

Chairman's Report June 2010

It has been just one month since I took office as your Area Chairman and already I have had a great time visiting Tables across our Area. The fun, fellowship and varied and exciting programme we have across Lancs n Manx is testimony to the fantastic Area 8 Tabling we share and I commend you all for the parts you play in it.

There is an optimistic and enthusiastic realisation that we will ultimately and inevitably be handing over our Tables to the next generation of Tablers. Gentlemen, it is our responsibility to ensure that Table is in tip top shape when it is handed over, the buck stops with us - we are not the continuation of Table's history, we are the first chapter of its future!

The Officers of Your Area Executive have been working hard during this first month of office to plan and put into action more of what you really need! I know that you will join me in thanking them and more importantly supporting them in their initiatives.

At our Area AGM you heard me speak of Sharing, Supporting and Shouting...

No doubt you will have seen the Area 8 diary that has been circulated via email. This sharing of the events calendars is a great way to pool the ideas and hopefully inspire you to try something new. It is also a great resource if you are stuck for something to do on one of your Table nights.

For those that have not yet either set a diary of events or sent it over to the Area Secretary please do so as soon as possible. It does not matter if your diary has a few gaps in it, send it anyway and use the Area Diary to fill in the blanks later. Attending another Tables meeting is an excellent way to support each other, keep your program exciting and avoid those 'pub quiz and curry' nights!

We have a new website! Suffice to say that the Area 8 Media & PR Officer will elaborate on this. Please use the website and give Adam your full support in every way possible. This is an invaluable information hub and marketing tool to assist in raising our profile and attracting new prospective members. When the website is full of photos and stories of Area 8 Tabling at its best you will feel no hesitation in publicising it to your friends, family, colleagues and other contacts - word of mouth is after all how a great number of us joined Table.

Finally, I ask of all of you to keep in touch and support and utilise your Area Executive to the fullest of their potential and capacity to assist in strengthening Tabling efforts across Area 8. If either the Area Executive or I have not yet had the opportunity to visit your Table then please, please, please get in touch with your dates and events.

Good luck to those of you that fancy your chances at the Area Pool Competition :)

Hope to see you all soon and Keep up the Great Work!

Yours in Table



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P.S. Please forward details of diaries, contact lists, stories, photos, community service projects, international trips to the Area Secretary, Media & PR, CSLO and IRO Officers.