



ROUNDTABLE

Area 13 News

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Welcome to Area 13 North Scotland

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Welcome to the winter Area 13 Newsletter. Where have the weeks gone? I trust you've had a great summer and looking forward to your festive events.

As you will be aware, the function of Area is changing from governance to social. I'm sure you'll agree that this is what we want to concentrate on.

The social side and the fellowship are the most important in my opinion. To this end I have tried to arrange Area meetings for when social events are being held. Tablers can attend large events and at the same time attend an Area Meeting.

Nationally, the "role of the National Councillor is to be replaced by Regional Representatives who will be elected from their Region and will be responsible for representing the members from their region and for the governance of the Association along with the National Executive."

Area 13 and Area 44 will be administered jointly under Region 1. Regional representatives are in the process of being appointed and their inaugural meeting is to be held on Saturday 17th October in Dublin.

Over the next few months I will be getting out and about so would be grateful if you could let me know if you have any events planned that I can attend. Vice Chairman Billy Stuart is



Area Vice Chairman Billy Stuart with Area Chairman Willie Macleod

also keen to travel so we look forward to seeing you at some point. There are a couple of great events coming up which you should attend—the Skye Charter and the Area Ball. If you've never been to either then this is the time to go. You will not regret it. Having a great time and meeting new friends in a fantastic atmosphere. There's also the bonus that both events qualify for expenses through the National Offshore Fund so you'll get your travel paid for (see below).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me and I'll endeavour to assist.

YIT, Willie...

Area Travel

For info (again!):

Travel expenses are available for those attending Area Meetings.

For mainland Tables, Area pays mileage to those attending.

For Offshore Tables e.g. Stornoway, Orkney, Isle of Skye, you can claim travel expenses from National to attend each meeting, including air fare if appropriate.

This year, this includes Area Meetings at the

Skye Charter and the Area Ball in Stornoway.

For expenses over £100 you'll have to inform the National Treasurer first.

Forms available from the National website. Alternatively contact Area Secretary Billy Stuart.

Isle of Skye 35th Charter

Once again **Isle of Skye Round Table** invite you to travel to the far West amidst the mountains, glens, townships and spectacular scenery to the beautiful Island of Skye for a night of true Highland Hospitality in **The Cuillin Hills Hotel, Portree**.

In keeping with tradition and, in addition to the Charter Dinner, they have organised an afternoon of sightseeing before the Function and a day of optional activities after the Function. Although aware that almost certainly their efforts will be futile, a chance trip to the local distillery and a round of golf or a fishing trip may appeal to some!

The evening will be a special mix of congenial hospitality, sheep, great food, sheep, strong drink, sheep and tremendous entertainment and will commence with drinks in the Bar at around 7pm and Dinner will be served promptly, sometime thereafter.

In their usual efficient manner the speeches will be over before its too late and the Bar will be open into the early hours.

Guest Speakers



RTBI National President:

Dave Barker (left)

Past RTBI National President and Past RTI President:

Gerard O'Herlihy (right)

Past RTBI National President:

Chris Horsfall



The Charter is available, to all discerning punters, at a cost of £35.00 per head.

Some preferential B&B rates are still available at a selection of Hotels in Portree and bookings should be made directly with the hotels quoting 'Round Table Charter'

Cuillin Hills Hotel, Portree 01478 612003

Caledonian Hotel, Portree 01478 612641

Bosville Hotel, Portree 01478 612846

Tongadale Hotel, Portree 01478 612143

Rates can be extended to the Friday or Saturday evening should you wish to stay additional nights.

There will be a separate meal for any wives/partners who would like to travel North on the Friday night – please get in touch with Nick Lawton directly – nick.lawton@cali.co.uk - if your wife/partner is coming North and would like to join the ladies.

The event will be well supported and would ask that if you would like to be at the Charter that you book as soon as possible as the last 3 events have been oversubscribed and the function room has a limited capacity. Please contact Nick for Booking Form or for further details.

Area Ball 2010

The Hebridean Hoolie PART 2 Friday 12th February 2010

Once again, the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, is the venue for the Area Ball. It will be 5 years since the last one, and those who attended had a memorable time.

Stornoway & District Round Table has a reputation for hospitality second to none, and this event certainly won't disappoint.

Already the current and three past National Presidents confirmed.

Further details can be found at:
www.area13ball.co.uk

POINT OF INFORMATION

REMINDER

Remember and complete Risk Assessments for your Table events, otherwise you're not insured under the National Policy.

Especially important in the coming months with seasonal events, e.g. bonfires, Santa floats. Also, some activities are not actually covered in the Policy so please check before you go ahead.

Area Meetings

Friday 29th October 2009
Cuillin Hills Hotel, Isle of Skye
(Friday 29th,
Isle of Skye's 35th Charter)

Friday 12th February 2010
Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway
(Friday 12th, Area Ball)

Friday 16th April 2010
Annual General Meeting, Forres

Date for future diaries!!
Friday 11th February 2011
Area Ball, Forres