



41 Club
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SEVENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



NOTICE & AGENDA

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SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2017 9.00 A.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 18.2 THAT THE

**SEVENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLERS' CLUBS**

will be held on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 9.00 a.m. at the Imperial Hotel Blackpool

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Manny Martins
National Secretary

2016 NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

NATIONAL PRESIDENT – BARRY DURMAN

As I look back at this year I am reminded of something that last year's National President, Terry Cooper, said to me before I took over from him. "Barry, you will find that, up and down the country, 41 Clubs are in good form. Mostly they enjoy the program that they have adopted and are having fun and fellowship". Indeed, this is very true. I have not attended a single event where members are not enjoying themselves. Some are dinner clubs meeting just once a month, others are much more active. My own club, Shirley Late Knights, has a mixture of dinner meetings, outside meetings and extra activities with Tangent, Table and Circle.

The role of National President is two-fold, outward facing and inward facing. The outward facing role is based on Fellowship - meeting clubs and members. I have had a large number of visits to clubs far and wide. From Guernsey to Inverness, the Isle of Man to Scarborough, then Bridlington, Northallerton, Peterhead, Isles of Scilly, Troon, Bangor, Dublin, Lancaster, Inverness and Okehampton. Internationally I have attended meetings in Germany, India, Calpe in Spain and the Algarve in Portugal. Need I go on further? I have attended dinners, clusters and charters galore plus NSSW, trips down the Mersey Tunnel and to a sewerage works in Stourbridge.

I do not intend to list all the events I have attended, but the highlight was representing you all at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day – very moving. I also attended the House of Lords twice, once with Rotary and then with the PTSD Charity. The funniest event was a tie, between the homegrown humour at Cheadle and Gately (their Dad's Army skit was hilarious) and the comedian at the Southend Cluster. I was also dead chuffed to be the inspiration for the inaugural Heart of England Dinner in my Region at the National Motorcycle Museum, where comedian Don Maclean was the star of the show.

Finally I would like to thank so many of you for your support with my charity for the year, Shelter. I just think that it is so dreadful that, in our countries in 2017, so many families do not have somewhere to call home. I hope that you are all a bit more aware of the situation with homelessness and that my total raised will go flying past £25,000, which would be brilliant. My own contribution to that was to train like mad then cycle from John O Groats to Lands' End (JOGLE). OK, I had to take it in two bites after having a bad accident near Bodmin, 66 miles from the end and being in hospital for 17 days. (I just hope I did actually complete it on 1st April).

As far as the inward facing part of this job is concerned, I have chaired the Board and National Council Meetings, I have been chivvying the Board to stay on track with our strategic direction (progress on this has been quite good) and have had to deal with a number of difficult issues, which have taken up far too much of my time. I guess that this is only to be expected with a team of around 30 guys, all of whom have their own opinions on how things should be handled. Nevertheless, I can report that you have a team of enthusiastic guys doing their best to represent you, often without a great deal of thanks. So, I can now formally thank them for the many hours they spend "working" on your behalf.

We do have a high number of both elections and resolutions to deal with at the AGM, so the prospect of a lunchtime finish looks a bit unrealistic. Please hang on to deal with the business of your Association and to see your new National President installed

It has been a blast – thank you so much for the honour to serve you

Barry Durman – there's only one!!

Barry Durman

NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT – DAVE CAMPBELL

The Vice-President's year is an opportunity to look, listen and learn, and at the time of writing there are still a few months to go! Despite President Barry's unfortunate accident, he has managed to fulfil almost all his commitments and I only had to attend a couple of events on his behalf.

During the year to date, I have attended club events, meetings and charters, both at home and abroad. My many visits included the 41 Club International AGM in Germany, Half Yearly International meeting in Bangalore, India and both the Costa Blanca and Calpe & District 41 Club Charters in Spain. I enjoyed attending the Round Table and Ladies Circle Conference in the Vale of Glamorgan and I was also honoured to officiate on Remembrance Day in the Round Table Garden at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

One of my responsibilities has been to represent 41 Club at the Four Club Family meetings. The purpose of this working group is to provide a forum for ideas to be brought for general discussion and to consider ways in which the four Clubs can work together, grow and prosper to their mutual benefit.

Along with my fellow Vice-Presidents, Steve Grew (Round Table), Ginette May (Ladies Circle) and Melodie Brookes (Tangent) we are working closely to support each other. The group has identified that when clubs close, or disaffiliate, they have often not had a Presidential visit, or contact with their National Councillor, nor have any of their members attended a National AGM, for some years. Whilst it is not possible for the President to visit every club, we felt it important to identify vulnerable clubs then offer support and visits to reduce the risk of losing those clubs and members from our respective associations. The four Clubs propose to explore regional demographics to identify areas where clubs are not present; for example, where there is no Round Table to act as a feeder to local 41 Clubs. National Councillors can then be informed and encouraged to focus on supporting clubs at a local level.

The Four Club meetings have also discussed data sharing, but are very aware of data protection legislation and guidelines that may impact on the possibility of information sharing between the clubs and developing joint systems.

The topic of the Round Table retirement age has been discussed and the Four Club meetings were informed that a number of countries within Round Table International are discussing the possibility of raising their age rule. If adopted, this would inevitably impact on 41 Club. Developing strategies to encourage retiring Tablers' to join 41 Club, as well as reducing situations where clubs close, are crucial issues.

Tangent VP Melodie and I visited Belfast to see the conference venues and facilities that will be offered at the National Conference in 2018 and this promises to be a very special event.

Currently 41 Club uses a Club Administration System (CAS) to manage its data. Due to advances in technology, we are very aware that the current CAS, which has served us well for some time, is now reaching the end of its useful life and will need to be replaced. The possibility of developing a single system for all four Clubs has been discussed, but the practicalities of providing one system that could meet the requirements of each association, whilst satisfying the data protection challenges is unlikely to be achieved at this point.

The Year Ahead

When I take up the role as your National President, I want to continue to strengthen the established bonds with Round Table, Tangent and Ladies Circle, and encourage members to support local clubs and events. Our future lies in developing membership initiatives and working collaboratively with Round Table.

Over my eleven years with National Council and the Board, it is very clear that we have an ageing membership and have to take steps to ensure that we are an attractive proposition for Tablers' who have reached their Table retirement age. I am keen to encourage the chartering of new clubs that will appeal to 'younger' 41'ers'. Having been directly involved in the establishment of similar clubs, I know that both the younger and more established clubs can coexist very successfully.

During my Presidential year I am looking forward to visiting many clubs and attending lots of functions. Please invite me via the booking form available on the 41 Club website.

Our Association benefits from the team of National Councillors who represent regions around the country and I would encourage anyone who would like to consider taking on one of these roles to do so. I truly believe in the saying "You only get out of it, what you put in."

Being a member of the National Board is a real privilege and I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as your Vice President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have offered friendship, fellowship and home hosting over the last 12 months.

Dave Campbell

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

After completing my year as your National President at the Birmingham AGM in April I looked forward to my year as your IPP.

These days the IPP role is a busy one having the new responsibility of being the Club's Community Services Liaison Officer as well carrying out the original duties of the IPP. The IPP role of the past was all about a "wind down year" with the main tasks being looking after the welfare of our Board and Council, liaising with the Round Table Board and making the drinks at our Board Meetings!

This year things have been very different as I've continued with a special project, started by my predecessor Jim Smith, to help the Membership Officer to start a number of new Round Tables with the assistance of their local 41 Club. I'm pleased to say this is going well and we're hoping to have eight either started or in the process of starting before our AGM in April.

In August I undertook the running, ably assisted by members of Clevedon and Isis Area 41 Clubs, of the Classic Car Rally at the Yeovil Court Hotel in Somerset. Blessed by a wonderful weekend of fine weather 30 plus cars with their drivers and passengers enjoyed the Haynes Motor Museum Tour with lunch and some great Somerset scenery.

Other highlights of the rest of 2016 have been participating in the 41 Club Service of Remembrance at The National Memorial Arboretum, near Lichfield in November. Receiving a Special Recognition Award from the Stroke Association on behalf of the Club for the money you donated to my charity during my year as National President and organising The Club Service Award that was presented to Frank Venables at the Region 20 College Dinner in Oxford.

Coming back to the role of Community Service Liaison Officer I was charged by National Council to find a National Community Service Project that Clubs nationally could support if they wished to do so. Via Martin Williams, from Stratford 41Club, came a request from The Teenage Cancer Trust Charity to support their "Top to Toe" walk from Glasgow to London between April and July 2017 which is to visit each of their centres and to raise money locally for the charity by the walkers themselves being sponsored. I was delighted when National Council voted unanimously to support this project at our October 2016 Council Meeting.

Our part in the event is to organise the start and finish on each day's walk, issue outline route sheets, Tee Shirts, water for the walkers, have a container to collect donations and set up a banner to mark the start and then to move this on to the finish of the leg. There will be a "Baton" that will be carried down the country and handed over daily to be taken on the walk. The "Baton" will be displayed in the TCT HQ after the walk and a is being made especially for the event. Although 41 Club have not offered more assistance than marshalling the stages, I know the TCT would be delighted if local Clubs did more. Clubs could obtain local publicity, take part in the walk themselves and/or find additional walkers, raise money locally or find a local celebrity to be

at the start and/or finish. I hope you all agree this is a very deserving cause and a great way to start us off giving more support to our local communities.

Talk of walking reminds me to mention the Millennium Way which is a series of walks covering 100 miles and ranging from easy to challenging around the West Midlands. The Millennium Way was started by 41 Club members and we continue to support and sponsor the project on an ongoing basis. Take a look at their website on www.walking@41club.org for more details of how you and your family can take advantage of this wonderful facility.

I anticipate a busy start to 2017 overseeing our part of the Teenage Cancer Trust "Top to Toe" walk and I'm sure April will come all too quickly. That's when I hand over to Barry Durman and leave National Council at the Blackpool AGM after fourteen wonderful years serving our Association at National level!

Terry Cooper

NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

This year with the ending of the existing administration contract with Round Table via Marchesi House I market tested the cost with external commercial suppliers. These costings were presented to both the National Board and National Council and a decision made to retain Marchesi House as our preferred supplier for another two years. Throughout the year we held quarterly performance reviews (where we have discussed the detailed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and monitored hours to ensure we achieved the best value for money. This has proved successful and we have completed this year inside our agreed hours and have enjoyed the benefits of having the full team at Marchesi House at our disposal. Having established our headquarters at Marchesi House, the National Board have held numerous meetings within these facilities. The establishment of the Archive Room and its setting out are due to the ceaseless endeavours of our Honorary Archivist Hugh Milward and well worth a visit to discover and enjoy our history and artefacts as did our International Visitors during their attendance at the Half Yearly Meeting in Birmingham during 2015. During the year Annie Caines, Beverley Wall and Nicole Carroll have worked on our behalf mostly on requesting, collecting and banking our capitation returns and answering your queries. I therefore wish to record my thanks to their Chief Executive David Barley and all his staff.

Over the course of the year we have continued to strengthen our systems to enable us to move forward to support our Communications Objectives. SharePoint (data storage in the 'Cloud') is enabling us to securely store and archive our documentation and making it easier for Hugh Milward to access and manipulate the archive document centre.

Our Mailing List system is functioning well allowing us to communicate with all of the membership that have e-mail addresses on our CAS system. We could do with more members supplying their e-mail addresses so we can communicate to an even greater audience. Despite giving their e-mail address to us – we are regularly reported by our members to ISP's (Internet Service Suppliers such as AOL and BT Internet) for sending out Spam! The repercussions of this happening could result in these ISP's 'blacking' us. The consequences of the action by this minority could affect a large number of our members if it continues with ISP's getting tougher on organisations that send out Spam. With over 17,000 members in our Association – we still have a long way to go until we can communicate with all of our membership. I would like to take this opportunity of assuring everyone on our mailing list, that we never send out 'unsolicited mail' or ever share our address list with a third party.

I believe that all the Clubs should have a say in how the Association is managed. In order for that to happen we all need access and representation to our decision making meetings – both our General Meetings of the National Council and the AGM. Next year - 2017 – if you want to see and hear what happens at these meetings you can attend as an observer to all these meetings and especially at the AGM have the ability to stand and speak your own mind – offering your views and that of your clubs. Please take these opportunities to see the National Council discuss topical issues and make evidence based decision making. I wish to thank Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss for co-ordinating the 2016 AGM activities on the day with the onsite AGM Coordinator Mike Foley. As usual without the help of these individuals the AGM just could not function.

As I visit Clubs I have been asked what does 'National' do? I prepare the 'National Council Report' with contributions from each member of that elected body for information - and following the National Council Meetings I draft the minutes – these are both published on our Website for the benefit of all members. Please read the reports and minutes to review what the National Council has done and achieved throughout 2016. These can be accessed through the Secretary pages and gives a flavour of 'What National does'. I deal with all Contracts on behalf of the Association, draft all the AGM paperwork, task and work with Marchesi House on delivery of services and answer individual queries from you our members. Then on Tuesday

This is my fifth and final year as your National Secretary – It has been a privilege to serve you - I sincerely hope that I and my team have provided you with the services you required both promptly and professionally.

Manny Martins

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – GODWIN STEWART

Since taking office some eight months ago, it has been a bit of a whirlwind. My predecessor, Ray Hill, did warn me that this job would take up a lot of my time and he was absolutely right. Would I have it any other way? No. I thrive on such a hands-on experience. Bring it on!

Like Ray, I was a member of the Communications Committee before taking on this job, which it must be said, has morphed into something much more technical since Ray's time. In addition to the jobs traditionally assigned to the National Communications Officer I now have the management of all the Association's IT assets and have developed an in-house booking system for National Conference. Responsibilities of the National Communications Officer now include the following:

Magazine and Newsletter

One thing that I wanted to do with the publications is put a personal stamp on them, make them instantly recognisable. I believe that has been achieved in that a page taken out of either has a distinctive style that is easily recognised.

Wherever possible, I try to provide reports on the activities that clubs have been involved in. I have two members of the Communications Committee contacting clubs asking them what they've been getting up to lately and, perhaps more importantly, what they plan on doing in the near future. Of particular interest to me are articles dealing with any of the four concepts that underpin the Purposes and Objects of our Association: clubs meeting together (fellowship), articles with an international slant, reports on Community Service projects undertaken and information on the wider Round Table Family at local, regional and national level.

However, one remark that I received recently is that the content in the magazine and the newsletter reads like a running commentary of things going on at National rather than among the clubs in this Association. If anyone feels that this is the case then there's a very easy way to fix that: give me something to report on! So far, the two Committee members asking clubs for content have not been given a single article, and yet I find it hard to believe that absolutely none of the almost 800 clubs in our Association are ever doing anything.

On the other hand, I also received a positive comment from a Club member saying that the magazine was now easier to read than previously, and he made the comment not knowing that it was produced by me.

Website

We went through a period of the website not being updated regularly. Past National Communications Officer Ray Hill then agreed to come back on board as Honorary Webmaster, at which point content started appearing again and the home page was tidied up considerably. New content is, of course, dependent on material given to us by clubs.

We are also working on alterations to the website to improve readability and usability.

The so-called “API bridge” enabling information to be imported into the website from the Club Administration System (CAS) is still not functioning but we are delaying this because it means spending a significant amount of money on something that we are now considering replacing.

CAS

CAS has served its purpose well but is built on old technology that now needs replacing. It doesn’t “play ball” with the website and we need to add fields to members’ records to enable us to deliver elements of the strategic plan approved by the membership at the 71st AGM. It has reached a point where its current custodian, Technos Solutions, wishes to “end-of-life” the product.

To this end, we are exploring multiple solutions in order to adopt the one best suited to 41 Club bearing in mind multiple factors including cost and compatibility with our current IT systems and future systems.

Communications systems

41 Club currently uses Microsoft’s Office 365 service for e-mail, scheduling and cloud storage. Just over a year ago we were able to negotiate a new deal with Technos Solutions that brought the cost of this down by half with the caveat that any support requirement is no longer part of the contract. So far, however, we have not required any support beyond the retainer paid to Technos Solutions.

One thing to bear in mind now is the fact that in January 2017 Microsoft are going to apply a 20% hike on service charges in the UK following the weakening of the Pound Sterling against the US\$ after Brexit. We will still be paying less than we were 18 months ago and this charge will still represent less than 1% of the Association’s annual budget but we are not using the full potential of the services that we’re paying for. The only facet of them that we’re using with any regularity is the e-mail service. One of the findings of the ICT Review conducted last year was that it would be beneficial for us to switch to an alternative service provider whose offering was perhaps less complicated for members of National Council to use and would therefore encourage them to make more use of it and thus improve the sharing of information among them. In 2017 I will be able to make a start on trialling other services to see how well they suit members of National Council.

Social media

This is one area where we have room for improvement. While we certainly cannot generalise and stereotype, the fact remains that very few of our current members, most of whom are in the 60+ age bracket, actually use social media to any extent. They don’t see the point in it. The point is that the next generations of 41ers, those guys who are about to leave Round Table in the next few years or who have done in the recent past, are users of social media and they are the people that we want to captivate. We want to get them interested in 41 Club, we want to show them that 41 Club definitely is the “Club of choice” for ex-Tablers but we’re not going to achieve that until we can show them that there are clubs that still “do stuff” rather than simply meet for a monthly meal and nothing else. Once again, this comes down to clubs letting us know what they’re doing.

Godwin Stewart

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER – DUNCAN KENNEDY

1.Membership Cards

At the last AGM we stated that we would look into the production of membership cards for all members. This was intended as a first step to individual membership and also as a form of identification for members to benefit from affinity schemes. The latter primarily to assist the National Secretary who currently has to provide confirmation for certain of the schemes.

The costs have been looked into and the cheapest quote to produce 16,000 cards was £2,750 plus VAT. In addition to that there is the cost of distributing these to members. There is, of course, the ongoing problem of Clubs not putting all their members' details on CAS. These cards would need to be renewed every year.

In view of the cost and difficulty of identifying all members National Council have decided not to proceed with the production of membership cards.

2.Virtual Club

In order to get this up and running we have added an additional Club to CAS called the Marchesi 41 Club. This Club is for anyone who cannot find a base or is unable due to work arrangements to be an active member of any particular Club. Members still pay capitation and they receive all the benefits. To run alongside this is a restricted Facebook group where members can keep in touch.

Round Table are trialling an E Club and by the AGM we may have the result of that trial. If so, I will update the meeting accordingly.

3.Complimentary membership for Tablers between 40 – 45

These members are to be added to CAS in the normal way and when the Club receives their capitation invoice they just need to advise Marchesi House of the details of any members aged between 40 - 45. These will be checked against the Round table database and a credit issued for that person. At this moment in time we must rely on the honesty of Club. In due course, should we have a new administration system this will be much easier as dates of birth will be included in the system.

4.Charging Honorary Members

These members are simply to be added to CAS in the normal way and will be included when the Club receives their capitation invoice. Again we would ask Clubs to be honest in identifying any honorary members by putting (H) after their surname in CAS. This will ensure that they can be identified as honorary members and not full members. In due course, should we have a new administration system, this will be much easier as status will be included in the system.

5.Tablers reaching 45

I have now examined the data from March 2015 and March 2016. This is by no means an easy feat as I have to search each individual name on CAS to see if they are members and to repeat the exercise every quarter or so. Furthermore, I do not have the data for previous years as we did not have the list of retirees from Table.

Anyway, to date the figures are as follows:

2015 - 335 retiring Tablers of which 65 are showing on CAS as members. This is a 19.5% conversion rate.

2016 - 348 retiring Tablers of which 51 are now showing on CAS as members. This is a 14.6% conversion rate.

2017 - 75 Retiring Tablers

Now, it is quite likely that a number of the 2016 Tablers will become members over the next year and that is probably why the 2015 figure is greater. Even so the conversion rate is derisory.

The details were passed to Councillors who then pass them on to Clubs who it would appear can't be bothered to approach potential new members. I am aware that there will be issues about 45 year olds not wanting to join older Clubs and I have had a few enquiries from recently ex-Tablers wanting to form their own Club. Please see the membership changes below.

At the time of writing this report I have just had the list for 2017. This has been passed to Councillors for them to action.

6.Round Table Data Project

We are now starting to make inroads to the list and I will endeavour to update the AGM on the progress that is being made.

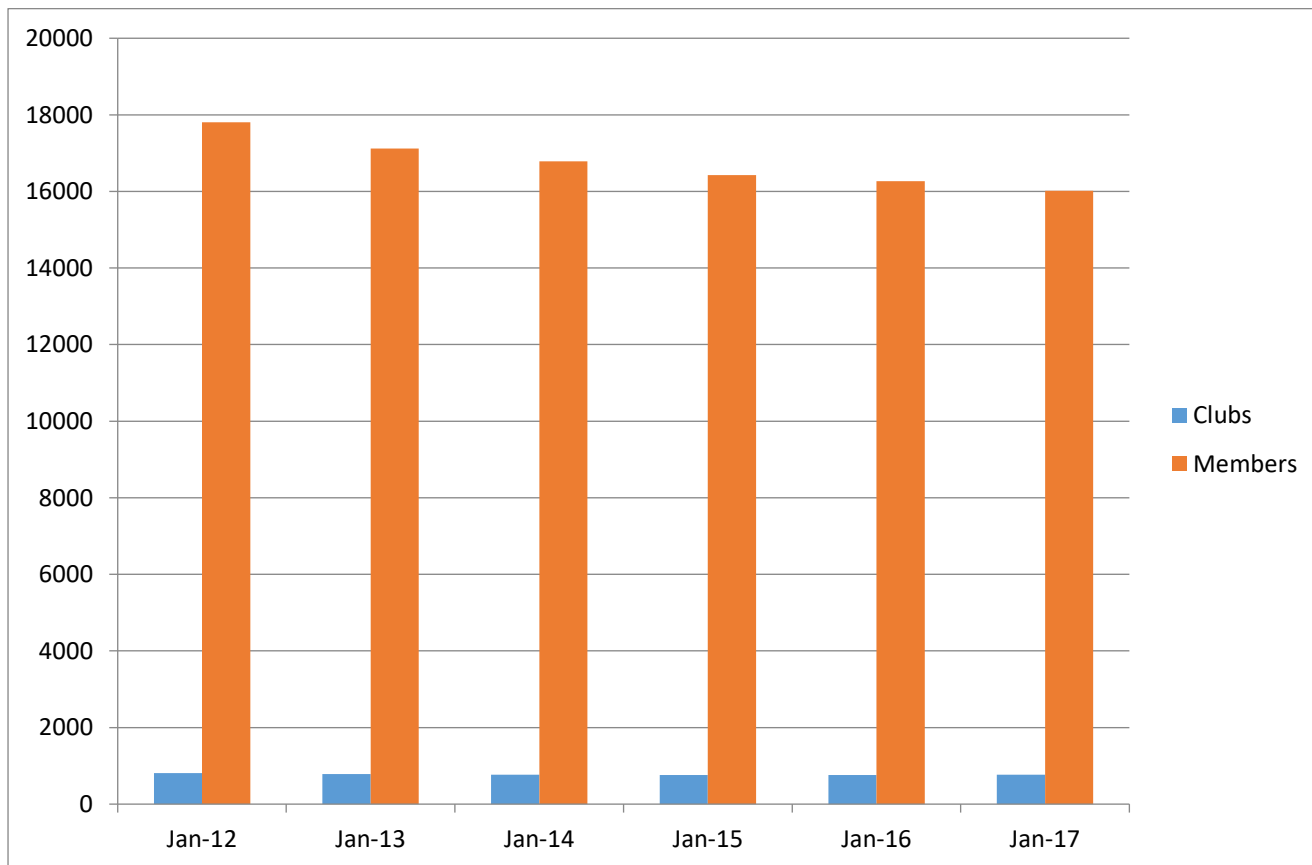
7.Round Table Family

At the last family meeting it was agreed that I should endeavour to put together a committee to discuss the possibility of a "Round Table Family Month" when Clubs would be encouraged to put on activities to raise the profiles of all four Associations. It was fully accepted that this does take place in certain areas but they do appear to be in the significant minority.

I have now had a response from all four Associations and the first meeting will be in early January. Again I will update the AGM as to progress.

8.Membership Changes

Set out below is a graph showing the changes in membership numbers and Clubs since 2012.



The percentage changes in membership are as follows:

2012 – 2013 -4.1%

2013 – 2014 -1.9%

2014 – 2015 -2.1%

2015 – 2016 -1.0%

2016 – 2017 -1.5%

The Club numbers (as at 1st January) are as follows:

2012 - 808

2013 - 784

2014 - 767

2015 - 762

2016 - 758

2017 - 772

As you will see that although membership as a whole has been decreasing, albeit at a slow rate, the number of Clubs has increased for the first time in a long time. I truly believe that this shows that National's push to encourage people to open new Clubs where appropriate seems to be working.

9. Tables without a 41 Club

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

10.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.

Duncan Kennedy

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – ANDREW MACKERETH

As The National Fellowship Officer for 41 Club my responsibilities are the National Conference, Classic Car Weekends, Regional Dinners, National Council Meetings, National Golf Competition, National Sporting Weekend, National Caravan Rally and Member Benefits.

Conferences and Events

Birmingham Conference 2016. The number of delegates were below the expected number in some way due to the International Half Yearly Meeting being held in Birmingham earlier in the year. Andy Ventress and his Conference team produced a superb Conference and every request that I made was greeted by a smile and dealt with. Many thanks to all the team. The event made a small profit.

Blackpool Conference 2017 Bookings at present (December 31st 2016) are ahead of recent Conferences at this stage and certainly Thursday evening is now a sell out and Friday and Saturday evenings are likely to follow. Kevin Lovett and his committee have come up with several new twists on Conference that will be all revealed in due course.

Belfast Conference 2018 will launch at Blackpool and a member of Belfast Tourism will be on the Belfast Conference stand for all 3 days. All the venues being used for Conference are superb, Belfast City Hall, The Culloden Hotel and The Titanic Centre. There is likely to be a pre tour offered to showcase Northern Ireland's heritage and countryside. Phil Ellis and his team will produce a wonderful Conference. This is our first Conference in Northern Ireland so book early as interest is expected to be high.

Conference 2019. It had been agreed that Conference 2019 was to be held in Brighton but recently it became obvious that due to problems with the Conference hotel that we would have to review the situation and after much work Manny Martins Conference Chairman withdrew the proposal. I then started looking for an alternative venue along the south coast of England. A proposal is likely to be brought forward to the February National Council Meeting that Conference 2019 is held in Torquay in Devon with Mark Fairchild as Conference Chairman.

Conference 2020 expressions of interest are invited to run Conference 2020. Please contact me for information and an informal chat. We hope to appoint the venue for 2020 late in 2017.

Regional Dinners. This year there have been several sell out dinners namely The Oxford Dinner and The Red Rose Dinner. There are still some areas that don't organize Regional Dinners, it is a great way of renewing acquaintances with friends from other clubs that you have not seen recently and making new friendships. The President or The Vice-President would like to attend these events where possible please give as much notice as you can.

1st National Sporting Weekend is due to be held on the 10th to 12th of February 2017 in Oakhampton. The NSW is being organized by Steve James National Councillor Region 13.

National Golf Competition. Was organized by myself with help on the day from Nigel Davies and Dave Ollis. The competition was again won narrowly by Newport 41 Club (Shropshire). Credit also must go to Ladbrooke Park Golf Club who went out of their way to help me. After 4 years at Ladbrooke Park we feel that it is time to move to a fresh challenge and have booked Brickhampton Golf Complex, near Gloucester for next year's event (Thursday 21st September 2017).

National Caravan Weekend is due to be held at Hardwick Parks, Standlake, Oxfordshire on Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd of September 2017 and is being ably organized by Martin Green who can be contacted on 01235 529257 or martin@martingreen.biz

Classic Car Weekend. The 2016 event was a great success, this was organized by Terry Cooper with help from Clevedon 41 Club and was based in the Yeovil, Somerset and Dorset areas. 35 Classic cars took part. The dates of the 2017 Classic Car Weekend will be announced soon and is likely to be based in Yorkshire.

Cruise Holiday. Ray Hill is organizing a 41 Club and Tangent Cruise Holiday to the Waterways of Belgium and Holland departing 13th August 2017 on the Braemar from Southampton.

National Council Meetings. During the year National Council have met in Stratford upon Avon (June), Pott Shrigley (October), Oakhampton (February) and Blackpool (April).

Membership Benefits Our main sponsor is Hyundai Cars who have provided President Barry this year with a car for his year of office thus saving the Association several thousand pounds in transport costs. Barry has been delighted with his Presidential car. All members can benefit from our deal with new Hyundai cars offered at lowest prices. Go to www.hyundaiaffinities.co.uk and use code AO1 or call 0845 270 6684.

Last year thanks to Mike Foley a member of the Birmingham Conference team brought Fred Olsen Cruises on board. Quite a few of our members have taken their cruise offer up saving money and at the same time helping 41 Club and Tangent . For details see the National Magazine or monthly newsletter.

We also have affinity deals that save you money with Wider Wallet, Utility Warehouse, NovelTunity, Just Travel Cover Insurance and Belmond trains.

Fellowship Committee. I should like to thank my Fellowship Committee for all their help, commitment and guidance throughout the past year.

Summary. We commenced the year hoping to arrange some extra events for The National Calendar for 2017 and have ended up with The National Sporting Weekend, National Caravan Rally and the Cruise Holiday. We now have a full National Calendar of events throughout the year as was asked for by the strategy document for 41 Club. Most of these events are open to the four club family.

I wish to thank all our members including Tangent who have helped organize conferences and events for 41 Club this year, without them we would have not been able to move forward as we have done.

My final 12 months as Fellowship Officer will be equally busy trying to bring more member benefits on board, organizing National events and re writing The National Conference handbook. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information either at fellowship@41club.org or by ringing me on 0152463263.

Andrew Mackereth

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS' LIASION OFFICER - PHILLIP ELLIS

This will be the last report I will write as the NCLO of this great organisation after three years. It is now time for new blood to drive more innovation. It has been a different experience but when I got to grips with it and had support, I hope I have made a difference. The morale of the Councillors was not high but with support and training they soon got back to the 41ers we all know they always were. The influx of new blood gave the existing Councillors reason to believe the future was bright. Replacing long serving officers and training all on the systems, finally got everyone singing from the same hymn sheet. The future for 41 is bright, if you support your National Councillor and make sure that your region is always represented at National Council. I will end this report with a big thank you for allowing me to represent YOU, the membership.

Key Objectives

- To represent the regions on the Board of 41 Club via National Councillors.
- To where possible fill all regions with representation.
- To develop a more representative reporting system for National Councillors.
- To develop a succession plan for all regions via Deputy's/Assistants.
- To develop an effective recording system for Deputy/Assistant National Councillors.
- To setup training in 41 club systems to new, Deputy and existing Officers & Councillors.
- Put together the Committees for all the Officers for the 2016/17 year.
- To attend and be active on Board and National Council.
- National Conference in Belfast on April 12th – 15th, 2018.

Progress on Key Objectives

To represent the Regions on the Board of 41 Club via National Councillors.

As NCLO my duties are, as I see, to interact with Board and the regions via the National Councillors. Provide support to the Councillors and when needed, advice. This last year has been a rewarding year, as we started the year off from a transitional position. We had many regions without Councillors or with a "caretaker" in place, many of the caretakers being either board members or the former councillor. This was not ideal.

Training was in its infancy and needed to be developed. Morale was in a transitional state, from the confrontation days, to a let's all work together mood and make it better. The year has by-in-large been hindered by a lack of budgeting for the role. The regions are now in a better shape, due to better representation and training for all National Officers and Councillors and their Deputy's.

To where possible fill all Regions with representation.

We started 2016 with, out of the 24 regions we had either no representation or a caretaker in place in 10 of the regions (one Councillor resigned during the year from office for personal reasons). This was not the best way to start off the year. As of 27/12/16, we have 22 of the regional positions filled. One of the regions have nominations in and should be filled by the time this is printed. So out of 24 National Councillors we should have by April 2017 achieved 23 positions filled and the only region left with a caretaker is region 2, Scotland. I have written to members in both regions in Scotland and past Presidents and the Councillors with the intent of holding a meeting to discuss representation for Scotland at National. Also at that meeting I would like to encourage that a national event i.e. National Council weekend should be held in Scotland within the next 2017/18. Bringing the term served as a National Councillor to 3 years with a regional safeguard that the individual can be a "caretaker" for a further two years on a yearly basis. This has positives and negatives, the positives are that the individual knows exactly how long they will do the job and the national gets new blood more often. The negative is that we need more members to stand up and be counted.

To develop a more representative reporting system for National Councillors

The reason for change was not to change for change sake. It was to record the past with relevant information and to provide future information for better resource planning. The regional reports were based on purely visits to clubs and stories of those visits, there was no guidance as to what information we want or need to plan. I have changed this to a system where the visit is to record attendance, issues, and future events, along with information on Newsletter/Magazine insertions, national visits and international visits. This is the role that your National Councillors do on your behalf and in the future I can see training for the regions being a part of this system as well.

The first issue of the new system went live for the National Council meeting in October 2016 and the results were inviting and encouraging. Out of 24 regions we received 17 reports. The 7 missing reports were as follows: 4 of the 7 are caretakers so as they are only in place to give a point of reference, no report is required. 1 of the other 3 had a bereavement and needed time to himself. Another was in high demand in his business and therefore could not give the time required in the last quarter. The last candidate had a rather personal issue, he just went and got married and we all wish him and his bride all the best. Out of the 17 reports we received, there were 117 visits in the quarter, attended by 1051 members. Your National Councillors also had 25 National visits which includes National Council weekends and 4 International visits. Also 69 visits are booked for the next 3 months already. So, I can report that the National Councillors are busy and are fulfilling their duty in the regions and further afield. Reports from the regions also have given information on the possibility of 4 new clubs starting up, 3 new Round Tables starting up with the help of local 41 clubs and unfortunately 2 clubs closing due to age and illness.

We are now starting to get a better picture of how the regions are doing and we can direct resources to those regions, but remember that the National Councillor is only as good as the support he gets from his region.

To develop a succession plan for all Regions via deputies/ assistants

The system of succession in the regions is a simple one. Currently we have an electoral system that is long drawn out over a 5-7-week period. Yes, it is a fair system and gives everyone a fair chance to represent his region. However, as I have found the regions are ignoring the email requests as I have been emailing everyone who has an email address on the CAS system. So, I have had to do a lot of direct contact into the regions to find successors etc. This can be expensive and time consuming and then the individual must go through training and a sharp learning curve to get to grips with the job. By having Deputy's/Assistants it is like having National Councillors lite. The individuals can get experience and learn all the systems in 41 club and share the load with the National Councillor. He will receive the same expenses as the Councillor and can in the Councillor's absence represent the region at National Council weekends. This will provide a system that will give continuity and a diversity to National Council. It could eventually remove the need to have national led elections and see the return of regional/area elections controlled by the region every three years. The Deputy/Assistants in a region who are trained and able to do the role can be put up for election.

To develop an effect recording system for Deputy/Assistant National Councillors

As I have developed a recording system for the National Councillor the Deputy/Assistant can record his activity the same way and report via the Councillor. Currently the National Councillors must complete an application form and I now request that all Deputy's/Assistants do the same, only Deputy's/Assistants who have completed this record and sent it to the NCLO for record keeping and distribution to the other departments that are necessary, will be recognised as a Deputy's/Assistants. This system will dovetail nicely with the training and succession planning and provide a future to managing the regions, National Council and eventually the Board of 41 Club.

To setup training in 41 Club systems to new, deputy and existing Officers & Councillors.

Training is essential for the future of 41 club's communication - to ignore training is chucking our capitation into the toilet and continuing with bad habits. Why do I say this? Take the website; we spent close to £40,000

on this valuable piece of communication and launched it on the hoof which caused confusion and gave us maybe a bigger and better website than we needed, this led to mistrust. If a proper system of training of National Council and eventually the chairmen & secretaries of all clubs had of been given, we would be singing the praises of this website today.

But that is the past and we are where we are today. I have by now performed training for all National Officers/Councillors who have requested training. We have invited all Deputy's/Assistants to these training sessions as well. The training has been on the club's communications systems and runs twice a year and has been agreed in future budgets. Where will this get us? With better trained National Officers, Councillors and Deputy's/Assistants and a plan for succession, we have for a better-informed National Council and therefore we can set in place resources to deliver training to the regions.

This will take us to the use of club microsites and a better united joined up information system that will project a 41 club that is forward looking, active and inclusive. It will make communications better to you the membership and via your National Councillor back to the National Council. The database that we call C.A.S.(Central Administration System) is a vital tool to administer this association and it is necessary that you, as well as your Councillor keep this up to date. We are heading into social media and as an association we must have a better knowledge of these medias. Some of us are already there and this gives us a great opening to future 41er's who are on social platforms. Table see that we can do as much in our community as they do and will in many regions do it with them. So, what I am saying is that training and the systems that we use brings major benefits to our association when used properly.

Put together the Committees for all the officers for the 2016/17 year

Each year National Councillors are placed on a committee such as fellowship, membership, international, communication etc. To place individuals to the role that he can get the most out of and give the most too. By putting square pegs into square holes, we get a more efficient committee. Each committee is headed up with the Officer who runs that committee i.e. Andrew Mackereth heads up the fellowship committee and with having an inspired group, you the membership benefit from more great benefits such as the Cruise, NSSW, National Conferences etc. The Councillors can move each year to another committee if they choose to or stay in that committee to gain more experience. Also, this provides a training ground for Councillors who wish to maybe take on board positions in the future and give continuity to the administration of the association. Therefore, the new rule of 3 years' service per role is important in bringing fresh ideas and exuberance to the association.

To attend/active on Board and National Council

It has been my pleasure to represent National Councillors and thus the membership at all the Board meetings and National Council meetings. But most of my work is done via collaboration between other Officers on the Board and personal contact with the National Councillors via email, phone and other means. I have worked closely with Godwin as the communications committee provides the helpers in the training systems. With Andrew in fellowship and he is helping me with Belfast 2018. I pass on information to Duncan in membership when I receive it and have accompanied Peter to the International Visit to Germany. By getting the Councillors to provide the information to me in the form of a report, we can deliver the resources to where it is needed, when it is needed, rather than making plans that are unusable and bring no benefit to you the members.

National Conference in Belfast on April 12th – 15th, 2018

Belfast 2018, is ready for you all to visit the great city and have a ball. The venues are all reserved and in place, the entertainment is booked and transport is place for all our needs. The Belfast committee will be ready to launch in April 2017 at a packed Blackpool Conference. My committee and I will be there to answer all your questions and take your bookings. Remember this is the first time any of the four clubs have visited Northern Ireland and we can promise you, Belfast will welcome you with open arms.

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

I would like to see proper training for membership and the continuation of training at National Council for all. The IT systems we use to communicate is the future of the association. It is how we record our membership and communicate to our membership and perspective membership. We could look at maybe introducing a "regional" training opportunity for all club officers. The training I expect would be delivered on communication systems (website – social media) updating the database (CAS) and to enlighten the membership into security and the internet. Therefore, not only assisting the membership, but helping the membership to get to grips with the whole aspect of the communication systems.

As I have said earlier I would like to setup a Scotland committee to consider "what National can do for Scotland". This could be in early February 2017 and would be to rule nothing in or out, but to assist the Scottish regions.

I would also wish to consider region 17 (East Anglia). This area was a merger between regions 16 & 17 in the past and has increased the region by clubs and land mass. It puts an individual in an impossible position to manage. I would like to consider either splitting the region up or to merge into other regions adjoining, or to reinstate the old region 16 and run with the two regions again. I think a meeting with local clubs to decide the future would be better than a purely national solution.

Phillip Ellis

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER – PETER GOOD

My first trip as IRO for GB&I was to Landshut Germany, for the International AGM. Sixty people were in attendance from GB&I, some of them on their first 41 International. We all had fun and fellowship at the events put on for us, and I am sure the 'first timers' will be coming along again sometime in the future.

It was a great weekend, meeting up with old friends and making new from all around the world. At the AGM we had a video link with the school in Nepal, where The Round Table Family have been working.

President Makarios Charalambides of Cyprus handed over to the incoming President Englebert Friedsam from Germany. This took place at the Gala Dinner on the Saturday night. There was also excellent entertainment enjoyed by all.

Next trip in May was the Sweden AGM.

Just myself and President Barry, attended this. It was a joint AGM with Table, Circle and Tangent all on the same weekend, and at the same venue. It was held at a theme park called the High Chaparral, so there was a western theme for fancy dress, and in fact for the whole weekend.

Over 1300 hundred people were there. We met Tablers from Israel, Cyprus, Denmark, South Africa, Germany, and 41ers from Finland, Germany, Belgium. Great fellowship weekend and Gala dinner. All 1300 were in attendance, so it was a little like the old UK days. The only mishaps were that I dropped my phone down the toilet, and we missed the plane coming back.

In June I decided to drive to the first 41 Nederland's AGM, accompanied by Dave Campbell and Andy Waite. The journey was just under 700 miles drive, so we set off midday and stopped a night in Belgium. Well, no way would Andy let me drive straight through! I got pulled over for speeding with only another 6 miles to go, but managed to talk my way out of a fine with my limited knowledge of Dutch plus a bit of "Double Dutch". Being the first AGM they had organised, it was a low budget weekend, but it worked fantastically. All venues were owned by 41ers which was a great saving. The welcome party was at an outside bar with BBQ. Great fun!

The following morning around 60 of us walked round the corner from hotel to a bike shop. We were all given a bike and we cycled about 1-2 miles to a timber yard for the AGM which was held in a warehouse with wood stacked all around us. No problem, there was still good sound equipment and a screen.

After a great AGM mainly in English with plenty of humour, we all took the bikes and road another 4-5 miles to a field with a long banquet table set up for lunch. As luck would have it the weather was kind and this was a fantastic lunch. Gala dinner was at the Hotel which was attached to a theatre also owned by a 41er. The food was one of the best dinners I have ever had at a function. This has to be one of my most memorable trips.

Two weeks later Lesley and I flew to Cyprus for their AGM in Nicosia. She only likes to go where it's warm, and this was VERY warm. It was in the mid 40's! Only GB&I and Germany were represented, actually just myself and Engelbert. Enjoyable weekend making new friends, and we were looked after very well by The Cypriot Scotsman/Yorkshireman David Illingworth. He took us into the Turkish side, where we had some interesting encounters to say the least, including one at gunpoint with a soldier, as apparently we were not supposed to be where we were! Always fun times with David.

Hotel was great, some of the venues for the weekend functions would change whilst on the way to them, but they did still happen. Everyone made us feel very welcome. We will be back next year and will definitely stay with David, who is a fantastic host.

Next trip September AGM in Romania.

Accompanied by Dave Campbell, we flew to Bucharest, and were met by Aurel Jianu, the past IRO for Romania. He drove us into town for lunch, then to his son's apartment where we were to stay for the night. We attended the Bucharest Round Table meeting, and enjoyed great fellowship. We discovered that they do not have a 41 Club, so our next job is to help to set one up. Next day Aurel drove us around 140 miles to Craiova for the AGM weekend. Friday night welcome party was a hog roast. Next day was the AGM with GB&I Germany, Belgium and Holland in attendance. The hospitality given to Dave and I was just fantastic. Great guys.

Back home and 4 days later we take to the air again, this time with wives to go to the HYM in India. Another fantastic attendance from GB&I with 30 attending. The best way to describe India is that it is an experience not to be missed. It was exciting, colourful, interesting, a great time and one we will never forget. We will certainly go back. The hospitality and fellowship is out of this world. Again, we had 41ers from the UK on their first international. We all got on really well, and I know some have already booked in for South Africa.

We did the pre-tour with people from GB&I Norway, Sweden, and Dave Campbell representing Zambia. He has not even got a sun tan! A great time was had by all. Interesting meeting. We broke up into groups for workshop talks about the name change. Past President Makarios reported he has identified 13 countries that could join in the next few years. There are applications in from USA and Hungary.

Next AGM is in Sun City
HYM is in Italy in October
Next year's AGM in Austria
HYM is in Morocco .

This year has just flown by. I have had a great time meeting new people, and meeting up with old friends, and this is all available to all members. Lesley and I started going on Internationals back in the Martin Young days, and we are still meeting up with people we met then.

Peter Good

NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

2016 Accounts

The 2016 Accounts have been finalised and approved by our independent examiners, Duncan & Toplis.

I've listed below some narrative by budget head on the variances this year, which should be read in conjunction with the accounts themselves.

Income

Capitation fees are down by £9k. I have included capitation debtors where they have paid since 31st December or promised to pay when chased by Marchesi House or National Councillors. Those that have not responded I have made no provision for, assuming they will disaffiliate.

Sales profit is down on budget, as we now rely most on commission rather than profit on stock we hold. Note that the 2017 Budget already reflects this. The return is less, but we are less exposed to stock write-offs.

Our "other income" continues to rise, albeit from a low starting point. We get a small cashbook payment from Utility Warehouse for President Barry's gas & electricity (if you are ever home-hosted by him, please remember to leave as many lights on as you can). Just Insurance also pay irregular amounts to us when policies are taken out by members, and more recently we have started to collect on the Fred Olsen Cruises tie up. These are all platinum privileges; they don't cost us anything and provide discounts to members, so please consider using them.

Expenditure

IT Systems – this budget is again underspent (£5k). There have been no IT developments during 2016, so no expenditure has been capitalised.

Presidents expenses overall (home, overseas and car) are under by £5k, with the main reason being that Barry has managed to secure a Presidential car from Hyundai. His PLC has undoubtedly helped as well, covering some of his expenses.

The Fellowship Officer has overspent his budget slightly (£300), but this is partly due to his geographic location and also a consequence of holding the 2018 conference in Belfast. The 2017 budget has already been increased in recognition of this

Magazine printing is underspent by £6k. As in previous years, more members are opting for online rather than a physical magazine, the postage costs are dropping quicker than Royal mail can raise their prices. The drop in membership numbers also has an effect.

Council Meeting costs are underspent by £2k. Two meetings in Birmingham (February and the AGM) plus June in Stratford have helped to reduce travel costs for councillors.

Board meeting costs are also down by £2k. There has been no move towards virtual board meetings after an initial trial meeting proved unpopular.

Club visits by Councillors show a £3k saving. As always, this either means that councillors aren't making the visits or they aren't claiming for them when they do. I suspect it is a combination of the two.

Insurance costs shows a small underspend this year of £2k. This year we have tested the market to see if we can find a cheaper policy, or alternatively a similarly priced one with enhanced cover. Due to the nature of our association, we were unable to find another insurer willing to quote for cover which includes 800

chairmen's jewels in unspecified locations without a list of the security arrangements in all of those locations. The good news is our existing insurer has re-quoted at a reduced premium due to our claims history.

Depreciation is on budget, with no new capitalised expenditure this year. A reminder that the 2017 budget includes provision for depreciation on £20k spend towards a replacement CAS system.

The membership budget has underspent by £3k, and includes the cost of two Councillor training days organised by your NCLO, Phil Ellis

So the overall position is showing a £25k surplus on the year, against a budgeted surplus of £3k.

2018 Budget

The draft budget for 2018 was agreed by National Council at the Okehampton meeting.

Items of note include:

General Secretariat – A new contract has been negotiated with Marchesi House. There is a small increase in the overall cost, but this now includes use of meeting rooms which used to be covered by the "platinum membership" payment of £5k per year, so overall this is a substantial saving.

IT Systems – This assumes we don't change our existing systems, i.e. still use Office 365, Techno's for CAS, Toucan hosting the website and all of the ancillary bits that glue everything together. The 2017 budget includes a provision for £20k spend on CAS2 / membership database, which affects the depreciation charge. A further £5k provision has been built into the 2018 budget.

AGM cost – The cost of running the AGM, including the venue hire, AV equipment, printing etc.

President's expenses – home includes car & its insurance

Presidents overseas expenses – includes an allowance of up to £1k for the VP to attend the International HYM / AGM. Maintained at 2017 level to keep within the 10% rule for international spend.

International officer expenses – also kept to 2017 level for the same reason.

41 International capitations – increased again due to the fee structure revision, which aims make our per capita contribution more equitable with the other associations.

Fellowship Officer expenses – includes travel to conference meetings plus 4 of the "Big 12" Regional dinners per year.

Magazine – Reduced by £2k (on 2017) to reflect actual costs. Any postal inflation will be offset by decline in physical copies.

Council Meetings – Increased by £2k to cover cost of increased weekend allowances. These have remained static since 2014.

Board Meetings – remains at 2017 level. This budget also covers the cost of family meetings.

Depreciation – this is based on current assets, and assumes a £20k development in 2017 which could be CAS2 or a joint membership database with Round Table, and a £5k development in 2018.

Membership promotion – remains at 2017 level. This budget covers our Wider Wallet subscription, NC polos, name badges and other membership initiatives

NCLO Training & Development – Covers NC training days and also NCLO travel expenses so that he can fulfil his duties. Increase in 2018 for regional meetings.

Millennium Way – £2k budget to aid in the development of RT Family day.

Community Service – Increased by £500 to help fund community service projects, such as the Teenage Cancer Trust walk this year.

Based on a pessimistic view of the current membership trends we will have around 15,000 paying members in 2018. Maintaining the capitation fee at £14.50 gives a small surplus of £1,500 for the year.

I am proposing an increase in the NC weekend allowance from £160 to £180 maximum. This rate has remained static since 2014. The mileage rate will remain at 25p per mile.

Cash-flow & Reserves

Attached to the budget is a cash-flow statement for 2016 and projection to the end of 2018.

At the end of 2016, cash reserves stood at just over £124k, which exceeds the reserve policy requirement of 50% of budgeted expenditure.

The reserves policy has been reviewed and updated, a copy is attached.

Mark Fairchild

National Treasurer, but not for long now ...

A1. STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

PURPOSE:

**“To develop 41 Club so it becomes
the Club of Choice for
graduating members of Round Table”**

**Presentation to be made to the delegates at the AGM by
National President Barry Durman**

A2. GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE

**Presentation to be made to the delegates at the AGM by
National Vice-President Dave Campbell**

APPENDIX B – ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2017- 2018/20

Notes:

The C.V. of the Candidates standing for election is detailed of the following pages alongside their election address for the information of Voting Delegates.

Each Candidate will give a presentation lasting not more than five minutes, to assist the Delegates in making their choice.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS - NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidate: Phillip Ellis

Bangor 41 Club

FROM	TO	ROLE
1991	1998	Donaghadee 1186 RT - Member
1992	1993	Donaghadee 1186 RT – CLO
1994	1995	Donaghadee 1186 RT – Secretary
1995	1996	Donaghadee 1186 RT – Treasurer
1997	1998	Donaghadee 1186 RT – Membership Officer
1997	1998	Donaghadee 1186 RT – Vice-Chairman
1998	1999	Donaghadee 1186 RT – Chairman
1998	1999	Donaghadee 1186 RT - President
1994	1996	Area 11 Round Table – Membership Officer
1997	To date	Bangor Co. Down 41 – Member
1997	1998	Bangor Co. Down 41 – Secretary
1997	1998	Bangor Co. Down 41 – Vice-Chairman
1998	1999	Bangor Co. Down 41 – Chairman
2000	2012	Bangor Co. Down 41 – Treasurer
2009	2010	Bangor Co. Down 41 – President
1010	2014	National Councillor Region 3 Ireland
2014	2017	National Councillors’ Liaison Officer

As your Councillors’ Liaison Officer for the past 3 years I have worked hard, bringing the role of the Councillor to being more representative and accountable. A new record recruitment strategy during this period was implemented replacing 15 out of 24 National Councillors. Couple that with the ongoing training and development, we have seen a net rise in new start up clubs in 2016-17 year.

As Vice-President, I would like to continue to work closely with all National Officers to determine suitability of each position, by asking ‘is it fit for purpose’. I aim to have a more open and transparent governance and check where savings can be made on expenditure, this will be reported back to you in Belfast 2018.

I believe the length of service in a position on National Council being reduced to 3 years encourages new blood, fresh ideas and bringing experience from members in their respective clubs, brings in a new perspective to the Association.

Old favourite sociable events such as the Regional dinners, National conferences and car & motorbike rallies are being fully supported. These together with a caravan rally, the cruise and sporting & social weekend are breathing new life into the association.

Our interest in grass roots Round Table is paying dividends and new clubs are being formed with our help. This all is not an accident, it is due to a programme of recruitment of new blood, training and development that brings success and enthusiasm. We have an eclectic membership and today your Councilors are a representation of that.

When I joined Round Table over 30 years ago, I relished the call “Adopt, Adapt and Improve” it’s been my mantra ever since. I encourage you all to follow this excellent example and drive 41 club to further success.

Phillip Ellis

FROM	TO	ROLE
1971		Joined Burgess Hill Hassocks and District Round Table No. 779
1976	1984	Round Table Area Delegate, Sports Officer, Sales Officer, Press Officer, Programme and Social Convenor, Fundraising Convenor, Community Service Convenor, International Relations Officer
1984	1985	Table Secretary
1985	1986	Vice Chairman
1886	1987	Table Chairman
1981	1986	Area Sales Officer, Area Press Officer, Area Sports Officer, Area Membership Officer, Area Community Service Officer
1986	1987	Area 2 Round Table Vice Chairman
1987	1988	Area 2 Round Table Chairman
1988	1989	Area 2 Round Table Secretary
1989		Joined Crowborough 41 Club
1994	1995	Crowborough 41 Club Chairman
1998		Joined Hamble Valley Stick Club (41 Club)
2005	2006	Hamble Valley 41 Club Chairman
2010		Joined Kingston Upon Thames Ex-Tablers (dual Club Membership)
2011	2012	Hamble Valley 41 Club Chairman
2013	2014	Kingston upon Thames 41 Club Chairman
2014	2015	Kingston upon Thames 41 Club Chairman
2015	2016	Hamble Valley 41 Club Chairman
1993	1997	National Councillor Region 11
1997	2001	National Editor
2010	2012	National Councillor Region 24
2012	2017	National Secretary

I have had the privilege of being your National Secretary for five years. During that time, I have provided all the administration services through my own offices and that of Marchesi House to ensure that the Association has run smoothly and professionally.

Asking the general public what 41 Club is usually invokes a response of – “I do not know”, yet this is an Association that we both love and are proud of. One of my priorities will be to build our outward facing reputation. I will ensure that we publicise what we do, in the local community and Nationally, to increase the public’s awareness of who we are. After all we ‘wear the Badge with Pride’.

In order to sustain the Association for future years, by that I mean leave a legacy, we need to ensure that we have a vibrant membership. We need to ensure we recruit Ex-Tablers and Tablers alike to join us and enjoy our fellowship. ‘Ex-Tablers are our future’ means that they are our priority. Right now, we have the lowest transfer rate of similar Associations. That is not making Ex-Tablers our priority. That is not securing their future or the future of this Association. No one wants to move to another Association that they feel does not fulfill their desires. I have been working with our National

Membership Officer, ringing Ex-Tablers who have not joined 41 Club with remarkable success. They are happy to hear from us and hear what a great Association we are. The recruitment of Ex-Tablers will be my second priority.

My first priority will be that whatever we do we have fun doing it with fellow 41ers.

If you will elect me as your National President I will serve this Association and you its members to the best of my abilities.

Manny Martins

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS - NATIONAL SECRETARY

Candidate: Steve Bolter

Somerton & District

Wareham

FROM	TO	ROLE
1992		Joined RT
1998	1999	Somerton Chairman
2001	2004	Sedgemoor Chairman
1993	1998	Area 37 Sales Officer
1999	2000	Area Chairman
2000	2001	Area N.C.
2001	2002	Plymouth Conference – Sponsorship Officer
1999		Joined 41 Club
2005	2007	Somerton Chairman
2015	2016	Wareham Chairman
2006	2011	National Councillor
2016	To Date	National Councillor

Who is Steve Bolter?

I am 58, married with two grown up children and a proud grandfather. I work for myself in two different ways; one as a Health and Safety Trainer in fire safety in the workplace and, secondly, I help run a self-storage business. This means my working week can be very varied and is always full of problem-solving and making sure commitments are kept to.

A little known fact about me is that I am a Lay Worship Assistant for my church which means I help to take services as part of a team in our rural parish.

I also like to draw and paint and have been known to enter art works in art exhibitions from time to time.

There is, of course, the other thing I do – which is 41 Club. I belong to two Clubs, 50 miles apart from each other, and was delighted to become National Councillor for Region 23 for the second time, which gets me out and about a few nights a week!

I'm standing for Honorary Secretary of the Association because it's such an important post and I would be honoured to serve you and the Association in that role. It goes without saying that I appreciate the effort and commitment that taking on the post needs and I can assure you that I am self-motivated enough to be able to deliver on what's needed.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and finding out a little bit more about a person who would be proud and honoured to be your next Honorary Secretary.

Steve Bolter

FROM	TO	ROLE
1985	1991	Joined Round Table
1989	1990	Northwich 348 Round Table - Chairman
1989	1990	Area 22 Press & Publicity Officer
1996	1991	Area 22 Secretary
1991		Joined Northwich 41 Club
2005	2006	Northwich 41 Club – Chairman
2009	2012	Northwich 41 Club – Secretary
2009	2011	National Councillor – Region 11
2011	2016	National Communications Officer
2016	To Date	Honorary Webmaster

Joining Round Table was a milestone in my life. Here I found an organisation of fun and fellowship, which aided my self-development as well as enabling me to help others in the community. That fellowship continues in Northwich 41 Club and eight years ago I decided to give something back by first becoming the National Councillor for Region 11 and then, for five years, the National Communications Officer.

I have now retired from work and for the last twelve months have acted as the registration officer for the forthcoming Blackpool Conference as well as being the Honorary National Webmaster. After the Conference I will have the time to take on the very important role of your National Secretary, a position that requires both dedication and attention to detail. I hope that my period as your Communications Officer has demonstrated that I meet both criteria.

Like so many other organisations 41 Club faces future challenges. Your National Council must work together to ensure the future, making changes where necessary but never ignoring the wishes of the members. A case of evolution rather than revolution.

Outside of 41 Club my main interests are aviation photography, British sports cars and model railways. In recent years my wife and I have developed a passion for cruising. We have three grown-up children, two of whom have joined the Round Table family (the third generation in our family to do so), and eight grandchildren, so plenty of potential members there.

If elected to this role I will give my full commitment and do my absolute best to ensure the smooth running of the Association.

Ray Hill

Candidate: Sean Francis McCormick Saffron Walden 41 Club Old Bored Executives (OBE's)

FROM	TO	ROLE
1999 2001	2000 2002	Joined Saffron Walden Round Table Saffron Walden Table Treasurer
2002	2003	Saffron Walden Vice Chairman & Membership Officer
2003 2004	2004 2006	Saffron Walden Table Chairman Saffron Walden Table Secretary
2004	2005	Area 41 Vice Chairman, Secretary & RTBI National Councillor
2005	2006	Area 41 Chairman & RTBI National Councillor
2006	2007	RTBI National Sales Officer & Saffron Walden Table Treasurer
2007	2008	RTBI National Sales Officer & Saffron Walden Table Secretary
2008	2009	RTBI NSW Colchester – Head of Manning
2009	2010	RTBI National Honorary Secretary
2011	2014	RTBI Chairman of National President Jason Thomson's PLC
2013 2014	2014 2015	Saffron Walden 41 Club Vice Chairman & Secretary Saffron Walden 41 Club Chairman
2011 2015 2014	2014 2017 2017	41 Club Region 17 National Councillor Saffron Walden 41 Club Secretary 41 Club Region 18 National Councillor

I find myself with a difficult task, how to adequately put across how strongly I feel about the role of Secretary in 300 words. This is a job for which I have the experience, having managed the secretary role at Table, Area, National and 41 Club level (I have also been on the 41 Club Secretary Committee, assisting Manny Martins).

I also have the aptitude, being a stickler for accuracy, grammar and clarity of writing. I bring knowledge of our rules and regulations to what we do at Club and Regional level, having taken the time and trouble to study them at length in my desire to ensure that what we do in our clubs matches with the needs of the Association. We are, after all, as Secretaries competent in our roles to assist and aid our Chairmen to ensure that we make their position both painless and seamless in transition as well as throughout their year.

I strongly believe that the Secretary is a conduit to managing the background of the Association, the President is there as figurehead, guided by the wishes of the membership and Council. The Secretary helps in managing those tasks, mentoring and helping those with issues on rules, regulations, website, CAS, Marchesi House, etc. The Secretary is there as the one to turn to, providing wisdom, knowledge, commonsense or indeed arbitration when needed. Someone who is 'in your corner' and not operating as a dictator or judge. An ear if you need to bring up an issue over which you are not sure of the reaction it might provoke.

In short, I believe I possess the attributes and skills required for the role of National Secretary. I have a love and passion for our Association that I believe complements the role. Thank you for reading.

Sean McCormick

FROM	TO	ROLE
Feb 1998	May 1994	Member Wakefield 47
1992	1993	Wakefield 47 – Diamond Jubilee Chairman
Since	1994	RT47 President 3 times. Honorary Member 4 times.
Aug 1994	Present	Wakefield 41 Club – Member
1998	Present	White Knights 41 Club – Founder Member
1996	1997	Founder Club Wakefield – Chairman
2001	2003	White Knights 41 Club – Chairman
2005	2008	National Councillor – Region 14/6
2008	2011	The Association's International Officer
2008	2016	International IRO's Group - Secretary
2011	2016	National Councillor – Region 6
2014	2016	International Editor
2016	Present	Deputy National Councillor – Region 6

Dear friends

In an ideal world you try to follow someone in a role where they have not excelled - this makes it easier to appear to be on top of things.

In these terms following Manny as National Secretary is a huge challenge, but I am determined to do my best to keep the same high standards. If successful I will do my best to emulate him, and truly believe I am the right man for the job.

As a former university lecturer I have the necessary skills and experience in administration and Information Technology.

I have the required enthusiasm, as I hope many of you will know.

Being retired, I have the time the role demands.

I am fully conversant with the Club Administration System, and over the years have assisted with its maintenance in various capacities.

I have no delusions about the enormity of the role. In effect it is virtually a full-time job.

I have a wealth of experience on National, having been on the National Board and National Council variously from 2005 till my term ran out at the last AGM. I am still involved, however, as Assistant to my successor as National Councillor for Region 6 (Yorkshire).

Just as an aside I have had the good fortune to be enormously well travelled in Round Table and 41 Club. I was Secretary to the International IROs (International Relations Officers) group from its inception in 2009 till last Autumn and served as 41 International Editor for two years from 2014 to 2016.

I hope the above few lines have convinced you that I would very much welcome the opportunity to serve our Association as National Secretary.

Andy Waite

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS - NATIONAL TREASURER

Candidate: David Leach

Kingston upon Thames Ex Tablers

FROM	TO	ROLE
1997		Joined Round Table
1997	1999	Leicester ST. Martins 702 - Treasurer
1999	2006	Loughborough Round Table 260 - Member
		Loughborough Round Table 260 - Chairman
1998	2006	Round Table Area 14 - Treasurer
2006	2011	Kingston Round Table 19 – Member
		Kingston Round Table 19 - Chairman
2011		Joined 41 Club
2012	To Date	National Councillor – Region 24

I qualified as a chartered accountant in 1992. After leaving practice I worked as a financial accountant for Girobank, Alliance & Leicester, AON and I am currently head of finance for a financial services company in Surrey. I served as Round Table Area 14 Treasurer for many years as well as for my own club. I'm a strong believer in the adage that you get out of things what you put in, and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Region 24 National Councillor for the last four years.

I have no ambition to stand for high office of this great organisation of ours but I believe I have the skills best suited to the role of National Treasurer. In my tenure as National Councillor I have learned a great deal about the nature of this Association from the grassroots up to the National Council level. Every club I visit, and each member within it, has a unique perception of how it should function and I would do my best to represent all your differing views at Board level. Recent years have seen many debates around how your hard-earned capitation fees have been spent. If successful, I will challenge any plans to spend money that I don't believe are in the best interests of members as a whole. The pursuit of the noble aims of the Association, and the events that are put on, must be done in a manner that delivers value-for-money to you, the membership.

We face a number of opportunities, not least of which is the low number of new members coming into 41 Club. We have to be pragmatic about this issue and cut our cloth accordingly whilst maintaining this as the deserved club of choice for all members looking to continue their fellowship after Round Table.

David Leach

FROM	TO	ROLE
1983	1992	Gosforth Round Table – Treasurer
1992	2015	Gosforth 41 Club – Treasurer
2007	To Date	Party Tyne 41 Club – Chairman
2014	2016	National Councillor – Region 4
2007		Newcastle Conference Committee
2015		Harrogate Conference Committee

Good morning Gentlemen,

I have been a member of 41 Club since leaving Round Table and have recently completed five years as National Councillor for Region 4.

As a Chartered Accountant in practice, I have the necessary experience to look after the day-to-day accounting for our Association. The post of National Treasurer, however, goes far beyond mere bookkeeping.

Not only does our National Council provide direction for our Members, it acts as an administrative centre using the Association's resources to enable those objectives to be implemented. It continues to do so despite the challenges of rising costs and resistance to increases in Members' capitation.

The Treasurer has to be aware, therefore, of the need to see that resources are allocated appropriately and to exercise due diligence with regard to current and future contracts. Our Constitution and Rules require financial oversight to be the core duty of the Treasurer and, if elected, I will make this my priority.

Colin Steen

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS – NATIONAL COUNCILLORS’ LIAISON OFFICER

Candidate: Thomas John Atkins

Nuneaton

FROM	TO	ROLE
1985	1994	Secretary, Treasurer, House & Programme, Community Service/Fundraising, International Officer
1998	1999	Honorary President
2009	2010	Honorary President
2010	2011	Area 45 President
2014	2017	National Councillor - Region 15
		Ambassador for Round Table Children’s Wish
1994	To Date	Nuneaton Past Tablers Club
		Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman 98/99, 2016/17

I am Tom Atkins currently Chairman of Nuneaton Past Tablers and Region 15 Councillor for the past 3 years, and had great fun and fellowship, visiting clubs. I am also proud to be an Ambassador for Round Table Children’s Wish.

The role of National Council Liaison Officer is very important, and working with my predecessor, to deliver training to Councillors, gave me great insight into what is required.

The role as I see it, is to co-ordinate the 24 National Councillors, providing the tools for their club visits , in order to give you, the membership a good service, and to look after their welfare, by representing them on the board.

I would also be the conduit between the Board and National Council, sharing information between them, so that the members benefit.

I believe I have the experience, knowledge and passion to help Councillors in their role, to help attract former tablers, to join the club of choice which is our great organisation, and to promote continued friendship.

Speak to those who know me and they will tell you that I possess the qualities that the role seeks. Organised, passionate about 41 club, I listen, and have the skills to carry out what I set out to achieve.

I have also been privileged, by working as part of the incoming President’s team, to help organise, a fantastic and successful 41 club Half Yearly International meeting in Birmingham, which was attended by over 100 UK delegates and 100 delegates from all over the world.

If successful I will carry on the great work of my predecessor and to continue to improve the communication, within our organisation, from board level through Councillors to members, after all you are who we are elected to serve.

Vote for **Tom Atkins**

Thank You

Continued Friendship

Candidate: Des Fulcher

South Norfolk

FROM	TO	ROLE
2004	2008	Thetford Round Table
2008	2009	Harleston Round Table
2008	2009	Round Table Area 6 Media and PR Officer
2012	2013	Round Table National President's PLC – Sales Officer
2011	2015	Norwich 41 Club
2014	2015	Kings Lyn 41 Club
2015	To Date	South Norfolk 41 Club (Founder Member)
2011	2014	Deputy National Councillor – Region 17
2014	To Date	National Councillor – Region 17

My recent past experience as Round Table National President's Plc Sales Officer and seven years serving 41 Club National Council gives a wide range of knowledge, ideally suited to the position which acts as the link between National Councillors and the National Board. Direct contact with members at local level is extremely important.

I would work with all members of National Council to fill regional vacancies.

Motivating National Councillors to maintain a good relationship with clubs in their region is an important aspect I will also encourage and support. To ensure we continue to enjoy Fellowship, Friendship and Fun in 41 Club I would review the job description and paperwork for National Councillors, focusing on giving support and guidance where needed but aiming to make this important voluntary position easier to manage.

The Marchesi Room project, which I led, has maintained closer links with all four parts of the Round Table Family organisation, this has helped to bridge some gaps and bring new members to 41 Club, something I'm keen to encourage wherever possible.

I have personally led the formation of a completely new group with South Norfolk 41 Club, primarily to encourage some fellow ex-Round Table members to join who wanted a slightly different club to be part of, this has been very successful and similar work is being progressed in North Norfolk by one of my Deputy National Councillors.

I am self-employed which affords some flexibility to ensure I can attend key meetings and events. My understanding of social media gives added value to 41 Club, an area we can certainly benefit more from if used effectively. Communication between National Council and each region presents several challenges; this is an area I would also like to focus upon so better engagement with all members can be achieved.

Des Fulcher

APPENDIX C – RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

National Council Propose:

Resolution

National Officer Title Change

To change the title of National Communications Officer to that of National Communications and IT Officer.

Rationale:

The role of the National Communications Officer has greatly evolved over the past year to encompass the Website and the Club Administration System both present and future. This has meant that there is much more time and effort involved in managing the external suppliers and designing the IT Blueprints. To this end the present title of National Communications Officer no longer reflects the remit of the role. Hence the proposed change to National Communications and IT Officer.

Will Change Rule: 6.1 plus appendices

National Council Support this Resolution

Resolution 2.

National Event Attendance Costs

Proposer: Harleston & District 41 Club

Secunder: North Walsham 41 Club

Resolution

The maximum ticket price for any event organised or delegated by the National Council should be no more than £55 per person. Organisers of events organised or delegated by the National Council should once a loss of £1,000 or more is identified in any event start to reduce or eliminate any individual elemental cost or cancel the event. In exceptional circumstances the National Council can increase the maximum ticket price if deemed necessary.

Rationale:

Members of 41 Club are faced with ticket prices or attendance costs for National events at £90 per head, this is excessive and likely to contribute towards the reason why National events have declining numbers, further fuelling the negative outlook some 41 Club groups have towards National Council in general.

Attendance of the Presidential Ball and Fancy Dress party at the 2017 National Conference and AGM costs £360 per couple. Drinks, accommodation and/or transport are extra on top of the ticket prices.

This resolution if carried would bring National 41 Club events in line with many other events organised by clubs in the regions, additionally it would bring a control measure into place to minimise or eliminate excessive spending on entertainment or other aspects of National events in general.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Resolution 3:

Advance Notice of voting requirements for National Council

Proposer: Bangor Co Down 41 Club

Seconder: Dublin 41 Club

Resolution

If the National Board wish to make a proposal requiring a vote by the National Councillors meeting as the National Council, then that full proposal needs to be circulated to all National Councillors at least 7 days prior to that meeting, preferably 14 days, so that National Councillors are given sufficient time to consider and appraise the proposal.

Rationale:

The Board have a propensity for introducing important measures at the quarterly National Council meetings without any prior notification.

This clearly provides inadequate time for National Councillors to fully consider these measures before being asked to vote to approve them.

This is no longer an acceptable practice.

National Council Support this Resolution

Resolution 4.

Proposer: Maidstone 41 Club

Seconder: Medway 41 Club

Club Delegates expenses at the Association's AGM

Resolution

That voting delegates attending the National AGM receive a bursary of £40.00 towards their expenses (excluding members of the National Council).

This can be achieved by a 50p addition to the capitation fee. I understand that this will raise £8,000.00. This would finance 200 voting delegates. At present there are only just over 100 voting delegates which is only about 10% of the membership.

Rationale:

In France they have to have 50% of voting delegates plus 1. It achieved this by giving a bursary.

At present there is a wide gap between National and clubs. Many members feel that National have little or no connection with them. This has led to clubs disaffiliating. This gap needs to be bridged. The only way that this gap is to be bridged is by National making a move towards the clubs.

Just having NC,s as the bridge is insufficient as the regions are large. In Round Table there was an Area Executive who were in constant contact with clubs.

Should more than 200 voting delegates attend then we can use some of the reserve. This would be a positive move if this happens for the Association.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Resolution 5.

National Magazine Survey

Proposer: Party Tyne 41 Club

Seconder: North Berwick and District 41 Club

Resolution

The Association TO UNDERTAKE A SURVEY OF MEMBERS to ascertain whether they wish to continue receiving a Club Magazine. The platform for the survey should be by using a FULL page in the first magazine after this AGM. There should be only one question - 'Do you want to continue receiving a 41 Club Magazine?', with a yes or no box to indicate their choice together with their Name, Club, date of birth and e-mail address.

Responses may be made by post or online via e-mail.

There will be a four-week cut-off date for replies from the date of postage of the Magazine.

Rationale:

The need for a Magazine has substantially diminished. Most of its content is included in the Monthly Newsletter, some on Facebook and also at the Website. Furthermore, cancelling the magazine would save the Association approximately 20% of its annual expenditure; £42K was budgeted for in 2016.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Resolution 6.

Proposer: Party Tyne 41 Club

Seconder: North Berwick and District 41 Club

Resolution

All Resolutions carried at AGM's must be included in the Associations Constitution & Rules without exception within 30 days of the AGM. Each Resolution should be identified by reference to the AGM where it was passed just prior to its insertion. Resolutions, and changes to standing orders, passed in the last five years have to be included and identified in this way.

Rationale:

This will allow all Members to see all Resolutions passed at AGM's without having to refer to Minutes of various AGM's and also identify them. It will also allow Members to put future Resolutions forward if they wish to change any Rules.

National Council Support this Resolution

Resolution 7.

Including Policies to the Rules and Constitution

Proposer: Party Tyne 41 Club

Seconder: North Berwick and District 41 Club

Resolution

The Association's Reserve Policy should be included in the Association's Constitution and Rules so that every Member has access to those details via the Web-site.

Any alterations to the Reserve Policy has to be approved at either an AGM or at a Special General Meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

This ensures that the Association abides by the Resolution until such time as a further resolution is proposed and passed at an AGM. It is essential that Members be able to readily ascertain how the reserves of the Association are being managed.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Resolution 8.

Removing Corporate Responsibility from all members of National Council

Proposer: Kelso and District 41 Club

Secunder: Party Tyne 41 Club

Resolution

Change of wording to the existing footnote to the standing orders headed CONFIDENTIALITY - Collective Responsibility.

Remove the words 'Collective Responsibility' from the heading and remove the last paragraph of the note that seeks to impose this as a policy of the Association.

Rationale:

This policy is misconceived and has no place in our Association's Rules or Constitution. There is no merit in the suggestion that those National Councillors and Board Members who disagree with a decision of the National Council should be stopped from further expressing their views.

National Council Support this Resolution

Resolution 9.

Exclusion of Past President and IPP from further National Board posts.

Proposer: North Berwick and District 41 Club

Secunder: Party Tyne 41 Club

Resolution

Members of the Association who have served as National President and IPP are not permitted to stand for any further National Executive post.

Rationale:

Whilst the Members are grateful to those who have served the Association, firstly as National Councillors, then as Board members and finally as National President, there has to be a point at which they finally stand down to allow new people to serve.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Resolution 10.

Simple Majority Voting at National Council Meetings

Proposer: Royston 41 Club

Secunder: Party Tyne 41 Club

Resolution

At National Council Meetings when a vote is required on proposals and matters concerning an action to be taken by the Association, then at least half of those who are present and eligible to vote must vote in favour of the matter to provide an overall majority to allow it to go forward.

Members present should be discouraged from abstaining from voting.

The results of any Voting should be disclosed as follows:- those in favour, those against, those abstaining. These results to be recorded in the minutes.

Rationale:

This will bring voting in line with AGM Rules and will remove “simple majority” from matters concerning the Association.

National Council Oppose this Resolution

Appendix D: Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

Income & Expenditure Account

	2016		2015	
	Budget £	Outturn £	Budget £	Outturn £
INCOME				
Capitation fees - Current	-228,375	-219,350.25	-224,100	-212,589.17
Capitation fees - Arrears	0	-69.00	0	-200.00
Capitation	-228,375	-219,419.25	-224,100.00	-212,789.17
Bank interest	-1,000	-350.09	-1,000	-348.95
Less Corporation Tax	0	70.04	0	66.49
Sales profit	-5,000	-4,088.51	-5,000	-3,696.41
Other Income	0	-677.24	0	-40.75
Advertising revenue	0	0.00	-1,000	0.00
	<u>-234,375</u>	<u>-224,465.05</u>	<u>-231,100.00</u>	<u>-216,808.79</u>
EXPENSES				
Administration - Marchesi House	28,000	26,893.92	28,000	26,965.92
Printing & stationery	1,000	1,076.00	1,000	1,209.83
IT systems	17,000	12,397.10	20,000	13,143.80
Cost of annual general meeting	5,000	5,568.94	7,000	8,950.06
AGM Webcast	0	0.00	6,000	0.00
Presidential expenses - home	19,000	14,541.34	16,000	14,418.27
Presidential expenses - international	7,000	4,275.32	8,000	3,531.66
Presidents Car	0	2,319.46	0	4,676.10
International Officer expenses	8,000	7,962.69	7,500	6,426.44
41 International subscription	7,000	6,971.21	6,000	6,000.00
International HYM	0	0.00	0	-1,430.94
Conference Officer expenses	2,000	2,306.63	3,000	2,217.80
Cost of conference	5,000	2,870.02	7,000	4,695.25
70th Charter Dinner	0	0.00	0	4,377.01
Magazine printing	42,000	35,960.22	43,000	38,878.82
Council meetings	29,000	26,730.04	29,000	24,123.44
Board & other meetings	7,000	4,895.36	6,000	3,009.67
Club visits by councillors	8,000	4,654.79	8,000	5,024.20
Insurance	11,000	9,218.30	12,000	10,837.55
Gifts, awards & jewels	2,000	1,396.70	2,000	1,324.64
Audit & accountancy	1,000	990.00	1,000	990.00
Honoraria to officers	1,600	1,500.00	2,000	1,900.00
Sundries	1,000	1,166.00	1,000	25.70
Obsolete stock written down	0	25.14	0	606.80
Depreciation	18,000	17,249.00	9,000	18,182.00
Membership promotion	10,000	6,958.27	10,000	9,331.90
Archives	1,500	1,260.60	1,500	1,239.50
	<u>231,100</u>	<u>199,187.05</u>	<u>234,000.00</u>	<u>210,655.42</u>
General fund surplus/(Defecit)	<u>3,275</u>	<u>25,278.00</u>	<u>-2,900.00</u>	<u>6,153.37</u>

Mark Fairchild : National Treasurer
12th February 2017

Appendix D: Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016

The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs

Balance Sheet

	£	2016 £	£	2015 £
Fixed assets				
Cost	73,629.38		66,109.38	
Expenditure capitalised	0.00		7,520.00	
Deduct depreciation	<u>-59,537.00</u>		<u>-42,288.00</u>	
		14,092.38		31,341.38
Current assets				
Stock at lower of cost & net realisable value	3,460.40		4,047.28	
Debtors & prepayments	24,219.27		21,372.58	
Cash at bank	<u>121,062.20</u>		<u>83,814.62</u>	
		148,741.87		109,234.48
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and income in advance		<u>-9,751.05</u>		-12,190.66
NET ASSETS		<u><u>153,083.20</u></u>		<u><u>128,385.20</u></u>
 FINANCED BY :				
General fund:				
Balance 1 January	128,647.20		122,493.83	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>25,278.00</u>		<u>6,153.37</u>	
Balance 31 December		153,925.20		128,647.20
Special Reserve : The Stroke Association				
Balance 1 January	-262.00		-262.00	
Income	0.00		0.00	
Fund paid over	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Balance 31 December		-262.00		-262.00
Special Reserve : Shelter				
Balance 1 January	0.00		0.00	
Income	-580.00		0.00	
Fund paid over	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Balance 31 December		-580.00		0.00
Total Funds		<u><u>153,083.20</u></u>		<u><u>128,385.20</u></u>

Mark Fairchild : National Treasurer
12th February 2017

BUDGET 2016 - 2018	Budget 2016 £	Outturn 2016 £	Budget 2017 £	Budget 2018 £
EXPENSES				
General secretariat	28,000	26,894	28,000	29,000
Admin/Postage & stationery	1,000	1,076	1,000	1,000
IT Systems	17,000	12,397	17,000	17,000
Cost of AGM	5,000	5,569	5,000	5,000
President exp - home	19,000	16,861	19,000	19,000
President & VP expenses - international	7,000	4,275	6,000	6,000
International Officer expenses	8,000	7,963	7,000	7,000
41 International expenses	7,000	6,971	8,000	9,000
Fellowship Officer expenses	2,000	2,307	2,500	3,000
Cost of conference	5,000	2,870	5,000	5,000
Magazine	42,000	35,960	39,000	37,000
Meetings				
Council Meetings	29,000	26,730	29,000	31,000
Club Visits	8,000	4,895	8,000	8,000
Board Meetings	7,000	4,655	4,000	4,000
Insurance	11,000	9,218	11,000	10,000
Gifts, jewels, presentations	2,000	1,397	2,000	2,000
Honoraria to officers	1,600	1,500	0	0
Accountancy fees	1,000	990	1,000	1,000
Depreciation	18,000	17,249	13,500	10,500
Sundries	1,000	1,166	1,000	1,000
Membership Promotion	10,000	6,958	5,000	5,000
NCLO Training & Development	0	0	3,000	4,000
Millenium Way	0	0	4,800	2,000
CSLO Projects	0	0	1,500	2,000
Archive Storage/Scanning	1,500	1,261	1,500	1,500
Expenditure Total:	231,100	199,162	222,800	220,000
INCOME				
Capitation fees	232,000	219,419	221,125	217,500
Bank interest, less tax	1,000	280	1,000	1,000
Regalia - sales commission	5,000	4,088	3,000	3,000
Other Income	0	677	0	0
Income Total:	238,000	224,464	225,125	221,500
General Fund surplus (deficit)	6,900	25,302	2,325	1,500
Capitation per member	£14.50		£14.50	£14.50
Based upon membership of	16,000		15,250	15,000

Cashflow statement	Budget		Outturn		Budget		Budget	
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening cash balance		83,814.62		83,814.62		121,062.20		117,729.20
(Deficit) / Surplus for year	6,900.00		25,278.00		2,325.00		1,500.00	
Non cash items								
Obsolete stock written down	-		25.14		-		-	
Movement in stocks	-		561.74		-		-	
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	-		(2,846.69)		-		-	
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	-		(2,439.61)		-		-	
Depreciation	18,000.00		17,249.00		13,500.00		10,500.00	
Non cash items	18,000.00		12,549.58		13,500.00		10,500.00	
Cash from operating activities		24,900.00		37,827.58		15,825.00		12,000.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets								
IT software		-		-		(20,000.00)		(5,000.00)
Special Fund movements								
Shelter fund movt	Cash (in) / out		(580.00)		580.00		-	
Stroke Association fund movt	Cash (in) / out	262.00	-		262.00			
Closing cash balance		108,976.62		121,062.20		117,729.20		124,729.20