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**100th Birthday Celebration for Monmouth's Member**

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Cllr John Lindley, Chairman of St Paul's Conservative Club, Salisbury, has been elected as the 757th Mayor of the City of Salisbury. The event, which took place at St Thomas' Church, was attended by over 200 Civic Dignitaries including Mayors from neighbouring towns and cities who witnessed the handover of the Mayoral Chain from Cllr Mr Derek Brown OBE to Cllr Mr John Lindley.

Cllr Lindley was born and raised in the City and said, "I am truly grateful to be selected as your 757th Mayor of The City of Salisbury and look forward to meeting you all over the coming year." The Mayor's Charity for 2017-2018 will be the Alzheimer's Society, the Mayor said, "I look forward to working with the local group to raise vital funds that are so desperately needed for research and care."

The Club is very proud of John's achievement and wish him all the best for his year in Office and his chosen Charity.



Cllr John Lindley elected as Mayor of City of Salisbury.

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# Canvey Island Conservative Club Saves Local First Aid Training Area

The Canvey Island Conservative Club, Essex, has stepped in to provide facilities for a first aid training centre to continue to operate. The Club has teamed up with the area's local paramedics to provide a home for their regular training sessions.

The Club will be allowing the Island's community first responders to use one of its room for monthly sessions to keep the volunteers up to speed with vital practice on how to respond to emergencies. The first aiders previously used an alternative training location but this was terminated at short notice so the Club stepped in to ensure they had somewhere to train from.

Mick Allwood, co-ordinator for the responders, said: "It's great news, and very important for us. It's mandatory for us to provide training every month and this helps us to do that. We were left in the lurch, so to have this help is much appreciated, and we are very grateful. The timing of this wonderful gesture could not have been better timed for us, it's important we keep up



The first first-aid training session held at the Club.

to date with the all the pieces of kit and everybody is using them regularly."

The Club's Chairman, Dennis Reed, and President, Vic Andrews, were both on hand to welcome Mick's team to the Club for the

first of their monthly training sessions. The team have also promised to run courses for the Club's Members and employees on 'heart-start' awareness courses. This will help them to deal with an unconscious person, somebody

who is showing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR, dealing with choking, dealing with serious bleeding and applying and using an automated external defibrillator.

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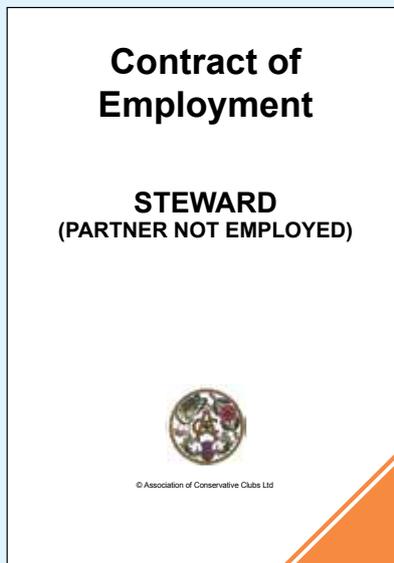
# ACC Contracts of Employment

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.

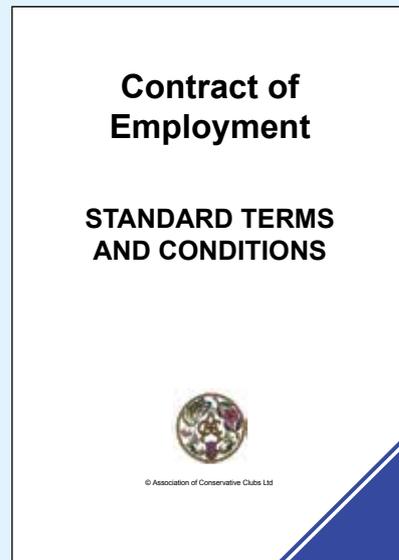
The contracts which are offered by the ACC are as follows:



### Steward Contract

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

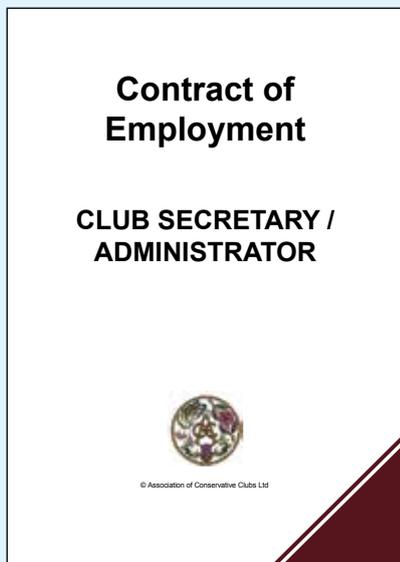
- 2 x Club Steward Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



### Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment

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

- 2 x Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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Appropriate for Clubs which employ, rather than elect, a Club Secretary. Each contract pack costs £20 and includes:

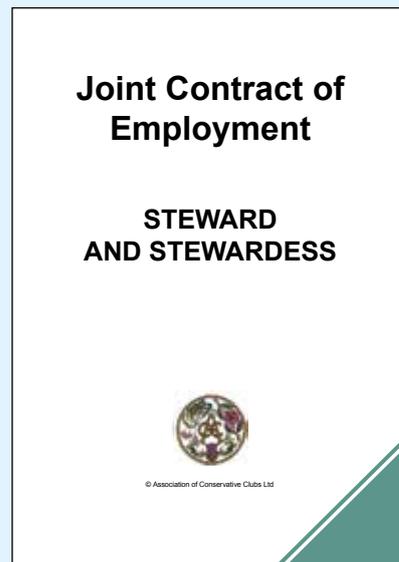
- 2 x Club Secretary Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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- 2 x Club Steward and Stewardess Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
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# CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

## Question and Answers

**Q** We have an employee who we have had to dismiss from the Club. He had accommodation with the Club, should we expect him to leave the accommodation immediately?

**A** Whilst the accommodation is linked to this employee's job and therefore technically it can be argued that they lose the right to use it when their employment ends, I do not think it is realistic to expect him to leave immediately of being notified that his employment is being terminated.

Realistically, I think a period of 1-2 weeks is probably the least amount of time that an employee who has been dismissed will need to find alternative accommodation and if at all possible the Club should accommodate this.

It does, to some degree, depend on their circumstances. If they have alternative accommodation which they can readily move into then I would expect the whole process to be completed much quicker than the above timeframes.

**Q** The Committee is currently in a dispute with the Steward and Stewardess over the amount of hours they are working for the Club and where they are spending these hours. They believe they have to work more hours than they are contracted for and would like the recruitment of an additional part time employee to assist. Do you have any suggestions?

**A** Can I suggest that for a few months the Committee requires the Steward and Stewardess to complete timesheets reflecting when they are working at the Club and what they are doing during these hours (line cleaning, bar work etc.). Once the Committee has a clearer view of the current working hours they can then consider

if the recruitment of another employee is necessary.

It is hard to make any decisions without knowing exactly how many hours each week they are working and where these hours are being spent. If you carry out this exercise for a period of two months this should provide enough data to base a decision on. One possible outcome might be that the Committee, for a temporary time at least, will have to formally rota the Steward and Stewardess and dictate when they are working behind the bar and when they are given time to focus on aspects of the job such as stock management and pipe cleaning. This will ensure that they are not being asked to work any additional hours beyond which they are contracted to do. If it turns out they are having to work more hours than they are currently contracted for then a further employee may need to be recruited or the Steward and Stewardess may agree to a pay increase in order to increase their working hours.

**Q** The Committee would like to check if we should be undertaking a risk assessment for the Club?

**A** The Committee is right to check this as by law, the Club is required to conduct a risk assessment of hazards and fire risks within and outside of the Club. This can identify possible hazards as well as help you establish your first aid requirements.

It is likely that most Clubs will be classified as a low-risk environment after the risk assessment has been performed. As a low-risk environment the minimum first aid provision is:

- a suitably stocked first aid box
- a person appointed to take charge of first aid arrangements
- information for employees on first aid arrangements

Please see an example risk assessment check in the box out on this page.

### Setting the scene

The Secretary carried out the risk assessment in this Club, which is located in a suburban, residential area. The manager and his partner live on the premises, they also employ eight other bar staff, four full-time who work lunchtime and evening shifts, five-days every week and four part-time staff at weekends and providing absence cover for the full-time staff.

The Club has a function room with dance floor for live-music events and discos with a bar. It is cleaned every morning by a cleaner, the manager and his partner cover when the cleaner is on holiday. The manager buys cleaning products from the wholesaler.

The premises were built before 2000; the Club building has been surveyed for asbestos in the past. Asbestos-containing materials found in the survey have been recorded, a copy of the survey is kept at the Club.

How was the risk assessment done?

The manager followed the following procedure:

1. To identify the hazards, the Secretary:
  - o looked at the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) web pages for small businesses and for the hospitality and catering industry to learn where hazards can occur - <http://www.hse.gov.uk/catering/index.htm> and <http://www.hse.gov.uk/business/index.htm>
  - o made clear who had taken responsible for long term issues. This was especially important for issues such as the asbestos management, gas safety, pressurised equipment, replacement of carpets;
  - o walked around the Club, noting things that might be dangerous and taking HSE's guidance into consideration;
  - o talked to the staff (including the cleaner) about their work to learn from their knowledge and experience of areas and activities, and to listen to their opinions about health and safety issues in the workplace;
  - o talked to the Club's preferred suppliers of maintenance work, to ensure that their activities did not pose a risk to pub staff, and vice versa;
  - o observed deliveries by food and drink suppliers; and
  - o looked at the accident book, to gain an understanding of previous incidents.
2. The Secretary then wrote down who could be harmed by the hazards and how.
3. For each hazard, the Secretary wrote down what controls, if any, were in place to manage these hazards. He then compared these controls to the good practice guidance provided on the HSE website. Where existing controls were not considered good enough, the Secretary wrote down what else needed to be done to control the risk.
4. Putting the risk assessment into practice, the Secretary decided and recorded who was responsible for implementing the actions identified as necessary and when they should be done. When each action was done, he ticked it off and noted the date. He also made it part of the induction process for new staff.
5. At the staff meeting, the Secretary discussed the findings of the risk assessment with staff and pinned up a copy in the bar area. He decided to review and update the risk assessment every year, or straight away if any major changes in the workplace happened.

## Linneweber 1 – an update

A recent Tribunal has dealt with two issues facing Clubs who have made what are often referred to as Rank/Linneweber 1 claims for what they consider to be VAT overpaid on gaming machine income for VAT periods prior to 6 December 2005. The first issue was whether Clubs that had not submitted an earlier appeal could now submit a late appeal against the decision to reject their claim. Despite the argument that, as the litigation in Rank FOBTs is still ongoing and the whole issue remains undecided, and therefore HMRC are neither inconvenienced nor financially disadvantaged, the Tribunal Judge indicated that he would issue a formal decision to confirm that it was unreasonable to allow any such late appeals to be heard.

The second issue was whether the appeals originally submitted by Clubs that had received repayment, which subsequently HMRC have sought to recover, but had not submitted an appeal against the protective assessment when making the initial repayment, no longer had a valid appeal as the first appeal had been settled by payment of the claim.

The Tribunal Judge indicated that he thought that HMRC's suggestion that any such appeal not supported by a second appeal should not be struck out and that there was a mechanism that would allow Clubs to keep a live appeal, such that Clubs would maintain their right to receive repayment of the amount claimed if the Rank FOBTs decision is in favour of Rank. The Judge indicated that he would specify what actions would be required when issuing his written decision.

A further issue that was raised by HMRC in the Tribunal was that in many instances Clubs had failed to

provide HMRC with explanations in respect of the gaming machines they operated in the periods in which recovery of 'overpaid' VAT was sought, and that this information would be essential if HMRC were to lose the Rank FOBTs litigation. The Tribunal Judge indicated that he would issue directions regarding provision of this information in his judgement.

During the Tribunal, the point was made that HMRC had sought to recover payments from Clubs based on the decisions in the Rank SLOTS litigation and as such had overstepped their own suggestion that they would not seek recovery until the outcome of Rank (i.e. Rank FOBTs) was finally known. HMRC and the Tribunal Judge did not make any comment on this issue.

In conclusion:

- If your Club has not submitted any appeal against the decision to reject the Club's claim it is now too late to do so.
- If your Club did not appeal against the **protective assessment** issued with the initial repayment it will now need to take action to ensure its original appeal is amended to reflect this. The Judge will specify the actions required when he formally issues his decision
- If your Club has failed to provide information in respect of the machines it operated during the periods of claim it will now need to do so. Please note, if your club was supplied with gaming machines by Dransfields then Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, has already indicated that Dransfields can assist in collating this information if requested to do so by a Club

If any Club requires assistance with this matter Ian Spencer & Associates Limited have indicated that they would be willing to assist

in dealing with HMRC and/or HM Courts & Tribunals. Ian Spencer & Associates can be contacted on 0114 258 5967.

## Sky Sports Revamp

From July 18 Sky Sports is expanding its service, launching an all-new programming line-up and two extra channels. Sky Sports Clubs will now receive ten channels dedicated to sport. The changes will include:

- Two extra channels, new branding and an all-new Sky Sports line up
- 10 channels showing all the top action that club members expect from Sky Sports
- Main Event and sport-specific channels will make it even easier way to show the sports that matter to customers

David Rey, managing director of Sky Business said: "We're revamping the Sky Sports line-up and launching two extra channels, meaning Sky Sports Clubs will now enjoy access to all the biggest sporting events across 10 channels. It's about making sure we continue to offer an outstanding live sport experience for sports fans, helping Clubs to make money through live sport by encouraging even more members through the door.

"With new dedicated sports channels including Sky Sports Premier League and a Main Event channel, it's never been simpler for licensees to find and show the sports that matter most to club members. It's the perfect way to kick off the new football season and great news for Clubs who can look forward to reaping the benefits of our best offering yet."

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### August

Arsenal v Chelsea	Sun 6 Aug 2pm <b>(Community Shield) (BT)</b>
Arsenal v Leicester City	Fri 11 Aug 7.45pm
Watford v Liverpool	Sat 12 Aug 12.30pm
Brighton v Manchester City	Sat 12 Aug 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur	Sun 13 Aug 1.30pm
Manchester United v West Ham United	Sun 13 Aug 4.00pm
Swansea City v Manchester United	Sat 19 Aug 12.30pm
Stoke City v Arsenal	Sat 19 Aug 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United	Sun 20 Aug 1.30pm
Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea	Sun 20 Aug 4.00pm
Manchester City v Everton	Mon 21 Aug 8.00pm
Bournemouth v Manchester City	Sat 26 Aug 12.30pm
Manchester United v Leicester City	Sat 26 Aug 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City	Sun 27 Aug 1.30pm
Liverpool v Arsenal	Sun 27 Aug 4.00pm

### September

Manchester City v Liverpool	Sat 9 Sept 12.30pm
Stoke City v Manchester United	Sat 9 Sept 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
Burnley v Crystal Palace	Sun 10 Sept 1.30pm
Swansea City v Newcastle United	Sun 10 Sept 4.00pm
West Ham United v Huddersfield Town	Mon 11 Sept 8.00pm
Bournemouth v Brighton & Hove Albion	Fri 15 Sept 8.00pm
Crystal Palace v Southampton	Sat 16 Sept 12.30pm
Tottenham v Swansea City	Sat 16 Sept 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
Chelsea v Arsenal	Sun 17 Sept 1.30pm
Manchester United v Everton	Sun 17 Sept 4.00pm
West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur	Sat 23 Sept 12.30pm
Leicester City v Liverpool	Sat 23 Sept 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United	Sun 24 Sept 4.00pm
Arsenal v West Bromwich Albion	Mon 25 Sept 8.00pm
Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur	Sat 30 Sept 12.30pm
Chelsea v Manchester City	Sat 30 Sept 5.30pm <b>(BT)</b>
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Newcastle United v Liverpool	Sun 1 Oct 4.30pm



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## Retiring Okehampton Club President Presents Cheque to Search and Rescue Team

The retiring Okehampton Conservative Club President Ray Vallance has made presenting a cheque to North Dartmoor Search and Rescue team for £200 in his final act in Office.

Karen Cousins received the cheque on behalf of the search and rescue team. Karen is the

safeguarding officer for the organisation which provides search and rescue capability for missing and injured people both on and off the moor.

Ray has now passed on the President's medallion to his wife Margaret, who has taken over as the Club's President.



## Peterborough Conservative Club Cheque Presentation

The Peterborough Conservative Club, Cambridgeshire, has presented a cheque for £2,500 to the Free Kicks Foundation. This significant donation was raised by the Club's Members during 2016. 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.



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



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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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**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.

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# Prestatyn Constitutional Club's Charity Night



Left to right: Richard Jennings on behalf of MND, Lyndsey Thomas for St Kentigern Hospice and Club Committee Member Bill Parry.

The Prestatyn Conservative Club, Denbighshire, have held a Charity Concert Night at the Club in order to raise funds for St Kentigern Hospice and MND Association.

St. Kentigern Hospice in North Wales is committed to meeting the needs of people, with active, progressive or advanced illness and The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association funds and

promotes global research into MND and provides support to people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Club raised almost £4,000 for these good causes and held a joint cheque presentation evening for both charities. The Club would like to thank Mike Jones, Steve DJ and the Vanda Rawlins band who helped make the evening a great success.

# Monmouth Celebrates the 100th Birthday of First Female Member

The Monmouth Conservative Club, Monmouthshire, hosted a 100th Birthday party for Mona Thomas who was the Club's first female Member when she joined the Club in 1964. Mona also became the Mayor of Monmouth in 1979 and has devoted much of her life to looking after the elderly and disabled.

Club Member Gerry Beard describes how she was the first lady to apply for Membership when the Club first allowed female Members: "Mona came to Monmouth 63 years ago and was the first female member of the club when they passed a motion at their AGM in 1964 to allow women to become members". Gerry continued: "She served on the Committee for 40 years and also served as Chairman and Vice-President. She was the Club's first hospital representative, attending every Sunday afternoon where she made tea and offered support to Members who were in-patients,

which soon stretched to visiting all patients. From then on she was quite busy in the community and was elected to the town council in 1972, becoming mayor in 1979, the first woman to sit as chair since 1974. Mona was well known around town as a poppy seller which was a duty she performed for almost 50 years. "

Mona credits her longevity to having had every possible illness 'under the sun' but surviving them all. Whilst many of her contemporary friends have now gone, she still enjoys going for walks and enjoys living with her daughter.

After a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday, she was presented with a framed picture of poppies, painted by Jean Jones and was toasted by her old friend and Club Member Maggie Harris. Mona thanked Helmet Hair for her hair-do and flowers, Jean Jones, the Conservative Club for the buffet and everyone for their gifts.

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# Romsey Conservative Club Cheque Presentation



**Kim Smith, Dave Maslen, Wendy Morrish and Liz Homes at the cheque presentation.**

The Romsey Conservative Club, Hampshire, has presented a cheque to the Jane Scarth House, a local charity.

The Jane Scarth House opened in 1995, founded in memory of Romsey resident and mother of two, Jane Scarth, whose family remain closely involved with the work of the charity. They provide emotional and practical support to anyone whose life is affected by cancer.

Club Committee Member Kim Smith, along with Liz Homes, organised the Club's Coffee Morning, which also contained a raffle, and donations from Members ensured that the total donation would reach £1,000. The Club organised a cheque presentation where Wendy Morrish, a Trustee from Jane Scarth House, was presented the cheque by Dave Maslen, the Club's Chairman.

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## Obituary

### Helen Schofield

It is with great sadness that the Swaffham Conservative Club, Norfolk, announced the death of Club President Helen Schofield. Helen peacefully passed away on Sunday 18th June with her daughter Julie by her bedside.

Helen dedicated many years of loyal service to the Club and held a number of Offices. She first became an active Committee Member in March of 1993 and over the next 24 years she became Vice Chairman, Chairman and Club President for her final six years.

Club Chairman Robbie Woods said that 'Helen cared immensely for the welfare of our club and

more importantly our members, and she demonstrated this almost on a daily basis through her unparalleled commitment to the club and her constant availability to Members, Committee Members and Officers. Helen was dedicated to the Club and also had many friends at other ACC Clubs following many years of involvement with the Eastern Region. Helen will be sadly missed by not only our Club Members but also the local MacMillan Charity, The Swaffham Museum and numerous other organisations all for which she was an avid fundraiser throughout her life.'



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# St George's Conservative Club Pool Championship Winner

The St George's Conservative Club, Northampton, have announced the winner of their annual pool knockout championship.

This always popular competition was won by Club Member Joe Matthews and had the trophy presented to him by Club Chairman Mike O'Conner.



Club Chairman Mike O'Conner with Championship Winner Joe Matthews.

# Tiverton Constitutional Club Raises Funds for MIND



Adam Carpenter.

Members of The Tiverton Pool League and The Cullompton Pool League held a pool competition at the Tiverton Constitutional Club, Devon, raising funds for MIND, in remembrance of Adam Carpenter. Adam was a young pool player who tragically died at the age of 24. He was a member of both the Tiverton Constitutional Club's pool teams –the Devon county league and the Club's internal pool

league.

MIND provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

The evening was a massive success with an amount of £1160.35 raised and a presentation ceremony will be arranged in the future.

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Sunday 17 September  
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**Man United v Everton**  
Sunday 17 September  
4.00pm



**West Ham v Tottenham**  
Saturday 23 September  
12.30pm



**Brighton v Newcastle**  
Sunday 24 September  
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**Arsenal v West Brom**  
Monday 25 September  
8.00pm



**Newcastle v Liverpool**  
Sunday 1 October  
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## CENTENARY AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS

**THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS Constitutional Club, Kent, held a double celebration of its Centenary this week with a Grand Buffet and entertainment at the Club for members. The buffet held in a marquee in the Club's garden, was organised by the Steward, Mr. D. Kenard, his assistant, Mrs. Sheila Hayward, and Mrs. Kenard.**

The Club took the opportunity of combining their celebrations with the local Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association, when the Club Officers and their principal guests were invited to a reception at the offices of the Association, where there were approximately 200 members of the Association present. The host for the reception was Mrs. Barbara Large, who welcomed, among others, the Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Q.C., M.P., and Lady Mayhew.

The principal guest, the Rt. Hon. Lord Whitelaw, C.H., Deputy Prime Minister, Lord President of the Council, and Leader of the House of Lords, accompanied by Lady Whitelaw, chatted with those present at the reception, and addressed the gathering on the present political situation.

Prior to joining the Club members, the Officers entertained the principal guests to dinner at "Thackerays", formerly the home of the writer, William Makepeace Thackeray. The guests were Lord and Lady Whitelaw, Sir Patrick and Lady Mayhew, Mr. L. C. Moon, Club President, Mr. and Mrs. Thurnell, the Agent and his wife, Mr. W. Weller, Club Vice-President, Mr. G. Ashbee, Club Chairman, Mr. D. H. Weller, Club Secretary, Mr. F. Gillespie, Mr. J. Brewer and Miss E. M. Dupont, M.B.E., of the Association of Conservative Clubs.

At the Club, the principal guests and members were joined by the Mayor, Mrs. O. Eames and her Consort, Mr. Eames. The President, Mr. L. C. Moon, introduced the guests, who then mingled with the members.

This cheerful interlude was followed by the presentation of A.C.C. Awards made by Lord Whitelaw, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gordon Waterman, O.B.E., Secretary of the A.C.C.

Lord Whitelaw presented the Badge of Honour to Mr. G. Ashbee, recalling that he had joined the Club in 1973 and had been elected to the Committee in 1975, was Vice-Chairman in 1977 and Chairman since 1984. He conveyed to him the congratulations and best wishes of Lord Kaberry. Lord Whitelaw then presented the Secretary's Award to Mr. D. H. Waller, and Bronze Awards to Messrs. J. Brewer, D. Smith, F. Gillespie, B. Clarkson, S. Marchant, K. Welfare, D. Read and M. Selfe.

Presentations were also made to Mr. D. Gainsford, the Centenary Secretary, and to Mr. W. Weller, the Centenary Chairman. They were thanked for the splendid organisation and the production of a magnificent Centenary booklet.

Miss Dupont received a Centenary tie on behalf of Mr. Waterman, and a similar tie was presented to Lord Whitelaw. Bouquets were presented by Mr. Ashbee to Lady Whitelaw, Lady Mayhew and Miss Margaret Dupont.

Lord Whitelaw then gave a short address

and congratulated members on their Club and achieving their Centenary.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, in addressing the members, congratulated them on their Club and the achievement of their Centenary, and read a message from Lord Kaberry in which the latter conveyed his warmest congratulations, and said the present members owed a great debt to those who had faith in founding the Club in 1886, and to the many members who had given generously of their time to get the

Club going as a pleasant place to meet and a fountain of political activity. The great secret, wrote Lord Kaberry, was to keep the Club a happy Club where like-minded Conservatives can gather together to keep the Party flag high and to maintain a presence in Tunbridge Wells for the Conservative Party.

The "Master of Ceremonies" for a most successful event was Mr. L. C. Moon, the Club's President.



**TUNBRIDGE WELLS** – From left to right: J. Brewer (Recipient of Bronze Award and Committee); J. Saunders (Committee); L. Smith (Trustee); K. Welfare (Recipient of Bronze Award and Minutes Secretary); Mrs. I. Kite (Committee); A. Selfe (Vice-Chairman); G. Ashbee (Recipient of Badge of Honour and Chairman); W. Weller (Vice-President who already holds Badge of Honour); D. Waller (Secretary and Recipient of Secretary's Award); D. Smith (Recipient of Bronze Award and Committee); P. Score (Treasurer); D. Gainsford (Committee and Centenary Sub-committee Secretary); D. Reid (Recipient of Bronze Award and a Trustee); F. Gillespie (Recipient of Bronze Award and Committee); B. Clarkson (Vice-President and Recipient of Bronze Award) and E. Brown (Committee).

Below, back row, left to right – George Ashbee (Chairman); Basil Clarkson (Vice-President); Sir Patrick (President); Mr. Eames (Mayor's escort); David Waller (Secretary); Leslie Moon (Past President) and Peter Score (Treasurer). Front row, left to right: Bill Weller (Vice-President); Lady Mayhew; Miss Dupont; Cllr Mrs. O. Eames (Mayor of Tunbridge Wells); Lord Whitelaw and Lady Whitelaw.



In this month's Pages From The Past we go back 31 years to August 1986 where the Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club in Kent celebrated their Centenary. As readers will see from the Conservative Club's Magazine report, the event was well attended with Lord Whitelaw as the principle guest. Lord Whitelaw was, of course, best known as Willie Whitelaw with the famous expression said by Margaret Thatcher that 'Every Prime Minister needs a Willie'. The Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club is still a well-attended Club with a large Membership and they celebrated their 130th anniversary last year.

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