

# The Palindrome

## The Region 14 : 41 Club Quarterly Newsletter

### Editorial

With the AGM and Conference having been cancelled and face to face club meetings, now not taking place, a lot of clubs have taken to online meetings. I am therefore pleased to announce that Round Table has made Google Meets available to 41 Club, so if you want to do an online meeting, please get in touch and I will guide you through the process... On the day the AGM was supposed to be held in Cardiff, we met online as a National Council and as long as everyone doesn't speak at the same time, it works really well. The Chairman has a mute button, which I am sure you would agree would come in handy for some members! We are planning a Nationally driven programme with Quizzes, speakers and a Happy Hour with the President where he will come into your homes for a Q&A by the magic of Wifi... If you are interested in this, then let me know and I can arrange it for you. I have a quiz which can be shared by way of Google Meet and again, if anybody wants to take part in a quiz, we can arrange a date and time and I can run it. Let us see who the brainbox in the Region is!

As I am sure that you will appreciate, we are facing difficult times and it was decided that for the National Board for 2020-21, unopposed candidates should take up their position with immediate effect. Therefore, Peter Good is now President of 41 Club, with Andrew Mackereth taking up the Immediate Past President position. Kevin Lovett has taken over as Treasurer from David Leach and Bernard Elwen has taken over as Secretary from Sean McCormick. That leaves the contested positions of Vice President and National Council Liaison Officer. In the interim, Tom Atkins has been asked to continue as NCLO until the election and there will be no Vice President until the election. Council agreed that the preferred option would be to hold an online ballot. This facility, we hope, will be incorporated into the work nearly completed on CAS2. Assuming it is feasible, then a proposal will be put to the next National Council Meeting on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Timescales will be put to the meeting and agreed on. The second option, if an online election is not feasible, is to convene an SGM which is likely to be in October to coincide with the rearranged 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Nottingham. The President will hold his position until 2022, with the Vice President having an 18-month tenure, opposed to 6 months to prepare for their year as President. Obviously, I will update you as and when I know the outcome. Obviously, with an online election, this will allow those that were not planning on attending Cardiff to have a say as to who they would like for their Vice President and National Council Liaison Officer. You can watch the videos, read the 300 words and have an opportunity to vote. I will send you links as soon as they become available.

### Deputy Regional Councillor

I am still on the lookout for a Deputy Regional Councillor. If anyone is interested, please get in touch and I will be happy to talk you through the expectations and time demands.

### 41 Club Gin

41 Club has teamed up with Burleighs and produced its own branded gin. If you want to obtain your own bottle, it can be ordered online using this link, <https://45ginschool.com/shop/>

## **Future Events**

If you are holding an online meeting and you want me to dial in, please invite me.

I have always been optimistic, so I am going to direct you to the link for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in October. [www.41club75.org](http://www.41club75.org) Let us hope that the situation has improved, and we can all enjoy face to face Continued Fellowship as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well.

Yours in Continued Friendship

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