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Annual General Meeting 2017 & ACC Membership Subscription

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd shall be held on Saturday 3rd June 2017 at the Carlton Club, London.

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, is the ACC's President and will be in attendance at the Meeting.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to all ACC Clubs. Clubs wishing to attend should ensure a prompt return of the invitation since space is limited.

At the AGM there will be a Resolution to increase the price of the ACC's Subscription fee to £200 plus VAT. The current cost of £100 plus VAT has been held for over 17 years. As part of the increase, all ACC Clubs will automatically receive 100 Inter-Affiliation Tickets free of charge. Each Club will then be able to sell these IA Tickets to Members

and if a price of £2 is charged, then the entire subscription to the ACC will effectively become free of charge.

Clubs wishing to obtain more than 100 IA Tickets can continue to purchase additional quantities in the usual way. The cost will remain at £2 each.

Representatives will be asked to vote on this proposal at the AGM. Additionally, the Notice of the AGM sent to all Clubs later this month will include the option for those Clubs not attending the AGM to express their views on this proposal.

If Clubs wish to comment on this proposal please let us know by phoning us on 0207 222 0843, emailing us at assistance@toryclubs.co.uk or writing to us at 24 Old Queen Street, London, SW1H 9HP.

Philip Smith
Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE,
ACC Chief Executive.

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Prime Minister Thanks ACC Clubs

The Prime Minister has written to the ACC thanking ACC Clubs for all the help they provide to the party during election periods, drawing specific attention to the recent by-elections in Stoke-on-Trent Central and Copeland where in Stoke-on-Trent the Conservative Party increased its share of the vote and in Copeland the Party won a stunning victory.

In both areas ACC Clubs played an important role in the campaigns and the Prime Minister has highlighted the vital assistance that Clubs can play in both the campaign and social part of the Party's activities.

The ACC lends its thanks, along with that of the Prime Minister's, to the Clubs who assisted these by-election efforts.

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The Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE
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28 February 2017

Dear Philip

I wanted to get in touch to express my thanks to your members for helping the Conservative Party secure such outstanding results in the Copeland and Stoke-on-Trent Central by-elections.

The Conservative Clubs in Egremont, Millom, and Keswick in Copeland, and in Wolstanton in Stoke-on-Trent played a vital role in hosting the campaign teams and supporting all the volunteers who visited the constituencies to support our candidates, Trudy Harrison and Jack Brereton. Thanks to these efforts, we secured historic results in both seats.

The result in Stoke-on-Trent Central was the first time that the Conservative Party increased its share of the vote at a by-election in government since 1982, and it was our best result in that seat since 1992.

Our victory in Copeland was the first time that a governing party has gained a seat at a by-election since 1982 – but you have to go all the way back to the nineteenth century to find a comparable by-election success for an incumbent government, without special factors at play. Copeland has elected Labour MPs without exception since the 1930s, so we should be extremely proud of this extraordinary achievement.

The space, warmth and refreshment each Conservative Club provided helped Conservative activists from around the country to mount the strongest possible campaign, and fortified them before they headed out to campaign in often challenging weather. I was so pleased to see the Conservative family coming together in this way, and with such great results.

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Best wishes

Theresa May

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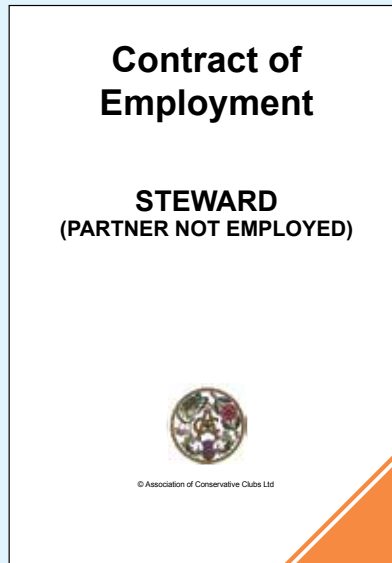
ACC Contracts of Employment

The ACC are pleased to supply a range of Employment Contracts. These contracts are designed specifically to comply with the needs of ACC Clubs and are produced to a high quality with a glossy finish. All Contracts were fully revised and updated in 2015, with minor revisions made in 2016, and are compliant with all current UK legislation. We recommend that all Clubs use our current contracts of employment for their employees.

All Contract Packs now include a high quality and durable employee disciplinary and grievance policy handbook which should assist both Clubs and employees when these issues arise. Contracts for use with employees who live on the Club's premises now come with a specifically drafted Service Occupancy Agreement for the employees, and their partners if applicable, to sign in relation to their accommodation.

Our newest introduction to our contracts range is a contract of employment for use by Clubs which employ Bar Managers. We know that many Clubs employ Bar Managers as opposed to Club Stewards and we are pleased to now supply a specific contract pack for Bar Managers.

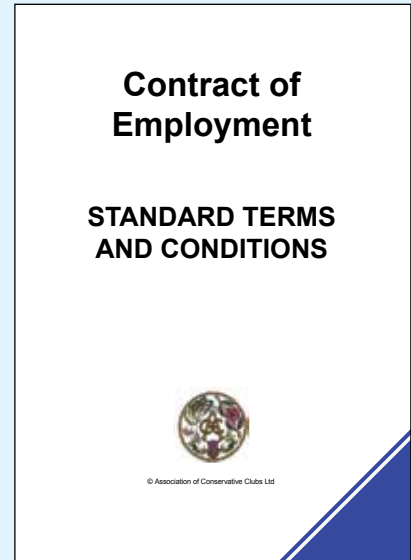
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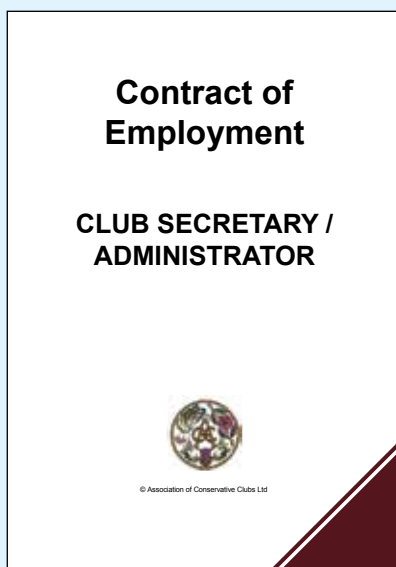
- 2 x Club Steward Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment

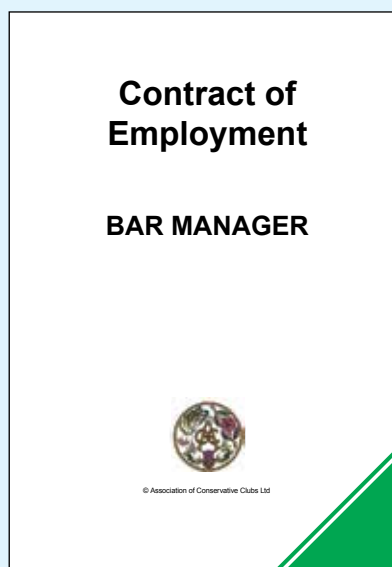
Appropriate for a wide range of Club Employees (bar employees, cleaners, general part time employees etc.). Each contract pack costs £15 and includes:

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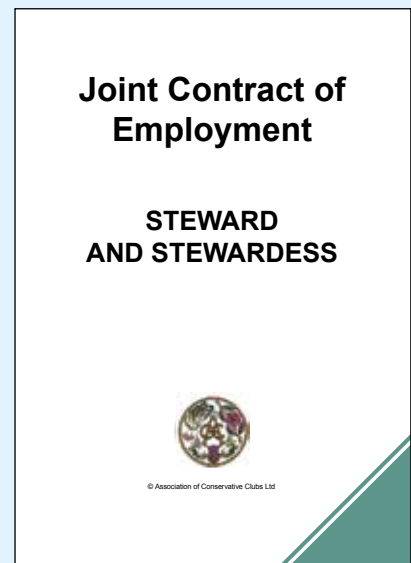
- 2 x Club Secretary Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



Bar Manager Contract

Appropriate for a Club employing a Bar Manager without accommodation. Each contract pack costs £20 and includes:

- 2 x Bar Manager Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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Appropriate for a Club employing a Steward and Stewardess on a joint contract of employment with or without accommodation included. Each contract pack costs £25 and includes:

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- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.

Please contact the ACC with any questions regarding the new contracts of employment.

To order any of the above contract packs please place an order online at www.toryclubs.co.uk, email charles@toryclubs.co.uk or phone 0207 222 0868.

CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage

From 1st April 2017 employees in the UK aged over 25 earning the current minimum wage rate of £7.20 per hour will see a 30p

increase to a minimum hourly rate of £7.50. Employees aged under 25 will also see a small increase:

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
October 2016 (current rate)	£7.20	£6.95	£5.55	£4.00	£3.40
April 2017	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

VAT on Gas and Electricity

Some Clubs are being contacted by energy consultants offering to reduce the VAT rate paid on gas and electricity bills from 20% to 5%. They will typically charge a % fee for doing so. Clubs can, however, reclaim any VAT paid at the higher rate of 20% when they submit their VAT returns so it does not make any material difference whether the VAT is initially paid at 20% or 5% apart from perhaps

assisting with short term cash flow issues.

It is therefore not worth paying a consultant to reduce the Club's VAT bill from 20% to 5% unless the Club is not registered for VAT. We have heard that some Clubs have had to pay around £500 for this service to be performed.

Our thanks to Accountants R H Jeffs and Rowe (01443 402116) for raising this issue.

Premier League - Live TV games for April

Saturday April 1 12.30pm Liverpool v Everton (Sky Sports).
5.30pm Southampton v AFC Bournemouth (BT Sport).

Sunday 2 1.30pm Swansea City v Middlesbrough (Sky Sports),
4pm Arsenal v Manchester City (Sky Sports).

Tuesday 4 8pm Manchester United v Everton (BT Sport).

Wednesday 5 8pm Chelsea v Manchester City (BT Sport).

Saturday 8 12.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v Watford (Sky Sports)*, 5.30pm AFC Bournemouth v Chelsea (BT Sport).

Sunday 9 1.30pm Sunderland v Manchester United (Sky Sports),
4pm Everton v Leicester City (Sky Sports)*.

Monday 10 8pm Crystal Palace v Arsenal (Sky Sports)*.

Saturday 15 12.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v AFC Bournemouth (Sky Sports), 5.30pm Southampton v Manchester City (BT Sport).

Sunday 16 1.30pm West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool (Sky Sports), 4pm Manchester United v Chelsea (Sky Sports).

Monday 17 8pm Middlesbrough v Arsenal (Sky Sports)*.

Saturday 22 12.30pm Manchester City v West Bromwich Albion (Sky Sports)*.

Sunday 23 12pm Leicester City v Tottenham Hotspur (Sky Sports), 2.15pm Burnley v Manchester United (Sky Sports),
2.15pm Chelsea v Southampton (Sky Sports)*, 4.30pm Liverpool v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports).

Saturday 29 5.30pm Crystal Palace v Burnley (BT Sport).

Sunday 30 12pm Manchester United v Swansea City (BT Sport),
2.05pm Everton v Chelsea (Sky Sports), 4.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal (Sky Sports)*.

Monday May 1 8pm Watford v Liverpool (Sky Sports)*.

*Subject to Leicester's involvement in the Champions League, Everton v Leicester City could move to Saturday 8, 12.30pm, with Tottenham Hotspur v Watford moving to Sunday 9, 4pm.

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Duties of Club Officials

The President

He should identify himself actively with the Club and its affairs and be more than a figure-head. He should also preside ex officio over all meetings (other than Committee meetings).

The Chairman

The Chairman presides ex officio over all Committee meetings and, in the absence of the President, those of the Club. He should be thoroughly familiar with the Rules of the Club and the procedures which govern Club meetings. The Chairman should not be afraid to exercise his authority, quietly and tactfully, when occasion arises. He should work in the closest co-operation with the Secretary in assuring that all legal and other Club obligations are carried out.

Committee meetings have to be held at least once a month in order to settle Club policy, and to make decisions affecting the operations of the Club and its development.

A carefully prepared agenda will help to ensure that business may

be dealt with quickly. As long as all essential business is catered for and all correspondence considered, their choice of priorities is unlikely to cause dissension within the Committee. If an agenda cannot be completed in time, it is better that the Committee should agree to adjourn to a later date to conclude the outstanding business. The Chairman and Secretary should not take it upon themselves to omit items from the agenda in order to shorten the meeting. It is for the Committee to decide what they will consider for the business is theirs and needs to be dealt with. The authority of the Committee should never be usurped. However, a good Chairman will be able to influence them towards wise decisions.

The Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for seeing that all moneys, whether received by himself, the Secretary, the steward or any other official or employee are duly banked. He is to ensure that all debts of the Club are paid as directed by the Committee and that cheques are signed by

himself and one, or more, members of the Finance Committee, then countersigned by the Secretary. It is his duty to produce the Paying-in Book, Bank Statement, Daily Takings Book etc. at every meeting of the Committee, or whenever required.

The Secretary

It is the duty of the Secretary to keep the books, documents and papers of the Club in proper order and carefully filed. He must summon and attend all meetings and take Minutes of the proceedings. Other responsibilities may be summarised—

- Keep the register of members up to date, with record of last payment of subscriptions
- See that the names, addresses and occupations of candidates for membership are duly displayed on the Club notice board for the period stipulated in the Rules
- Issue notices of default to members in arrears and see that names are removed from the register if subscriptions are not paid within the period stated in the Rules
- Post all notices in connection with General or Special General Meetings
- Check nominations of candidates for office and allow none to go forward which are not in order
- Comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003
- Comply with the requirements of the National Insurance Acts, Statutory Sick Pay and see that all paid employees are insured
- See that the Club is insured against liability at Common Law, for accidents occurring to Club employees, and also against fire and burglary

The duties imposed on a Club's Secretary make the person undertaking this office the linchpin in the conduct of Club affairs. The Secretary acts under the superintendence, control and

direction of the Committee of management and is responsible for seeing that the decisions of the Committee are conveyed to the proper quarter.

Larger Clubs may consider that the demands placed on their Secretary are beyond the capacity of a voluntary officer. The appointment of a Secretary is not normally made by members in general. The Committee makes such appointments just as they appoint other employees of the Club. Applicants may come from within the membership or from outside. Therefore, the Rules customarily provide that where an appointed Secretary is to be preferred, the Committee will carry out the appointment. In this position he is an officer without power, except as delegated by the Committee.

Committee

It is the duty of the Committee to attend their meetings regularly. The Committee conduct the general business of the Club; are responsible for its management and control, and for seeing that the Rules are duly observed. Acting in a quasi-judicial capacity they are empowered—subject to what the Rules say—to suspend or expel offending members, having first given them an opportunity of being heard in self-defence. The appointment, control and dismissal of all Club employees rest solely in the hands of the Committee.

The Committee is responsible for checking books kept by the Treasurer or Secretary and seeing that all takings have been duly paid into the bank. They should examine the Order Book and be satisfied that only goods authorised by them have been purchased and that accounts submitted for payment have been duly checked and verified with the Goods Received Book kept by the Steward. The Committee, realising their position of trust and authority, should rigidly observe the Rules of the Club, thus setting an example to the members.

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Question and Answers

Q Historically our employees have been allowed to have the occasional alcoholic drink whilst working. Most of the time this is fine although there have been a few occasions when arguably an employee has had too many drinks and this affects their job performance. Do you have any advice regarding how many drinks an employee can be permitted to have each shift?

A I think the Committee must give consideration to removing the right for employees to drink whilst on duty.

Your employees have a legal obligation not to serve anyone who is intoxicated, in addition to other requirements such as not serving people who are underage. I am not convinced that an employee who themselves is under the influence of alcohol is best placed to make decisions about the sobriety of the people they are serving. I also think if the Club ever has any problems

with your licensing authority that it will not do you any favours if you have to admit that it is Club policy to allow your employees to drink whilst on duty. If a difficult situation arises at the Club and medical attention needs to be sought or a disruptive customer that needs to be handled I once again think that your employees are better placed to handle such incidents if they themselves are sober. Finally, if employees are allowed to drink on duty it also raises questions about whether each drink is being properly paid for by the employee (and whether indeed your employees are legally allowed to purchase alcohol from the Club, if you hold a Club Premises Certificate then the Club can only sell alcohol to Members, Members' guests and IA Ticket Holders).

This is, of course, a matter that the Committee will have to make an ultimate decision about. In regards to your specific question I am simply not sure there is a prescribed limit which I would be comfortable advising you to

allow your employees to drink to. I also think that a firm 'no drinking on duty' is easier to enforce than 'You're allowed one/two drinks' whilst on duty.

Q What should the Club be doing to prevent customers from drink driving? Should employees actively prevent a customer from driving if they think they have had too many drinks?

A If a Member of your bar staff believes that a Member intends to drive home then I would suggest that they stop serving them prior to them reaching the legal limit for driving. Obviously, in the real world it is not always known if a Member intends to drive home but from a theoretical question point of view, I would suggest that you do not serve anyone who is nearing the limit who you know will be driving home.

The Committee can also use the Club's disciplinary procedure to suspend or expel a Member who has been found guilty of

drink driving.

I suggest that you actively promote the drink drive limit and that when it is known that a person is intending to drive home to avoid serving them drinks which would place them over the limit. Alternatively, since I acknowledge that that policy requires some knowledge that the bar staff may not possess at the time a drinks order is made, you may wish to encourage your bar staff to offer to phone a taxi for a person who they believe to be intoxicated so that they do drive themselves home.

Ultimately persons who are intending to drive home should avoid drinking. There is a legal limit to which a person can drink and drive home legally but it is almost impossible to accurately calculate since it depends on a host of factors such as a person's weight, age, sex and metabolism along with the type of alcohol being drunk and what food has recently been consumed. It can therefore be easier and wiser to simply promote a policy of 'when driving, do not drink'.



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Royal British Legion Seeking

The travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, is on a mission to find every single surviving D Day veteran, as the Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge tours for D Day veterans to return to Normandy and pay their respects to their fallen comrades. The tours are being funded by the Treasury from Libor fines, and will enable a D Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour. The tour does not include lunch although all veterans are offered £50 travel expenses.

The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September and will give Normandy veterans – now mostly in their 90s – the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials. The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion.

The tours will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus visits to personally specified cemeteries too.

The Rt. Hon Phillip Hammond MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "I'm delighted that we've been able to give nearly £4

million of Libor funds to support our D-Day Veterans wishing to return to Normandy with the Royal British Legion and other organisations in order to pay their respects to those who did not return home in 1944." He continued: "It's a token of our Nation's immense debt of gratitude to those who gave so much both for our freedom and the freedom of Europe in the Second World War."

Nichola Rowlands-Smith, Remembrance Travel, adds: "We have organised a number of group tours to Normandy for D-Day veterans and they have proved a very moving experience for all. It has been wonderful to offer these brave elderly men a chance to revisit the battlefield and to share their experiences with friends and family." She continued: "We're really looking for the general public to help us find every single living D Day veteran; there's no database of Normandy veterans, so we're relying on the public, whether that be a grandchild, neighbour or carer to spread the word, so that we can offer these free tours to all D Day survivors."

For Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour, they need to apply via Remembrance Travel's tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit <http://www.arenatravel.com/our-holidays/remembrance-travel>



Remembering Fallen Comrades in Normandy

World War II veteran, Peter Price, travelled to Normandy earlier this year with Remembrance Travel to honour the brave men and women who served alongside him but sadly failed to return home.

Peter and his niece both travelled to France free of charge, on one of the Government funded veteran tours to Normandy, financed by the Treasury from fines paid by the banks involved in the LIBOR scandal. In his own words, Peter was keen to make the most of the opportunity, because "it was time the banks gave something back."

Along with 16 other travellers, comprised of veterans or relatives of veterans, Peter travelled by coach to visit some of the key sites in Normandy where the Allied Forces saw action during the war. The itinerary also included visits to key war cemeteries, Bayeux and the Montgomery Memorial.

Despite having returned to France several times since the end of the war, it was still an emotional experience for the 91 year old, as he explained: "I always think about all those who did not return. I have led a wonderful life with a wonderful wife who I was married to for 62 years. I have three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. So many of those who served our country never had the chance to experience life beyond the war – they made the ultimate sacrifice."

Commenting on the benefits of travelling on a tour organised by Remembrance Travel, Peter said: "The trip was so very well organised and they took great care of us all. I honestly cannot

choose a single highlight from the itinerary because the whole tour was a highlight."

He continued: "It was also wonderful to have the opportunity to travel with other Normandy veterans – to be able to share our stories and memories with one another. It doesn't matter how descriptive you are, it just isn't possible for people to understand just how terrible the war was if they weren't there themselves."

Remembering his war days, Peter was conscripted in March 1943, where he joined the Royal Air Force and after his initial training was posted to join the No. 3 Mechanical Transport Company in Wrotham and Borough Green, Kent.

On 6 June 1944, as a Leading Aircraftsman, Peter took part in Operation Overlord, during which time his unit moved troops' supplies from Southampton to France, as the Allied Forces advanced into the Belgian countryside en route to France.

Early in 1945, he was posted to France to join No 2 Section with the elite 317 Supply and Transport Column of the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force, which had moved into barracks at Mechelen in Belgium. His unit was responsible for moving supplies of just about any nature to wherever it was required.

Peter recalls how nervous he felt driving on his own during the conflict: "It was not pleasant to be driving on a solo trip in hostile countryside at night. I had no option but to stop and park up somewhere and sleep sitting in the driving seat. There were no locks on the doors and no protection if I was attacked."

On one of his many solo trips, Peter's route took him past the recently liberated Belsen Bergen Concentration Camp where thousands had died. At Belsen he saw some of the most terrible

g Surviving D-Day Veterans



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- Executive coach travel throughout
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sights he was to witness during the war; sights he will never forget. He recalls, "Thousands of dead bodies had just been left lying around the grounds. The smell was unbearable - you just can't describe it."

In November 1945 Peter was repatriated back to the UK. Weighing just six and a half stone, the war had taken its toll and he was hospitalised at RAF Hospital Cosford, Wolverhampton until January 1946.

Having made a full recovery, Peter was posted to the RAF base at Tarrant Ruston, near Blandford Forum, close to his home town of Weymouth, where he was put on the ambulance tender duty in charge of a crew and driving the ambulance.

It was on a routine trip to the Royal Navy, Portland HMS Osprey for rations in March 1946 that he first met "a gorgeous redheaded WREN named Jean", the lady he was eventually to marry on 21 September that same year following a whirlwind courtship (Jean was due to be demobbed from the Navy in June 1946 and they knew that if they didn't marry, they would never see each other again).

Prior to their wedding, Peter was promoted to Corporal and was posted to No. 38 Group Headquarters of Transport Command at Upavon, near Pewsey in Wiltshire where he was chauffeur to Air Vice Marshall FIDDO Fiddermont.

Less than two years later, in April 1947 Peter was demobbed from the RAF. In the years that followed Peter worked as a men's hairdresser and owned two very successful hair salons. As a keen musician he also played the trumpet in a number of bands, including his own - Pete Price and His Band, which played regularly

from 1948 to 1974.

Peter also served on Weymouth Town Council as a councillor for fourteen years until 1976, when he and Jean decided to become professional entertainers with a magical act entitled The Peter Price and Jean Magic Act. They performed together for many years, working predominantly for the Pontin's Holiday Group.

In later years, Peter and Jean appeared in a multitude of walk on parts for many popular television programmes, including Only Fools and Horses, Howard's Way, the Two Ronnies, Miss Marple, the Kenny Everett Show, One Foot in the Grave and Casualty.

Peter has also worked as a children's entertainer, a mobile gentlemen's hairdresser, a Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies and for many years produced the annual Old Time Music Hall Variety Show for the Royal British Legion charity funds in Weymouth's Pavilion Theatre during Weymouth Veterans' Week.

Despite having forged a successful and varied career outside the RAF, Peter will never forget the time he spent as a serviceman and thankfully his contribution continues to be recognised; the Royal Air Force Association recently invited him to attend a special Battle of Britain service at St Paul's Cathedral.

Remembrance Travel will be running another series of Libor-funded tours for Normandy veterans in 2016. Each D Day veteran can return free of charge along with a relative and carer. Each Normandy tour is accompanied by a fully trained medic, a standard bearer and a Royal British Legion tour guide. Peter says: "If you were part of D Day this is a wonderful opportunity to go back to where we fought for our nation's freedom. I would recommend the tour to all D day veterans – a thoroughly moving experience."

Questions and Answers on Club Law and Management

A new 200 page paperback book published by the ACC titled 'Questions and Answers on Club Law and Management' is now available from the ACC for £10.00 inclusive of P&P.

This new publication brings together all of the Questions & Answers which have been published in the ACC Magazine and has been fully revised and updated.

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48th Annual North West Area Weekend Conference

The 48th Annual Weekend Conference of the North West Conservative Clubs was for the first time held at the Grange Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.

The Conference was opened on Friday afternoon with a warm welcome from Cllr John Hudson, Chairman of the North West Area. The guests on Friday evening were treated to an excellent dinner followed by entertainment for all.

The delegates were able to enjoy a leisurely Saturday morning by exploring the local area and were treated to some fair weather for the season. The conference reconvened on Saturday afternoon for the guest speaker Jacqueline Foster MEP. After a wide and varied account of 'Party Politics' and the aftermath of the EU referendum, Jacqueline answered some topical questions with openness and sincerity.

The Chairman's reception was held in the evening which was followed by the Conference banquet. Jeff Simpson, North West Treasurer, acted as Toastmaster

and introduced the guest speakers Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, ACC Chairman, Lord Smith of Hindhead, ACC Chief Executive, and Cllr. John Hudson. The banquet was followed dancing and the Conference Grand Raffle draw.

On Sunday Morning Charlie White, North West Officer, chaired a Conference edition of Question Time. The panel consisted of Geoff Knowles OBE, Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, Cllr Anne Cheatham OBE and Philip Smith who all answered a variety of interesting points. The final session of the weekend was the Club's update with Philip Smith and Charles Littlewood, covering many aspects of Club Law and Management including the ACC's Sale and Leaseback Service, Trusteeship and Membership Recruitment. The Conference then closed after lunch.

The 49th Annual Weekend Conference will be held again in the Grange Hotel in February 2018. Please contact Cllr John Hudson for details.



Left to right: Cllr John Hudson, Eve Burt, ACC Chairman Alistair Burt and Jacqueline Foster MEP.



Left to right: Jeff Simpson, Cllr John Hudson, Jacqueline Foster MEP and Geoff Knowles OBE.



Charlie and Shelia White at the Chairman's Reception prior to the Conference dinner.

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Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club honours 6 life time members with Honourary Membership Awards

Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club, Ashton-under-Lyne, have made the following members, honorary members for their long life service and membership of the Club:

David Ball
William Garside
George Mottram
Mike Waterhouse
Jack Worthington
Duncan Young

Each have been members of the Club for over 50+ years and were awarded their honorary membership status at the Club's official grand opening refurbishment party in March. The Club, which won last year's Sir Marcus Fox Club of the Year Award, has recently invested funds into a major refurbishment of its Club house.

During the ceremony, recipient Mike Waterhouse shared some of his own personal stories and history of the club. Mike said 'I was on the committee back when the club had a major expansion, doubling the size of the club house in 1982 / 1983. It is so good to see the Club has once again had money invested into refurbishing the lounge and is doing so well. To receive this award is a great honour. Long may our Club continue to be successful'.

The Club Chairman, John McGhee said 'The Committee wanted to thank our life long members for all their support over the last 50 years and were please to award each with Honourary Memberships'.

The award ceremony was held during the Club's official grand



refurbishment opening party to showcase the Club's new look and included live entertainment on stage and a hot pie supper.

Leon Tamcken, Committee Member, said 'Since winning the Sir Marcus Fox Award our Club has seen its profile raised meaning more visitors and more people becoming members. The increase in spend over the bar has allowed the committee to invest funds into a refurb, with

our last being back in 1982 - long overdue'. Works included a new bar, new carpets, wood floor, dance floor, new lighting, upgraded cctv system and fully repainted and decorated.

The photos published show the Chairman John McGhee, President Gary Tunstall, and Committee Member Leon Tamcken presenting the honorary awards and a before and after photograph representing part of the Club's substantial refurbishment.



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Kearsley & Ringley's Fundraising Efforts

The Kearsley and Ringley Conservative Club, Radcliffe, fundraising efforts in 2016 commenced in haste on Easter Sunday. The day itself featured hail, thunder and torrential rain but the Club's Members and their guests still came out in force to take part in the events and games which had been laid on at the Club and raised £162 for SANDS (Still Birth and Neonatal Death Society).

On St George's Day, when

thankfully the weather was significantly improved, the Club held a family fun day to raise money for Help the Heroes. On this day the Club raised an amazing £1,300 for this popular good cause.

Later in the year, on the August Bank Holiday, a further Family Fun Day was held and raised £400 for the Alzheimer's Society. On the day itself, the Club were supported by the local fire brigade

and on the day featured a tug of war with fire service personal which was enjoyed by all.

Throughout the year, the Club's resident DJ held regular 50's and 60's nights where he surrendered half his fees for fundraising efforts. In total these efforts raised £1032.60 for the children's ward at Bolton Hospital.

During 2017 the Club is hoping to support more local charities and have already agreed to raise funds

for Bolton Lads and Girls Club and the Bolton Destitute Animal Sanctuary. On Easter Sunday this year there will be an Easter Parade and a raffle with a selection of prizes donated by local businesses including restaurant vouchers, gym passes and supermarket vouchers. The Club also hosts to repeat the popular August Bank Holiday Fun Day where there will be Tombola stalls, bottle stalls, bouncy castle and a Club BBQ.

Kinson Conservative Club Honours Club President

The Kinson Conservative Club, Bournemouth, has honoured Club President Gerry Jeff with a further 5 Year Service Badge for duties to the Club and also awarded with an

ACC Badge of Honour. Gerry has served on the Club's Committee for over 15 years.

The presentation was made by long standing Trustee Brian Wells.



Brian Wells presents Gerry Jeff with an ACC Badge of Honour.

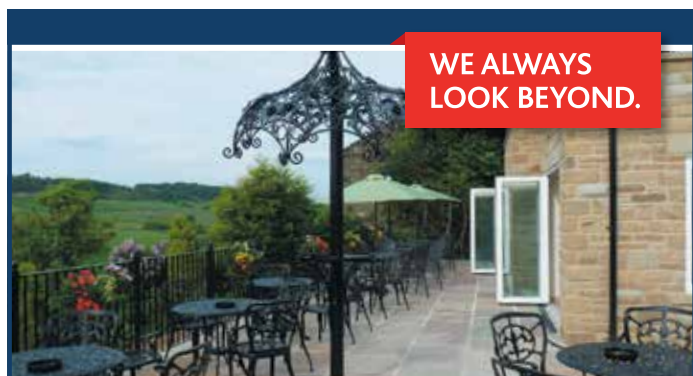
Pages From The Past

In this month's Page From The Past, we go back to August 1937 where an advert was run for Whiteway's Cyder. A traditional advert for Devon Cyder showing that Cyder has held a long cultural place in ACC Clubs even before its more recent impressive growth and its now more common spelling as Cider. Prior to the dissolution of Whiteways as a company in the late 1980's its main factory was located in the village of Whimble, Devon. Although the factory lands were sold off for housing in the early 1990s,

the village is still surrounded by orchards of cider apples and in its heyday boasted the largest cyder apple orchards in the world. What could be considered the spiritual successor to Whiteways is the Green Valley Cyder company. Several of the former employees of Whiteways purchased some of the company's equipment with their redundancy cheques and set up a business which still exists to this day selling traditional cyder products in the Company's farm shop and in nearby on-trade pubs and clubs.



A photo from one of the Club's fundraising events.



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