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Prestwich Conservative Club Raises Funds For Charity

The Prestwich Conservative Club, Manchester, have raised more than £2,000 for Charity. The Club held a Cover Night event where Members covered their favourite songs in return for a donation to the Club's selected charity, 'Beating Bowel Cancer Charity'. All the performers are ordinary members of the club including the off stage crew. Barclays bank also provided sponsorship of the evening and the Club thanks Barclays for their generosity. The total raised on the night was £2,650. The Club organised a cheque presentation evening where the cheque was presented to David Mclenachan a representative of the charity. The Club are not stopping there though, they are now making plans for their next cover night, titled 'Raising the Roof for Charity'. The charity which will has been selected to benefit this time is the Manchester-based homeless charity Barnabus.

The Club's Committee would like to thank all Members who took part and look forward to beating the total raised at the next event.



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Hunstanton Conservative Club Celebrates The Hunstanton Conservative Club, Norfolk, has celebrated Refurbishment Summer and Autumn periods. Club Secretary Tony Groom

Club, Norfolk, has celebrated the completion of the Club's major refurbishment.

The Club was formed in 1947 by a group of Conservative supporters who decided to look into the possibility of forming a Conservative Club in the area. They first met above a Cafe in the High Street, then in various locations in the same area of town. Eventually in 1956 the Club moved into what is now part of the present Club. During the 60's and 70's the Club bought adjoining properties and in 1979 commenced a major extension, to include a new bar, kitchen and cellar. The Committee decided in the summer of 2017 that a major refurbishment should be carried out and work began during September 2017. A brand new bar has been installed in place of the 1979 bar, the bar lounge has had new furniture and the whole Club has now been re-decorated. Both front and rear foyers have been redecorated and re-carpeted.

The Club's President, local MP Sir Henry Bellingham, officiated at the ceremony, together with the local Town Mayor. The Club opens at 10.00 a.m. on Mondays to Saturdays, and from 11.30 a.m. on Sundays, for coffee, bar drinks and light snacks and also offers food 7 days a week from 12 noon until 2.00 p.m. IA Ticket holders are always most welcome at the Club. The Club has various activities during the week such as Bridge, Whist, Yoga and exercise for stroke and partially disable people. In addition the Club hosts live music on every Saturday evening during the Spring,

Summer and Autumn periods. Club Secretary Tony Groom thanked all the Committee for their hard work in arranging for the renovation project to proceed. He stated that the feedback to the refurbishment has been excellent from the Club's current Members and already the Club had received many new membership applications. The Committee hope that the new improved Club will be the catalyst to grow the Club in the months and years to come.

The ACC Congratulates the Club on its refurbishment project and its fantastic results.



Sir Henry Bellingham MP along with Members of the Club's Committee at the official relaunch of the Club.



The Club's renovated bar area.



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Clayton Conservative Club, Manchester, Thanks Treasurer For Long Service

The Clayton Conservative Club, Manchester, has thanked Treasurer Grahame Birtles for his long and dedicated service to the Club.

Since joining the Committee over 25 years ago, Grahame has served as a Committee Member, Vice Chairman and now his current position of Treasurer. Grahame joined the Club originally in 1981. Club President Peter Feeley was on hand at the celebration event to present Grahame with a commemorative watch in recognition of his work and dedication. The ACC thanks Grahame for his long and dedicated service to the Club.



Club President Peter Feeley (left) presents Club Treasurer Grahame Birtles with the commemorative watch.

North Wales and Borders Federation Meeting Report

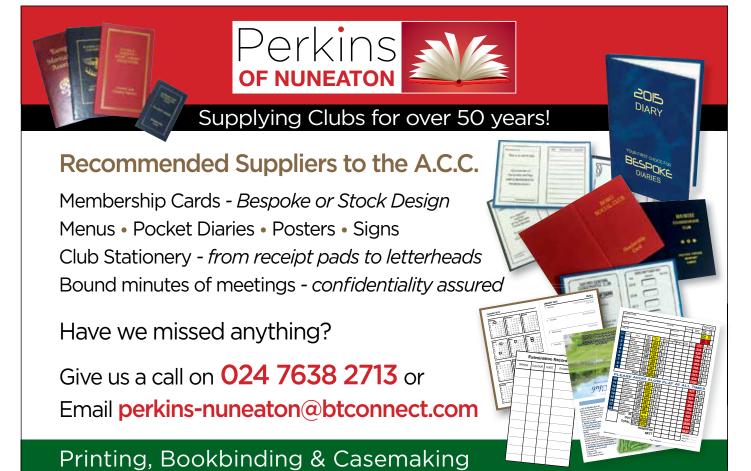


Left to right: Sarah Atherton, Paul Rogers (Secretary) Julie Lambert (President) David Thomas (Chairman) David C Peckover (Treasurer).

The North Wales and Borders Federation held a meeting at the Prestatyn Conservative Club where all the attending delegates were greeted with a warm reception. The meeting, chaired by Mr David Thomas, brought together representatives from the Brymbo, Ruthin, Shrewsbury, Llandudno and Prestatyn Conservative Clubs and was well attended.

The guest speaker was Sarah Atherton who had been the Conservative and Unionist Party Assembly Candidate for the Alyn and Deeside By-Election and stood against Jack Sargent the son of the late Carl Sargent. In her speech Sarah said that it was probably a forgone conclusion who the winner would be, as the apart from the area being staunch Labour, she was also going against the fact that Carl Sargent's death was still somewhat raw in the area. However, with only a 29.1% turnout she came a good second in the race increasing the Conservative vote by over 4.4% on the 2016 Election. Sarah also gave an overview of her life and how she came to be interested in politics.

Julie Lambert, on behalf of the delegates, thanked Sarah for attending and for providing them with such an interesting talk as a previous Parliamentary Candidate. The meeting was closed by the President Miss.





Matthew Clark and ACC Drinks Partnership – Sky Discount Update

Following the successful launch of the ACC Matthew Clark Drinks Partnership, any Club which purchases a significant proportion of its bar products from Matthew Clark will receive a rebate of 33% of the Club's Sky Sports subscription cost. This applies to both new and existing Sky customers. The rebate is paid to the Club twice per year and each rebate covers 6 subscription months. To receive the rebate please forward to the ACC by post or email the relevant Sky invoices along with the Club's bank details. The ACC will then pay 33% of the Club's Sky Sports subscription cost directly to the Club. Please phone or email the ACC if your Club has any questions regarding receiving this rebate.

Gaming Machines Response

In the July edition of the Conservative Clubs Magazine we featured a question from a Club about the merits of having both a pull tab gaming machine and a B3A machine inside the Club. The Club asked whether having both such machines might impact the sales of the existing gaming machine. In our experience, having multiple types of Gaming Machines on the Club's premises does not impact the overall revenue gained by having these machines in place and will usually increase the overall revenue. Llandudno Conservative Club wrote to us confirming that

they had installed a B3A machine in addition to their Pull Tab Lottery machine and had no seen any adverse impact on the pull tab lottery machine. Indeed, their experience was the machines appeal largely to different sections of the membership. The Club also recently added a B4 machine to their gaming machine portfolio and that has also not impacted the profits derived from the existing machines. The Club wished to thank Dransfields for their support and suggest that any Club thinking of installing a new machine give Dransfields a call to discuss their options.

GDPR Reminder pared a package Clubs. To obtain this information

The ACC has prepared a package of GDPR documentation which is available free of charge to all ACC

IA Ticket Returns

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This is a reminder that Clubs holding unsold 2018 IA Tickets can return up to 100 unsold tickets for the ACC for a full refund. If you do still hold unsold tickets then please return them to the ACC and the refund will be applied to the Club's account.

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Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC)

It has come to the ACC's attention that Clubs may have received, or are about to receive, correspondence from the MPLC which indicates that they are required to pay for an 'Umbrella Licence'. This is an annual licence from MPLC which allows commercial premises to broadcast copyrighted material such as film DVD's to the public.

Clubs do not need an MPLC

licence to show channels such as rolling news, sports, or music channels. Therefore, for most Clubs the only license that is required is a Television Licence. In the ACC's experience it is rare that a Conservative Club would need to obtain the aforementioned licence as most Conservative Clubs do screen films or drama series inside the Club.

Importance of 'Keep-Off' Signs to Protect Club Land

The recent case of Winterburn v Bennett [2016] is an important reminder to all Clubs that the Club's land must be protected from unauthorised persons using it. If unauthorised persons are allowed to consistently use Club land then they may again a legal right to permanently use the Club's land.

We advise that where open land, such as a Club's car park, that signs are erected and that they are clear and visible to everyone using the land. The signs should state that the land is private and is for use by Club Members only.

Court of Appeal judge Lord Justice Richards said that he "rejected the notion that it is necessary for the owner, having made his protest clear; to take further steps of confronting the wrongdoers orally or in writing, still less to go to the expense and trouble of legal proceedings. Many millions of people in this country own property. Most people do not seek confrontation, whether orally or in writing, and in many cases they may be concerned or even frightened of doing so. Most people do not have the means to bring legal proceedings. There is a social cost to confrontation and. unless absolutely necessary, the law of property should not require confrontation in order for people to retain and defend what is theirs. The erection and maintenance of an appropriate sign is a peaceful and inexpensive means of making clear that property is private and not to be used by others. I do not see why those who choose to ignore such signs should thereby be entitled to obtain legal rights over the land.'

The case revolved around land formerly owned by a Private Members Club which had subsequently been acquired by new owners. Whilst the Club was in operation, the next door fish and chip shop had consistently used the Club's car park. When the building was sold, the owners of the fish and chip shop attempted to argue that the new owners had to respect their right to use the car park. There was no dispute that suppliers and customers of the fish and chip shop had used the car park since the shop opened in 1987, right up until access to the space was blocked by the new owners. However, they did so while ignoring signs that stated "private car park, for the use of club patrons only", which were displayed both on the side of the Club building and in the window of the Club.

Lord Justice Richards said that the presence of the signs was enough to make the use of the car park "contentious". The signs "clearly indicated the owner's continuing objection to unauthorised parking" and were a proportionate form of protest.' The meaning of the signs was clear and persons other than club patrons would be aware that they were not authorised to use the Club's car park. The Court rejected that the Club had to continually protest against the use of the car park by the Fish and Chip show owners.

We therefore advise all Clubs which have land which can easily be accessed by the Public to clearly display signs advising that the land is private and can only be used by Club Members and their guests.

CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT Questions and Answers

QWe read with interest your advice in a previous edition of the magazine about how to deal with late payments of subscription. Our Club's Rules state that we do not need to write to lapsed Members and that they can simply be removed from the Membership list after 30 days. Can you confirm that we are acting correctly?

We certainly agree with the suggestion that an incentive should be made to encourage members to pay on time. To this end when we sent our renewal letter for 2016 we offered members a £5.00 discount for payment by the due date, bearing in mind that we give them six weeks' notice. This renewal letter made it clear that the annual membership is £30.00 and due on the 1st of January. If they pay before that date they will pay £25.00, if they pay during January they will pay £30.00. If they fail to pay by 31st January we remind them that they will be struck off as Members and should they wish to continue using the Club they would have to reapply for Membership.

This incentive proved very successful with almost all of our Members paying before 1st January. A great benefit to the Club's cash flow and I am sure that this problem is not unique to us alone.

A I found the points that you raised to be of great interest and can confirm that your Club is in the slightly unusual position

of not needing to write to a Member who has not paid their subscription prior to removing them from the Membership list. The majority of Clubs have a Rule which states that prior to a Member being struck off the Membership list for non-payment of subscription the Secretary shall write to them. Since you do not have such a Rule then I believe that you are operating within your Rules by removing Members who have not paid their subscription after 30 days from when it has become due. You are then also correct that they would have to reapply for Membership should they wish to use the Club again.

I am pleased that your discount scheme has been a success as well. Whilst having penalties for late payment can work to a certain extent, a positive method of getting Members to pay on time, such as your discount scheme, is preferable in my view and you are proving that such a scheme can be very successfully implemented.

You are correct when you say that late payment of subscription fees are a problem for every Club and therefore sharing ideas and methods for preventing late payments will be helpful to all ACC Clubs to consider and discuss.

We have rejected a candidate for membership. How should we let the candidate know that they have been rejected and should we also inform their proposer and seconder?

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In most Clubs Committees Awill vote on membership requests and two votes against the proposed candidate will see that candidate fail. Committee Members do not need to provide a reason for voting against a candidate, nor do such reasons have to be included within the Club's Minutes. Club Committees do not have to provide a reason to a rejected candidate why their application failed and it is sensible not to provide such a reason. Regarding the response to the rejected candidate, we would suggest the following:

"Dear [insert name], Thank you for your application for membership of the [insert Club name] Following a Committee vote I must inform you that your request to become a Member has been declined. Under the Club's Rules, you are unable to reapply for Membership until a period of twelve months has elapsed. Furthermore, I must inform you that as a result of the Committee's vote that you will not be able to visit the Club in the future as a guest. Yours Sincerely'

We would not recommend that you inform the proposer and seconder of the Committee's decision. It would be for the candidate to provide this information to their proposer and seconder if they personally desire to do so.

Qwe have a Film Club which rents the Club every week to show a film. We have an MPLC licence in place to show the films but our local licensing authority has stated that we need to amend our Club Premises Certificate to include a provision to allow us to show films? Is this correct even if it is a third party showing the films and not the Club itself?

Ashould the Club, or any organisation using the Club to show films, wish to continue this activity then you will indeed need to apply to your local Licensing Authority for a minor variation of your current licence as you will need to add the provision to show films. I would not have thought that such a request would likely be refused. It does not matter that it is a third party organisation showing the films as it is happening on the Club's premises. For instance, you would not be able to allow a third party organisation to hire the Club and serve alcohol to nonmembers under the argument that it is not the Club serving the alcohol since it is Club's premises which is covered by your Club Premises Certificate, not specifically the Club entity itself.

We are currently tied to a brewery through a loan but we are keen to explore the option to join the ACC/ Matthew Clark Drinks Deal. We do not have Sky at the moment but with the 33% discount this would be attractive to us and the offer of £1,000 free stock would be very helpful. We, however, cannot move suppliers whilst we have a brewery loan in place. We have read before that the ACC has a facility to loan money to Clubs to remove a brewery loan, can you confirm that you would be willing to provide us with these funds and that we could also then get the 33% off Sky and £1,000 of free stock when we join the Matthew Clark deal?

Absolutely. Any funding Approvided to a Club from the ACC, in respect of removing a brewery loan or other assistance, is completely separate to the benefits that a Club is eligible for under the Matthew Clark deal. You would be able to receive assistance from the ACC and still receive £1,000 of free stock and the 33% discount on your Sky Sports Subscription. Assistance from the ACC and the benefits from being a Matthew Clark customer are not tied in anyway and your Club is welcome to utilise the financial assistance that the ACC offers and the discounts that the Matthew Clark drinks deal offers.

CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

ACC Launches Matthew Clark Deal and a Third Off Sky

ast month the ACC announced the launch of our new Clubs Drinks Purchasing Group. We have partnered with Matthew Clark, the UK's leading wholesale supplier to Pubs and Clubs. This partnership will deliver immediate benefits to Clubs. As a special launch offer, Clubs will receive £1,000 of free stock and an ongoing 33% discount (paid directly to participating Clubs) on their Sky Sports Subscription if they agree to join the Clubs Purchasing Group and be supplied directly by Matthew Clark.

For many years Clubs have requested that the ACC to consider if it was viable to create a collective purchasing group in order to benefit from discounted pricing due to large scale purchasing. The creation of such a group has been a priority for the ACC for quite some time although it has been hampered difficulties logistical bv relating to the products that individual Clubs wish to purchase. JD Wetherspoons for example, a customer of Matthew Clark, can obtain discounted pricing since they can instantly place in each one of their establishments a line of beer. This, of course, is not a strategy that could be adapted for ACC Clubs who, rightly, wish to maintain their

independence and choose their own preferred products.

This deal therefore allows Clubs to maintain their independence whilst providing the best possible purchasing price for all Clubs. Along with the price advantage of the Clubs Drinks Purchasing Group, Clubs will also benefit from a wider range of beers, ciders, wines, spirits and soft drink products. As Matthew Clark are a national wholesaler they can source product from every brewery in the UK and Clubs can choose exactly which products they want to stock.

As a special launch offer for the ACC Matthew Clark Deal, Clubs which sign up to be supplied primarily by Matthew Clark will receive a credit of £1,000 to their Matthew Clark trading account. Clubs with Sky will also automatically benefit from a 33% discount that will be paid directly by the ACC to each participating Club. This generous offer will also be available to Clubs wishing to sign up to Sky.

Further details are included on pages 8 and 9 of this month's Magazine. You can also contact the ACC directly if you have any questions or email Matthew Clark at toryclubs@matthewclark. co.uk to arrange a visit from a local Matthew Clark Rep.

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Premier League Fixtures for August and September announced

The Premier League fixtures selected for live TV broadcast in the United Kingdom in August and September 2018 have been announced.

Friday, 10 August

20:00 Man Utd v Leicester (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 11 August 12:30 Newcastle v Spurs (Sky Sports) 17:30 Wolves v Everton (BT Sport)

Sunday, 12 August

13:30 Liverpool v West Ham (Sky Sports)
13:30 Southampton v Burnley*
* Club agreement further to Burnley's possible participation in the UEFA Europa League the preceding Thursday
16:00 Arsenal v Man City (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 18 August

12:30 Cardiff v Newcastle (Sky Sports) 17:30 Chelsea v Arsenal (BT Sport)

Sunday, 19 August 13:30 Man City v Huddersfield (Sky Sports) 16:00 Brighton v Man Utd (Sky Sports)

Monday, 20 August 20:00 Crystal Palace v Liverpool (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 25 August 12:30 Wolves v Man City (Sky Sports) 17:30 Liverpool v Brighton (BT Sport)

Sunday, 26 August 13:30 Watford v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports) 16:00 Newcastle v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

Monday, 27 August 20:00 Man Utd v Spurs (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 1 September 12:30 Leicester v Liverpool (Sky Sports) 17:30 Man City v Newcastle (BT Sport)

Sunday, 2 September 13:30 Cardiff v Arsenal (Sky Sports) 16:00 Watford v Spurs (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 15 September 12:30 Spurs v Liverpool (Sky Sports) 17:30 Watford v Man Utd (BT Sport)

Sunday, 16 September 13:30 Wolves v Burnley (Sky Sports) 16:00 Everton v West Ham (Sky Sports)

Monday, 17 September 20:00 Southampton v Brighton (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 22 September 12:30 Fulham v Watford (Sky Sports) 17:30 Brighton v Spurs (BT Sport)

Sunday, 23 September 13:30 West Ham v Chelsea (Sky Sports) 16:00 Arsenal v Everton (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 29 September 12:30 West Ham v Man Utd (BT Sport) 17:30 Chelsea v Liverpool (BT Sport)

Sunday, 30 September 16:00 Cardiff v Burnley (Sky Sports)

Monday, 1 October 20:00 AFC Bournemouth v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports) As we come to the end of the first month of our new Matthew Clark / ACC partnership, we're only hearing good things and that a lot of you that have already made contact with your local Matthew Clark representative. For those of you that haven't...what are you waiting for?

Give them a call on **0844 822 3910** or email **toryclubs@matthewclark.co.uk**

A massive shout-out to Norwester Conservative Club in Bristol, who were the first Club to make the switch to Matthew Clark. Martin at the Club will be switching full supply over from St Austell and Tolchards and is will be working with Wadworth, the 143 year old brewery based in Devizes, Wiltshire. The club are excited to work with one supplier and making the most of Matthew Clark as a one-stop-shop.

If you need a reminder of all of the support available from the ACC and Matthew Clark, take a look overleaf...





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However, we don't want to stop there...we want to work with you on an ongoing basis and add value to your club, with **bespoke marketing support**, **staff training**, liaising with brand owners, designing your drinks menus and advising on product ranges.

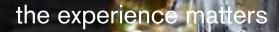
And if all of that isn't enough, you'll receive a **MASSIVE £1,000** worth of free stock once you've spent £10,000 with us as well as a 33% contribution to your Sky bill.

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Call **0844 822 3910** or email **toryclubs@matthewclark.co.uk** and your local account manager will be in touch to arrange an appointment.

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*Matthew Clark must be the Club's main supplier and have a significant proportion of supply



Acomb & District Conservative Clu

A fter several successful years and with an increasing membership, Acomb & District Conservative Club, Yorkshire, took a decision to refurbish the Club, making it lighter, brighter and more attractive to newer clientele. "Acomb Con Club", as it is fondly referred to, is currently enjoying an enviable winning combination of an enthusiastic committee and the dedicated stewardship of Shane Winship and Kim Parker. The resulting improvement in business has given financial stability and



The old lounge.



The old lounge.



The old bar.

the chance to make long overdue improvements.

The committee searched around for a competent, professional organisation to look after the modernising upgrade and found the answer virtually on the doorstep. Nearby Bishopthorpe Social Club had recently contracted with Sheffield based Whitehead Commercial Interiors and when we went to look, we were bowled over with the result. Everyone connected with the project at Bishopthorpe Social Club spoke highly of the dedication and professionalism of Whiteheads and we were delighted with how effective their concert room had been transformed. After a presentation of proposals at a Special General Meeting of Acomb & District Conservative Club, their committee were given a mandate to go ahead with the large project.

New tables giving more room for social events and new comfortable chairs were chosen with modern fabrics and their colours co-ordinated into the new modern floor carpeting. Club Chairman David Lane said "the new interior will make it a much more enjoyable experience for the snooker, dominoes and darts teams as well as the for the many social events that the Club holds".

Work on the extensive refurbishment of the bar and large lounge was completed in just two weeks by the very professional refurbishment team with new seating and tables and colourthemed decoration involving wallpaper, seating fabrics, wall paint and carpet giving the area a warm, modern and, most importantly, welcoming finish. A new specially designed dance floor has been introduced to assist with



The new lounge and bar.

Club fuctions. Existing lighting has been replaced by LED fittings that enhance the mood of the Club and reduce running costs.

Full, whisper-quiet airconditioning has been added to the lounge and snooker room and a larger gas boiler has been installed for the comfort of the Club's Members and guests. A new high definition television gives potential for great viewing of major events, including the World Cup which has recently being enjoyed by the



The old bar.

b Completes Major Refurbishment

monthly prize quiz -usually on

the first Friday of the month. A continuously changing range of

guest beers alongside the current range of staple beers and ciders

make a visit to Acomb Con Club

if they are in the area and hopes

to continue the increase of new Members that the Club has enjoyed

refurbishment

was

The Club welcomes any IA Ticket Holder to visit the Club

worthwhile.

since the

completed.



Club's Members. In keeping with modern trends, a new Gin Corner

has been introduced with a selection of flavoured and artisan liquors.

The Club notes that Rhubarb and Ginger have been very popular

Ongoing and regular activities at

the Club include social events such

as barbecues, music nights, snooker league, ladies darts, dances,

dominoes, and large prize bingo nights as well as a flourishing art

group. Not to be missed is Kirsty's

flavoured gin additions.



The new lounge.



The new bar.



The new lounge.



The new bar.

ACC Services

Loans

Loans can be arranged from as little as £1,000 to £500,000. We provide loans at competitive simple interest rates, currently 4.75%, and all loans commence with a three year period of fixed interest. Loans are repaid over a term to be agreed on an individual basis with each Club in order to create a manageable and sensible time frame for repayment.

Trusteeship

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

The ACC do not become involved with the day to day business of any Club for which we act as Trustee. The Club will continue to be able to call upon the ACC for advice on any matter without needing to make reference to our Trusteeship. We will only act on behalf of the Club in accordance with the lawful instructions of the Committee and Members. The Club Committee will therefore continue to run the Club's affairs and will only refer matters to the ACC as and when they consider it appropriate to do so

Deposit Scheme

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

Sale and Leaseback

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

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

Documentation Available Free Of Charge

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

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

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

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

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

Knighton and Clarendon Park Conservative Club Relaunches Snooker Room

The Knighton and Clarendon Park Conservative Club in Leicester held the re-opening of their renovated snooker room earlier this year. This event was in honour of Maurice Letts, a long standing Club and Committee member, who left over one million pounds to local cricket and table tennis clubs together with funds for the complete renovation of the Club's own snooker room.

Maurice lived all of his life in the Clarendon Park and he loved the community. He appreciated how important sport was to the younger generation, and toward the end of his life he started setting out how

he wanted his money to be used after his death. He hoped that his



Images From The Snooker Event.



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financial contribution to the Club would allow the Club's existing snooker room to be renovated. The Club honoured this request and arranged an re-opening snooker event in honour of Maurice.

The event was jointly hosted by The Club and LOROS (Leicester and Rutland Organisation for the Relief of Suffering). In attendance was the 2010 World Snooker Champion Stuart Bingham and Manu Tuilagi, Leicester Tiger and British Lion rugby team member. Guests were invited to

play a frame with the champion, one of which was a six year old local enthusiast who gave an excellent account of himself. The event continued with an auction of donated prizes in support of The LOROS Charity. All agreed that the evening was a complete success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the many who attended.

The Club and its Members would like to thank Maurice for his final act of kindness towards the Club and its Members.



Obituary

Susan Cosgrove

It is with deep regret St. Marychurch and Babbacombe Conservative Club Torquay announce the death of stalwart member Susan Cosgrove. Susan moved



thirty years ago. She immediately found and joined the local Conservative Club and Ward. It was not long before Susan joined the Ladies darts team which she

enjoyed immensely. Susan very quickly showed a keen interest in affairs of the Club and was elected to the committee. More recently she served as Club Treasurer which was an ideal position due to her experience working for Barclays Bank.

In 2008 Susan was elected as Secretary & Treasurer for Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council and also did an excellent job as joint conference organiser. Susan will be a hard act to follow and will be sadly missed and all of the Club's Members thoughts are with Susan's family.



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