming up fast.

I don’t know if other Vice Presidents have felt the same but as Harrogate approaches and my year as President is about to start I’m making copious lists of things I still have to do and rewriting speeches as I think of additional things I want to say! However I’m sure it will be “OK on the night” as they say.



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One thing is certain, for various reasons over my time on Council I've not been in a position before to take on the Presidential role but it's something I've wanted to do since I joined Council for the first time in 2000. I promise you that I will do this role to the very best of my ability. I can only do it in my style as I can only be me, but I'll give the role my full attention and energy to do the best job I can to preserve the legacy and help chart the future of our Association.

Our focus for this coming year, as a team, is to enjoy that feeling of fellowship in the National Council and I'm hoping that Harrogate will in its own way draw a line under this challenging year for us and allow us to move on. I certainly want to do so and I'm looking forward to next year, especially as it's our 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Year, as a great year in the Associations history which I want us all to share and enjoy.

**Terry Cooper**  
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### IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT - MARTIN GREEN

a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

#### **WEBSITE**

The new website is now up and running and, apart from one comment from Eric Peacock who deems it a complete waste of money, it has received very positive response. By the number of queries I have received it is clearly being visited.

The introduction of the need to log on to see private pages has caused innumerable problems. There is a complete lack of understanding here and daily I deal with 3 or 4 members who are trying to use their CAS credentials to log on the web site and vice-versa. This is fairly understandable as previously there was no private website, and CAS was seen to be an integral part of the website – not a separate system. This month's Newsletter tries to explain this and I now have a PDF reply that I send to those raising the issue.

There are still a number of bugs within the system. I have been working with Simon as he attempts to reduce the list, however there are two areas that are





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concerning and at the time of writing unresolved. The first is the API Bridge which transfers CAS changes to the Website. At present there are big issues in this area. Members e-mail changes are not transferring, and anyone joining or leaving are not updated. The second is the mass mailing feature. This falls over with certain internet providers and at present is not working at all. We have tried linking this to our CAS Mailing List and that doesn't work at all.

At the time of writing there are 16 Clubs starting on their own websites. Each one has created a large number of queries and has uncovered a number of bugs. Despite making this as simple as possible, and writing a detailed instruction pack, this is proving that this is not something 'anyone' can do – you have to have a high level of skill in this type of thing. Most who have attempted it are existing Webmasters in Clubs – and even then they have created a bevy of queries.

At the time of writing the Bug List contains 11 bugs for the National site and 7 bugs on the Club microsites. These are actual 'bugs' - not a lack of understanding.

As for the National site, this has settled down despite the bugs mentioned. The main issue is the complete lack of input to keep it fresh. There are still Regional Pages with no content and only a handful of people have made any updates. I have tried to keep the front page fresh and promote what I can – but with little input apart from what I have invented myself. Everyone on National Council has the ability to add 'news' – so far no-one has - and it needs to be 'news' not 'history'.

The website will need some considerable changes when the Officers change after the AGM. Also all the links to Harrogate need to be changed and Birmingham incorporated.

By the time you read this report, the major Club Locator issue will have been corrected. As the only data re a clubs 'home' held on CAS is the address of the Club Contact, many clubs 'epicentre' was nowhere near where the club is actually based. I have now manually checked and updated every single Club with its correct location – a process that was laborious as I have had to update



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the latitude and longitude of every single location to update their position. This has also not been helped by the lack of information requested from some Councillors, where I have had to research the Club and sometimes take an educated guess.

Procedures have now been updated for all our systems – CAS, Outlook, SharePoint, Website etc. including guidance on how to send local Newsletters and use the Prospectives Database. This 120 page 'tome' is available on SharePoint. A further two manuals have been produced – one for Council and Board, and one for Clubs to manage their parts on the website.

Training of our people on IT is still of major concern – we seem to ignore the issue – but until we address it we will continue to struggle, and will perceive it as 'thorn in our side' rather than tools to make life and communication easier.

My brief was to report back to Council the justification of the role of a permanent Webmaster. The new site is very intuitive, but it has many complex processes for the style of people and users we have. We have invested a lot of money in the site, and the purpose and justification of its need and presence is in my view very valid.

However unless the support is there to assist the large number of our team who are unfamiliar or not confident in this area, and there is someone there to continually cajole the team to provide updates and material, this is doomed to failure. It is also worth mentioning that the 'local Webmaster' managing the microsites, need to have far more knowledge and input to set up and maintain their sites – than members of Council do to maintain just their own small areas of the National site. At present just 16 Clubs have kept me very busy.

So what of the future? On April 18<sup>th</sup> my role finishes at what I believe to be at a critical stage. I have applied to take on the role as Honorary Webmaster for the future, however some members of the Board feel I should now finish and leave – a decision I have no say in and do not agree with. This is therefore unresolved as to what happens after April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



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Plans for the lunch are progressing well. At the time of writing 106 tickets have been sold which as it is six months until the event, is very encouraging. I will be visiting the Armouries in May to continue with the planning. Marketing the event is now a priority.

A major slideshow has been produced for both the lunch and the Regional events. The slide show covers our 70 years of history. This will be carried by Terry on his laptop, but each event will need a projector and screen available so it can be shown during the meal. The show lasts one and a half hours and once started runs itself.

The Founders Lunch on the 13<sup>th</sup> May is also shaping up but there is still a negative response from Liverpool who says no-one is available. This will be progressed as it is hard to believe that a club with 50 members cannot find at least someone to represent them.

This is my final report after 12 years (and I never missed one!)

Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)

Council:

No action points given to me from Council Meeting Board:  
Club location pins – completed as above  
Manual for Club Websites – completed as above

### b. **Your activity during the period**

I have met with Hugh Milward 3 times at Marchesi House to work on the 70<sup>th</sup> History Slides.

Completion of 70<sup>th</sup> slides package for Regional events.

The Website

Updating and completion of IT Manuals

Dorset Knobs 6<sup>th</sup> March

The Lamb 11<sup>th</sup> March

Dedham 10<sup>th</sup> April



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Plus meetings of my own Clubs - Isis, Abingdon and Showtime! 41 Clubs.

c. **Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**

None.

d. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

None.

f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

**Martin Green**  
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### NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

#### CAS

I start my report on the subject of CAS. For the November 2014 AGM Mailing you will remember that I found 3 Clubs with no email contact. I asked all National Councillors to verify that they had valid email addresses for each Club and the handful who answered verified that they had – but not the three with missing contacts in their region. Hence I dealt with these myself.

I accept this is a laborious and painful process but somehow we have to address this. We all agree that one of our main objectives is good communication. We cannot communicate unless we have accurate data and have confidence that when we send out a communication it will arrive at the recipient. It's a bit of a waste if the emails have nowhere to go or it is tedious getting an email to a Club Chairman via one of his members. I ask the assistance of National Councillors in maintaining accurate and



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realistic data on CAS. The team at Marchesi House and myself, will do as much as we can to help improve the integrity of our data, but this needs everyone to get involved, and try and resolve this problem. We still have to address the 5,000 members we have no e-mail addresses.

a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

Marchesi House Contract

Can I remind everyone that we are now into the first year of a new (second term) Administration Contract with Marchesi House, the contract is for 16 hours work per week. Over that we have to pay extra. This makes it all the more important for any additional work you may need to have done be discussed with me first, I can then discuss with Beverley in the office where this can fit to keep us within the contracted hours.

Documents

All National Council Reports and Minutes are up to date on both the Website and SharePoint.

Working with the Honorary Archivist on an Archiving and Scanning Policy.

As usual missing reports from National Council Members.

b. **Your activity during the period**

**AGM**

The period since the Council Meeting in February has been focussed on AGM preparation.

This has involved the production of the Order Paper (48 pages) Minute by Minute (45 pages), AGM slides (200), Delegate Packs, the March AGM Mailing, the Board Minutes (12 pages) the National Council Minutes (21 pages) and this report (42 pages and counting). The team at Marchesi House have been an enormous help in producing the Delegate Packs in good time. They have additionally printed out flyers



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for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and the Strategy and Governance plans.

As per last year's AGM we have cut down the running order and timings to the necessary only - we will get down to business at 9.00 this year – finishing just after 2.00 pm!!

The support of the technical team at the Harrogate International Centre and the Conference Committee has been invaluable. And, let me not forget my onsite team of Paul Cammiss, Andy Waite, Paul Cooper and the film crew headed by Dave Campbell.

We will hold a draw at the National Council Meeting for the speaking order for the National Treasurer Election at the AGM.

### **Post AGM**

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

c. **Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**  
My workload as can be seen above is heavy in terms of Product delivery. I am looking at appointing a deputy Secretary to undertake National Council Minutes and proof read my products. This will be one of my Secretarial Committee.

d. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

None.

f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

I was pleased to support the National President Jim, Vice President Terry, International Officer Dave and of Course el supremo National Councillor John Alford on the Transmanche weekend. Well organised John – and thanks for the





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visit.

Enjoyed a great evening at the Dorset Knobs – well organised National Councillor David (Brown). As usual I sat across from Past President Martin Green who insisted in becoming very good friends with two girls from Corsets are us – they all ended up in his lap the girls I mean not the corsets.

Supported President Jim at the Stourport on Severn Mini Cluster meeting organised by Glen Collins – a great evening of entertainment (see Region 14 Report).

**Manny Martins**  
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### NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

**a. Accounts finalised and signed off by examiners**

Budget produced

**b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)**

Cash flow forecast produced with help from David Leach, now on website. Accounts, Budget, and Expenses remuneration agreed by Council, Examiners re-appointment and reserves policy also agreed.

**c. Your activity during the period**  
2014 Accounts published on website  
2016 Proposed budget published on website  
Provided lots of data for AGM resolutions  
Capitation reminders sent out in March, total collected stands at £125k to date (£10k up on this time last year).

**d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**



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We need to introduce some sort of control on IT spending so that we can ensure budgets aren't exceeded this year. This means that any spend must be agreed by the Treasurer before it is incurred, regardless of the amount. I will provide some details on spend to date at the meeting to illustrate where we are.

HYM receipts are coming in, but not always for the correct sterling amount. It's not all bad news, we have had one instance where the conversion has worked in our favour, but this needs to be taken into account and borne by the event.

70<sup>th</sup> Charter income is also coming in, system works OK, but again we need to be wary of costs. The £1k contribution has to cover all 70<sup>th</sup> Expenses, including travel for meetings etc. Again, will provide details.

- e. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**  
None
- f. **Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**  
None

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### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – DUNCAN KENNEDY

- a. **Progress on your key objectives.**
  - 1. Data Project

The Data Project is now up and running. I have received some reports from



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Councillors and no doubt others can provide feedback at the meeting.

Before moving on to the reports I have received I think it is important to remind you of the background to all of this. Historically 41 Club has always made a payment to Round Table to show the commitment we have to Round Table and our willingness to support the organisation. It was also to support membership proposals for Round Table. This has been going on for what I believe to be years before I joined Council (7 years ago) and has continued. The agreement that was reached with Table in 2013 was that we would continue the payment but this time we were actually getting something tangible for that payment. In brief these are some of the benefits:

A dedicated page for 41 or link to 41's website on the Supporters section of the RT website

A free exhibition space at the RT annual conference in May

A full page advert in each edition of the RT magazine

2 postings per year in the RT monthly e-newsletter

2 postings per year on the RT Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

An annual subscription to Tabler magazine

In addition Table will contact all retirees and give them the opportunity to opt out of being contacted by 41 Club. The details of those who have not opted out will be passed to us so that we and the Clubs can make contact with these individuals to encourage them to become members. I agree that if Clubs have close links with their Table this should already happen but we all know that this is not necessarily the case in all Clubs. Furthermore, there are some Table that do not have a 41 Club and this is an opportunity to try to keep the retirees in the Family and maybe start (or re-start) a new Club.



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We were also passed the details of everyone who had left Table ever as far as they still had those records. There were approximately 52,000 names. Of these there were about 12,000 with email addresses. Mark Fairchild put a lot of effort into trying to identify duplicates (which was carried out using email addresses) and by doing that we reduced the figure to about 9,500. I am sure that you will appreciate with such large number and without throwing huge amounts of money into a programme to double check the data some are going to have slipped through. It is worthwhile noting that many of those listed are already members of 41 Club but not recorded on CAS. This also presents a great opportunity for us all to ensure they are added to CAS to enable them to access the newsletters, magazines, register on the web site and possibly record the correct number of members.

Round Table then sent an email to all of these giving them the opportunity to opt out. Any who did had their details removed.

It was discussed at several Council meetings how we were going to proceed and it was originally agreed that we would employ a telesales company to make contact with everyone that was emailed. Prior to do that Terry called about 20 prospects at random in order that he could get a feel for the conversations to enable him to develop a script. Having done that, he reported back to Council that a telesales company would not be the way forward. It was, therefore, agreed that the data would simply be given to the Councillors for their Region to deal with. Each Councillor was asked to double check the data for their Region and then I sent an email to all prospects.

Councillors are now utilising the data to either make contact themselves or passing on the details to individual clubs to make contact.

It has always been stated that the contact stage of the project is likely to take several months as we are all busy with family, work, etc. and can only deal with this at certain times.



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If this is successful we will need to discuss whether we move onto the next part which is to fund a letter to the remaining 40,000 from Table and then from 41 Club and then repeat the contact process. I would not propose that we discuss this until at least October and probably not until February.

Of the limited feedback I have had about 20% of the numbers are already members (this may have been because the email address was different, they are not on CAS, or they were just missed), 10% are too young (although I did have one person who as a result of my email is looking to re-join Table) and Councillors have identified a few who they know will not join 41 Club regardless.

This still leaves a large number that could be prospective members. This is still a great opportunity for our Association to attract members and if we continue to deal with this in the positive way in which we have started I am sure that in time it will bear fruit.

### 2. Age Profile

This is another project that is likely to take some time. Initial feedback from Councillors (total of 5 Clubs) has shown an average age of 69.1.

### b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)

**Progress with web site.**



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Please see above.

**c. Your activity during the period**

I have attended Newport Cluster night. Another successful evening and Jim took some gentle flak from the guest speaker (Clive Rowlands former Chief Exec of the WRU) for being English.

**d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**

None other than the way we are going at the moment.

**e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

When we review the outcome of the first part of data project in October/February and depending on the success or otherwise it will be necessary to discuss whether we proceed with the next stage and if so over what timescale.

**f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

None.

**g. Other Matters**

At the time of writing this report I do not have any disaffiliations to bring to the





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meeting (that's tempting fate!) nor, unfortunately, do I have any affiliations to bring.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for a great year and wish Terry all the best for his.

**Duncan Kennedy**  
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### **NATIONAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER – RAY HILL**

- a. **Progress on your key objectives.**  
Progressing
- b. **Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council)**  
Nothing received from Marchesi House regarding magazine costs.
- c. **Your activity during the period**  
Spring magazine produced on time  
Three newsletters produced on time  
Planning for Classic Rally progressing well. With three months to go bookings already exceed last year  
Southern Classic Rally in planning and announced in Spring Magazine  
81 entries received for photographic competition... being processed against a very tight schedule for the AGM.  
Entries received for both the David Smith and David Hewitt trophies. My committee will vote on the winners.  
A great deal of time spent sorting out questions and requests from members re emails and membership details from the members.  
Numerous other jobs to help the members with queries.



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None

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None

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**NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS**

a. **Progress on your key objectives.**

**Key objectives:**

<b>NCLO</b>	a. Working with the VP on the review of the governance by National Council b. Promote the role of the National Councillor to provide a succession of forward thinking appropriate councillors	For conclusion by the Feb. 15 Council meeting The outcome to be a full and fit for purpose Council for 2015/16.
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### **Working with the VP on the review of the governance by National Council**

I have attended the following meetings on the governance review:

July travelled to the review committee in Terry's house.

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I also participated in emails with the President during and in-between these visits.

### **Promote the role of the National Councillor to provide a succession of forward thinking appropriate councillors.**

During this turbulent year I have worked with all the National Councillors in promoting the theme of "communication, and responsibility" via responsibility. As a member of the National Council all National Councillors have the responsibility to represent the membership of their region. By July I re-structured the National Councillor's meetings into a two hour slot pre the National Council meetings. This achieves a knowledge based discussion enabling NC's the opportunity to discuss issues pre a National Council Vote

The second element of the two hour slot is a training slot. This gives all NC's the opportunity to ask for individual or group training on various issues that they feel they are in need of support in. It also give rise to NC's gaining support from the more



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experienced members into solving issues they are having.

Results arising out of the new structure are, Video conferencing in-between structured National Council meetings and we used a system called "Google Hangouts". This was a good system to use and gained support from all those who participated in it. The system being free has its limitations; a maximum of 10 can hold a video call at one time. To overcome this we split the regions into clusters. The added benefit from this was the groups could work in-between times without prompting.

I have also visited new NC's and worked with them via phone email and if need be video conferencing. I have also worked with NC's in developing their regions into a more manageable area. It is difficult to manage 45+ clubs in your 3 year term but some councillors have also a huge area to cover as well. This can be all fine when its summer, but think about those winter nights coming home from work to travel out in bad weather for a 200+ mile journey and up to 3 hour meeting in-between, it's not the best way to motivate anyone. I have where possible introduced the buddie system were a NC can call for help from a "friend" and I have promoted the deputy. The deputy system has been positive and this year we have introduced 7 or more new individuals to the National Council, we have two of the deputies taking over from the retiring NC's at the AGM. The National Councillor roll and the regions need reviewed as the current system is not adequate for the future development of 41 clubs or as supporting role to the regions, but to return to an area system is not the answer either.

### **To represent the President as a board member by visits to clubs.**

I have represented the president at each event I have visited the President himself has not been there. This has also included a visit to the joint Charter night of Leyland Round Table and 41 clubs, Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club community fireworks.





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### **To represent the Board on the review committee.**

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### **To continue the development of Ireland.**

The development of Ireland has continued during 2014 and 15. I and the Round Table Family of Clubs in Ireland have had a good development year no thanks to some. The setting up of a RTF-Ire funded from the 4 National Associations was extremely difficult to achieve. 41 agreed a package of up to £2,500 as did Tangent. Round Table agreed to lend support and promotional material but Ladies Circle was very limited. To achieve a ground swell of new clubs this would never do, but to get what is left of Round Table up and running it just might and there by providing a future for both Tangent and 41Clubs.

### **What we have achieved:**

The renaming of Londonderry Round Table to Foyle & District has removed the argument of which religion the support or don't, freeing the club up to move forward





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and recruit new members from both communities. Foyle & District has in the last year inducted 5 new members into their fold. During the “summer”, I set out a stall at the walled City Tattoo in Londonderry and it was very successful even though the City had the worst summer week on record with rain wind and sand storms. Bangor Ladies Circle grew stronger and stronger bring in new members and working towards an Autumn Ball. The Ball was a sell-out support by local companies, Round Table from England and local tables. The raised £3,500 from the local hospice and children’s hospice. They also achieved lots of publicity from the local high end magazines, radio and TV. During October to date I have sowed the seeds of a new Table in Belfast an in October this started to take shape. I also recruited new members into 41 who were returning home from England and wished to join a local club and Tangent have also benefited from the local success. 2015 came in with the usual hangovers and fixing off a big shot of enthusiasm. I have worked hard with the local clubs to maintain the January cluster / AGM and the September lunching cluster for all 41 clubs in Ireland. I have kept up the monthly newsletter and some of the members have congratulated me on this in my travels around Ireland. With the help of the lads from Armagh and support from Round Table National, we give a big push in January to encourage clubs in Ireland to help Round Table. With this push Armagh held a new members night which has developed into 6 new members and Belfast Round Table 6 new members, looking forward to being inducted and re-chartered along with the Armagh 6 in Derry on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Derry. Finally but not last, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2015 is a day I won’t forget easily and not because Ireland won back to back six Nations rugby. (That was never in doubt). But on that day Rob Hunter and 30 of his friends from Shepton Mallet, 41 Club, Tangent, Circle and Table visited us in Ireland. We had a wonderful night of fun and fellowship in the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, thanks to Alastair Hunter of Holywood 41 Club. We had clubs from Londonderry, Newtownards, Bangor and Holywood there to welcome the folk from Shepton Mallet.

**b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board & Council)**

This was hindered by the unjust accusations brought against me by members of the Board.





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- c. **Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**
- I. I would recommend that video Conferencing between National Councillors in-between National Council meetings need to continue.
  - II. All National Councillor Meetings to be held on the same day but before the National Council meetings and for a two hour session.
  - III. I would also recommend that all motions or issues that will be discussed at the National Council presented by the Board be sent to all National Councillors at least two weeks before the Council meetings.
  - IV. I would also recommend that a complete review of all the regions and how we as a National organization support the regions.
  - V. All National meetings should be voice recorded and saved for all. Voice recording meeting recorder with 360 recording meeting with light, portable and easy-to-use equipment, which would remove continues error's being made in the minutes!
- d. **Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**

There would be no extra costs attributed to I, II, III as the video Conferencing is free and II the room and costs of travel would already have been costed into the weekend for the National Council. III Is a matter of common sense, in order that all fully understand any recommendations or issues that are to be brought forward to National Council for approval, that all information be presented to all pre that meeting. This will save both time and ad hoc discussions being dragging on to gain information. IV need not cost as visits would only be necessary on some of the regions. V would cost £129.99 & FREE Delivery for





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the Philips DVT8000 Voice Tracer Meeting Recorder with 360 Degree Recording on Amazon.co.uk

### **f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken (as per e-mail 16/4/2014)**

This was hindered by the unjust accusations brought against me by members of the Board.

**Phil Ellis**

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### **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – BARRY DURMAN**

Since our last meeting I have visited Leamington and Kenilworth Joint Chairman's night, Solihull for a lunch, Brighton for a conference scouting mission, Birmingham Conference Meetings x 2, Shirley Late Knights (my own club) x 2, the Mid Wales Cluster, the Dorset Knobs, Lichfield RT Ladies Night and I met Andrew Mackereth for a pre handover meeting.

#### **Conferences**

Harrogate 2015 is really going well with the Minute by Minute in progress and around 300 booked in for the Welcome Party and 530 for each of the main functions. Make sure you all say a big thank you to Eric and his team as you go about the weekend. They have put a tremendous amount of work in over a long period.

Birmingham 2016 is launching at Harrogate with all contracts signed and a range of hotel prices from £130 per room per night, down to £65 per room per night. All hotels are within a few minutes' walk of each other, with restaurants and attractions right nearby. The theme is great, the venue brilliant. Andy Ventress, Conference Chairman, is delighted with HG, who has developed a payment system for us. So if you want to book at Harrogate remember to bring your debit card and your iPad (other computers will be available). No plastic, no booking and no preference for Board or Council Members.



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I anticipate a bid from Blackpool for 2017 at our Council Meeting. It is a fine venue with world renowned facilities – I cannot say otherwise I would have to.....!!

Hospitality Guaranteed will not be used as the committee intend to use an agency operated by Blackpool Tourist Board. As you all know I think this is a mistake.

I visited Brighton recently and this might be a good venue for 2018. I will leave that to Andrew Mackereth.

### **Fellowship**

We have had the spring Top 12 Dinners, most of which I attended. They were, without exception, well worth the journey. I am being assisted by Lawrence Bamber in promoting these and he is compiling a list of suitable speakers.

### **Council Weekends**

12-14 June in Bristol – please book in now

23-25 October will be a joint Council and International HYM weekend in Birmingham – you need to book in on-line for this event, which will without doubt sell out.

January 2016 will be in Rednal again

I am looking for a venue for June/July 2016

October 2016 will be at Shrigley Hall

### **Millennium Way**

Nicole at Marchesi House has been helping promote this walk and got us onto BBC Radio Northants, where Chris Taylor did a brilliant job being interviewed for nearly 15 minutes.

### **National Arboretum**

During the summer find half a day to visit this awe inspiring place and see the 41 Club / Round Table Family Garden.

### **Sales**

New ties available in blue stripes with the RT/41 Club dual logo displayed – only 50 available, so get yours at Harrogate. Continuing delays with medals, no fault of Pauls.



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70<sup>th</sup> Pin badges are out with National Council members and are selling well – we might have to order more!!

### **Platinum Privileges**

We have signed an exciting new deal to become a Community Fundraiser for **Utility Warehouse**. This means our members can take advantage of very competitive energy and telecoms tariffs, plus there is the opportunity to get cash back on your monthly shopping. All you have to do is phone 0800 131 3000 giving the reference L65800 or visit [www.utilitywarehouse.org.uk/L65800](http://www.utilitywarehouse.org.uk/L65800). There is a small fee paid to 41 Club for customers who take up this really good offer, so everyone's a winner!

We continue to work with "**The Hotel Collection**" who offers our clubs good deals and our members 25% off prices at their very lovely hotels. Just click [www.thehotelcollection.co.uk](http://www.thehotelcollection.co.uk) to see the choice and sign up to receive their smashing offers.

**Wider Wallet** continues to be woefully underutilised by our members, but is probably the best deal you can get off your high street shopping: [www.widerwallet.com](http://www.widerwallet.com)

**Hyundai** continue to offer us good rates and I hope to have a new flyer from them in the next few weeks. I had the amazing news that 46 people have bought a Hyundai on this scheme in the last year alone. I can confirm that as part of this deal we can ask for a demonstration car for the weekend or for the odd week. The prices that are available on this scheme are guaranteed to beat anything a dealer can do, so much so that the dealers are not always so delighted when they sell a car on this scheme!! Am starting to negotiate with their contact going forward. The cars will exceed your expectations – ask Martin Green or Terry Cooper. Go to the [www.hyundai.co.uk](http://www.hyundai.co.uk). I will publish a special page for us shortly on the website.

David Leach commends our **Novelunity** scheme to readers and I will ask him to update us on subscribers at our Council Meeting

### **Progress on your key objectives.**

Conference - numbers steady, objective to hold delegates at 500-600 in future  
Conference - has been rotated around the country – 2017 Blackpool / 2018 Brighton  
Conference - HG payment system on-line – achieved for Birmingham  
Sales - Profits £5752 – target was £4472  
Sales - Range expanded – done



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Sales - None selling items written off and being sold off  
Sales - Contract with supplier – done  
Sales - Presence at RT events – partially done  
Sales - Taken boxes back from Councillors – nearing achievement  
Dinners - Top 12 concept launched and going quite well  
Classic Car event - Launched  
Arboretum - Up and running successfully  
Millennium Way - Needs more help  
Council Weekends - All in hand  
Platinum Privileges - Wider Wallet and Novelty Unity launched in the last 2 years  
Platinum Privileges - Hyundai about to be re-launched  
Platinum Privileges - Utility Warehouse just about to be launched  
Platinum Privileges -The Hotel Collection re-launched last year

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### **ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL**

#### **INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – Dave Campbell**

Since my last report I have visited Costa Blanca 41 Club for their 29<sup>th</sup> Charter and Mauritius 41 Club for their AGM. Whilst in Mauritius I was invited to a Round Table meeting at which there were around 35 Tablers and guests. There are four 41 clubs on the Island and they have a strong relationship with their Round Tables.

A week after our own GB & I AGM, I will be attending the 41 Club International AGM in Limassol. We have a large number attending from the UK and apart from the Cypriots will be, by far, the largest group.

At the International AGM the following business will be handled



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- 1) Affiliation of 41 Club Poland
- 2) Affiliation of 41 Club Netherlands
- 3) Affiliation of 41 Club Sri Lanka

Affiliation Application of 41 Club Suriname (South America)

### Resolutions Tabled at Korsor, Denmark to be voted at Limassol, Cyprus

The following 2 resolutions were tabled by the board.

#### 1. Rule 10 (e) Finance

##### Existing rule:

10. Finance (e) Associations with less than 10 Clubs and 150 Ex-Tablers and those outside Europe are entitled to a 50% discount of the basic fee if they so wish. The attention of those who elect to do so is drawn to the restrictions detailed in rules 5 and 9.

##### Proposed changed rule:

10 (e) The following Associations are entitled to a 50% discount of the basic fee if they so wish.

1. Associations outside Europe.
2. Associations with less than 10 clubs and 150 Ex-Tablers.

The following Associations are entitled to the following discounts of the basic fee if they so wish



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Associations with only 3 clubs – a discount of 60%

Associations with only 2 clubs – a discount of 70%

Associations with only 1 club – a discount of 80%.

The attention of those who elect to do so is drawn to the restrictions detailed in rules 5 and 9.

### 2. Objects

#### Existing rule

#### The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To encompass all Associations consisting of clubs of Ex-Tablers.
- (b) To maintain at International level the contacts between those clubs.
- (c) To maintain at the same International level the bonds of friendship which unite all Ex-Tablers

#### Proposed addition to the rules

- (d) To initiate, develop and improve working relationships with Round Table International and Round Table Clubs for fellowship, networking and joint service objectives.



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Reference: The Aims and objects of Round Table International are:-

*To promote fellowship and understanding between Round Table Associations worldwide.*

*To promote the formation of new Round Table Associations throughout the world.*

*To initiate, develop and improve working relationships with 41 Club International and Ladies Circle International for fellowship, networking and joint service objectives.*

*To promote and administer joint service projects worldwide*

### **Election for post of Vice President 2017 - 2018**

Austria has submitted an application to host this post.

Their candidate is their honorary member, Ulrich Suppan.

Ulrich was Austrian National President 2002/03 and has been YAP convenor for 8 years.

### **Election for post of International Treasurer 2015 - 2018**

There are 2 applications to host this post

- 1) Alexander Abela from Malta
- 2) Luca Colombo from Italy

The 2016 International AGM will be held in Landshut, Germany from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Italy has applied to host the 2017 International Half Yearly meeting which will be held on



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the last weekend of October. Venue TBA

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### **NATIONAL EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – SIMON THOMAS**

All the progress in this report is congruent with the proposed strategic communications guidelines for 2015 -2020. The progress reported almost exclusively relates to the website resource and supporting programming and CMS (content management system).

#### **Current Performance**

We're now comfortably in the website post launch period and the site saw 5,444 visitors during March 2015.

The visitor averages show they were on site for 4 minutes 24 seconds and viewed 9.55 pages. Against the old site benchmark visitor figures from December 2014 this is a 3.5 fold increase in visitors.

#### **Current Status**

Significant investment in a unified system that is on an industry standard platform sets the base plate for anything that the Club requires in the future and will support any project extensions deemed appropriate in line with the proposed strategic communications guidelines. Since the launch there have been a number of change requests extending and modifying the functionality to further tailor it to the Club's needs.

In summary, the position is we have a web development that provides:

- a fully responsive website working on all popular devices
- compliance to standards such that it is a solid base for any future development



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- a structured framework for absolute resilience
- support for multiple editors with individual rights
- support for national and club news
- support for national calendars – *previously a CAS function*
- support for individual club calendars
- support full individual club websites
- support for private and public pages at national and club level

More importantly the outward facing website has the capability of being updated and maintained by literally hundreds of content providers/editors at Board, Council and individual club level. If this is adapted to the degree we all anticipate, the breadth, content and reach of this site could be phenomenal and of massive benefit to the Club in the furtherance of its goals.

It is clear that the goals in the blueprint have been met technically and functionally, and the system is being used by the membership:

- Supporting existing membership
- Supporting membership regeneration

### **The Future**

With a diverse and capable resource such as this, a policy of continual improvement is appropriate. However it is important that the pace improvements and extensions to the web development are determined by need and moderated by budget and steered by Council.

The web development benefits are yet to come back to the Club as it takes its role in the future communications strategy, however it is most apparent that it will not drive itself and does require a webmaster to coordinate the day to day content management and liaison with users and an IT master to manage the programming, hosting platform and interaction with other technical facilities.

This web development is part of the cohesive communications including social media. As suggested earlier the social media programme needs to be driven hard and with consistency across all channels by an appointed person who creates content and routinely engages with the followers.





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### Domain Names

Aside from the main domain name all others are now consolidated under one administrator and are in the legal registrant's name of 41 Club.

### Conference Website

The Birmingham 2016 Conference website was made available for development by that committee early this year and will be available for launch at Conference this year for the Club's ongoing success and growth this just a start. The next step is to harness the benefits from the resources we've built in line with the strategic plans.

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## REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK LAWTON

### Risk Grading Report Date:

Not completed

### Clubs Visited Personally:

Inverness 41 C – Burns Supper – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Inverness 41C – Talk on India Tour – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Inverness 41C – AGM and discussion on 41 Club National AGM Resolutions – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

### Forthcoming Regional Events:



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Unaffiliated clubs in Highland – joint meeting/social late Spring

### **Membership Initiatives:**

Members Forum with Region 2 – Spring 2015

### **Any other comments:**

None

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### **REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - KEN DONALD**

No Report submitted

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### **REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – CARETAKER PHIL ELLIS**

No Report submitted

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### **REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - COLIN STEEN**

Clubs Visited Personally:

**Hexham 41 Club** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Hexham hosted this year's Prince Bishops Dinner and I have been part of the planning team. This was a further opportunity to discuss the event, combined with a



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ten pin bowling competition. Only one game, but I won!

**Saltburn 41 Club** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Saltburn invited a number of local Clubs to attend a meeting to which our National President, Jim Smith, had been invited. A terrific turnout from **Saltburn, Redcar, Guisborough**, even **Whitby**, 41 Clubs; well over 40 men on a night where snow storms were causing me, for one, to wonder how I would get home.

**Gosforth 41 Club** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015

My own Club. A meeting to review in depth the accounts for last year and an affirmation that the Club's resolution should go forward if some accommodation could not be reached at Rednal.

**Ponteland 41 Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

I'd had a heads up that the question of disaffiliation, linked to capitulation, might be coming up for serious debate and so thought it necessary to see for myself what Members were thinking. I believe the grumbles from some will rumble on, a fairly normal situation at this time of year.

**Clubs Visited by Deputies:** None

**Forthcoming Regional Events:** None

**Membership Initiatives:** None

**Any other comments:** None

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**REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DUNCAN BALDWIN**

**Risk Grading Report Date:**



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### Clubs Visited Personally:

### Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Membership Initiatives: still trying to get an active East Lancashire club going, the other main protagonists are still Honorary Tablers. We are nearer, in that a younger faction in Clitheroe, which is a big club, want to get a bit more active, and several of them still have their dads in 41 club.

### Any other comments:

Red Rose Dinner 2015 is being hosted by Rossendale 41 club, the venue to be confirmed, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, which is Lancashire Day (and possibly Black Friday as well, but not if John Lewis can help it.)

Pressure of work, and not enough hours in the day have led me to stand down as NC for Region 5, I'd love to carry on, but getting out to visit clubs isn't going to happen, and if that's the requirement, then I can't do it. I have enjoyed my 2 years as NC, I hope to serve as a DNC for whoever takes this on, and cover the clubs closer to home. And maybe return one day...

**Adios.**

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## REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - ANDY WAITE

### Risk Grading Report Date: N/A

After Rednal I had a Harrogate meeting near Newcastle and spent the rest of the month in South Africa.

### Clubs Visited Personally:



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Elland March 5<sup>th</sup>

Rothwell March 10<sup>th</sup>

Wakefield March 17<sup>th</sup>

Sitlington March 25<sup>th</sup>

Ossett & Horbury April 1<sup>st</sup> (tomorrow, as I write)

All strong Clubs not at risk.

**Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A**

### **Membership Initiatives:**

I am trying to help start 'young' 41 Clubs like Selby in Ilkley and Halifax. Ilkley is looking very promising.

### **Any other comments:**

One Club still to pay for last year. I'm confident they will pay and that there is no need to disaffiliate them. Mark has been in contact as well as myself. Nearly 60% have already paid for this year.

The 'prospects' activity is a work in progress and I have reported separately to Duncan.

Looking forward to trips to Iceland and Cyprus later. Editing the Hinge has kept me busy but I have been pleased with the positive reactions.

**Andy Waite**

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## **REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART**

Date of Visit: **21/01/2015**

Name of Club: **Rainford & District**

This was a speaker meeting with Sir Malcolm Thornton entertaining the Club with



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anecdotes from his career firstly as a River Mersey Pilot and then as an MP for Liverpool Garston and then Crosby.

A wide range of ages are present within this club, from early fifties up to 70+, although the majority of members are in the 65+ bracket.

The spirit of fellowship lives on in this group. After Sir Malcolm had finished his talk I introduced myself and briefly explained what I was doing there, which had the effect of several of the 25-30 members present wanting to know more about neighbouring clubs and how to join forces with them occasionally. To that end, I gave the Club Secretary details of neighbouring Clubs and an exchange is planned with my own Club, Leyland.

This club is not at risk in the immediate future. However, its feeder Table closed several years ago and the average age of its members is high, but this is compensated for temporarily by a high number of members, 39.

Date of Visit: **22/01/2015**

Name of Club: **Chorley** (not Chorley Rural!)

I had already met this Club while I was serving as chauffeur and Deputy to my predecessor, David Yardley. The members already knew me and how I work and were therefore not expecting me to bore them with matters "National". On the contrary, I was able to give the members a few anecdotes of the RT Area 8 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Luncheon that took place in Liverpool 18 months previously and that involved the one member of the Club to attend the function, who also happened to be present at this meeting.

The members did find it rather strange that there should be a second Club in the same town and that there should be no contact between the two. The other club feels likewise, yet as soon as there is talk of a joint meeting, never mind uniting the two clubs, there are sharp intakes of breath on both sides accompanied by whispered mutterings of "we usually keep to ourselves".

There are 19 members in this Club, 13 of whom were there, which is an excellent turn-out and is also not uncommon for this Club. There is no danger of the Club folding in the immediate future despite both Tables in Chorley having closed down many years ago.



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Date of Visit: **30/01/2015**

Name of Club: **Leyland Rotary Club**

I attend Leyland Rotary Club's Charter Night every year in order to maintain relations between Rotary and 41 Club and Round Table. Rotary's President is always invited to the joint Charter Night of Leyland RT and 41 Club, and Rotary reciprocates the invitation. Knowing many members of Leyland Rotary Club, I am able to help successive RT and 41 Club Chairmen break the ice and socialise with the Rotarians.

This year, Past District Governor Ken Robertshaw gave a talk on a journey that he undertook for charity, canoeing over 2,300 miles from the source of the Mississippi to the sea in September last year. So far, nearly £20,000 has been raised for Theodora Children's Charity.

A further four meetings are lined up, including Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> in Poynton, who are welcoming President Jim to their Classic Car Pub Crawl.

### Prospective Members database

There were 305 contacts in Region 8. Of those 305:

- 60 are not eligible to join 41 Club (too young)
- 1 is still in Round Table (Tablers seem extremely reluctant to choose dual membership)
- 61 have already joined 41 Club and are in CAS
- 4 linked to my own Table / 41 Club will not join
- 1 former Cheadle & Gatley RT member is deceased

The remainder have been divided into their Table of origin and linked with the relevant 41 Club if one exists. I am in the process of getting the lists of prospective members to those clubs and contacting the prospectives myself where there is no relevant club.

Several types of responses have been received so far, although they do, I suspect, boil down to the Clubs either not wishing to take this further or already including the members but not having entered them in CAS.



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I would offer the prospectives "individual" membership as described in Rule 4.8 but know full well that the offer will be declined. Who would be willing to pay annual Capitation fees in order not to belong to a Club and not to be eligible to hold office within the Association?

### Age profiling

It was decided in the February Council meeting that Councillors would ask a selection of their Clubs for the dates of birth of the Clubs' members.

I have e-mailed the Club Contacts, Secretaries and Chairmen of all Clubs in Region 8 for this information and await responses. If none are forthcoming between now and AGM I will follow the e-mail up with phone calls.

### Regional events

Very much looking forward to Rossendale 41 Club (Region 5!) putting on the Red Rose Dinner in Leyland this year!

Also in Leyland, the joint Charter of Leyland RT and 41 Club is shaping up to be a good Regional event with the incoming National Presidents of both Round Table and 41 Club booked in.

**Godwin Stewart**  
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## **REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL COOPER**

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Risk Grading Report Date: Up to date

### **Clubs Visited Personally:**

Splisby

Sleaford

Market Rasen

Holbeach



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Boston

### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

No Deputy Appointed

### **Membership Initiatives: Please see below**

Any other comments: The major event of the last quarter has been working with Round Table Area 30 to coordinate a jointly run Lincolnshire "Spring Rally". What is a "Spring Rally"? It was customary in Table years to have an annual dinner event with entertainment where the RT National President was invited. This year we ran it as a joint venture and had both National Presidents there. A bit of a first! It generated a lot of good local interest and feedback (including from the National President) and in the words of the Round Table Area Chairman "is something we can build on". My club let alone others have generated one new member as a result.

**Paul Cooper**  
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### **REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD**

Jan 22nd. I presented cheque for £4,500.00 to Laura watts Antony Nolan fund, in Ashby jointly Rotary, 41, and Round Table collected £17,500.00.

Feb.13th Attended dinner in Hexham Northumberland excellent night in the great company of Frank Bull and the other White knights that attended don't know what's happened to Mr Weaver missing again !

Feb 14th. Lesley and myself was honoured to on top table with Simon and Sue Riley Area Chairman of area 14 table for their Valentine Ball great company both made very welcome 180 attended a fantastic night at the Grand in Leicester.



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March 2nd.

President Jim attended Ashby 41 club also Barry when he found us, good night of fun and fellowship.

Look on web site.

March 16th.

Table Area Exec meeting getting next year's positions lined up looking good Lee Freeley has calmed down a lot and I think will make a good job of Area Chairman.

March 21st.

Area 14 80th Dinner at tigers function suite for lunch speaker Dean Richards who sat next to me and insisted I had a drink with him every time he did, he is a big guy to drink 6-7 pints and a bottle of red before he got up to speak meant I haven't a bloody clue what he said but he was great company had a fantastic day ending up back at Ashby for a few more beers and a curry to keep it down.

April 10th.

Long Eaton Charter a good night predicted.

Remember 12th September Region 10 cluster hosted by Derby Merlin at Breadshall Priory first class hotel and golf course the guys have a fantastic night organised well worth attending.

**Peter Good**

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### REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - PAUL MOLLEY

**Date: 8 April 2015**

**Any other comments:**

**First of all, please accept my sincere apologies for the late submission of this report. Had it not been for the due diligence of our Secretary, Manny Martins, I may have missed the opportunity of submitting my final report as a National Councillor. Thanks Manny – beer token in credit!**

**My time serving the Association has been a positive experience from the very first time when Vaughan Harris put that gong around my neck and welcomed**



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me onto the National Council. I have made additional friends within the Association, shared some great times and sad times with the loss of Vaughan, but happy that we celebrated his life and the Association moving forward.

There have been challenges. Why would you want to serve the Association if you thought you were not able to face some of those challenges head on? For me, it's part of what that role entails and I have been very happy rolling my sleeves up and getting stuck in.

I can see where the National Council is heading. The path will not always be smooth but there are clear signs of positive steps being taken to ensure the custody of the Association continues to move forward for the betterment of the membership.

I hope I leave Region 11 feeling there has been some value in my custody of the role and wish my successor, Nick Morcumb even more success during his tenure of office.

I look forward to the National AGM not least to see if John Grint MBE is successful in his nomination for a National Award in recognition of his long and distinguished service to 41 Club.

Thank you to you all on National Council over the past three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed your fellowship and hope that camaraderie continues long into the future.

### **Risk Grading Report Date:**

8 April 2015

### **Clubs Visited Personally:**

Club visits have been less than I would have liked in the past 6 months. Pressures of work and other commitments have played a negative part in my time spent with the Clubs within Region 11 for which I can only apologise.

### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

None reported

### **Membership Initiatives:**



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**Our new Regional Lunch is taking off; additional fellowship events will be taking place in 2015-16; RTBI Area 22 has taken off again thanks to Nick Morcumb.**

**Paul Molley**  
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### **REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - LAWRENCE BAMBER**

1. Risk Grading Report Date: Sept 2014
2. Club Visits / Contacts by NC
  - a) Feb. 13th: Attended Prince Bishops Dinner, Hexham: great to see Mr. Frank Bull!
  - b) Feb 17th: Rhyl 41 Club: Identifying Old Artefacts!??
  - c) Feb 22nd: Dragons 41 Club: Meeting in Blackpool to discuss 2017 Conference.
  - d) Feb 27th: St. David's Day Dinner in Llangollen: CANCELLED; apols to all involved.
  - e) March 4th: Mid Wales Cluster Dinner, organised by Oswestry 41 Club: a great old fashioned night of fun & fellowship attended by over 60 from: Oswestry; Llandrindod; Llanfyllin; Montgomery; Newtown; & Welshpool, who were pressganged into organising the 2016 (March 2nd.) event, probably at the same location: Lakeside Golf Club, Garthmyl, near Montgomery. Jim & Barry were also in attendance with yours truly; we joined Past President Ernie Husson & Oswestry Chairman on top table.
  - f) Mar 12 - 16 41 Club: Norway: visited the Norwegian 41 Club Board in Oslo to attend the RT/LC Kollen winter sports event high in the snow above Oslo. Met with RT 10 & 35 members as well as LC 2 & Norway Tangent Board. Was made an Honorary Member of Norway 41 Club (very proud!) and will be their voting delegate at 41 International AGM in Cyprus next month!
  - g) Mar 16 Poynton 41 Club: joint meeting with Poynton RT at a free Curry Nite!



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**h)** Mar 17: Rhyl 41 Club: speaker meeting on Old Rhyl - Rhyl used to be a jewel on the North Wales coast in the 1900s; not anymore!

**l)** Mar 20 - attended Poynton RT AGM to represent Poynton 41 Club; they raised £27000 for 30 different local charities last year: well done Guys!

**j)** Apr 7: Poynton 41 Club: Presidential visit by Jim; & vintage car rally around Cheshire! Any additional comments will be covered by a verbal report as necessary, as this event has not happened yet!!

### 3. Visits by Deputy

**a)** Feb 20th: Deeside 41 Club /RT Joint Charter Nite Dinner as Guest Speaker

### 4. Forthcoming Regional Events

**a)** May 29th: Chester Grosvenor Knights 30th Charter Dinner (to be attended by Deputy NC Dave S &/or Region 7/8 NC Godwin)

**b)** Feb 26th., 2016 St. David's Day Dinner & 70th Anniversary celebrations ( to be organised by either Rhyl or Dragons 41 Clubs)

**c)** March 2nd. 2016 Mid Wales Cluster Dinner & 70th Anniversary celebrations being organised by Welshpool 41 Club

**5.** Membership Initiatives: Prospects Database: a slow start, but 1 Hit: the last RT Chairman for Oswestry RT has responded, and is due to attend a meeting of Oswestry 41 Club in April. He has stated that he still wants an active Club!

### 6. Admin Contacts /Items

Feb: 12; March: 22; April (to date): 4

### 7. Forward Plans

**A)** April 16/19 41 Club AGM Harrogate

**B)** April 22 - May 4 41 International AGM Cyprus



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- C) Aug 6/17 RTI AGM, Visby, Sweden
- D) Region 12 Club Visits by NC/DNC
- E) Prospect Database: make calls (NC/DNC) f) Have Fun & Fellowship!!

That's All Folks

Lawrence Bamber / Dave Sharky Barker 01/04/15 (No April Fools, Us!!)

**Lawrence Bamber**  
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### REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – SIMON JAMES

Date: 29 March 2015

Risk Grading Report Date: 31 March 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

Newport Cluster evening

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Chepstow  
Newport and Risca Cluster evening  
Pontypridd.

Forthcoming Regional Events: We will be looking to host an event to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Membership Initiatives: Information from the prospects database has been received from the National membership officer and over the coming weeks contact will be made with each club contact asking them to make contact with the persons identified on the list in their respective area. In some instances personal contact will be made by the deputy Councillor with a number of prospects highlighted on the list.

Any other comments:



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**Steve James**  
Deputy National Councillor

### **REGION 14 CARETAKER NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - MANNY MARTINS**

Risk Grading Report Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

#### **Clubs Visited Personally:** 16 March 2015:

Stourport

This was a mini cluster meeting with two very prominent speakers. Rex Williams and Paul McGovern. Rex Williams professional career began in 1951. In the 1960s, when the [World Snooker Championship](#) was run as challenge matches, he faced [John Pulman](#) in the 1964 and 1965 finals but was unsuccessful both times. In December 1965, during an exhibition match in [Cape Town](#), he followed [Joe Davis](#) as the second man to make an accredited maximum 147 snooker break. He won the [World Professional Billiards Championship](#) seven times from 1968 to 1983, including a reign as champion from 1968 to 1980. He did become the oldest player to reach a world-ranking final when, aged 53, he lost to Jimmy White in the final of the [1986 Rothmans Grand Prix](#). He twice reached the semi-final of the World Championship, losing in 1972 to [Alex Higgins](#) (having been four frames ahead with five left to play) and, in 1974, to [Graham Miles](#). Paul McGovern is a Golf Pro who acted as Eric Morcombe to Rex's Ernie Wise. I supported President Jim at the event which had members from Bilston, Halesowen, Hereford, Rowley Regis and Stourport on Severn 41 Clubs.

24 March 2015:

Wrekin

I was invited to attend Wrekin 41 Club to celebrate the ongoing growth of their reborn Round Table. Apart from Wrekin there was an equal attendance from Oakengates 41 Club. The speaker was Round Table National President Steve Glaister, great talk. A great evening of fellowship and President Steve presented Chairman Phil with his RTBI number plate.

#### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**



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Talk about organising and brewery. Deputy Mike was all set up to visit Penkrigde on a Brewery visit. So he got dolled up rang to confirm meeting time to be told it was cancelled. This is his third attempt.

### **Forthcoming Regional Events:**

None

### **Membership Initiatives:**

None

### **Any other comments:**

I have started trawling through the prospective database. Report shortly.

### **Manny Martins**

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## **REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ATKINS**

### **Clubs visited Personally**

Nuneaton Past Tablers Club  
Area 45 RT Founders Day Rally  
Northampton Nene 41 club  
Coventry 23 RT . 85<sup>th</sup> Charter  
Market Harborough 41 Club  
Solihull 41 Club  
Bedworth 41 Club  
Nuneaton 136 RT 70<sup>th</sup> Charter

No Deputy...

Membership initiative.

Attended first meeting of Nuneaton Nomads (first Tuesday club)

Working with past tablers who have not joined the "older dinner club", so watch this space over the next 6 months for the formation of a new club to be affiliated.



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This will complement the existing club and hopefully increase the numbers attending.

I am extremely busy with the activity that earns me money, but hope to dedicate a lot more time to the roll, and more contact with clubs in the region.

**Tom Atkins**  
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### REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DES FULCHER

Risk Grading Report Date: March 2015

#### Clubs Visited Personally:

26.1.15 – Chauffeured National Fellowship Officer from Wymondham to Cinema City in Norwich along with a key local contact who is helping to set up 'Club Together' (a benefit which will deliver income to 41 Club and savings for members on utility bills)

26.1.15 – Chauffeured National Fellowship Officer from Wymondham to the Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club Forecast Meeting, one of the Top 12 events in the 41 Club National calendar which had a superb turnout of around 150 individuals, many of them 41 Club members from a variety of clubs throughout Norfolk and Suffolk

29.1.15 – Preliminary meeting to research potential venue for a special 41 Club 70th Charter event in Region 17

5.2.15 – Met King's Lynn & District 41 Club and the chair of Round Table King's Lynn 54 to discuss details of the Marchesi Room Project which included taking the framed print of Louis Marchesi to show everyone. Also took a personal gift 'the Horn of Plenty' for Round Table King's Lynn 54 to go with their member Dr Fox!

6.2.15 to 8.2.15 – National Council meeting at Rednal

18.2.15 – Meeting at Dunston Hall Golf & Country Club to progress the special 70<sup>th</sup> Charter event for Region 17

19.2.15 – Downham Market 41 Club (disaffiliated), Ely 41 Club & Round Table Downham Market 542, met with members from all three above clubs, initially made a slideshow presentation about the Marchesi Room Project, moved on to quite an



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energetic debate about the benefits of being affiliated – DF hopeful to get them to start again with some of the less old ex Tablers who appear to be ‘hanging on’ as the current arrangement appears to be an elderly dining club

23.2.15 – Met with key members of Harleston 41 Club and Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club at Dunston Hall to discuss the proposed special 70<sup>th</sup> Charter event, this is beginning to take shape quite well now

24.2.15 South Norfolk 41 Club AGM – The first AGM of a newly formed 41 club which appears to be going from strength to strength with more ex-Tablers who had not previously joined any other local club wanting to participate. As a very dedicated ex Tabler locally including Area Phil Ramsay stood for Chairman, unanimous acceptance followed. DF brought the latest details of the Special 41 Club 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Events in Region 17 to all attendees which received a positive initial response

11.3.15 LOTS Anniversary Lunch at The Lamb London – Flying visit to meet everyone at their special event whilst already in London on business

17.3.15 North Walsham 41 Club – Met with Kelly Clarke to discuss progress of North Norfolk Active initiatives, the Special 41 Club 70<sup>th</sup> Charter events in Region 17 and various other aspects. Part of the additional responsibilities Kelly currently has is the 41 Club Liaison Officer for Round Table NSW 2015 being held in Norwich

17.3.15 Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club – Met with Anthony Marett to discuss North Norfolk Active initiatives, the Special 41 Club 70<sup>th</sup> Charter events in Region 17 and various other developments within the region. Also took the opportunity to chat about the 149'ers, a group of ex-Tablers who meet that haven't joined 41 Club for various reasons

21.3.15 UEA Marrow Group – Picked up Paul Tyrrell (Harleston 41 Club Chairman) on route to Norwich with my partner to help at the charity bucket rattle in Norwich as previously arranged, sadly this turned out to be a total waste of time as no one was to be seen & two key organisers failed to respond via text sent to their mobiles

### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

Haverhill 41 Club  
North Walsham 41 Club  
Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club



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Norwich 41 Club  
Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club

### Membership Initiatives:

- Downham Market 41 Club potential re affiliation
- Special 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Region 17 Golf Event
- Special 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Region 17 Dinner Dance
- Continue progress with North Norfolk 'active' 41 Club
- Continued search for Deputy in the former Region 16
- Club Together (National initiative to compliment Wider Wallet)

### Any other comments:

The extra efforts made in January when Barry Durman visited Norwich brought some positive encouragement towards The Marchesi Room Project, this included making a special visit to Cinema City to familiarise Barry with the project.

Several 41 Club members locally have made comments about the lack of proper coverage given to The Marchesi Room Project in National publications; this is something I intend raising again at the National Council meeting in April.

Members are reporting the new website difficult to access or manage, additionally complaints have been made about the fact that nothing had been done with the administrative aspect of 41 Club online.

**Des Fulcher**  
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## REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - SEAN McCORMICK

**No Report Submitted**

**Sean McCormick**  
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### REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ABBOTT

I am very pleased that we have been able to hold a northern and a southern cluster meeting this year and I thank Royston and Harpenden for their support. These being the first such events for many years. Both were attended by Jim in his presidential year in his home area.

As I am now going to be continuing for a last 2 years I will be confirming 3 offers of cluster meetings in the region over the next 12 months and also a central celebration of the Associations Anniversary at Beales Hotel Hatfield subject to a suitable date being available to suit our new National President's diary.

I have a number of visits booked in over the next few months but I am now making it a priority to visit the remaining clubs that I have not been able to get to yet or who have not taken up my general pleas for invitations!

We are very much looking forward to a strong contingent in the Eastern Region Golf again but hopefully Jim will have the good grace not to win it this time.

The continued uncertainty regarding our national structure and organisation is not helpful when trying to bring 3 very different old RT areas together and looking at deputies and succession planning but hopefully this will be resolved soon.

**Tom Abbott**  
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### REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - FRANK VENABLES

**Date: March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> revision in Brown Font.**

**Risk Grading Report Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>.2015**

**Clubs Visited Personally:**

**Goring February 25<sup>th</sup> 2015:**



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This was a speaker meeting with a group of nine from Caversham 41 Club led by their Chairman, a member of both clubs. Almost all of Goring's 23 members were present, a fairly common occurrence, I gathered. The speaker was Ian Crouch, a retired Army Officer, who spoke of his adventures in rowing the Atlantic twice, rowing across the Indian Ocean, running across the Gobi desert and trekking across Greenland in winter!

Goring is a rather elderly club, long since without feeder table, but active socially and intellectually – for instance, there is an active reading group. Very few members have email addresses listed, or even names, for which the club contact commented that he distributes information on a club email circuit. I impressed on him the value of registered email addresses in light of the new website and what it offers to all members, provided their emails are registered.

My own speaking time was necessarily limited. I spoke about Wider Wallet and the Platinum Privileges, the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the September 12<sup>th</sup> Leeds Armouries Lunch, and the Anthony Nolan appeal. However, my main point was to repeat to the gathering the importance of having an accurate email address registered with National. How the new website offers all members significant advantages, provided their emails are registered.

One interesting note in the margin: I spoke with a man whose father had been a member of Norwich Round Table No 1 for a short time in Louis Marchesi's era. The man himself was later turned down for membership by that Table, but made his way in the movement anyway.

I also gave the list of eight leavers from Caversham Round Table 1047, aged 44 to 55 now, (which featured in the database recently received from Round Table) to the Caversham Chairman for consideration. None have joined Caversham 41 Club, nor rang immediate bells with the Chairman.

### **Ascot March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

Ascot is a large club with a feeder table, although entries from Table are infrequent. The members are enthusiastic, support their Round Table, and are active socially.





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This was a speaker meeting attended by the majority of the club's 32 members. The subject of a fascinating presentation was the progress of a project to establish a Hospice for children and young people in Berkshire. At present, clients must travel to such distant locations as Oxford and Southampton – one harrowing case was of a sufferer from Cystic Fibrosis whose mother had to stop the car, to clear the airways, some 20 times during the 50-odd miles to Oxford! A site is available and two-thirds of the finance is assured; 18 months is the hoped-for timescale. The business of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for £1500 from the club for the project. This is not the first club I have come across which prefers to donate to local charities in preference to national appeals. However, my Anthony Nolan collecting tin was passed round.

My own speaking time was necessarily limited. I spoke about Wider Wallet and the Platinum Privileges, the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the September 12<sup>th</sup> Leeds Armouries Lunch, and the Anthony Nolan appeal. For the Region, I announced the Region 20 Golf Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> near Abingdon. However, my main point was to repeat to the gathering the importance of having an accurate email address registered with National. How the new website offers all members significant advantages, provided their emails are registered.

### **Reading (N<sup>o</sup>11) April 8<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

This is a large club which has been without a feeder table for a very long time. The membership numbers 38 (listed on CAS) or 40 (paid capitation); all have valid email addresses and take the magazine. Roger Bale, the club contact, has recently taken over as chairman and I expect him to run the club efficiently, as he has the role of contact for some years; he is interested in the possibilities offered by a club 'website' hosted by the new national site.

There were 17 members at dinner plus myself; a typical attendance as almost half the membership is on 'permanent apology', something which the chairman is trying to limit. The atmosphere was lively and friendships obviously go back a long way, but I was made welcome and engaged in conversation. There was neither business nor speaker, except myself; I described Wider Wallet and the other 'Platinum Privileges' and the plans for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the May 13<sup>th</sup> date itself and the Royal Armouries Lunch at Leeds on September 12<sup>th</sup>. I reminded them of the Regional



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Event dates: Golf June 4<sup>th</sup> and Oxford College Dinner November 6<sup>th</sup>.

However, I spent most of my time talking about the coming AGM and its Resolutions, mostly as a Question and Answer session. They were very interested, but have long since decided against trying to inflate membership from outside the movement. One point of interest was 41 Club and Round Table numbers nationally, both members and clubs. I said less than 17000 41ers in some 800+ clubs; there was amazement that the average 41 Club has no more than a score of members – they thought all clubs were like theirs! As to Round Table, that gave an even bigger shock: less than 5000 Tablers in some 500 Tables – average membership barely 10! I had to comment that I knew of several Tables in my region with membership in single figures; one closed altogether not that long ago.

### Clubs Visited by Deputies:

#### Maidenhead January 21<sup>st</sup> 2015:

I received a warm welcome from Chairman Don Macmichael and the other eleven members present (full attendance). This was a dinner meeting with my comments and a Q&A session. The membership is elderly, average age appeared to be late 70s. They are very insular: some have attended the Oxford Regional Dinner, but not recently; they never go to Conference; they haven't had a joiner from Maidenhead Table 202 for years; the Chairman (a delightful man) thought Marchesi House was still in Baker Street, and wasn't on CAS - I've put him on this morning, with his agreement. Unfortunately the Club contact was at a funeral up North so I couldn't establish whether he knows how to amend their CAS entry; I left a copy of it with Don and have emailed him suggesting they ring Marchesi House if they've forgotten their password.

I covered issues such as the car rally; calendars and badges (no takers); new 41 website; Anthony Nolan; 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, etc. I also asked if they have any non-ex Tablers as members, and they do have one! They were shocked though not greatly surprised to hear the number of Tables and Tablers nationally and the 17-20% conversion rate. They themselves asked for a show of hands as to who would support open membership and the vast majority would!



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### **Newbury January 27<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

This was a Burns Night dinner with partners; my foursome from Wokingham formed a top table with the Chairman, Rob Spalton and his wife, and the Tangent Chairman Caroline and her partner. Rob wasn't shown on the Newbury CAS, which was well out of date; I gave him CAS printouts and suggested he gets it updated. Rob told me Newbury is essentially a dining club, with very little external activity, and minimal contact with Newbury Table. He'd like to change that and I encouraged him!

Not the evening for any extended spiel from me, but I gave the 70<sup>th</sup> lunch flyer to Rob Spalton and also plugged the Oxford Regional dinner.

### **Wallingford February 24<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

This could be the first 41 Club meeting where there was a choice of 3 starters and 3 mains! There were 16 Wallingford members, for an interesting speaker evening; though unfortunately I only really got the chance to chat to those in my immediate vicinity at the table. When the speaker finished at about 10.25, people left sharpish! There were maybe two or three in their 50s but the rest looked to be in their 70s, or even 80s. There's been no Table for many years; I gather they do have some non ex Tablers, possibly as honoraries rather than full members.

They don't tend to visit other Clubs nor go the Conference. Indeed, when I mentioned Harrogate I was asked "why do you always have conferences up north; we're in the south?" I replied by asking the questioner if he knew where the 2014 conference had been? Answer "No, where?" My answer "Bournemouth!" was greeted with hoots and "quit while you're losing" comments! Wallingford do have an active programme; e.g., the previous weekend, with partners, they had been in Southsea for an away Ladies Night, which is their custom.

My chat was necessarily short, so I mainly plugged the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dates in May and September. I'd be surprised if any Wallingford member appears in Leeds but I left the flyer with them. When I mentioned the new website pointing out that anyone with an email address on CAS will have received emails about it and the 70<sup>th</sup>, eyes universally glazed over and heads shook! Very few members have email addresses on CAS, which is well out of date!

*Note by National Councillor: following my deputy's raising this with Martin Green*



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*and myself, I contacted the New Chairman by telephone, and was able to suggest a course of action to be followed with his Club Contact. He is very enthusiastic.*

### **Forthcoming Regional Events:**

#### **Region20 Golf Day**

This event will be hosted by Abingdon 41 Club at Frilford Heath Golf Club, Oxford Road, Abingdon, OX14 5NW, on Thursday 4th June 2015. Teeing-off from 1pm, with registration, coffee, and bacon rolls from 12noon. The Flyer and Booking Form are available to download from the 41 Club National website.

#### **Oxford College Dinner (National TOP 12 Function)**

This prestigious event will be hosted by Isis Area 41 Club at Somerville College, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HD, on Friday November 6th 2015.

### **Membership Initiatives:**

#### **Anthony Nolan 40-40 Challenge**

Two possibilities have been followed this past year; one has not come to fruition, but the other will take place in July.

#### **Round Table Leavers Database**

*There were 307 entries for Region 20. One member was registered as leaving RT twice (two entries thus)! The duplicated, earlier, entry was marked as [Rejected Invite] there being no facility to 'delete' a database entry.*

*The 306 individuals were distributed in age thus:*

*29 aged from 27 to 39 years on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015*

*40 from 40 to 44 years*

*234 at least 45 years*

*(Three entries had no date of birth).*

*The conversion rate from Round Table to 41 Club indicated by these figures is about 25%.*





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*The youngest group have been discarded as having left dissatisfied with Round Table before the age limit. [Rejected Invites]*

*The others should be considered as potential members of 41 Club, to be contacted in due course. In fact a number (71) have already been identified as members of 41 clubs in the region, including one aged 28! [Marked Duplicates]*

*The remaining data (207) have been sorted by Round Table number, resulting in (21) groups each of which can be associated, at least initially, with one or two 41 clubs. Six clubs have requested a copy of their table, and these have been sent; one club rejected the offer out of hand. I intend to offer these tables again in my end of office message to my clubs next week.*

### **Any other comments:**

This is my last report as Region 20 National Councillor, and I would like to thank all my Club Contacts and Officers, and their members, for a wonderful time in their service. In addition, to wish them all happy and rewarding club lives in the future.

### ***In Continued Friendship***

**Frank Venables**

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## **REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – RAY JONES**

**Risk Grading Report Date:** Up-dated at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### **Clubs Visited Personally:**

28th January 2015 Visited **TEWKESBURY 41 Club** for joint meeting with **MALVERN HILLS 41 Club** to play skittles match followed by supper. Good fellowship meeting with 20 members in attendance.

5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Regional dinner held in Gloucester and club meeting night for **GLOUCESTER, GLOUCESTER ACTIVE, and STONEHOUSE 41 CLUBS.**



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A total of 120 members from 18 clubs in Region 21 attended for dinner and speaker, the last of the "Dambusters" Sqd. Leader George "Johnny" Johnson.

In addition to the 3 clubs above other clubs from Region represented were **BRISTOL, CHELTENHAM, CLEEVE HILL, CLEVEDON, FOREST OF DEAN, GORDANO VALLEY, MALVERN HILLS, 2 X TEWKESBURY CLUBS, THORNBURY, EVESHAM and WESTON-SUPER-MARE**. Visitors also from 4 other clubs from outside region including National President and Vice- President.

9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Visited **CHELTENHAM** club for their annual Beefest dinner. Also attending were 6 members of **NORTH COTSWOLD 41 CLUB** and visitors from outside Region, **HORNCHURCH 41 CLUB**. A very good night of fellowship enjoyed by approx. 55 members with the National President talking on his charity.

### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

No deputy appointed in this region

### **Forthcoming Regional Events:**

July 15<sup>th</sup> final of region 21 Skittles competition at Civil Service club in Cheltenham between 4 clubs which have won through 3 Rounds of matches with other clubs.

July 2015 last year's winning club **CHIPPENHAM 41 CLUB** should be organising the Region 21 Golf Qualifier. Date to be confirmed.

### **Membership Initiatives:**

Prospect list of Ex-Tablers analysed and after deleting existing members the rest have been sorted into clubs ready to be contacted.

### **Any other comments:**

None

**Ray Jones**

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**REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK FAIRCHILD (CARETAKER)**



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Risk Grading Report Date: 31/3/15

### Clubs Visited Personally:

Liskeard & Looe – 25/03/15 – Fantastic night at the Sail Loft. Good turn out on a re-arranged night to accommodate President Jim. Discussed prospective members (4) from the RT database, none were immediately discounted, all to be followed up.

### Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

### Forthcoming Regional Events:

Regional golf day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – details on website.

### Membership Initiatives:

Prospects data copied into spreadsheet for analysis (and for R12 & R17). Existing members marked duplicate on database, others sorted by club for discussion with existing members. Stats so far:

Initial List	247	From 20 RT's
Already members	85	
Not interested	6	All from Exeter – 2 live abroad
Too young	2	Resigned from Table
Prospective	5	
No existing 41 Club	14	Penzance (not affiliated) & St Austell (disaffiliated)
Awaiting responses	137	

Any other comments:

Attending Ilfracombe 41 AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Area 19 RT AGM on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Investigating a potential Regional 70<sup>th</sup> event in the Autumn, nothing finalised yet.



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### **REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID BROWN**

Risk Grading Report Date: March 2015

#### **Clubs Visited Personally:**

Bournemouth (North) hosting Dorset Knobs  
Showtime!  
Wellington  
Taunton

#### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

None appointed (or apparently interested)

#### **Forthcoming Regional Events:**

Working towards a R23 Golf day in August

#### **Membership Initiatives:**

None at time of preparing report

#### **Any other comments:**

Sadly missing too much of 41 activities being with family in New Zealand for three months. Happy to discuss my role as a useful Councillor as clearly finding it difficult to provide more than 'Continued Friendship'.

**David Brown**  
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### **REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID LEACH**



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**Risk Grading Report Date: 30/03/15**

**Clubs Visited Personally:**

**Croydon 41 Club: 11/02/15**

Following a chance encounter between this (currently unaffiliated) club and Dave Campbell, a visit was arranged to visit, together with the Region 25 National Councillor, John Alford. The club was very welcoming and enjoy lots of fellowship in a private room located at a very pleasant venue. Both John and I were invited to talk about 41 Club, what is going on at a National and a Regional level, and the benefits of affiliation to their members. The group was very receptive and hopefully this has sown the seeds of bringing them back into the fold. There was a good turn-out from their members.

**Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club 09/03/15**

As the current Chairman of Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club, Peter McBride, is organising the inaugural Region 24 Dinner and Golf event, I thought it would be prudent to maintain good communications with him and his organising committee. The event was quiz night, which was great fun and we were able to discuss how progress was being made. Peter and his team have been doing club visits of their own to try to drum up support for the event. I have uploaded the booking form to the associated 41Club.org webpage.

**Ewell & Worcester Park 41 Club 17/03/15**

E&W meet in a private upstairs room of their local Italian restaurant. They are a very sociable club who made me feel very welcome at their meeting. They were very interested in what is happening at National. They are the most organised club I have encountered so far as R24NC. The Secretary keeps CAS up-to-date and had brought with him a copy of the agenda for the National AGM. The resolutions were discussed in detail, debated and they will be sending a proxy vote on all of the six motions to be put forward.

**Horley 41 Club 26/03/15**

The Chairman of this club is also involved at a high level with his local Constitutional Club in Horley and as a result, they have access to a delightful private function room. My visit coincided with their annual Ladies Night, so there was a large turn-out of



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members and their partners. They are a very active club, more so than some Round Table clubs I know, with many extra-curricular events organised during the year. They attribute their success to their close links with Tangent. They were very interested in the two resolutions that would allow non-ex-Tablers to join 41 Club and intend to send proxy votes to support both motions. Unfortunately, Horley Round Table is almost certainly going to fold this year due to lack of members.

### **Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

After a very busy couple of months last quarter, Paul Rawlinson has not been able to visit any clubs recently. He has a number of planned visits in the pipeline for the next reporting period.

Many clubs are having their AGMs in April and, understandably, were reluctant to have guests present.

### **Forthcoming Regional Events:**

Region 24 "Vaughan Harris" Golf Day 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Region 24 Annual Dinner 5<sup>th</sup> June (National VP in attendance)

### **Membership Initiatives:**

Region 24 Prospective list cleansed and I have commenced ringing those members who were emailed by National Membership Officer.

So far, I have had no positive results, but the seeds of possibility have been sown. A verbal update was provided directly to the National Membership Officer.

### **Any other comments:**

The message that I am getting from many clubs is regarding representation at the AGM. Many clubs have mentioned that they would like to see postal voting introduced – given that it is possible for a general election, surely we could accommodate it.

### **David Leach**



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### REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - JOHN S ALFORD

**Risk Grading Report Date:**

**Clubs Visited Personally:**

[Maidstone](#)  
[Ash & District](#)  
[Darent Valley](#)  
[Northfleet](#)  
[Sidcup & Chislehurst](#)  
[Welling](#)

**Unaffiliated Clubs Visited:**

[Croydon](#)

**Clubs Visited by Deputies:**

None

**Membership Initiatives:**

[Visit to disaffiliated club of Croydon with David Leach NC for the Region. The club will vote at their AGM before National AGM about reaffiliating.](#)

**Any other comments:**

[Arranged Region Transmarche with French Region no. 1 Pay de Calais & Picardy also attended by Belgium 41 Clubs at Dover. This is to be an annual event between the two regions.](#)

[In general all clubs including disaffiliated ones do like to see their NC and helps to generate interest in both the Association and to visit adjoining clubs.](#)

[I have divided up the prospective members into clubs, however, I have been unable at present to send out as the system has failed.](#)



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**I shall before the AGM send them out using my Region e-mail which involves more work.**

**I am at present finding the new website impossible to use and do not use it at all.**

**I have visit plan to Tonbridge 41 club before National AGM**

**John Alford**  
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### **HONORARY ARCHIVIST - HUGH MILWARD**

I have now completed working on the Slide Show for our 70<sup>th</sup> Lunch celebration in September with our Immediate Past President. This has been great fun as we discover old photographs and comments from the minutes for including on the slides. Some things reported on at the time never change! It has also been interesting to see times and attitudes changing as we have looked through every magazine since 1945.

One recent piece of archive memorabilia that I have been able to put together has been a sample of all the new jewels and pin badges that were introduced in 2009 when we updated our Logo to the "Platinum" brand. These are now displayed in a glass frame and hang on the wall in our Archive Room at Marchesi House.

I have still to sign off with our National Secretary a Policy on the location and time frame where electronic documents are currently stored on our Website and on Office 365.

I am now able to place Obituaries as I receive them straight onto our new Website under our "Book of Remembrances" which has been a great help.

There is still plenty of work to sort out "bits and pieces" in our Archive Room ready for the International Half Yearly visit in October as well as assisting members with their specific requests, all of which I enjoy.

**Hugh Milward**



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