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# Burns Night celebrated at St. Marychurch and Babbacombe Conservative Club



Toasting the Haggis, from left are: Paul Jones Club President, Kevin Sutherland Chef, Brian Tottle and Kieth Metcalf Piper.

Burns night was once again celebrated by the Members of the St. Marychurch and Babbacombe Conservative Club, Torquay, and this popular annual evening was enjoyed by all you attended.

The huge Chieftan Haggis was paraded around the Club complete with Piper and Escort to grand applause. Brian Tottle gave an

interesting resume of the life of Rabbie Burns followed by The Selkirk Grace and The Address to The Haggis.

There was plenty of Haggis, Tatties and Neeps for everyone whilst The Piper played many memorable Scottish songs. Members then enjoyed dancing the the rest of the evening away to the Club's resident entertainer.

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# Cannock Conservative Club Celebrates Veteran's Receipt of D-Day Medal

A 96-Year Old Cannock war veteran has been presented with a Legion d'honneur medal, for his efforts in the D-Day landings.

Frederick Donald Hall, longstanding Member of the Cannock Conservative Club, Staffordshire, who was a member of the Royal Artillery Regiment, took part in D-Day operations on June 6, 1944, storming Juno Beach with Canadian Forces. He came out unhurt but was wounded five days later when a grenade was thrown into the back of a vehicle in which he was travelling. Mr. Hall suffered shrapnel wounds and was also shot in the leg. He was repatriated back to a hospital ship in the English Channel. Before D-Day, at the start of the war, he had been part of the forces delaying the German advance on the Dunkirk evacuation. At 19, Mr. Hall's efforts helped to buy time for besieged forces in Dunkirk and he saw action laying traps from Belgium back to Dunkirk and engaging German forces in order to slow their advance - efforts that saw him

awarded the Belgian Medal. His unit was one of the last to be taken off the beach at Dunkirk, and he was evacuated on a Thames Estuary pleasure cruiser.

Mr. Hall was presented with his Legion d'honneur medal by Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, at the Club. "It was my absolute honour to present the medal to Frederick" she said. "Frederick's stories are amazing and I can only imagine the challenges and pressure he faced in Belgium and again on D-Day. He is a real hero and deserves our thanks and admiration."

The French Government is presenting Allied forces, who took part in D-Day, the Legion d'honneur medal as a way of thanking those who liberated them during the Second World War. Sylvie Bermann, the French Ambassador in London, wrote to Mr. Hall saying "As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth, to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe

our freedom and security to your dedication because you were ready to risk your life."

The Members of the Club were so pleased to be a part of this Mr

Hall's much deserved recognition for efforts during the war and the Club held a special event after the formal presentation to honour Mr Hall.



Amanda Milling, MP, Presenting Frederick Donald Hall With The Legion D'honneur Medal.



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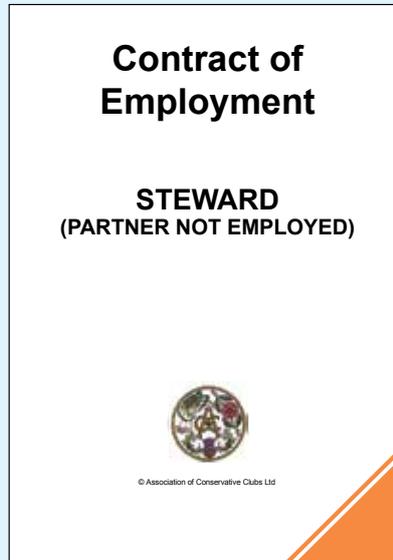
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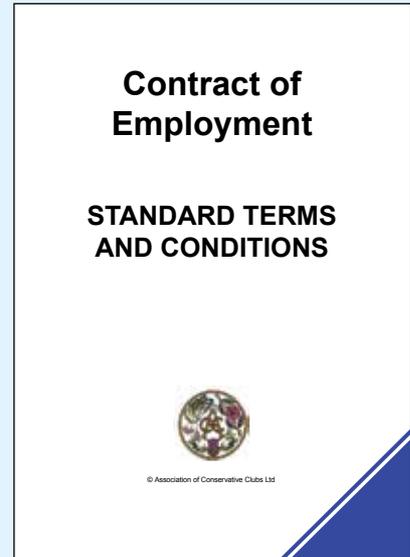
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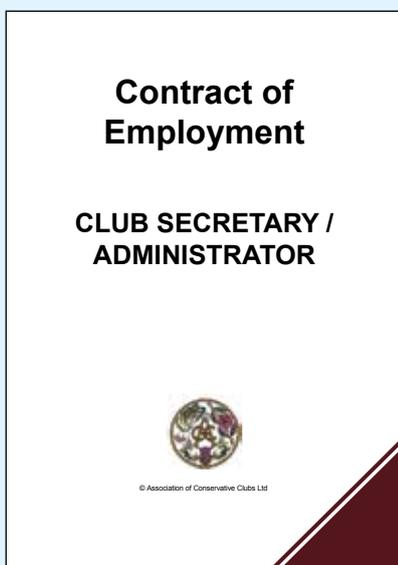
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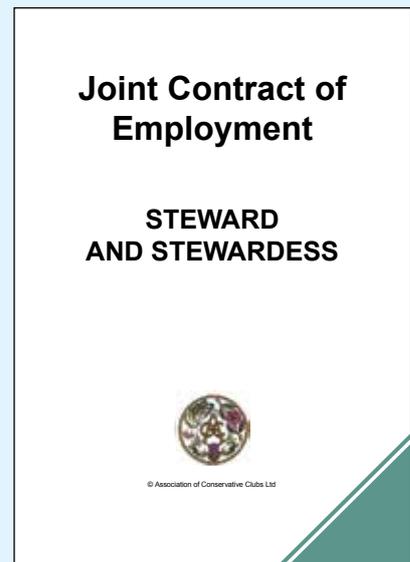
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# CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

## Annual General Meeting

### Election of Club Officials

The rules of a club should provide the method whereby its officers and committee are elected. Such rules must be strictly adhered to, otherwise the election may be rendered invalid and a fresh ballot has to be taken. What follows should be read and applied subject to anything appearing to the contrary in the club rules—

#### Nominations

It is the duty of Secretary to post a nomination sheet on the notice board, which records the names of candidates for the committee or other offices. The nomination sheet must remain displayed for the whole period stipulated in club's rules. Day and time when nominations close should be stated on the sheet, even if not definitely fixed by club rules. The proposer and the seconder of any candidate should personally sign their names against the candidate they put forward, having previously ascertained that their nominee is willing to stand and serve if elected. A member may be nominated for any number of offices in the club unless the rules provide otherwise; if elected to more than one office, he can select the one he desires to hold. If the rules say that no candidate shall be nominated for more than one office, it is in order for an officer or committee member who is not due to retire to be nominated for another office without first resigning. If unsuccessful, he would retain his present office.

#### Qualifications

Candidates for office, nominators and seconders must be either honorary members, life members, or subscribing members who are not in arrears with payment of their subscription before the nomination sheet is due to be taken down. Otherwise nominations may be refused. Where a rule provides that a certain period of membership is an essential qualification for office, this must be calculated from the date when the candidate was elected to membership to the last day of nominations. For example, should six months be specified, a person elected to membership on 6 July would first become eligible on the 6 January the following year.

#### List of Voters

Unless the rules provide otherwise, every member of the club is entitled to vote. It is the duty of the Secretary to prepare a special list of members for this purpose. The list should be handed to scrutineers, together with the precise number of requisite ballot papers if all such members voted.

#### Ballot Paper

The ballot paper is compiled from the nomination sheet. In preparing the ballot paper, names of candidates for presidency and other offices are usually typed or printed in separate sections on the same sheet as names of candidates for committee. The different sections are nevertheless distinct, and if one section is spoiled by the voter, it does

not invalidate other sections.

Names of all candidates should be set out alphabetically on the ballot paper and in uniform type. The 'starring' of ballot papers i.e. putting an asterisk (\*) against the names of retiring members seeking re-election or distinguishing them by printing their names in larger or thicker type is irregular.

#### Marking the Ballot Paper

If a voter makes some mark other than the customary 'X' against the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote, it does not necessarily spoil his paper. The vote is good, if the intention of the voter is clear. Practically the only grounds for the rejection of the paper are—

- Because too many votes have been recorded
- Uncertainty of the voter's intention
- Writing sufficient to identify the voter

If a member spoils a paper he should, on request, be supplied with another, having previously handed back the one spoiled. A member may vote for a fewer number of candidates than there are vacancies—he cannot be compelled to use all his votes—but if he votes for more candidates than there are vacancies, the paper, so far as the particular section is concerned, must be regarded as spoiled.

#### Taking the Ballot

Unless the rules contain specific instructions on the matter, committees decide how ballot papers are to be distributed — whether sent to members by post or

handed to them on request. Where the former method is adopted and the member returns the paper by post or hand, the envelope containing it should be sealed and marked 'ballot.' It should be addressed to the scrutineers, who must deposit it unopened in the ballot box. Where ballot papers are handed to members, the scrutineers should first make sure from the list received from the Secretary that the member is entitled to vote. When this is done, the member's name should be scored off, thus preventing anyone voting twice.

#### Close of Ballot

The ballot must remain open the full time stated in the rules. When it is closed, the scrutineers count the votes recorded. The results, signed by them, together with the marked list of members to whom they have handed ballot papers, and also all unused ballot papers, must be handed by them to the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Demand for a Scrutiny

If a majority of the meeting demands a scrutiny, the box containing all the ballot papers should be sealed by the Chairman and arrangements made for a recount in the presence of the scrutineers. Once it has been declared and accepted, a ballot stands no matter what discrepancies a subsequent examination of the papers may reveal. Prior to the signed statement being handed to the Chairman by the scrutineers, a system of checking and double checking should be carried out to ensure absolute accuracy in the matter of the votes recorded.

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## Preparing for an Annual General Meeting

An AGM is held to transact certain business: the report on the ballot for officers and committee (unless they are elected at the AGM itself); the report on the accounts; the adoption of the accounts, as audited; and other reports as required by a club's own rules.

Firstly it is essential for the AGM to be properly summoned. This usually involves a notice being placed on the club notice board announcing the date and time of the meeting and requesting motions to be submitted to the Secretary by a certain date.

The rules of most clubs provide that a notice of the AGM shall be exhibited at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting; and the notice of any motion must be submitted within ten days following the posting of the notice. Rules can also say that the agenda must be posted for a specified number of days before the date of the meeting.

Before the meeting it is essential for whoever is taking the Chair-Club President or Chairman depending on the club's rules—to undertake a careful study of the agenda. This will mean he can conduct the business effectively and also spot any difficult matters that might arise. Preparation is crucial to the success of the meeting.

When the meeting starts, the Chairman should satisfy himself that the requisite quorum is present. Most club rules require a quorum. This is to prevent a small, poorly attended meeting making decisions which affect the whole club.

The meeting must proceed with each item of business taken in the order in which it appears on the agenda. A normal agenda begins with confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM, any business

arising from them, then the Treasurer's report on the accounts, the election of officers, and so on.

The presiding officer, mindful of the need for a well-ordered, good tempered and constructive meeting, must see that the agenda is followed strictly. Speakers should stand when called by the chairman and, to preserve order, only one person should be on their feet at the same time. When the Chairman rises any other speaker should sit down and this should be insisted upon. Unless this is done, a meeting can degenerate into disarray and chaos.

A proposal for discussion is a 'motion' and when it is accepted it becomes a 'resolution'. Before discussion begins, a motion must be proposed and seconded. A motion that is proposed, but finds no seconder, lapses and the meeting proceeds to next business. When a motion is proposed and seconded it is open for discussion. No speaker should be allowed to address the meeting more than once on each motion, except for the proposer, who may reply to the debate. A motion may be ultra vires—that is, outside the scope of the meeting—and should immediately be ruled out of order by the chairman.

An amendment is a proposal to alter the wording of a motion and may be moved at any time during the discussion of the original motion. Special care must be taken over this if the meeting is not to be allowed to become confused. The proposal requires a proposer and seconder before it can be considered by the meeting. The chairman should present an amendment to the meeting, once it has been properly proposed and seconded, in terms such as: 'To the motion before the meeting the

following amendment has been duly proposed and seconded, that...' The wording of the amendment then follows and the immediate discussion must be confined to the subject of the amendment. Some bodies permit amendments to be moved to amendments but it is NOT recommended for clubs. If it is allowed it can prolong discussion and make for a complicated passage of business. In practice the proposer of the main amendment may incorporate in it what he considers best in suggestions for further amendments, if he accepts they will improve his proposal. No amendment may be a direct negative to the main motion for this would merely duplicate the need to vote on a particular proposition. An amendment must be disposed of before the meeting can proceed to a further amendment. If an amendment is accepted it becomes part of the original motion; it is then called the substantive motion. Further amendments may be considered in turn until all have been dealt with. Then, discussions may continue on the substantive motion until it is put to the vote. Before the vote on each amendment the chairman should repeat its wording so that there is a clear understanding of the matter on which a vote is being taken.

Similarly the substantive motion should be read out again before the vote. When those 'for' and 'against' in each vote have been counted,

the chairman should announce the result. If a large number of people are voting, the President should appoint two 'tellers' to count the votes. The tellers should both count the 'yes' and 'no' votes. If there is any disagreement the vote MUST be taken again. When an issue is controversial a close vote may be disputed so it is useful to be prepared for a written vote.

One further possible motion is 'That this meeting do now adjourn.' This takes precedence over all other business and may be moved at any time during a meeting. The Chairman should not accept such a motion if he thinks it is being moved with the intention of disrupting the meeting. The decision is made on the vote of the meeting, on a motion proposed and seconded, and without lengthy discussion. Amendments are possible but only to set, limit or extend the period of the adjournment.

The correct conduct of a meeting is not an easy skill to master, but many difficulties can be avoided if the presiding officer follows the procedures set out here. However, even this will not guarantee that meetings are without problems. Some issues will so divide the membership that heated, and sometimes irresolvable, exchanges are inevitable. Nevertheless, a basic knowledge of tried, and accepted, procedures will help ensure that most meetings are managed efficiently.

## Premier League Fixtures March

### Saturday 4 March

12.30pm Manchester United v AFC Bournemouth (Sky Sports)  
5.30pm Liverpool v Arsenal (BT Sport)

### Sunday 5 March

1.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v Everton (Sky Sports)  
4pm Sunderland v Manchester City (Sky Sports)

### Monday 6 March

8pm West Ham United v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

### Saturday 11 March

12.30pm Manchester City v Stoke City (Sky Sports)  
5.30pm Arsenal v Leicester City (Sky Sports)

### Sunday 12 March

1.30pm Southampton v Manchester United (Sky Sports)  
4pm Liverpool v Burnley (Sky Sports)

### Monday 13 March

8pm Chelsea v Watford (Sky Sports)

### Saturday 18 March

12.30pm West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal (Sky Sports)  
5.30pm AFC Bournemouth v Swansea City (BT Sport)

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## Introduction of the new £1 Coin

A new £1 coin is being introduced this month and it is important for Clubs to be aware of the implications for their existing coin operated equipment and staff training.

The Royal Mint are claiming that the new £1 coin will be the most secure in the world and it is being introduced because the current coin is vulnerable to counterfeiting; it is estimated that one in thirty £1 coins in circulation today is a counterfeit. The new £1 coin will have a number of new features:

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5. Milled edges creating grooves on alternative sides
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The coin will be introduced into circulation at the end of March 2017 and will be in co-circulation with the existing £1 coin until October 2017. At this point the old coin will cease to be legal tender

The new £1 coin presents a challenge to the gaming and amusement machine industry because it is the primary machine coin. It will require the upgrading of coin acceptors in all types of

equipment, including those in pool tables, quiz machines, juke boxes, cranes and gaming machines.

It is a mammoth task to upgrade all these coin mechanisms, but a crucial one – if machines cannot accept the new coins it will reduce machine income and be a direct hit to the Club's bottom line.

Machine operators should be well prepared for this task so if your equipment hasn't been upgraded by April you should contact your supplier. Dransfields is the leading Gaming Machine supplier in the UK and any Clubs with questions regarding their equipment, even if not currently supplied by Dransfields, can contact them (0345 644 9414) for help and advice.

Introduction of New Polymer Banknotes

New banknotes are being introduced by the Bank of England. They will have new designs, printed on polymer, a thin and flexible plastic material which will be cleaner, more secure and more durable than paper notes.

The new £5 note has already entered circulation; the £10 will be introduced in Autumn 2017 and the £20 note by 2020.

Staff should be extra vigilant for forgeries of the existing notes as criminals will try to pass off their "stock" before the notes they resemble cease to be legal tender (the old £5 note ceases to be legal tender on 5th May 2017). Further information on bank note security checks can be found at: [www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/educational](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/educational)

## Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits - will yours expire this year?

As reported last month, Club Gaming Permits (CGP) and Club Machine Permits (CMP) last for 10 years and permits that were granted under the Gambling Act 2005 in 2007 will therefore expire during 2017.

However, this does not apply to permits granted under the Fast Track Procedure as these do not expire and only cease if they were surrendered, forfeited, cancelled or because a Club Premises Certificate is not in place. Therefore, Clubs which applied using the Fast Track Procedure with a Club Premises Certificate in place under the Licensing Act 2003 will not need to renew their CGP or CMP. If you are unsure, please check your existing certificate to see if there is an expiration date listed.

### How to renew your Permit:

An application to renew a CGP or CMP must be made during the period beginning 3 months before expiry and ending 6 weeks before expiry.

(E.g. Permit issued 1st October 2007 must be renewed in the period 1st July 2017 to 20th August 2017)

The process to renew a CGP or CMP is exactly the same as for a new application and the renewal fee is £200. However, if a club holds a Club Premises Certificate and wishes to renew under the Fast Track procedure the cost is only £100 and it will not then expire after ten years.

There is a statutory application/renewal form which is available as a download on Local Authority and Gambling Commission websites. The application must be sent to the Local Authority and copied to the Police for the area in which the club is located and to the Gambling Commission.

Clubs may be wondering what the difference is between a CGP and a CMP.

### Club Gaming Permit

- Can offer equal chance gaming such as poker and bingo
- No limits on stakes and prizes, except bingo where there is a stakes and prizes limit of £2,000 in any 7 day period
- Can offer games of chance (ponton and chemin de fer only)
- Limit on participation fees per person per day - £20 for bridge/whist (if played on a day on which no facilities of any kind of gaming, other than bridge or whist, are provided); £3 for other gaming, including poker in any other circumstances
- Can offer up to three gaming machines in total of categories B3A, B4, C or D (but only one can be category B3A)

### Club Machine Permit

- Can offer equal chance gaming such as poker and bingo
- Bingo - limits on stakes and prizes is £2,000 in any 7 day period
- Poker - limits on stakes - £10 per person per game, within a premises limit of £250 in stakes per day and £1,000 per week. Limits on prizes £250 per game
- Limit on participation fees per person per day - £18 for bridge/whist (if played on a day on which no facilities of any kind of gaming, other than bridge or whist, are provided); £1 for other gaming, including poker (£3 where it's a commercial club)
- Members clubs / Miners welfare institutes can offer up to three gaming machines in total of categories B3A, B4, C or D (but only one of which can be B3A)
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The ACC do not become involved with the day to day business of any Club for which we act as Trustee. The Club will continue to be able to call upon the ACC for advice on any matter without needing to make reference to our Trusteeship. We will only act on behalf of the Club in accordance with the lawful instructions of the Committee and Members. The Club Committee will therefore continue to run the Club's affairs and will only refer matters to the ACC as and when they consider it appropriate to do so

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**Candidates for Admission Sheets** - The admission sheets can be posted on the Club's Notice Board to detail prospective new Members and have spaces for: Date, Candidate Name, Address, Occupation, Proposer, Seconder.

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# Preston Conservative Club Honours 'much missed Barmaid'

The Members of the Preston Conservative Club, Paignton, were deeply saddened when in early 2016 much loved Barmaid Evelyn Fisher was tragically killed by an out of control car whilst shopping.

In order to honour Evelyn's Memory and raise funds for the Rowcroft Hospice, a charity close to her heart, Club Secretary Wendy Holmes along with many other Club Members completed a Night Walk. Evelyn had done the Night Walk herself for many years and always dedicated the money raised to the Rowcroft Hospice. Calling themselves Eve's Ewes they raised over £2,500 for the Hospice. The magnificent achievement by "Eve's Ewes" won them the "Barbara Sheep Award" for the highest amount raised on the famous Sleep Walk.

Rowcroft, founded in 1982, requires over £1.5 million per year to operate and is mostly funded by charity. Professional, dedicated nurses provide



**Pat Goss (Rowcroft Fundraising Officer) presenting the award to Club Secretary Wendy Holmes with some of her "Ewes".**

excellent end of life care with 14 in patient beds, and also provide care in the community covering some 300 square miles.

## Camelford's Charity Fundraising Presentation Event

The Camelford Conservative Club, Cornwall, has raised £1,736 for two local Charities. The charities chosen were the Cornwall Air Ambulance Charity and Cancer Research UK which each received a cheque for £868.

A presentation evening was held to present the cheques where local Member of Parliament, Scott

Mann, presented a cheque to Pual Ford on behalf of Cornwall Air Ambulance and a cheque to Sally Moore on behalf of Cancer Research UK.

The money was raised by the Club's annual harvest auction which over the past 30 years has raised over £17,500 for good causes.

### ACC Deposit Scheme

The ACC's popular Club Deposit Scheme continues to be well utilised by ACC Clubs and the interest rate has been kept at 2.5% and was not reduced following the decision by the Bank of England to cut the official interest rate from 0.5% to 0.25% late last year.

Clubs wishing to deposit funds into the ACC deposit scheme should, in the first instance, send a cheque from the Club's bank account payable to the ACC. We will only, apart from in exceptional circumstances, return deposited money to the original bank account listed on the cheque which is why we ask for the initial deposit to be made by cheque. Further deposits can be made by bank transfer. This is to ensure the security of a Club's deposit by only returning the money to the Club's official bank account.

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**Pictured at the cheque presentations are, back row, Keith Lovegrove (Vice Chairman), Anthony Hill (Committee Member), Ian Harvey (Treasurer and Auctioneer), Neil Harvey (Club Secretary), John Ward (Chairman), and Madge Walkey (Club President and Secretary of Camelford Cancer Research UK Committee) Front: Paul Ford (Representative of Cornwall Air Ambulance), Pam Boundy (Chairman Camelford Cancer Research UK Committee), Scott Mann (MP for North Cornwall), Sally Moore (Treasurer, Camelford Cancer Research UK Committee) and Tim Pitt (Committee Member). Photo by David Flower, Tintagel**

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# Tudor House Raises Funds For Guide Dogs UK

For the second year running the Tudor House Conservative Club, Chipping Sodbury, adopted Guide Dogs as their chosen Charity for the year. The Club held a cheque presentation evening where a cheque for £1,500 was presented to Guide Dogs UK.

The total sum raised has now amounted to £3,250 and under the 'Name a Puppy' scheme it gives the Club an opportunity to name a puppy. Apparently the early front runner for the puppy's name is "Tudor"...

"This was a tremendous effort by all the members for a very good cause" said Club Chairman Martyn Radnedge. "We hope to get the chance to meet "our" puppy at some future date".

Guide Dogs UK is a charity which is well supported by ACC Clubs who see the immense good that the charity does in helping persons with limited or no eye sight still lead a complete and active life.



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# Ex-World Champion Shaun Murphy helps Harrogate raise Charity Funds

The former snooker world champion Shaun Murphy was in attendance to help Harrogate Conservative Club's snooker team raise £2,500 at their annual snooker presentation evening.

The event was held in memory of Club Member Steve Prest, himself a professional snooker player, with the funds generated on the night donated to Murphy's chosen charity, the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Shaun Murphy won the 2005 World Snooker Championship and is a long standing supporter of Conservative Clubs and their charitable fund raising efforts. Murphy said that he enjoyed the opportunity to pit himself against local players.

Club Treasurer Mark Livsey, said: "A great night was had by all, while nobody managed to beat Shaun at snooker or billiards. He played the local champions and knock-out competition winners from our districts league, plus a few guests, all of whom enjoyed the challenge. Shaun was on a maximum break in one frame but missed with two reds left, and we were also treated to a



number of century breaks. We have now forwarded a cheque to Shaun made out for the final total £2,500 for his charity, the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. At the start of the evening we

estimated that we would make £2000, but we managed to beat that."

Murphy is no stranger to Harrogate, nor to the Conservative Club, having attended a previous

charity event back in 2005, shortly after winning his world title. He was trained by Steve Prest and said at the time: "Harrogate has played a big role in my snooker career and will always be a special place for me."

## Don't Look Down...!

Heatherfield (Totley) Conservative Club, Sheffield, Member Carolyn Hufton and her daughter Joanna Hufton completed the 150 foot free fall abseil from above the West Doors of Liverpool Cathedral with the help of a HSBC Charity Scheme. They raised over £1,000

for Nugent Care, a Charity that supports children and adults living in poverty.

Club President John Chapman praised the their bravery for completing the abseil and congratulated them on raising such a significant sum for a very worthy cause.



Joanna Hufton completing the 150 foot abseil.

## Mablethorpe Conservative Club Raises Over £2,000 For Charity

The Committee and Members of the Mablethorpe Conservative Club, Lincolnshire, have held regular coffee morning throughout 2016 with the aim of raising funds for charity. The total for the year was well over £2,000 and these

funds were split between LIVES, The Ark, the Seal Sanctuary and the Air Ambulance service amongst others. Each Coffee Morning assigned a particular Charity and they became monthly events which everyone looked forward to.



The Cheque Presentation Event.

# Aberdare Constitutional Club Completes Refurbishment



The Aberdare Constitutional Club's magnificent historic building which dominates the town of Aberdare has recently undergone a complete external refurbishment. The Club's Committee and Members are delighted with the results and building is now ready to face the next chapter of its activities within Aberdare. The Club was originally founded in 1884 and occupied a few rooms over a shop in Victoria Square but as membership grew the need for larger premises increased. With

the efforts of a small group of stalwart Conservatives, including the then Lord Merthyr, plans were made to acquire the land on which the Club's building was erected and formally opened in 1891. The most striking part of the Club's building is the 'Constitutional Crown', which adorns the rooftop of the Club and which can be seen in the photographs which we are pleased to publish in this edition of the magazine.

The ACC, which acts as the Club's Trustees, wishes the Club every success in the future.



## Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back to February 1975 which featured the history of the Aberdare Constitutional Club. The Club also features on the front page of this month's magazine. During the 1950s, 60s and 70s the ACC Magazine featured Clubs each month giving some good historical background to how each Club was founded. This reference provides an incredibly useful political and social reference which we frequently have

need to refer to. The Aberdare Constitutional Club has recently had an external refurbishment and the front page image and the accompanying article on this page shows what a success the refurbishment has been. Interestingly, when the Club was featured in the February 1975 Magazine it had also just undergone an extensive refurbishment effort and it is pleasing that the Club remains such a vibrant part of Aberdare all these years later.

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THE Aberdare Constitutional Club, who have recently effected extensive renovations to the exterior and interior of the Club, was originally founded in 1884.

Initially, the Club occupied a few rooms over a shop in Victoria Square, but as the membership increased there arose a need for larger premises.

By the efforts of a few stalwart Conservatives whose number included the then Lord Merthyr, plans were made to acquire a more satisfactory home for the Club. Lord Merthyr in fact acquired the property which the Club now owns and presented them with the freehold. He also made a substantial contribution to the cost of erecting the new building.

At that time the building comprised three floors. On the ground floor there was the bar and lounge. On the second floor a billiards room, lounge, concert room, library and Committee room were provided. On the third floor provision was made for the Steward's accommodation.

Provision was also made for a spacious hall on the ground floor.

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