



Sir William Bentley Billiards

Specialist dealers in the finest Antique Billiard tables.
Makers of the world's most beautiful Billiard, Snooker and Pool tables.
Handmade in Marten, England.



A tradition of excellence

With nearly 40 years of experience, Sir William Bentley Billiards are experts in Antique Billiards and designers & makers of some of the world's most desirable billiard, snooker & pool tables.

Our family-run business began with the restoration, renovation and reproduction of Antique billiard tables, as well as the dual-purpose dining tables so popular since the Victorian era.

Refining and developing the designs, detail and mechanisms to meet our client's increasingly diverse requirements, intent only on producing individual pieces of the highest possible quality, and striving for each client's complete satisfaction. We have become globally renowned for the beauty and attention to detail of our bespoke Pool & Snooker tables, dual-purpose dining or conference tables, lighting and accessories.



Continental Ball-Runner pool table being made from Ash with solid brass inlay.



Our showrooms, nestled in the beautiful countryside on the borders of Berkshire and Wiltshire, house many fine Antique Billiard tables alongside contemporary and classic tables handmade in the adjacent workshops.

A visit to Marten is a great opportunity to see the craftsmen at work, to enjoy the processes of design, carving, marquetry, veneering, inlaying, polishing, metal and wood working, and to appreciate for yourself the skills involved in the creation of each table.

To enter the showroom is to delve into an Aladdin's cave of burr Walnut, rich rosewood and finely grained mahogany, maple, oak and ash. Intricate marquetry, polished metal, delicate inlays and beautiful veneers, lie side by side with fine Scottish leathers and English wool-nap cloth.



Complementing the tables are many diverse accessories. Antique and modern, these include marker boards & cabinets, cue-racks, ball boxes, billiard-room memorabilia, dining chairs, upholstered billiard benches, and exquisite examples of specialist billiard lighting.

Whether your search is for a Bespoke or Antique, second-hand or replica table, for billiards, snooker or pool; or for a stunning contemporary Rollover, or elegant Wind-up dual-purpose dining table - you are sure to find the inspiration to specify your own unique table, and maybe even exactly what you're looking for.

*Visitors to our workshops and showroom
welcome 7 days a week by appointment
please call or email in advance.*



Antique, traditional and contemporary tables, lights and accessories sit side by side in our showrooms.

Bespoke Designers & Makers

The highly skilled craftsmen at our workshops in Marten, pride themselves on a world-wide reputation for excellence in design & creation.

The truly bespoke nature of our work offers a personal service to every client, promising the creation of unique and beautiful pieces, matched to your own, individual specifications.

Many tables are dual-purpose – some simply rolling-over to transform a sleek dining table into a stylish snooker or pool table – others have precision engineered winding mechanisms to lower the table for dining, then raise again for playing.



Some are simply stunning fixed height tables, custom-made for snooker, pool or any type of billiards. **Contemporary or classic, extravagant or minimalist - all are hand crafted and finished to the very highest quality standards.**

Whatever size or style of table you require: a full-size, $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ size snooker table; a 9ft US Tournament, or 7ft UK Pub pool table; Russian Pyramid or French Carambole... whether your preference is for natural, stained or painted wood; beautiful veneers; lacquered or metallised finishes; traditional green West-of-England wool cloth or brightly coloured pool table cloth... we will be delighted to help you create the perfect table for your room, and to offer whatever matching accessories, joinery and lighting you desire to complement your chosen design.

The craftsmanship, quality and bespoke nature of our business are widely known within the Interior design industry; our tables are often exhibited at International trade and consumer shows, and a significant number of the tables we make every year are for Interior Designers and their clients, in the UK and all over the world.



The Alchemy walnut Pool table with Ball runner & Return and stainless steel detail.





Our finishes, attention to detail and quality are therefore subject to the inspiration and scrutiny of this most discerning and demanding audience, and their inspiration has also led to our designs becoming increasingly diverse and contemporary – fusing elements of previous designs and detailing to complement the designer’s interior decor and create something utterly or subtly new.



CUT-OUT: Shadow pool table with bi-metallic Steel & Bronze finish, and purple Hainsworth cloth.



Antiques and Replica



With more than a generation of experience in the restoration and reproduction of fine Antique Billiard tables, they are still a key part of our business, and we have a large stock of beautiful and unique tables. Many are in pristine condition, on display in our showroom while others are waiting to be meticulously restored by the same craftsmen that make our bespoke designs.

The striking mahogany table with Sheraton style inlay on the left was made by Thurston & Co and was the personal table of Joe Davis OBE – undefeated world Snooker Champion from 1927 - 1947 – and is in our showrooms, with matching Scoreboard/Drinks Cabinet, awaiting its next owner.



MAIN: Joe Davis' personal table c1907.
INSET: Scoreboard Marker cabinet carved by Wm Morris Co.
TOP: Reeded leg table by Gillow & Co. c1795.



'Gothic' Burroughes & Watts oak table c1850.



TOP: Satinwood inlaid table once owned by Tsar Nicholas of Russia.
 BELOW: Green Man, Tulip leg & Maharajah tables.
 BOTTOM: Marker cabinet by Geo.Wright; William Morris table;
 & Burr Walnut Orme & Sons table c1886.



Amongst other original tables on display at the time of writing are the 'Gothic' oak table, the beautifully carved Green Man table, and mahogany tulip leg table - all of which were made by Burroughes & Watts.

Burroughes worked for Thurston, who learnt about billiards at Gillow & Co., and, as well as restoring a number of Gillow tables over the years, we've also made beautiful reproductions, in different slate sizes to suit specific client's needs. The 'Tsar Nicholas' has also been reproduced, the original having sold some years ago; and the same is true of the Maharajah table and the amazingly hand-carved 'William Morris' table - also made by Thurston's, and carved by the Arts & Crafts master - which we restored and installed in a private estate in Central Europe.



Classic & Contemporary Diners

MAIN: Oak Refectory dining-billiard table with Air-Lift mechanism and Leaf-carvings.
INSET TOP RIGHT: Empire Wind-up version & leg detail.
BOTTOM LEFT: Maple Wind-up with Hex & Steel legs and Ebony inlay.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mytona-burr wind-up with Gillow legs.



We are especially well-known for dual-purpose **Pool-Dining or Snooker-Dining tables**, and our precision-engineered mechanisms that transform top quality, slate bed playing tables into beautiful dining tables, seating up to 20 people.

Each table is individually hand-crafted to suit your own style and period of interior décor, and truly bespoke, giving you choice about every detail. As a result they also make great Boardroom or Conference tables, and can be found in the function rooms of discerning Hotels.

Your first choice is the mechanism – Rollover, Wind-up or Air-lift.

For larger tables – up-to Full-size size snooker-diners – the playing slate is raised to playing height & lowered for dining. Either a large brass handle is inserted to effortlessly wind our **Empire Wind-up** mechanism, or push buttons electronically actuate the pneumatic **Air-lift** system that we call 'The Blower'. We've even made tables that raise from coffee table height to dining height at the press of a button, and, with a further press, elevate to playing height.





The dining table tops are made in multiple sections to make them easy to remove and replace. Edged with solid wood, they are carefully tongue and groove fitted for stability - and to prevent spillages from reaching the playing surface. These can be enhanced with beautiful veneers, inlays, and carved or shaped corners and edges. Matching Benches are a great option, as well as chairs – and console-tables, panelling, cabinets, bars... the choice is yours.

Traditionally, pockets and cushions were exposed, though most of our tables now have a full cushion surround – hiding the pockets when dining, adding to the beauty of the Snooker or Pool table, and in either mode, making it almost impossible to tell that the table has a dual-purpose.

The Ball Runner – shown here on a gloss Macassar Continental wind-up diner, with inlaid metal detail and matching tub chairs and benches – is a striking and contemporary option for any table – storing and displaying the balls and making the convertible design of the table a real statement.



TOP TABLE: Louis XV Wind-up with Rosewood veneer, gilded carvings and inlaid table-tops.
MID TABLE: Walnut Sabre wind-up metal leg and frame detail, and full-cushion surround.
BOTTOM: Continental Ball Runner wind-up Snooker-dining table, benches & tub chair.

Classic & Contemporary Diners



Our Rollover pool & snooker diners are simply breath-taking!

In seconds, a beautiful dining table is replaced by a top-quality Pool or Snooker table, raised up for playing. Our patented mechanism is damped & geared, ensuring the transformation is as easy & elegant as it is simple. Inherent to the design is the total invisibility of the playing table when dining, as are the gasps of surprise when you first reveal it to your dinner guests - we recommend clearing the table first.

The dining surface can be enhanced with beautiful book-matched veneers such as flamed mahogany, burr walnut or birds-eye maple – or even leather, cloth or glass! – to contrast or complement the solid wood table. A simpler option is a matching top, and we can also personalize the table further intricate marquetry, delicate wood or metal inlays, carved or detailed edges, and many types of bespoke finish.



MAIN: Oak Continental Rollover with rippled Ash Veneer & brushed steel detail.

INSET: Similar table mid-roll.

TOP: Oak Rollover with Tapered leg, personalised engraving.
RIGHT: Walnut Speed Rollover & matching chairs.





Possible designs are many, and even just the few examples pictured here show that we've made tables to suit wide-ranging tastes and desires. Four legs on the corners is a good place to start – though as you can see from the Continental Rollover – not entirely necessary. Our commitment is to quality and choice, whether your table is minimal or extravagant, and our craftsmen are always keen to rise to a fresh challenge, whether for a mediaeval castle, ultra-modern penthouse or yacht.

The perfect every-day dining table, Rollover playing slates can be as small as 5ft x 2ft6" or as large as 8ft x 4ft – with dining table sizes ranging from 6ft x 4ft to 10ft x 5ft, comfortably seating 12.

Wind-Up & Air-lift tables are often chosen when the table will 'live' as a Pool or Snooker table – and be 'dressed up' for special occasion dining... Or simply when a bigger table is needed.

CUT-OUT: Dolphin rollover, made from Walnut with polished metal legs.

TOP: Oak rollover with burr Walnut veneers and inlay.

LEFT: Walnut Continental rollover with matching storage console.



*Maple Hex
& Steel rollover.*

Bespoke Design – the choice is yours



MAIN: Paint finish Soho snooker table –
room design by Lisa Keates.
INSET: Mahogany Soho US billiard table.
TOP: The Riva 8ft pool table.



The choice is yours – and there is a lot of choice.

Truly bespoke means we make exactly what you want – working closely with you to make informed choices about the style and size of table, paying attention to every detail of the design.

Whether you want a dual-purpose-dining table or simply a stunning fixed height table, and whatever your preferred game, it's important to choose the ideal size of table for your room, taking into consideration the aesthetic and the space you'll need for cueing.

Our sizing guide, at the back of this brochure, provides minimum recommendations for room size, by size of playing slate, using a 48" cue. If you prefer to play with a longer cue, or if you want to be able stand back and appreciate the beauty of the choices you've made – you need to allow more space.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS

We can work with your own designer or you can work with one of our interior designers.



Walnut Snooker table and room designed by Rick Baker.



INSET: Pinstripe 'Pub' pool table.

CUT-OUT: Oak Cantilever with 8ft x 4ft slate.

BELOW: St. Moritz pool table with Rosewood & Maple veneer and marquetry, Brass feet & faces.



Maple Lauren US pool table.

Leg design is the key to the overall silhouette of the table – do you prefer the minimal straight lines of the Speed or Spur designs, the classical elegance of a cabriolet, turned, tapered or carved leg, the bold geometry of the Cantilever, Shadow, Sabre or Lauren tables, or the timeless Art-Deco inspired Soho or Continental?

Or maybe you have something different in mind – for the leg or whole table design – we're always up for something new!

The choice of cushion style will often follow from the leg design – nets or billiard bags look great with classic and traditional tables, while contemporary designs will often demand a full cushion surround or our striking ball runner.

Then to materials – the choice of solid hardwoods, or real wood veneers... whether to stain or spray or metallize, or leave the finish natural... and what about the cloth? Our preference is for west-of-England wool cloth, but what colour should it be?

And don't forget the detail – personalise your table with carving, engraving, wood or metal inlays – in simple strips, following the table edge, or as a logo or initials, on the cushion, leg or frame.



Accessories & Interior Design

Finally, accessorise – a simple triangle, handmade from the same wood as your table, is one of the great pleasures of bespoke billiards, and there are many more.

Years of working with interior designers and discerning clients have taught us how important bespoke accessories can be in the creation of the perfect environment for your table – whether it's a dining room or games room, conference room or open-plan living space.

Our commitment is to provide you with whatever accessories, furniture and lighting you require – and we've made everything from dining chairs & benches, through gothic panelling, ornate Scoreboard Marker and matching Drinks cabinets, to console tables with drawers or hinged lids – or simply to extend our dining tables when the dinner party gets big.



Ball Box & Brush with logo inlaid in gold.
LEFT: Solid metal 2-piece cue rack.



MAIN: Hidden cue storage with spring release,
in Charcoal Continental table.
INSET: same with inlaid numerals in Walnut table.
CUT-OUT: Bespoke Foosball table.





LEFT: Scoreboard with inlaid initials, triangle and pediment cue-rack made to match metal-inlaid Pool table.
RIGHT: Macassar and Brass scoreboard.
FAR RIGHT: Paint finish Curve cue-rack with jet-black cues.



Pair of traditional Oak ball boxes with turntable cue-rack.



Table-tennis top on Spur pool table.

We've also made Table tennis tops and Poker table tops, matching foosball tables, air hockey, dartboard cabinets and even a rollover table with a roulette wheel.

A two-piece cue-rack in matching wood and detail can be wall-mounted, or built inside a cabinet door. Free-standing cue racks can rotate on a turntable or simply stand there looking striking – with pediments of wood or metal – to complement the table – and your room.

Our ball-boxes are simply beautiful statements of joinery that can be book-match veneered or inlaid with initials, logos or simple lines – handmade to fit whichever balls you've chosen for your favourite games – whether that's UK or US pool, Snooker or Billiards, Russian, French or English.

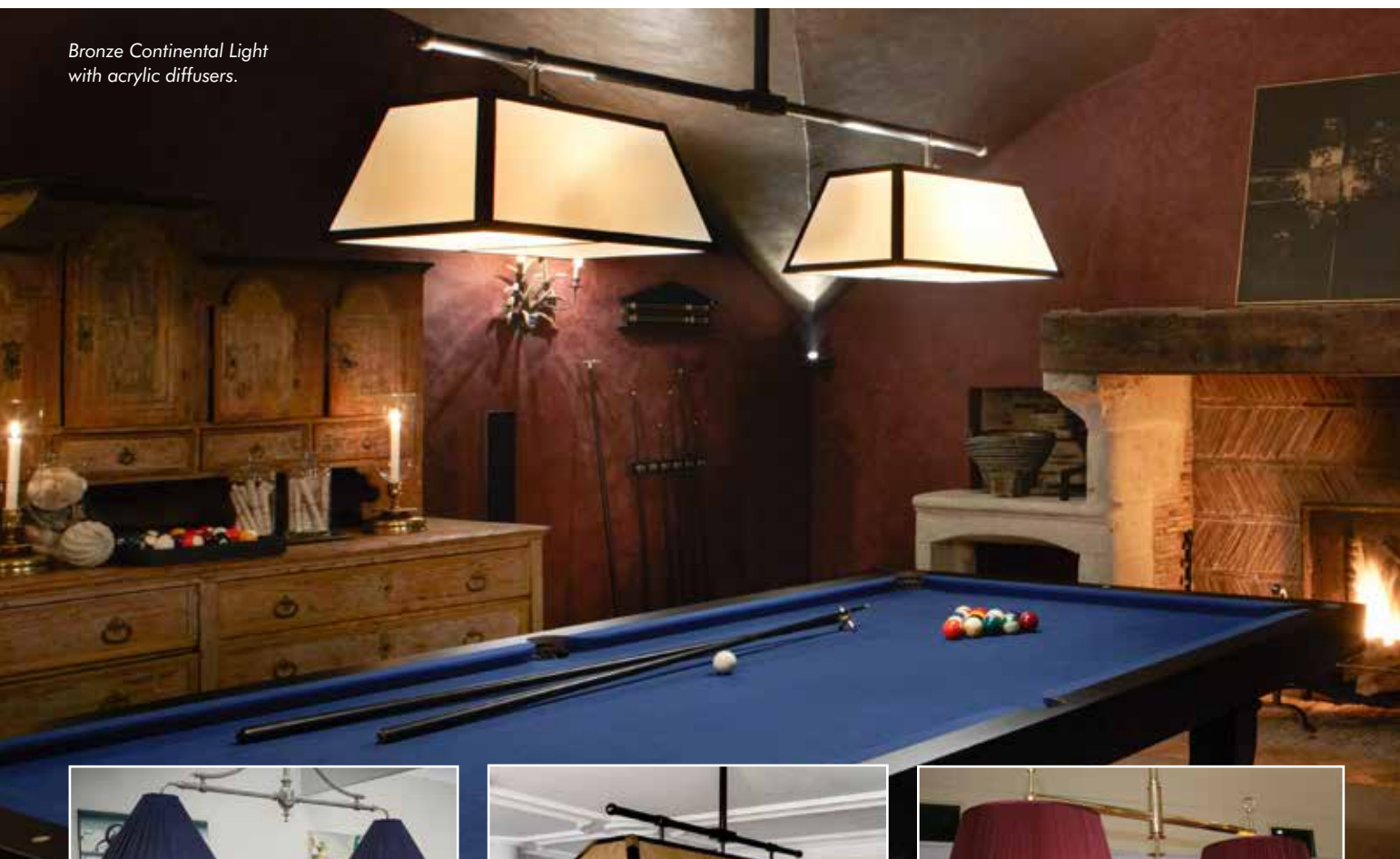
Our signature cues are single pieces of quality Ash, available in many sizes, and with Brass or Nickel rest heads. They can, of course, be stained or sprayed to suit your taste – and if you're looking for something more exotic we'll be happy to help.

In Victorian times, Scoreboard markers could be remarkable, elaborate cabinets – and we've had the pleasure of restoring and reproducing many – with hand-painted numerals and insignia, mirrors, rollers, pediments, sliders and pointers. Our contemporary boards are typically much simpler – with attention to detail focused on the hand-milled rails and pointers, veneers and inlays – wood or metal, subtle or striking.

The choice, as always is yours.

Bespoke Lighting

Bronze Continental Light
with acrylic diffusers.

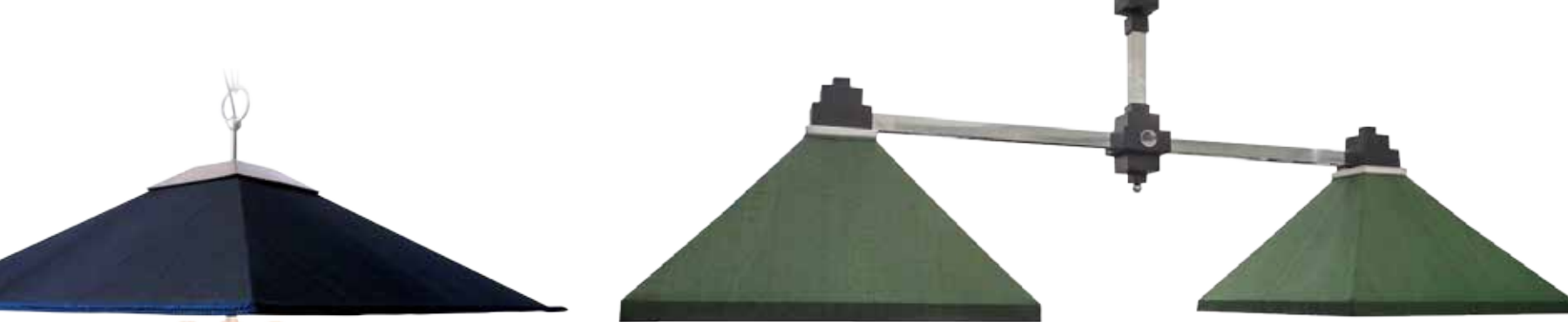


Interior designers inspire us to make stunning and unique tables for their clients, requiring us to make beautiful tables to suit a specific and stylish environment – and often also wanting accessories and lighting made to help create the perfect room.



Lighting is a key element to the interior design of any room – not only billiard or dining rooms, and designers often come to us just for lights – with no pool table in sight. Driven by their demands and those of our private clients, our range has evolved from Antique style reproductions to include many traditional and increasingly modern designs.

LEFT: Steel Marlborough Light with blue shades;
Antique brass & Oatmeal Continental Canopy;
Brass Meribel light.
CUT-OUTS: 2-lamp Brass and Black T-bar light;
6-lamp blue-steel Marlborough.



CUT-OUTS: Single Lauren candle-light and Art-Deco Pyramid light.



Working in bronze, brass, alloy and stainless steel – milled or polished, plated or painted; with hand-stitched plain & pleated shades – in a range of Bennet or James Hare silks; or with acrylic, glass or wood, our truly bespoke billiard lights are known for their beauty and for the quality of the workmanship.

Every light is meticulously made to suit the room it's destined for. Custom sized for the size of table, the ceiling height, and the ideal height above the table,

with a ball-joint ceiling rose to ensure the light is level even when the ceiling isn't, and finished exactly as specified by the client or Interior designer – with everything confirmed by bespoke samples.

Whatever the style of environment you wish to create, whatever your choice of table, accessories or lighting – we want to work with you to help achieve every detail of your ideal design.



MAIN: Alchemy table with Continental light in room designed by Armani interiors.
INSET: Brass & Stained glass Vegas light.

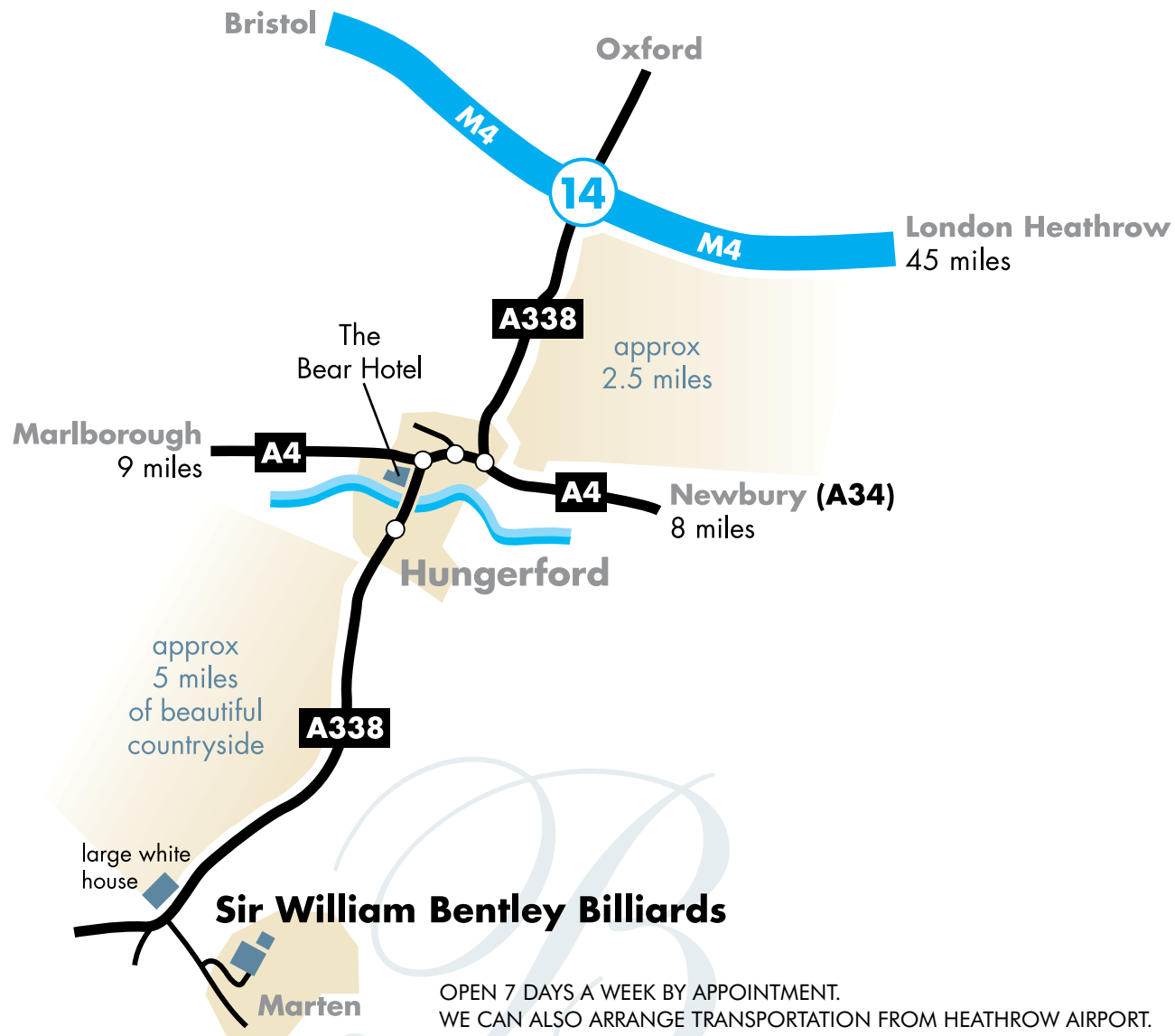


Sizing Guide

Playing Slate size		Fixed Height/Wind Up Table size ¹		Seats	Rollover Table size ²		Seats	Minimum Room Size ³	
feet inches	mm	feet inches	mm		feet inches	mm		feet inches	mm
5' x 2'6"	1524 x 762	5'6" x 3'	1676 x 914	6	6'4" x 3'10"	1930 x 1168	6 - 8	13' x 10'6"	3962 x 3200
6' x 3'	1829 x 914	6'6" x 3'6"	1981 x 1067	6 - 8	7'4" x 4'4"	2235 x 1321	8 - 10	14' x 11'	4267 x 3353
6'4" x 3'4" ⁴	1930 x 1016	7' x 3'10"	2134 x 1168	8	7'8" x 4'8"	2337 x 1422	8	14'4" x 11'4"	4369 x 3454
7' 3'6"	2134 x 1067	7'6" x 4'	2286 x 1219	8 - 10	8'4" x 4'10"	2540 x 1473	10 - 12	15' x 11'6"	4572 x 3505
8' x 4"	2438 x 1219	8'6" x 4'6"	2591 x 1372	10 - 12	9'4" x 5'4"	2845 x 1626	12 - 14	16' x 12'	4879 x 3658
9' x 4'6"	2743 x 1372	9'6" x 5'	2896 x 1524	12 - 14	n/a	n/a	n/a	19' x 14'6"	5791 x 4420
10' x 5'	3048 x 1524	10'6" x 5'6"	3200 x 1676	14 - 16	n/a	n/a	n/a	20' x 15'	6096 x 4572
12' x 6'	3657 x 1829	12'6" x 6'6"	3810 x 1981	18 - 22	n/a	n/a	n/a	22' x 16'	6706 x 4877



¹ Because our tables are custom made the actual dimensions may be varied to suit customers requirements. Sizes given here assume table tops that are flush with the outer cushion edges, but we are happy to make larger tops including those with boxed edges or rounded corners. ² The Rollover table top frame is likewise variable in size according to a clients design requirements. ³ This allows 4' (1219mm) of space all around the playing table which is adequate for normal use. For more professional playing 5' (1524mm) is recommended. ⁴ UK 7'x4' Pub pool table.





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