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Peterborough Conservative Club Cheque Presentation

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Left to right: Vice Chairman John Gardner, Free Kicks Charity Organiser Steve Thorpe and Chairman Les Smith.

The Peterborough Conservative Club, Cambridgeshire, has presented a cheque for £2,500 to the Free Kicks Foundation. The Club's Chairman, Les Smith, and Vice Chairman, John Gardner, presented the cheque to Free Kicks Charity Organiser Steve Thorpe on the cheque presentation evening.

The Free Kicks Foundation is a Peterborough based charity whose aim is to provide football-related activities for ill, bereaved and

disadvantaged children, to give them a day to remember with their favourite football club.

The charity is run on a voluntary basis by Steve Thorpe and Sam Downing. Steve's main responsibility is fundraising as well as using his extensive media contacts to gain publicity. Sam is the Kick Co-ordinator, she liaises with clubs, hospitals and families to ensure that the children have a day to remember.

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Dear Club Committee,

The Prime Minister has announced that a General Election will be held on 8 June.

We need this election to secure the strong and stable leadership the country needs to see us through Brexit and beyond. Every vote cast for Theresa May and the Conservatives will strengthen Britain's hand in the Brexit negotiations.

The choice is between strong and stable leadership in the national interest with Theresa May and the Conservatives – or weak and unstable coalition government led by Jeremy Corbyn.

In recent weeks, Labour has threatened to vote against the final agreement we reach with the European Union. The Liberal Democrats have said they want to “grind” the business of government “to a standstill”. The Scottish National Party say they will vote against the legislation that formally repeals Britain's membership of the European Union. All the other parties are doing is playing political games and causing uncertainty about the future.

We saw at the recent by-elections in Stoke on Trent and Copeland, where the Conservatives gained a safe Labour seat, the important role that Conservative Clubs can play in election campaigns. ACC Clubs are at the very heart of the communities in which they are located and politics works best when it is about real people and real communities. When the Conservative ‘family’ comes together and works together it is force for political good and therefore a benefit to the country.

We ask that your Club plays an active role in the forthcoming campaign to re-elect a Conservative Government with an increased majority to give Theresa May the backing she needs to stand up for Britain and our national interests.

This can be achieved by encouraging members to support your local candidate, to welcome party activists who may be helping in your Constituency, to providing Committee Rooms and Campaign Centres and to making donations to your local fighting funds if finances permit.

Thank you.

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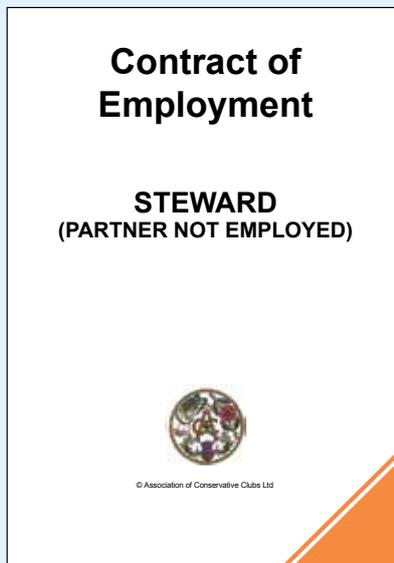
ACC Contracts of Employment

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.

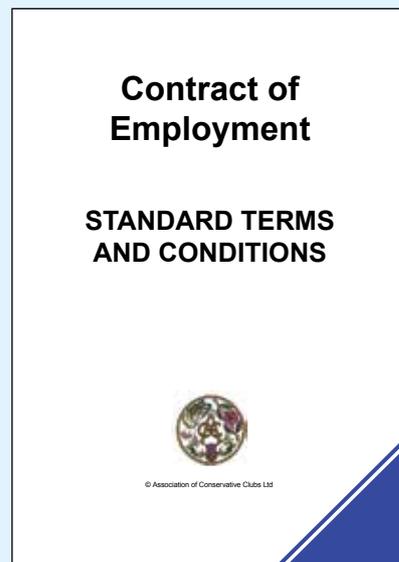
The contracts which are offered by the ACC are as follows:



Steward Contract

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

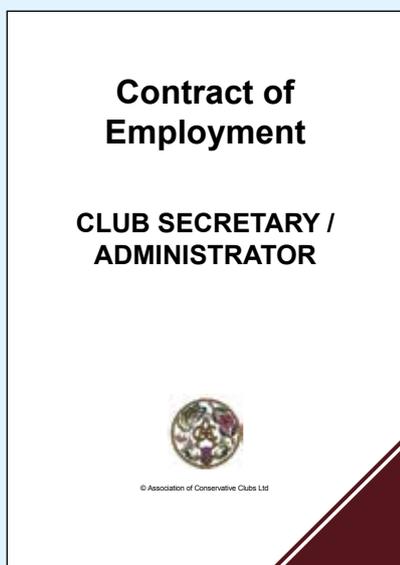
- 2 x Club Steward Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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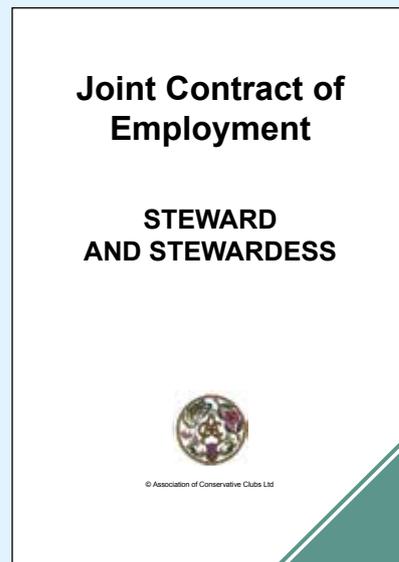
- 2 x Club Secretary Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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



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- 2 x Club Steward and Stewardess Contract
- 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.

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CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

ACC Launches Questions and Answer Book

We have launched a follow up to the popular 2008 published Club Law and Management hardback which purely focuses on popular questions and answers which have been asked by Clubs.

From our day to day experience of assisting Clubs we have compiled the essential reference guide to the many questions that Clubs find themselves asking. With sections on Membership issues, Committees and Committee Meetings, Licensing issues, Finance and Taxation, Employment, Gambling and General Meetings we hope this will prove an invaluable reference guide to Club Committees throughout the UK. Each question is one that has been genuinely raised by a Club and we hope that the answers which are set out within this book, grouped together

in specific subject areas, prove to be a valuable addition to any Club Committee and as an aide to hard working Officers and Committee Members.

The price is £10. Order online at www.toryclubs.co.uk, phone 0207 222 0843 or email assistance@toryclubs.co.uk. Clubs wishing to pay by credit or debit card should order online or phone so that we can process payment.

The original Club Law and Management hardback is still available and is still relevant since this book focuses on the basics of Club Management and is therefore very helpful for new Committee Members and Club Officers wishing to gain an overview of Club procedures. We have recently reduced the price of this book to £10 and it can be ordered using the above methods.

ACC Now Accepts Card Payments

The ACC are pleased to announce that we can now accept debit and credit card payments over the phone. Should you wish to place an order and pay using a debit or credit card or settle an outstanding account balance

then please contact us on 0207 222 0843 to make a telephone payment.

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VAT on Gas and Electricity Update

In last month's Magazine we featured an article on why it is not worth Clubs using VAT Consultants to reduce the VAT paid on gas and electricity to 5% since these amounts can simply reclaim any VAT paid at the rate of 20% on their VAT returns.

Alan Hall from Birstall Conservative Club wrote to us to mention that for any Clubs who are under the threshold for VAT and have therefore deregistered for VAT they can still benefit from the 5% rate.

Alan explains the following: 'The precept applying to the system lays down that should your usage over a charge period exceed a fairly modest average of 33 units per day then VAT is applied at the higher 20% rate for that period. This obviously results in organisations such as Clubs suffering a 'double whammy' over the winter months which incur the highest bills of the year and are then subject to the Climate change levy plus VAT at the 20% rate. Domestic customers pay VAT at the 5% rate respective of the amount used.' Alan

challenged their supplier (Npower) that they should not be included under the commercial classification as the HMRC classed the Club as a 'not for profit' organisation. The situation was then reviewed and the Club's claim was upheld and the Club was in the future charged VAT of 5% on the electricity and gas used. The Club was also able to reclaim overpaid VAT for the previous 4 years.

Alan therefore suggest that any Clubs in a similar position contact your supplier and use the method described above to place the Club onto the lesser VAT tariff.

Further to this, a Club asked how they should go about reclaiming their VAT for electricity and gas. As long as the Club is VAT registered you should just enter the relevant invoices on the input VAT register and claim the VAT back on the next VAT return. If the Club's Accountant prepares the VAT return you should ensure that they have been provided with all the invoices from the utility supplier so that the VAT can be reclaimed.

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Liability for Lost or Stolen Property

The problem of a member's lost or stolen property is one which is, unfortunately, experienced by most clubs at some time and the advice given depends on the actual circumstances of each individual case. However, whatever circumstances, the question of bailment applies. Bailment is the delivery of goods by one person, called the bailor, to another person, called the bailee.

Halsbury's Laws of England defines bailment as: 'a delivery of personal chattels in trust on a contract, express or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed and the chattels redelivered in either their original or an altered form, as soon as the time, or use for, or condition on which they were bailed, shall have elapsed or been performed.'

In most cases, members simply leave their personal belongings in the club and return to find them missing. If however, a club is to attract any liability for the lost or stolen property of a member or guest, then it would be as a gratuitous bailee. To this end, the person claiming a loss would have to show that there had been an actual delivery and acceptance of their property by the club before there could be any obligation on the club as bailee.

The important factor would be that the club actually accepted

the property and became, in some degree, responsible for it whilst it remained on the club premises. For example, if a club merely provides the facilities of a coat rack and there is no employee of the club who takes proper custody of garments left there, then a person who loses property would be unable to sustain a good claim against the club for the loss.

During the nineteenth century, a bailment case was heard. In this case, a man entered a restaurant to dine and, without being asked, a waiter helped him to take off his coat and hung it on a hook behind him whilst he was dining. The man got up to find that the coat had been stolen. The fact that the waiter took the coat is strong evidence that the restaurant became a bailee of the coat, and the man was successful in his claim.

There are, obviously, a number of distinguishing features between this reported case and the example of the club providing a coat rack. Clubs are well advised to post a notice in the club indicating that the club accepts no responsibility for the loss of property of any member or any other persons on the club premises. A suitable notice would read: "The club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property, however sustained, on the premises of the club.

Cybercrime – Be Vigilant

Cybercrime is a broad term and can include any of the following:

- **Vishing** – contact made by phone. The caller purports to be from your bank, the police or a fraud agency, purpose is to get you to reveal confidential information.
- **Phishing** - Contact is made by email. The sender impersonates well-known companies such as banks, internet providers etc. and the purpose is to get you to click on a link or attachment.
- **Smishing** - Contact is made by text messages. The sender impersonates well-known companies and the purpose is to get you to click on a link.
- **Modified email** – This is also known as CEO impersonation. Requests are often stated as being time sensitive so that it will be difficult to verify the request in the time frame requested – which is exactly what you would ordinarily do. These emails are often targeted at new or junior members of staff. The fraudster is hoping that the targeted business does not have a culture of challenging or asking for help. The emails often begin asking if you are in the office, can you make a payment and what information is required to make this happen. The fraudster will talk about urgent transactions, or a top secret transaction such as a business acquisition. Sometimes they will not even ask for money but just for details which may be used at a later date. It will often look like the email comes from within the company or from a business contact and it will be hard to trace the real origin of

the email. Emails can also be modified on route so beware when sending or requesting bank details through email, it is possible for these details to be changed before they arrive in your inbox. When possible verify these details using a previously established contact method.

- **Malware/ Ransomware** - Malicious software such as Trojans or viruses. These are downloaded from phishing emails, illegal websites and ad banners. They may remain silently running in the background until you access a UK bank website.

It is important to simply be vigilant and not reveal details or authorise payments if you are not sure of the request being genuine. If contacted by phone then hang up and, if possible, use a mobile to call a general number (for banks the number on the back of your card) to verify if it was a legitimate request. Be wary of clicking links in emails and never allow another person to access your computer through a sharing application (technical support fraudsters will sometimes state that they need to remotely access your system to protect you from a hack).

Finally beware of money transfer requests and if in any doubt delay payment until you can be sure the request is genuine. If you voluntarily make a payment, even if you do so because of false information being provided to you, then it is very difficult to retrieve this money once the fraud comes to light.

If you have a situation you are unsure about contact the Police Action Fraud team on 0300 123 2040.

Premier League – Live TV games for May

Friday 5 8pm West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur (Sky Sports)

Saturday 6 12.30pm Manchester City v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports), 5.30pm Swansea City v Everton (BT Sport)

Sunday 7 1.30pm Liverpool v Southampton (Sky Sports), 4pm Arsenal v Manchester United (Sky Sports)

Monday 8 8pm Chelsea v Middlesbrough (Sky Sports)

Friday 12 8pm West Brom v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

Saturday 13 12.30pm Man City v Leicester City (Sky Sports), 17.30pm Stoke City v Arsenal (Sky Sports)

Sunday 14 12.00pm Crystal Palace v Hull City (Sky Sports), 14.15pm West Ham v Liverpool (Sky Sports), 16.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v Man Utd (Sky Sports)

Monday 15 8pm Chelsea v Watford Premier League (Sky Sports)

Tuesday 16 8pm Man City v West Brom (Sky Sports)

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Questions and Answers

Q We are about to submit our Annual Return to the FCA* and we would like to know if you have standard answers which we can use to complete the FCA form which accompanies the Return.

A We do indeed have standard answers which Clubs can use. Clubs can consider using or amending the following standard answers when completing the new Annual Return form. The section relating to Community Benefit Societies does not need to be completed.

Bona fide co-operative society

1.14 How did members benefit from the business, industry or trade of the society?

Members benefit from the trade of the Society by use of the Club's facilities and the enjoyment of a safe social environment with others who hold the same principles and values.

1.15 Is membership of the society required to obtain the benefits offered by it?

Yes.

1.16 In what way did members participate in an ongoing basis in the society's primary business?

The Club's Members elect the managing Committee and can participate in the Society's Annual General Meeting and can call Special General Meetings. The Members will undertake mutual trading with the Society and benefit from the facilities which the Society provides as well as participate in events and functions organised by the Society.

1.17 How did members democratically control the society?

The Members elect a Committee according to the election rules contained within Rules 26 and 27. The Members can remove an elected Committee using Rule 48. All Members have an equal vote

and are able to qualify to stand for Office.

1.18 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

Any annual surplus was utilised in the interests of the Club and in furtherance of the Club's Objects. No surplus was distributed among the members.

*** Around 50% of ACC Clubs are registered as Co-operate Societies and need to complete an FCA Annual Return each year. Clubs which have Trustees do not need to submit an Annual Return unless they are registered as Friendly Societies which is increasingly uncommon.**

Q We are under the impression that we cannot rent a Club room to anyone who is not a Member or to a Member who then intends to charge guests/visitors to attend their function (therefore making a profit for the Member holding the function). Could you clarify the situation as renting Club rooms is a growing part of our revenue stream and business plan.

A The situation is slightly more nuanced than the Committee might have realised.

Legally the Committee/Club can rent a room to anyone. It does not matter if they are a Member or not, it does not matter if you are charging room hire and it does not matter if they are then going to go on and charge people to attend their event.

The law is concerned with the sale of alcohol. Your present licence (assuming you hold a Club Premises Certificate) allows you to sell alcohol to Members, Members' guests and IA Ticket Holders.

You can therefore rent rooms to anyone without a problem. If the people attending the event wish to purchase alcohol this is when you have to be mindful of the Club's licence.

A Member who hires a Club room and invites his guests can have alcohol served to themselves

and their guests without an issue. If the Member is selling tickets to the event then it becomes a case of whether they are legitimate guests of the Member and you would have to consider the individual circumstances before making a decision regarding whether the persons attending are legitimate guests of the Member. If they are legitimate guests of the Member then alcohol can be served to them.

A Non-Member wishing to hire a Club room would not be able to purchase alcohol for themselves or their guests unless the Club applied for a Temporary Event Notice to cover the event. However, if the person hiring the room decided to become a Member of the Club before the event takes place then they can be served alcohol as can their guests.

If a group (dance classes, day time social groups, business meetings) want to hire part or the entire Club and the supply of alcohol is not required then there are no limitations which would prevent them from hiring the room. It is only the supply of alcohol which your licence is concerned with. With the Committee's consent any person or group can use the Club and purchase food or soft drinks.

Hopefully the above explains the basics of the situation. It is simply important for the Committee to understand that the law is not concerned with the hiring of Club rooms. The law is only concerned with the supply of alcohol and, unless you obtain a Temporary Event Notice, the Club can only serve alcohol to Members, Members' guests and IA Ticket Holders. With a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) in place the Club can serve alcohol to anyone for the duration of the Temporary Event Notice and therefore most Clubs will obtain a TEN if a non-member wishes to hire the Club and purchase alcohol or if a Member is hiring the Club but it cannot be said that those attending are his own personal guests (where the event is advertised for example and anyone can attend by paying a door entry fee).

Q At the recent AGM we have found it difficult to form a full Committee. What do other Clubs do when it is difficult to find volunteers to stand for election to the Committee?

A This is a common problem but one which does have solutions. First of all, how many Committee vacancies are you trying to fill? The law requires the Club to have an elected Committee but the size of this Committee is at the discretion of the Members. It is perfectly possible to reduce the size of the Committee down to key Officers positions (such as the Chairman, President, Treasurer and Secretary) and then a designated number of Committee Members (for Committee Members for example). This would give you a total of eight Committee positions to fill (and it is possible to reduce this further still).

Some Clubs still have Rules which require them to have 12 Committee Members and then a vast number of Officers and I think Clubs which have such Rules but routinely find it difficult to form a complete Committee should seriously consider reducing the size of the elected Committee. A small elected Committee can still form unelected Sub-Committees to assist with the running of the Club and it may be easier to find Members willing to devote time to a specific Sub-Committee (a Social Sub-Committee for example) when they might be wary of serving on the elected Committee.

The Committee can also consider making some Committee positions employed positions. It is now increasingly common for Clubs to employ Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers, or to outsource some of the responsibilities of the role of Treasurer to their accountants and book keeping firms. By making these positions elected it further decreases the number or elected positions which the Club needs to fill to continue to operate.

ACC Services

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Trusteeship

The ACC Trusteeship Service is a free facility offered by the ACC. The transfer of Trusteeship to the ACC has increasingly become popular amongst unincorporated clubs and there are two main benefits for the Club. The first is that the ACC will pay for all legal expenses involved with the transfer of Trusteeship. The second is that the Association's financial and legal resources are such that the Club's position will be greatly strengthened when negotiating loans or defending itself against legal action taken by a third party.

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

Deposit Scheme

Clubs may deposit surplus funds with the ACC and we are currently offering interest of 2.5% gross per annum on funds deposited. We are already holding in excess of £4,000,000 on behalf of Clubs and deposits range from £1,000 upwards. Funds can be returned in full or part at any time and our rate of interest will apply on a pro rata basis. There is no upper or lower limit of investment.

Sale and Leaseback

Since launching the ACC Sale and Leaseback service, over 70 Clubs have entered into this arrangement with the ACC.

Under what circumstances would a Sale and Leaseback be appropriate? The most successful examples of ACC Sale and Leasebacks are Clubs which have a dedicated Committee and Membership and want to secure their Club's future. By unlocking the Club's freehold, Clubs can be provided the means of repaying debt, often undertaking refurbishments and providing a significant cash sum. The rent payable to the ACC following the completion of a Sale and Leaseback can often be less than a Club was paying for servicing debt.

Documentation Available Free Of Charge

ACC Room Hire Agreement - The room hire agreement is designed to be completed at the time a booking and includes space for a deposit to be taken to secure the room is applicable.

ACC Catering Franchise Pack - The ACC Catering Franchise pack can be used by Clubs which have a franchisee who uses the Club's facilities to prepare and serve food within the Club. The Franchisee Contract permits the Committee to decide if the franchisee shall pay a set fee per month to the Club for use of the Club's facilities, shall pay to the Club a percentage of the profits from the sale of food or that a combination of both methods of remuneration shall be utilised.

Health and Safety and Risk Assessment Documentation - The ACC has extensive documentation to assist a Club in creating a Health and Safety policy and conducting regular risk assessments. This documentation is available free of charge. Examples include template health and safety documentation, risk assessment forms and practical advice on completing a Club risk assessment and first aid information.

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.

To obtain any of the documentation packages please email charles@toryclubs.co.uk or phone 0207 222 0843. To enquire about any of the ACC's financial assistance packages please email assistance@toryclubs.co.uk or phone 0207 222 0843.

Western Area Conservative Clubs Conference Weekend 7th – 9th April 2017



I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Western Area Conservative Clubs Weekend Conference, and to thank you for all that you are doing on behalf of the Conservative Party.

You are a valued part of the wider Conservative family. Conservative Clubs are an important part of our history and our present, with your members providing valuable support to our Party, in addition to all the good work you do in your local communities. I see this in my own constituency, where our local Conservative Club has been a great source of support and enjoyment to me. We also saw it most recently in the Copeland and Stoke-on-Trent Central by-elections, where the space, warmth and refreshment provided by Conservative Clubs helped activists from around the country to mount such strong and successful campaigns.

With around 100 clubs across the Western Area, you are playing a vital role in helping us build a country that works for everyone. Your support will be all the more important as we look forward to key elections on 4 May. This year we have the opportunity to build on the fantastic progress that our Party made in 2015 – when we gained 15 Parliamentary seats in South West, helping us to secure a majority Conservative Government for the first time in nearly 20 years.

We need to fight hard to ensure that we continue to make progress, as we contest the important council elections in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire – and the new West of England Mayoralty with our excellent candidate Tim Bowles.

With your support, I know that we can succeed. Thank you again for all you are doing, and best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.




The Livermead House Hotel in Torquay was once again the setting for the 23rd Western Area Conservative Clubs Conference weekend and the Bay repaid the return with warm sunshine for the whole of the weekend. Delegates enjoyed a coach journey to a place of local interest on Saturday morning followed by a buffet lunch at Mid Devon Constitutional Club in Newton Abbot.

On Saturday afternoon the Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council held its Annual General Meeting where all the Officers were re-elected unopposed for a further twelve months' duties. Following the AGM Lord Smith of Hindhead spoke on ACC and Club Matters, including serving on the

Licensing Act Select Committee. This session is particularly popular and delegates who were joined by several representatives from local Clubs. Lord Smith answered a variety of questions.

As usual the Hotel provided superb hospitality. Delegates enjoyed an excellent Dinner with a drinks reception sponsored by the ACC. Guest speakers included ACC Chairman The Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, who was accompanied by his wife Eve; Neil Parish MP, Western Area Clubs President, Torbay's Member of Parliament, Kevin Foster and ACC Chief Executive Lord Smith of Hindhead.

This successful weekend was enjoyed by all delegates and we can report that next year's event will again be held at the Livermead House Hotel the weekend of 13th – 15th April 2018.



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Northern Area Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Area Conservative Clubs was held at the New Seaham Conservative Club. This well attended meeting with Representatives from a significant number of Clubs within the Northern Area was chaired by Area President Derrick Dixon.

Area Chairman Bill Newall gave a report on the Area's activities and thanked the Vice Chairmen of the different sub regions of the Northern Area. The accounts were presented and approved by Area Treasurer

Mr Keith Bibby and a report was given by Area Secretary Mr. John Dinsdale.

Both the ACC Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive Philip Smith and Charles Littlewood were present at the meeting and updated the meeting on ACC activities and current and ongoing legal matters concerning the management of Clubs.

Philip Smith was delighted to be asked to present the Area's Sporting Trophies which included the Fanthorpe Trophy, the Bransome Trophy, the Earl



Bill Newall with the Lord Smith of Hindhead Bowling Challenge Cup.



The Cup Winners with Area Chairman Bill Newall.

of Stockton Golf Trophy and the Lord Smith of Hindhead Bowling Challenge Cup. The winning Clubs, which included Jarrow Conservative Club, Morpeth Conservative & Unionist Club and the Wheatley

Hill Constitutional Club, were presented with both the Cups and prize cheques.

Following the Meeting, Representatives enjoyed an excellent buffet supper and enjoyed the Club's facilities.

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Eastern Region's Andrew Hansard Honoured

Former Councillor Andrew Hansard retired as a District Councillor having served 17 consecutive years as a Councillor for St. Neots-Eynesbury. Over this period Andrew contributed to a wide range of Council activities and was appointed to most Council Panels and Committees. Most notably perhaps was his work as Portfolio Holder for Resources and Policy and then Housing and Public Health. He also held positions as Chairman of St. Neots leisure

Centre Management Committee, Standards Committee and the Councils Safety Advisory Committee, a role he undertook with great diligence and enthusiasm. Throughout his office Andrew worked hard to champion the cause of his ward and represented the Council on a number of outside bodies.

Andrew is a former Chairman of the Eastern Region Conservative Clubs and a long serving Member and Officer of the St Neots Conservative Club.



Left to right: Robin Howe (Leader of the Council), Andrew Hansard and Peter Bucknell (Chairman of the Council).

St Georges Conservative Club Celebrate Club Secretary's Birthday



Mick Dimmock and his wife Pat with their Granddaughter.

The St Georges Conservative Club, Northampton North, hosted a special celebration for their Secretary, Mick Dimmock, and his

wife Pat. All the members enjoyed the event and were keen to thank Mick for all his hard work for the Club over many years.



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Tonge & Brightmet Conservative Club Charity Evening

Tonge & Brightmet Conservative Club in Bolton, Lancashire, held a Charity evening to raise funds for the Bolton Breast Unit after their Chairperson Alison Kay-Smith was diagnosed and treated early last year. A full night of entertainment, raffles and auctions were held during

the evening and the total raised was an amazing £2,343.55. A fantastic night enjoyed by all the Club's Members and for a very worthy cause. Everything in the raffle and auctions was donated by friends, members and local businesses and all money taken on the night from these activities was donated to this good cause.

Maerdy Conservative Club Charity Fundraising Efforts



Left to right: Colin Marsh, David Owen, Roy Jones, Val Thomas, Jan Lewis McMillan, Jeff Gregory, Michael L'Homme, Ralph Morgan (Maerdy Conservative Chairman and William Roberts (Maerdy Conservative Club Manager).

The Maerdy Conservative Club, Ferndale, are celebrating a bumper fundraising year.

Last year the Club first presented a cheque to Macmillan Cancer Support for £1000. The

Club's Members and Committee were then delighted to be able to present a further cheque to Macmillan for £800.

The Club are looking forward to raising more funds for good causes this year.



Left to right, back row: Michael L'Homme and Richard Doyle. Left to right, front row: Ralph Morgan and William Roberts.



Left to right: Alison Kay-Smith (chairperson), Mal (nurse), Fred Atherton (club secretary), Claire Garnsey (breast surgeon), Lynne Leaver (club treasurer) and Lois Kay-Smith (chairperson's daughter)

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Chelmsford Conservative Club Raises £2,000 for Charity

During 2016 the Chelmsford Conservative Club, Essex, raised £2,000 for Charity. A cheque presentation evening was held on the 25th March where the cheque was presented to the Brainwave children's charity, based in Witham. Since 1982, Brainwave has worked with families to deliver home based therapy and exercise programmes that help children with disabilities and additional needs to achieve

greater independence. Brainwave is an independent charity that receives no government funding relying entirely on donations to deliver their work.

Sir Simon Burns, MP for Chelmsford, presented the cheque to Ms Gerry Gould, South East Community Manager of Brainwave and representing the Chelmsford Conservative Club is Club President, Cllr Ron Alcock.



Left to right: Cllr Ron Alcock, Club President, Ms Gerry Gould from Brainwave and Sir Simon Burns MP.

OBITUARIES

Peter Hornby

It is with great sadness that Dunscair Conservative Club announces the death of Peter Hornby. Peter died on 30th March 2017.

Peter unstintingly served the Dunscair Conservative Club in a range of roles as Trustee, Chairman and Committee Member for 45 years. Many local Clubs benefited greatly from his no nonsense guidance and advice. His stewardship of the Club's resources significantly helped to make the Club the success that it is today. His legacy is

in the fabric of the Club and in the quality of its facilities to Members. The Club will miss their good friend Peter greatly as will all other Clubs in Bolton.

Peter was Chairman of the Bolton Federation of Conservative Clubs and was involved with the Bolton Federation Secretaries Club, Bolton North East Conservative Association and Pub and Club Watch.

He leaves his wife Mary and his two sons David and Robert.

Charlie Howard



Charlie stoked the Club's fires so that it was warm for the Members in the evening and whilst his mum made the Club's sandwiches he sold them to Members. Charlie had held many roles starting with a Committee Member, then the Social Secretary, Vice Chairman, President and then finally Vice President. He served in the D Day landing as a royal marine and recently received the French Legion D'Honneur medal for bravery in war time one of a few still alive to receive it and was incredibly proud to receive the medal.

The Kinson Conservative Club, Bournemouth, is sad to announce the death of Charlie on 7th March 2017. He was the Club's Honorary Vice President.

Charlie was one of the Club's longest serving members and had been a continuous member for over 70 years. As a boy in the Club,

Charlie ran the Club's fishing trips and up to two weeks before he died he was still selling the meat draw numbers in the Club. He will be sadly missed by all.

'Sam' Wood

Kettering & District Conservative Club regrettably announces the death of the Club's Secretary 'Sam' Wood.

Sam was a keen bowler and a popular Club Secretary

who will be sorely missed by all and will be notably remembered for his ebullient way of conduction quizzes and bingo. He is survived by his wife and children.

Pages From The Past

This month we look back at the June 1987 election edition of the Magazine where a message from the Party Chairman, Rt Hon Norman Tebbit (now Lord Tebbit) reminded readers of the Magazine why every vote for the Conservative Party was needed. The result of the election was a third successive win for Margaret Thatcher. We

would remind readers today, that every vote for the Conservative Party, in every Constituency, matters. Let us hope that we can again secure a Conservative Majority Government that will run the affairs of our Country for everyone whatever their background in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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THE CHOICE IS CLEAR



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THE CHOICE at this election is clear. The Labour Party offer a mixture of stale old socialist policies and half-baked new ones. Their defence policy would undermine NATO. As Mr. Healey blurted out in Moscow "I think the Russians are praying for a Labour victory".

Labour's economic policies would drive this country to the very brink of bankruptcy as they did last time.

Their full programme costing £34 billion a year would require a V.A.T. rate of 49 per cent or a standard rate of income tax of 56 per cent.

Just as at local level, as we have already seen, from Liverpool to London and from Manchester to Brighton, they would implement hard left policies with no concern whatever for the interests of the ratepayer – so they would treat the taxpayers.

Labour know that these policies are strongly opposed by the vast majority of the British people.

They recognise that their only hope of achieving power is through a strong vote for the so-called "Alliance".

Yet although Mr. Steel and David Owen foolishly boast about their hopes to form a government, in private the Alliance admits that its ambition is to achieve a hung Parliament.

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Our plans for the future show that we are far from running out of steam.

We have radical and relevant policies for key areas like education, housing and the inner cities.

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