

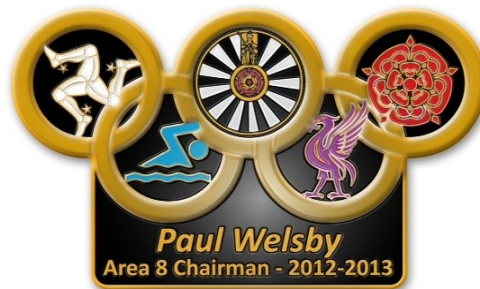


ROUNDTABLE

Area 8 Lancs and Manx

Patron: H.R.H. The Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.

**Area Chairman
Paul Welsby
Huyton 856**



NOTICE & AGENDA

**AREA MEETING
Friday 29th June 2012**

We Did. We Do. You Can!



I hereby give notice that the Area 8 meeting will take place on Friday, 29th June 2012 7.00 pm on the First Floor The Ship & Mitre Pub, 133 Dale Street, Liverpool, L3 2JH to transact the business as shown on the Agenda.

Please download and bring to the meeting

John Kilshaw
Area Secretary
2012 - 2013

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries

- (a) Approve notice convening the meeting.
- (b) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2012.
- (c) Matters arising.
- (d) Apologies and communications.

2. Reports Presented by Officers (Appendix A) (Page 3)

- (a) Area Chairman – Paul Welsby
- (b) Area Vice-Chairman – Richard Gormley
- (c) Immediate Past Chairman – Malcolm Mair
- (d) Honorary Secretary – John Kilshaw
- (e) Honorary Treasurer – Guy Dove
- (f) Membership and PR Officer – Godwin Stewart
- (g) IRO / CSLO Officer – Charles Openshaw
- (h) Sports and Social Officer – Andrew Dooley
- (i) Area President– John Mc Elhinney

3. Receive Greetings from National President Jason Thomson

4. Transact Any Other Business permissible under Area Rules and Standing Orders.

5. Appendix b Minutes from Area Meeting 15th March 2012 (Page 9)

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6. Appendix A – Officers' Reports

(a) **Area Chairman – Paul Welsby**

Gents,

Can I start off and say it is a great honour to be your Area Chairman for the coming year and hope to meet you all over the coming year, so if not already do so can you please send me a copy of your Table programme for the year, my email address is

paulwelsby@btinternet.com

At the Area meeting on 29th June hosted by Liverpool 8 we will have the National President (Jason Thompson) in attendance where you can ask any questions to him, also this will be the Area Pool Competition.

Others events over the year are as follows:-

NSW in Birmingham 6th – 9th September full details can be found at the

www.nsw2012.co.uk

Area Rally the highlight of the Table year 25th – 27th January at Hill Valley Hotel & Spa Whitchurch Shrops cost only £140 per person to book in please contact Mike Orme at

morme@miquinn.co.uk

We also hope to have the following Area events which are yet to be confirmed. Area camping weekend, Area Pitch and Putt Competition, Area Ball with Ladies Circle and an Area Chairman's Area Challenge.

Also a date for your diary is Saturday 20th July 2013 for the Area 8 Gala Luncheon celebrating 80 years of Area 8 Lancs and Manx. With the location being the historic **St Georges Hall** in Liverpool City Centre. To keep up to date with the news about this event register at www.facecook.com/lancsmanx80

Myself and your Area Sports officer are taking part in the Great North Swim on Saturday 23rd June and raising money for the Down's Syndrome Association if you wish to sponsor us please visit the Virgin just giving site just click on the link below and if you are in the area come along and support us.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=AndrewDooleyPaulWelsby&fald=221099&isTeam=false>

Finally if you have any events that would especially like me to attend please let me know ASAP.

Hope to see as many of you as possible on the 29th as long as I survive the Swim

(b) **Area Vice-Chairman – Richard Gormley**

Gents,

It gives me great pleasure and pride to be writing this report as your Area Vice Chairman, and can I say a great honor.

I am looking forward to supporting Area Chairman Paul, the members of the Exec and most importantly you, the members of Area 8.

If you have an event that you would like me to attend please just ask, can I also ask that you put the 20th July 2013 in your diaries when we will be celebrating 80 years of Table in Area 8, an event not to be missed, please also let me know if you are celebrating a major Charter next year so I can put it in my diary now.

(c) Immediate Past Chairman – Malcolm Mair

Report to follow

(d) Honorary Secretary – John Kilshaw

Gents,

Welcome to my first Area report as your Secretary, you should have already received two communications from me via email, it is my intention to issue regular updates via email to keep you all updated on any issues pertinent to you.

AMR Process

Can I remind everyone of the need to have completed the AMR process by the 15th July when your Table and you as members will be suspended. I should also point out that if you are suspended due to non payment this suspension removes all rights of being a member including public liability insurance.

Jewel Order

As part of the AMR process you can order your Table jewels and I would suggest that you do this sooner rather than later to ensure that your jewels are received by your AGM

Dates of Future Meetings

The October Area meeting is to be held on the Isle of Man on Friday 5th October and will be followed by Rushen / Isle of Man Round Tables 40th Charter

The February Area meeting will be in Leigh on Thursday 21st February and will include the Chorlympiad

If you need any help or guidance over table issues then please get in touch.

(e) Honorary Treasurer – Guy Dove

Gents,

With the Area 80th Luncheon in mind, I have been opening a separate bank account for the event. I have also been updating the Area 8 bank account mandate.

Area Capitation for 2012/13 has been set at £13.50 for all members, including new ones and those under age 25. Only honorary members are exempt. I will be sending out invoices from the start of July. Please help me be accurate by confirming how many full members your Table has because this information is not easily available from National.

Funds currently stand at approximately £1,100, with the Area Chair and Vice yet to draw their allowances.

(f) **Membership & PR Officer – Godwin Stewart**

Membership of Area 8 currently stands at marginally over 100. It is not yet possible to provide an accurate number given that Annual Membership Reports have not yet been filed. I did ask for Tables to provide me with up-to-date lists of their members on May 2nd and I have indeed had prompt responses from Liverpool 8, Southport Hesketh 1199 and Warrington 74. I have yet to hear from the remaining Tables. The National Membership Report that I have, dated June last year, shows inaccurate figures for at least Leyland 665, my own Table, and therefore cannot be relied upon.

The closures of two Tables at the end of 2011/2012, namely Bootle, Crosby & District 163 and Rainford & District 1148, and also the dissolution of Area 7, serve as a stark reminder that numbers are falling at an alarming pace. This trend can, however, be slowed with a little effort on the part of each Tabler, and this is every bit as valid for all Areas, not just ours. Two things have to happen:

Firstly, the public needs to be made more aware of our existence. We need to reach out to the public with a presence at as many public events as possible. Many Tables are content to organise a Bonfire night, possibly a Children In Need collection, and a Christmas Sleigh, but what about the remaining 10 months of the year? Nobody sees us. We don't need to do anything special other than talk to people and explain who we are and what we do.

Another way to make the public aware of us is to bring them in ourselves. We need to recruit from within as my predecessor Andrew Dooley said in his end-of-year report. As well as calling on 41 Club and Tangent for support, I would suggest that every Tabler due to retire from Table before the end of the year introduce one man (or more, the more the merrier!) of Tabling age to their Table no later than the end of September. This will enable the new prospective member to have his mentor around for at least six months, ie. the time it should take for him to become a full member.

Secondly, Tabling has to be presented as an attractive opportunity that gives people incentive to join the organisation. The whole "selling point" of Table is the ability we have to participate in activities that we wouldn't otherwise. That ability is often contingent on there being the required numbers at an event. If a particular Table doesn't have those numbers then they could be made up by joining forces with a neighbouring Table for the evening.

The social side to Tabling is what has to be put forward. While Tables certainly do their bit towards charity work and fund-raising, it has to be stressed that we don't spend most of our time rattling collection tins.

"If you join Round Table, you'll have a blast with the rest of us and you'll be able to do some good while at it!"

Potential members should not be made to wait too long in order become full members. Guidelines say that a guest should become a prospective member after 6 meetings, that a prospective should be inducted as a full member after a further 6 meetings, and that there are a certain number of functions that a new member should participate in (Area meetings, charity events etc.) before being entitled to full membership. This should be adhered to, meaning that becoming a full member of Round Table should not take longer than 6

months provided that the new member attends all of his Table's meetings and does everything required of him in that timeframe.

In bygone days when there were waiting lists to join Tables, being highly selective was justified. The climate has changed altogether since then, and while Tables should still have peace of mind that new members will fit in and pull their weight with everyone else, we can no longer afford to be quite as selective as before. Thought should be given to inducting a new member before completing 12 meetings if everything else asked of him has been done before then and his intentions have been made clear. Failure to make Round Table accessible could send the wrong message. Do we not try to portray ourselves as an organisation "out there" in the community trying to help rather than as an elite organisation *above* the community?

So, to recap:

- Round Table must reach out to the community to make its presence known
- Recruitment must also happen from within
- Membership must be made attractive and worthwhile
- Round Table must be seen as accessible

PR Report

Upcoming events in Area 8 have been added to the calendar as and when I've been made aware of them. These events include, at the time of writing, the forthcoming Area meeting hosted by Liverpool 8, the October Area meeting on the Isle of Man, the Charter Nights of Rushen 1072, Liverpool 8, Southport Hesketh 1199 and Leyland 665, and Area Rally.

Other upcoming events will be added to the calendar as and when they are brought to my attention.

A notice of the June Area meeting will be added to the area8roundtable.co.uk website as soon as I am given details of the venue.

Similar notices of other events mentioned above will be posted nearer the time.

Notices of Tables' events in Area 8 will be added to the Area website and broadcast via twitter as and when I am informed of them.

Shortly after the Area AGM I requested that media taken during the event be sent to me so that I could publish them on flickr and/or youtube, and add an article about the event to the Area 8 website. I have not received anything yet.

(g) ***IRO / CSLO – Charles Openshaw***

Report to follow

(h) Sports and Social Officer – Andrew Dooley

Gents,

Firstly I would just like to say thank you to John Kilshaw for the tremendous job that he did last year as sports officer and without him we wouldn't have been as successful at sports as we were. Unfortunately we lost in the National Semi Finals in the golf and also the Ten- Pin Bowling, but let's hope next year we can go one better and make it to the finals and win.

This up and coming year we have many sporting events with the usual year in year out events with the likes of Pool, Bowling and Piggy to name but a few. But also we are going to try some additional events which will all become apparent over the next couple of months and hopefully they will carry on for years to come.

National Sporting Weekend Birmingham 2012

The next major event which I hope to see a lot of people there on mass is NSW and it's not too far away only being down the M6 in sunny Birmingham with the dates being 6-9 September full details can be found at www.nsw2012.co.uk

The venue and sports facilities are superb, and they have managed to secure exclusive use of the campus for us all over the weekend.

The town is only a five minute walk from the campus, and they have already had talks with local breweries and drinking establishments to secure special table rates!

I hope that you enjoy the pool tonight and I hope to meet all of you at some point throughout the year and also I look forward to seeing you at NSW for a great weekend.

(i) Area President – John Mc Elhinney

Report to follow

APPENDIX B

**Area 8 Lancs and Manx
337th Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday 15th March 2012**

1. Welcome

Chairman Chris of Leigh 139 Round Table welcomed everyone to the 337th Business meeting.

2. Grace

Recited correctly Area Chairman Malcolm Mair

3. Loyal Toast

Proposed by Malcolm Mair Area 8 Chairman for 2011/2012

4. Aims and Objects

Newest member of Leigh Mark Howard recited Aims and Objects

5. Approval of Notice Convening Meeting

Proposed by Leigh 139, seconded by Huyton 856.

6. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Dooley (Area membership officer), Carl Davies (Area Secretary), Rushen RT 1072, Mike Chase, Dave "Bacardi" Yardley, Mike Orme, Nic Corke & Ian Crane (Area President).

7. Roll Call of Tables Present

In no particular order!

Liverpool 8, Huyton 856, Leigh 139, Bootle Crosby & District 163, Southport Hesketh 1199, Leyland 665, Prescot 448 & Liverpool Childwall 644

8. Welcome to other guests and visitors

Past Area Chairmen Richard Waterfield, John Kilshaw, Lee Collier & Mark Howard

Past Area President Peter Rees

41 Clubs Leigh, Corley & Horwich and Westhoughton

9. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Southport Hesketh 1199 and seconded by Leigh 139.

10. Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising those minutes

11. Correspondence and Visiting Trophy

No correspondence has been received

Visiting Trophy is with Liverpool 8. To claim the visiting trophy you need to attend the club with the trophy with three or more members and request it. Lee Collier requested that as Liverpool 8 met at lunch time that if they had any evening meeting if they could let the rest of Area know when and when the meeting was so the other clubs could attend and claim the visiting trophy.

13. Executive Reports

A) Secretary Report - Carl Davies

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

B) Treasurer Report – Richard Gormley

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

C) Regional Representative Report – Mark Jeffries

Nothing to report.

D) Membership Officer Report – Andrew Dooley

. Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

E) Media and P.R. – Guy Dove

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

F) IRO & CSLO – Ian Hughes

. Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

G) Sports –John Kilshaw

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

H) Area Vice Chairman Report – Paul Welsby

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

I) Immediate Past Area Chairman Report – Mark Howard

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

J) Area Presidents Report – Ian Crane

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

K) Area Chairman's Report – Malcom Mair

Report had been circulated via email previous to the meeting and there were no matters arising or questions to the report.

14. Any Other Business

IPC Mark Howard wished it be minuted of his displeasure that the Area Secretary was not at the meeting again and that he had not attended any Area meetings this year so far. This was echoed by Past Area Chairmen Lee Collier and John Kilshaw.

Godwin Stewart said that Leyland RT Ladies night was on 31st March at £30 per person.

16. Irving Gorski Trophy

Trophy was not presented as it needs to be collected from the last holder and will be presented at the Area meeting AGM.

17. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Area AGM hosted by Huyton 856 at Huyton Conservative Club Friday 27th April 2012.

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18. RTBI

At 10:12pm

Paul Welsby

Assistant Secretary

APPENDIX C

**AREA 8
Business Meeting &
Pool Night
Friday 29th June 2012**



This is one not to be missed!

Less reading of reports and more Q&A of what matters to you. The National President will be in attendance to comment on our fantastic Area, National Association and answer your questions. Then it's on to the Pool Competition to see which Table in Area 8 will be crowned Pool Sharks 2012/13.

Hosted by Liverpool 8, you know you are guaranteed to have a fun packed night!

- Where:** upstairs in **The Ship & Mitre Pub**, Dale Street, Liverpool, L3 2JH
When: **Friday 29th June 2012 7:00pm for 7:30pm**
Cost: A great price of **£17** per head! (Includes Food and Pool)
What: **Business meeting** and **dining** at The Ship & Mitre Pub, then we're off to Rileys Pool Club, on Bolton Street to play pool.



The opportunity to head out into town will follow as usual

**So come along and enjoy a fun packed night of Tabling.
Places are strictly limited so make sure you do not miss out!
Book in ASAP with your Area Vice Chairman Richard Gormely:
0151 243 1239 07947722775 rg@dsg.uk.com**

Travel Directions: The pubs address 133 Dale Street Liverpool L3 2JH. By train, Lime Street Station is within sight of the pub and Moorfields is a five minute walk along Dale Street.