



41 Club

The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs

Join us at 41 Club's National Conference in April 2006

It'll be more fun than ever

Discover the hidden secrets of the beautiful West Country and of Bristol, one of the world's liveliest merchant cities. It is a European City of Culture some two hours from London with great motorway and rail links to all parts of the UK, and a modern international airport. We meet in the month of Brunel 200, the festival when the genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel will be celebrated in the city where he did his finest work.



*Two Bristol icons: Concorde over the Clifton Suspension Bridge
Courtesy: lewis whyld/swns.com*



Fancy Dress Frolics

Come on your own, as a couple, with pals from your own club, or set up a reunion party of Round Table friends from places where you used to live.

And a little more seriously, you can help shape the future of 41 at our Annual General Meeting, the formal event (actually it's pleasantly informal) which sets the course for your association.



Let off Steam in Bristol 27-30 April 2006

2006 Programme

Monday 24th April



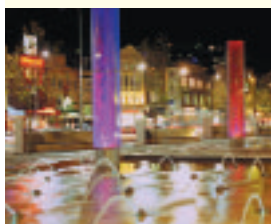
Part of Bristol's beautiful restored Harbourside
Courtesy: Destination Bristol

Pre-conference Spring Break to the West Country Riviera

depart Bristol 11 am; return Thursday 27th April noon

The English West Country is one of the most beautiful regions of Europe, rich in history. Before the conference, enjoy a three-night Spring break, led by Bristol 41ers, to Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. We'll be back in Bristol in time for the International Lunch.

Thursday 27th April



Evening in the lively heart of the city
Courtesy: Bristol City Council

12 noon International Lunch The Novotel Hotel

An opportunity for British and overseas visitors to cement friendships. With a welcome by the Lord Mayor of Bristol.

7.30 pm West Country Welcome

British Empire and Commonwealth Museum

Come along in your casual or even your travelling clothes for a cultural experience you'll never forget. Highlights include haute cuisine - Bristle Bangers n'Mash - and entertainment from national comedy star and Bristol boy, the unique Fred Wedlock. Then take the chance to *let off steam* on the dance floor.

Friday 28th April

All day - It's Freeflow Friday

It's your day in one of Europe's greatest cities. You can:

- tee off for the 41 Club competition at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club
- or join one of two excursions exclusive to 41 Club:
 - The Cotswold Experience - a full-day tour of stylish Cheltenham and the beautiful Cotswolds
 - Regency Bath - a full day in the neighbouring city
- or under your own steam you can explore Bristol's redeveloped Harbourside by water, visit Brunel's S.S. Great Britain, go on board Concorde, or soak up the ambience of Clifton, the exquisite Georgian town within the city of Bristol

7.30 pm Brunel Banquet and Ball

In Brunel's magnificent station within the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum

Bristol celebrates in April 2006 the bicentenary of the birth of the great engineer, voted as No 2 of 100 Great Britons in the unforgettable BBC TV series. So our black-tie banquet pays homage to the great man. With traditional music from the City of Bristol Brass Band. And the chance to dance the night away again.

Saturday 29th April

9.30 am Annual General Meeting

British Empire and Commonwealth Museum

It's your Club's Association, so come to the AGM and let off more steam! Follow up with a **Lunchtime Pasty and Pint at the Conference Hotel.**

Start the afternoon off right while the girls are at the Tangent AGM and lunch.



The Great Man
Courtesy: Institution of Civil Engineers





*Up and away at fiesta time
Courtesy: Destination Bristol*

Saturday 29th April - *the fun goes on*

11.30 am Tangent National Luncheon followed by AGM
Bristol Thistle Hotel

It's NATC's 40th anniversary.
For details, see Tangent's own booking form.

7.30 pm Hot Air - the world's biggest and best fancy dress party after the Rio Carnival British Empire and Commonwealth Museum. Including a hot buffet supper.

Bristol knows about hot air - and not just at our 41 Club meetings. It's a by-product of our beautiful blue glass, and of the tobacco, which we have imported for centuries. More came from our steam railways and steam ships and later from the jet engines made here by Rolls Royce. Bristol is, of course, also home to the world's largest annual hot air balloon fiesta.

Sunday 30th April

After breakfast, book for Newcastle in 2007, make your farewells and head for home.

Make it a real Spring Break with the Pre-conference West Country Riviera Tour

Monday 24th April to Thursday 27th April

Across the moors and meadows of Somerset and Devon we drive to Cornwall led by a professional travel team with long experience of the special atmosphere of Table, Tangent and 41.

- At Padstow we can sample Rick Stein's fare, and visit castellated Prideaux Place, home of the same family for fourteen generations.
- On Falmouth sea-front The Royal Duchy Hotel has splendid facilities for relaxation and fellowship.
- At the world-famous Eden Project part of Britain's industrial heritage has been transformed into a horticultural wonderland amidst Cornwall's spectacular coastal scenery.
- and other highlights of the tour are: Brunel's Royal Albert Railway Bridge, the panorama of Plymouth Sound, "retail therapy" at Clark's Village, Glastonbury Abbey (where King Arthur is buried) and Wells, England's smallest city.

We arrive back in Bristol in time for those attending the International Lunch.

For fuller details of the West Country Break, tick the box on the conference booking form.



Visit the SS Great Britain
Courtesy: Bristol City Council

Why you should book early

Conference-goers will stay in excellent hotels, the Novotel or the City Inn, next to each other and about five minutes walk from the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum which is at Temple Meads mainline station. Prices for each are the same.

Just complete and send off the enclosed registration form for a 3-day (Thursday to Sunday), 2-day (Friday to Sunday) or 1-day (Friday to Saturday or Saturday to Sunday) stay and any optional extras.

Important: more than ever, forward planning pays off. By booking an accommodation package before October 31st 2005 you will avoid the "late booking" premium of £20, and get the package you want. Because we shall then be selling stand-alone tickets for evening events to clubs within about an hour's drive.

We want to encourage more 41ers to have fun at national conferences - that's why the event moves round the country each year. Overnight stays are a key part of the package, but we know that people living locally may not need a hotel if they can get home safely after an evening event. This year evening event tickets will be available from November 1st - but only to members of the clubs listed below (which are within about one hour's travelling time of Bristol - this has been set at 30 miles, except where good road communications allow it to be extended).

Unfortunately we can only accommodate some 300 couples at our venue, even though it's the biggest and best in the area. So book early as it will be first come, first served, with priority given to package purchasers until October 31st.

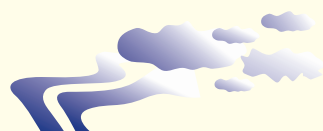
In November we will confirm any requests we have had from members of local clubs for stand-alone tickets for evening events. But we strongly recommend that members of these clubs book a package to make sure they get a confirmed booking. Both packages and stand-alone tickets will of course remain on sale.

At the end of January any unbooked rooms will be handed back to the hotels to avoid incurring penalties. So after that date any late bookings will be subject to availability, and accommodation prices may alter.

So - book early to make sure you and your friends get to the events you want.

Eligible clubs for stand-alone evening event tickets:

Abergavenny Barry Bath Blackwood Bridgwater Bristol Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Caerphilly Calne & District Cardiff Cheltenham Chepstow & Offa's Dyke Chew Valley Chippenham & District Churchdown Cirencester Cleeve Hill Clevedon Cricklade & Highworth Cwmbran Downend Forest of Dean Frome Gloucester Gordano Valley Henleaze Keynsham & District Malmesbury Ex-Tablers Association Marlborough & District Mendip Nailsea & District Newport (Gwent) Norton-Radstock Penarth Risca Shepton Mallet Sodbury & District Somerton & District South Cotswold Outcasts Stonehouse Stroud Swindon & District Taunton Thornbury Trowbridge Vale of Glamorgan Warminster & District City of Wells Westbury-on-Trym & District Weston-super-Mare Wotton-under-Edge.



Let off Steam in Bristol 27-30 April 2006



Let off Steam in Bristol 2006

Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th April

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please complete carefully and clearly in black print)

Registration No.

Member's Surname _____
 Initials _____ First Name _____
 41 Club Name & Region _____
 Office Held 2005/2006 _____
 Partner's Surname _____
 Initials _____ First Name _____
 Tangent Name _____
 Office Held 2005/2006 _____

Address _____

 _____ Post Code _____
 Tel. (H) _____
 Tel. (B) _____
 Mobile _____
 Fax _____
 Email _____

Special Needs: Dietary, Mobility or Other _____

If possible we would like to be seated with:-
 Name _____
 Club _____ Region _____

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th PRE-CONFERENCE WEST COUNTRY RIVIERA TOUR

Includes three nights hotel, dinner, bed and breakfast £330 per person (max 47) Tick box to receive full details ☐

3 Day Package Thursday Friday Saturday	Price per Person	No. of Persons	Amount Payable
Includes 3 nights B&B			
West Country Welcome (informal)	£360.00	x =	
Brunel Banquet & Ball (formal)	£138.00	x =	
Fancy Dress Party (theme Hot Air)			
Tick Choice Beds: Twin <input type="checkbox"/> or Double <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> inc. Supplement of £46 per night			
2 Day Package Friday Saturday			
Includes 2 nights B&B			
Brunel Banquet & Ball (formal)	£265.00	x =	
Fancy Dress Party (theme Hot Air)	£92.00	x =	
Tick Choice Beds: Twin <input type="checkbox"/> or Double <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> inc. Supplement of £46 per night			
1 Day Package Friday Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> or Saturday Fancy Dress <input type="checkbox"/>			
Includes 1 night B&B			
Fancy Dress Party (theme Hot Air)	£135.00	x =	
Tick Choice Beds: Twin <input type="checkbox"/> or Double <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> inc. Supplement of £46 per night	£46.00	x =	
Individual Events and Functions - *Subject to Terms & Conditions in Brochure	Event Charge	No. of Persons	Amount Payable
Thursday 27th International Lunch	£24.50	x =	
*West Country Welcome (informal)	£29.00	x =	
Friday 28th Golf (men): Bristol & Clifton Golf Club	£46.00	x =	
Golf (ladies): Bristol & Clifton Golf Club	£46.00	x =	
Cotswold Experience: Full day in Cheltenham & Cotswolds	£22.50	x =	
Regency Bath: Full day	£22.50	x =	
*Brunel Banquet & Ball: (formal)	£45.00	x =	
Saturday 29th Post AGM Lunch Pasty and a Pint	£5.00	x =	
Tangent AGM & Lunch to be booked on attached Tangent form			
*Fancy Dress Party (theme Hot Air)	£39.00	x =	
Total Payment			
£50.00			x =
Balance to be paid by 16th January 2006			
Late Booking Fee if booked after 31st October 2005			
£20.00			x =
BALANCE PAYABLE			
All prices include VAT @ 17.5%			

Method of Payment

Cheques Payable to 41 Club Bristol Conference 2006
 Credit Card: Mastercard, Visa (no others accepted)

Name on card _____

Expiry Date: /

No.

Please take deposit when registering and balance due on 16th January 2006

Places at the Novotel, Conference Hotel will be booked on a first come first served basis. Bookings made after 31st October 2005 will attract a late booking fee of £20.00. No refunds will be made after 31st January 2006. **We strongly recommend that all registrants take out personal travel and cancellation insurance.** By signing this Registration Form you are entering into a contract and are committed to make the payments as detailed.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed form **together with a deposit to:** Peter Lingard, Registration Officer, 17 Brake Close, Bradley Stoke BRISTOL BS32 8BA
 NB. All information provided will be used solely for Association purposes. Email: lingardp@aol.com



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
TANGENT CLUBS
LUNCHEON AND AGM**

Saturday 29th April 2006

Hosted by Bristol Tangent No. 2

- VENUE:** The Thistle Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol
- TIME:** 11.30 am for 11.45 am (coffee from 10.30 am)
NAGM starts promptly at 2.15 pm
- TICKETS:** Luncheon £30, NAGM Free of charge
- CLOSING DATE:** Friday 17th March 2006

This being the National Association's fortieth year, your National Executive has decided to mark the occasion by declaring this to be our 40th Anniversary Luncheon. Please come and celebrate!

Please complete and return the form below, enclosing your cheque and S.A.E. to:

Hazel Copsey, 15 Bowood, Harford Drive, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1NS
Tel: 0117 9571438

Have a brilliant day!
We look forward to giving you a West Country welcome.



Tangent 40th Anniversary Luncheon
Saturday 29th April 2006

Name (please print) _____ Club _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone number _____ Signed _____

Cheque Enclosed: £ _____ Cheque No. _____

Payable to: **TANGENT DAY BRISTOL 2006** (please enclose S.A.E.)

Send to: **Hazel Copsey, 15 Bowood, Harford Drive, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1NS**

Please note (overleaf) if you have held a Past National Office or if you have any special dietary requirements



Tangent 40th Anniversary Luncheon - register overleaf



Please provide any additional information here:

An Antipodean Adventure

otherwise known as the 41 Club Trip to New Zealand 2005

A Report by Lawrence Bamber, National Councillor - Region 15

Last February/March an expectant group of 41ers, Tangent Members and Partners ventured forth across the Equator to tour New Zealand and meet up with members of New Zealand 41 Club and Tangent. The party met for the first time in the morning of Saturday, 19th February when all thirty-two boarded our luxury coach which was to be our transport for the next four weeks. There were representatives from England, North and South Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Germany.

On leaving Auckland we progressed North to a beautiful area on the North-east Coast of North Island known as the Bay of Islands. We stayed here for two nights and indulged in dolphin watching, cruising, walking around Russell. A Welcome Dinner was held at Waitangi where the Treaty (of Waitangi) was signed between the United Kingdom and the Maoris. This Treaty is the founding document of modern New Zealand.

From the Bay of Islands we travelled south, back via Auckland. We stayed in Rotorua for two nights and spent time visiting the geothermal reserves, the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, the Buried Village. The highlight was a Maori Dinner and folk concert at which our UK tour leader, Brian Metcalf, took on the role of a Maori chief - complete with nose rubbing!

Following our stopover in Rotorua we travelled through wine country. Our day out with our Napier hosts included a walking tour around the town, the inevitable visit to one or two wineries and an interesting tractor tour round a fruit farm with optional fruity ice-cream! From Napier we travelled south to Wellington - the capital of New Zealand - where we were hosted for two nights by Upper Hutt 41 Club. The Club, together with their daughter Table, hold meetings in an Eighteenth Century building known as the Blockhouse which was originally built as a fort to defend the Brits from the Maoris and to protect the road to Wellington. Our day out with the hosts involved a grand tour of Wellington, including the Beehive (Parliament Building), the old cable car, Mount Victoria and the amazing Te Papa Museum of New Zealand, complete with simulated earthquakes! The following morning we all boarded the coach to go by ferry from Wellington Harbour, across the Cook Strait to the South Island Harbour of Picton. A short drive from Picton is Blenheim, in the heart of New Zealand's wine growing region. Needless to say, we were hosted there for two nights by Blenheim 41 Club. Our day out with our hosts included visits to many of the top wineries: Cloudy Bay, Montana, Hawkesbridge and Marlborough.

From Blenheim we travelled via Havelock to our next group of hosts from Nelson and Motueka.. As it was 1st March - St. David's Day - Welsh Dragons abounded on the bus and the Welsh contingent made a good attempt at the Welsh National Anthem. The highlight of our two-night stay with our hosts in Nelson/Motueka was a visit to the Abel Tasman National Park. An early start was required the following morning as we had a long drive down the West Coast of South Island to our destination for two nights at Fox Glacier which, as the name implies, is in New Zealand's Alpine region. Following our two days in the Alpine region, we continued down the West Coast to Queenstown - the adventure capital of New Zealand. Our two-night stay in Queenstown involved a multiplicity of activities, including more jet boating, fishing, sightseeing and a ride on the gondola/cable car for lunch and/or dinner overlooking Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. But the highlight of the stay in Queenstown was the evening dinner cruise aboard TSS Earnslaw, a coal-fired steamship. From Queenstown we ventured south-east to Gore where some were being hosted by Gore 41 Club. The remainder travelled even further south to Invercargill to be hosted by Invercargill 41 Club. As we could go no further south - at least not with the coach - we turned north (still on South Island) and made for Alexandra in Central Otago. It was very hot when we got there on the first day/night of our stay but on leaving after the second night, there was snow on the hills and the temperature had dropped by 20°C. Definitely not the weather for shorts! During our day out with our hosts we toured the local vineries as this is another of New Zealand's wine-producing regions.



A Report by Lawrence Bamber, National Councillor - Region 15.... cont

Our final hosting was by Ashburton 41 Club which is between Timaru and Christchurch. Here we visited the Canterbury Plains and the surrounding mountains such as Mount Hutt. Onwards to Christchurch where one of the highlights was a visit to the International Antarctic Centre at Christchurch Airport. Others included a ride on the vintage tram system, the view from the top of Mount Vernon. and Cathedral Square, complete with its own Wizard and large chess set. A trip to Kaikoura for whale watching was not disappointing, as we saw three gigantic sperm whales resting on the surface before spectacularly arching their bodies and diving into the depths with the customary tail fin the last part to be seen. Truly amazing! Our final night dinner/party was held in the restaurant at the top of the Christchurch Gondola. After dinner the Tour Oscar Awards was hosted by Brian and Lady Sue Metcalf, ably assisted by Sir Lawrence of Poynton. We were joined at the Dinner by Peter and Margaret Butchart, Phil Harris our New Zealand travel agent, and other representatives of New Zealand 41 Club.

I hope that has given you a flavour for what was a fantastic and memorable trip. If you are not of a nervous disposition, there is a photographic gallery of the trip to be found at: <http://www.41clubnz2005.co.uk/gallery>

Over to you Peter and Brian to arrange the grand reunion trip to South Africa in 2007 when, hopefully, both New Zealand and Great Britain and Ireland 41 Clubs and Tangents will undertake a joint tour, commencing with a welcome dinner at the top of Table Mountain?!

Lawrence Bamber May 2005.



Thames Swim 2005 – Andy Nation

Welwyn 41 Club Vice Chairman, Andy Nation, plans to set a new World record by being the first person ever to swim the entire 215 mile length of the River Thames. He set his target back in February 2004 when he decided it was time for another fund raiser. Not content with simply doing the London to Brighton Bike Ride again, he looked for something more original and spectacular.

He is currently training by swimming a mile every day and will be increasing that to 3 miles/day to build up the stamina he will need for the event. On the fund raising side he currently has sponsorship of nearly £9,000 but this is increasing daily. You can check on the current state of play by visiting the **Thames Swim 2005** website at www.thamesswim.org You can also see TV and hear radio interviews on the media page of the website.

The swim is equivalent to **10 English Channel** crossings or **8 marathons** and Andy is hoping to finish the event in 14 days if he can average 15 miles per day. He will be fortunate to be escorted on the non-tidal section of the River by canoeists from the Lifeguard Section of the **British Canoe Union**. Once he gets to **Teddington Lock** the River is tidal and his escort will then be **Stewart Warren**, also a **Welwyn 41 Club** member, and **Tanya Reynolds** in a rigid inflatable boat (RIB).

The logistics of putting together such an event are considerable. Besides the daily training and fund raising, there's obtaining relevant permissions, organizing overnight accommodation, escort craft, transportation, signage, website updates, press, radio and TV interviews. It's pretty much a full-time job on top of his need to maintain a regular income.

If you individually, or your Club as a whole, would like to give Andy your support you can make donations via the **Thames Swim 2005** website. Personal donations through the Just Giving part of the website www.justgiving.com/thamesswim can automatically reclaim Gift Aid benefits which enhances your contribution by 28%. Andy plans to raise £150,000 so he needs all the help he can get – your help! Why not log on now and add your name to his list of sponsors



“The Scottish Concorde”



East Lothian is not the sort of place to visit if you are after the high life, nightclubs or anything more exhilarating than a brisk walk. It is a backwater of Scotland where families come on holiday to relax and unwind. We locals generally keep pretty quiet about the place because we don't want to spoil things. Around here we have mile upon mile of unspoilt beaches, lovely walks, castles, our own distillery, little harbours for the boating fraternity, museums, dozens of fine eating hostelrys and numerous really excellent golf courses including of course, **Muirfield**.

- Oh, and we also have a **Concorde**!

Yes, this neck of the woods was chosen as the new home of **Concorde Alpha-Aero** – the first Concorde to go into commercial use back in 1969 and the one that made the inaugural flight from **Heathrow** to **New York**. It is common knowledge that as a result of the tragic Paris air disaster in July 2000, the Concorde fleet was eventually grounded. However, it was decided to put one on permanent display here in Scotland.

Housed at the **Museum of Flight at East Fortune Aerodrome** near **Haddington**, and about four miles inland from here, this wonderful piece of Anglo/French engineering has now been reassembled after a mammoth logistics exercise. This saw her moved from Heathrow by road to the Thames, by barge up the east coast to **Torness Power Station**, then along about 12 miles of the A1 and finally over 2 miles of fields to her final resting place.

In March her hanger was opened for the first time to the public so it was an obvious venue for an April joint meeting between **North Berwick & District 41 Club** and **North Berwick & District Round Table**. As it happens, it was the first evening that the Museum had opened their doors to an organised group visit to Concorde and we were used as guinea pigs in their plans to encourage corporate clients in the future.

They have no need to worry. They treated us very well indeed with a full programme, which included an introduction by **Alistair Dodds**, Director of Museums - Scotland, who oversaw the moving and installation of Alpha-Aero in her new home. We enjoyed a film, which traced the history of the Concorde Project, an opportunity to look round the aircraft and a browse around the static exhibition. We were also treated to an excellent buffet and **North Berwick Round Table** took full advantage of the situation by inducting a new member on the aircraft itself. Surely a first - me thinks. At the same ceremony, they also welcomed **Keith Barbour**, a member of **North Berwick 41 Club** as their new **Honorary President** for 2005/06.

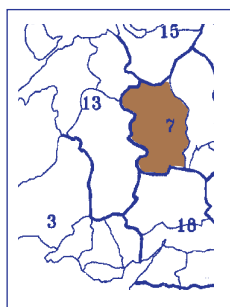
If you ever get the opportunity to visit this wonderful part of Britain, don't go home without seeing what is fast becoming our pride and joy. But please be quiet. We don't rush about too much in these parts and this Concorde thing is more than enough for us right now. For more about us and our little corner of Scotland that we so enjoy, have a look at www.northberwick41club.org - but don't tell your friends.

Andy Morris

Region 7

West Midlands

The last few months have been extremely busy not only on Region 7 events but the **Diamond Jubilee Lunch** has taken my time and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the committee chaired by **Iain Kelso**.



The complete event including the Cathedral service through to the appreciations by President Mike was an event 41 can be proud of which has generated many congratulations. I was so pleased to be able to take part in the chartering of the new **41 Club Heart of England**, having been at their inaugural meeting earlier last year.

The Region 7 Cluster Night hosted by **Smethwick 41** with principal guest President **Les Edwards** was a huge success. It was attended by 80+ from sixteen clubs including **Tettenhall 41** Chairman **John Richards** and **Patrick Wellsbury** who was presented with his Service Award by President Les.

I was handed the Torch of Friendship at the Diamond Jubilee Lunch by President Mike to be the first custodian which I handed over to Region 15 on 16th July where I was supported by both **Halesowen 41** and **Smethwick 41**. We are hosting the acceptance of the Torch from Region 17 on 6th March 2006 to be organised by **Smethwick 41** the venue details are still to be finalised but the date and event are in President Mike's diary (it is also his birthday but don't tell anybody).

One event to look forward to will be the light hearted Sports Evening hosted by **Sutton Coldfield** at Aston Manor Golf Club I look forward to meeting as many Region 7 41ers as possible.

You will know doubt have read elsewhere in this magazine much comment regarding the National Conference together with the AGM and its controversial issue of Membership and Capitation. I do not wish to comment but I have no doubt these issues will crop up during this year.

Finally It is with great sadness I have to report that our National Vice president **Martin Young** has passed away and I among many will miss his help, advice, wit and general good humour.

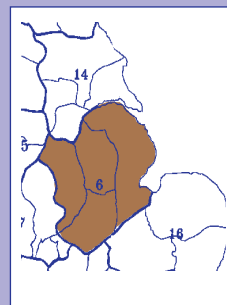
Peter Owen

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Region 6 North Midlands

127 members of Derbyshire and neighbouring Clubs enjoyed an exhilarating Cluster at Pride Park ably organised by the Derby Club.

Chairman **Ian Cotter** enthusiastically welcomed guests, President Les proposed the toast to **Derbyshire 41 Clubs** in his customary efficient and humorous manner, but undoubtedly the star of the show was Guest Speaker and former submariner **Stan Taylor**, now an octogenarian but still as riotously funny as ever. Even though most of his audience had heard the Cufflinks Joke many times before, it still brought the house down.



Next year's Derbyshire Cluster will be held on **Friday 24 March 2006** hosted by the **Belper Club**. President Mike is booked and the Diamond Jubilee Torch will be handed over. More details will follow when available but please make a note of the date. It would be good to see representatives from Clubs in the north of the County who sadly have been missing in recent years.

Sadly also, there was little representation from Region 6 at Bournemouth Conference. Those who went, being members and wives from the **Ashby-de-la-Zouch**, **Derby**, **Ilkeston** and **Long Eaton Clubs**, along with a contingent of ladies from **Ripley**, had a very enjoyable time, and Peter and Lesley Good and Hugh and Shan Milward of the Ashby Club are to be congratulated on the inventiveness and effort which went into the building, transportation and display of The Pier which won for them the Fancy Dress Small Group Winners Award.

Elsewhere, **Chesterfield** held a joint meeting with the **Dronfield**, **Mansfield** and **Matlock Clubs** at the Hardwick Inn, where Chesterfield has met every meeting for over 50 years, in the same room, and, except at Christmas, with the same meal. No prizes for guessing the menu there, then. **Mick Barker**, Chairman of **Ilkeston** presided over a very successful re-introduction of its Ladies Night at Erewash Valley Golf Club where we all danced to the Sounds of the Sixties, and a Joint Skittles Meeting between **Leicester De Montfort 500 41 Club** and Table for the Crease Mellors Trophy resulted in a resounding success for the 41ers. Also in that city, **Mick McQuade**, President of **Leicester St Martins 41 Club** organised a most enjoyable President's Night attended by Tablers and 41ers from neighbouring Clubs.

Finally, and once again, a plea to all Clubs in Region 6. I'd be delighted to visit you, whether to a formal meeting or just to a pub games night. If you'd like me to join you, please get in touch – if the date's free I'll do what I can to make it.

David Smith

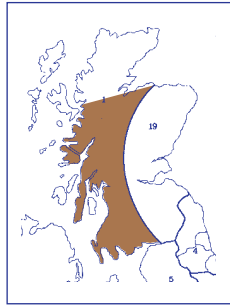
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Region 1

Scotland West

With the National AGM and Conference in Bournemouth now behind us, may I take the opportunity of wishing all Clubs in the **Scottish West Region** another enjoyable year of Club meetings and activities.



A mention should be made of **The County of Nairn 41 Club 10th Charter on 20th November 2004** sadly missed out being reported in the Spring issue of the magazine due to the timing of the copy dates. However, we were delighted that President Les was able to make the journey North through the wintry weather for a most enjoyable evening, also attended by Past National President, **Malcolm Banks** and well supported by the local **Inverness 41 Club**. Well done, Chairman, **Jeff Baker** and his team for organising a very successful Charter night and great hospitality.

Congratulations to **Bridge of Weir and Kilmacolm 41 Club** and Chairman, **Neil McAllister** for their initiative in holding an Old Boys Reunion Night Dinner in January. Invitations were sent out to all ex Tablers in the locality who are not currently members of the Club and former 41 Club members in a Membership/Recruiting Drive. The evening was a great success and I understand that some past members have agreed to rejoin. Perhaps other clubs in the region who are attempting to bolster their numbers from ex Tablers ranks should consider holding a similar type of reunion – a great way of continuing friendship.

Another great evening of friendship was enjoyed at the recent **March Scottish Regions 41 Club Quiz Night** hosted by **Troon 41 Club**. President Les attended the event which was well supported by teams from **Airdrie, Bridge of Weir & Kilmacolm, City of Glasgow, Irvine Valley, Kilwinning, Newton Mearns, Troon Round Table, Wishaw Coltness Cronies**, Past Tablers (Irvine friends of 41 Club) a team from **Troon 41 Club** and a Chain Gang team. Well done to **Bill Inglis** and his team from **Troon** for the excellent organisation, hospitality and tough questions – well the Chain Gang thought they were hard! The team consisted of President Les, Troon 41 Club Chairman, Don Macintyre, National Councillor, Region 19, **David Illingworth** and National Councillor, Region 1 (name withheld due to embarrassment!) This team scored the lowest number of points. The gallant overall winners were "**Irvine friends of 41 Club**".

During the evening funds were raised for the **Willow Foundation** Charity and President Les was presented with a cheque for the Foundation by Chairman, **Don Macintyre**.

In the last issue of the magazine I reported that **Airdrie 41 Club** had raised funds for the local **Enable Charity** at their Annual Ball. I am delighted to include the photograph of Chairman, **Robert Hunter** presenting the cheque for £2,100 to the Chairperson of the local Enable Charity. Well done **Airdrie Club** members



Thank you to all Clubs I visited last year and earlier this year for your hospitality and friendship in particular during my most recent visit to **Kilwinning 41 Club**. A club in very good heart whose members are now the proud owners of a copy of our **Diamond Jubilee Book**.

I look forward to visiting more Clubs in the Region this year and I will be in touch with the Club contacts.

Important dates for your diaries:-

- **Scottish 41 Clubs Golf Championship – Burnside Course, Carnoustie – 2nd September 2005.** hosted by **Carnoustie 41 Club**: Contact: **David Ackroyd**, 01241 853372. (President **Mike Fitchett** will join us on the day)
- **Scottish Cluster**

As this is our **Diamond Jubilee Year** we are holding a joint **Region 1 and 19 event** in a Highland area location on **17th-18th March 2006**. President Mike and his wife Diane will be attending the Cluster at which we hope to encourage not only 41 Club members in the Regions but also members of Round Table Clubs, Tangent and Ladies Circles. A fun and friendship weekend is guaranteed encompassing the Torch Handover Ceremony between Regions 1 and 19.

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Region 12

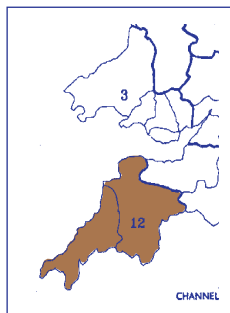
West of England

I think as one gets older one is entitled to moan a little, so I shall first indulge in a little moan. It concerns that dubious practice of Tablers 'borrowing' items from clubs they visit. According to ancient and sacred protocol the perpetrator(s) must inform their victim that they are in possession of said item and inviting a representative to their next meeting to retrieve it. In my experience, this once noble tradition has been severely eroded. In my case, and the reason it's on my mind, is that at a 41 Club AGM recently I had a box of 41 Club books 'borrowed' at the end of the evening. Naturally, I expected, and eagerly anticipated the requisite phone call (or e-mail) to invite me to another convivial evening of fun and fellowship. Regrettably, no phone call was forthcoming...worse, the suspect denied all knowledge. After some effort I found out that the suspect (witnesses confirmed he was the last to touch the box of books) thought it would be a laugh to hide the books while my back was turned and then leave the building. Maybe it's just me, but I was not amused. Frustrated, annoyed, irked, disappointed and concerned at the loss of £50.00 worth of stock belonging the Association – yes. On reflection, perhaps it's this anarchic appropriation of Table regalia that has contributed to the decline of Table. I remember visiting tables and being in awe of their displays, fixtures and fittings and 'awards'. Perhaps nowadays such memorabilia no longer exists because some people think it's a laugh to 'borrow' things and either hide them or not give them back. I'm still waiting for my books to be returned.

And while I'm on the moan, can anyone give me a valid reason why there's an apostrophe after "Tablers'" in our logo? It has only appeared recently; if you read the new book on the history of 41 Club you will not find an apostrophe on the original design. I find it clumsy and unnecessary...but I'm open to persuasion.

You will read in this magazine that the 'Torch of Friendship' has been launched. This celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Association and is expected to visit every region. When visiting, the torch will be accompanied by the National President, **Mike Fitchett** and the format of the occasion will probably be a formal dinner. I had originally put in an early bid to host the event at the Area Rally in November, but I was beaten to it and the NP is unavailable. I'm looking for an alternative venue/date. If you have a suitable event on which this could 'piggyback' I would be glad to hear from you.

A custom of Regional Councillors reports is to tell you, fellow 41er, what they've done and where they've been. To conform briefly with this tradition, I recently attended the **Area 19 Table AGM** and was pleasantly surprised at the good turnout. Word had got out that the post of Area Chairman was to be contested. The vice-chairman and 'incumbent' was being challenged from the floor. At the allotted time battle lines were drawn, weapons chosen and seconds (er, I mean tellers) nominated. Both combatants let fly, using a variety of techniques: guile, experience, audacity, bonhomie, bluff, traditional values, quick-fire wit, not-so-quick-fire wit and a little animosity. It was a good spectator sport, reminiscent of the Roman Coliseum.



I'm pleased to report that **Paul Frost** won the battle and eased gently from Area Vice to Area Chairman. He went on to form an extremely credible committee. I look forward to Paul encouraging more and more potential 41ers into the organisation.

Ken Todd

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EURO 8 HAS A SING SONG IN THE WOODS

The second **Euro 8** meeting took place on May 29th to June 1st in **Kaiserlautern** in **Germany** and five Ex Tablers from Region 8 were there together with their wives to meet fellow Ex Tablers from Germany, France and Switzerland.

This was a great increase from last year when only two went to France!

Our German Ex Tablers laid on a great weekend of fun and fellowship and Rosemary and I were able to renew friendships from last year and together with the other Region 8 members made new friends for next year.

In addition to the 10 from Region 8 there were 22 French, 2 Swiss and a huge number of Germans who all enjoyed tremendous hospitality and friendship throughout the weekend.

On Saturday afternoon (after a huge meal of typical German food) we had a choice and some ladies went for shopping therapy, some men went to see **Bayern Munich** beat the home team **Kaiserlautern** and win the championship whilst others went for a walk in the woods. On the walk the active ones were met by the **Presidents of Region 8 of Germany and France**, two wandering minstrels and a jogger who happened to jog past. Every one including the jogger had refreshments and a singsong before continuing on their way.

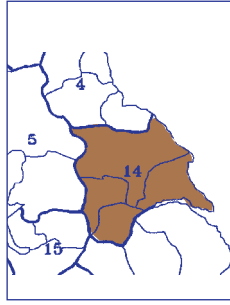
Next year all region 8 members are invited to meet ex-tablers from France, Germany, Switzerland and hopefully Belgium in Stratford on Avon. The date is May 5/6 and 7 2006.

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Region 14 Yorkshire

"Having reached the end of my term in office, I reflect on the wealth of experiences, places and people I have met due to the Association, and consider how lucky I have been to enjoy them. The Council is indeed just like another 41 Club and a shining example of how to run the **Best Organisation in the World**.



Congratulations to my successor **Andy Waite**: is very well versed in the ways of 41 and who will no doubt get around to Clubs I've missed out on. I wish all of you good health and a continuance of that special friendship we enjoy through 41 Club. I hope to continue to see many of you at future functions, in particular the **Diamond Jubilee**, **White Rose Dinner**, and all those Round Table Charter Nights at which we enjoy the fellowship of those we hope will eventually join us"

Geoff De Vere

Past Region 14 National Councilor

Picture shows retiring Councillors l to r John (Reg.15 and Geoff Reg.14) both recipients of the Service Award



Region 15 Torch Dinner

The First Torch event took place at the De Vere Daresbury Park Hotel Warrington on **July 16th**, where **Region 7** got the ball rolling in handing over the torch to **Region 15**. An excellent time was had by all with all 4 Associations being represented.

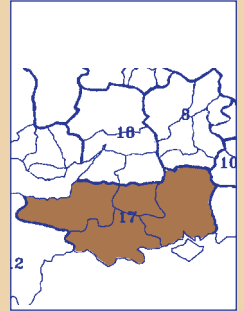
The torch moves on from here to **Region 16** for a joint Black tie dinner dance, where all 4 Presidents hope to attend to celebrate this prestigious occasion in the home city of round table – **Norwich**.

National
President
Mike Fitchett



Region 17 Wessex

In March, Winchester hosted the Region 17 Dinner which included "**Dorset Knobs**" for this year. Thanks to National Vice President Mike for attending. Interestingly the fact that I had allowed the Dorset Knobs Dinner to go outside Dorset for the first time provoked debate at my own club and generated emails from clubs that thought this was a scandal. However my mission was concluded with several **Hampshire Clubs** supporting the event, which I hope will spawn a New Dinner in Hampshire next year. **Dorset Knobs** will return to Dorset on **Friday 3rd March 2006** at the Crown Hotel, Blandford organised by **Shaftesbury** and **Gillingham**.



The Bournemouth Conference was a great success and thank you to all the local clubs that answered the call to attend the President's Ball and all those volunteers who were drivers or stewards that I hope may encourage more members to give our National Conference a go!

Looking to the future Bournemouth are hoping to revive the Ex-Tablers of Area 48 "**Gentlemen's Excuse Me**" Night on October 27th 2005 at the Moat House. The last time this was held in the 90s it was a great success. The Region Quiz is provisionally booked for 28th March 2006. **New Milton** will be inviting Clubs to help get their Round Tables to come along to join what is traditionally a very entertaining night.

I am hoping to get more involved with the Table Area Chairmen particularly in Area 48 as they try their new initiatives to build Table membership.

After threatening to disaffiliate it appears that **Aldershot** have been "**turned**" by a visit from the National Vice President and The National Membership Officer and they are now willing to arrange a **Cluster evening** on **February 6th 2006**. The National President Mike Fitchett will be attending. It is my hope that the "**Torch of Fellowship**" will be presented.

Finally I must record how sorry I was to hear the news about the death of Martin Young shortly after being elected at Bournemouth to the National Vice President. Martin was a great advocate for our movement and we are poorer without his great character and wit, particularly in the presence of our Foreign visitors!

Richard Matthews

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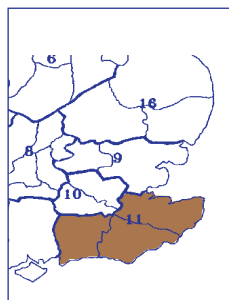
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Regional Reports

Region 11 South East

Following the great success of the First golf day in Region 11 here is your chance to take part in the second one. Book early as places are limited.

Can you beat the current champions Sevenoaks?



2ND ANNUAL 41 CLUB
REGION 11 Golf Day
Wednesday September 21st 2005
West Malling Golf Club

The programme for the day is as follows:
11.30am Coffee and Bacon Roll on Arrival
1.00pm 18 hole, 4 ball Stapleford Competition (Spitfire Course)
9 hole Putting Competition (entry by donation to the National President's Charity)
7.30/8.00pm Four Course Dinner and Presentations

There will be prizes to be won on the day for,

- Individual best Stapleford score (41 club member)
- Individual best Stapleford score (Guest)
- Best 41 club team score (best two scores to count)
- Best Guest team score (best two scores to count)
- Longest Drive
- Nearest the Pin
- Hole in One
- Putting Competition

Individual Players or Teams of Four are welcome
Optional 9 Hole Texas Scramble in the morning (at a small additional charge)
Players are invited to arrive ready for play (long socks must be worn if you wear shorts); jacket and tie in the evening. Only soft spikes are allowed on the course.
The cost for this Second Region 11 Golf Day is still only £39 per person.

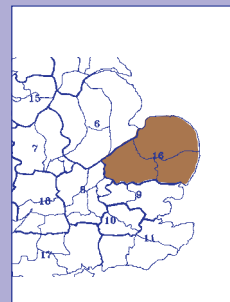
To view the course click here: www.westmallinggolf.com

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Region 16 East Anglia

Hello to everyone in Region 16. I am looking forward to taking up the role and getting to see as many of you as I can over the next 3 years. I am sure that its going to be a very busy and interesting time. Not quite sure what I have let myself in for but if its like any of the other roles I have had I am sure it will be immense fun.



Well off to a slow start and expect to be a little more clued up after the council meeting in **Abergavenny**!

I have, with much sadness attended Martin Youngs funeral – such a loss and he will be sadly missed. Much has been said and I am not eloquent enough to say more. I am sure that the vast numbers that attended will give his family some comfort to know in what high regard he was held.

I had the pleasure to go to the Diamond Jubilee lunch along with so many others and can only say what a wonderful day it was. The thanksgiving service in the Cathedral was tremendous and the luncheon truly was what our clubs are about. Friendship and fellowship. Of course as with any Table or 41 event the organisers sadly fail to estimate our capacity for liquid refreshment and cannot get it out to us quickly enough!!!

So far I have visits booked to **Broadlands** and **Thetford clubs**. I am also getting involved in the Torch event that is being organised in **Norwich on 17th September** at the Hilton Hotel with a huge program for the weekend – so worth coming to the heart of East Anglia for.

If there are any clubs that have anything that they would like to invite me to specifically please do if not then I will be working my way around in due course, sometimes on my own and if I know members of my club mob handed occasionally – so be warned!!

David Roach

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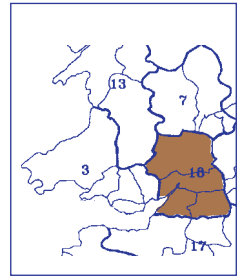
The Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs.

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Region 18 Mid-West

The major activity that I am anxious to promote this year is the receiving in the Region of the “**Torch of Friendship**”. The aim is to involve every 41 Club and Round Table and where possible Circle and Tangent in the Region by passing the “Torch” from one club to another over a fortnight period in February of next year culminating at the **Seven Shires Dinner**. Please note the date – **24th February 2006** when we shall welcome National President Mike to the Region. The idea being that the “Torch” would be received in the north of the region and thereby pass club to club by way of a meeting at various times of the day that would suit each individual club taking part. Whilst I appreciate it is an ambitious challenge with the will of everyone in the Region I am sure a great deal of fun and friendship will be the result.



Welcome to a new club to the Region. **Burnham 41 Club** has successfully applied to National Council to allow them to transfer into **Region 18**. This years Regional **Skittle Competition** has progressed extremely well with more clubs taking part rather than giving their opponents a un-played bye.

July saw once again a very successful Regional **Golf Society Day** ably run by **Bristol** – thanks to **David Marwell** of that club - held at “**The Bristol**” on the 26th May. My thanks go to **Ken Boden** the International Officer for attending the event and presenting the prizes at the Dinner in the evening. It was slightly disappointing to see such a small number take part and hopefully next year we can increase on the numbers taking part.

The next event to take place in the in the Region will be the **Regional 18 Mid West Quiz** which is due to take place at of The Prince of Wales Hotel Berkeley on the **Tuesday 20th September 2005**. The organising club on this occasion will be last years winners namely **Weston-super-Mare 41 Club**. Full details with your club contact. I shall look forward to seeing you there.

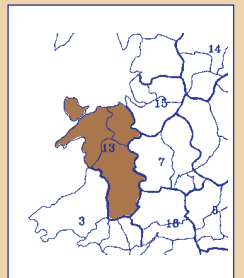
Club visits are still taking place and I shall look forward to hearing from those clubs that I have not as yet had an opportunity to spend time with.

Bruce Poole

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Region 13 North & Mid-Wales

The **Region 13 Cluster and St.David's Day Meeting** last March seems such a long time ago but remains special in my memory due to its success following a lot of hard work by **Roy Edwards** and his team. The speeches were very enjoyable and the songs were mercifully short. We now look forward to the 2006 event to be organised by **Wrexham 41 Club**.



Holyhead & District 41 Club will be holding its **25th Charter Anniversary** celebrations on **17th June** when **Ernie Husson**, Past National President. will be proposing the Toast to the National Association. Ernie presented the Club with its Charter Certificate when he was Regional Councillor for Region 13.

On **22 July** the **Regional Golf Day** will be held at **Llandrindod Wells Golf Club**. The Cost at £25 to include refreshments on arrival, 18 hole FB BBS, prizes and dinner to follow promises to be a very successful day. Contact **Steve Cadwallader Jones** at 18 Woodlands, Cefnlllys Lane, Llandrindod Wells LD15DE Tel: 07768 728811 for further information.

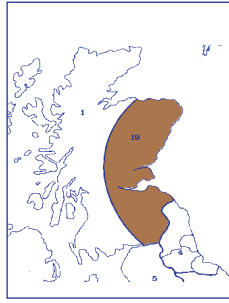
The Nationl Councillors Meeting to be held Feb 3rd & 4th 2006 is to be held at The Wild Pheasant Hotel Llangollen which will an excellent opportunity for all local members to meet the National Councillors and the National Executive and to air their views in a social environment and also to attend the Meeting on the Saturday morning to listen to the frank exchange of views that usually takes place. More information regarding this meeting will be posted nearer to that date.

Hugh Evans

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Region 19 Scotland East

Let me introduce myself as your new councillor for Region 19. I was fortunate to have been a member of seven different round tables in my 20 years in RTBI, four of which are now covered in Region 19.



Kelso 1974 –80
Banchory 1980 – 82
Ellon 1982 –83
North Berwick 1986 –92

Chairing the **Edinburgh Conference Committee** over the three years from 2001 – 2004 gave me the opportunity to get know some of the workings of your National Executive and as the saying goes “If you can’t beat them, join them”.

Moir and I have not long returned from a very successful **41 Club Tour of New Zealand** where we travelled over 5,000 km from the Bay of Islands at the tip of the North Island to Invercargill at the foot of South Island.

The hospitality and friendship extended to us by local 41 Clubs was tremendous and demonstrates the strength of our organisation.

To the Future

I look forward to assisting the clubs in **Region 19** and will be getting in touch with all the club contacts. Please remember my role is to help you as club members get the most out of your organisation.

Dates for your Diary.

2nd September : **Scottish Golf Championship Carnoustie**
17th – 19th March 06 : **Scottish Cluster Weekend**
21st April 06: **Turriff 25th Charter Dinner**

Diamond Jubilee Torch Events
41 Club was presented with a torch by RT at their conference and AGM in Glasgow in May.

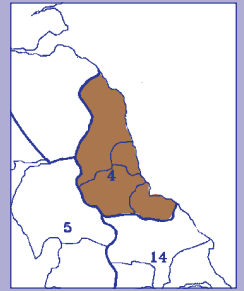
This torch will travel the country and be used to encourage joint events between RT , 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Tangent. Our main regional event will be the **Scottish Cluster from 17th – 19th March 2006** which will be jointly promoted with Region 1 with venues being investigated.

Drew Cochran

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Region 4 North East

Slightly belated thanks and congratulations to **Heaton** on what was a splendid Cluster dinner in the sumptuous surroundings of the Civic Centre in Newcastle. They had worked hard to organise the event even to the extent of arranging a fund-raising dance so that they could subsidise the event.



At the end of the day it was possible to donate over £860 to the **President’s chosen charity** – yet again showing the generosity of Region 4 to those in need.

Next year the Cluster dinner will be held in **Northallerton** where we are promised a potentially very interesting evening if Northallerton are able to arrange for one of their Honorary members to speak. The evening will be our **Diamond Jubilee ‘torch event’** when we shall receive the torch of friendship into our Region before we then carry it on to it’s next destination which at the moment looks as though it will be the **Scottish Cluster weekend**. We already know that places at the Northallerton Cluster will be limited to about 200 and there is already much interest so watch this space and when bookings open – book early!

Many congratulations to **Coquetdale** our newest club in Region 4. They have embarked on an excellent recruitment campaign to get new members into their club. They have written a very full and informative letter of invitation to every former member of Round Table in the area and have included a membership application form, club programme and existing membership list. It is all very attractively presented and if there is any justice in the world it should result in a flood of new members. The initiative shows that we must all be proactive in our membership drives to so as to ensure that our clubs don’t simply stagnate into doing the same old thing year after year often with the result that we lose members!

The next Regional event will be the **Regional Quoits at Bowburn** on 30th July. Once again it is organised by Ron Young and **Houghton-le-Spring**. Please support them and bring along at least one team and enjoy an evening of fellowship when the prizes and the Regional Quoits trophy are hotly contested.

Please have a look at the Club website for more information on what is happening in the Region – especially the planning that is taking place for the **2007 Conference** which is being held in **Newcastle**. Your local conference committee now really does need your promises of help.

Malcolm Lockey

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"Having only just been elected, I am still feeling my way. I have sent out a note to all clubs within the Region and have started filling up my diary with visits. Events which are coming up in the Region to which all are invited include the following :-

Caterham 20th Charter Night - 25th October 2005 at Coulsdon Manor Hotel, Coulsdon, 7.30 for 8.00. A great comedian **Al Benson** is booked as the after dinner speaker. Price to be in the region of £30.00 - £35.00 per head. Contact **Tony Webb** for details 01883 380619.

RTBI Area 18 London Surrey - Area Ladies Night to be held at Chateaux Napoleon Croydon - 8th October. Cost to be advised. Contact Area Chairman **Richard Dean** for more details 07740 027803

Bromley Founders Night - Monday 24th October - more details to follow.

Region 10 Friendship Torch Event - 18th February 2006 - Croydon Park Hotel with Wives and Partners - more details to follow

I am looking forward to my time on National Council, making new friends and meeting as many of you as possible".

Vaughan Harris

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Newport 41 Club Cluster Night

Newport 41 Club held their annual Cluster Night at Newport Golf Club, Rogerstone on Tuesday 22nd March 2005.

Over 70 enthusiasts including many from other local Clubs including Abergavenny, Chepstow, Cwmbran, Cardiff and Tredegar enjoyed an excellent night of fellowship along with National President Les Edwards and National Vice President Mike Fitchett.

Entertainment was provided by an excellent local comedian, but as usual, no one could remember any of the stories the next day.

Proceeds of the Raffle were donated to the Willow Foundation.



Brechin & District 41 Club

In keeping with the spirit of this Jubilee year the Club held a celebration dinner and meeting at the Panmure Arms Hotel, Edzell on Thursday 26 May 2005. During the evening Roger Hopkins was made an Honorary member for his past years of contribution to the local Club and presented with a copy of the newly published book "Continued Friendship", covering the past 60 years of history of the National Association and a Diamond Jubilee lapel pin.

The book was suitably endorsed and signed by all the members for Roger who was chairman during 1975-76. The guest speaker for the evening was Ian Dickson who gave an excellent presentation with slide show on his many years of experiences with the local culture and history of Papua New Guinea.

Ian has been involved there since 1985 in the development and farming of extensive Palm Oil plantations.

Brechin 41 club Honorary member Roger Hopkins centre with Chairman Davy Anderson and P/Chair Tom Murray



Aberdeen & District 41 Club's - 41st Charter Celebration

The event, that celebrated our proud membership of 41 Club, took place at our 41st Charter Dinner Celebration, together with Partners on Saturday 26 February 2005. Our National President Les Edwards and his charming wife Gail attended and took time to meet all 65 persons attending. Including one founder member Colin Campbell, 12 past Chairmen plus members from 12, 41 Clubs.

This unique event (the only 41st Charter at which partners were present) should have been a 40th Charter (in 2004) but our Secretary cannot count; however a 41st event for 41 Club seemed to appropriate and met with the approval of the assembled throng! Who came as far south as Purley, as far west as Dublin, as far north as Peterhead (is there anywhere further north?) and Aberdeen as it is as far east as you can go! Les received a cheque for £200 towards his charity and presented Aberdeen & District with a copy of their charter (they had lost two previously presented) The Toasts were magnificent, the food superb and the Fellowship was fantastic.

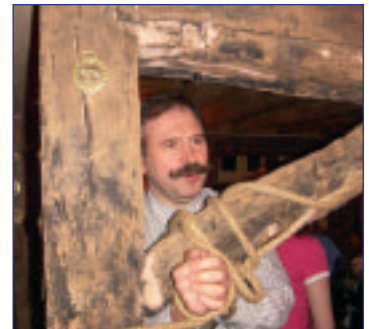
Everyone (including the ladies) went home with a wee engraved whisky glass, some in the wee small hours.

David Illingworth

Stowmarket 41 Club Charity clip

Past Chairman of Stowmarket 41 club, Arthur Diaper, spent two years growing his handle bar moustache, only to have removed by his fellow club members, and in doing so raised over £600,00 for Children In Need.

Charles Smith



Stowmarket Past Chairman Arther Tied for the deed and Half way through

Martin Young



Southend 41 Club and all members of Southend Round Table 106 mourn the passing of our dear friend Martin Young.

Martin was an exceptional person who touched the lives of hundreds of people and we will remember him for his sharp mind and quick wit, his laughter, his superb organisational skills, his love of life and his infectious enthusiasm in everything he did. No matter how busy he was, if ever he was asked to do something extra he would manage somehow to fit it into his many other commitments.

Martin joined Southend Round Table 106 in 1983 - at the rather advanced age of 35! - and in the space of less than 5 years he became Treasurer, Fundraiser, Vice-Chairman and Chairman and although many of you will find this hard to believe, when he was interviewed he was seriously worried as to whether he would be able to commit himself to the 60% attendance rule! Little did we know then what was to come!

But Martin was more than just a man at the front of things. Everything he did was for the benefit and enjoyment of others – he was utterly unselfish. Martin was also, for many years, our 41 Club's secretary, a post which he relished and made his own.

His monthly newsletters were legendary, amusing, articulate and eagerly awaited, filled with information and anecdotes on events and people in Round Table, Ladies Circle, Tangent and 41 Club.

Martin achieved much in his Tabling life. He was Chairman and President of Southend 106, Honorary President of Round Table Area 33, Vice-Chairman of Southend 41 Club in its 50th year and National Councillor for 41 Club Region 9.

His love of International Tabling is legendary and he made many friends in Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and many other corners of the World and it was not therefore surprising that he went on to become 41 Club National International Officer, unquestionably one of the finest International Officers we have ever had.

As we all know he also achieved high office on the National Executive of 41 Club culminating in his election in April to National Vice-President of the Association. You can all appreciate how immensely proud we are of Martin.

On Saturday, 21st May 2005, we remembered and celebrated 60 years of 41 Club at the Diamond Jubilee Lunch in Birmingham, an event in which Martin played a very important part to ensure that the day's events would be a success. For those there, you will all know just how successful a day it was.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention a very special person, Martin's wife Gill, who has been part of the greatest double act we have ever seen in Round Table and 41 Club and who supported her man in whatever he chose to do.

The last few years have been very difficult for both of them and their family but Martin and Gill showed great strength of character and tremendous courage in facing such a dreadful illness and were determined to continue with their hectic lifestyles.

Martin was a very close friend who shared his life with many people, yet his love for Round Table and 41 Club came second to his love for Gill, Tobyn, Oliver and his sister, Lindsey. He was indeed a very special person who was a good husband and father and greatly loved his family. He was exceptionally proud of Gill, Tobyn and Oliver and especially the support that they gave him.

Many of us have our own special memories. It has been a privilege, Martin, to have known you, thank you for bringing so much fun and laughter into our lives. You have left such a legacy of love and friendship that you will never be forgotten.

Our condolences to Gill, Tobyn and Oliver at this very sad time.

David Dean

Chairman 2005-2006 - Southend 41 Club

Stephen Bull

Sandy & District 41 Club are deeply saddened by the death of one of our most respected members. He died peacefully after a long illness, during which he never lost his great sense of humour and his commitment to others. None of us will forget the many happy times we shared with him and our deepest sympathy goes to Judith, his wife, and to Andrew, Caroline and Joanna, his children. We will miss you Stephen, and you will not be forgotten.

Fran Sharp, Chairman

Sandy & District 41 Club Region 8

Dave Clarke

Poynton 41 Club deeply regrets to announce the ending of Dave's life. Dave was a founder member of Poynton RT 1064 & a past chairman, also past chairman of 41 Club. The A service of thanksgiving for his life was given by his children, Rev. Dr. Jason Clarke, Adam Clarke and Melanie Oxlye. A humorist throughout his life, Dave entered the packed & emotional church to the Pink Panther theme tune and exited to the tune, "Please don't talk about me when I've gone!"

Lawrence Bamber, Hon Sec

Poynton 41 Club

Geoff Tindall

Frank Christopher

2 stalwart members of Newmarket 41 Club, both passed away suddenly in September & October respectively. Geoff & Frank were both founder members of Newmarket RT 593 back in 1957. Frank went on to be RT chairman 1960-61 & 41 club chairman 1983-84. Geoff was 41 Club chairman in 1977-78. Geoff leaves a wife, Liz, 5 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Frank leaves 4 children and 11 grandchildren. They will both be sadly missed.

Graham Parker

Newmarket 41 Club Region 16

David Hughes

By the end of the day, the news that one of Ely 41 Club's more senior members had collapsed & died on the 16th green of the Ely Golf Club had been relayed to all members of his club. David (75) had served as chairman & more recently president of Ely & District RT, as well as RT Area 41 Chairman. While in 41 club he was also chairman. An active member of Rotary, Probud & freemason, and president of Ely Chamber of Trade. In addition to leaving his wife Rita, he leaves daughters Susan and Claire, a number of grandsons and a big hole in Ely 41 club.

Keith Dolby

Ely 41 Club Region 16

Trevor Brunton

We are saddened to record the death of Trevor, aged 72. Chairman of 41 club 1980-92, RT chairman in 1970-71. The crematorium service, filled to capacity with family & friends, was a fitting tribute to the loss of an enthusiastic and active member. All at Market Ransen will miss Trevor. Our thoughts are with his wife Margaret and family at this sad time.

John Rowan

Market Rasen & District 41 Club, Region 6

David Hobday

It is with great sadness that Dedham 41 Club announces the death at 79 of David, a very popular club member. David would say that his greatest achievement was "to find his wife Edna". Along the way he was chairman of Brentwood RT & later Rotary Club, also actively interest in the scout movement. A keen gardener and conservationist owning a woodland wherein club members and friends enjoyed many happy hours. Our sympathies go to Edna & their 5 children and extended families.

Charles Corroyer, Club contact

Dedham 41 Club

Roy Harris

With great sadness, Anglesey 41 Club announce the passing away of Ray on 8 March '05, aged 76 years. Before retiring he was employed at the Wylfa Nuclear Power Station as an electrical engineer. He came to Anglesey from Southwold, Suffolk joining Llangefin RT & then a founder member of Anglesey 41 Club. We all will sadly miss him and our sympathy goes to his wife, Pauline and son Jamie.

Glyn Jones

Anglesey 41 club, Region 13

Mike Snasdell

Beckenham 41 with great sadness reports the sudden death of our dear friend. For some 30 yrs Mike was the core of RT 104 and 41 club, having been chairman for both. A man honoured, respected and greatly liked by all. Our sympathies are with his wife Margaret & their 2 sons.

Cliff Makin

With deep regret we inform you of the death of Cliff, a founder member of Beckenham 41 Club. He will be remembered for his good humour and quick wit. His wife Margaret and family will miss him greatly.

Arthur Jordan

Beckenham 41 Club, Region 10

Derek Israel

Swansea 41 Club announce with deep sadness, the death of our colleague, Derek, who passed away after a long illness. He was a well-respected member of 41 Club & his earlier membership of Swansea RT. Derek had an easy going & friendly manner, which was much appreciated by his fellow club members. Indeed he will be remembered as a true gentleman and friend by all of his surviving 41 clubbers. We send our condolences to his widow, Mari, their children, family and friends.

Keith Roberts, Chairman

Swansea 41 Club, Region 3

Henry Pendlebury

Mexborough 41 Club are saddened to report the death of Henry, age 74. Though he had been ill for sometime, he still insisted on living life to the full and his death was quite sudden. He had retired allowing him "to get on with living". He was for many years secretary of both RT and 41 Club and twice our chairman, rarely missing a meeting. Henry was a true character and it was an honour and privilege to have known him. He will be sorely missed.

Peter Littlewood, Mexborough 41 Club, Region 14

Mac Thomas

With great sadness Cardiff 41 Club announce the death of Mac, who was an enthusiast of life and a man who gave generously of his time to many causes in South Wales, including the Variety Club, Noahs Ark Appeal & Face Up cancer charity. He put much back into the community, with wit, boundless energy and a great interest in people. Mac enjoyed life & showed great courage in illness that was an inspiration too many. He is greatly missed by all and particularly by Bev his devoted wife & twins, Ruth & Nathan whom he loved dearly.

Martin Garner

Cardiff 41 Club, Region 3

Michael J Bitten

Michael passed away at Forest Holme Hospice, Poole on 29 May '05 aged 43 after a long illness bravely borne throughout. A well respected solicitor & active member of both Wareham 51 Club & RT 1224, holding various office including Chairman and Area Secretary. Quiz nights will not be the same without him. We all have our own special memories of Mike and will miss his friendship & sense of humour. Our thoughts & sympathies are with Marion & their 3 children at this sad time.

Andrew Orridge

Wareham 41 Club, Region 17

Jim Oldfield

In February, St. Oswald's church, Sowerby, North Yorkshire was packed with folk celebrating the life of Big Jim. His nickname not only described his stature but also reflected his very generous nature and soul. Jim led an incredibly full life, a founder member of Sale RT, and Area 40 chairman, also founder member of Thirsk 41 Club. Together with his wife Joan, past Ladies Circle President, he successfully juggled family, career & community activities. Jim's son Bill gave a wonderful account of his father's life & reminded everyone of Jim's sense of humour, saying "Today's service is a celebration of his life. The effect he's had on us all continues & therefore he's still here with us. You can't get rid of Jim Oldfield that easily!"

Alan Nuttal, Thirsk 41 Club

Stan Brewster

Ripley Amer 41 Club is deeply shocked to announce the tragic death of Stan aged 52 at Edgware Road, London on 7th July 2005. Stan a past member of Ripley Round Table and Chairman of Ripley Amer 41 Club will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to wife Sandra, daughter Katie and son Mark.

Horace Edwards, Chairman Ripley Amer 41 Club, Region 6

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