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# Helicopter Lands at Flixton Conservative Club



While responding to an incident, a North West Air Ambulance made an emergency landing at Flixton Conservative Club, Manchester. The helicopter had been called out after reports of an injury at a road traffic accident near the Club. Thankfully no one was seriously injured during the incident and the crew returned to the helicopter.

Upon hearing that the Flixton Conservative Club is a longstanding supporter of the North West Air Ambulance Service and had just the week before sent a donation of £543 to the service, Club Secretary Helen Moss, along with Club

Steward and Stewardess Nigel and Sharon Porter, were invited to have a look at the helicopter and take a few photos, one of which is included with this article.

The Club were delighted to have been able to help assist the helicopter crew in finding a space landing zone near the accident area and it was an important reminder of the day to day lives that an operational air ambulance can save by being available to respond to emergency incidents. The Club plan to continue their fundraising efforts for the Air Ambulance service going forwards.

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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 on the 22nd March. This well attended meeting with Representatives from a significant number of Clubs within the Northern Area was chaired by Area Chairman Bill Newall.

Bill Newall opened the meeting 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, Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE, and the Assistant Chief Executive, 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 of Stockton Golf Trophy and the Lord Smith of Hindhead Bowling Challenge Cup. The winning Clubs were presented with both the Cups

and prize cheques.

Following the Meeting, Representatives enjoyed an excellent buffet supper and enjoyed the Club's facilities along with the customary dominos competition.



The Cup Winners with Area Chairman Bill Newell and ACC Chief Executive Lord Smith of Hindhead.

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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

## Financial Control Management

All clubs must rely on the honesty and integrity of their elected officers and committee members. However, betrayal of trust can take many forms – taking a bottle or two out of stock, the odd free drink or some loose change, or several thousand pounds from the club's funds.

Fortunately, such thefts are not a regular occurrence but every committee must be aware that such unhappy incidents can, and do, take place. Club funds provide the lifeblood of the club and its activities and theft is not a crime without a victim. All members of the club are victims of such a crime and it is not a matter that can just be wished away or ignored.

For many years, it has been recommended that every club should have fidelity insurance within its insurance policy. Obviously this will involve extra expense for the club but it is money well spent to ensure that the club is protected against the defaults of a trusted officer or employee. Such insurance should cover all the club officers and stewards who handle cash at some time in the course of their duties. This is in addition to the steward's bond.

There is no doubt that even suggesting the possibility of fidelity insurance at a committee meeting will cause a great deal of embarrassment that serving officers and employees are actually being accused of dishonesty. Such embarrassment is misplaced however. Committees should act in the best interests of the club and it is no insult to suggest that the names of certain officers be added to the insurance. It is no slight on their character. It does not mean there are any suspicions or that rumours are circulating about their honesty.

### Financial Controls Checklist

- One club officer should be present each day with the steward to check the takings from the till(s); this will provide an independent check of cash takings against till readings
- Tills should be serviced regularly and there should be strict control of till roll issues and usage; any till that is reported out of order frequently should be treated with suspicion and investigated

- All completed till rolls should be returned to the Treasurer
- Takings should be banked daily and two people should take the money to the bank; for the security of those involved, times and routes taken should vary
- The Treasurer should produce the latest bank statements at each committee meeting and the committee must never be put off by any excuse for the statements not being produced
- Blank cheques should never be signed – this seems an obvious safeguard but it can be overlooked
- If books are said to be 'with the auditors,' the Chairman or Secretary should confirm that this is so
- The Secretary or another committee member should always be present at stocktaking
- Ideally, there should be no more than two keys to the bar or cellar stocks – one should be held by the steward and another by the Secretary or a designated committee member who must never lend it out
- If stocktaking reveals stock shortages there must be an immediate investigation
- Independent stock checks should be made on deliveries from time to time and irregularly
- Do not forget the importance of fidelity insurance and to comply with the requirements imposed by the insurance policy

It is vital that no one person is left to handle everything however willing he or she may be to take on such an onerous burden. Clubs will benefit from shared responsibilities and double checks.

### Gaming Machine Finance

A club's gaming machines are, without doubt, the most common area of concern in respect of thefts. It is essential that a proper, recognised system of emptying the gaming machines is established not only to protect the club but also to protect the committee from malicious accusations of theft.

The following procedure is recommended to clubs–

- The keys to gaming machines should not be held by one person or should be only accessible from a double-locked key safe

where the keys are held by more than one official. Machines should be emptied separately and records kept of the cash from every machine. Wherever possible, the two officials who are responsible for this procedure should involve any club member and the count should never be done behind closed doors. For all emptying, a duplicate cash book should be used and the date and the amount recorded with all members concerned signing that the figures are correct. If the cash is then handed to the steward for safe keeping or change then a receipt should be obtained.

- A separate book should be kept where the amounts taken are recorded together with the total at the end of the week. This book should also contain the meter readings of each machine. The meter readings should be calculated by the procedure shown below.
- Most modern machines have

a 'coin in' meter and a 'coin out' meter and the digits are normally units of 10p or £1. In both cases the meter reading for the previous week is subtracted from the reading for this week. The balance for the 'coin out' meter is then deducted from the balance of the 'coin in' meter. Some gaming machines have £1 'coin in' and 10p 'coin out' meters so care should be taken to establish what the nominal profit is each week.

- It is very important that all the tubes or hoppers of the machine are filled to the same level each week from the cash boxes before the final count takes place. Unless this is done it will be impossible to reconcile the nominal profit with the actual takings.

By following this check list it is possible to spot any problems that may arise with any machine and its takings. The committee is also able to see which machine is performing best and whether any machine needs to be changed.

## 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
Up to 5 April 2018	1%	1%	2%
6 April 2018 to 5 April 2019	2%	3%	5%
6 April 2019 onwards	3%	5%	8%

## National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage

From 1st April 2018 employees in the UK aged over 25 earning the current minimum wage rate of £7.50 per hour will see a 33p

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

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2018	£7.83	£7.38	£5.90	£4.20	£3.70
April 2017	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

## Questions and Answers

**Q** At the moment we will not confirm a booking request until we have obtained a TEN or the person making the request has been accepted as a Member. This is a long winded process before we can therefore accept the booking. Can we accept the booking request and then deal with the technicalities afterwards?

**A** Yes you can, although you may want to insert a provision into your booking form which states that the booking is only provisional until either the person making the booking has been accepted as a Member or that a Temporary Event Notice has been successfully obtained.

You need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice at least 10 clear days prior to the start of the event it is needed for. You can also apply for up to two 'late' TENs by applying five working days prior to the commencement of the event.

**Q** We consider the Membership application procedure to be off putting to potential new Members who may not want their personal details to be displayed on the Club's Notice Board. Can we amend our procedure to make it more streamlined and discrete?

**A** The law states that there must be at least 48 hours between a Membership application being received and that person being able to use the Club as a Member. The additional restrictions held in most Club Rule Books are optional and can be removed or modified with the consent of the Members. The original reason for

placing a prospective member's details on the notice board was so that Members could object or pass comments to the Committee regarding the application. This still has significant value although we accept that privacy is a growing concern for many people. We can therefore confirm that it is possible to remove the need to place a person's name, address and occupation on the Club's Notice Board before accepting them as a Member.

The drawback is that the Committee may not be made aware of additional information which may affect the Membership application. This is therefore a rule change which Committees and Members will need to carefully consider before adopting.

**Q** We are aware of the GDPR regulations coming into effect soon. Do you have any information which may assist us in dealing with these new regulations?

**A** You are correct that Clubs need to be aware of the GDPR and we printed an article in the March magazine about some preparatory work Clubs can make.

We are internally working on our own compliance policy and are hoping to be able to provide a standard policy that can be sent to all Clubs or, at the very least, a document which can be adapted and completed by Clubs before becoming the Club's formal policy. This work is going slowly since this is a new area of law and Solicitors are still trying to get to grips with exactly how such a policy should be worded to be effective. This is a new area for most companies and it is not proving to be plain sailing. As

soon as we have any news we will alert Clubs through the Magazine.

**Q** In our Rules, a person has to have been a Member for at least one year before being eligible to stand for election to the Committee. Can you confirm if this still applies to Casual Vacancy appointments?

**A** We can confirm that this time limit of one year's membership does not apply in the event of a casual vacancy appointment. Therefore, the Committee can appoint a Member to a casual vacancy even if they have been a Member for less than a year.

**Q** I have been told that my Club does not need to send out postal ballots for the forthcoming AGM election because postal voting is not mentioned in the Club's Rules. Equally, it is not mentioned in the Rules that postal ballot cannot be used. What is the ACC's view on this subject?

**A** We consider that a Club's Elected Committee can determine, in conjunction with the Club's scrutineers, how the ballot will be held and if postal votes will be used. There is an obvious cost to the Club if postal ballots are sent out to every Member. Most Clubs do not use postal voting, some due to the increased cost of the process, some due to the increased administrative burden it places on the Club's Committee.

We can confirm that in most Clubs there is no reference made to postal votes in the Rules and therefore no information is provided for how to facilitate a postal vote. For example, when are postal votes to be dispatched and what happens to a postal vote which is received prior to the week preceding the election – is it discounted because it is received prior to that election week? Can postal votes being used just for Committee elections or for all AGM agenda items?

In the event of a dispute over the use of postal voting, we would encourage Club Committees and Members to look at how voting has been undertaken in the past and to carry on that process until a new voting process has been approved by the Members.

We would therefore advise Clubs that wish to use postal voting that

specific guidelines should be put in place regarding the application of the postal vote process. This would likely be inserted as a Rule Amendment to the existing rules relating to the election ballot. The ACC does not have a specific view on whether postal voting should be used. We advise Clubs to consult with Members to discuss the pros and cons regarding postal voting and if postal voting is decided to be undertaken in the future to draw up a set of clear guidelines to ensure that a correct, fair and consistent process is used in future years.

**Q** A Member has been proposed for the Committee which has caused concern to the current Committee. There have been allegations made against this person previously and we do not think it would be good for the Club if they were elected to the Committee. Can we refuse to let this Member stand for election to the Committee?

**A** The Committee is unable to veto a new Committee Member or a candidate for the Committee. Whilst I understand your reasons for wishing to do so I am also sure you understand why a Club Committee is not given the power to prevent a Member from being elected to the Committee.

We would usually hope that there is a broad selection of nominations to the Committee which would allow for the Club Members to vote for their preferred candidates. This means that the Members will elect the candidates that they consider are best placed to represent their interests and take the Club forward in a positive direction. It can be a problem when you have fewer nominations than available places since these persons are automatically elected. The Committee could consider a reduction of the size of the Committee going forwards which could prevent this type of situation from occurring in the future.

Regarding this specific Member, if there have been allegations made about them then the Committee can use the Club's disciplinary procedures to address the allegations. This would be the correct way to deal with the allegations rather than to try and prevent them from standing for election to the Committee.

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# Clayton Conservative Club Supports Local Hospice

Clayton Conservative Club Manchester held a charity night in aid of the Willow Wood hospice. The evening involved a Club auction along with food and entertainment provided for Club Members and their guests. The Willow Wood Hospice is an independent local hospice providing specialist care to patients living with life-limiting illnesses in the communities of Tameside and Glossop.

Local businesses and shops assisted by donating raffle prizes and the Club's local football team, Manchester City, provided a family stadium tour to auction which proved very popular. Members were treated to a night of entertainment and enjoyed a hot pot supper. In total over £1,000 was raised for the hospice which was presented at a cheque presentation ceremony.



The Cheque Presentation.

## Chelmsford Raises Funds For Essex Dementia Care

The Chelmsford Conservative Club, Essex, raised £1,800 for charity through their various fundraising efforts in 2017. A cheque presentation evening was held on Saturday, 3rd March where the cheque was presented to Essex Dementia Care.

Essex Dementia Care was founded in 2006 and have helped countless people with dementia to maintain an active and social lifestyle. They provide one-to-one support as well as providing respite and emotional support for their main care-givers. They have activity centres in Braintree, Chelmsford and Southend-on-Sea and a support group called

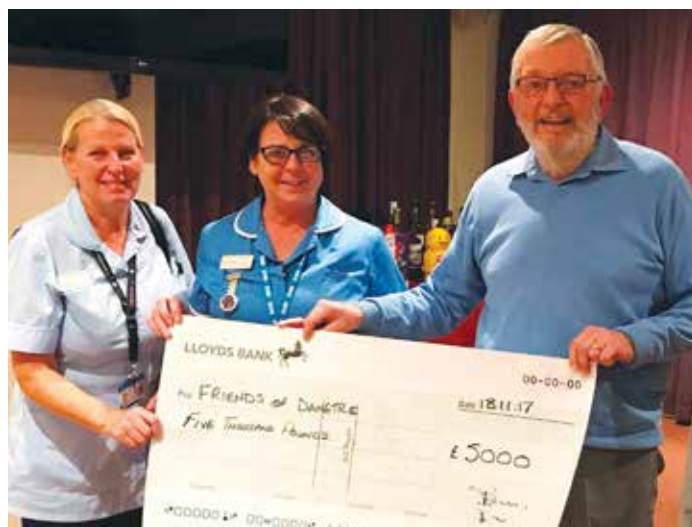
Every Day Counts which has been set up specifically for people in the earlier stages of the dementia journey. Essex Dementia Care is a registered charity and rely on donations and grant funding.

Councillor Ron Alcock, Club President and President of ACC Eastern Region, presented the cheque to Chris Jullings from Essex Dementia Care. Colin Appleby, a long standing member who recently passed away, was recognised for his significant contribution to the Club's fund raising activities for charities over many years. He will be sadly missed by all Club members.



Left to right: Cllr Ron Alcock, Club President, Chris Jullings from Essex Dementia Care and Peter Day, Club Chairman.

## Daventry Conservative Club Raises Funds for Danetre Hospital Care Unit



Nurses Patsy and Julie receive the cheque accompanied by Arthur Pritchett, Chairman of 'Friends of Danetre Hospital'.

The Daventry Conservative Club, Northamptonshire, raised £5,000 for the Danetry Hospital Palliative Care unit. Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialists support patients and their families who are experiencing cancer and other life limiting illnesses.

This unit holds a special place in the heart of many of the Club's Members who have seen their own friends and family members supported by this unit. Arthur Pritchett, Chairman of 'Friends

of Danetre Hospital' was on hand to receive the cheque on behalf of the care unit and praised the generosity of the Club's Members in raising such valuable funds. In his speech on the evening he also paid tribute to the amazing job that all the nurses at the unit do to assist everyone who requires their care. He was accompanied to the cheque presentation event by two of the unit's nurses, Patsy and Julie and also thanked the Club's Members for their generosity.



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# Crowborough Conservative Club Raises Over £6,000 for Good Causes

The Crowborough Conservative Club, East Sussex, has had a busy end to 2017 by holding two fundraising events to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society and for the Williams Syndrome Foundation.

Club Member Stuart Moseley raised £1,642 for the Alzheimer's Society after he was challenged to do a 'non-shave' for two months by two fellow Club Members. Stuart accepted the challenge on the proviso that the fundraising was in memory of his late wife Christine Moseley. Throughout the two months funds were raised and on the night of the cheque presentation a further £90 was raised by the Members present giving an incredible total of £1,642 for this important cause.

The second fundraising effort was a 12 hour darts marathon, accompanied by a raffle and auction, to help Club member Daniel Booth, who's young son Dylan booth has a very rare genetic condition called Williams Syndrome for which there is no cure. Williams Syndrome is a rare congenital disorder that occurs randomly and affects around one in 18,000 people in the UK. It is non-

hereditary and causes distinctive facial characteristics a wide range of learning difficulties. Infants often have delayed development and can develop physical and mental health problems, including anxiety and depression in later life. All WS people tend to be talkative and excessively friendly towards adults.

The Williams Syndrome Foundation support children with this condition and have assisted Dylan, along with his parents Daniel and Chantal. The darts day in the Club raised £1,330 through donations and raffle ticket sales to Members, the Crowborough Branch of Barclays bank also donated £1000, and a Just Giving page set up by Daniel also raised



Club Members Marc, Marcus and Stuart presenting the cheque to Amber Woodward of the Alzheimer's Society.


another £2,500 for the Foundation and its staff. The total raised was an amazing £4,830.

The Committee would like to

thank the Club's always generous supporters for making both of these fundraising efforts such a huge success.



The start of the Darts Marathon.



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# Ken Clarke MP Attends West Bridgford Charity Cheque Presentation Event

The West Bridgford Conservative Club, Nottingham, raised a total of £3,400 for their selected 2017 charity of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and were delighted when the Club's President, Ken Clarke MP, was able to attend the presentation evening to formally hand over the cheque. The 2017 total of £3,400 was an all-time record for the Club's fundraising efforts although hard work is already ongoing to beat this total this year.

The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke QC MP, the Honorary President of the Club presented the cheque to Amy Pettinson, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association's regional representative who was accompanied by Sallie and Terry Rodgers who run the Association's local West Bridgford and environs fund raising group. Terry is partially-sighted and so brought along his hugely talented guide dog Emmett who proved very popular with the Members present.

During his presentation of the cheque, Mr Clarke spoke about the important work that the charity performs both at a national level but also at a local level of meeting the needs of persons who are blind or partially sighted and ensuring that they can enjoy the same freedom as everyone else. As every dog trained costs around £55,000 this

fundraising effort is an incredibly important way to ensure that the Charity can continue its important work.

For the coming year the Club has chosen the Trent District Community First Responders group as its charity of the year. During busy periods they can often reach patients faster, particularly those living in rural areas. We wish the Club the best of luck with its fundraising efforts this year. These volunteers are trained by, and work closely alongside, East Midlands Ambulance Service and respond in their spare time, unpaid, to answer 999 medical emergencies within their local communities. During busy periods they can often reach patients faster, particularly those living in rural areas, which may make all difference to the outcome. 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 individual First Responder. Club Secretary, Peter Brunger, said 'We have already made a great start to raising money for the First Responders in January, including a very successful prize raffle at the event tonight, and we'll be trying our hardest to set another fund raising record this year'.



## Pickering Conservative Club Reaches Defibrillator Target

Together with the Club's Committee, Members wanted to raise these funds to ensure that anyone who required use of this life saving machine would have easy access. The machine to be installed at the Club will be available to everyone in the local area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In past months there have been occasions when a defibrillator was required and it was decided that the Club would be an ideal place to locate a machine.

Geoff Thornhill, from the Club, said: "We have had five incidents in the last six months, either in or in close proximity to Conservative Club where a defibrillator was used. The nearest one is in the Co-Op, whereas this machine would be available 24/7 to all members of the Pickering community in a

secure location. We set a target of £1,600 in October so we are absolutely delighted to have raised the money so quickly. We have had a great deal of support from local charities, businesses and individuals which we are extremely grateful for. We are also aiming to hold a training session so people can come along and see for themselves how the equipment is used."

Ongoing fundraising will take place to ensure the continued servicing and maintenance of the new defibrillator. A spokesman for Yorkshire Ambulance Service, said: "We are pleased to support the Conservative Club's appeal for a defibrillator as it will provide a resource at the heart of Pickering and be of benefit to both the club and local community."



Fundraisers Morris Sonley, Geoff Thornhill, Susan Wishshaw, Henry Reveley, and Basil Finney.

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## Obituaries

### John Hutchins BEM JP



It is with great sadness that New Milton Conservative Club have to announce the death of John Hutchins BEM JP, who died peacefully in his sleep on the 28th of February. John joined the Club in 1948, and during his time gave 60 years unbroken service to the Management Committee. The bar in the Club's Churchill Lounge is named after John but Claire Shanley, Club Secretary, says that no gesture can go far enough to thank John for the dedication that he showed to the Club throughout his life.

### Glyn Lewis

With sadness, the Maindee Conservative Club, Newport, announces the death of Glyn Lewis. Glyn, born in Newport, served as Club Chairman for a period of 16 years. Glyn will be missed by his many friends and colleagues, along with all of the Club's Members.



### Arthur Worley



It is with great sadness that Langley Ward Conservative Club, Oldbury, announces the death of Arthur Worley. Arthur died after

a short illness on 10th February 2018. Arthur proudly served the Langley Ward Conservative Club which he loved. He was a member for more than 50 years and for 34 of those years he served as Club Chairman. His careful and effective stewardship of the Club over his many years meant that the Club prospered during his tenure and continues to do so to this day. He served with honour and diligence for which he was awarded the ACC Badge of Honour in 2015.

Arthur will be missed by all members and remembered with respect and admiration by all those that knew him. Arthur leaves his wife Margaret and his two sons Mark and Nicholas along with their families.

## Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back 60 years to April 1958 which has an interesting and not commonly used advert for the ever popular ACC Club Tie. Clubs will of course be aware that the ACC Club Tie remains popular although it has seen several revisions over the years, the most recent in 2017 when the Tie was upgraded to a pure silk version and remained the ACC Silk Tie. The cost of the tie has, sadly, risen from the price of

12/6 in 1958 to the current cost of £12.50 although looking at the historic price inflation from 1958, the 12/6 is now worth £14.35 in today's money so Clubs will see that the ACC Silk Tie remains excellent value for money!

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