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The Cullingworth Conservative Club, Bradford, was delighted to welcome the Home Secretary the Rt. Hon Amber Rudd MP to a drinks reception at the Club.

The reception was to thank a number

of Party Members for their hard work during the election campaign and Members of the Club were also invited. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event and the opportunity to speak with Amber Rudd.



Left to right: John Miles (Committee), Linda Berry (Treasurer), Amber Rudd and Baxter (Chairman).

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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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# CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

## Making Tax Digital Update

Making Tax Digital (MTD) is the most fundamental change to the administration of the tax system for at least 20 years. Keeping your financial records will become increasing digital and most businesses will need to use software or apps to keep business records – the days of manual record keeping will be over! For sports and social Clubs this is probably the most important change in the administration of the tax system since the introduction of VAT in 1973.

The essential elements for Clubs are:

- **Paper records will no longer be sufficient:** It will become mandatory for almost all Clubs to use software to keep accounting records. Paper accounting records will cease to meet the requirements of tax law.

- **Quarterly reporting:** There will be a requirement to submit updates to HMRC each quarter directly from accounting software, within one month of the end of each quarter.

The Club's Accountants should be able to support the Club through these changes and will hopefully provide the ongoing services that are needed. However, the changes are so fundamental that it will be necessary to review your current record keeping systems and to reconsider what work you decide to do yourself and which services you wish us to provide.

### When does it start?

**VAT: If the Club is registered for VAT and its takings are above the VAT threshold you will be required to keep digital accounting records and to file your VAT returns using MTD compliant software from April 2019** (the first VAT quarter starting on or after 1 April 2019). The current online VAT return will not meet the requirements.

**Corporation Tax:** Clubs pay corporation tax on non mutual income usually rent and interest. The timings for Clubs MTD for corporation tax have yet to be confirmed but it will not become mandatory before April 2020.

### What are the exemptions?

- There are exemptions for those who are not able to engage digitally for religious reasons or due to a factor such as age, disability or location (e.g., no availability of broadband). These exemptions are the same as the current exemptions for VAT online filing.
- VAT registered Clubs with takings less than the VAT threshold (i.e., those who have registered voluntarily) will initially be exempt from MTD VAT reporting but this exemption may be removed from 2020 or later.
- When MTD for income becomes mandatory there will be an exemption for social Clubs with a very small

turnover; the level and nature of this exemption has not been set.

### What does the Club need to do now?

If the Club is VAT registered and above the VAT threshold you need to start planning for your transition to MTD so that you are ready for MTD reporting for VAT by spring 2019:

1. Where we prepare VAT returns we will ensure compliance with MTD for VAT and Machine Games Duty (MGD). We may have to make minor changes to current reporting procedures.
2. You may need to consider the possibility of a digital exclusion exemption although, however, unless you currently have this exemption it is unlikely to be granted for MTD.
3. In respect of maintenance of the Club's VAT record keeping system: -
  - If the Club currently use accounting software, for example Quicken, it will need to be upgraded or new software acquired.
  - If the Club currently maintain VAT records on a spreadsheet you will need to acquire software which will allow returns and updates to be made directly from the spreadsheets, or engage us to do this work.
  - If you currently prepare manual VAT records on paper your processes will need to change. The Club will need to acquire and use appropriate software or engage us to do the bookkeeping and quarterly reporting.

4. To minimise reporting under MTD the Club should ensure the quarterly reporting dates for both VAT and MGD tie in to the Club's financial year end. If annual VAT accounting is in operation you should review this election and consider whether it is still beneficial.

In respect of corporation and other taxes MTD will not become mandatory until at least 2020 by

which time we should have a greater clarity of the full record keeping requirement for Clubs.

### Where can I get further information about these changes?

There is eighteen months to plan for these changes. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available. Our thanks to Accountants R H Jeffs and Rowe (01443 402116) for their assistance with this information.

### Advice For Conducting Risk Assessments

By law, the Club is required to conduct a risk assessment of hazards risks in the Club. A proper risk assessment can assist Clubs to establish first aid requirements and also to mitigate any other risks which are identified on the risk assessment. A risk assessment is essentially a form that helps identify the actual and the potential risks that could happen in your workplace. Their main purpose is to highlight any risks and to weigh up whether you have taken enough precautions, or should do more to prevent harm.

The Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974 requires employers to: ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all employees. They are a very important step in protecting Club employees and the Club itself, as well as complying with the law.

Do:

- Write a policy. This will let your employees know about your commitment to health and safety and how they can bring items of concern to the attention of the Committee. Remember, Club employees will likely be well aware of any potential risks in the Club and can therefore help to ensure that such risks are resolved or minimised.
- Pick a competent employee to help you. This can be one of

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your employees or someone from outside your business. They can also liaise with other full time or casual employees.

- Walk around the Club to see the risks yourself. You will be able to see exactly how people undergo their daily tasks and if there are any potential risks.

- Look through previous accident or illness records. These might have been caused by risks that are still likely to happen in your workplace.

- Think both short and long term. Risks might not just affect people in the short term, a certain task might have risks in the future.

- Record your findings. Writing down the risks lets you show your employees so they can understand them as well as allowing you to review your findings at a later date.

- Date your findings and the changes needed. You can then look at this later and see if the changes have made any difference.

Do not:

- Over complicate things. The risk assessment for does not have to be a long complicated process; just note the risks and the steps being taken to reduce the likelihood of them happening. Indeed, the simpler you can make the process the more times per year you will find time to repeat the risk assessment.

- Forget to do a risk assessment. Make a date to complete the process, at least once a year but twice a year if possible.

- Muddle along. If you feel stuck ask for help, there are

Company name: The Smiths' Pub Date of risk assessment: 28/11/08

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Slips, trips and falls	Staff and customers slipping/tripping/falling suffering fractures and bruising etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff clean up spillages immediately using suitable methods and leave the floor dry.</li> <li>Bar floor areas only washed out of hours staff know about proper use of detergents, correct detergent rates to avoid residue – wash, leave, rinse etc.</li> <li>Good housekeeping – work areas kept tidy, goods stored suitably etc.</li> <li>Drainage channels and drip trays provided where spills likely.</li> <li>Equipment maintained to prevent leaks onto floor.</li> <li>Good lighting in all areas including steps outside or access to cellar areas.</li> <li>Ensure door to cellar is kept locked and key controlled so only authorised staff can get access.</li> <li>Ensure stairways are not obstructed.</li> <li>Carpeted floors secured.</li> <li>Dormers for wet weather.</li> <li>No trailing cables or obstructions in walkways.</li> <li>Cable covers used for all electrical cables, especially when hosting bands or DJs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair damaged floor covering and check carpet grips.</li> <li>Ensure suitable footwear with good grip worn by staff.</li> <li>Put up 'Authorised Persons Only' sign on cellar door.</li> <li>Reiterate message to staff that cellar door is to be locked when not needed for access by authorised staff, staff to report if cellar door left unlocked.</li> </ul>	Manager with landlord/Pub managing company	12/12/08 (before Christmas custom increases)	
Falls from height	Staff may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injuries if they fall from any height. For example staff doing cleaning/maintenance, might fall from ladders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cellar hatches:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check they have been closed after delivery.</li> <li>Ensure other people are excluded from area while hatch open and in use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ladders to be suitable, regularly inspected, and used only for light work of short duration by trained staff.</li> <li>All other work at height, such as above the roof light, is done by contractors under a permit to work system and using trained staff and appropriate equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speak with brewery about any problems with pedestrians walking by when pavement cellar hatches open and agree if signs, barriers or staff needed to direct pedestrians away from danger area.</li> </ul>	Manager	Immediately	

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Violence	Staff and customers may suffer stress and/or physical injuries from aggressive customers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff adhere to legal requirement not to sell alcohol to intoxicated customers.</li> <li>Staff trained in good, polite behaviour and how to avoid confrontation following violence policy when to call police etc.</li> <li>Incident log kept and filled out as soon as possible after incident.</li> <li>Staff made aware of barred customers.</li> <li>Information sharing scheme with police and other licensed premises in the area – member of local Pubwatch.</li> <li>Regular glass collection – 'glass policy' implemented for very busy events or as appropriate.</li> <li>Gaming machines emptied after closing.</li> <li>Cashing up done after hours/out of customers' sight.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep good liaison with local police and check latest advice.</li> <li>Manager to give talk to re-emphasise 'coping with disputes' training.</li> <li>Ensure all incidents promptly investigated.</li> <li>Consider if fitting panic alarm is practicable and will be of benefit.</li> </ul>	Manager	Ongoing items	
Transport	Staff may suffer serious injuries if struck by a vehicle, eg during deliveries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reversing of vehicles to be supervised if other people in the area.</li> <li>High-visibility waistcoat available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk to the brewery, wholesaler and other suppliers about agreeing safe procedures for deliveries, to try to eliminate reversing, or ensuring staff available.</li> </ul>	Manager	3/1/09	
Manual handling	Staff moving back, neck and limb injuries from lifting heavy loads (eg barrels, crates of bottles etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behind the bar kegs/casks barrels rolled onto trolley and wheeled around.</li> <li>Staff training in rolling and strapping casks.</li> <li>Sack trucks and trollies available for beer and bottle crates etc.</li> <li>Staff training in lifting techniques and posture for items behind the bar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider siting and design of shelving for items behind bar to eliminate bending and reaching at next refurbishment.</li> </ul>	Manager	Next refurbishment due 2010	

many different channels to get help from, the ACC can provide assistance as can the Club's insurance provider.

- Brush risks under the carpet. No matter how insignificant a risk might seem you still need to make a note of it and set up precautions to

stop the risks.

Pictured is a partial example of a risk assessment for a pub. The full pub example can be viewed online at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies/pdf/pub.pdf>

and it will give Club Committees a useful idea of how a risk assessment should be structured and undertaken.

## Auto Enrolment Pension – April 2018 Changes


All Clubs with eligible employees should now have enrolled into the Auto Enrolment Pension scheme. From 6th April 2018, the contributions from the employer and the employee

will increase. The Club will contribute 2%, up from 1% currently, and the employee will contribute 3%, up from 1%. Further changes will occur from 6th April 2019.

Date	Employer Minimum	Employee Minimum	Total Minimum Contribution
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6 April 2018 to 5 April 2019	2%	3%	5%
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## Questions and Answers

A Club recently asked us a series of useful questions regarding licensing. We have decided that these questions and answers will be useful to many ACC Clubs which hold events and therefore we are reproducing all of these short form questions below.

**1. Can we hire out any of our rooms?** The Club is able to hire out any of the Club's rooms and many Clubs increasingly gain important revenue from allowing the Club or parts of the Club to be hired for private events.

**2. If we can hire out any of our rooms, can a non-member book it?** A Non-Member is able to hire a single Club room or the entire Club. If they, or their guests, wish to be supplied alcohol then a Temporary Event Notice will need to be obtained (Clubs can have 15 per year). If no alcohol needs to be supplied then a Temporary Event Notice is not required. A Non-Member could also apply for Membership of the Club prior to hosting an event. If they are accepted as a Member then a Temporary Event Notice does not need to be obtained, even if alcohol is supplied, as long as the persons attending the event are guests of the Member.

**3. When we book out a room is the person holding the event responsible for any damage or unsuitable behaviour?** The person holding the event will be responsible for the behaviour of their guests and any damage which occurs. A deposit can also be taken from them and it is sensible to do so. Unsuitable

behaviour from guests attending the event could result in disciplinary action being taken against the Member or, in the case of a non-member, a decision that they will not be permitted to visit the Club in the future.

**4. Should we always ask for a deposit when a private event is booked?** It is common for a deposit to be taken, certainly in respect of a non-member holding an event.

**5. If any damage was caused, how would we be recompensed?** If damage is caused then you should take pictures of the damage and then contact the person who has hired the room. The cost of repairing the damage would normally be deducted from the deposit. The ACC can supply a room hire agreement which includes a provision for a deposit to be taken.

**6. Our current bar manager holds a personal licence, what would happen if they left?** The Club is likely to hold a Club Premises Certificate. If so, it does not matter if your Bar Manager holds a personal licence and leaves the Club's employment as it is the Club which holds the actual licence. If the Club has a Premises Licence then different advice would apply as this type of licence does need a Personal Licence holder to be employed by the Club.

**7. Could we ask those that hire a room to vacate the premises if it was felt the clientele was behaving inappropriately? Should we make this clear when hiring?**

We are thinking of such actions such as fighting, bad language, damage, etc. Yes, if the behaviour of persons using the Club for a private event is not in keeping with the Rules of the Club then action can be taken. You may wish to first raise this as soon as possible with the person holding the event and if the behaviour does not improve then you can take the decision to end the event.

**8. Is our 2-tier bar pricing legal - we have one price for non-members/Members' guests and a lower price for Members?** It is completely legal to have a two tier pricing policy and to charge guests more than Members when purchasing drinks.

**9. Each time we hire out a room, do we have to obtain a Temporary Event Notice?** You will need to apply for a Temporary Event Licence if the room is being hired by a non-member and alcohol is going to be supplied. If the room is being hired by a Member and it is their guests which are attending then a Temporary Event Notice is not required and alcohol can be served as normal.

**10. Do we, by law, need a list of guests beforehand?** You do not need a list of guests prior to the event taking place although it can be helpful to have a list provided. If this is not possible please have the Members' guests sign into the Members' Guest Signing In Book upon arrival. If a non-member is holding the event and a Temporary Event Notice is in effect then you do not need either a list of those attending or for those attending to sign in.

**11. Do we have to make each guest a temporary member when hiring out a room to non-members?** No. Regardless of whether the event is being held by a Member or a non-member, the persons attending do not need to become Members of the Club. If a Member is holding the event then their guests should be signed into the Club as normal, if a non-member is holding an event then the persons attending that event will not need to be signed in and whether a Temporary Event Notice will need to be obtained will purely depend on whether alcohol is being supplied.

**12. Do we need to have the name and address of every non-member who attends a Garden Fete, Open Day, Beer festival etc.?** Assuming a Temporary Event Notice is in place, or alcohol is not being supplied, then you do not need the name and address of persons attending events such as open days, garden fetes or beer festivals. When a Temporary Event Notice is in effect anyone can use the Club's facilities and purchase alcohol and you do not need to record the names or addresses of these people. The only occasion when you should have guests sign into the Club is when they are visiting the Club as guests of a Member. This is because the Club is licensed to supply alcohol to Members and Members' guests and the easiest way to prove that the persons in the Club are guests of a Member is by having them sign in the Club's Members' Guest Signing In Book. A Licensing Officer will often check the signing in book during a visit to the Club.

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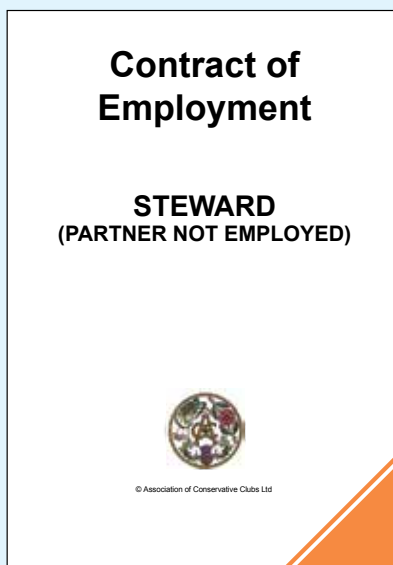
# ACC Contracts of Employment

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.

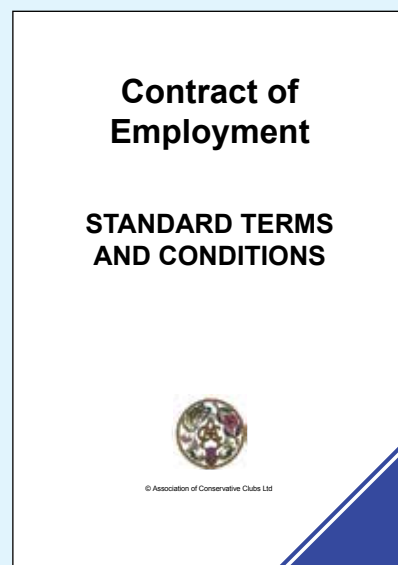
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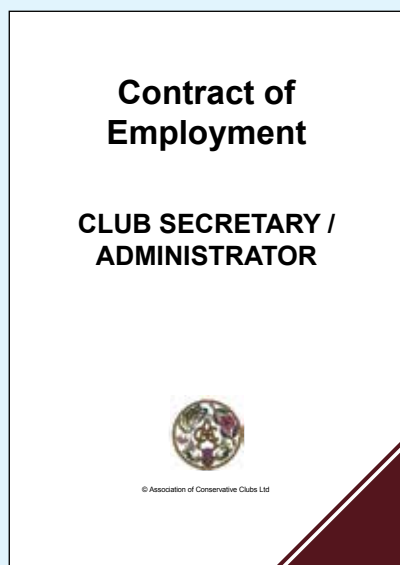
- 2 x Club Steward Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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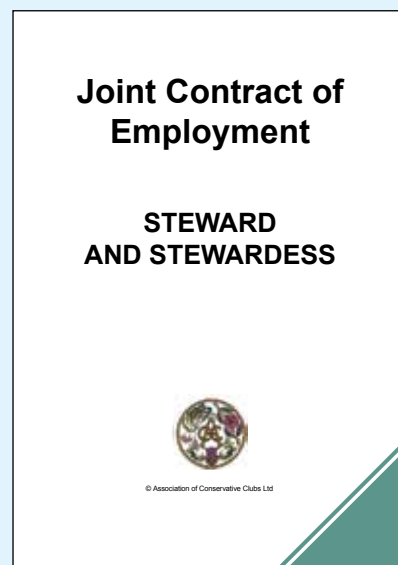
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# Westbourne Conservative Club Supports Local Macmillan Charity

The Westbourne Conservative Club in Bournemouth has made an extra effort this year on raising funds to combat Cancer. They decided to donate to Macmillan Caring Locally, instead of the national Macmillan charity, because so many of the Club's members and families have sadly had to make use of the excellent facilities the Macmillan unit at Christchurch offer.

Susan Quinn, Club Secretary, worked extra hard on this event because she lost her

husband Tony to cancer just before Christmas 2016 and was especially grateful to the unit at Christchurch who looked after Tony so well. The Club held a raffle, with all the prizes being donated by local businesses and members, held a coffee morning and also had two lovely cakes donated which were auctioned.

In total they raised £1,031.56 which was presented to Neal Williams Trust Secretary from the Macmillan unit at Christchurch.



Left to right: Trevor Emery Club Chairman, Katie Marsh Committee, Neal Williams Macmillan Trust Secretary, Susan Quinn Club Secretary and Peter Rogers Bar & Finance Officer of the Westbourne Conservative Club Bournemouth.

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# West Bridgford Conservative Club to Sponsor the Trent District Community First Responders as their 'Charity of the Year' for 2018

The West Bridgford Conservative Club, Nottingham, has announced that it has chosen the Trent District Community First Responders as its 'Charity of the Year' for 2018.

This group of unpaid volunteers are trained by East Midlands Ambulance Service and respond in their spare time to 999 medical emergencies within their local communities. The team operates as a registered charity as it must purchase all its own specialist, and very expensive, medical equipment. At present, it costs around £1000 to fully equip each First Responder. Their purpose is to reach those in need of emergency medical treatment ahead of an ambulance and thereby save valuable minutes. Those minutes can be lifesaving, especially in rural areas and at busy times.

Club Secretary, Peter Brunger, said 'We are delighted to be supporting the Trent District Community First Responders throughout 2018 and hope to raise several thousand pounds through fund raising events and the generosity of our members. This local team of around twenty First Responders does a remarkable job and they are a truly deserving cause. I hope our sponsorship will both contribute to their operational costs and create greater recognition for all the work they do in support of East Midlands Ambulance Service and the community they serve.'

Oliver Bere, from the Trent District Community First Responders added, 'Our job is to save lives and we rely on help from organisations like the West Bridgford Conservative Club to meet the high cost of the medical equipment needed by our team of volunteers. We really appreciate the support of the Club and its members and the enthusiasm they have shown in working with us.'

The two organisations are already working together. In September, Oliver and another First Responder, Alison Curtis, ran two training sessions for staff and members of the Club demonstrating Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of a defibrillator (AED) which the Club has recently purchased on the teams recommendation.

Linda Speed, Club Chairman said, 'The courses were both



**First Responder Oliver Bere is shown first left behind the car and First Responder Alison Curtis is shown second from right beside the door.**

useful and very enjoyable being a mix of clear verbal instruction and hands-on practice. Although the defibrillators are automatic and can be used without tuition, this training has given us the confidence to act without hesitation in an emergency.'

The Club has been based on Rectory Road in West Bridgford for some 50 years. It forms an important part of the social fabric of the area and now has around 320 members. Facilities include two air conditioned bars serving a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, including real ales, three full-sized snooker tables and a pool table. There is live music most Saturday nights whilst bingo and other events are held during the week. Members, Members' Guests and Affiliation Ticket Holders are welcome.

So far this year the Club has raised well over £2000 for The Association of Guide Dogs for the Blind, their Charity of the Year for 2017, and, with other events planned, it is believed the total may exceed £3000 by the year end. The ACC congratulates the Club for their fundraising efforts.

For more information about West Bridgford Conservative Club please email the secretary at [thesecretary@wb-conservativeclub.org.uk](mailto:thesecretary@wb-conservativeclub.org.uk).

For more information about the Trent District Community First

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# Devizes Conservative Club Celebrates Refurbishment

The Devizes Conservative Club has celebrated its official re-opening and Club refurbishment by holding an open day to show off the newly transformed Club.

The Club's Officers took time to speak to everyone present of the problems of the Club in recent years and the complete turnaround that has now been achieved following the soft re-opening and a large increase of new member applications. Under guidance from new management led by secretary Carol Webb and treasurer Chris Jones it has become more profitable which has allowed investment into the building.

The Club's President, Mr DJ (Jerry) Willmott CBE, thanked the ACC and Wadworth Brewery for all their assistance and advice given in order to achieve such a great transformation. "The Club's employment team has been reorganized, re-motivated and re-energized. All the Club's resources, structural, Committee and Member talents have been intelligently developed and co-ordinated thus enabling us to turn a possible Club failure into, historically unparalleled, commercial and membership success."

Club Secretary Mrs Carol Webb

said: "As well as hosting the Long Street Blues Club for many years with its successful gigs featuring internationally acclaimed artists, the Club is now also the home of Devizes Country Music Club and many other organisations also hold their meetings here. Private hire of the Club's function room facilities are in great demand proving popular for weddings, anniversaries, numerous party celebrations and christenings."

Club Treasurer Mr Chris Jones gave a brief description of the state the building was in with holes in the roof and rain pouring in. "We have undertaken long by-passed structural and security repairs and the upgrading of our Grade 11 listed building and we now have a super modern Club which looks set to thrive and is already showing a profit."

Chairman Janine Chowney-Andrews gave guided tours of the premises explaining all the work and alterations that were carried out.

The ribbon was cut by Councillor Nigel Carter, Mayor of Devizes.

A very hospitable evening complete with a complimentary glass of wine and very enjoyable canapes.



**The Mayor of Devizes Cutting The Ribbon.**

We congratulate the Club on this successful transformation and wish them the best of luck for the future. We hope to include additional photos showcasing the transformation of the Club in a future edition

of the magazine. The Club also has snooker tables, pool table, two skittle alleys and two dart boards and members can buy discounted drinks and IA Ticket Holders are always welcome to visit the Club.



**The Club's New Bar Area.**



# Camelford Conservative Club's Harvest Auction



Antony Hill who made a top bid of £20 receives his tiger from the auctioneer for the evening pictured alongside Ian Harvey.

Picture Credit: Adrian Jasper

The Sports and Social Committee of the Camelford Conservative Club, Cornwall, held the Clubs' annual harvest auction which raised a total of £1,900 for the Camelford Cancer Research UK branch and the Lanteglos Parish Church Roof Appeal Fund.

Each year the Club holds this auction which raises money for good causes and this year was no different. The Sports and Social Committee chose Cancer

Research as this year's recipients and everyone worked hard to raise as much money as possible for this good cause.

At the evening there was a wide variety of goods in the auction and all were snapped up with generous bids made by the Club's Members.

Pam Boundy from Cancer Research UK thanked the entire Club for their efforts but particular that of Ian Harvey who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

## OBITUARY

### David Bell

It is with very great sadness that the West Bridgford Conservative Club announces the sudden death of Mr David Bell.

David was Deputy Chairman of the Club. He was previously Chairman in 2016 and had held

the post of Secretary prior to that. Having first joined in 1982, David was a long standing and much respected member of the Club.

In former times he served the community as a local councillor and as Mayor of Rushcliffe.

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## Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back to November 1918 in which the ACC sadly announced the death of James Humfress, a former employee, who was killed in action. Tragically this death occurred only weeks before the Armistice was signed on the 11th November.

The obituary records that Mr Humfress was a stock taker with an unblemished track record who was popular with Clubs and those who knew

him. There are several reports of both ACC employees and Club Members within the Magazines published from 1914-1918. Following the first war the production of 'Rolls of Honour' listing names of Members who had both served and had given their lives became very popular in Clubs and Conservative Clubs gave generously to the formation of the Union Jack Club which still exists today although not in its original building.

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makers were themselves calling out that they laid on this or against that. This might be a *bona-fide* club, and none the less a portion of it might be kept for the purpose of betting. It did not matter that the persons betting were all members of the club. In his view, what was done was an abuse of the rules and objects of a social club. It was an abuse in the same sense that the use of the Temple at Jerusalem by the money changers was an abuse, and the use of St. Paul's Cathedral in the City by the serjeants who ostensibly went there to worship but really went to get instructions from clients upon which they could argue in the Crown paper in the Court of Common Pleas was an abuse. Here it was not enough to say, "This is a social club, we may do what we like in it"; the magistrate should consider whether, besides being used for a social club, it was also used for the purposes of gaming. Justices Avory and Salter agreed.

## BACCARAT AT A WORKMAN'S CLUB.

When the police visited the Hendon (Sunderland) Social Working Men's Club they found a number of members playing baccarat. At the local police court it was stated that each player had to buy a 6d. ticket, the money thus raised to be used to pay any fine which might be imposed. The Secretary and Committee were summoned for permitting unlawful gaming; the former being fined £20, and members of the committee £15 each. The club was struck off the register for 12 months.

## OVERCHARGE ON SPIRITS.

The Secretary of a Dewsbury club wrote to the local Food Committee stating that he had been overcharged on a wholesale sale of gin by a Dewsbury firm. The Executive Officer submitted a letter from the firm which stated they had acted in ignorance when charging 47s. 6d. per gallon for gin 30 u.p., the maximum price allowed being 42s. The amount charged in excess had been refunded. It was decided to let the matter end there, but to deal seriously with any future delinquent.

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## PTE. JAMES HUMFRESS.

Member of A.C.C. Staff killed in Action.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Pte. James R. Humfress, who fell in action in Flanders on September 30th. Joining the staff of the A.C.C. when a boy, nearly twenty years ago, Pte. Humfress throughout his long association with us well and truly performed his duties, having ever at heart the interest of the Association and its clubs. As a stocktaker his visits to London and provincial clubs were



Pte. James R. Humfress.

looked forward to, and he earned the respect and regard of all with whom he was brought into contact. Conscientious and thorough in everything he undertook, no member of the staff at headquarters was more highly esteemed or better liked. Always keenly interested in soldiering and a keen Territorial in pre-war times, the outbreak of hostilities found him "straining at the leash," and on joining up he was first attached to the Norfolk Regt., and subsequently to the Highland Light Infantry, and afterwards the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In the Army he carried those excellent qualities which he had displayed in civilian life, and proved himself the best type of a young Britisher. His death on the field of honour forms a sad but fitting climax to an unblemished career, and Pte. Humfress leaves behind him a memory which will long be cherished by the many who knew and loved him.

## A.C.C. CLUBS CLOSED.

The following clubs have been closed:  
 Canterbury Unionist.  
 Dukinfield Central Cons.

## West Hartlepool Constitutional.

Mr. Geo. Leaver, who has acted as Secretary of the above Club and whose resignation was necessitated through removal to Shrewsbury, was the recipient of a wallet lined with Treasury notes from members as a mark of their appreciation of his sterling services. The gifts were handed over by Mr. E. Waddington, Vice-Chairman of the club, who wished Mr. Leaver every success in his new sphere.

## REPORTS FROM CLUBS.

### Chelsea Conservative.

The 1918 season was closed on October 5th, and on that day the finals of the Club Championship, and a handicap, were played. In the former event Mr. W. Birmingham beat Mr. R. T. Irving, and in the latter Mr. H. A. Dunmore beat Mr. A. F. Beach. For Mr. Birmingham this makes the fourth year in succession that he has won the above-named important event, a record, we think, which not many players can lay claim to. He carried off the "Willis" Championship Cup in 1916, and now has two wins (out of 3) for the "Becket and Stephens" Cup (to be won three times in all) to his credit, and all are looking forward to his performance next year when, if successful again, he will "lift" the present Cup. Doubtless many readers of the A.C.C. Gazette will remember Mr. Birmingham, as in pre-war days he was a tower of strength to the club in the Crib, Whist, and Billiards Tournaments promoted by the A.C.C., and in which he invariably played a leading part, as his well-known skill and judgment made him a doughty opponent in these events. Mr. H. A. Dunmore (Hon. Secretary), too, is a player of no mean ability at bowls, and possesses both patience and persistence, two requisites very essential to success. Needless to state the wins of these two popular members were loudly acclaimed.

### Cradley Heath Conservative.

At the annual meeting, over which Mr. Lashford Griffin (President) presided, Mr. H. Cobourne presented an encouraging report, showing a surplus of £80 on the year's working. While receipts from the bar showed a decline, those from the billiard room registered an increase. The mortgage, it was stated, had been reduced by £200. Mr. L. Connop, Chairman of Committee, paid a warm tribute to the work of the Secretaries, Messrs. Cobourne and Green, who were unanimously re-elected, on the motion of Mr. P. H. Brillas.

### Gilfach Goch Constitutional.

"What would England be like if Germany won the war?" was the subject of the address delivered by Mr. John Littlejohns at the above club on the occasion of the first monthly concert. The musical programme was varied and attractive, the contributions of Pte. Woodgate and wife finding special favour. The "creature comforts" were well catered for by the Steward and Stewardess, and all spent an entirely enjoyable evening.

### Horden Constitutional.

At the above club Mr. E. Waddington was presented with an illuminated address from the Committee and members in recognition of the assistance he gave in the establishment of the Horden and other Unionist clubs in S.E. Durham. Mr. I. Davies, Chairman of the club, presided, and made the presentation. Mr. Waddington has a high conception of the value to the Party of well-conducted clubs and through his persistent and fearless endeavours those with which he has been actively associated have achieved an enviable reputation.

### Rochester Conservative.

The recent success of this club in the Hastings and St. Leonards Open Bowls Tournament, when the Challenge Trophy in the Rink Competition was secured, was fittingly celebrated by a tea and concert in the hall of the Strood Cons. Club. Col. Moore-Brabazon, prospective Unionist candidate for the Chatham division, attended and proposed "Success to the Bowling Club," to which Mr. H. Webb (Captain) responded. The Mayor of Rochester formally presented the trophy, and a capital musical programme, arranged by Mr. H. J. Osborne, was successfully negotiated and thoroughly appreciated.

### South Shields Unionist.

The conspicuous success which attended the second annual leek and vegetable show promoted by the above club should encourage other clubs to "go and do likewise." The efforts of members evoked praiseworthy praise from visitors who thronged the exhibition, many of whom were obviously astonished at the excellence of the products. There were no fewer than 110 entries, and the principal prizewinners were: Pot leeks, T. Berry; open tray, W. Brown; celery, H. Purvis; turnips, W. Norris; cauliflowers, S. Freeman; parsnips, D. Greaves; carrots, G. Bowers. The Hon. Sec., Mr. E. W. George, was, he modestly tells us, an "also ran," but secured an umbrella—to keep off another kind of "leaks," we suppose. In prizes and cups £95 was distributed, and there is a £5 balance for next year. Hearty congratulations to all concerned, and may many more of our clubs next year promote with equal success leek and vegetable shows!

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