



**ROUND TABLE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 1st MAY 2007
THE MASONS ARMS, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

Present: William Notcutt (Area Chairman), Guy Hume (Area Treasurer), Sean McCormick (Immediate Past Area Chairman), Richard Swain (Area National Councillor), William Coe (Area Sports), Neil Quarton (Ipswich Greyfriars Chairman), Neil Burgess (Sudbury Secretary), Rob Adams (Area 41 Liaison Officer), David Roach (National 41 Club Representative)

Apologies Adrian Peck (Area Sports)
No apologies received from any other tables in Area.

Circulation All those present + all Table Chairmen.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WN welcomed all to the meeting and confessed that he had not done a great deal since the Area AGM, however, he had visited Newmarket on Tuesday 24th April!

Newmarket Table needs much support during the coming year. At present they only have five active Tablers and whilst they have focused recent meetings on their 50th Charter which they plan to celebrate in December 2008 and also their Christmas meal for December 2007, there has not been much focus on lifting the numbers of members at present. During the course of the evening discussion focused briefly on the pantomime horse race that Newmarket Table had previously organised with the Newmarket Racecourse and this was raised again as a possibility. Chris Wilson, the Newmarket Chairman, was due to look into and get back to WN prior to Area Meeting. Further chasing is required. **Action WN**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Payment has been received from Haverhill for their jewels.

Payment outstanding for jewels for Newmarket and their payment for two meals as a result of non-attendance at the AGM. **Action GH**

AGM invoices for Area capitation will be sent out once the AMR process is completed.

3. MEMBERSHIP

This year's AMR status is somewhat confusing. Officially 3 Tables have completed, 3 started and 4 not started. However, Ipswich Greyfriars AMR declared numbers differ from the actual number. The AMR summary shows 13 active and 4 honorary whilst the Table has 19 active members. Following up with Marchesi House is required. **Action Neil Quarton**

Following up with Sudbury is needed as they haven't started the AMR. **Action Neil Burgess**

The question was asked “when is an Area not an Area” and whether Area 41 is at risk of being declassified given the possibility that both Newmarket and Woodbridge Tables may fold in the forthcoming years unless a turnaround in numbers is achieved. However, Sean McCormick reassured the Area that there is no minimum size for an Area particularly when geographical population densities make numbers scarce.

4. SPORTS AND SOCIAL

The programme was considered with the following activities confirmed:

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| 17 th May | Sudbury is visiting Ipswich Speedway. Tablers interested in joining them to contact Guy Hume 01787 881771 (work), e mail: guy@guyhume.entadsl.com . |
| 28 th June | Haverhill are organising ‘Pissed On Bikes’. Tablers looking to attend to contact Kevin Jackson 01440 709447, e mail: haverhillrt@mals.co.uk . |
| 24 th July | Newmarket is arranging punting at Cambridge. Tablers interested in joining with them should contact Chris Wilson 01440 783878, e mail: chris.wilson@hetsoftware.co.uk . |
| 13 th August | Ipswich 240 is looking to arrange golf in Ipswich. All those interested should contact Will Barton 01473 256981, e mail: willsweb16@hotmail.com . |
| 7 th , 8 th , 9 th September | National Sporting Weekend in Edinburgh. |
| 10 th October | Ipswich Greyfriars are arranging five aside football at Ipswich School. All tablers interested should contact William Coe 01473 252197, e mail: wcoe@aol.com . |
| November | An activity is still required but hopefully one of the Colchester Tables can arrange pool in Colchester. Chasing required. Action WN/WC |
| December | No activity planned. |
| January | Hopefully Bury St Edmonds will be able to organise bowling on the 16 th . Chasing required. Action WN/WC |
| February | Activity required. Action WN |
| 6 th March | Sudbury are organizing the area Quiz at The Hare, Long Melford. Tablers interested should contact Guy Hume 01787 881771 (work), e mail: guy@guyhume.entadsl.com |

It is hoped that with the dates confirmed so far in advance, all table programme officers can adapt their programmes sufficiently to include attendance at these events. **Action WN/WC**
The updated Area Diary is attached to these notes and will be posted on the area website.

A flier to all Tables is required and chasing in the lead up to these events by William Coe and/or Adrian Peck
Action WC/AP

The main Area Social and fund raising activity for the year has yet to be identified. Ideas mentioned and discussed were as below. Both of these are subject to the organising Table's confirmation:

Saffron Walden	Chairman's Ball
Colchester	Charity Auction

Saffron Walden are considering in detail their carnival arrangements for 8th to 16th July 2008 and would appreciate assistance from Tables for manning of evenings. The arrangement is that for every Tabler who mans one evening, he has a half price ticket on another night. Further update on support required is needed in due course.
Action RS

6. NATIONAL

No National Executive meetings have taken place since the Area AGM and the National Executive National Council and National AGM are due to take place in Cardiff on 3rd, 4th and 5th May.

7. VICE CHAIRMAN

In a brainstorm of potential candidates Jonathan Gouch of Ipswich 240, Ian Gorham of Ipswich Greyfriars, Stuart Davies of Sudbury were mentioned. A willing volunteer is required and further discussion is required with all Tables.
Action WN

It is proposed that as this year's AGM at Hintlesham Hall Golf Club was a success, with a venue that was acceptably accessible to all tables, and that the food was of good quantity and volume and reasonably priced, that the formula is repeated for 2008.
Action WN

8. 41 LIAISON REPORT

Robert Adams contacted Ian McKenzie who put him in contact with David Roach. David is an ex Haverhill Tabler but now the National 41 Representative.

When 41 Club was set up they chose to have regions that did not overlap with Table areas but this is being changed during 2007/08 so that the links can be strengthened between Table and 41 Club. The intention is that Round Table Area 6 and Round Table Area 41 will equate with 41 Club Region 17. David currently looks after three regions and this will reduce to two. He is the sole point of contact with the 64 tables in his three regions, there not being a Regional Executive.

The National Councillor is a three year appointment and can serve a maximum of two terms. The appointment of Rob Adams as 41 club liaison officer gives a tremendous resource advantage to David in strengthening the link, and furthering the tabling experience in Area 41.

41 Club has a wide disparity of ages from 45 through to 87 in the Haverhill Club alone. The younger end of the spectrum want to carry on activities similar to the Table rather than just necessarily being a dining/dieing club and this is leading to some 41 Clubs either splitting into a 41 Active and a 41 Club or more active new 41 Clubs forming.

Generally there is a good overlap between 41 Club and Tables within the area. Sudbury could be better. Saffron Walden is backed up well by 41 Club for the carnival. Ipswich is supported by a single joint 41 Club. It is not known about Colchester as they are not in 41 Club Region 17, but they will be in the future. Cambridge has a strong 41 club, but no table, but this may be an opportunity for Newmarket.

It was confirmed that Rob Adams should contact all existing Tables to identify past Tablers who have left in the past five years with a view of putting them in contact with the local 41 Club en masse and working with David Roach to see if this can stimulate 41 Clubs. The priority should be the 41 Clubs for which we have feeder Tables rather than the 41 Clubs where there is no active Table today. **Action: RA**

9. AREA WEBSITE

Richard Swain has taken ownership of the website and has made good progress, but the website can only be as good as the information that has been sent. www.area41.org.uk

Table programmes are being posted on the website in a pdf file as and when they become available but names, addresses and telephone numbers are being removed aside from Table Chairmen and Table Membership Officers for whom mobile telephone numbers and e mail addresses are being shown.

Hopefully e mails will be shown as chairman@sudburyroundtable.co.uk rather than the specific named actual e mails as this would enable a higher level of spam protection.

The passing on of programmes is required either direct to Richard Swain on webmaster@saffronwaldenroundtable.co.uk or to WN for forwarding to Richard. **Action Table Chairmen**

10. DATE OF FUTURE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

All meetings at 8 p.m.

Tuesday 3 rd July	The Fox, Bury St Edmunds. This is on the left hand side just passed Angel Hill.
Tuesday 11 th September.	Venue TBC.
Tuesday 20 th November	Green King Brewery, BStE, for a brewery tour and food to be followed by a quick meeting. Action: WC
Tuesday 22 nd January	at Newmarket.

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