



NATIONAL PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

As I sit at my computer to write my final report for National Council I expect like many National Presidents before my time have wondered where the year has gone because it only seems like minutes ago I had started my year. The time has flown of course because I've been busy, particularly in this 70th year of our Association when there have been a few more events to attend associated with the Charter celebrations.

I'm determined not to do another travel log in this report as you'll have seen the recent Magazine and even more recent Newsletter where my travels and visits are clear for all to see. The only period I would like to mention is the 29 days between Friday 19th February and Friday 18th March when I attended or travelled between 26 events and worked one day in the middle! These included 4 Charters, 3 Ladies Nights, 2 Ladies Lunches, 4 Club nights, 2 Club AGM's, 1 Ball, 1 Anniversary, 4 regional Dinners and 1 trip overseas! The journeys alone were amazing crossing the country from Kent to Lancashire, North Wales, Mid Wales, Devon and back to Lancashire again with a trip to Tyneside thrown in for good measure! It was a fantastic period in my year and I'm so pleased I was able to document the visits with photographs as the time seemed to pass so quickly that there was no time to actually reflect on where I'd been.

This National Council Meeting needs to concentrate on two particular areas as we need decisions before the AGM on both the Disciplinary Policy and any further decisions we need to make on the Website.

With regards to the Disciplinary Policy Duncan has already circulated the revised version so by the time we get to the meeting I'm hoping everyone will have given him their views so we can decide on the final wording. Can I just remind you all that by having a short rule which we're recommending to the AGM the policy is then set by National Council and can be revised by National Council at any time if we find it not workable or in need of modification.

Moving on to the Website I know that Godwin has done further work on proposals and ideas on the way forward and I'm sure he will be able to update us all at the meeting.

As these are the only two major points of discussion I know of thus far and these are already on the Agenda, unless anything else comes in before the meeting I won't need to send another email out to you all this time detailing a list of decisions we need to consider.

What I would like to do now however is to say a **Big Thank You** to you all for your support this year and the work you've done on behalf of this wonderful Association of ours. In particular I would like to wish Barry well for next year and he'll have equally as good a year, as like me and Jim before us, he'll put himself out there and have an amazing time.

I would like to thank a few people by name and I know everyone does the job as well as they can but I think a couple of people, some of whom are retiring this year, for various reasons have gone the extra mile. Ray Hill will be leaving Council at the AGM and I would like to thank



Ray on behalf of all of us for 5 year's excellent work in Communications particularly on the Magazine, instigating the very popular monthly Newsletter and pioneering the questionnaire to our members. Dave Campbell who although going on to be our Vice President has done a stellar job as our International Officer for the last five years and I know Dave is well liked and respected by his International colleagues. Godwin Stewart for his extra commitment this year given to helping with the Website and all things technical to do with ICT all on top of his Councillor's duties.

Our Treasurer Mark Fairchild who after last year's AGM when he took a lot of stick from the members has risen to the challenge and got everything into "apple pie order" in time for, hopefully, a better reception in Birmingham. Duncan Kennedy the "voice of reason" on National Council and someone who continues to work tirelessly on membership and is standing for his second term in the role. Des Fulcher for his pioneering work in Norwich on the Marchesi Room which once open will be an excellent tribute to a great man. Peter Good moving on to be our International Officer after his years as a National Councillor well done Peter and I hope you have a great three years. To all of our retiring National Councillors Ken Donald, thank you Ken for your work on the National Golf Competition, Colin Steen thank you Colin for your work on finance. Duncan Baldwin, Andy Waite here's hoping you get the job of International Secretary Andy, Paul Cooper, and David Brown past Conference Chairman for Bournemouth, thank you guys. Finally, to say thank you and farewell to Jim Smith who was an excellent Membership Officer for our Association prior to becoming National President. We wish you all the best as you leave National Council Jim to join that select Club of Past Presidents.

So one more National Council Meeting as President, a Ball and an AGM to go and then it's time to hand over to Barry and enjoy my IPP year. Guys it's been a blast being your National President I can honestly say I've enjoyed all of it.

I consider it a huge honour to have been your President and particularly the 70th one. Both Lin and I have had a fantastic time and I would say to any of you who may consider standing for National President in the future just go for it you'll have a fabulous year. Thank you.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

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VICE PRESIDENT – BARRY DURMAN

NATIONAL

- a. Progress on your key objectives.**
I have no objectives as vice president



- b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).**
Covered in d below
- c. Your activity during the period**
Since my last report I have visited City of Birmingham / Area 35 RT Ladies Night / the Board Walk / 2 Conference Meetings / Wareham / Banstead / Redditch / Westerham / The Lamb / Rhyl / Anglesey as well as my own club
- d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**
I am presenting Council's proposals on strategy to the AGM – 3 year positions, free membership for under 45s and becoming an association of members being the rule changes coming out of that.
- e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**
Everything is included in the budget that we have agreed to put to the AGM.
- f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.**
I have spent a great deal of time organising next year and am pleased to say that I have managed to get a Hyundai for the year, saving the Association close to £4000. In return we will have to carry far more advertising from them than previously. Everything seems to be coming together.
- I have also been keeping the website "Events Calendar" and my own page up to date with all the functions for next year.

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

- a. Progress on your key objectives.**
41 Club in the Community. Following my presentation to the National Council in February I sent National Council details of the proposal and the list of clubs to be contacted with some instructions on 29/2. I followed that up on 11/3 with further details including guidance for clubs which I had worked on with Round Table Membership and Nicole at Marchesi House with a further request to make contact with the clubs on the "list".
- Whilst I accept that in the first message I asked for responses by 10 April it is disappointing, although after 10 years of experience on Council not surprising, that as I write this for the National Council meeting I have only had response from 6 Councillors and of those only 3 have made contact with their clubs and of those we have only 2



fairly positive club responses. I leave members of Council to decide if this is satisfactory progress.

I have submitted an article on the subject for the April Newsletter together with a recommendation and article along with links to all relevant documents to go to the web site.

b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).
No action points to follow

c. Your activity during the period

I attended the Round Table National Council on 5 March as the 41 Club representative and a full report was submitted to the National Board. The bullet point highlights were:

- A proposal is to be made to the AGM for honorary members to be charged a capitation with the figure to be determined but likely to be £50/55
- Proxy voting for the AGM was confirmed
- A presentation on a new Members Management system was made and approved. I received confirmation that discussion with 41 club and the other family clubs will be undertaken on a joint approach for a joint membership database system. Godwin was copied in on the report for his ongoing discussions on the subject.
- The venue for the 90th celebrations was confirmed as Winchester on the 11 March 2017.
- NSW 2017 was awarded to Loughborough.
- Election of Officers was advised. Steve Grew (Derby Merlin) as VP, Luke Bull (Alcester) Secretary, Chris Allbutt (Lichfield) ICT, Dave Morris (Jersey) Programme, Jose Brinkman (Ilfracombe) IRO, John-Paul Horton (Sleaford) Community all unopposed. Ed Watton (Brackley) or Jon Rees (Winchester) for Events Officer. Lee McLaughlan (PR & Marketing) and Richard Holland (Membership) continue for their second year. Treasurer currently no nomination.
- I was asked to comment on our proposal for free capitation for 40-45 year olds to encourage graduation to 41 club for retiring Tablers which was well received.

I also attended Round Table National President Marcus's excellent Ball, Norwich Wensum and Yare forecast night, the Lamb 30th anniversary lunch, Ashby Round Table and 41 club charter night and Potters Bar 41 club since my last report.

I have also taken on a role as an R&BE (Register and Be a Lifesaver) volunteer for Anthony Nolan giving presentations to school 6th forms in Essex and Hertfordshire. I've given 3 presentations so far and have another 3 booked into the diary.

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

No



- 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.**

None

- g. **Final Comment**

This is my 40th and final report to the National Council which I joined as a National Councillor in 2006. Whilst I am a little sad to be leaving I also believe that it is the right thing and in fact I believe 10 years is too long. It seems to be a tradition for Past President's leaving to look back at what their predecessors have said in their last reports. I didn't have to look back too far to find what I wanted to say. I make no apology for copying part of the report from Malcolm Lockey 4 years ago as he says, in far more eloquent terms than I could possibly muster, exactly what I believe.

"I do not and never will subscribe to the 'last one out turn off the lights' school of thought that so many of our members adhere to. I've given too much to Round Table and 41 Club over the years to let selfish short sightedness bring about its demise. Council has some big decisions to take over the next few years and some choppy waters to navigate. You will require courage and conviction and will need to continue to build on the excellent start that has been made with the future strategy and objectives initiative that we have set in place. Some of what needs to be done may well mean that we have to let some strong and vociferous clubs disaffiliate: I'm convinced that the silent majority see the need for change and will support it and we simply can't let a loud minority rule the day.

To my mind, issues that need to be addressed include – [i] a significant increase in capitation matched to objectives. We must always be clear as to why we need money, but at the moment, membership of our Association is regarded cheaply and therefore of little value. [ii] A radical revision of our regional structure. One Councillor per region does not work: there needs to be a team approach and it might be worth the next FP team exploring the discussion paper I prepared for the Board in February. [iii] Consideration of commissioning working groups with membership from outside Council or the Board, to examine ideas and proposals. They would not have executive powers but could devote quality time to the key issues and make recommendations to Council. [iv] Taking a serious look at what 'international' might be so that it is more than a glorified social gathering for a minority of the total membership. [v] Urgent action to raise our public profile"

I could add to that making a real effort at all levels of our Association to work ever closer with the other members of the Round Table family but all those issues that were pertinent in 2012 remain pertinent now.

Being a member of the Council has given me some wonderful opportunities over the years culminating in the honour and privilege to serve as National President in 2015-16. Chris and I have made many friends both home and abroad during this time and



overall I will remember my time as one of fun and fellowship. Some of our events and meetings will stay in my memories for ever and I am sure I will remain friends with many people both from Council and the wider family of associations for a long, long time. For those who have just started on the journey please make the most of your time and never regret joining this Council and trying to make a difference. Don't be afraid to try to influence change and improvement and at all times remember that we all came from Round Table and we should do everything we can to support them along with Circle and Tangent. We will always be Round Tablers at heart and the Round Table family is stronger working together and I am delighted that the relationship between the 4 clubs is considerably better now than it was in 2006.

I would like to thank all those people who helped raise funds and awareness for my Presidential charity Anthony Nolan and can report a final total of just slightly under £70,000 raised. My thanks finally go to all members of National Councils past and present, my club(s) for supporting me and keeping my feet on the ground, the group of "Has Beens" Immediate Past Presidents of the 4 associations where close and lasting friendships have been established and most of all my wonderful wife Chris who has been by my side throughout the last 10 years.

My very best wishes to all the National Council for success in the future and in particular to Barry and Dave over the next couple of years in their role as Presidents of this wonderful Association.

Thank you for giving me this unique opportunity and I look forward to supporting the Associations in the future.

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Documents

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

Working with individual Officers to update the National Policies.

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

Completed.

c. 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) assisted by past President Martin Green

Delegate Packs

The March AGM Mailing

The Board Minutes (13 pages)

The National Council Minutes (14 pages) – thanks Sean

The National Council Report (35 pages and counting) – thanks to Annie Caines

Calling for Elections in Regions 8 and 22.

The team at Marchesi House have been an enormous help in producing the Delegate Packs in good time.

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 CBSO Centre Birmingham and the Conference Committee has been invaluable. Thanks to Mike Foley the AGM Co-ordinator. And, let me not forget my onsite team of Paul Cammiss,

We will hold a draw at the National Council Meeting for the speaking order for the National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer 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.

I have received one amendment for Resolution 3 which I show below.

Resolution 3 as proposed before amendment:

National Council propose:

That all members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice-President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three-year



term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three-year term. This will take effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Rationale:

National Council needs to regenerate itself and introduce new blood on a regular basis. It is believed that the present five years allowed in post (an initial three-year term followed by a second term of two years) is too long. It is believed that the shorter overall term will encourage more members to take on these roles. It will help disperse the myth that Officers are in post for long periods, distracting members from putting forward their nominations.

Amendment proposed:

Taking effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting, all members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice-President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three-year term **unless there is no candidate to replace that Council member. If there is no candidate for his replacement, then the incumbent Councillor or Officer may stand for re-election for a period of one year, repeatable once if there is still no candidate for his replacement after the one-year extension of his term.**

Rationale:

We believe that the shortage of volunteers putting themselves forward for a position on National Council is unrelated to the length of a term of office. We believe that a lack of engagement of the general membership with National is the cause of this shortage. With such little interest in office at National level, we run the real risk of key posts being left vacant if a willing individual is not permitted to continue in his role.

Further, we believe that it is the responsibility of National Council to generate interest in roles at National level. Once this is achieved, renewal of Council members will happen naturally, but until then we need a safeguard in place that allows those who are willing to continue their work on National Council to do so.

Four Family Meeting

Production of the Family Meeting Minutes and Action Plan

d. 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. Last year I appointed Sean McCormick National Councillor Region 18 (a member of the Admin Committee) as my deputy to undertake the National Council Minutes and proof read my products. He has been doing an excellent job for which I thank him.



I am looking at how to further distribute/delegate the work required. I was hoping to increase my committee by an additional National Councillor to further delegate specific packages of work but was outside of decision making team for committees for this year. I am therefore looking at alternative solutions and suppliers in order to reduce the overall commitment and deliver the same standard of service.

Since Paul Cooper National Councillor Region 9 is standing down as of the AGM I wish to thank him on behalf of the Association and myself for his support throughout his term on my committee and especially at the AGMs.

- 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)**

I was pleased to support the National President Terry at the Dorset Knobs in March a great evening of entertainment.

I was privileged to be invited to Exeter 41 Club/Round Table joint Ladies Night and thank both Clubs for a wonderful evening. Whilst there I managed to purchase a car to enter into the St Austell Round Table Bangor Race to Las Vegas with a team of 4 young and energetic 41ers. Watch this space. I have also entered the new Milton Pedal Car Grand Prix in July – very – very fit cyclists required – please contact me asap.

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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

I have produced an I&E Account for the first quarter of the year, which can be found as a separate PDF on my web page. It should be viewed in conjunction with the notes below, which explain any variances or other items of interest.

As it is early in the year and this reports coincides with my work year end, I have not predicted a year end position yet, so the cash flow forecast remains the same. However, there are a couple of likely underspends I have mentioned below – I will update the forecast for the next meeting in June.

Notes to I&E

AGM / Conference costs – The split between these budgets will be finalised once I have the final conference accounts, and any surplus has been repaid. At the moment conference will break even.



President's car – Barry Durman has managed to obtain a Hyundai for his year, which will save us approximately £3k

Insurance – Our premiums didn't go up by as much as anticipated, this should be the final figure for the year.

Capitation – 3 months in and the capitation is almost exactly the same as last years at this stage.

Cash balances

At close of play today, our cash at bank stood at £163,726.87. Of this, £60,317.59 is held in a fixed term deposit which matures in July.

Mark Fairchild
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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – DUNCAN KENNEDY

a. Progress on your key objectives.

1. Round Table Data Project

I set out below a report on the position as at 31st March.

The headings below are:

All Prospects	-	All those that were on the RT database
Imported	-	Those not allocated elsewhere. This is the section that Councillors need to work on and to move people to other sections when enquiries completed
Proposed/Marked Duplicate		Those that are already members of 41 Club
Rejected Invite	-	Those who have said they do not want to join or where clearly they will not e.g. under the age of 40
Invited Not Confirmed		Really speaks for itself
Pending Member	-	Again this rather speaks for itself.
Accepted & Joined	-	As does this



PROSPECTS
DATABASE

Region	Imported	Duplicates	Rejected Invite	Invited not Confirmed	Pending	Joined
1	187	1	35	0	0	0
2	533	2	75	0	0	5
3	104	1	22	0	0	0
4	162	15	30	1	4	0
5	142	10	17	0	0	0
6	276	102	40	0	0	0
8	199	62	44	0	0	0
9	206	0	43	1	0	0
10	245	3	27	0	0	0
11	65	94	38	16	10	0
12	133	9	22	1	0	0
13	126	32	73	10	0	5
14	167	2	23	0	0	0
15	295	25	34	1	0	0
17	300	61	3	0	0	2
18	231	2	42	0	0	0
19	222	3	18	0	0	0
20	207	71	30	0	0	0
21	184	65	47	0	0	0
22	128	73	39	2	0	0



23	326	15	2953	3	0	1
24	236	4	30	1	0	0
25	170	15	27	0	0	0
Totals	4844	667	3712	36	14	13

I must once again point out the one anomaly and that is Region 23. For some reason RT put all their non Tabler contacts in RT Area 1 and they then fell into Region 23. I have moved all of those to Rejected Invite. The total of these was about 2,900. Therefore, if you take that figure out of the equation we had 6,389 prospects. At the moment we have 73 likely to join or who have joined.

I need to draw your attention to the Rejected Invite column. As I have mentioned above I placed 2,900 in there from Region 23. I have also placed in this section all those under 40 who had not already been put in there. On further analysis of that section it shows that there are 143 people who are over 40 and who do not wish to join.

Assuming that all Councillors have removed all duplicates it means that we have 4844 people left to contact who may be prospects. If we look at those that have been contacted and are potential members, by my calculations that is the 143 who have said they do not wish to join and the 73 that could be or are a member. Therefore, out of 216 potential members 33% are or are likely to be a member. If we follow through that percentage to those left to contact this would result in a further 1600 members. It is quite possible, however, that the Imported section still shows those who have been contacted but for some reason they have not been moved to another section.

Following agreement from National Council I have been able to recruit some volunteers from various Clubs to assist with making telephone contact with some of these prospects and that is ongoing.

This project is a marvellous opportunity for us to contact prospective members. I know that some Councillors have passed the details on to Clubs rather than speak to them themselves and it really doesn't matter how it is done as each Region and each Club is different. However, whichever way Councillors feel is best it needs to be monitored and the database amended accordingly to make it accurate.

2. Tables without a 41 Club

This is an ongoing project and I am sure over time will produce results. Indeed it has already produced results.

Club	Region	Club	Region	Club	Region
Elgin	1	Alnwick	4	Colwyn Bay and District	12



Forres	1	East Lancashire	5	Llanelli	13
Nairn	1	Halifax	6	West Bromwich	14
Buckie	1	Macclesfield	7	Mildenhall	17
Thurso	1	New Mills Marple & District	7	Fareham	23
Mid-Argyll	1	Bourne and District	9	Romsey	23
Dunfermline	2	Congleton	11	Epsom Old Salts	24
Glenrothes	2	Stone	11	Burgess Hill Active	24
Montrose and District	2	Abergele	12		
		Heswall	12		

3. **Tablers reaching 45**

The Date Project mentioned above gives us a one off opportunity to attract more members to the Association over the next 2 years. After that we will be reliant on those in a position to graduate from Round Table to come in to replace those that have left for whatever reason. Part of the agreement with Round Table was to ensure that 41 Club receive details of those Tablers who have reached the age of 45 prior to the AGM. The current list has been sent out to Councillors. Phill and I put together a suggested course of action but whatever way Councillors wish to approach this so long as it brings results that is all that matters. However, Round Table have been discussing this year having a graduation ceremony and I am in discussions with them over this. They are discussing the whole process again at their next Board Meeting.

4. **Membership Enquiries**

I continue to receive a number of enquiries from past Tablers directly from the web site. These are responded to and the details passed on to the local Club and the National Councillor and have brought a number of new members into the Association.

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

1. We have opened 17 new clubs by engaging with Tablers of various ages who wish to form more active Clubs. In addition there are number of Clubs who have opened an active section.
2. We have 43 new or about to join members from the Prospects database.
3. Discussions with Round Table over a joint graduation ceremony.



c. Your activity during the period

See above. In addition I have attended a Round Table Family meeting which was extremely constructive and is bringing the four associations closer together to assist in membership for all.

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

This is mentioned under (a) above but briefly

1. Actively push ahead with the Prospects database.
2. Continue to target new Clubs in towns where there is a Table but no 41 Club
3. Agree a graduation process with Round Table as it is essential that Tablers buy into this idea.
4. Continue liaising with the other 3 associations to benefit everyone.

**e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.
Nothing at the moment.**

**f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.
None during this period**

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER – RAY HILL

My last report. My last magazine was distributed on time in mid March and my final newsletter in the first week of April.

To those who have provided me with input over the last five years ... my sincere thanks.

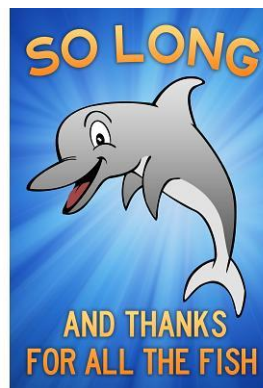
To those that have never provided any input ... Why not? Surely something has happened worth reporting over this period!

I wish Godwin success during his tenure in the office and I hope that you will all keep him constantly fed with interesting copy. (Please remember my golden rules of photographs for publication and they will get published.)



I have sat through numerous council meetings where we have discussed the possibility of organising new national events for the membership. I suggested one two years ago and went ahead and did it myself. Bookings are already pouring in for the third Classic Car Rally in August and proves that it can be done if you really try and not just talk about it!

I wish you all the best for the future. The Round Table family is very dear to my heart and I finish with the words of the late, great Douglas Adams:



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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Duncan & I have written a system for the delivery of the new Graduation ceremony from Round Table to 41 Club as asked by Terry.

I have also prepared the Committees for Barry for the 2016-17 41 club season.

I have also followed up on the National Councillor for Region 9 Dennis Bambridge who have yet to reply to me. I have asked Paul Cooper to contact him and get back to me, I am waiting on a reply.

I have written an ADD for the Newsletter that goes out this month to all the regions, to try and give awareness to all the membership that they too can make a difference.

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



Onto I have a clear budget to support pushing forward in the regions, I feel that I have handcuffs on me and cannot perform the duties as I see it.

c. Your activity during the period

I have spoken to National Councillors by email or phone, when and where was necessary.

In February I visited Banbridge 41 Club to give a presentation on Belfast 2018

In March I visited Lisnagarvey 41 Club to give a presentation on Belfast 2018

Attended the presentation of the 41 Club Association Award to Mr John Carberry in the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

Administration for the Belfast 2018 committee to arrange a full site viewing in April, also writing up contracts for all the venues.

I also attended the Round Table National Presidents Ball in Derby, it was a very interesting night. In my own observation I noticed that simple awareness campaign could be used by all these events to promote the name of Round Table. In looking around there was only a very small “after thought” rondel and Round Table on the bottom of the events and menu card. The only other shall we say banner was in the hall entrance virtually dumped in a corner, a pull up banner with Marcus Jones National President and a small rondel on this. If Round Table is to seek Local- Regional – National awareness it needs to get smart. Each and every event must have a PRESS officer, whose job it is to make sure that local (press, society magazines, radio and if possible TV) are notified and asked to attend. Also what must be done is the location of the event must have the banners dictating who is in the building. The fast majority of this is not new but it gives the local press something to report and it gets the name out there, and other that the outlay for some banners etc. it doesn't cost a penny.

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

Above also applies to 41 Club

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



I cannot plan the 2016-17 year for training as I do not know as yet if I have a budget or not!

f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.

None during this period



41 Club year 2016-17 Committees

Communications & ICT		Membership	
<p><u>Godwin Stewart:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Hon Web Master D Barker</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Assistant HWM Sean Clarke</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R20 Derek Knowlden</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R6 Andrew Waite?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R11 Nick Morcumb</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R3 Stewart Thompson</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R5 assistant Graham Sloan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R8 TBA</p>		<p><u>Duncan Kennedy or Jason Thompson</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R1 Nick Lawton</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R9 Paul C/ Dennis Bambridge</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R10 John Lamb</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R2 Ken Donald?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R21 Kevin Chard</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R22 caretaker (MF)</p>	
Fellowship		Community Service	
<p><u>Andrew Mackereth:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R13 Steve James</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R23 Steve Bolter</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R19 Tom Abbott</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R7 Kevin Lovett</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R17 Des Fulcher</p>		<p><u>IPP; Terry Cooper:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NP; Barry Durman</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NVP; Dave Campbell</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NCLO; Phillip Ellis</p>	
Finance		Secretary	
International			



<u>Mark Fairchild:</u>	<u>Peter Good:</u>	<u>Manny Martins:</u>
R4 Colin Steen?	R15 Tom Atkins	Honorary Archivist
R24 David Leach	R25 John Alford	Honorary Solicitor
	R14 Clive Thompson	R18 Sean McCormick
	R12 Lawrence Bamber	

All committee's will meet prior to the National Council meeting 3-4 times per National year or via video link when required by the Committee officer,

----- the highlighted names are new National Councillors in 2016.

R9 **Dennis Bambridge**/**Paul C** Dennis will be the most likely replacement for Paul Cooper Name? means the person a potential caretaker for the region

R5 assistant Graham Sloan. Graham is only going to do some of the region, the rest is being covered by Duncan, Godwin and hopefully we can get someone from Cumbria.

R8 will be left vacant by Godwin, he has an assistant but they are unlikely to take up the reins

CS; As Community Service is an important element of our association and a major part of our charity year is the N; Presidents charity both he and the NCLC should be part of that committee.

Phil Ellis

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – ANDREW MACKERETH

Visits.

During the last 3 months I have attended a number of 41 Club functions and these include;

St David's Day Dinner in North Wales.

Dorset Knobs Dinner in Bournemouth.

Lytham 75th Anniversary Charter,

Ribble and Lune Active 41 Club Founding Meeting.

4 Birmingham 2016 Conference Meetings.

4 Blackpool 2017 Conference Meetings.

1 Belfast 2018 Conference Meeting.



Each Dinner has a different feel. Numbers attending are variable with very good attendances at Dorset Knobs and Lytham and very low at The St David's Day Dinner which clashed with a Welsh International Rugby match! We have lost 2 Regional Dinners for this coming year with clubs not wanting to take on the task of organizing them.

Conferences.

Birmingham 2016.

Numbers at Birmingham are around the 400 mark. Birmingham has not been helped by the decision to host the Half Yearly Meeting in the City. This has meant that the support from International has been very limited. The Conference Team led by Andy Ventress have overcome the reduced numbers and are putting on a superb Conference for those attending.

Blackpool 2017.

Blackpool are ready to launch at Birmingham. Contracts have been signed with their venues and a good range of hotels are being offered at a range of prices. It has also just been announced that The Tangent International AGM will be held on the Friday afternoon in Blackpool. Please go and see Kevin and his team in the foyer of The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Birmingham for more information and to book.

Belfast 2018.

Phil and his team are working hard and are starting to meet regularly. Contracts for venues and hotels are yet to be signed.

Conference 2019.

The Fellowship Committee are inviting offers of interest in hosting Conference in 2019. We have at the moment one expression of interest. A site visit is being arranged hopefully in May. If you have any other suggestions of venues please contact me for a chat about what is involved in bringing Conference to a town or City near you.

National Sporting Weekend.

Steve James (National Councillor Region 13) is trying to arrange A National Sporting Weekend in Devon for 2017. More details when they become available.

Platinum Privileges (Member Benefits)

We have just added Belmond Trains (Orient Express) to our portfolio of offers to our members. They offer luxury train trips and are offering a discount of £50 per person.

Just Travel Insurance is now up and running and several of our members have taken policies with them and small amounts of income are starting to come our way.



Barry has managed to secure a new Hyundai car for his Presidential year thus saving our association a considerable amount of money.

Andrew MacKereth

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL

Report - April 2016

Since my last report I have attended the following.

30 th January	LOTS Ladies Night, Royal Yacht Club, Knightsbridge
27 th February	Transmanche Meeting, Calais
5 th March	RT President's Ball, Round House, Derby
11 th – 13 th March	Finland AGM, Mikkeli
16 th – 17 th March	Costa Blanca 41 Club 30 th Charter, Javea, Spain

In the coming months I shall be attending:-

- 41 Club National Conference, Birmingham (14th-17th April)
- 41 International AGM, Landshut, Germany (21st – 24th April)
- RT National Conference, Vale of Glamorgan (5th – 8th May)
- Calpe 41 Club 10th Charter (12th – 13th May)
- 41 International HYM in Bangalore, India (2nd – 16th October)

Applications for position on the International Board were advertised and our candidate for the post of International secretary is Andy Waite.

There is a resolution at the forthcoming AGM to change the International Officer's title to IRO (International Relations Officer) this will bring the job title in line with other International associations.

I have received many enquiries from members intending to attend the 41 International AGM in Bangalore. Our Indian friends have arranged a superb programme with tours both before and after the AGM weekend. See <http://www.hymindia.org/>

This is my last report as your International Office and I would like to thank those members of the National Council who have supported me over the past 5 years. There is no doubt that as an Association, we have raised our profile in the International 41 club community and I wish my successor, Peter Good, all the very best during his term of office.

Dates for your 2016 diary:-

29th April - 1st May Denmark AGM



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

**National Council Report
Friday 15 April 2016
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Birmingham**

7 th May	Iceland AGM
19 th – 22 nd May	Sweden AGM
20 th - 22 nd May	Norwegian AGM
27 th – 29 th May	Italian AGM
11 th - 12 th June	Dutch AGM

Dave Campbell
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REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK LAWTON

Risk Grading Report Date:

Not completed

Clubs Visited Personally:

Inverness on 29th October and 26th November 2015.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:





None

Membership Initiatives:

Meeting held with Isle of Skye Past Tablers on 18th March 2016; may be some interest in reconstituting a long since closed 41 Club; local group to discuss and follow up in October 2016.

Meeting to be held with Wick Past Tablers on 8th June to assess if any interest in forming 41 Club.

Meeting to be held with Thurso XRT [Unaffiliated Club] on 9th June to assess if any interest in affiliating.

Meeting to be organised with Buckie to discuss current status and assess interest in affiliation.

Any other comments:

Nick Lawton
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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEN DONALD

No report submitted

Ken Donald
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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILLIP ELLIS

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Duncan & I have written a system for the delivery of the new Graduation ceremony from Round Table to 41 Club as asked by Terry.

I have also prepared the Committees for Barry for the 2016-17 41 club season.

I have also followed up on the National Councillor for Region 9 Dennis Bambridge who have yet to reply to me. I have asked Paul Cooper to contact him and get back to me, I am waiting on a reply.

I have written an ADD for the Newsletter that goes out this month to all the regions, to try and give awareness to all the membership that they too can make a difference.

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





Onto I have a clear budget to support pushing forward in the regions, I feel that I have handcuffs on me and cannot perform the duties as I see it.

c. Your activity during the period

I have spoken to National Councillors by email or phone, when and where was necessary.

In February I visited Banbridge 41 Club to give a presentation on Belfast 2018

In March I visited Lisnagarvey 41 Club to give a presentation on Belfast 2018

Attended the presentation of the 41 Club Association Award to Mr John Carberry in the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

Administration for the Belfast 2018 committee to arrange a full site viewing in April, also writing up contracts for all the venues.

I also attended the Round Table National Presidents Ball in Derby, it was a very interesting night. In my own observation I noticed that simple awareness campaign could be used by all these events to promote the name of Round Table. In looking around there was only a very small “after thought” rondel and Round Table on the bottom of the events and menu card. The only other shall we say banner was in the hall entrance virtually dumped in a corner, a pull up banner with Marcus Jones National President and a small rondel on this. If Round Table is to seek Local- Regional – National awareness it needs to get smart. Each and every event must have a PRESS officer, whose job it is to make sure that local (press, society magazines, radio and if possible TV) are notified and asked to attend. Also what must be done is the location of the event must have the banners dictating who is in the building. The fast majority of this is not new but it gives the local press something to report and it gets the name out there, and other that the outlay for some banners etc. it doesn't cost a penny.

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

Above also applies to 41 Club

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

I cannot plan the 2016-17 year for training as I do not know as yet if I have a budget or not!



f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.

None during this period

Phillip Ellis
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REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – COLIN STEEN

Date: 31st March 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:

29th Jan Houghton RT / Houghton 41

This was billed as Houghton RT's swansong. For several years, Houghton Round Table has had several honoraries without whom it was certain that they could not continue. These men have now decided that it was no longer appropriate to remain as honoraries and have elected to move up into Houghton 41 Club. Great news for 41 Club but, sadly for table, it almost certainly means the demise of Houghton R T

It was a black tie dinner, very well attended and a most enjoyable night. I even managed to get a mixed bus from Gosforth, Party Tyne and Cramlington 41 Clubs to support the event.

So, not good news for RT, but I expect that the new intake into 41 club will pick up and continue to run with the beer festival and other events for which Houghton is well known.

24th Feb Saltburn

This is the second year when Saltburn 41 have held an open night for their neighbours. There were nearly 50 men from Saltburn, Redcar, Yarm and Whitby 41 Clubs. Thanks also to our NP Terry for braving the elements to travel to the frozen north to also be there.

7th March Ponteland

I always enjoy a trip to The Highlander to attend a meeting of this Club. Perhaps not as well attended as in previous years but, as you will have seen from the article in our latest magazine about their New Year's day wheelbarrow race around the village, they are still alive and rolling along – if only on one wheel.

A fairly lively debate about remaining affiliated with a unanimous vote to do so.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: None



Membership Initiatives: None

Any other comments: None

Colin Steen
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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – ANDY WAITE

No report submitted

Andy Waite
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REGION 7 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN LOVETT

No report submitted

Kevin Lovett
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REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART

No report submitted

Godwin Stewart
region8@41club.org

REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - PAUL COOPER

Risk Grading Report Date: 30th March 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:

Skegness 60th Charter Night
Boston

Clubs Visited by Deputies:



None appointed despite efforts - successor to myself has been identified though and I wish him well

Membership Initiatives: As below

Any other comments:

Efforts had concentrated almost totally since Christmas to facilitate the second Joint Spring Rally with Round Table Area 30 following last year's inaugural success. Sadly, Table notified us their numbers were so low they couldn't cover the expenditure and the event had to be cancelled. Thanks to all those clubs in region 9 who showed positive support.

Paul Cooper
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REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

No report submitted

Peter Good
region10@41club.org

REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – NICK MORCUMBE

Risk Grading Report Date: 16 January 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:

- January 2016 Joint speaker evening with Newport and Newport (Salop) Ex Tablers. Good attendance from both clubs. One attracts guests who become honorary members and the other wants to start a Round Table.
- January 2016 joint skittles event between Ellesmere and Oswestry (Region 12). Neither have a feeder table and but we discussed alternative membership initiatives.
- February 2016 Middlewich meal. They have a feeder table and support them to run community events. They mostly have meals at the same venue but also do a range of other activities together.
- February 2016 Newport (Salop) Ex Tablers speaker evening. They want help to start a Round Table. One of the national membership guys from Round Table will help them with Facebook if they want.



- February Wem speaker evening. They have no feeder table and have speaker evening at the same venue.
- March 2016 Delamere Forest speaker evening. They do a range of activities and do some community events which get them new members.
- March 2016 Northwich Ladies Night. Attendance from all 4 clubs was well attended with some great costumes for a James Bond themed night. They are very active and have good links with their feeder table and other European 41 Clubs.
- March 2016 Stockton Heath meal. They have no feeder table but were very lively/hospitable and meet up regularly outside of the monthly meetings as well.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: There are no deputies at present

Membership Initiatives:

- No-one will do it for you so what are you doing?
- For all clubs with Round Tables all 41 club members should invite friends, family and work colleagues who would make good Tablers to join their Round Table. 41 Club needs to support and grow Round Table.
- Promote 41 Club at local Community Events
- Promote 41 Club in local papers
- Setting up a Facebook site for my 41 Club aimed at over 40s
- Helping Newport Ex Tablers to set up a Round Table

Any other comments:

I've sent out a newsletter in March 2016 and am waiting for some feedback.

I want 3 regional events for 2016/17 and need someone to host them. Last year's events were bowls, golf and a lunch.

I've got one more visit in March to Sandbach.

This year I've visited 20 clubs in my region and supported some outside. There were only 2 I didn't visit but am in contact with both of them.

Nick Morcumbe
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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – LAWRENCE BAMBER

Date: 31/03/2016

1. Risk Grading Report Date: Sept 2015



2. Clubs Visited personally /41 Activities undertaken in period

Feb 10/11: Wrexham/ Chester Grosvenor Knights 41 Clubs - visit to Chester City Gentlemen's Club for an evening of fellowship, food & snooker!

Feb 16/17: Rhyl 41 Club: Speaker on WW2 Espionage: excellent!

Feb 25: Poynton 41 Club: a visit to the Theatre - Poynton Players presented Veronica's Room: riveting!

Feb 26/27: Region 12 St. David's Day Dinner; attended by a total of 9 persons, including President Terry. Clubs represented: Rhyl; Dragons; Poynton; Cheadle & Gatley; White Knights; Lancaster; Leyland; Chorley Rural; Liverpool Childwall; Wakefield; Clevedon; Isis.

Feb 29: Dragons/ Conference 2017 Meeting.

March 2/3 : Mid Wales Cluster Dinner, Montgomery : attended by 52 persons including President Terry, representing : Montgomery; Oswestry; Llanfyllin; Newtown; Welshpool; Llandrindod; Dragons; Rhyl; Poynton; Clevedon; Isis

NB Next Year's Cluster will be organised by Llanfyllin, and will be on Wednesday March 1st 2017 - i.e. St. David's Day!

March 5th: RTBI President's Banquet, at the Roundhouse, Derby

March 11/12: Lytham 41 Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner

March 12: Poynton 41 Club Ladies' Night with Mrs Yvonne Bamber!

March 22 to 29: Attended RT Zambia AGM; Liaised with RTI Past President, Moffat Nyrienda (my black son?!) & RTI VP Kaj Kostander. Also Zambian Tablers & 41ners.

A great trip including Victoria Falls, Lusaka & Livingstone.

NB It is highly likely that RTI 2018 will be in Livingstone, Zambia in late August, 2018.

Watch this Space!!

3. Clubs visited by Deputies: None

4. Membership Initiatives

Have contacted Dwyfor & Neston, my 2 Clubs highlighted for new Tables.
Will chase outgoing Tablers after AGM

5. Any other Comments:

Administrative Tasks Completed:

February: 16; March 20.



That's' All Folks!!

Lawrence Bamber
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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE JAMES

Risk Grading Report Date: 1st April 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:

Merthyr: 18th February 2016 business meeting attended by 12 out of the 15 members. The club has no local table therefore the club contact was given names of ex Tablers from nearby tables but who live within the area.

Penarth: 24th February 2016, formal speaker meeting on the subject of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Well attended by over 30 people (majority guests). Despite local table in existence the number of ex Tablers joining the 41 club is low and a significant number of members are not ex Tablers.

Porthcawl: 21st March, informal meeting attended by 9 of their 10 members. The club has no local table yet in Bridgend (6 miles away) there is a Roundtable but no 41 club. The Chair has agreed with myself to enter into discussion with Bridgend RT to discuss working collaboratively together with Bridgend RT acting as a feeder Table. Contact is being made with all ex Bridgend Tablers to see if they wish to join Porthcawl 41 club. Despite having no Roundtable Porthcawl 41 Club continue to actively raise money within their Community service via "Tombola" in the summer months. Donations were made to local causes in the meeting with match funding given by Barclays bank.

Newport Cluster (Regional Dinner) : 22nd March 2016, excellent attendance with 134 people attending to hear the world's number 1 rugby referee Nigel Owens speak. Guests included National President Terry, 2 former Past National presidents, the National Membership Officer, three 41 clubs from across Offa's Dyke and ten 41 clubs from within the region. £820 was raised on the night for the National Stroke Association.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives:

All Membership Officers and Club Contacts have been contacted and given the names and details of the prospective members within their area. I will continue to liaise with clubs and the prospective members.

Any other comments:



Steve James

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REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – CLIVE THOMPSON

Region 14 report 6.2.16 - 31.3.16

13.2.16 Lichfield City 41 - Ladies night

17.2.16 Spires 41 - pub crawl around Stafford

24.2.16 - Joint meeting Lichfield Round Table/Spires

2.3.16 - Lichfield Round Table Shooting night

7.3.16 - 11.3.16 Out of the country. No activity

13.3.16 - Hospital for four days with hand infection. No activity

19.3.16 - Lichfield Round Table Ladies Night

24.3.16 - Lichfield Round Table AGM

Now I'm no longer Lichfield Round Tables President, hopefully next report will have more 41 Club activity!

Clive Thompson

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – TOM ATKINS

No report submitted

Tom Atkins

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DES FULCHER

Date: March 2016

Risk Grading Report Date: March 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:



18.1.16 – Made a presentation to the Rotary Marchesi Club of Norwich as previously arranged following an invitation via a member who also happens to be a fellow South Norfolk District Councillor. Most members are ex Round Table from Norwich No1 and Norwich Wensum & Yare, small in number and probably all beyond retirement age, apparently some occasional dialogue is had with certain 41 Club members

25.1.16 – Met Andrew Mackereth at Norwich Station ahead of a further planned meeting to include 41 Club National President Terry Cooper and Martin Sexton at Cinema City in Norwich for their very first visit to see the Marchesi Room Project

25.1.16 – Attended the Norwich Wensum & Yare Forecast Meeting [Top 12 National event] with Andrew Mackereth, Kevin Reynolds (fellow South Norfolk 41 Club member) and my guest Lorne Green (the Conservative Police & Crime Commissioner Candidate for Norfolk)

5.2.16 – Attended Round Table Moseley & Kings Heath beerfest with fellow members of 41 Club National Council and guests including RTIIPP Jason Thomson whilst in the area for National Council weekend

6/7.2.16 – 41 Club National Council weekend at Rednal

11.2.16 – Meeting with the new area manager for East Anglia's Children's Hospices with a fellow member of South Norfolk 41 Club regarding further fundraising activities

23.2.16 – South Norfolk 41 Club AGM at Great Moulton. An enjoyable evening where the inaugural Chairman Phil Ramsay gave a slightly tearful round up of events during his tenure as he prepared to step down, this was whilst he helped serve food and drinks at the Fox & Hounds Pub which he is a new co-owner of

2.3.16 – Benjamin Foundation at Meet Up, Thetford. An invitation to look at this charitable organisation after some exchanges on social media to determine if local 41 Club group members could help and bring mutual benefit. Whilst in the area I took the opportunity to drop into see an ex Round Table Thetford 890 member to determine if any positive developments had occurred in recent months

22.3.16 – Reunited the Round Table Norwich Wensum & Yare Chairman's chair back to its original commissioner in Norwich after storing it safely for a year or two, they are hoping to bring it into occasional use again soon

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

North Walsham 41 Club

Membership Initiatives:

Create Press & Media exposure via Marchesi Room Project



Continue progressing North Norfolk 'Active' concept

Consider a summer BBQ for Norfolk area

Continue searching for a deputy in the Cambridgeshire area

Any other comments:

Due to the excessive cost of the 41 Club AGM in April I am regrettably unable to attend, however I did ask if Kelly Clarke would be able to consider going in my place but he had already arrived at the same conclusion.

Although we have been presented with some more data and suggestions relating to membership this month I have already begun considering another higher level strategy in conjunction with the Round Table Region 11 Representative.

I have started the search for a potential successor as 41 Club National Councillor in Region 17 in the hope someone can continue the graft I've put in over the last 6-7 years, this includes time served as a deputy.

Des Fulcher
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REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – SEAN McCORMICK

Risk Grading Report Date:

1st April 2016

Clubs Visited Personally:

Great Dunmow
Wickford
City of London

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Brentwood
Wickford

Membership Initiatives:

Any other comments:

Visited the Wickford 41 Club 50th Charter along with National President Terry, a very good night had by all, but sadly another club without a feeder table. In fact their Table had folded in 2000 & they bring the Chairman's chain to their meetings as a reminder of former times. I did



discuss what they might do to try & found/help a new Table. Sadly, as is the way with many a Club, of their 12 odd members, 4 were octogenarian's. It is difficult to know how Table/41 Club can bring an impact to these areas/situations such as this.

Eastern Regional 41 Club Charity Golf Day Tuesday 12th July 2016 – Held at the Channels Golf Club in Chelmsford, usually extremely well attended, National President is booked in. Includes 18 hole stapleford competition, bacon sarnie to start, evening meal at which the National President will speak. £49:50 (includes charity donation) further details from Nigel Davies 01353-721037 or e-mail: eastgolf2013@aol.com

Sean McCormick
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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – TOM ABBOTT

Congratulations to Potters Bar on a successful Charter night and to Ampthill for continuing the tradition of a joint Founders Night with their Table. I was glad to visit them for a second time last month to take the place of a speaker who had had to cancel to deliver my Toastmaster's talk ' Many Weddings but Only One Funeral', as well as a National update of course.

Following on from the successful games night that National Council enjoyed recently courtesy of Mark Fairchild I asked him for the games rules that he had and reformatted them and added some extras. I also obtained a full kit of games from the Internet and a few from charity shops quite easily apart from the speed drinking timer which is out of stock everywhere I have tried. I recently test ran this as an after dinner entertainment at one of my Clubs and it when really well with 15 individuals, some of whom got really competitive! I now have a structure in place that can be adapted to different age ranges of clubs and different sizes of gathering by having more than one example of some games. This can be done on an individual or team basis so could be ideal I hope for a cluster meeting.

I am looking at dates now to resurrect a traditional Area Night that used to be known as the Elsan Trophy with a predictable domestic item with a suitable badge and plaque as the coveted prize. Sadly our proposed host club for my most recent planned Regional cluster meeting has had to pull out which is a bit of a blow but I will have something in place soon to replace it.

I will make the amended package including the sources I found for the equipment (subject to copyright from Mark) available to other Councillors who might wish to do something similar.

I am currently booking ahead for the remainder of the year targeting those clubs that are still outstanding for whatever reason before my term completes and am putting out feelers to find a successor.



Tom Abbott
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REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DEREK KNOWLDEN

Date: 31st March 2016

Risk Grading Report Date: No report

Clubs Visited Personally:

Brackley and District 41Club. A fantastic night of fun and fellowship, culminating in National President Terry inducting Seven Past and Present Round Tablers into this club. No doubt it will rejuvenate the club, and ensure further continued friendship.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives:

Two Region 20 events are progressing well.

Firstly, Region 20 Golf day will be held at the glorious Goring and Streatley, Golf Club on 23 June 2016

Secondly, The Oxford College Dinner committee have done the preliminary work. The event is likely to be held at Exeter College on Friday 11th November 2016.

Any other comments:

There is life for 41Club. An email I recently received below.

“ I am a current member of Maidenhead Table and I know that a few ex members have moved on to 41 club in the past few years but found that the structure was too rigid and not particularly appealing to the younger exiles from Table. One solution to that is to open a second 41 Club that would effectively be a younger version of the same organisation. I have asked a couple of the guys who would fit into this bracket and there seems to be an interest to do this. “

Derek Knowlden
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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN CHARD

Risk Grading Report Date:

Clubs Visited Personally:



8/2/2016 Visited Stroud 41 club on the occasion of their Charter. Great evening that was well attended.

3/3/2016 Attended the Region 21 dinner known as the "Severnvale dinner". Many clubs attended with a total of 99 guests. Great speaker and fellowship.

24/3/2016 Visited Bath 41 Club who were playing their first round Skittles match. Great fun and fellowship enjoyed by all.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Membership Initiatives:

Skittles: The first Round of the Region 21 skittles competition has been played. We are now into the second round matches which have to be completed by end of April.

The Region 21 Golf day has been arranged for 19th July at Ogbourne Downs GC near Swindon and I will be attending.

Evesham 41 club have agreed to arrange the Region 21 Quiz in October TBC.

Cheltenham will host the Region Severnvalle dinner in March 2017.

Any other comments:

Dealt with numerous enquiries regarding the update of data, CAS passwords and payments of Capitation.

I set up the 41 club member forum on Facebook which has led to useful debate.

Kevin Chard

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK FAIRCHILD

I attended Dawlish Warren's AGM in February, where TC was guest speaker. The club only formed a couple of years ago, with 6 members, so it was great to see Terry induct another 5 into the club, with more likely in the near future. Paul Ankcorn, Chairman of Okehampton 41 Club and Andy Stapley, Exeter Chairman, also attended what was a very good night.

I also attended the RT Area 19 council meeting in February, along with the Area Circle Chairman. They were very interested in the RT initiative to re-open closed Tables. Newton Abbot has been highlighted as the prime candidate for Devon, which immediately sparked ideas, including links to the local young farmers club. An unexpected bonus was that I think I may have found a replacement NC for the Region. I have had a couple of conversations with



him now, and he knows what is expected from the post, he is just waiting for spousal approval before submitting the form – Manny circulated details a couple of weeks ago.

Unfortunately the Regional Quiz had to be cancelled, as only 4 teams entered. However, we are going to try another date once AGM season is over.

Ilfracombe will be hosting the Regional Golf competition this year, date to be confirmed.

Mark Fairchild
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REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID BROWN

Risk Grading Report Date: 23 /3/16

I have totally failed in the last four months to be a good National Councillor as I have been with my family in New Zealand. A joyous occasion as we were able to be there at the birth of our first granddaughter (We have two grandsons already all in NZ!)

In my absence the Annual Dorset Knobs has taken place under the direction and guidance of Wareham 41 Club. All reports have indicated a brilliant evening of fun and fellowship.

Bournemouth North have now agreed to organise the 2017 event.

Notices have gone out for this years Region 23 Golf Day (our second) and hopes are high that this will prove a great success.

This is my last term as NC for Wessex, a time most enjoyed but of late appreciate not carried out to the fullest. Believe the new resolution restricting terms of office to three years to be correct.

I will be welcoming Steve Bolter back as NC for the Region and I wish him well.

Any other comments:

Just thanks for all the friends and acquaintances I have made. I am going to miss it.

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID LEACH

Risk Grading Report Date: 03/03/2016

Clubs Visited Personally:





Godalming 41 Club 22/01/2016

I was invited to this event where Godalming were holding their Founder's Night event with their feeder Table. Their venue was a private area at the back of a gastro pub that served very pleasant food. There were tales of Tabling gone-by and updates on current activities by both clubs. A good turn out and they were interested to hear about National matters from me.

Hamble Valley Stick Club (41 Club) Ladies Night 19/02/2016

Although just outside of my Region I was delighted to attend this Ladies Night event to support one of the clubs graced by our esteemed National Secretary. It was a very well organised and enjoyable event for Jo and I with live entertainment.

1945 Club 10/03/2016

1945 Club is based in Kingston and is comprised of ex-members of Kingston Round Table No.19. The club meets quarterly and this was only their second meeting. The club is currently unaffiliated and I am attending with a view to promote the merits of affiliation. There were 18 members in attendance for the meeting, which was comprised of a beer and curry night, however there were plans to organise a golf tournament in June. I will continue to monitor their progress.

East Grinstead 41 Club 21/03/2016

East Grinstead 41 Club (Vaughan Harris's old club) were a very welcoming group. They are at the higher end of the age spectrum by 41 Club standards, but there was a good turn-out from their members – ten in total. They feel that they are too small now to hold speaker meetings but are happy to meet up for meals and are currently planning a skittles evening. I had hoped that a potential new member would have come along that evening following discussions with the National Membership Officer however he was not present.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Clubs visited by Steve Whitaker.

TBC

Forthcoming Events:

Region 24 Golf Tournament 12/07/16

Camberley 41 Club have kindly offered to host this year's event at Downshire Golf Complex, Easthampstead Park, Wokingham. I have circulated details within my Region.

Membership Initiatives:



Potential New 41 Club in Horsham 28/04/16

I have been in contact with a group of ex-Tablers in Horsham who are looking to form a new club. I will be meeting with them at the end of April. They contacted the National Membership Offices as follows: "Horsham Round Table (West Sussex) as it was configured has sadly come to an end with the last member reaching 45. However, we are a 10 strong regular group, with a few hangers on! We want to continue to meet (twice monthly on a Thursday) and get re-involved with doing work in our Community now our various children are in their teens or beyond and we have more time. So we don't want to be just a dining club, but something more. We are aware of an over 41 Group in the wider area as previously we have met. However, this Group has a really different profile than our unit. We are all between 45-55 have shared experiences and a working and will be for some years. We also feel that if we kept ourselves together we could attract people back in our age bracket and keep our dynamic. There is a strong feeling that we would like to establish our own Group rather than join another."

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – JOHN S ALFORD

Gentlemen

National Council Meeting.

I attended the National Council Meeting at Rednal near Birmingham in February.

The new website still has some problems, but with 3 National Councillors on the committee expenditure is under control. There was a discussion on linking CAS with the website which had not been thought out properly, if at all. An expensive solution was proposed but with the technical knowledge within the National Councillors a cheaper solution is being investigated.

From now on the magazine obituaries will only have a small notice with the main entry and with facilities for members to add their own comments on the website.

AGM

It should be noted that less than 10% of clubs attend the AGM. This results in motions being passed which do not necessarily represent the views of the general membership.

We need to have a system in place that the majority of clubs have a vote.



It had been proposed to use electronic voting at Bournemouth but was defeated.

Postal votes will not work due to amendments at the AGM.

We could learn from the French who have to have 50% of clubs + 1 for their AGM to take place. They achieve this by paying a bursary to delegates from clubs.

i.e. travelling expenses.

Transmanche

This took place in Calais on Saturday, 27th February. I was only given details at the beginning of February and kept the Belgians in the loop. As it was a late notice the numbers from all three countries were down.

Those on the French side who organized the event had invited Round Table, Ladies Circle, Tangent and Auora.

They had done this without contacting either the Belgians or me. There was also some disquiet on the French side.

We had a brief meeting to discuss Transmanche 2017 and it was agreed to be in Belgium. Also it was agreed that it will only be 41 Club members from Region 25 UK, Region 1 France and Region 1 Belgium.

The Belgians have explained their preliminary programme which looks like a great day out. They are proposing to collect our members from Calais and provide a coach to take us to the venue. I shall forward details when they have been finalized. It was also agreed that these details would be provided at the end of November at the latest.

Club visits

After making several attempts I finally made a visit to LOTS at the City University Club in the City.

I have also crossed the border between Region 24 and Region 25 before the fences are erected to visit Rye and Romney Marsh 41 Club. This was an invitation given by the club and I had spoken to David Leach NC Region 24. It is one of those clubs which is on the border of two regions. If they had been called Romney Marsh and Rye then they would have been in Region 25. As they appear to have more contact with clubs in our region they are considering switching. I had checked both with David Leach and Manny Martins on the procedure and explained it to their members. They will discuss it at their next meeting which is also their AGM

Anthony Nolan Charity

This was last year's Presidents Charity and was started by Round Table in Kent. Darent Valley who have been very active in getting additional donors and funds have this month forward an



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additional £800.00 to the charity. On behalf of the Region I would like to thank all the members of the club for their efforts.

CAS

I have again also request is for all clubs to check their details of club contact, officers and members on the CAS system as this is the main way of communication between National and Region with clubs.

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