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Past President Malcolm Banks In Memory



We received the sad news of Malcolm's passing this morning, and while we knew it was almost inevitable, it always comes as a shock when it happens.

As you are aware, Malcolm and Dorothy were members of the group of G.B. & I. (along with a couple from Germany) 41'ers who visited New Zealand in February and March of this year. While they were not actually staying with us while in our area, Margaret and I did have the pleasure of having Dorothy and Malcolm here for an evening during their stay.

Then at the end of the tour, we travelled south to Christchurch and shared a wonderful evening with the group - it just happened to be St. Patrick's Day - so you can guess who was the life and soul of the party - yes, Malcolm Banks. When we received word from Singapore that he was in hospital there, we faxed them daily, trying to keep a reasonable perspective on things, but when we heard the results of the scan, and his subsequent admission to hospital on his return to Dublin, sadly, reality took over.

On a personal note, Malcolm's favourite thing to tell me was that the two beers he bought me in Dublin last year, were the most expensive two beers he had ever bought - they finished up costing him over £7000 - two beers and two trips to New Zealand !!!! Still we had many laughs about it, and I know he thoroughly enjoyed his time out here "in the colonies".

There was a photo of the 3 Past Presidents on the trip, Malcolm, Iain Kelso and Gordon Macnab, in all their glory, at a local beach, which featured (much to Zan Kelso's disgust!!) on the front page of your website for a while. Looking at that photo earlier today, there was nothing to suggest that Malcolm was in any way ill.

We would like to extend our sympathy to firstly Dorothy, and then to the Association on the loss of such a wonderful member of our Club. Mike, you personally have had a "hell of a year", what with Martin Young's passing and now Malcolm.

While I cannot presume, and certainly would not presume, to speak for the New Zealand membership, I do know that I can express the sympathy of all of those whose paths crossed that of Malcolm Banks, for I am sure their memories of him would be the same as are mine. Please accept our condolences at this time. Kindest regards and yours in 41.



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National President

With the Council Meeting in **Abergavenny** in June now just a memory and the **Second National Council Meeting** in the Midlands just a few weeks ago; where is the year going? I am extremely pleased to be able to report that common sense did prevail at the **Special General Meeting** when Council proposed a change in the rules to secure the continuity of the Presidency for the Association. **Ian Mackenzie** our Vice President appointed under the **National Rules in Abergavenny** ensure a smooth handover next April when we get to Bristol. May I take this opportunity and thank all of the clubs who attended the **SGM** and for the way in which they all conducted themselves throughout the meeting and the Council Meeting as well.



Forward Planning has unveiled a **radical restructuring** plan for **National Council** and a way forward for our Association; the plan was well received by the **National Executive and Council** have been given the details to digest and come back to the next Council Meeting in February where the ideas will be debated fully. The Plan is in my opinion, a real opportunity to create the correct framework for our Association going forward; finances alone will not provide a future for the current structure and unless we link our Association on a more meaningful basis with **RTBI**; we will struggle to survive.

Since my last report, I joined some old friends for the **15th Anniversary of the Round Table Vintage Challenge**, sailing the waters in the Midlands for a memorable weekend. The first of the 'Torch Events' happened in **Warrington on July 16th** and was followed by the **Region 13 Golf Day** held at the **Llandrindod Wells Golf Club** where I battled up and down the hills with **Steve Davies** who had accompanied me from **Tredegar 41 Club** for the day. On August 3rd, I helped **Andy Nation** out of the **Thames at Abingdon**; Andy a 41'er from **Welwyn** swam the Thames in aid of **Anthony Nolan** and we should all be very proud of his achievement. Andy has raised over £18000 which I am sure will be topped up to £20,000 before the appeal closes. **Congratulations Andy**. On August 13th I attended the surprise **40th Birthday** of the new club **Chairman of Isis 41 Club, Jeremy Russ** where we all agreed, he must be the youngest Chairman now currently in office. I attended the **5th meeting** of the prospective new club of **Round Table 717 Monmouth** which is due to charter on **12th January 2006** followed by **Monmouth 41 Club**. The reformation of Monmouth has come about following the involvement of **Kevin Hughes from Barry RT** who now lives in Monmouth and the Area 4 Executive; I believe a similar approach is being made in **Sutton Coldfield** as well as two other clubs due to re-charter. We are hoping to re-charter **Monmouth 41 Club** as well; so I will keep you posted.

On 30th August I attended the **25th Charter of Broadland 41 Club** which was chaired by **Rupert Crisp** who has advised me that he would like me to return for the 50th when he intends to be in the chair again! On to **North Berwick** for a joint evening with the ladies the day before the **Scottish Golf Championships at Carnoustie**; despite my handicap of a crushed finger obtained at Birmingham Airport, I managed to complete the round and make the presentations at the end of the day; my thanks go to both **Drew Cochrane and David Wharton** for arranging the weekend. It was good to be able to induct four new members into **North Berwick 41 Club** on the Thursday night. After attending my club meeting at **Tredegar**; I was joined by **Alun Williams from Tredegar** and **David Yendoll from Abergavenny** for the **Region 7 Forum** which was a success from a communication point of view and I would urge all regions to continue with these beneficial forums. It was good to see both **John Clegg and Lawrence Bamber** bring in the **Torch at the Region 16** event held in **Norwich**, which was attended by our ladies too as well as a large representation from **Round Table, Ladies Circle and Tangent**. Having received many 'dog tags' from **RTBI President Gary**, I sent **Past President Adrian Gibbons** with a present of my own to Gary; a shirt from the **Appollo Mission** which had across the front 'Failure is Not an Option'; I hope he gets the message and with an expected **1800 new entrants** to Table, I am sure he is on the way; no harm in reminding him though.

On 21st September I attended the **Region 11 Torch Event at West Malling** in Kent where the torch arrived on the golf club patio in the dark with **David Roach** bringing it in from **Region 16**; the evening was a fine example of fellowship and in particular fun with **National Councillor Peter Warr** at his best. Sponsorship helped them on the day and I would suggest that we should use the mosaic profile for any of the remaining events to assist in keeping the costs down. I thought when I took office, my golfing opportunities would be few, but on Friday 23rd September I played in the finals of the **Round Table Children's Wish Golf Competition**. I was joined by **Stuart King RTCW General Secretary, RTBI National Sports Officer Sean Smith and Derek Redmond Patron and GB Gold Medal Athlete**; whilst none of us were allowed to win the **Spanish Golf Holiday** (we would not have done anyway) we had a superb round of fun on the **Ryder Cup Course, the Brabazon**, a truly memorable day. This is something that all 41 clubs should consider entering and I would congratulate **Brentwood 41 Club** for making it to the finals and coming in with a very creditable score. It was ironical that **Brentwood's 41st Charter** was my next stop where we all enjoyed the wit of **Adger Brown** and a well controlled occasion by their MC, **Mike Smith**. The following night at the **White Rose Dinner**, some 250 guys enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun before I headed back south for the **Region 3 Euro Weekend** where I bumped into some familiar faces from the International clubs who were over for their 4th exchange and enjoying the facilities available at the **Mumbles, Swansea**. Another meeting of **Monmouth RT** where a past member **Christopher Chamberlain** joined **Robert Patterson, Region 3 National Councillor** to discuss the reformation of **Monmouth 41 Club**; we just may be able to get this chartered the same night as **Monmouth RT**. **Cannock's 40th Charter** night proved to be huge success who were joined on the night by **Past President of RTBI, Roger Nicholls** and colleagues from **Penkridge** before I headed back home to journey on to Heathrow to catch my early flight to **Region 20** and the **Iberian Cluster Weekend** in **Gibraltar**, my thanks to **Andrew and Sally Cooper** for accompanying Diane and I to the **Iberian Experience** and an opportunity to see what monkeys do when they get bored 'up the Rock'; they will know what I mean!

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The Gala Dinner on the Saturday night received the **Torch of Friendship** to much acclaim from the 125 diners including many past presidents of all four associations.

Jersey 41 Club my next stop for their Annual Dinner and I hope they have been able to get their submission in to the editor on time. The **Irish Rally Weekend** was everything we had expected it to be and **Chairman Peter Waterson** and his team did an excellent job; again the torch arriving from **Gibraltar** made for a special event on the Saturday night and I must thank our tour guide, **Tony Henderson** for the splendid visit to the 'Derry' Walls and Cathedral. On to **Bromley** for their founders night and the torch's visit to **Region 10** with **Vaughan Harris** in attendance. A club visit to **Gordano Valley** was next where I managed to present a report of recent events, including the SGM which had been requested by **Past Treasurer David Johnson**, who sadly was unable to attend. **Abingdon 41 Club** was my next stop for their 'Trafalgar Hats' night along with **Abingdon Member, National Secretary Martin Green** and **National Councillor Robert Patterson** acting as my driver for the evening and finally this week anyway, a memorable President's Dinner on the **Isle of Man** which was attended by a number of tablers who tried to lead us and **Steve Leonard** astray into the early hours of Saturday morning. My sincere thanks to all those who have looked after me on my travels so far including my drivers and a very special thank you for the donations received to date for **RTCW** which should be over **£4000** once the cheques are in; and I hope you will all consider joining in the **RTCW Lottery** which has just been launched, again a great way of having fun and helping this wonderful charity. The Torch is well on its way around the country now, this is your one and only opportunity to be part of it during **Diamond Jubilee Year**; please don't miss out!

And finally, I must remind you all about our **Conference in Bristol next April**, if you haven't booked yet, please do so, **YOU MIGHT NOT GET IN**. So enjoy yourselves; because if you do, then so will everybody else!

Mike Fitchett

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Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph, Whitehall

President Mike, placed a wreath on behalf of 41 clubs at the Cenotaph on Sunday 13th November 2005, the contingent marched past the Cenotaph in Whitehall onto Horse Guards Parade where HRH The Prince of Wales took the salute. RTBI President Gary Smith accompanied Mike along with other members of RTBI and 41 Club.



Vice-President Ian Mackenzie

Firstly I wish to express my thanks for the approval of the rule change at the **Special General Meeting** at the beginning of **October**. Knowing that I can now go full steam ahead and plan my year ahead as your next National President is a big relief, and I wish to assure all clubs that I will work tirelessly to make certain that we continue to have the fun and fellowship we all enjoy as Ex-Round Tablers.

Our association is facing exciting times ahead but we must make certain that whatever we propose to change we have all our clubs with us all the way, and by working together we can make our association even bigger and better. As **Diamond Jubilee Coordinator** for this our **sixtieth year** I am already meeting many club members at our **Friendship Torch Events**. This is also a good time to let me have your thoughts and opinions as to how you see the way ahead for our association. I am a good listener and over the odd pint I am certain

that many of our club members have thoughts and ideas that they wish to share with us.

My diary has now been published on our web site and dates are filling fast. If your club has a charter or special event please let me know as I would love to come along and help. Many clubs hold all sorts of special events and even sporting ones, let me know I may even have a go. Our **National Conference** is a great event and if you like good fun and plenty of fellowship then please come to Bristol. The **Bristol conference** team is working very hard to make certain that everybody has a good time and Saturday night at the **Final Night Party** promises to be very interesting with the theme of "hot air"! Continue to enjoy your local 41 Club and I can assure you that our **National President Mike Fitchett** is working very hard to make certain that in this special year we all have a little fun. Here's to Continued Friendship.

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Sales and Marketing Manager



I recently emailed all club contacts with a plea to Chairmen and Secretaries – please order your **Past Chairman's Jewel** and name bar in plenty of time. Do not wait until the week before your AGM and then expect them to be delivered on time. Fob jewels take about six weeks to produce from receipt of order to dispatch and if every club orders at the same time, it will take twice as long. **Order them now** – you know who your outgoing Chairman will be.....it's the guy who is now the Chairman!!

Diamond Jubilee Sales have gone very well this year – I have sold out twice already.

All my stock (except badges) was distributed to National Councillors at the recent SGM in Dudley so contact your Councillor, in the first instance, for Diamond Jubilee goods.

The **Diamond Jubilee Book** is still available at the bargain price of £10 (+£2.50 p&xp) from your National Councillor, Marchesi House or direct from me.

I have a **limited edition** of only 20 Diamond Jubilee Books autographed by the entire Diamond Jubilee Year, National Executive. These are available only from me at £15 +p&xp, with the extra £5 going to the President's charity, **Round Table Children's Wish**.

This offer will not be repeated. These books make ideal presentation items as they are, but how about giving your Diamond Jubilee Chairman – or President a signed copy as a memento of his year in office?

Yours in continued friendship,

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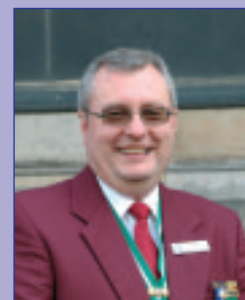
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Secretary

It's frightening how time flies!

It seems only yesterday we had just finished the **National Conference in Bournemouth** and here I am already preparing for the next one in Bristol.

So far this has not been an 'easy' year from my point of view. Despite only being a half hour affair, the Special General Meeting at Dudley, took almost as much work as the AGM to organise. My thanks go to my wife Maria and to Sue Hart from Marchesi House, who helped the morning run smoothly – as usual where would we be without the ladies?!



During the summer I have been heavily involved in the plans being launched by the Forward Planning Committee for the future structure of the Association. This was launched to National Council in Dudley and is now at its 'consultation stage' within Council. The full details of this will become public in the fullness of time – but you may wish to talk to your National Councillor and get some feed back on its content, and perhaps give him your views on the ideas. The Structure Plan is probably the most significant change proposed to the Association for some time and it attempts to forge closer links with RTBI as well as produce a more efficient National Council for the Association.

By the time you receive this magazine, your Club Contact will have received the Notice for the **AGM in Bristol**. As usual there is opportunity for any member to stand for one of our Officer roles. Locally I have also notified **Regions 4, 7, 11, 13 and 17** that **vacancies** are available for National Councillors in those Regions. **National Council** is a great 'Club' to be a member of – and it is the opportunity to make a 'difference'. You are however reminded, that to be a voting delegate at the AGM or to stand for any office, you must be a member of a club that has paid its capitation!

Finding a **National Councillor for Region 5 (North West)** still eludes me – my thanks to Steve Leonard for carrying that role on throughout the year despite not now even living in the Region!

A warm welcome to **Robert Patterson from Newport (Gwent) 41 Club** who has become National Councillor for Region 3 (South Wales). I have known Robert for many years – and I know he will do a terrific job!

Finally, we are still looking for the Association flag. This was removed from the balcony at the Diamond Jubilee Lunch by someone – I would like it back for the AGM in Bristol so it can proudly fly above the British Empire & Commonwealth Museum. Its anonymous return to Marchesi House will do!

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs took place on Saturday 1 October 2005 at the Copthorne Hotel, Dudley.

A National Council Resolution that Rule 6.4 shall not apply for the year 2006-2007, and that the current National Vice President appointed by Council under Rule 6.7 shall be the National President Elect for the year 2006-2007 was debated with 57 voting delegates present.

The Resolution was approved by those present, attaining the relevant two thirds majority for a rule change, and as a result Ian Mackenzie of Haverhill and District 41 Club is now President Elect and will become National President of the Association from the Bristol AGM for the year 2006-2007.

Martin Green National Secretary

International Officer



Since Durban I have been quite busy although the summer months are rather less hectic than those ahead. A dozen or so 41ers from overseas attended the DJL and were amazed at the atmosphere generated by the occasion. At the recent HYM in Cyprus, John Hudson, the 41 International President commented on the day and said only the British could organise such an event. Praise indeed! In early June I attended the OTD AGM in Karlsruhe, Germany when Bob Parton, an Englishman took over as their National President. The “boys” from the 18 strong GBI contingent staged an interruption based on a “Dolly Parton” theme. Blond wigs and plastic boobs were very much to the fore! I am not sure if many of those present knew who Dolly was but they soon got the message. Andy Waite went to the French AGM in Nantes plus the WOCO conference in Costa Rica. His reports are on the web and should also appear in this edition. Andy has also been to a number of Table events overseas which can only be good news for the future.

In July, June and I met up with the APEX 40 tour from “OZ” at their farewell dinner in London. This was a bit difficult due to the recent bombings but we made it. Although only 14 strong they all rated the trip a success so much so that there is talk of a return visit by GBI to “OZ” in 2007/8. A number of our clubs acted as hosts during the tour and I am grateful for their support. Also in July I represented Mike Fitchett (not as his double) at the prize giving on the Region 18 Golf Day in Bristol, my thanks to Bruce Poole and his “lads” for their hospitality. Soon afterwards I attended a meeting of the Bristol Conference Committee. There will be an International Lunch in Bristol on Thursday 27th April. In the past these lunches have been one of the highlights of our conferences so why not come along? If your club has overseas contacts invite them over. They are great fellowship events.

August was quiet but in September I went to the Region 7 Forum organised by Lichfield 41 Club. This was not so quiet but fellowship did come out on top! Early October found me at the 41 International HYM in Cyprus where the sun shone, the temperature was 29 degrees and there were many attempts at “Zorba’s” dance. We thought we were good at the time. On the Friday prior to the meeting many of us went on a day’s outing to see some of the local “sights” and “sites”. We visited an old Crusader’s castle, the Aphrodite rocks and then an ancient monastery. The latter involved a trip down the hillside in an old Bedford coach (Vintage 1960?), a glass or two of wine and/or local firewater, better suited as paint stripper and then a 25 minute donkey ride to the monastery, AND 25 MINUTES BACK! After the donkeys Aphrodite was the last person that we thought of and it should be noted that at Saturday’s meeting most delegates stood up when speaking!

The actual HYM, attended by approximately 40 delegates (including 7 from GBI) from 14 counties, was opened by John Hudson and he gave a report on his travels to date. He certainly has to cover some miles especially as his home is in South Africa. Our own John Bellwood again kept the meeting running smoothly and read his usual letter from the Queen. This time he did not wear a funny hat, I can only conclude that HM did not have one to spare. John presented his budget and accounts and gave advance notice that sometime in the future fees may have to rise as will the method of charging the various associations. We will watch this very carefully. There was also a proposal to make some cosmetic changes to the rules. This looks fairly harmless but they will be looked at by Council and of course any changes must be ratified at our own AGM and by the other associations. All of this will be a long and drawn out process so watch this space but do not hold your breath. GBI indicated that it would like to host the International Vice-Presidency in 2008/9. You will recall from my last Magazine article that we previously withdrew our offer for 2007/8 until a candidate has been elected at the Bristol AGM. You will receive more on this from Martin Green. I am grateful to John Clegg who acted as our second voting delegate. The meeting lasted almost four hours.

In marked contrast, the Iberian Cluster meeting, also in October, lasted 20 minutes! The previous year it lasted only 15. There was a goodly bunch from GBI led by National President Mike and Vice-President Ian plus Tangent National President Judy. The only topic was to decide who was going to organise the 2006 Cluster. Costa del Sol club, chaired by Gareth George (Past RTBI National President and ex-member of Billericay RT) was “selected” from a shortlist of 1. What a surprise to find that Gareth already had some pre-printed leaflets for 2006 in his file! The rest of the time was spent exploring the “Rock” and eating paella except for the final Gala evening which took place in the Casino overlooking the harbour. The Torch of Friendship was paraded around the room by John Tewksbury, Chairman 41 Club Gibraltar and Paul Vicktor, Chairman RT Gibraltar. Ian and I explained to the airport security and customs that it was an ornament!! It was a great weekend and we also sold a few books and some ties!

Looking ahead, I will be attending the Swiss 41 Club AGM in St. Gallen and the Italian “Chestnut” festival in Merano, both in early November. I have received an invite from 41 Club Lagos to go to Nigeria but time and budgets force me to give it a miss on this occasion. However should any GBI members be in Nigeria at any time they would be pleased to see you. Next year we can look forward to the Finish AGM in March, the Danish AGM in “Hamlets” castle at Elsinore and the Euroski week in Obertauern, Austria. On 6/7/8th of May Calpe 41 Club, Spain, will hold their Charter. The list goes on! Why not join in, “International “ is fun.

Lastly, plans for the HYM of 41 International, to be held in Southend-on-Sea from 13th/15th October 2006 are well in hand. The Gala dinner will be held at the House of Commons and Gill Young has put together a wonderful pre-tour. Brochures are available. If you have any questions or would like me to visit your club, please get in touch.

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A new 41 Club hits Spain's Costa Blanca

It's nearly 20 years since the Costa Blanca club was chartered, and they continue to thrive, based in the resort of Javea. The number of past tablers living in or visiting this beautiful part of Spain is hard to determine, but the potential certainly exists to bring 41 to other areas. Currently, as well as the club based in Javea, there are others in Majorca, on the Costa del Sol, and nearby Nerja, in Gibraltar and in Portugal. Annually these clubs meet in "Cluster" – this year hosted by the club in Gibraltar. And they have amongst them members of the newly formed Calpe and District club. Calpe is one of the principle towns of the northern Costa Blanca in Valencia region, and around 15 miles south of Javea.

The first meeting was held in May this year and already a dozen members have signed up, with nearly as many others expressing interest. We meet for lunch on the third Thursday of each month in one of Calpe's renowned fine restaurants – but of course we pay the very attractive Spanish prices (under £10 including wine!) – and we welcome resident, semi-resident and visiting 41 clubbers. Our Charter presentation ceremony is planned as part of a weekend of activities in early May 2006 (5th, 6th and 7th) and of course we have negotiated excellent prices with the key hotel and other venue. In fact just 120.50 (£85) for a two night package in the best hotel in town, including the main events. Attendees just have to get here and with budget airlines flying to Alicante and Valencia from every conceivable UK airport that could hardly be easier!

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Details and registration forms for Charter weekend can be obtained from Ian Ritchie, who should also be contacted by ex tablers wishing to attend one of our meetings or to join.

Andrew Johnson Chairman

Perth 41 Club (the only one in Australia)

Starting with the Club's 20th Anniversary Charter Dinner in July 2004, the Club has pursued a very active Social Programme to which further reference is made below. The Anniversary Charter Dinner was held at one of Perth's top restaurants on the Swan River – the Matilda Bay Restaurant. Our Chairman Mike Lines, with his VIP contacts, was successful in persuading Sir William Heseltine, GCB plus a few more gongs, to be our Guest Speaker. Sir William, who is Australian, was at one time, during a distinguished career, HM the Queen's personal Private Secretary, and he gave a very interesting and informative talk, largely focused on one of his great grandfather's life in mid 19th century Western Australia. It was an evening of nostalgia and recollection of past memories that were brought to life by the presence of all previous Chairmen of the Club – an achievement in itself – since the Club's formation in 1983.

Readers of previous articles from this Club will know we have a monthly dinner/business meeting at a central venue in Perth. These are supplemented by numerous other activities a selection of which follows:

Within weeks of our Anniversary Dinner, we enjoyed a very pleasant Casserole evening at the home of one of members. This was very soon followed by our Annual Mini-Golf Tournament with a Sausage sizzle afterwards at the home of a member who lives nearby. Another 'at home' in September, this time a social evening including a fish & chips supper. Before the end of 2004 we were also able to slot in such activities as a mid-week visit to the Channel Nine TV Studios. what has now become an Annual Cycle Ride along part of the scenic Swan River, with a welcome stop at an appropriate hostelry on route for lunch. We have also paid several further visits to the Matilda Bay Restaurant where we enjoyed their Sunday buffet breakfasts. A visit to a picturesque local winery that hosts an annual Dixieland/ Traditional Jazz concert. A mid-week tour of the Swan Brewery where we were able to sample some of the Brewery's beverages. An enjoyable Quiz/Pizza night again at the home of one of our members. A talk at one of our Ladies Night dinners on the construction of a railway from the City to suburbs and towns to the south. A picnic at a popular river reserve. A mid-week tour of the largest Grain exporting terminal in the Southern hemisphere.

Before I close this dispatch there is no doubt that the highlight of the year since the Anniversary Dinner was the extremely successful get-together with eight members of the U.K. Malvern Hills 41 Club and their partners at the beginning of April. Twenty-eight members and partners of the two clubs met at another very popular restaurant, again close to the River Swan, where we all enjoyed a pleasant, talkative lunch in perfect weather.

As may be expected the post-prandial fellowship that evolved, including an exchange of Club banners, carried on well into the afternoon and it was with considerable reluctance that we parted to go our separate ways.

See photograph. As Ray Jones of the Malvern Hills Club said in a recent e-mail "...it was an excellent way to continue fellowship with like minded members of our world wide club".

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Conference Officer



Such a lot has happened since my last report for the magazine it's a job to know where to start. But let's start with **Bristol 2006** as it's our next **National Conference** and filling up fast. With only 600 places available at Bristol and a wonderful programme of entertainment and fellowship I recommend booking early.

Bristol has so much to offer with its historic docks area, theme

restaurants, theatres and the Brunel celebrations next year it will be "the place" to be in the Spring. The bookings for Bristol are now rolling in well, with the International Lunch showing the popularity it did in our Table days. The final Torch Event will be held at the Presidential Banquet culminating the Torch's travel around the UK and Europe in this our **Jubilee Year**.

Moving on to **Newcastle 2007**, the first of our new style Conferences where the accommodation will be separate from the conference package. After the decision was taken to support this bold move at our last Council Meeting, the Newcastle Committee have changed up two gears. The venues are now booked, hotels in all price ranges are primed and the Conference transport is already sorted. We are all very excited about Newcastle as our first new style Conference venue, as the layout of the City makes it ideal for this type of event. For now we just need to leave it to the Newcastle Committee to finalise the rest of the programme whilst we concentrate on having a great time at **Bristol 2006**.

In November I'm due to visit Liverpool with my Conference Committee colleague **Drew Cochran** to meet with Past National Councillor **John Clegg** and **Liverpool 41 Club**. The agenda will be to discuss the hosting of a National Conference in **Liverpool in 2008**. So what about 2009 I hear you say, well your Conference Committee has no set idea for 2009 as yet.

Although on the basis we should try to move Conference around the country, we think a venue in the South East would be a good idea. If any one has an idea of a suitable venue, or the name of a 41 Club they think would like to help then please let me know.

Yours in Fellowship,

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Conference Officer.

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Membership and Extension Officer

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun!

Yes it is really is half way through the 41 Club year and I don't know where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were having an 'interesting' debate at the **Bournemouth AGM** about membership issues.



I thought that everyone knew what had happened- how naive. We are 41 Club members after all and not surprisingly I have received several e-mails asking what happened: Was the vote lost; was there even a vote; what was the resolution? etc. etc. Well to all those of a slightly apathetic disposition- we voted on 'open' membership and the motion was lost. So what now I hear you all ask. Well we still have our underlying problems regarding membership.

Tables are still closing and Past Tablers are still passing us over in favour of other clubs. Our age profile is continually rising and we must ask ourselves a fundamental question: Do we want to change or stay as we are? Can we afford not to take any action?

This is the next debate that we need to have. In order to survive it may be said that we have to change our structure and fall in more with Round Table Areas. After all we all were Tablers once. We might need to change the structure of the Executive- this might be popular!!!

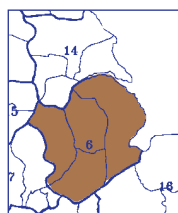
Anyway your Regional Councillor will have or will be in the near future contacting you regarding several proposals that might take us into a more stable and secure time. It is up to all of us with views to join the debate and fight for what we want 41 Club to be in the future. The only thing that cannot be debated is the fact that we all want the club to survive and thrive.

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Region 6 North Midlands



A very sad occasion on 22 July at the funeral of Stan Brewster, a member of the **Ripley Amber Club**, brutally and callously murdered by terrorists at Edgeware Road on 7th July. A very poignant and moving service, attended by many members of both Ripley Clubs along with several from other Clubs in the Region. After a summer of barbecues and outside meetings, at which my non-existent skills at darts and boules became obvious, it was with some relief to resume normal service with a visit to the **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Club** at **Tutbury Castle**. Following the meal, we were led into a supposedly haunted room full of extremely antique furniture, and entertained with an address on the life of **Nell Gwyn** given by the chatelaine of the Castle.

It was good to see representatives from the **Swadlincote**, **Buxton** and **Long Eaton Clubs** at the **White Rose Dinner** and Torch Ceremony in **Barnsley**. A really well organised and enjoyable function with a superb Brass Band – shame about the speakers, though!

The **Hope Valley Club** held its 39th Charter at the **Sir William Hotel** at **Grindleford** in the heart of the Peak District, supported in strength by members of the **Dronfield Club**. A magnificent meal with good fellowship made for a memorable evening. **Dronfield** organises a Charter only every ten years, and its 30th Charter will be held on 12 May 2006 – please contact the Club if you require more details.

I was made very welcome by the members of **Market Harborough Club** for their meeting, who had recently returned from visiting their twinned Club in Belgium. As previously reported, the **Derbyshire Cluster Meeting** and **Regional Torch Ceremony** will take place on Friday 24 March 2006 organised by the **Belper Club** for further information please contact either me or any member of Belper.

Finally, my usual plea – please invite me along to any of your meetings which you might think suitable – if the date's free in my diary, I'll do my best to join you.

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Tangent speaks to 41 Club on it's birthday

On behalf of the **National Associations of Tangents Clubs** I would like to wish 41Club a very happy **60th Diamond Jubilee Birthday year**. I felt very privilege to be one of only **2 ladies**, to join **525 men** for lunch back in May. The whole day was a wonderful way to celebrate 60 years of 41 Club.

We are so lucky to belong to associations that are based on **continued friendship**, as **Malcolm Lockey** said in the Cathedral before the Lunch. **Wherever you go in the world and you see the 41 Club rondels you can be sure of a very warm welcome**. It is one of life's greatest pleasures to be with like-minded people and have fun. Talking of fun I have to say a very big 'thank you' from my Exec for the wonderful evening in **Norwich dancing on chairs** to Abba at our age was just magic!!!



We must treasure our clubs and make sure we do our best to ensure the future for **both our Associations**. I am really pleased to be working with 41 Clubs at the **Joint Liaison Meetings** as I think if we work together and help each other we have a greater chance of surviving.

In **Tangent** we have few rules and regulations, we have over **740 Clubs** with some **16650 members**. Some Tangent Clubs do fund raising and some will not hear of it. We have 7 regional Lunches around the country, which gives our **National Executive** a chance to meet as many of the membership as possible. These occasions are great fun and help to keep us in touch. In Bristol it will be our **40th AGM**, but it was **5 years later** that when we elected our **first President**.

My Best wishes to **President Mike**, All the Executive and members of 41 Club. Have a great 60th year. **Here's to the next 60 years.**

Judy Holdaway President - Tangent



Round Table Euroskiweek - Wanted - British and Irish friends!

It happens every year. It involves up to **130-170 Tablers**, **41ers**, and their partners. Oh, and the French no longer get involved.

Euroskiweek has been a regular event every year since 1969. If you are a keen skier and are in (or were) in Round Table why have you not been part of it? That is a question that the regular attendees at this event cannot understand. The continentals know that we Brits are keen skiers, but we never seem to arrive in numbers. They are wondering why. This year's event was organised by **RT 10 Trento** at the resort of **Campiglio di Madonna** in the mountains north of **Verona**. [My pictorial record of the week can be found at http://www.thompsonz.demon.co.uk/html/euroski_05.html]. There were visitors from **Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Estonia, Austria, Switzerland and Italy** itself (oh and three couples from three clubs in the UK, two couples decidedly ex-Tablers). The national mix means that English is the language used for all events, so no excuses there!

Prices are keenly set as not all countries in **Europe** have a currency with the **buying power** of the Pound Sterling. As with many RT events prices tend to be all inclusive (except alcohol though I cannot understand why). Organisers are even required to offer half week packages, though these are usually bought by the pot hunters looking to arrive late and win the races on the Friday. So no excuses again. If you are a Tabler or ex-Tabler, and you are planning where to go next year then you owe it to yourself to give serious thought to this event. Its like an **Area Rally on snow**; not so large that you cannot meet everyone, but large enough to have an atmosphere and take over its own hotel. If you consider it and then say "Nah, we'll go to France/USA/Thailand again" tell me what the **organisers** have to do to get your vote.

If you have any questions, call me and visit the **Euroskiweek Website** at www.euroskimeeting.com where you will see information and pictures about the past events and find the link to the 2006 event (when they mend it - until then try www.euroski38.com). This is being organised this time by **RT 10 Thun** in Switzerland [who have for the second time stepped into the empty shoes of France at short notice] at the end of **January in Gstaad in the Bernese mountains**.

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Thames Swim

It started as an idea in February last year - it culminated in a rousing reception and a new World record at **Teddington Lock** on the 14th August 2005. What an adventure! I have met some amazingly kind and generous people. **Dave Messenger** and his daughter, **Sarah-Jane** from the BCU Lifeguards were excellent river escorts. My wife **Lieva** was my land escort and **Mike Styles**, **Chairman of Welwyn 41 Club**, volunteered to be my general factotum. Although not a 41 Club event, 41 Clubs all along the Thames valley have hosted the Thames Swim team and made us feel most welcome. The night before the start, we were hosted by **Richard & Shirley Bell** and **Rory & Sandy Gear – Farringdon and District 41 Club** – who organised a splendid BBQ with other members from their Club also invited. Regretfully, an early night in preparation for our 5:15am alarm call. Captain **Geoff Pritchard** ferried the team upriver from **Lechlade Marina** to the start point at **The Round house, Inglesham** in his fine new boat. Here, in Gloucestershire, the Thames meets the River Colne and the **Thames Severn Canal**. A chilly start most appreciated by **Hertbeat Radio** roving reporter, **Euan Tees**, who decided to give the 'Hertbeat Speedos' a dunking (see the pics on the website link on www.thamesswim.org).

The first day's swimming was briefly interrupted mid-day by the **ITN news** crew who wanted to do an interview. The cameraman nearly persuaded the lady interviewer to don my spare swimskin and join me in the water but she changed her mind at the last minute. During the actual interview a local goose took a liking to me and decided to sit on my lap during the interview. I don't know whether that bit was broadcast but perhaps any reader who saw it can let me know. Back to the swim and on that first day I completed 17.5 miles, finishing at **Newbridge**. Our hosts for the evening were **Andrew & Sally Cooper of Witney 41 Club**. The cold and exhaustion had got to me by the end of the day and the bouts of sweats and shivers made me feel so unwell I couldn't eat my evening meal. In bed by 9:30pm. Tuesday took us to **Godstow Lock** and **Roy & Brenda Darnell of Oxford 41 Club** made us feel very welcome at their home that night. By Wednesday the team had got into a good routine and we finished at **Abingdon Lock** on time and were met by **Mike Fitchett and Martin Green**, together with another news film team from **Central TV**. Mike presented me with one of his much-cherished **National President** banners. Then it was on to a BBQ at our hosts; **Robert & Suzanne Briggs of Windsor & Eton 41 Club**. Thursday saw us finishing at **Days Lock** and being hosted by **Phil & Muriel Gregson of Wallingford 41 Club**. On Friday the wind changed and the swimming was hard.

When getting out at the locks I was so cold **Dave Messenger** made me get in the survival bag with **Sara-Jane** to keep me warm – tough job but someone has to do it! **Barney and Jenny Quinn of Reading Valley R/T and 41 Club** were our hosts for that night and the following night. Saturday was a really hard day. The wind was still against us and the water was much colder. Towards the end of the day's swim I was swamped by the wash from a passing 'gin palace' that was far exceeding the speed limit and I took in more than a mouthful of water. Combined with the cold and exhaustion I was extremely unwell by the time we returned to the **Quinn's**. It was at this point I seriously had to consider whether I should, or could, continue. Having discussed it with the team, we decided to take a day off and see how things were by Sunday afternoon. By then I was feeling much improved and we decided the swim should continue but over an extended period to finish the following Sunday. We stayed the next three nights with friends at **Marlow**. Tuesday and Wednesday's swimming was punctuated by welcome visits from **Howard & Caryl Norfolk** and **Rod & Ali Hill** from **Welwyn 41 Club**. Wednesday we stayed at a converted flat owned by our new friends, **Robert & Suzanne Briggs**.



On Thursday we moored up for the night at the home of **Geoff King, 41 Club National President 1996/7**. His back garden at **Wraysbury** runs down to the River edge.

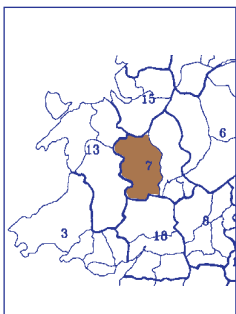


The following morning **Geoff** presented me with my second presidential banner! **Barry & Liz Sworn from Brentford & Chiswick 41 Club** were our hosts that night at another house that backed onto the River (an excellent BBQ that evening!). Passing **Sunbury Regatta** the following day we were welcomed by horns, claxons, cheering and applause from the crowds who had been following our progress on the internet and seemed really pleased to see us. It was yet another of those heart-warming occasions that helped spur me on toward the finish. The day ended at **Molesey Lock** and another night at **Robert's** place. The final day was a mere five miles to **Teddington** and **Des Merrigan** of the **BCU Lifeguards** had organised an additional six lifeguards to escort me home. A brief break was planned at **Kingston Bridge** and again, due to the extreme cold I was ordered into the survival bag – this time with **Sarah Jane** and her lifeguard friend **June** either side of me – it took me ages to stop shivering! Whilst there a passing elderly lady called **Jean** looked at

me and said, "He looks like he needs a cup of tea." We thought no more of it but a few minutes later she was walking up the embankment towards us with a pot of tea and a cup & saucer she had 'blagged' from a local hotel! It was acts of kindness and generosity like this from complete strangers that added to this adventure and made it so unforgettable. On, then, to **Teddington** – the cheers and the champagne. The TV cameras I was expecting, but the number of people who had turned out to cheer me home was somewhat of a surprise – there were hundreds of them! I put it down to the power of the internet. Speaking of the internet, you may like to read a lot more about the swim and see all the pictures on our website, www.thamesswim.org Although the swim is finished people are still making donations (thank you **Staines Round Table** for £500) and it would be great to reach our target of £20,000 – only £1,700 to go. I'd love to be able to present **The Anthony Nolan Trust** with a cheque for that figure – would you like to help?

I would like to thank all those who have participated in and supported this event. Perhaps I'll write a book about it. It started as an idea – it turned into an adventure - I hope it ends saving a life from that terrible illness, leukaemia.

Region 7 West Midlands



Gentlemen the beginning of my third and final year in office has been more hectic than I could have ever imagined.

I have been heavily involved in structuring and chairing a **Region 7 forum** which was hosted by **Lichfield 41** at the **Little Barrow Hotel**. It was attended by over sixty 41ers from twelve clubs across the region. It was no surprise to me or the **National Executive** that

Lichfield was far from happy with a number of issues some of which were raised at the **National AGM in Bournemouth**.

President Mike Fitchett, **Ken Boden** and **Paul Cammis** attended the Forum from the **National Council**. All enjoyed the frank discussions and good humour of the evening even though a damning email criticising the **National Executive** had been anonymously circulated prior to the evening.

My Thanks go to **Mac Cummings** for his input on the night and I can confirm that all the points raised have been discussed at the recent **National Executive** meeting in **Dudley** I have enjoyed a number of visits to Clubs during the recent months including **Sutton Coldfield's Sports Evening**, well done to **Gordon McNab**, **Hagley**, **Cannock 40th Charter**, **City of Birmingham**, **Shirley Late Nights**, **Smethwick** and **Halesowen**. The Forward Planning Committee has chosen **Region 7** with 65 clubs to be split into the same areas as Round Table i.e. Area 5 and 35. Thanks go to **Tim Brown** of **Shirley Late Nights** who will be looking after 20 clubs in the Round Table Area 35; he will be contacting these clubs in due course. Having received the Torch of Friendship from President Mike at the **Diamond Jubilee dinner Halesowen** and **Smethwick 41** chauffeured me to **Warrington** to hand it on to **Lawrence Bamber**, Councillor for **Region 15**. The Torch is on its travels around the country and I recently caught up with it at **Barnsley** at the **White Rose** dinner, which was an excellent evening, organised by **Any Waite** and his fellow **White Nights**. I will be attending the **Region 8** dinner at **Balliol College Oxford**, which will also be a Torch Event.

In **Region 7** our Torch event will be on **6th March 2006** at the **Clarendon Suite, Hagley Road, Birmingham** to be organised by **Smethwick 41**. President **Mike Fitchett** will be in attendance, he keeps reminding me that it will be his Birthday and he will be looking forward to a good night. I can assure him that this could be the night he sees the return of the "Nurse!"

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to present a Service award to **Patrick Wellsbury** of **Tettenhall 41** for his sterling work for them over the years and also as councillor for **Region 7**.

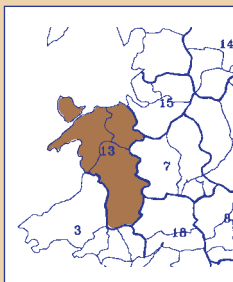
Finally gentlemen please keep in touch and invite me to your meetings either formal or just an informal get together, I am here to help you all.

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Region 13 North & Mid Wales



The first ever **41 Club Region 13 Golf Tournament** was held at **Llandrindod Wells Golf Club**, when members of the Association travelled from all over Mid and North Wales and some from as far away as **Stoke on Trent** to participate in the event.

The day was organised by **Forty One Club** member **Steve Cadwallader Jones** as part of the **Llandrindod Wells Golf**

Club Centenary diary. The overall winners of the day were **Vic Morgan** and **John Leach** who are seen being presented with their trophies by the **National President** of the Association **Mike Fitchett**. Also in the photograph are **Hugh Evans** the **Regional 13 Councillor** for Mid and North Wales, together with other prize winners who received trophies in the members golf competition.

Photograph by **Ernie Husson**, **Marina Gallery Photographers**, **Llandrindod Wells**.



Editorial



As you can see with respect to **Malcolm Banks** I have moved my self to the inner depths of the magazine, very cosy.

The new look communications team is starting to run well, with **Nigel** and **Dave** grabbing the bull by the horns and bringing us up to date with the **Small adds** and **Obits** columns. It's hoped by the end of the year that we may be in the position to have the magazine produced professionally similar to **RTBI**, watch this space and I will ask for

your thoughts.

As regards the magazine at present please forward pictures and text of your adventures over the next couple of months ready for the next edition, remember action speaks louder than words, when sending please do so as an attachment as it makes the laying out of the magazine far easier.

In completion I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Diamond Jubilee Torch Events



*Region 8
Balliol College Oxford*



*Region 10
Torch Dinner*



*Region 5
The Red Rose Dinner*



*Region 20
Iberian Cluster*



*Region 3
Mumbles*



*Region 16
Torch Dinner*



*Region 14
White Rose Dinner*



*Region 11
Golf Day and Torch Dinner*



*Region 2
Irish Rally*

Support 41 National President Mike's Chosen Charity



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Region 19 Scotland East Scottish Clubs Golf Competition

Friday 2nd September - Carnoustie Golf Links

This years event was hosted by Carnoustie 41 Club, The 2004 winners, who organised a splendid day's golf over the Burnside Course. There was an entry of 81 representing 14 clubs and comprising 21 teams from all over Scotland. Clubs represented were Arbroath, Ayr, Banchory, Blairgowrie, Carnoustie, Forfar, Inverness, Kelso, Linlithgow, Monifieth, Milngavie & Bearsden, Nithsdale, North Berwick and Turriff.

MAIN PRIZE WINNERS

Cleek Trophy -- Lowest Team 3 Net scores won by Ayr whose team was I Maxwell, J Fraser, D Buchanan & G Nicoll
 Girvan Trophy -- Lowest Team 3 Scratch scores won by Carnoustie A whose team was D Ackroyd, D Blair, I Davidson & N Merchant
 Loons Trophy -- Individual Lowest Scratch score was won by D Taylor
 Carnoustie Broughty Ferry Trophy -- Individual Lowest Net score was won by D Buchanan
 Ayr Seniors Trophy -- Lowest Net Score by players age 55 or over was won by I Brown Inverness
 Carnoustie Putter -- Lowest number of putts was won by A Harrison Carnoustie

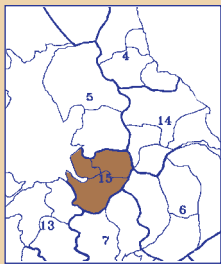
It was unfortunate that President Mike suffered a finger injury at Birmingham airport which required the attention of the local blood letter in North Berwick. Mike bravely played on the day but failed to make the prize list. His injury did not stop him from ably presenting the prizes and we look forward to visiting the west coast next year when Ayr 41 Club will host the event.

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41 Regional Reports

Region 15 Manchester & Merseyside



Region 15 were quick off the mark and held the **first Torch Event** (after the Diamond Jubilee Lunch in Birmingham) at the **Daresbury De Vere Hotel**, near Warrington, on 16th July, 2005. The Torch was conveyed up the M6 by Representatives of Region 7, West Midlands. Representatives of all four Associations were in attendance, including our own **National President, Mike Fitchett**. Traditional Lancashire (in Cheshire?) entertainment for the lunch time event was provided by **Rob Mason** who regaled us with local jokes and songs! Also present at the event was the **Mayor and Mayoress of Halton Borough**.

Our **Region 15 2006 Diamond Jubilee Dinner** will take place in the Members' Suite at **Lancashire County Cricket Club**, Old Trafford, Manchester on Friday, 31st March. The dress code will be black tie and regalia and we shall be receiving the Torch from **Region 6**, North Midlands, who hope to have the Ashes with them as well as the Torch.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening is **Dr Kevin Jones**, a medical colleague and friend of 41 Club who is without doubt one of the cost entertaining after-dinner speakers on the circuit, having over twenty years experience of such events. After studying medicine at **Liverpool University**, Kevin spent four years on the heart and lung transplant team at **Papworth Hospital**, near **Cambridge**, followed by six years at **St. Bartholomew's** in London. In 1992 he moved to Bury General as a Consultant Chest Physician and in 1999 transferred to Bolton Royal. His stories from the world of medicine and transplantation have taken him far and wide and every year he entertains thousands of people all over the country.

To make sure of securing a place for your Club please send a cheque for £10.00 per member - made payable to myself, Lawrence Lamber, at 5 Lindisfarne Drive, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 1EW

Liverpool 70th Charter

It has now been established (beyond reasonable doubt) that the first meeting of **Liverpool 41 Club** took place on Tuesday, 4th February, 1936 which, as fate would have it, is the date of the next (194th) **National Council Meeting in Llangollen!**

As our **Diamond Jubilee Region 15 Dinner** is already scheduled for 31st March, 2006, it is proposed to have the **2007 Region 15 Dinner in Liverpool** on Friday, 9th February, 2007 as part of **Liverpool 41 Club's 70th Year Celebrations**.

Club Visits

I - together with members of **Poynton 41 Club** - am keen to visit the Clubs in **Region 15** for some fun and fellowship! Please get in touch with me - on 01625 876469 - to invite us/me to your forthcoming event/meeting, especially any Charter Dinners. To date we have been to **Ringway 41 Club** for a Quiz Nite and are due to visit with City of **Manchester/Stockport** for a Games Evening in November (15th).

Lawrence Bamber

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A Fairwell from John Clegg

Well, here it is my last report for FORTY ONE, I would like to say a big thank you to all those Clubs who have extended that Hand of Friendship and helped along the way during the last six years, every one of the events and meetings I have attended in there own way has created a long and lasting memory that will remain with me for the rest of my life

Since my report in the Spring Edition of the **41 Club Magazine** there have been two very successful events in the Region.

On Wednesday 16th February, together with National President, Les Edwards, we attended the 15th Charter Dinner of Rainford and District 41 Club incorporating Rainford and District Round Table's 30th Charter Dinner at Rainford North End Recreation Club, Rainford with over 100 in attendance.

On Friday 4th March, the 3rd Regional Dinner was held once again in the Members Suite at **Lancashire County Cricket Club**, Old Trafford, Manchester in the presence of **National President Les Edwards**, Apart from seeing old friends again and enjoying some wonderful food and fellowship, the evening was made particularly enjoyable with entertainment by **Tony Jo**, one of the most talented and funniest comedians in show business. His skills, good humour were of immense value in helping to raise £400 on the night for President Les Edwards's charity The Willow Foundation. Thanks go to the Clubs in the Region who gave their support.

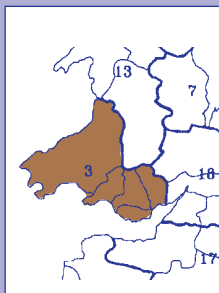
I consider it a great honour to have received from **President Les Edwards** at the dinner the Service Award. At the end of March 2005 I will have served for forty two years continuously as a member of **St Helens Round Table** as Secretary, Chairman, President and Area 8 Officer and Chairman, President of **St Helens 41 Club** and National Councillor for 41 Club.

We must give a special welcome to the two Clubs joining us from the Isle of Man, namely Isle of Man and Rushen who have rejoined their old friends in the Round Table Area 8 Region.

A Special thank you to the members of my own Club **St Helens** who have supported me throughout the last six years. Glenys and I would like to thank all our friends and partners on past and present National Councils for their support and friendship.

John H Clegg

Region 3 South Wales



Having only been appointed **National Councillor**, the week before, I had the privilege of attending the **Region 3 Torch Event** on **Saturday 8th October**, which formed part of the **Area 3 Euro Meeting**, in which **41Club** members from **France, Germany & Denmark** joined members of **Mumbles 41 Club** who hosted the event.

Over 50 people attended the **Euro 3 Gala Dinner** on the Saturday night at **Bristol Channel Yacht Club, Mumbles**, which included our European friends together with our own **National President, Mike Fitchett**, his wife **Diane**, **National Vice-President Ian Mackenzie** and **Frank Venables** and his wife. **Frank**, who is now a member of **Isis 41 Club**, was one of the original members to start the **Area 3 Euro Meetings** when he was living in **France**. The **Toastmistress** for the evening was **Ann Wookey** of **Mumbles Tangent Club** who did a splendid job in various languages!!! It would appear that there is only one word in the **Danish language - Skol!!!!!!**

During the evening, the **Friendship Torch** was paraded in the capable hands of **Ian Faull** of **Mumbles 41 Club**, who was responsible for arranging the **Euro weekend** together with **Jeremy Saunders**, **Chairman** of **Swansea Round Table**.

The following morning, complete with a few hangovers, we returned to the **Yacht Club** to bid our farewells to the **European contingent** and I for one will look forward to meeting some of them again next year when **France** will host the **5th Euro meeting**.

That was certainly a **baptism of fire** for the new virgin **Region 3 Councillor!!!** I wonder what was going to happen next?

The following week, I accompanied **National President Mike** to a meeting in **Monmouth** of the prospective new club of **Round Table 717 Monmouth**, which is due to charter on **12th January 2006**, and we hope to re-charter **Monmouth 41 Club** at the same time. There's nothing like being thrown in at the deep end!!



As your new **National Councillor**, I will be contacting all clubs in the **Region** to arrange a visit, but if you specifically want me to attend a particular event then please let me know. I would like to hear from Clubs who would like to publicise any special meetings on the **Region 3** page of the **41 Club website**.

Robert Patterson

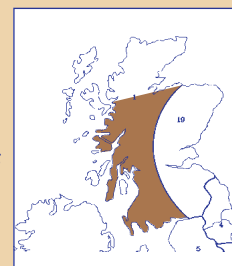
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Region 1 Scotland West

Joint Scottish Regions

1 and 19 Cluster & Torch Event
17th-19th March 2006, Crieff.



By now all **Club** contacts should have received a booking form and details of our forthcoming **Cluster**, which is being run by **Crieff 41 Club** and held in the **Crieff Hydro Hotel, Crieff, Perthshire**.

At this event we hope to encourage not only **41 Club** members from **Region 1** and **19 Clubs**, but also **Round Tablers, Tangent Ladies** and **Ladies Circlers**.

If you require further details please either view our **website page** under **Region 1** where you can download the booking form or contact me **David Wharton** on **015105 690578 (Home)** or **0141 339 8522 (Business)** and I will post details direct to you.

I, Drew Cochran, **National Councillor Region 19 Scotland East** and **Robin Walker**, **Chairman of Crieff 41 Club** - look forward to welcoming you on the **17th or 18th March 2006** in **Crieff**.

Please remember to send me details of future **Club Events** or stories of recent events with photographs for publication in the next magazine.

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Frinton and Walton 41 Club

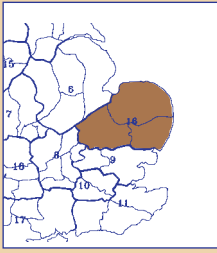
Earlier this year **Frinton and Walton 41 Club** held a **Charity Fund Raising VE Day Celebration Dance**. The venue was decorated to reflect the era and was attended by **170 people** who without exception came in period dress.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable event which raised **£1700**. This is being used to purchase four fishing boats complete with nets to be shared by eight families in **Sri Lanka** who lost their boats in the **Tsunami** last **Christmas**. These boats are currently being constructed in **Sri Lanka** with the added benefit of giving work to local craftsmen.

41 Regional Reports

Region 16 West Anglia



Where does the time go?

It only seems like yesterday I was putting together some words for my first magazine article.

I think this time I will share some of my thoughts about being a National

Councillor. Firstly what is one? It sounds very grand but what do they do? What are they for? To answer these questions could take a very long time and you would be asleep very quickly I guess but here goes:-

The **National Councillor (NC)** is the go between our **National Executive** and the individual clubs. The NC should feed back information to the executive and let them know what is going on in the real world! He attends the **NC meetings and National Conference** and votes on issues that arise. Where there are issues then dialogue should take place between the NC and individual clubs that want points raised or have a view on how the voting should go. He should then vote in line with the wishes of the clubs he is responsible for – where no preferences have been given it's left to the NC to make his best judgement on how to vote – democracy in action.

It's also a good check and balance on making sure the **National Executive** performs its role in running the **Association** efficiently. We don't always agree with our **Executive members** and there have been some good healthy debates on various issues!!! To perhaps make it easier to understand its very much like the **Round Table Area Chairman**. That sort of encompasses it very very briefly.

So what's going on in **R16**. I have now attended several clubs and charter nights in **Broadland, Thetford and Woodbridge**. My thanks to everyone I have met so far, the hospitality, fellowship and the fun has been tremendous.

The **Torch of Friendship** event was held in **Norwich** and was a great success and no doubt you will of seen details of these either on the website or elsewhere in the mag!

The recent NC meeting in **Dudley** saw the resolution of the rule anomaly regarding the position of the **National Vice President**. I am pleased to say that **Ian Mackenzie** is now **President Elect**. I am proud that our region has yet another **National President**. It's a good opportunity for all of us to get involved and see a bit more of what goes on. More on that nearer the time.

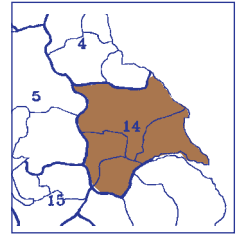
Finally – regardless of issues that arise and debates that take place this is what we do for fun! **Friendship and fellowship of our Association** is the most important gift that we have been given and we should all cherish it.

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Region 14 Yorkshire



Since taking up office I have so far visited the RT AGMs of Areas 9 and 32 and Wakefield RT 47 and Wakefield, White Knights, Barnsley, Brighouse, Todmorden, Wombwell and Rothwell 41 Club meetings. I had the pleasure of speaking at Halifax's Charter Dinner in September. I have also attended two National Council meetings in Abergavenny and Dudley.

Barnsley and Brighouse members are now listed on the Club Management System and henceforth each member will be sent the magazine to his home. I recommend this strongly to all clubs. No junk mail will ensue from this, which seems to be the main worry. I will gladly input the data for you or it can be sent to Sue Hart at Marchesi House.

On the international front I have had a hand in the formation, and attended the Charter of, a new **Round Table 47 in Völkmarkt, Austria**, unfortunately the same day as the **Diamond Jubilee Lunch**. I also attended the **RT 47 International meeting in Karlstad, Sweden**, travelling via **Kalundborg 47, Denmark**. I represented the Association at the **French AGM in Nantes** and had the honour of chaperoning **Gill Young** on the Saturday night and getting her home on the Sunday. There is a report on the website linked from the **Region 14** page.

I attended **WOCO Costa Rica**, sharing a room with my old friend **Karol Rzewuzki**, Past President of RT Poland. They will hopefully start up **41 Club** in Gdansk in the New Year.

Region 14's Torch Event was the **44th White Rose Dinner** held on 7th October in **Barnsley**. 215 attendees, including **National President Mike**, **Vice-President** and **Diamond Jubilee Co-ordinator Ian**, enjoyed a magnificent evening of fun and fellowship in the best tradition of this most prestigious dinner. A highly experienced and organised team from **Barnsley 41 Club** delivered a truly memorable event. The Torch was brought from **Region 9 (Essex)** by my fellow **National Councillor Nigel Cayne** and three members from **Brentwood**. That same evening it set off for **Newport to Region 3** in the capable hands of **Ian Mackenzie**. Again, there is a more detailed report on the Web.

Next year's **White Rose Dinner** is already booked – our hosts will be **Horsforth 41 Club** – **Friday 20th October** at the **Headingley Experience**. Many of us will fondly remember the excellent evening **Horsforth** provided in 2000 at the same venue.

Best wishes, in continued friendship.

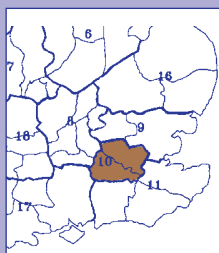
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Region 10 London



I was delighted to attend Wimbledon 41's regular monthly meeting at the Wayfarer Hotel Wimbledon, on 14th June 2004. A convivial evening of friendship was enjoyed by all. I have recently attended two golf days for Wood Green and Coulsdon and Purley and great fellowship was had by all. The golf was not bad as well. More golf invites please, I need the practice!!!

Wimbledon had a thoroughly enjoyable summer joint evening, being joined for Dinner by Dennis and Helen Tregarthen from Cape Town ; having completed a 6000 mile trip. Perhaps they also made the long journey for the tennis and a holiday as well! A total of 35 people were at the Wimbledon Club summer social dinner .

I have just attended the joint Ladies Night for Round Table Area 18 and 26, it was great to see a lot of old friends, a lot of hard work was put into making a great evenings entertainment. At the time of writing I am just about to attend Bromley 41 Club Founders night and Caterham's 20th Charter. Norwood are holding an event to celebrate their 600th meeting in February, more details to appear on my regional web page in due course.

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PETER Warr is proof that not all tax men are to be despised. Since quitting the Inland Revenue, Peter has channelled his creative talents into producing fine glassware admired by royalty and dignitaries the world over rather than devising ways to make savings for the Chancellor. Now a professional glass engraver, the father-of-three, who lives in Mill Lane, Herne, took up the craft as a hobby, but since his early retirement seven years ago it has become his bread and butter.



His flair for the craft has won him admiration from the late Queen Mother and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who has a piece of his work in his private chapel in Soweto, South Africa.

Peter gave the South African religious leader a candlelight engraved with a suitable verse from the Apocrypha when the Primate visited Canterbury during the Lambeth Conference in 1988.

"I found out later that Archbishop Tutu held a seminar on the subject of light attended by 1000 bishops from around the world and the whole room was in complete darkness except for the light from my candle," he said. He received a handwritten note from Archbishop Tutu which read: "Thank you very much for a truly handsome, symbolic gift. I want to place it in my chapel in Soweto where its message is so powerful."

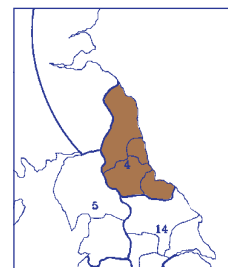
Peter was commissioned by the office of the late Queen Mother to design and create a commemorative bowl for the Victoria and Albert Medal Association.

It transpired that, as patron of the association, she wanted her signature at the front of the bowl. However, it is a treasonable offence to forge the signature of a member of the royal family, and Peter had to wait for permission from the Queen herself to obtain a copy of her mother's autograph, after eight months of laborious design work Peter managed to create a bowl fit for a queen.

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Region 4 North East

'Land of the Prince Bishops'



Get your diaries out lads – turn to **March 10th 2006** and make a note that the **Regional Cluster** is taking place in **Northallerton**. If you have anything else in for that day – cancel it! You will NOT want to miss this event. Northallerton have managed to get one of their honorary members to speak at the dinner!

William Hague MP – who really is an honorary member of **Northallerton 41 club** - has graciously agreed to be the guest of honour at this prestigious Cluster dinner which will also serve as our Region's **Diamond Jubilee 'Torch'** event when we receive the **'Torch of Friendship'** from club members from the **West Midlands**. After our dinner, members of **Region 4** will travel north to Scotland to present the Torch to the **Scottish Cluster** during the weekend of the 17th – 19th March.

Another date for your diary is Saturday **10th December** [the day before my 60th birthday!!!] when we shall once again be holding the **Regional Forum** at the **Badger** [just past **Newcastle Airport** on the **Ponteland Road**].

The **Forum** is the one point in the year when **Club Chairmen**, **Vice Chairmen** and **Club Contacts** can come together to discuss issues which are of concern to us all. We shall meet at **10.00am** for coffee and end with **lunch at 1.00pm**. Please make every effort to attend. We shall be considering some radical proposals to re-structure the organisation of 41 Club which will have a significant impact on every club if they are adopted. We also need to consider the election of my successor. This is my last year as your **National Councillor** and we need to have nominations for my replacement.

Finally, is your club celebrating a big event this year? **Hexham** celebrated their **41st Charter** anniversary recently. It was a great night and a very real privilege for me to be invited along to speak and respond on behalf of the guests. Many thanks **Hexham** for your warm hospitality and for a very enjoyable evening.

Your club doesn't need to have been in existence for 41 years to hold a celebratory dinner. You can celebrate anything you want – even my 60th birthday! If you do, please invite me along!!

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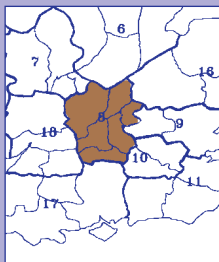


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41 Regional Reports

Region 8 South Midlands



As the Region prepares for the Torch Event which will have taken place when the magazine reaches you it is time to reflect on what has happened in the last month or so.

I attended a very interesting evening with Caversham and now understand why parts of the City of Reading are falling into great big holes that appear overnight. Just in case lawyers are reading this, it is only part of Reading, the holes are not that big, and it has nothing to do with mining that took place in earlier centuries and people may be very happy with the new bus routes. I hope that I have also satisfied the treasurer Together with a group from Stratford upon Avon I attended a 20th Charter Dinner with Alcester 41 Club in late October. The two photographs give an idea of the evening, good fun, fancy dress, dancing to a live group and a bit of gambling with tokens. I'm the worried looking man at the table seeing my winnings vanish. It was good to remember that in the Association's 60th year that

youngsters like Alcester are really enjoying life and the good attendance from Alcester Round Table was shown that some clubs still have strong association with Round Table

In May the Region is hosting Euro 8 meeting 2006 in Stratford. The date is May 5/6 and 7th and further details will be sent to club contacts. Please put the date in your diaries, as it is a chance to have international fun and friendship without leaving the country!

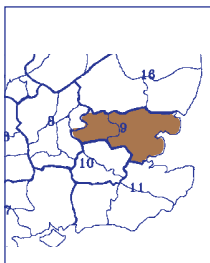
As always I would welcome an invitation to one of your meetings to find out what you think of the Region, or National and to tell you what I think are the issues facing our association.

John Livingston

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Region 9 Essex



Sadly, my first formal responsibility as a National Councillor was to represent Region 9 at Martin Young's funeral in Southend in May. What an incredible day that was, I felt honoured to have been at a celebration of a life I knew very briefly. I am sure, however, the many who attended will never forget that day.

Then came my first National Council Meeting at Abergavenny in June and my experience of being involved with other 41ers and with events developed into a growing feeling of belonging and of fellowship for the first time beyond my own club; very encouraging when society seems to be turning its back on such opportunities.

On Monday 4th July I made my first official visit; Southend-on-Sea was the lucky Club and what a good choice that was, a vibrant very healthy club that gave me a baptism of fire that we all enjoyed. I learnt a lot at Southend!

As a result of that first meeting myself and a contingent from Cheshunt joined Southend on their canal trip, on the Chelmer & Blackwater canal, on 1st August a superb evening very well organised by Robin Foster.

I found the third Region 9 Annual Golf Day, held at Channels Golf Club Chelmsford, on a gloriously sunny 12th July absolutely fantastic. The event is now firmly established in the Region 9 calendar. A record number of 46 players from 9 clubs took part in the 18 hole Stableford competition. For the third successive year, Colchester Colneside Retreads won the team prize with Brentwood runners up and Southend coming third. The individual prize being won by Graham Griffiths of Colneside Retreads.

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The Brentwood Team: From left to right, Mick CARTER, Geoff MORGAN, Gordon STEELE, John WARWICK & David HOYLE, winners of the Area Round table and runners-up in the Southern Region finals going forward to the National finals.



Looking forward the 2006 golf day is scheduled for 11th July and will also be held at Channels. I really recommend even more Clubs take part. Entry forms will be available from **Gerry Woodruff (01206 322671)**.

Plans for two other events for 2006, both in **Southend**, are also very well advanced. Firstly, the **Region 9 Dinner** set for **Monday 9th January**, at which it looks as if we will get a record attendance with an excellent menu, a highly rated after dinner speaker and our **Regions second Torch of Friendship** event; and, the **41Club International Half Yearly** and **National Council Meetings** in October.

Other memorable visits include: **Halstead & Braintree** at **Great Yeldham** for another superb fellowship evening; 16th August, my first visit to **Marchesi House**; then a local evening full of hospitality with **Potters Bar** on 6th September and a trip just outside my region to **Haverhill** for a joint meeting with **Bishops Stortford** where I found out I could shoot an arrow, winning the archery! Then came **Brentwood's 41st Charter Night** and this years friendship torch event, on 6th October, a splendid do at which £800 was realised for charity leading to **Geoff Morgan, Jim Laing, John Webb** and myself travelling to Barnsley the next day to take the torch to the **White Rose Dinner**. Most recently, last night, I visited Welwyn and enjoyed an evening listening to the fantastic Thames swim from **Lechlade** to **Teddington** undertaken by **Andy Nation** which, with the help of a cheque presented that evening by **Farringdon** and **District 41Club**, has so far raised nearly £20,000 for the **Anthony Nolan Foundation**.

One other memorable event was a very stimulating evening at my own club, **Cheshunt**, where stand-in chairman **Barry Canterford** already nervous at the prospect of chairing his first meeting, found himself welcoming **National Vice-President, Ian Mackenzie**, visiting **Chairman Jim Laing** from **Brentwood** and **Jim Smith** from **Bishops Stortford** as well as fronting his own motley crew!

Just before closing, I have to report on **Cheshunt's Trafalgar Dinner**, what an incredible tribute to our most famous naval hero. Members and guests dressed up in period naval and suitable costume (one as a boat with all guns showing) attended the dinner with a canon shot to start the evening fired by the Sea Cadets and guests being piped aboard. We heard stories of the battle and of **Nelson** himself. Guests included **David Dean**, Chairman of **Southend** and his companion for the evening **Gill Young**, widow of Martin. Well done **Ted Wilkinson** and **Barry Canterford** for organising such a fitting tribute, and fun evening.

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Region 12 South West

Newton Abbott 41 Club recently appointed **David Mudie** as there first ever **Honorary Life Member**, seen hare receiving his certificate from **41 Club National Vice President Ian Mackenzie** watched by **Newton Abbott 41 club Chairman Keith Howard** and club secretary **Michael Morrisroe**.

Ken Todd

National Councillor

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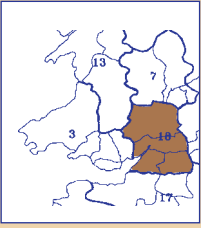
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41 Regional Reports

Region 18 Mid-West



I make no apologies, when I repeat part of the message that appeared in the last issue of this magazine. 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.

Malvern 41 Club have offered to host this event so lets make it a bumper evening of fellowship and fun.

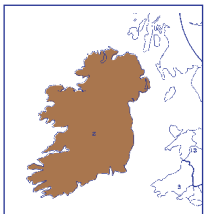
Apologies to those clubs and members that turned up at “**The Prince of Wales**” in September to attend the cancelled Regional Quiz Night.

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Region 2 Ireland



Area 2 had a very eventful weekend **Rally in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey** which was successfully organised by **Omagh 41 Club**. The Club deserves special praise for this, and all **137- 41'ers** attending the event really enjoyed themselves. **National President Mike Fitchett** and his wife Diane and **Vice President Ian Mackenzie** attended the function and were treated to a traditional **Irish welcome** with the usual pints of **Guinness**.

On Friday evening after our buffet meal, **Area 11 Round Table Chairman Ian Maconachie** presented the plans for hosting the **European Round Table Rally in L'Derry** and asked for support from 41 to help manage / assist with the events. A very lively one piece band followed the presentation, which ensured that most dancers stayed on the floor until the early hours of the morning which resulted in 9.00 am coming very quickly next day.

The Saturday programme was designed to fulfil all the expectations of the Rally participants, namely golf for the ladies and gents, 20% discount at the very up market fashion store, a coach journey around the scenic countryside of **Donegal**, stopping for lunch and then again at the famous deep sea fishing port of **Killybegs**. Saturday evening started with a welcome drinks party for everyone hosted by **Omagh**. This was followed by our formal function at which the **Torch of Friendship** was paraded and the presented to the National President. This was organised with the help of **Vice President Ian Mackenzie** and involved representatives of 41 and Tangent at the beginning of the ceremony and Ladies Circle and Round Table after the meal. Speeches were made by **National President Mike** and **Area Chairman Peter**, revelant toasts were proposed and the **Torch of Friendship** was then paraded from the dining room. After dinner we were entertained by a swinging 3 piece group which kept us alive to the early hours of Sunday morning

After breakfast on Sunday it was time to hold the usual **Cluster meeting** which was well attended by all the Club represented. Reports were given by the **Area Chairman** and **National Councillor**. The **President** brought everybody up to date with the business of National Council. Part of the business discussed was the proposals for change within the organisation. Various comments were made on this information and it was agreed that **Region 2** would arrange to hold another **Cluster meeting** to clarify a number of points. A reply would be forwarded, regarding the outcomes to National by the **National Councillor** in time for their meeting in **February 2006**.

Vice President Ian Mackenzie then informed the meeting about the **Continued Friendship** books which had been displayed in the room and asked 41'ers to consider purchasing some of the books which were for a good cause. Sunday lunch followed the meeting at which the **Travel Trophy** was presented to **Laytown Bettystown** and the ladies and gents golf prizes awarded. A great coming together was had by all and we prove again. **The Hinges of Friendship never Rust.**

Tony Henderson

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To whom it may concern

Three times in the last 10 years delegates to an AGM have considered the 'Non Ex-Tabler' issue.

In 1996 the Golden Jubilee Committee recommendation not to accept any more **non Ex-Tablers** was fully endorsed and Councillors agreed that it was their responsibility to see that the rules were adhered to.

In 2002 a resolution to admit **partners of Tangent or Ladies Circlers** who were **not Ex-Tablers** was rejected and the incoming President stated that this was clear indication that the Association did not want any form of open membership.

Now, in 2005 a resolution to hook back the **flood gates has been lost** and the President says we must put this behind us and carry on as before.

Every year the **National Council** reviews the position of all Clubs to see whether they have paid their Capitation fees; those who have not are disaffiliated. Is there a difference between these rule breakers and those who enlist **non Ex-Tablers**? Will these Clubs, many of whom have now owned up, be **Disaffiliated** ? I think not.

Since the publication of this most recent **National Council resolution** I have been amazed at the number of members who told me their club would disaffiliate if it was carried. Will the rule breakers, some of who went to the AGM, spoke and/or voted in favour and lost, have the conscience to do the same? – I doubt it.

This resolution opened a **wound on an illness** which we all knew was festering. It is now to be left untreated until the whole of the Association becomes infected?

In 1996 a line was drawn and any **non Ex-Tablers** who were **Club members at 20th April** were allowed to stay as Associates. Now the outgoing Membership & Extension Officer says we must draw another line under the whole issue and the **President** says we must carry on as before. I ask you, for how long do we wait? Until the Clubs with **non Ex-Tablers** and another **National Council** comes up with another variation of the resolution to prop up the membership?

I say we must take action now and find a way to preserve the **Association of Ex-Tablers Clubs** for **Ex-Tablers**. If the rule breakers are allowed to stay they must give up some of their privileges and above all their **voting rights**. It cannot make any sense at all to have Clubs who break the rules, voting to change the rules!

Alan Reynolds

National President 1994/95



"Could You Prevent Your Local Table From Closing?"

In May of this year the six members of **Peterhead & District 41 Club** learned that their local Round Table was in danger of folding. Conscious that similar instances were affecting Round Tables throughout the country and of the implications for future members of their **41 Club**, the 41'ers suggested a meeting with the Tablers to discuss the way forward. Of the five "**current**" **Tablers**, three attended the meeting with the 41'ers in early June.

Although the option of "**winding up**" the Table was discussed, the suggestion that a joint effort involving Table and 41 Club to try to increase Table membership by raising the **profile of Table** in the town was seen as a better and more positive way forward. It was agreed to embark on a joint fund raising project to benefit the local community—and so "**The Big Shed Bash**" was born.

A local engineering firm had closed and one of the 41'ers had recently acquired their premises. With hard work these premises could soon be emptied and cleaned to become a shed – a big shed. Local contacts identified three potential new Tablers and with the 41'ers providing advice, guidance and a physical effort in keeping with their age and "**senior**" status, the joint team approach saw the shed converted and decorated for the event. With the band and disco booked, the local radio station "**persuaded**" to give the necessary publicity and three local hotels agreeing to cook the stovies – a **renowned Scottish delicacy** – for the patrons, the **Big Shed Bash** took Peterhead by storm.

Local businesses also responded magnificently to Tablers' requests for raffle prizes and the evening returned a profit of **£5000**. This was distributed to local charities with the attendant local publicity. As a result, the profile of Peterhead & District Round Table has once more been raised in the town and there is now a membership of nine all actively involved in preparing Santa's sleigh and reindeer for the resurrected "**Round Table Christmas Collection**." The 41'ers are all knackered and lying down in a darkened room.



Obituaries

Stan BREWSTER

Ripley Amber 41Club is deeply saddened to announce the tragic death of Stan, aged 52, at Edgware Road in London on 7th July, 2005. Stan, a past member of Ripley Round Table and Chairman of Ripley Amber 41Club, will be sadly missed. Deepest sympathies go out to his widow Sandra, daughter, Katie and son, Mark.

Horace Edwards – Chairman, Ripley Amber 41Club.

Brian COATES

Hertford 41Club announce the loss of one of their number, a founder member and Chairman of Hertford Round Table, Brian subsequently joined 41Club as an intermittent member. Brian, who received an MBE for services to local authority building works, tragically died trying to rescue his beloved dog from the River Rib, in Hertford, he apparently slipped into the river and suffered a heart attack. Brian is survived by his widow Sylvia and family.

Gordon Hyde & Martin Hale – Hertford 41Club.

Brian William DAVIS

Kingsbridge 41Club regret to report the death of Brian on 24th July, aged 67. Brian who was a past Chairman of Oxted RT 1974-75, moved to Devon and joined Kingsbridge 41Club. A larger than life character with a matching determination, Brian would never take no for an answer. A past Honorary President of RT and past Chairman of Kingsbridge 41Club, Brian was involved with the Annual Kingsbridge Extravaganza being a great asset to the village of South Pool. Organising things even from his bed, that was Brian! Our deepest sympathies go to his widow Jan, her daughter Sam and his three sons.

Malcolm Vaissiere – Kingsbridge 41Club.

Paul DIMOND

It is with deep regret that Garstang & District 41Club announce the sudden death of Paul from a heart attack on 22nd June, 2005. Paul who was only 49, recently joined Garstang 41Club but was very enthusiastic and in April, was elected Chairman. Our thoughts are with his widow Claire and family.

Peter Doughty – Hon. Secretary, Garstang & District 41Club.

Rob ELLWOOD

Haworth & District 41Club announce the sad loss of Rob who died quite suddenly on the 13th August, 2005 whilst on a walking holiday in Ireland. Rob, who was 66, was an active and supportive member of both Haworth Round Table and 41Club. Our condolences go to his widow Jan and family.

Brian Thurling – Haworth & District 41Club.

Nick FELGATE

Swadlincote & District 41Club is very much the poorer following the death of Nick. Chairman of Round Table 1975-76, Nick was also Area 14 Secretary 1970-71 and 41Club Chairman 1994-95. He was a popular and enthusiastic member whose company was much sought after and a regular attendee at White Rose Dinners. Nick succumbed to cancer after a long and brave struggle. Our sympathies go out to his widow Val and family.

Swadlincote & District 41Club.

Tony HILL

Tettenhall 41Club announce with deep sadness the death of Tony at the age of 77. A founder member of Tettenhall Round Table, Tony enjoyed his tabling to the fullest and when he joined 41Club he was always at the forefront of activities and celebrations. Tony gave his heart and soul to his family, business life and club. Tony will be sadly missed by his widow Jean, daughter, son-in-law and the members of our Club.

Mike Unwin – Hon. Secretary, Tettenhall 41Club.

Mike KEEP

Mike, who sadly lost his health battles shortly before turning 66, was totally involved in Table and then 41Club. Never shy of voicing an opinion, Mike was always ready to help and organise, ensuring new members were included and bridging the generations. The overflowing recent funeral service was a reflection of his popularity. Gravesend 41Club has lost a mainstay and a true friend. Our thoughts are with Pam, the girls and their families.

Peter Williamson – Gravesend 41Club.

Eddie MANN

Newmarket 41Club announce the sad passing of Eddie, a dear friend to all he met. Originally from Devon, Eddie was a Master Printer who enjoyed the fruits of life to the full and was involved in 41Club right up to his sudden death as he neared his 81st year. Past 41Club Chairman, prominent member of his church, Freemasonry and Rotary, our thoughts go out to Eddie's wife Joan and son Stewart and family in Winnipeg, Canada.

Hugh Palmer – Newmarket 41Club.

Martin NICHOLLS

Kingston Ex-Tablers' Club are sad to report the death of Martin (Nick) Nicholls at the age of 70 on 18th August, 2005, after a brave fight against cancer. Nick, who was larger than life, carried out his National Service as a Sub Lieutenant in the Royal Navy after which, he began his accountancy career, starting his own business in 1977. Very active in his local community, he joined the fledgling Kingston Hundreds Round Table 745 in 1963, becoming Chairman in 1967. A professional toastmaster, he was appointed toastmaster to RTBI from 1976-91. Martin was awarded Honorary Membership and also Presidency of Kingston Hundreds RT and, subsequently, life Honorary Membership. Nick joined Kingston Ex-Tablers' Club, becoming Chairman in 1986-87. A supreme example of that old maxim that you get out of life what you put in to it, we celebrate a life lived to the full. Our deepest sympathies go out to his widow Sally, children Martin and Rosemary and grand-children.

Jack Maunders – Kingston Ex Tablers Club.

Tony O'BRIEN

Walsall 41Club deeply regret to announce the death of Tony, one of their most respected and popular members. Tony joined Walsall in 1974 moving from Yorkshire and was formerly in Redcar Round Table.

Chairman of 41Club in 1979 and President 1995-96 and again 2004-05, Tony died suddenly on 13th May just two days after his last meeting as President. He had not enjoyed the best of health for some time but always attended meetings, when asked how he was, he would always answer "Splendid." Tony was the Chairman of the charity CRAB (Cancer Research at Birmingham) in five years raising over £3m. He is sadly missed and sincere condolences go to his widow Irene and family.

Walsall 41Club

Alan ROTHWELL

Alan, who died in June 2004 from cancer in hospital aged 70, was a member of Bury Round Table and a founder member both of Garstang & District Round Table and 41Club which he joined in 1980. A quiet, gentle man, he was Chairman in 1984-85 and left a widow Irene and daughter Ann.

Peter Doughty – Hon. Secretary, Garstang & District 41Club.

Douglas (Doug) SPINKS

Aged 83, Doug passed away peacefully at his apartment in Braintree on 26th August. A past member of Braintree 404 RT, Doug joined Braintree & Halstead 41Club on 29th April 1963. Amongst other jobs, he was the Registrar for Braintree, performing many civil marriages in his small office. Over the years, Doug lost two wives to illness and 10 years ago was involved in a serious car accident in which his companion died and he was severely injured, being hospitalised for nearly a year. Despite this, he was always cheerful and pleased to see friends. We mourn the passing of a friend from "the old school". He is survived by sons Julian and Bryan.

George Shiffrer – Chairman, Braintree & Halstead 41Club.

Merion WILLIAMS

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden and untimely death of Merion Williams, a very active member of Woking RT and 41Club. A genial soul, well liked and popular with all who knew him, he moved some years ago to work in his native Wales. Merion introduced many new members to Table, but his main claim to fame was probably as a prolific provider of rugger tickets! Our thoughts are with his widow Sara and family.

Alan Spencer – Hon. Secretary, Woking 41Club.

In the sad event of a club needing to publish an obituary, send the details by email to [The_email_should_show_the_subject_as_\"NAME_OF_DECEASED_19??-20??\"_and_run_something_like_this...](mailto:The_email_should_show_the_subject_as_\) (Name of 41Club) is sad to announce the passing of (name) who died following (cause) at the age of (age) on (when/where). (name) joined 41Club in (year) from (table). (name) was (office) in (year) and was (something he could be particularly remembered for). (name) is survived by his (widow first name and/or offspring first names). The email should contain something which is particular to the deceased and may be slightly humorous, if appropriate. Ideally, it should have been checked with the next of kin for accuracy and appropriateness. It must also contain a contact name and telephone number. email region9@41club.org

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JAGUAR X-TYPE 2.5 V6 SPORT ESTATE

More Space, Still Plenty Of Pace!

Look at the resounding success of BMW's 3 Series Touring, Mercedes-Benz' C Class Estate and the Audi Avant and you don't have to be a motor industry pundit to wonder why Jaguar did not feature an estate car in its line-up.

Wondering ceased early last year when Jaguar launched the X-Type estate that certainly showed the 'establishment' a thing or two about style combined with practical load carrying. Under Ford's ownership all sorts of new things have been happening at Jaguar, including the introduction of diesel powered models, in the X-Type Estate's case, a 2-litre front wheel drive model taking on the mantle as the entry level car, ideal for the high mileage driver in the UK and even more so in some mainland Europe countries.

To a great respect the diesel version is a market sector to itself and the real essence of Jaguar are the more powerful versions employing all-wheel drive and V6 power units. Choose between a 2.5-litre and a 3.0-litre and you are starting to get into the same territory as the Audi Avant Quattro, a market area where there should be some rich pickings providing the product has the credentials.

The 2.5-litre 194 bhp engine in the SE specification test car provided the type of power and refinement to live up to Jaguar's tradition, good for around 135 mph and able to reach 60 mph from rest in around 7.5 seconds. Fuel economy is variable according to use – heavy load and/or a heavy throttle foot and it is down around the 20 mpg mark, a less demanding drive will see another 10 mpg achieved with a good dose of driver enjoyment. That's what Jaguar driving is all about. The fully independent suspension system and all-wheel-drive transmission has been well sorted in the saloon and it remains as good in the estate version – plenty of feel through the steering, an excellent ride, great stability, strong braking capability and minimal noise levels. **Jaguar refinement as I would expect.**

Tested with a five speed manual transmission featuring cruise control it proved a good driving car providing one was sympathetic when changing ratios as the selector gate is not the most accurate I have encountered. You get to live with it or you choose to go the automatic route instead, ideally with the 3-litre engine.

It is a good cabin, especially when it comes to driver comfort where a combination of well padded, generously proportioned supportive seating, good pedal positioning (but no foot rest) plus fully adjustable steering column enable all shapes and sizes of driver to achieve a relaxed but 'with it' driving position. Suede effect leather upholstery and heated front seats also ensure a good lifestyle. Instrumentation is practical though a bit ordinary and this particular model lacked the polished wood touch provided with other 'packages'. To create the estate body Jaguar has not settled for compromise, some observers, rating the estate as a better looker than the saloon. Certainly the side view has the sort of flowing line that is synonymous with a Jaguar and the rear appearance is rakish and highlighted by the high and wide rear window. That high rear window obviously shut off the lose up rear view and makes it a serious case for audio parking sensors or the type of rear view camera now being provided by Nissan on the Primera range.

In practical terms it should rate as a tourer alongside the likes of the BMW 3 Series and Mercedes C Class estates rather than the larger bodied Audis and Volvos.

Consider it a useful machine for a well-heeled couple desiring a good deal of luggage plus space for acquisitions long the route. On that basis it provides a low load platform, a separate opening rear window, 60/40 split folding rear seat but surprising I could not find any luggage securing metal loops nor a ski hatch. There are roof bars but who would want to spoil this car's lines with an ugly non-colour coded roof box. The X-Type estate is what Jaguar needed to compete in the junior executive market and I think that it has sufficient (just) Jaguar character to win a lot of friends. It has not been around for very long, yet I have encountered a fair number of owners who appear to be very satisfied with their car. That's good news for Jaguar!

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