

#### Friday 4th February 2022

#### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT - PETER GOOD**

Leading up to Christmas, many events were cancelled but I still managed to get out and about. I attended the annual gathering at the Lamb with Lesley attending with me for the first time. We had a great day meeting up with friends we hadn't seen for a long time.

I also attended Cheadle and Gatley 41 Club Christmas meeting. This was a great night of fun and fellowship.

Of course, there was my own club, Ashby 41, who had their usual Christmas bash at the local Chinese, and it was nice to welcome our visitors from Wakefield 41 Club. Andy Waite and David Weaver took part in the spirit of things when, in the auction, Andy bid for a bottle of water thinking it was gin. I had it sealed at the distillery.

Since Christmas things have started to get going again, the only problem is now trying to cram two years visits into two months which is very frustrating having to tell some I cannot do their event because I am double booked.

I had a great night on Burns Night down in Christchurch 41 club with Ringwood and Bournemouth joining them, also the Tablers. They had two pipers piping in the haggis and we all had individual haggis served, which were the best I have ever had with a wee dram tipped over.

It really was great to get out and meet members again which I have really missed, but it's also nice when guys feel they have already met me because of the *41 Club Connects* evenings on Zoom. These have kept us all together and we will continue with them in the future.

I had visit to Cardiff to check out the venues and food tasting with Steve James, our Fellowship Officer. We were joined by Bernard, our Secretary, and Tracey Pickin, Tangent National President. This was a great day, with amazing venues and a beautiful old City Hall. The food was delicious so I can repot to you this is going to be a fabulous conference, one not to miss. Myself, Lesley, Tracey and Alan look forward to seeing you all there.

I am looking forward to February and March with lots of visits booked in including another 10 clubs to charter, which is really exciting news for 41 Club moving forward

We have also got a good relationship with Round Table, so we help each other to keep the Round Table family growing in numbers again.

#### **Peter Good**

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#### **VICE PRESIDENT - JIM CONWAY**

As the clock clicked over to 2022, the countdown to Cardiff, the AGM and me taking over the Presidency from Peter became very real.





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Confucius was said to have been behind the quote, "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated." I am pretty sure if he was alive today, he would have updated the quote to, "Life is really simple, but social media has made it complicated." You only have to write a post which contain the words, 'Brexit, Covid or Boris' and the old joke of, 'How do you start an argument? Post on Facebook and wait,' will come true. Going forward this year, if anybody has a question, wants to have a rant, or just wants a chat, then pick up the phone. My number is 07708 949339. I promise that if I can answer your question, I will and if I can't, I will find out. If you want to rant, I will listen and then maybe we can come up with a solution. If you want a chat then I am happy to do so, especially if you are down in the dumps or have worries. When I have been on my travels as Vice President, I have experimented by posting on the 41 Club Forum that I am in the car, how long I am in the car for and where I am off to. I have made my telephone number available and said, I am available for a chat. Journeys have gone quick, I have caught up with old friends and made new ones, so I will continue to do this in my Presidential year.

One thing that does disappoint me is that there are Regions who are not represented on Council. New Councillors bring new ideas, a fresh approach and an urgency. We have advertised, begged and pleaded and I can't believe that every single member in certain parts of the country is 'too busy' to do a role that is not only rewarding, but great fun as well. In my three years on Council and this year as VP, I have made lifetime friends I wouldn't have normally made by just making that one call.

I have been out and about, but that old devil, otherwise known as Covid has cancelled some, rearranged some and let some go ahead, so the ride has been spluttering to say the least. I am hoping that April will bring a normalcy that will allow a back to business approach for us all.

I would ask that if you are attending a meeting, please do a lateral flow test first. I do because I don't want to attend with Covid. Also, please consider those that are not attending the meeting because they are not yet ready to venture forth and think about keeping in touch with a zoom link or even phoning them from the meeting to let them know that you are all thinking about them.

On a brighter note, I have been on my travels and can report that whatever life is thrown at us, the banter, good humour and practical jokes are still as strong as ever. I won't repeat where I have been here, as I have covered it all in the Newsletters and Magazines.

On the business side, I am looking forward to seeing how the various committees have developed the ideas from the Forward Planning input.

On the side-by-side front, Matt, Fiona, Heather and myself are getting on brilliantly and already we are looking to visit all four nations to raise awareness, gain membership and raise funds for our charities.

Roger Spensley, is my Diary convenor, a prodigious colossus of a man, who is ready to take bookings on my behalf for my Vice and Presidential year, so if you want me to attend an event, please contact him on <a href="mailto:region5@41club.org">region5@41club.org</a> or preferably use the following link <a href="https://41club.org/site/presidentBooking?delivery=vp">https://41club.org/site/presidentBooking?delivery=vp</a> president as I am keen to get out there and meet up with you.





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Wishing you all you would wish for yourselves and more.

Yours in continued friendship and continued tabling

Jim

Jim Conway

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#### IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT - ANDREW MACKERETH

It was great to see everyone at Nottingham as far more is done at face-to-face meetings. At the recent Board meeting in Stratford upon Avon I finally managed to act as tea boy for the Board one of the jobs for the Past President.

I attended Remembrance Sunday representing 41 Club at the National Arboretum to lay our wreath at the 4 Club family memorial. The memorial is starting to look a bit better having had some work done on it although more is still required.

In the last quarter I have attended 2 Board meetings, taken part in meet the Board, several meetings of the Administration Committee, also was a guest at Inverurie Probus where we were thanked for allowing them to use a couple of our Connects Meetings in their programme and attended with Round Table Area 34 members a Papa John's Football match at Morecambe.

Arrangements are now in place to make a presentation to the RNLI for the joint 41 Club and Tangent for our charity appeal which raised a magnificent £55,000. We now have provided 6 rescue water craft to work from beaches throughout the UK.

At the end of October, I was elected as Chairman of Area 13 41 Club (Highlands and Islands of Scotland) at the AGM in Wick. It was good to see Nick Lawton and Graham Drummond, both past National Presidents of Round Table at the AGM.

#### **Andrew Mackereth**

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#### **NATIONAL SECRETARY - BERNARD ELWEN**

Much of my 41 Club time at the moment is being taken up with the arrangements for the forthcoming AGM in Cardiff on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. I have travelled to Cardiff a couple of weekends ago and seen the venue for the meeting. This is the Mercure Holland House Hotel, which is different from the venue we would have been in in 2020. The notification went out to all clubs back in





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November, and I have received three resolutions so far from clubs, to go on the order paper. National Council propose to add several more, so it should be a fairly full agenda.

We have vacancies on the 2022-23 National Board for Vice President (of course!), National Membership Officer and National Fellowship Officer. At the time of writing, I have received nominations for all three positions. More information on the candidates will follow in the AGM Order paper, which will be circulated to all clubs in mid-February. Their profiles will also be in the next issue of the 41 Club magazine.

The AGM this year will be live-streamed, and this will be arranged by a professional AV company. We livestreamed the Special General Meeting in October, using my laptop. This served the purpose as an ad-hoc measure, but a professional company will be so much better, and well worth the additional cost. Many clubs have asked whether they will be able to vote online, as did at the online AGM last year. The answer is - no, not yet. The decision to go with online voting in 2021 was because we were unable to meet in Aviemore, so National Council took the decision to use the Zoom webinar facility, which incorporated the voting on resolutions and amendments. Voting for the contested posts was via a different IT platform. This worked fairly well but allowing online voting and participation in parallel with being in the room as a permanent arrangement will require the approval of the membership via changes to our rules and standing orders. This is one of the resolutions being put before the AGM.

I have also been doing my best to fill the vacancies for National Councillor, in those regions where there is either no National Councillor or the present incumbent is stepping down. I have had nominations for Regions 2, 17 and 25, with some interest in Region 22. So far, no-one has come forward from Regions 4,7, 19 and 24.

Away from the computer, I have been getting out and about on various activities. I was Father Christmas on Christmas floats for Northwood and Harpenden 41 Clubs. Also at Christmas, I went to The Lamb Christmas meal, once again superbly organised by David Leon.

Back in November, I was proud to be part of the party representing 41 Club at the Cenotaph procession. A few days later, I represented the National President at Berkhamsted 41 Club's 30th anniversary meal. This is in my Region, and it was good to see so many old and familiar faces from when I was Area Charman of Area 42 The Chilterns back in my Round Table days. I have also attended the National Tangent Presidents Ball in Stratford-upon-Avon last weekend. The entertainment was superb, as was the food.

#### **Bernard Elwen**

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#### **NATIONAL TREASURER - KEVIN LOVETT**

#### 2021 Accounts





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A bit like Summer following Spring, 2021 followed 2020 in much the same vein. It was another year of Lockdowns which meant that Clubs and the National Council couldn't meet for the first half of the year. So whilst income from Capitation has still to catch up, expenses, particularly those of variable nature were for the second year running significantly reduced.

The notable exceptions were the two new areas of expenditure namely Zoom and 41 Club Connects. An extremely successful series of events were held by the Connects Team and the feedback from members was that it helped us all whilst we were in "lock down". The numbers of viewers reduced during the later months as members were once again able to go out and meet up again. Connects should still be a valuable tool for the future and I await the decision on where it goes next.

Notes to the accounts.

Administration Marchesi House - the contract is £30K per year and ends at the end of 2022. 2021 has an extra month as previously we had been invoiced in arrears but now we are completely up to-date.

Magazine Printing – Only 2 magazines were produced during the year. The main cost of the Magazine is the postage and the postage is based on weight. When we send out the magazine with other material e.g. the bandana, the postage increases. The bandana's which cost £12K are included in the Membership Campaigns budget.

Aviemore Conference was cancelled and the small set up costs are shown under Cost of Conference.

The year was again filled with uncertainty and caution and from an accounting point of view a small surplus was achieved, leaving the Association with Reserves of nearly £260K.

#### 2023 Proposed Budget

#### FAIR, FLEXIBLE and FUTURE FOCUSED

The Finance Committee have been working very hard, looking at all aspects of our cost base against a stark realisation that over the next few years our membership will fall.

On the Income side we have kept 2023 Capitation at £14.50 per member, which it has been since 2016. We are also anticipating more normality with a return from Sales Commission and Other Income the latter mainly coming from Fred Olsen cruises. We will also be asking the membership to remove the rule whereby the treasurer can only raise capitation by a meagre amount, in order to give the Treasurer more flexibility in the future.

Our budget is not like a business budget. Capitation and therefore Income in the main is based upon the membership numbers. The figures in the budget for expenditure are the maximum we hope to spend in any one area and we would normally expect the outturn to be lower than the budget figure.

With the above in mind, several areas have been identified where cost savings could potentially be made.





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Talks have already commenced with RTBI about any renewal in 2023 of our current contract some of which we no longer require or are barely using.

With postage costs continually rising some of the membership may now wish to receive the magazine on – line only which could lead to substantial savings.

It would not be fair for the burden to rest just with the membership and therefore it is our intention that at least one of the National Council Meetings each year will be held at a more modest venue and probably more centrally.

This is just a beginning, we have already commenced an Insurance review and in other areas we are looking at achieving savings by working a little bit smarter.

The Association is currently holding more money in Reserves than it needs. We are currently using these Reserves in a modest way to combat inflationary rises and to maintain Capitation at its current level. With more normal times (hopefully) just around the corner, the finance committee will look at our Reserves Policy during the course of the year and revert back to National Council at a later date.

**Kevin Lovett** 

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#### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIASON OFFICER - GLEN LYON

This is my penultimate report to National Council and rather disappointingly, for I think the first time my quarterly report we have only one new club up for affiliation!

Having had a couple more new clubs all ready to sign up - indeed one even had the money in the bank! they have gone a little shy, but hopefully we will be proposed for a few more affiliations at the AGM. So Stalham & District 41 Club are looking to affiliate into our association, Kelly Clarke will be able to give you some background on the club.

This will be a brief report as not much has been happening since my last one, but we have a whole raft of charter nights between now and AGM to get around and I am looking forward to working with whoever our new Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer will be to ensure a seamless transition and many more new clubs joining us.

#### Glen Lyon

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#### NATIONAL COMMUNICATION and IT OFFICER - DON MULLANE





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#### CAS<sub>2</sub>

#### **Ongoing Niggles**

There continue to be niggles with CAS2 (notably the absence of the button to print capitation invoices) but Clubs appear to be getting used to the system now. Hopefully by the time of the National Council Meeting these niggles will have been resolved.

#### eMail Issues

Improvements have been made but do let me and Steve know if you are still having problems.

#### **Maintenance Agreement**

The existing contract expired as at the end of December, but we have a verbal contract with the developer to continue servicing the system pending agreement of a new contract on similar terms on an ongoing basis.

#### **Comms**

#### Magazine

The next magazine will be out prior to Cardiff Conference, and will feature motions and elections etc.

#### **Newsletter**

We are effectively producing a magazine each month as the newsletter.

#### **Social Media**

Facebook and Special Interest Groups are progressing well.

41 Club Connects has stalled somewhat and we are looking to get this going once again especially regarding members' wellbeing as well as pure entertainment events.

See Mark House's separate report as Webmaster covering the website and the events booking system.

#### **Don Mullane**

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#### NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER - PETER MCBRIDE

In addition to liaising with all National Councillors to support them in engaging with the Clubs within their respective Regions, I have chaired informal Councillors' 'night in' Zoom meetings in-between Chairing the formal Councillors' meetings. It has been a difficult quarter for some Councillors who have not been able to visit their Clubs as much as they would've liked primarily due to cautiousness of Members over Covid in attending in-person meetings. Clubs in Scotland, Wales and Ireland have also been under additional restrictions. I have encouraged





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all Councillors to try and get out to all their Clubs - either in person, via Zoom or Eve by phone and email.

The new National Councillors Handbook has been published and shared with all Councillors.

Over the last quarter, there were also some enthusiastic discussions around how best to deal with and plan for future challenges of the Association's finances. Councillors spoke from the heart because they care about the longevity of 41 Club, and it has been encouraging to see the Board accepted and responded to Councillors' concerns. I believe the National Council are stronger because of these open and constructive discussions.

Having assumed the NCLO role on a caretaker' basis until the Cardiff AGM, at our October meeting I supported the proposal that going forward, the NCLO role to represent the Councillors on the Board should be selected from amongst the Councillors themselves, rather than from nominations from other Clubs.

As I have previously stated, I consider the National Councillors to be the essential 'glue' whose role is to engage with their Clubs and be the strong conduit between them and National, so that everything National does, reflects what the Members want.

#### **Peter McBride**

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#### **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER - STEPHEN JAMES**

This is my last AGM report since being elected as your National Fellowship Officer in Belfast in 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role especially making new acquaintances as I visited clubs and attended events. In my first AGM I set myself three main objectives during my tenure, namely:

- 1. To increase our member benefits
- 2. To introduce further National/Regional events and to encourage more people to attend the events
- 3. Ensure that National Conference remains the pinnacle weekend for every 41 Club and Tangent member.

It is pleasing to report that our members benefits/affinity deals have grown year on year and it was a proud moment when the first National members handbook was introduced and distributed to all members in 2019. My thanks go to Mark House, Peter Milburn, Don Mullane and Wynn Parry who worked so hard to make this a reality. In terms of the national events 4 new events have been added to the calendar namely the walking weekend, motorcycle weekend, National Golf final weekend and the cycling weekend although last year's cycling weekend had to be postponed due to a low number of attendees. The events are commented on further in my report. As well as the events we also established more Special Interest groups for our members such as the successful wine club hosted by Kevin Chard and Don Mullane, the walking group established by Andy and Gail Ventress, rugby fans, football fans to name just a few.





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In relation to my third objective, who could have forecast when setting these goals that two years later we would be faced with the Covid-19 pandemic and instead of overseeing conferences I would spend my time negotiating with the various venues regarding cancellation terms and writing to members regarding refunds and carry over of monies. Although on a positive note I was able to work with Tangent to introduce the resolution of both Associations being jointly financially liable for conference.

A golden nugget to come out of last year was the 41 connects programme which was truly a team effort to put these fantastic events with the programme of speakers appealing to many "different tastes" and I would like to personally thank Kelly Clarke, Jim Conway, Mark House, Marcus Jones, Peter McBride, Don Mullane, Roger Spensley, and Kevin Stewart for being part of the remarkable team making these events possible.

All National events offer excellent value for money and fantastic fellowship, and I would encourage all members to attend these great events, they do not happen on their own accord and I am indebted to all the organisers who put in an endless amount of time to ensure all attendees have a great time and the best experience. My thanks go out to everyone who volunteers.

My final report is split down into my areas of responsibility.

#### 2022 National Conference - Cardiff

Arrangements are well underway for this year's conference and AGM. We have a great programme of events and entertainment lined up. The conference welcome party on Thursday is Welsh themed where guests will experience Welsh produce plus Welsh themed entertainers. I'm sure everyone will have a great "welcome from the hillside" and by the end of the night will feel the "spirit in the room". The President's Banquet offers guests to a sumptuous 5 course meal plus tea/coffee showcasing the very best that Welsh produce has to offer. Our final night Roald Dahl themed party will bring many "Willy Wonka's, Fantastic Mr and Mrs Foxes and Matilda's together under one roof. Throughout the three days guests will also have exclusive use of our conference bar "Callaghans" which will stay open into the early hours on each morning.

#### 2023 National Conference – Jersey

Good progress is being made by the conference team with the budget being signed off in the last conference meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. The team are currently working on providing the necessary information to the webmaster in order for the booking site to be populated. The main conference hotel will be the Merton in St Helier with the Friday and Saturday functions being held at the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural society.

#### 2024 National Conference - Liverpool

The formal Liverpool site visit occurred on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and myself and the Tangent Vice President are happy with the proposed venues and accommodation. We have





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also reviewed the provisional budget and whilst some venues are unable to provide exact costings for meals this far in advance, we are satisfied that the conference Treasurer has made satisfactory guestimates. The Liverpool conference team have formally presented to Tangent Executive and will be presenting to National Council at the February meeting.

#### **2025 National Conference**

The 2021 Aviemore team have approached myself and the Tangent Vice President with a view to hosting the 2025 conference in Aviemore and at the time of writing my report Heather and I are currently reviewing the proposed budget and costings.

#### **Booking system**

Thanks to Mark House our honorary webmaster we were able to launch our new events webpage https://41clubevents.co.uk and booking site for all National events in 2021. The booking site has made it easier for members to book and pay for events using a credit card with instant confirmation of their order once payment has been received. For organisers instant notifications are made when bookings and refunds can be made at the touch of the button which given the experiences of the 2020 conference cancellation is a considerable benefit.

#### **Conference survey**

Prior to Christmas and with the help of Mark House the Honorary webmaster we decided to survey our members regarding the price of conference packages as a result of some of the comments that had been posted on the 41 Club members forum Facebook page following the launch of bookings for this year's National Conference. The survey was open to 41 Club and Tangent members and a total of 266 responses were received, 98% from 41 club members and 2% from Tangent members.

To summarise responses, 73% of respondents stated that they had attended a previous conference with 61% having attended both RTBI and 41 Club/Tangent conferences, 6% only attending a 41 Club/Tangent conference and 33% only having attended an RTBI conference.

58% respondents felt that 41 Club/Tangent conference is value for money 58% although it should be noted that a high number of comments were received regarding the price of conference, although when asked what would "respondents be prepared to pay for a full conference package" the answers ranged from £0 to £1,000 per couple.

The table below represents respondent's views on the cost of conference.

	Much too	Too	Just right	Too cheap	Much too
	expensive	expensive			cheap
Thursday	11%	29%	58%	1%	0%
Friday	16%	30%	53%	1%	0%
Saturday	15%	27%	57%	1%	0%

Respondents were asked what they would forego if we were to reduce future conference packages, and the results are as follows:





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- Conference goodie bags 85%
- Transport to venues if the walking distance is under 15 mins 59%
- Limit entertainment to 1 band only 46%
- Wine on table 45%
- Drinks reception 39%
- Lower priced meal 19%

Respondents were also asked if they would support the ability of having an entertainment only package on the Saturday night party with 62% stating that they would.

I believe that there is a case for changing the format of some of the functions and how the budget is comprised in order to ensure that conference becomes affordable and accessible for all and as a result have made a number of recommendations to the National Council meeting in February.

#### **Conference Manual**

In order to help my successor and future conference teams, Tangent colleagues and myself have reviewed the 2012 conference manual and updated the document.

#### **International AGM and Conference 2023**

Preparations for GB&I to host the International AGM and conference when former GB&I President Barry Durman takes over as International President are well underway. The event will take place over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Stratford upon Avon with the Thursday and Saturday night functions being held at the hotel and the British Motor Museum hosting the Friday event. I am lucky to have a very experienced team of volunteers and to date we have held two face to face meetings. The team comprises of the following people:

International VP: Barry Durman

Conference Convenor and Thurs/Sat function: Steve James

AGM Convenor and Pre-Tours: Andy Ventress

Transport & assisting pre-Tours: Keith Jolly

Asst AGM Convenor/Conference Champion: Dave Campbell

Treasurer: David Leach

Secretary: Martin Green

Registration: Kevin Lovett

Fri Eve Function: Terry and Lin Cooper

Tangent Rep: Jill Harris





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Marketing and Comms:

Asst Marketing and Comms:

Airport Shuttle:

Don Mullane

Jim Smith

Graham Smith/Karen Durie

Members of National Fellowship Committee have been co-opted onto committee to assist in various roles and members of Shirley Late Knights and Coleshill will provide support to various roles e.g., Registration etc.

#### **Members Benefits**

Members benefits continue to grow and in 2021, select car leasing (a major UK leasing company) were added to our directory of benefits as were "Travel Counsellors" a company who specialise in tailor made holidays either at home or abroad. There are 22 members benefits in total including Wider Wallet which provides 41 Club members with privileged access to a tempting package of discounts from a range of big-name supermarkets, high-street stores, DIY, motoring, entertainment and family finance.

#### Classic rally

A very successful rally organised by John and Ann Alford took place on 2-4<sup>th</sup> July where 34 cars descended on Shorne in Kent. The route took motorists through the winding Kent countryside with stops at the Friars in Aylesford, St James church in Cooling where Charles Dickens based "great Expectations" and to John and Ann's house where tea and scones were served. Guests were entertained on the Saturday by a Henry V111 character actor who had the "crowd in stitches" with some of his comments.

This year's rally "the three counties tour" is being organised by Market Harborough 41 Club over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. It is pleasing to report that at the time of writing my report places are fully subscribed and the team are now compiling a reserve list for anyone who wishes to book.

#### Cruise

This year's cruise is an 11-night cruise cruising the dramatic coastline of Iceland and the Faroes and will depart from Liverpool on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Bookings are going extremely well with 29, 41 Club and Tangent members already booked in. If anyone is interested booking, please ring 01473 742424 quoting GRP0210 and cruise code S2224.

#### Motorcycle weekend

The 2021 weekend was postponed, and this year's event organised by Tim Gilbert and Chris Barney will occur in King's Lynn over the weekend of 15-17<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

#### **Caravan and Camping Rally**





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A very successful rally was held over the weekend of 10-12<sup>th</sup> September at Hardwicke Parks Oxfordshire with 56 people attending on the Friday and 62 on the Saturday. The Friday started with a drinks reception and nibbles followed by a takeaway meal from the club house. On Saturday attendees were treated to a 2-course meal prepared by Martin and Maria Green, Terry and Lin Copper and Richard and Anne Dyson. Richard was given the nickname of the "chicken chopper" and I'm sure he will explain to anyone who asks him. The evening entertainment was from Mr Muddle who decided to try and chop the arm off the President. It was great to see so many "rally virgins" and I sincerely hope that they continue attending and bring more people along to future rallies.

The 2022 rally organised by Richard and Anne Dyson will be held at Shamba holiday park in Ringwood over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The 2023 rally organised by Mark Hinchliffe will be held at Trewince Farm holiday Park, St Issey Padstow over the last weekend of September.

#### Cycling weekend

Unfortunately, last year's cycling weekend had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers and at the time of writing this report a date for 2022 has not been set.

#### Walking weekend

The inaugural event took place on 24-26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 where 43, 41 Club and Tangent members travelled from all parts of the GB&I to descend on the tiny village of Lamphey in South Pembrokeshire. A number of people arrived on the Thursday and visited Tenby for an evening stroll and meal and on Friday a tour was arranged to St David's the UK's smallest city with a short walk around the North Pembrokeshire coast path. Saturday was the main day for walking along the South Pembrokeshire coast path where walkers could opt to do a 4-, 8- or 13-mile walk. On Sunday a shorter 5-mile walk occurred through Bosherston lily ponds and along the coast path to St Govan' chapel.

This year's event organised by Wynn Parry will take place in Shipley, Yorkshire over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July with the base for the weekend being the historic Oakwood Hall hotel in Bingley. Similar to the inaugural walking weekend a number of walks have been mapped out to suit all levels of ability ranging from 4 to 12 miles.

#### **NSSW**

One of the events dearest to my heart is the National Social and Sporting weekend having instigated the event. This event epitomises sporting weekends from our Round Table days and offers an excellent weekend of fun and fellowship with the odd competitive event thrown in. It is a must event for all those 41ers who enjoyed Table NSW but note our additional "S" depicts the key word socialising so participating in activities is not mandatory. This year's event returns to Okehampton where it all began with 81 41ers will compete to become the 2022 NSSW champion and 2022 NSSW golf champion. In 2023 NSSW will be held "north of the border" in





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Scotland – Stranraer to be precise on the weekend of  $13^{th}$ -  $15^{th}$  October 2023 under the leadership of Kevin Stewart and Colin McKenzie.

#### **National Golfing event**

We decided to change the format of the previous national Golf finals and turn it into a 2-day event with an overnight stay. Last year the event was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October at Breadsall Priory, Derby with 36 golfers representing nine 41 Clubs entering the competition. The winning team trophy went to St Neots 41 Club with the overall winner being Richard Thomas also from St Neots.

This year's event will take place at Staverton Park hotel and Golf Club, Northamptonshire on  $2^{nd}$  -  $3^{rd}$  October 2022. My thanks to fellow Board member Peter McBride who agreed to run last years and this year's event.

#### **RTBI** member Initiative

As part of the forward planning ideas discussed in the National Council meeting in Cobham, the Fellowship committee are introducing a "Bingo" style event for a Tabler aged between 40-45 to attend the AGM and Saturday night fancy dress party with 1 night's hotel stay. I am hoping that this initiative will be in place for this year's AGM.

#### **National Council meetings**

I am responsible for arranging the National Council weekends and I would encourage every member to attend if we are meeting in your Region. They represent an ideal opportunity to ask any questions or concerns that you may have. Due to Covid we only met on 2 occasions during 2021, Cobham in Surrey and Nottingham at the Big weekend. The 2022 meetings are being held as follows:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Marchesi House, Birmingham commencing 11am
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October Ramada Encore Leicester commencing 11am
- The February 2023 venue has yet to be decided

I would like to take this opportunity to wish my successor all the very best for the future.

#### **Steve James**

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#### **ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER - ANDY VENTRESS**

Since my last report in October, I have been able to travel and represent GB&I at 3 events.

In October I visited the Belgium AGM in Brussels. This was a very enjoyable weekend, after travelling on Eurostar from St Pancras to Brussels Midi on Wednesday Gail and I were able to visit the Atomium and enjoy the centre of Brussels before joining Luc Trigaux and Simon Medley for an evening meal in the centre. On Friday we again enjoyed the sights of Brussels





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and in the late afternoon joined many others arriving at the conference hotel. The Welcome Party that evening was at a restaurant on the Grand Place. On Saturday all the visitors were able to enjoy a coach trip around Brussels with Luc before arriving at the AGM in the afternoon, unfortunately due to traffic later than planned, to take our greetings to the AGM. In the evening we had a great banner exchange and Gala dinner in the old theatre at the hotel.

The following weekend I was able to attend the International HYM in Verona, this had been changed from Brasov, Romania due to COVID regulations. We flew out to Verona on Thursday arriving late afternoon, after the taxi journey to our hotel I managed to leave our passports in the taxi. Fortunately, I noticed as soon as we were in the hotel and the receptionist was able to contact the taxi company and our passports were returned later that evening. The welcome party on Thursday evening was at the castle and we were able to begin to enjoy the weekend and meet the others from GB&I as well as many friends from other countries. On Friday International President, Lucca Colombo gave a large group of the guests a guided tour around Verona. This finished in time to allow us to have an enjoyable lunch and then prepare for the evening's activities. The evening started by seeing a private adapted performance of Romeo and Juliet given by street performers in a theatre and they were helped by members of the audience including a starring role for myself. I thought I had no acting ability and still do!!! After the performance and a short walk, we had a meal in the City Hall. The meeting on Saturday was held in the City Hall, unfortunately there was no business other than agreeing the accounts and budget. This did leave time for a YAP report and presentations by all countries present in person or on Zoom. There were also presentations given by the upcoming HYM in Odense Denmark (2022) and Paphos, Cyprus (2023) and AGM in Bergen, Norway (2022) and Stratford Upon Avon, GB&I (2023). South Africa made a bid for the HYM in 2024 and this was agreed. The evening saw us return to the City Hall for the banner exchange and Gala Dinner.

In early November I attended the Maltese AGM. We flew to Malta on the Wednesday and were greeted by Alex Abela at the airport and taken to the hotel in St Julians. After enjoying the sun in the afternoon, we had a light evening meal in the hotel and then a wander around St Julians. On Thursday we again enjoyed the sun and then the house party at Alex and Yvette's along with other international visitors and some Tables & circlers from Bushey & Oxhey. Friday, we had an escorted trip around Valetta and also visited the newly acquired club house of Round Table. This was a 3 clubs 1 AGM weekend. In the evening we joined all delegates at the Welcome Party. On Saturday I attended the AGM and extended our greetings to the members, which was followed by the banner exchange. In the evening we attended the Gala Dinner in the centre of the island.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions meant that I was unable to make planned visits to Switzerland in November and Israel in early December.

I have continued to meet on Zoom with other present and past IROs on most Friday evenings.

The International committee met on 10th January. This meeting focused on the results of the questionnaire that was answered by 137 clubs. We have analyzed the answers and are





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starting to make progress on some of the suggestions. We are looking into have a space on CAS for clubs to put an IRO if they wish.

Locally I have attended meetings of my own clubs. On a personal note, I have volunteered at a local Vaccination Centre on many occasions and worn 41 Club branded clothing to publicise the association.

#### **Andy Ventress**

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Region: 1 - Scotland North	NC Name: Colin McKenzie	Date: 20/01/2022
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#### Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and f	eedback for other
			Positive aspects	Learning points
21-09- 21	Turriff 41 Club (In Person)	Talk - Deveron FM - Local Radio	Great bunch of guys, very welcoming. First meeting since lockdown	Following their first meeting for some time, they were planning several future meetings and activities.
01-10- 21 to 03-10- 21	National Event (In Person)	National Council Meeting & 41 Club 75 Event	Great to meet up with Council and Board members	Face to face meetings is better than zoom!
06-10- 21	41 Club Connects (Zoom)	Chris & Piglet	Good turnout	
20-10- 21	41 Club Connects (Zoom)	Africa is in my blood	Good turnout	
06-11- 21	Banchory & District RT (In Person)	Annual Bonfire	Great to see and help the local Table. Spoke to several Members about joining 41 early.	Engaging with older tablers and encouraging them to join 41 Club pays dividends.
08-11- 21	Dundee 41 Club (In Person)	Talk – History of the Stewart	Very well organized and attended	Interesting to hear they were still in



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		Kings of Scotland	meeting. Made to feel very welcome. Great bunch of chaps. They have been keeping going through Covid by holding monthly zoom meetings.	contact with some other local Clubs, and their feeder Table.
12-11- 21	Royal Deeside 41 Club (In Person)	Annual Charter Dinner	Great turnout - 2 new Members joined us. One from table and a returning Member.	Keep up contact with ex tablers, they may not join 41 Club straight away, but may gravitate back when they can.
17-11- 21	41 Club Connects (Zoom)	Gardening Special	Unfortunately, poor turnout	We need to provide better advertising of Connects events
18-11- 21	Ellon 41 Club (In Person)	Quiz	Great bunch of guys, very welcoming. First meeting since lockdown	Still in close contact with their feeder table.
24-11- 21	41 Club Connects (Zoom)	Ask the Board	Poor turnout	We need to provide better advertising of Connects events
27-11- 21	Region 2 – Alloa (In Person)	4 Club Charter night	Met Members from 4 newly chartered Scottish Clubs. Great to see the enthusiasm. Airdrie & Coatbridge Cumnock Dunfermline Peebles	Gave an open invitation to all new R2 Members to visit R1 Clubs whenever up in the area.
03-12- 21	Royal Deeside 41 Club	Burger making competition	Great Turn out. Well organized	Make sure your house insurance is up to date prior to anyone setting fire to piñata in your conservatory!!



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04-12-	Banchory & District	Xmas Tree	Assisted local table	Keep up contact
21	RT	Sales &	with Xmas Tree	with table.
		Deliveries	deliveries	

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
05-10- 21	Connects	Connects Meeting		
11-08- 21	Connects	Cliff Crown Connects		
09-01- 22	National Council	Zoom Team Meeting		
10-01- 22	International	Zoom Team Meeting		

#### **Regional Events attended**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
27-11- 21	Region 2 – Alloa	4 Club Charter night	Met members from 4 newly chartered Scottish Clubs. Great to see the enthusiasm. Airdrie & Coatbridge Cumnock Dunfermline Peebles	Gave an open invitation to all new R2 Members to visit R1 Clubs whenever up in the area.

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
04-Feb	National	NSSW & Council meeting
Feb	Inverurie 41 Club	Physical Meeting- TBC
Feb	Westhill	Physical Meeting- TBC





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Mar	TBC Local Clubs	
18 Mar	Stornoway	25th Charter (Now cancelled 1)
01-Apr	National	National Conference & Council Meeting
Apr	TBC Local Clubs	

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Looking to meet up with Round Table Regional Reps for Regions 1 & 2 to discuss Members ageing out and ways in which 41 Club can help tables.

#### **Colin McKenzie**

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Region 2 - Scotland South	NC Name: Kevin Date: 26/01/22
	Stewart

#### Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Event	Best Practice and feedback for other NCs	
				Positive aspects	Learning points
Oct	Livingston	Club meeting			
Oct	Cumnock	Club meeting			
Nov	Stranraer	NSSW prep	23		
Nov	Edinburgh	Club meeting			
Jan	Callander	Club meeting			

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points





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Nov	Fellowship	e.g.	
Jan	International		

#### **Regional Events attended**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
Oct	SGM National	SGM		
Nov	Peebles / Dunfermline, Cumnock, Airdrie, Alloa	4 Club charter event		

#### **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Article on joint charter night in November

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
Feb	Livingston	Club meeting
Feb	North Berwick	Club meeting
Mar	Airdrie	Club meeting
Mar	Peebles	Club Meeting
April	National AGM	

#### Additional Notes/Comments:

The younger Clubs have been meeting, the older aged Clubs have not. NSSW 2023 confirmed for 13 -15<sup>th</sup> October at North Castle Hotel, Stranraer

Replacement for myself in place, Bill Freeman from Dunfermline 41 Club

#### **Kevin Stewart**

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Region: 3 - Ireland	Aidan Coyne	Date: 27/01/2022
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#### Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom

No In Person Events under current Covid Restrictions in Ireland Late November until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.





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Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and feedback for ot NCs	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
30/10	Dublin & District with Dublin Round Table 203	Lunch to honour Cormac Clancy	First in person meeting on c. 21 months.	
1- 3/10	National	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Nottingham	All good. Great to meet National Council in person.	
3/11	Dublin 41 Club	Leinster vs Connaught Rugby	Getting back to what we used to do.	
12/1	Armagh 41 Club	Zoom		

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
2/10	National Council	Regular Meeting		
9/01	National Council	Zoom Meeting		

#### **Regional Events attended**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
20/10	41 Club Connects	Ruth Curry		
17/11	41 Club Connects	Gardening Special		Better Publicity
24/11	41 Club Connects	Meet the Board		Better Publicity

#### **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

In Remembrance of Cormac Clancy for December Newsletter

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**





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Date	Region/Clubs	Event
March 2022	Dublin 203 Round Table & Dublin 41 Club, Arklow Round Table	Social Meeting - Confirmed
April	Dublin 41	AGM
March	Armagh Round Table	70 <sup>th</sup> Charter
Feb	Various	Six Nations, awaiting ticket allocations

#### **Aidan Coyne**

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Region: 4 - North East	NC Name: Peter Milburn	Date: 01/01/2022
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#### **Clubs Visited**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News
	Due to personal and family health issues, including contracting Covid I have found it difficult to attend many club events in this quarter other than visits to Saltburn, and my own club Guisborough			

#### **Zoom Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News
	Area 20 Round Table Committee	Joint Planning Meeting	8	Determine 41 Club areas to target to start new Round table Clubs and areas where no 41 Club oresence to try and start a new 41 Club ie DURHAM CITY





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#### **Zoom Committee Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Topic - Progress</u>	<u>Topic – next steps</u>
	Informal? Social councilors meetings	Planning, discussion and social	

#### **Regional Events attended**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?
	WAG		

#### **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

n/a	
Additional Activities You Have Supported	

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

All clubs attempted to contact, spoken to nearly all directly, focusing on restarting, use of 41 Club Zoom where necessary, and articles for the magazine including interest groups and any ideas for new groups

All secretaries asked to check their CAS 2 details for correct club information as ongoing issue.

There seems to have been a huge variety of activity during the lockdowns ranging from those clubs who have resumed as normal, some with full complement others reduced numbers due to understandable covid concerns. Others have opted for a change in venue or time to meet





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and some are meeting less frequently or just online. A couple of clubs are reviewing their club ethos as many of their more elderly members whilst still staying on, are not attending meetings.

I have offered to give support advice and practical assistance wherever possible to enable clubs to restart, using hybrid meetings if necessary

A brief summary of each of the Clubs in the region, who responded is below

Coquetdale: Meeting face to face, slightly reduced numbers, attempting to help out their Table to get back active again

Guisborough: Meeting face to face in new venue, at almost normal attendance

Hartlepool: Meeting again as normal having lost one member

Heaton: Despite a couple of resignations are meeting face to face at similar attendance

Hexham: Face to face again, meeting for Burns Night, and regular meetings, no adverse effect on numbers

Houghton Le Spring: meeting face to face, slightly less numbers due to covid related absences and sad losses, attempting a revamp of program etc

Party Tyne: despite the sad loss of their Secretary Eric Peacock, they are still meeting (only 4 times a year) and have had a trip away, but not attending conference as a group

Ponteland: meeting face to face at adjusted time for increased safety with reduced numbers attending but not loss of members. Assisting with Area 20 Table activity to restart tables and completed their annual wheelbarrow race to raise £3k

Saltburn: meeting regularly with a few omissions who will start attending when outdoor activities begin in spring

Stanley: had a mixture of meetings, some face to face, some Zoom, had AGM: 50/50 on members attending face to face

Stockton: being very careful due to health and age related covid concerns; resuming meetings in February

Washington: meeting as usual

Whickham: face to face meeting; some effect on numbers

Yarm: as yet not held AGM., having irregular meetings with about half members, making future decisions at AGM in April.

Still awaiting detail from Wensleydale, Redcar, Northallerton, Darlington. Cramlington and Ashington.

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

As my time as a Councillor is due to end shortly, I am planning to visit all Clubs who are holding meetings in February 2022 to thank them for their support and arrange further visits for march and April to introduce any possible new incumbent to the position.





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I have also indicated to the NCLO that I would be happy to continue until a replacement is found

#### **Peter Milburn**

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Region: 5 - North West	NC Name: Roger Spensley	Date: 23/01/2022
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#### Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and feedback for other NCs
			Positive aspects Learning points
20/09/2021	Leyland 41 Club	Visit to Spitfire	
		Centre a	i
01/12/21	Clitheroe Xmas Meal	Social	15 Members present
03/12/21	Ribble and Lune Active	Social	18 people present
23/11/21	Kirkham and Rural Fylde Xmas Meal	Social	23 Members present
16/12/21	Rossendale Xmas Meal	Social	12 Members present
04/01/22	Clitheroe	Social	16 Members present
03/11/21	Ribble and Lune Active Quiz	Zoom	7 Members present
21-23/1/22	Clitheroe RT Walking Weekend	Social	10 Members present

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best P	ractice
			Positive aspects	Learning points
02/10/2021	SGM - Nottingham	meeting		
17/12/2021	Liverpool Conference Bid	Bid visit Tangent and 41 Club	Went well, good social	





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			weekend as well.	
12/01/2022	Tangent Exec Conference 2024 Presentation	Conference presentation for Liverpool	Event passed by Tangent.	
13/01/2022	Admin Committee meeting	Admin committee	Discussing resolutions for AGM	

#### **Roger Spensley**

region5@41club.org

Region: 6 - Yorkshire NC Name: Wynn Parry	Date: 10/01/2022
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#### **Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and other NCs	I feedback for
			Positive aspects	Learning points
26/10/2021	Wetherby Wharfedale	Charter Dinner	Great evening with good food and joke telling as the entertainment	
11/11/2021	Nidderdale	Snooker Night	Great Fun. I managed to pot a few balls	
01/12/2021	Beverley	Christmas Dinner	Lovely meal and lively discussion on the current state of 41 Club and it's future	
02/12/2021	Elland	Christmas Dinner	Lovely meal and great fellowship, accompanied by our Vice-President Jim	

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best P	ractice
			Positive	Learning points
			aspects	





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41 Club Buddies		
41 Club Wellbeing		
Fellowship Committee	)	
Comms & IT Committ	ee	

#### **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Production of the National Monthly Newsletter
Production of the National Quarterly Magazine
Production of the Quarterly Region 6 Newsletter
Provided articles for all the above publications

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
02/03/2021	Beverley 41 Club	
16/03/2021	Huddersfield Pendragon	
	41 Club	
17 -	Isle of Man	
20/03/2021	Isle of Man Prospect	
	White Knights Dinner	
31/03/2021	Cardiff	National Conference & AGM

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Many visits have been cancelled due to Members of Clubs either having COVID or being nervous about COVID.

I had to cancel a couple of visits due to either myself or my wife having false positive lateral flow tests, I hope to be able to re-arrange these visits a.s.a.p.

#### **Wynn Parry**

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ion: 7 - Greater Manchester NC Name: VACANT Date: 0	I/01/2022
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No report submitted

#### **VACANT**

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Region: 8 - Lancs & Manx	NC	Name:	John	Date: 18/01/2022
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#### Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event		Best Practice and feed other NCs		d feedback f	for
				Positive	aspects	Learning points	
20/09/2021	Leyland 41 Club	Spitfire	o: at				
16/11/21	Widnes	Speaker Meeting		11 present	Members		
23/11/21	Huyton	Meeting		10 present	Members		
17/11/21	Rainford	Speaker Meeting		23 present	Members		
15/12/21	PACAPS	ZOOM		9 present	Members		
03/11/21	Woolton	Meeting		6 present	Members		
03/12/21	Ribble and Lune Active	Social		18 peopl	le present		

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Pr	actice
			Positive aspects	Learning points
02/10/2021	SGM - Nottingham	meeting		
17/12/2021	Liverpool Conference Bid	Bid visit Tangent and 41 Club	Positive feedback	
12/01/2022	Tangent Exec Conference 2024 Presentation		Q and A session positive feedback from Tangent Exec as they have 50% ownership of Conference	





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13/01/2022	Admin	Committee	Admin committee	Looking at	
	meeting			resolutions for	
				AGM	

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
04/02/2022	NCM	
04/02/2022	Sporting Weekend	
19/02/2022	Region 8 lunch	Meeting 11 Clubs represented so far at the event
17/03/2022	Isle of Man	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
18/03/2022	Isle of Man Prospect 41 Club Lunch	Isle of Man
31/03/2022	National Conference	

#### Additional Notes/Comments:

The Clubs within Region are beginning to meet face to face and engage again after Covid. They are supportive of the inaugural regional lunch that I am organizing in February and the event is supported by National President Peter, National Membership Officer Glen and Regional Councillors from the Northwest, Roger Spensley Region 5, Rory Tompsett Region 12 and Steve Tasker Region 11

During my visits I have been made very welcome and given time to update the Clubs and answer any questions

The Region is behind the bid for Liverpool Conference 2024

#### John Kilshaw

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Region: 9 - Lincolnshire NC Name: Peter Walk	ker Date: 01/01/2022
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Sorry this report is not on the prescribed form, but it really isn't suitable for what I must report.

At the Council meeting in Nottingham, it was announced that Boston 41 Club wanted to close. I have held a meeting with them, and the outcome is that they are not closing, we have sorted out a programme for the rest of this year and there are people ready to stand for election to office for next year, so the future looks as rosy as it can get.

Unfortunately, the rest of my report is not as positive. We still have a lot of Clubs who are only meeting on an ad hoc basis and when they do, the majority are poorly attended with people meeting for a couple of beers and maybe something to eat. What many want out of 41 Club is





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a chance to regularly meet up with their friends, have a bit of a chin wag and then it's 'see you next month'. I have to say that if that is what they want out of the Club, the answer to what National does for them is very difficult to answer. I get the impression that several Clubs pay their capitation so that they can call themselves a 41 Club, it is nothing to do with anything going on outside their town as it simply doesn't interest them.

The problem that this region is experiencing goes back several years. After my predecessor came off Council, we spent several years without representation, during which time the Clubs managed perfectly well doing their own thing. Having managed in this way, they now appear to be continuing in the same vein, i.e., not wanting or needing National input into their month-to-month activities. I can easily see that several Clubs will be discussing whether they wish to remain in the Association at their AGMs in a few months and I fear that many will decide to disaffiliate.

41 Club is not appealing to people leaving Table. This appears to be due to the age gaps that exist and the fact that some 45-year-olds have very little in common with somebody in their 70s or 80s. The idea of continued friendship doesn't apply as the 45-year-old doesn't know the 75-year-old in the first place so there is no friendship to continue. I know the answer has been for the younger element to start another Club, but the problem is that there are insufficient numbers leaving Table (due to the decline in their own membership) to start a new Club and the effort involved is too much when they can probably find what they are looking for somewhere else (Lions or Masons for example) which is already established.

I have several Members questioning every aspect of National at the moment. They see very little of interest in the newsletters - as one person put it to me earlier today, the President and VP have been out and about having a jolly time but how does that benefit me? If I'm not interested in camping or caravanning, I don't play golf, don't drink whisky, not interested in going on a cruise, going on a car or motorbike rally and don't do walking, there is nothing of interest in the newsletter - it gets a quick scan and binned. Even during lockdown, very few Members from this region dialled into the Connects meetings - again they didn't spark their interest.

I have to say, having been brow beaten over this for several months, I am becoming very disillusioned myself. Only time will tell if my prediction of disaffiliation will materialise but don't be surprised if it does.

#### **Peter Walker**

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Region:	10	-	East	NC Name: John Manley	Date: 18/01/2022
Midlands					

Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom





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Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and fe	eedback for other
			Positive aspects	Learning points
02/10	SGM & Council meeting	Business Meeting	Good to get a national meeting happening with good participation	Would be good to get more remote participation
25/10	Swadlincote 41 Club	Speaker meeting	18 Club Members. A Club with a wide range of ages, benefitting from a feeder Club	
18/11	Long Eaton 41 Club	Speaker evening	17 Members in attendance. Unfortunately, a gap has formed between Table and 41 Club	
25/11	Long Eaton 41 wine tasting	Speaker evening	Great fun night with a wine tasting speaker – Note to self, try not to be driving!!	
6/12	Ashby 41 club	Christmas bash	Great event	

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Shared Best Pr	actice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
Numerous	Area 14	Revitalizing the feeder table for Derby Merlin 41 Club	Area 14 is looking to energise 3 struggling Tables within the area. Actively involved with the efforts to get Derby Merlin back on its feet from one Member. Already up to three with three more in	





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			the wings to join plus a pipeline of other interested young men	
Various	Treasury	Zoom Meetings	Ended with a budget being submitted to Board.	
			Actions to be followed up across treasury and admin committees.	

#### **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Newsletters across the quarter, covering various topics such as NSSW, updating of CAS, etc.

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
28/10	Loughborough 3G	TBC

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

2 Clubs are disaffiliating with another having discussion internally as to their future. I am keeping close to those that want to continue

#### John Manley

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Region: 11 - Cheshire & NW Midlands	NC	Name:	Steve	Date: 27/12/2021
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#### Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom





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Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and feedback other NCs		
			Positive aspects	Learning points	
			e.g. I prepared for the meeting and was made very welcome; positive feedback about National	e.g. They didn't seem aware of the 'Connects' Zoom events	
19/10/2021	Ellesmere Port	Meeting			
21/10/2021	Newport 41 Club	Speaker Night former Welsh Guardsman			
26/10/2021	Runcorn & District 41	Speaker Night Milestones in forensic science			
28/10/2021	Northwich 41	Meeting			
16/11/2021	Ellesmere Port	Meeting			
25/11/2021	Market Drayton 41 Club	Meeting			
14/12/2021	Ellesmere Port	Christmas Dinner			
15/12/2021	Stafford	Christmas Dinner			
16/12/2021	Northwich 41 Club	Christmas Dinner			
10/01/2022	Tarporley	Skittles night			
19/01/2022	Alsager 41 Club	Founders Night			
20/01/2022	Ellesmere	Speaker Night			
27/01/2022	Northwich 41 Club	Burns Supper			

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice
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			Positive aspects	Learning points
1st3rd/10/21	National Meeting	Special AGM		
14/10/2021	Tangent System	Walkthrough with Carl		
22/11/2021		Carl CAS Meeting		
21/12/2021		Carl CAS Meeting		
09/01/2022	Councilors Night in	Zoom meeting		
13/01/2022		Carl CAS Meeting		
28/01/2022		Carl CAS Meeting		

#### **Regional Events attended**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best P	ractice
			Positive aspects	Learning points
29/10/2021	Heswall RT	Charter Night		
31/10/2021	Heswall RT & 41	Fireworks Night		
19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 October 21	Heswall RT and 41 Club	MTB Weekend		
27/11/2021	Heswall RT & 41	Santa Wagon Build & Collect trees		
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Chester RT	Christmas Tree Delivery		
7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> December 21	Heswall RT & 41 Club	Santa Wagon		
12/12/2021	Heswall 41 Club	41 Club Santa Wagon		
13/12/2021	Heswall 41	Christmas Dinner		
24/01/2022	Heswall 41	Burns Supper		

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
16/02/2022	Middlewich 41	Meeting
18/02/2022	Puffin Island RT	AGM
15/02/2022	Ellesmere Port	Meeting
19/02/2022	Region 8 Lunch	





22/02/2022	Runcorn	Speaker night
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#### **Steve Tasker**

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Region: 12 - North Wales & Wirral	NC	Name:	Rory	Date: 26/01/2021
	Tom	psett		

#### Clubs Visited – In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Prac feedback for	ctice and other NCs
			Positive aspects	Learning points
30/09/2021	Alyn & Deeside XRT 41 Club	Business Meeting		
18/10/2021	Chester Grosvenor RT	Tactical Gun Range	Cultivating Friendships / Supporting Leadership Team/ Encouraging New Members	
28/10/2021	Chester Grosvenor RT	Halloween Quiz Night	Cultivating Friendships / Supporting Leadership Team/ Encouraging New Members	
19/11/2021	Heswall XRT 41 Club & RT	Biking Weekend	Support and encouraging leaving Tablers to transition to 41 Club	
25/11/2021	Chester RT	Santa Float & Chester	Towing the Santa Float and supporting	



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		City Lights Parade	the Club with new Members	
27 <sup>th</sup> November & Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Mold RT	Static Santa Float		
30/11/2021	Alyn & Deeside XRT & RT	Santa Float	Supporting RT Santa Float	
8/12/2021	Heswall XRT 41 Club & RT	Santa Float	Supporting RT Santa Float	
11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/20 December 2021	Chester RT	Santa Float	Santa Float - Towing the Float	Cultivating Friendships / Supporting Leadership Team/ Encouraging new Members
21/22 December	Alyn & Deeside XRT & RT	Santa Float	Supporting RT Santa Float	
5/01/2022	Deeside 41 Club	Zoom Meeting		
10/01/2022	Chester RT	Business Meeting		
24/01/2022	Heswall XRT 41 Club	Burns Night4th		

#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
13/10/2021	National Membership Team	Zoom Meeting		

#### **Regional Events attended**

Date Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice
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			Positive aspects	Learning points
1/10/2021	National Councilors Meeting	Pre SGM		
2/10/2021	National Council Meeting	SGM & The Big Weekend		
10/10/2022	Charity Expedition to Everest Base Camp- Dementia UK & Frank Bruno's Mental Health Foundation	Everest Base Camp Zoom		
25/10/2021	Region 7 (RT) & Region 12 (41 Club) Meeting	Zoom Meeting	Sharing Knowledge/Experience between Clubs	
12/11/2021	41 Club National Councillors Night in - Zoom	Zoom Meeting		
17/11/2021	41 Club Connects Presentation - RHS Tatton Flower Show 2021 with National President Peter Good	Zoom Meeting		
9/01/2022	41 Club National Councillors Night in - Zoom	Zoom Meeting	Real Insight to 41 Club Finances and Forecast	
13/01/2022	Charity Expedition to Everest Base Camp- Dementia UK & Frank Bruno's Mental Health Foundation	Everest Base Camp Zoom		

## **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Reg	ion/Clul	bs	Event
4/01/2022	41	Club	Councillors	41 Club National Sporting & Social Weekend
	Mee	ting		





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18/02/2022	Puffin Island Annual Dinner	Past Area 36 Chairman & Presidents with RTBI Paul Thompson & 41 Club National President Peter Good
19/02/2022	Liverpool 8 PACPAPs	Past Area 8 Chairman & Presidents with 41 Club National President Peter Good
25/01/2022	Alyn & Deeside XRT 41 Club - Charter Night	with 41 Club National President Peter Good
3/03/2022	Presidents Ball - A Knight Knees Up	
29/03/2022	Heswall XRT 41 Club & RT Ladies Night	
6/05/2022	RTBI National Conference	

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Planning on reaching out to Clubs I have not had the opportunity to meet in person in the next 3 months.

Some Clubs are having hybrid meetings of Zoom and Physical – as restrictions lift hopefully more face to face.

With the reduction of 41 Club meetings, I have thrown myself into mixing with many of the Round Table Clubs in my Region, connecting with Table Leavers and the next generation of 41 Club Members!

#### **Rory Tompsett**

region12@41club.org

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- 1. I have been in touch again with all Clubs that still owed capitation for 2021 and I will continue to press those who have not yet paid.
- 2. I have attended a wine tasting with Llantwit Major 41 Club.
- 3. I have attended a Cambria meeting.
- 4. I am on the distribution list for several Clubs and can keep up to date with them.





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- 5. The rules currently in Wales means no Clubs seems to be meeting although I have been in touch with all of them and said when they are up and running to invite me along although when the rules change, I will be in touch again as I know when they all meet and will just look to invite myself along.
- 6. My focus, however, has been conference 2022 which is coming on at a pace. Bookings are steadily coming in and I have noticed that with the more positive news very recently regarding Covid there has been a bit of an upsurge. It will be a great weekend.
- 7. I have kept in regular contact with John Bell and he is looking to step back into the Councillors role come the AGM in Cardiff.

## **Duncan Kennedy (Caretaker)**

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Region: 14 - West Midlands	NC Name: Richard	Date: 26/01/2021
	Holland	

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
1.2.22	Birmingham JQ 41 Club	Chinese New Year joint with Birmingham JQ Round Table
23.2.22	Aldridge 41 Club	Club meeting @ Druids Heath Golf Club Aldridge
24.2.22	Penkridge 41 Club	Greyhound Racing at Wolverhampton

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

#### <u>Updates</u>

ABC 41 Club - has a new Chairman (Stuart Drake) – I am awaiting a copy of their calendar, but they are now meeting in person again, which is great news

Aldridge 41 Club – are now meeting in person again on the last.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis 41 Clubs – have now joined forces and are meeting again in person but in 'ropey' pubs so numbers are not good, apparently.

I have emailed every Club in the region to ask for details of their upcoming calendars and asking if there is anything we can do for them and am working on contacting them by telephone.





# Richard Holland region14@41club.org

Region: 15 - Heart of England	NC Name: Neal Lowe	Date: 31/01/2022
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# **Clubs Visited**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Northampton 41 Club	Snooker Club	10	None
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Wellingborough 41 Club Charter Night	Meal and Speaker	35	None
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Nuneaton Round Table	Charity Bonfire and Fireworks	20	Raised over £30000 for local charities
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Nuneaton 41 Club	Meal and Speaker	18	None

# **Zoom Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	41 Club Meet the Board	41 Club Meet the Board	N/A	See additional notes

# **Zoom Committee Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u> Topic - Progress</u>	Topic – next steps
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Various	Various	Various	Various

## **Regional Events attended**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?

Newsletter/Magazine	Articles

## **Additional Activities You Have Supported**

Carried out insurance review in conjunction with David Chard to ensure that the cover is correct and relevant for the next twelve months

## **Diary For Next Three Months**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Clubs	Event/Visit
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Market Harborough	Safari Supper
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Nuneaton 41 Club	Xmas Meeting

## **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Following the Meet the Board evening I have held various meetings with one of the members in relation to our insurance cover that is arranged on behalf of the Association. This involved an update on the cover provided and an explanation of the reason that cover was in place.

In addition to the events noted above I have assisted Nuneaton Round Table with their Santa Sleigh collection which was ran over 14 days in December.





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I am part of the organising committee for Hi-Tiddle which is being hosted by Nuneaton Round Table on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Chesterfield and I am dealing with the hotel in respect of all of the accommodation.

I have also helped resolve some issues in my Region and helped with finding an alternative club for one of our members.

#### **Neal Lowe**

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Region: 16 - Mid Anglia	NC Name: Paul Simmons	Date: 01/01/2022
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No report submitted. National Councillor on sick leave, undergoing major operation.

#### **Paul Simmons**

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Region: 17 - East Anglia	NC	Name:	Kelly	Date: 20/01/2022
	Clarl	ke		

## **Clubs Visited Personally**

Date	Club	Event/Visit	Members attending	Notes
18/11/21	North Walsham	Club	9	My own club struggling
30/11/21	Stalham	New Club	10	Went along and signed up a new Club that has been at least 4 years in the making to make sure it will work, as they also helped restore their feeder table to good numbers before





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				committing to join 41
1/12/21	North Walsham		9	I am working with this group who want to form another Club I am listening and being the go between.
3/12/21	North Walsham	Own club	20	Christmas dinner with ladies
10/12/21	North Walsham RT	Table visit	22	Christmas dinner, witnessed my son being inducted and please to see the Club is growing in numbers again.
17/12/21	Aylsham RT	Table visit	16	Christmas dinner. Another table that is growing in numbers.

Due to personal illness, I have avoided visiting Clubs as I did not wish to spread the infection, I have had since coming home from NSSW. I am fit and healthy again but only to be told to stay at home, am in contact with Clubs on the phone and email.

#### Program for next three months

	Regional	National	International
Visits		NSSW and AGM	

I have also attended various zoom meetings and 2 International Conference meetings in Stratford.

I am currently in talks and lots of calls and emails with a group who wish to form another Club in my home town there are objections from some of my Club but we are working through it and are coming up with ideas, a date for it all to be sorted has been set so I can report at the NSSW council meeting it will either be a mass induction of new Members (20) or a new Club formed.

There is still a great deal of apathy in my region, with Clubs not meeting or just a few Members meeting for a drink/meal, and events being cancelled big ones at that.





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I have sent out an email to all Chairmen this week to get 2 responses one with an invite to an AGM.

**Kelly Clarke** 

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Region: 18 - Essex & North East London	NC	Name:	Jason	Date: 21/01/2022
	Tho	mson - J1	<u></u>	

# Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and fe	eedback for other
			Positive aspects	Learning points
Oct 21	Saffron Walden RT/41	SWRT honorees night	41 Club Member's ran evening for tablers	Full enjoyment with Essex fire service and I still have the knowledge lol
	Saffron Walden 41	Meal	Good turnout with pandemic	Members well
	Rotary Evening	Speaker event	I was the speaker and presented on RT and 41 journey to the organisation	Good interaction and questions with feedback - could have spoken for much longer lol
Nov 21	Saffron Walden 41	Meal	Good turnout with pandemic	Members well
Dec 21	Region 18	Supported RT with Santa sleigh nights	Seeing the tables active in communities and 41ers supporting	Seeing more community interaction and Clubs taking more funds that past years.
	Region 19 CoL	Lamb Xmas luncheon	Great attendance from across the country and National Presidents in	Meeting some Members for the first time and how



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			attendance from RT/41 & Tangent	things are across the country.
	Saffron Walden 41 Xmas meal	Xmas meal with partners	Good attendance with wives/partners	Everyone nervous of new variant.
Jan 22	Hornchurch 41	Speaker evening	Good turnout and visitors	Discovered more to see behind the doors in London
	Brentwood 41	Speaker	Good number	Entertaining Members
	Southgate 41 & 1741 club	Burns night meeting	Good turnout, 16 Members, some still nervous to attend	Getting active again as Club looking to get more speaker events in year ahead
	Upminster 41	Speaker & Marchesi night	Good turnout black tie too, Mark Smith Antiques Roadshow great entertainment	Increasing in events in year ahead.
	Newham 41 & Brentwood 41	Speaker		

# **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice		
			Positive aspects	Learning points	
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Website meeting	Zoom	Discussing new website 41c and international page with webmaster	Direction and actions to be completed	
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	National Council Meeting	Zoom	Better meeting on a Sunday evening	Discussions around membership and direction	
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	International committee meeting	Zoom	Update on international activity and direction	Developing website and newsletters ahead	

# Regional Events attended





Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Pra	actice
			Positive aspects	Learning points
1-3 Oct	Nottingham	National Council Meeting & AGM		
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	41 International HYM	HYM Zoom	Good turn out and discussions	Rules to be reviewed on % requirements.
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the board	Meet the board - Zoom	Good first attempt to connect with Members and must be developed further	Communication of event, poor attendance
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wine tasting event	Drinking wine over zoom	Good to meet everyone and learn	New wines
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	International Zoom meeting	Weekly event	Good to meet 41ers across the world	Learnt more about Andy Ventress following his presentation

## **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Assisted with development of international newsletter. Worked on Member questionnaire with committee which went out and had 137 Club responses. Developing new website page for international presence with Mark – Webmaster guru!

## **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Region 18 – Brentwood 41	Ladies night
4-6 Feb	NSSW	Council meeting and sporting weekend
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Clacton 41	meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Region 6 – Halifax 41	Ladies night
Feb/March	Region 18	Awaiting meeting confirmations from Southend and Chelmsford





#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

November I was out of action for some events due to operation and downtime for recovery and couldn't travel etc.

I'm still not having responses from some Clubs across the region when contacting them and tried different approaches, one Club was we are happy in our own Club without National but thanks. Will look to continue and further progress as last couple of months I have met with 7 Clubs and had a couple cancelled.

Still having Clubs that are not meeting face to face and not even zoom as much and nervous to meet up, had a couple of meetings cancelled because of the new variant. Hopefully this will change over the coming weeks with expectation of pandemic reducing and more normality ahead.

I have been working behind the scenes with international committee and supported with the questionnaire that went out and had 137 Clubs respond. One of the outcomes is we are going to add the Club IRO role to CAS so that we can have direct contact with those Clubs that want it with international events etc.

Working with Mark on designing the new international website pages that will include a YAP page etc.

#### **Jason Thomson**

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Region: 19 - London Chiltern	NC Name: VACANT	Date: 01/01/2022
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No report submitted

#### Vacant

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Region: 20 - Thames Valley	David Chard	22/01/2022
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#### **Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and other NCs	d feedback for
			Positive aspects	Learning points





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11/10/2021	Windsor and Eaton	Evening with the National President	The Club had still been paying for meetings through lockdowns and raised £4000 for charity and gave a large donation to President's charity -President attended to say thank you.	Even during lockdown and difficult times many Clubs continued community service and maybe we should broadcast this more.
26/10/2021	Newbury	Club meeting with the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire as guest.	High Profile speaker with excellent attendance, well planned. I was delighted to be asked to induct a new Member.	Never give up on past RT's joining
27/10/2021	Wokingham	Meeting of a committee created to discuss the future of the Club	They asked me to attend as NC. I confirmed the rules and advised them of their options	We need to listen to Clubs more otherwise they may just slip away.
8/11/2021	Oxford Cherwell	Induction of new Chairman	Postponed due to Covid - currently also still a Member of my own Club, 8 of our Members attended	Whilst they could be described as mainly a dining Club, they remain proud to be ex RT and 41 Club members
16/111/21	Caversham 41 club	Charity wine tasting and Club meeting		
12/10/21	Joint meeting, Brackley and ISIS	Social joint meeting	Well attended	
13/10/21 and 9/11/1	Reading Valley Club meetings	Social plus charity speaker		

# **Committee Meetings**





Date	Committee	Shared Bes	Shared Best Practice		
		Positive aspects	Learning points		
17/10/21+	Zoom meetings Finance committee 17/10,1/11,8/1120/11,29/11,6/1/2022	Finance Committee	Full review of financial matters as requested by NC.	We need regular updates in an agreed format, plus listen to Members comments	
1/10/2020	NC Meeting				
12/11/21	NC Zoom				
4/1/22	NC Zoom catchup				
9/1/22	NC Zoom				

# **Regional Events attended**

Date	Event	Shared Best P	Shared Best Practice		
		Positive aspects	Learning points		
2/10/21	Special AGM	Business completed	Need to really encourage better attendance		
24-26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21	National Walking Weekend	1 <sup>st</sup> time event held great fellowship and sold out	respond to		
8th Jan 22	2013 International Conference committee				

# **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
4-6 February 22	National	NSSW plus NC and full NC meetings
12/2	Region 20 Isis	Visit to National motor museum
19/3/22	West End RT	95th anniversary lunch - London





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27/1/22	Abingdon 41 Club	Club meeting
Feb/march	Region 20 Clubs	High Wycombe, Thame, Twyford
April	Nat. AGM plus Council and full Council meetings	

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

The past 2 months have been restricted for me in that I was out of the country from 23rd November to end of December then shortly afterwards I contracted Covid and had to go into isolation this resulted in 2 visits being cancelled, hopefully I will arrange further visits shortly. I have also been reviewing all the Clubs insurances as requested by NC. Hopefully I will provide an initial overview report to NC at the February Council meeting.

#### **David Chard**

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Region: 21 - Mid West	NC Name:	Kevin	Date: 21/01/2022
	Chard		

## Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club		Event	Best Practice and feedback for other NCs		
					Positive aspects	Learning points
					e.g. I prepared for the meeting and was made very welcome; positive feedback about National	e.g. They didn't seem aware of the 'Connects' Zoom events
29/09/21	Norton Club	Radstock	41	meeting		
27/10/21	Norton Club	Radstock	41	meeting		
16/12/21	Norton Club	Radstock	41	meeting		





#### **Committee Meetings**

Date	Committee		<b>Shared Best Practice</b>		
			Positive aspects	Learning points	
20/9/21 & 10/1/22	International committee	Zoom meetings			
01/10/21	National Council meeting	In person, Nottingham			
02/10/21	Special General meeting	In person, Nottingham			
19/1021,1/1121 & 6/1/22	Finance committee	Zoom meetings			
9/1/22	Councilors	Zoom meeting			

## **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Article published in October 41 Club Newsletter Re: Trek to Everest Base Camp in aid of Dementia UK.

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Regrettably several 41 Club meetings and events I had been invited to attend were understandably cancelled in the last quarter due to Covid. The Regional Severn Vale Dinner due to be held in March has been cancelled for this reason but a new date has been set for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Hopefully, with Covid rates on the decline and restrictions easing, more Clubs will feel able to meet in person again and get back to holding events.

Since my last report I have: -

Liaised with numerous Club Members via telephone and email regarding CAS2 updates, Capitation queries and membership transfers etc.

Updated and added content to Region 21 Facebook page.

Moderated 41 Club Members forum and Round Table family FB groups.

Administered and moderated the 41 Wine Club and caravan & camping special interest groups

Hosted zoom wine tastings for 41 Wine Club 18/09/21, 27/11/21, 15/01/22. The wine club has 246 Members and has proven a great success. Looking forward to when we can meet in person for a tasting event.





Kevin Chard region21@41club.org

Region: 22 - West of England	NC Name: Mark Hinchliffe	Date: 01/01/2022
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# **Clubs Visited**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News

## **Zoom Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?	AoB /News

# **Zoom Committee Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	Committee	Topic - Progress	Topic – next steps
	Finance	Budget 2023/ 5 Year Plan	
	Finance	Budget 2023/ 5 Year Plan	
	Finance	Budget 2023/ 5 Year Plan	





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Finance	Budget 2023/ 5 Year Plan	
Group	Resolutions etc	

## **Regional Events attended**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Club	Event/Visit	Members?
29/01/22	Devon RT / 41 All dayer	Will be held in Exeter - 6 clubs attending	25 booked

## **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

National sporting promotion		

## **Additional Activities You Have Supported**

Okehampton Mystery tour		

## **Diary For Next Three Months**

<u>Date</u>	Region/Clubs	Event/Visit





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#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

There have been little meetings in the Area advertised or invited too. I have made contact with clubs struggling and also clubs where subs are outstanding. There replies have been mixed. I think 3/4 of the clubs with subs outstanding will fold as soon as they can meet.

At the end of March we sadly loss another RT from our Area – Torquay. This means that another major player has gone.

Current RT in whole of Devon Cornwall and Isles of Sicily are now

Barnstaple – 3 members

Bideford - Strong

Ilfracombe - Strong

Tavistock – 4 members

Plymouth – Strong

Okehampton – 4 members but have a great chairman.

No tables left officially in Cornwall.

I will keep phoning around and try and stay in contact with as many as possible. Good news is there is a successor for my post Jose Brinkmann.

#### **Mark Hinchliffe**

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Region: 23 - Wessex	NC Name: Richard Dyson	Date: 01/10/2021
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Region23: Wessex & Channel Isles	NC Name: Richard	Date: 18 / 01
	Dyson	/2021

#### Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom





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Date	Date Region/Club Event		Best Practice a	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
6/10/21	Christchurch/Ringwood/Bournemouth Round Table	Interclub Boules Evening	Good Fellowship & Fun	
19/10/21	Ringwood & District	Club meeting	Inducted 2 new members	
24/10/21	Ringwood & District	Car Treasure Hunt	Members not usually attending, followed up	
5/11/21	Ringwood & District	Annual Bonfire		
12/11/21	Ringwood & District & Guests	Golf Section Annual Dinner	Presentation of Prizes, non- regular attendees	
16/11/21	Ringwood & District	Club meeting	Superb Speaker	
18/11/21	Ringwood & Guests	Kippers Night		
27/11/21	Showtime	Xmas Meal & Social		
4/12/21	Ringwood & District	Chairman's Reception		More planning necessary
9/12/21	Ringwood & Guests	Kippers Night		
14/12/21	Ringwood Caravanners Group	Xmas Lunch	New venue tried	
21/12/21	Ringwood & District	Xmas meal & Social		
31/12/21	Ringwood & District & Guests	NYE celebrations	Went with a bang!!	

# **Committee Meetings**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive	Learning points
			aspects	





1/10/21	National	National Council meeting		
5/10/21	Ringwood & District Club	Council Meeting	Ability to "conduit"	
18/10/21	Ringwood & National Fellowship Officer	Planning of National Caravan Rally		
2/11/21	Ringwood & District Club	Club Council Meeting	Conduit	
22/11/21	National Caravan Rally	Planning meeting	Positive interest shown	

## **Regional Events attended**

Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice	
			Positive aspects	Learning points
1/10/21	National	The Big Weekend & National Council meeting		
13/10/21	Region 23	Annual Regional Quiz		
24/11/21	Region/National	Meet the Board		

## **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

Article about 2022 National Caravan Rally in December Newsletter & January Magazine

Region 23 Quarterly Newsletter due

## **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
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9/01/22	National	National Councillor's Informal meeting on Zoom
18/01/22	Ringwood & District	3 Clubs meeting – 41 Club, Tangent & Ringwood Table
24/01/21	Region 23	Planning Meeting with Dorchester 41 Club as Host Club for Dorset Knobs Regional Dinner 18 November 2022
25/01/21	Christchurch 41 Club, Bournemouth Round Table & guests	Burns Night Supper
4/02/22 to 6/02/22	National	NSSW & National Councillor's meeting
11/02/22	Ringwood & District & Guests from neighbouring clubs	Ladies Night
16/02/22	Ringwood & District	Club Night
15/03/22	Ringwood & District	Club Night

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

With Covid almost sorted effects have been felt by some Clubs who have gone into hibernation due to lockdown and are only slowly emerging. 41 Club interest definitely needs to be picked up since this experience is not exclusive to Region 23. National leadership should now focus on recruitment of new members and retention of existing, as has often been discussed. This will only be achieved by promoting additional values of 41 Club nationally. The most positive success in this area has been the Club Connects programme, which should be reintroduced – potential audience should be considered. Our target of being the 'Club of Choice' is in danger.

Wareham 41 Club have recently embarked on a recruitment drive and have recently inducted 5 new members, all ex-RT members, and are working on the re-establishment of Round Table in their area.

I have been unable to attend a few Region 23 events due to Covid requirements and also domestic pressures of family members in hospital.

#### **Richard Dyson**

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Region 24 - SW London, Surrey & Sussex	Peter McBride	Date:	17/01/2022
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#### Clubs Visited - In person or Zoom

Date	Region/Club	Event	Best Practice and feedback for
			other NCs





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			Positive aspects	Learning points
12/10/21	Rye & Romney March 41 Club	Kings Head pub, Rye 9 Members	Lots of healthy banter and humour; including a claim that one of their founder Members had invented false teeth for sheep! Paid for my meal;	First lunch meeting in Club's history – decided to try to reduce evening travelling and encourage numbers – worked well
19/10/21	Caterham 41 Club	Coulsdon Manor 14 Members	Very welcoming; lots of reminiscing of memories	Went round the room to say hello personally
20/10/21	Wallington & Carshalton (own Club) 41 Club	Windsor Castle pub 12 Members		Numbers increasing – some still cautious of meeting indoors
8/11/21	Battle 41 Club	The Ostridge pub, Robertsbridge 14 Members	Great meeting, very welcoming, great banter; when I asked for examples of how 41 Club supported Members, one Member gave a great example of when he was hospitalized with Cancer a few years ago, within 24 hours he was given a Rota when each fellow Member would be visiting to keep him company Paid for my meal	After hearing about our efforts on wellbeing, the Club agreed to get in touch with two widows of past Members — worth sharing with other Clubs



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9/11/21	Fleet 41 Club	48 <sup>th</sup> Charter meeting Speaker meeting 40 Members	Good banter and excellent numbers; plenty of reminiscing; Paid for my meal	
15/11/21	East Grinstead 41 Club	Bell Inn, Godstone 9 Members	Very good and 'genteel' meeting, older age profile Members	
17/11/21	Wallington & Carshalton (own Club) 41 Club			
19/11/21	Worthing 41 Club	President's Black- Tie meeting 70 Members	Excellent attendance with people clearly pleased to meet up in person again.	
21/12/21	Norwood 41 Club	Zoom Club meeting 12 Members	Members have found it easier to meet on Zoom due to travelling distances. Great banter and humour	
10/1/22	Horsham 41 Club	Their annual 'Marchesi Meeting' in which they toast our Founder 30 Members	They invited their neighbouring Club Horsham to join them. Excellent speaker who spoke about his life as a commercial pilot. Also invited Louis Marchesi's nephew Malcolm Marchesi.	Every Club should schedule an annual 'Marchesi Meeting' to celebrate out Founder! We should promote these at a national level.
18/1/22	Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club	Club meeting at dog & Fox, Wimbledon	Really good lively meeting with good wit & banter.	



## **Committee Meetings**

Date	Committee	Event	Shared Best Practice
			Positive aspects & Learning points
1/10/21	Councillors' & Council Meetings	Nottingham	Great meeting that demonstrated the close nit working of Councillors supporting each other and working together for the Association
11/11/21	Wellbeing Committee	Via Zoom	Not all committee Members were able to attend. It has been difficult to schedule Zoom calls that everyone can attend.
12/11/21	Councillors' 'Night In' meeting	Via Zoom	Good meeting but not all Councillors were able to attend
23/11/21	Joint National & International Committee		
24/11/21	Connects 'Meet The Board'	Via Zoom	Very disappointing with an embarrassingly small number of Members joining the call, due mainly to the event not being marketed well-enough in advance. A missed opportunity with the membership.
28/11/21	Buddies Meeting	Via Zoom	Our quarterly catch-up - Buddies remain very committed and supportive of the Buddyline service. Important to schedule calls well in advance to ensure maximum attendance.
19/12/21	Admin & Finance Committee	Via Zoom	
9/1/22	Board Meeting	Stratford	Early planning & discussion of future finance, admin and Conference matters. Good mutual support with the Board.
9/1/22	Councillors' Catch Up meeting	Via Zoom	Good meeting with the majority of Councillors attending

# **Regional & National Events attended**





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Date	Region/Club	Event	Shared Best Practice
			Positive aspects & Learning points
1/10/21	National 'Big Weekend' 75 <sup>th</sup> Charter	Nottingham	
24/11/21	Connects 'Meet the Board'	Via zoom	Very disappointing with an embarrassingly small number of Members joining the call, due mainly to the event not being marketed well-enough in advance. A missed opportunity with the membership.

## **Newsletter/Magazine Articles**

I have regularly contributed Buddyline and Whisky articles to all National Magazine and Newsletter publications

#### **Diary For Next Three Months**

Date	Region/Clubs	Event
25/1/22	Alton 41 Club	
29/1/22	Tangent National President Ball	Stratford
30/1/22	Board meeting - Stratford	AGM Planning meeting
1/2/22	Woking 41 Club	
4/2/22	NSSW - Oakhampton	
25/2/22	Horley 41 Club	
1/4/22	Nat Conference & AGM	Cardiff

#### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

National Golf Finals - I have organised the 2022 National Golf Finals which will take place at Staverton GC, Northamptonshire on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> & Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October

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Region: 25 – South East NC Name: VACANT Date: 01/01/2022

No report submitted

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#### HONORARY ARCHIVIST - SEAN McCORMICK

No report submitted

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#### **HONORARY SOLICITOR - DAVID SMITH**

Not a great deal to report over the past few months. There have been no Covid-19 queries from clubs which would appear to indicate we are either learning to live with the virus or the regulations are becoming more understandable.

Since the start of the year I have been pleased to assist a club in approving the wording of a resolution to be included in the AGM Order Paper. I have also considered the proposed new rules of 41 International and sent my comments to the International Officer.

**David Smith** 

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#### **HONORARY WEBMASTER - MARK HOUSE**

It has been another year in movement of access to more digital services for our members.

The website has been maintained with updates and various small changes and now contains over 6GB of attachments, which really is a lot. The Associations thanks go to Simon Thomas from Toucan who host the site as they generously extended the amount of space we have for hosting which has meant we've seen no increase in costs despite the increase.





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The technical changes that were previously implemented have remained operational, and I have made changes to the site within 5 days of any request.

41Clubconnects continues to operate, although with more people going out, the connects events have slowed a touch and the speaker and event ideas directories have been used less.

What has been used more are the surveys. These are created and handled via the site and have been of good use to the various committees. Should you wish to understand more about how these can work, just drop me a line.

As well as the connects site, you may all have seen the 41clubevents.co.uk site which now supports a wide variety of different events:

- National Conference
- NSSW
- Walking Weekend
- National Caravan Rally
- National Golf Finals

To make sure that the right details and booking details are captured, each event is a unique website and these are maintained for each event and readied for the next. The hope is that these sites have made is a simpler to book in for the events and if you have feedback about the sites, booking processes or anything else, please do drop me a line.

Looking to the future, the Comms and IT committee are reviewing options around how we might best help you and clubs keep in touch and for us to share information about the Association. We're working through that detail, and if you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback about what you'd like to see, please do drop me a line.

Beyond the websites, there are some other areas that I'm delighted to have supported:

#### **Domain Names**

I am delighted to say that all of the domain names are all in one place – thanks go to those who have helped me to do this, and it means that all of our domains are easier to manage

#### Newsletter

Of course, Wynn and Don are the leaders in this and provide excellent updates to members each month, but I am pleased to be able to provide a template and some design outlines to align the design with the magazine.

#### **Zoom accounts**

These are all still in place and despite not getting together quite so much, the Zoom accounts are still available for use by any club – please do get in touch if you wish to use them





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I get a great deal of contacts from members about a variety of topics, but if you have ideas or thoughts about what you would like to see on a screen, please just contact me and we can see if we can do it.

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