

**ROUND TABLE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETING
THURSDAY 9TH AUGUST 2007
MASON'S ARMS, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

Present: William Notcutt (Area Chairman), Guy Hulme (Area Treasurer), Neil Quarton (Ipswich Greyfriars Chairman), Rob Adams (Area 41 Liaison Officer), Adrian Peck (Area Sports Officer), Simon Cooper (Ipswich Greyfriars).

Apologies: Sean McCormick (Immediate Past Area Chairman), William Coe (Area Sports), Richard Swain (Area National Councillor)

Circulation: All those present + those who apologised + all Table Chairman & Vice Chairman.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WN explained that he had attended the National Council and the Development Day at Birmingham on 7th July and supported Haverhill Round Table at their superbly organised 10 k road race on 29th July. This support was more than was necessarily called for with a personal best being achieved and his fiancé running her first 10 k race. Unfortunately otherwise tabling since the last meeting in May has been on a back foot principally due to the lack of programmes from tables and time due to other commitments during the course of this summer.

All tables receiving these notes to check and ensure that their programmes have been sent through to the Area Chairman. **Action: All Table Chairman**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Area capitation invoices have now been sent to all Tables in the area other than Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket. These invoices are at £14 per person. Of those Tables that have started the AMR process, 69 Tablers have been recorded with Bury and Newmarket yet to be approved.

Newmarket has yet to pay their payment for two meals as a result of non attendance at the AGM. **Action: GH**

In due course the cheque signatories for the Area Round Table bank accounts need to be updated. **Action: GH**

3. MEMBERSHIP

According to the most recent AMR status report we have potentially 77 active Tablers within the area and a further 40 with honorary status. These figures have reduced from last year due to the departure of Saffron Waldron which was 26 Tablers. Accordingly the budget has been adjusted to reflect the diminished income and expenditure likewise will be adjusted to ensure that the budget balances.

It was confirmed that there is no minimum size for area but unless there is a Vice Chairman by the end of the tabling year it is unlikely that there will be an Area Executive in place and as such absorption into 33 and Area 6 may be inevitable.

4. AREA 41 LIAISON REPORT

Rob Adams updated the executive on his ongoing discussions with Dave Roach (Area 41 National Councillor) and further targeting and assistance of Tablers with active 41 organisations within the vicinity is to be encouraged. **Action: RA**

5. SPORTS AND SOCIAL

The draft programme for 2007/08 was reviewed.

The next forthcoming event is Area Golf hosted by Ipswich 240 on 13th August. It is believed that 13 players from across the area are due to support the event with 17 sitting down for dinner.

No area event programmed in September due to the National Sporting weekend which Ipswich Greyfriars is supporting and booking space is still available for those other Tablers who are interested.

In October it is hoped that there will be 5 a side football hosted by Ipswich Greyfriars. This is to be held at Ipswich School. Further details will be sent out in due course by the sports officers.

In November it is hoped that there will be a brewery tour on 20th or 21st November in Bury St Edmunds.

No area activity is planned for December due to Rudolph commitments and in January, February and March bowling, pool and a quiz will be arranged.

It is hoped that Ipswich Greyfriars will be prepared to organise a ball at Ipswich School on 16th February that could be opened up as a Valentine's ball. The format is likely to be similar to that of the Four Charities Ball in January 2007. Further details will be communicated once they are confirmed by Ipswich Greyfriars.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Colchester Round Table is hosting a race night on 29th September. Details attached to these notes.

Great Dunmow is arranging a world record bicycle challenge at Duxford on 6th October. It was subsequently ascertained that all spaces for this have been taken but are still looking for bike riders to join in the cycle ride from Norwich to Great Dunmow. This will take place over the weekend of 6th and 7th October and again details are attached to these notes.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th September 2007 at the Mason's Arms, Bury St Edmunds.
Tuesday/Wednesday 20th/21st November at the Green King Brewery.

RWN/jra 15.8.07