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The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd shall be held on Saturday 2nd June 2018 at the Carlton Club, London.

Karen Bradley MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is the

ACC's President and will be in attendance at the Meeting.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting have been sent to all ACC Clubs.

Clubs wishing to attend should ensure a prompt return of the invitation since space is limited.



Karen Bradley MP.

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Great Ayton Conservative Club Honours New Life and Honorary Members

The Great Ayton Conservative, North Yorkshire, held a small awards ceremony for the Club's new Life and Honorary Members. The Club was honoured by the presence of William Hague, Baron Hague of Richmond, the Club's former MP, and his wife Fifi, together with the Club's current MP, Rishi Sunak. After introductions and a short welcome speech by Club President Ernie Taylor, William Hague presented Stephen Pine and Gavin Mowbray

with Life Membership Certificates, recognising their 40 years' continuous membership of the Club.

The attention then turned to another special guest - Mrs June Imeson OBE. June, through her service on both Parish and Hambleton Councils over many years, has always fought for the village of Great Ayton, whether it was planning treasure hunts, organising a convoy of protest to Northallerton to argue



Club President Ernie Taylor, Rishi Sunak MP, and Lord Hague, congratulating June on her recognition.



Club Member Stephen Pine receiving his Life Membership Certificate.



June Imeson with Lord Hague and her Honorary Membership Certificate.

(successfully) that Great Ayton should stay in North Yorkshire, or a host of other matters over the years. The Club's Committee felt that her service to the village and her connections to the Club, should be recognised. June was therefore presented with an Honorary Member's Certificate by William Hague, who proceeded to read aloud the citation it contained. June then thanked everyone, saying that she was honoured to be a Honorary Member of Great Ayton and District Conservative Club.

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Confidentiality of Committee Meetings

The confidentiality of committee meetings is paramount to the effective management of a club. Discussion in committee should remain confidential between committee members.

The Minutes of committee meetings should merely record the motions and amendments and decisions which are agreed and, again, remain confidential. This does not mean that there are never circumstances in which the membership ought to be informed of what takes place during committee meetings.

In all clubs there are issues which are of immediate concern to all the membership. The committee may have discussed some matter referred to it by a general meeting for consideration. In such cases, the Secretary should arrange for a suitable notice to be posted on the club notice board.

The general membership does not have a right to inspect the committee's Minutes.

However, a club's auditors will have a right to inspect the committee's Minutes in order to confirm that certain transactions have been authorised.

No member of the committee is entitled to inform anyone of the proceedings and deliberations of the committee. If a club is to be served well, then it is essential that the committee should be free to conduct their affairs in a frank and open way. Surely, few people would serve on committees if they knew that their views were

repeated outside the confines of the committee room and, as is so often the case, misinterpreted by being taken out of context and made to appear contrary to the original intentions.

Committees are therefore entitled to insist on the confidentiality of their proceedings and the right of quasi privilege in the conduct of the affairs of the club while, at the same time, keeping the members informed of matters that affect them generally, but not in respect to individual members.

Proceedings in committee are not privileged, but qualified privilege may apply where the person who makes the communication has an interest or duty, legal or moral or social, to make it to a person, or persons, having a corresponding interest or duty to receive such a communication. On the whole, the spirit of this principle has been upheld by the courts. It appears that the courts will not usually intervene in respect of domestic decisions, and cannot demand explanations. If reasons are given, however, the courts reserve the right to consider their sufficiency. It may be said that normally decisions of a committee made in accordance with the rules, and made fairly, cannot be overturned.

In conclusion, therefore, what is said in committee should not be repeated outside the confines of a committee meeting, and committee Minutes should remain confidential.

Children's Parties and Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks

The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) is an Executive Agency of the Home Office and was set up to help organisations make safer recruitment decisions. The necessity for adults supervising a children's Christmas party in a club to be CRB checked will vary depending upon who the supervisors are and what their role is. Organisations that wish to use CRB checks must comply with the CRB's code of practice and must register with the CRB.

If the supervisors are merely parents of the children in question then no checks will be required for a 'one off' event such as this. This will also be the case if volunteers are used and it will ultimately be up to the organiser of the event to be satisfied that they are all suitable to work with children. A lack of prescribed legislation emphasises

that it will be at the organiser's discretion; if they feel further checks against an individual are necessary then they should not hesitate in requiring them.

If supervisors are hired and they host this type of event for a living then they will have already had to disclose any convictions when applying for a job that involves working with children. All organisations that provide these services will require a CRB of all employees before they are allowed to work. Needless to say, it is always a good idea to request confirmation that this is the case.

Other points to be wary of will include ensuring that the building itself is suitable for the type of activity, that the numbers do not exceed the club's capacity and that there are suitable protocols in place for first aid emergencies etc.

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage Reminder

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Questions and Answers

Q We have received a letter from the Motion Picture Licensing Company suggesting that we may require a licence to use the Club's Television. Is this correct?

A What type of television channels does the Club usually show? This will be key to establishing whether a licence is technically required. News and sports channels, for example, are unlikely to require this licence.

From <https://www.morningadvertiser.co.uk/Article/2017/10/06/License-to-play-Copyright-law-explained-for-pubs>:

Indeed the Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) has begun writing to pubs offering its own annual umbrella licence, which it believes covers the rights to show about two thirds of the programmes broadcast without subscription costs on a typical evening. The MPLC covers a range of copyright holders, from film studios to TV producers, and its membership has grown from about 650 to more than 900 since last year's law change. It believes a landlord's chances of avoiding its members' output while using a television would be slim. "Such works frequently come on air, and unless there is someone actively monitoring the content that is being broadcast, they cannot be certain that unlicensed works are not being shown," says MPLC UK managing director David Taylor. "In such cases, a pub has an obligation to get an MPLC umbrella licence." A pub strictly only showing content from

news, sports and music channels would be exempt.

It is therefore not a legal requirement to hold this licence unless the Club screens a show or film which is covered by the MPLC. If you decide that the Club needs this licence, the costs for background usage of TV is £95 per year.

Q Are employees able to use the Club's Gaming Machines? We have Members who consider that it would be unfair for an employee to win a jackpot, perhaps aided by watching the machine.

A Opinion is divided on whether it is possible for a person to determine when a machine might pay out although we are aware that there is a common perception that watching machines gives rise to an unfair advantage.

Gaming machines have to adhere to strict average pay-outs and this is calculated over the course of a machine's entire life and is therefore unpredictable. It may be that a machine goes months between the jackpot being won or it may be that two jackpots occur on the same day. With the advent of extra features such as nudges and hi/lo features it is even more difficult to calculate out if a machine is about to pay out.

It is, however, preferable to avoid any possibility of an unfair advantage, real or imagined, and as such it is good practice to prohibit Club employees from using the Club's gaming machines. It also has a legal element in that only Club Members, Members' Guests

and IA Ticket Holders are able to use the Club's Gaming Machines so employees who do not fall into any of these categories are not able to use the Gaming Machines in any event.

Q We have suspended a Member for one year. They have now returned from their suspension. Do they have to wait a year from the return from suspension in order to be eligible to stand for election?

A A suspended member is still considered to be a Member of the Club and is liable to pay their subscription fee during their suspension. Once the suspension ends they can return to the Club automatically and do not need to reapply for Membership.

Whilst they cannot stand for election during their suspension, they would be able to stand for election immediately after the suspension has ended. As a Member retains their Membership during a suspension, they would therefore be considered to still have been a Member for more than the one year which is required should they be proposed and seconded for the Committee following their return from their suspension.

Q We are looking at introducing a card payment system into the Club. Do you have any providers that you recommend?

A Streamline is the ACC's recommended supplier in this area and is widely used by Clubs and Pubs - <https://www.streamline.com/>.

Alternatively, Square is a low cost payment solution that works by using a Smart phone to take payment - <https://squareup.com/gb>.

Both options are worth considering. Streamline is probably better for a Club environment although Square could be a good option to assist the Committee in judging whether or not card payments will be widely used. We use Square at the ACC for telephone payments so we can confirm the system works as advertised. We think this is an important area for Clubs to look into as people move away from using cash and we do therefore

recommend that all Clubs consider the introduction of a card payment system.

Card payment systems will almost certainly incur fees to use. These are usually a monthly fee for using the system or a per transaction fee (or a combination of both types of fees). That being said, electronic payments will reduce the amount of cash being handled which can reduce banking charges in addition to making fraud harder and removing any mistakes which occur from time to time when handling cash. Therefore, overtime the costs of the Club accepting card payments are unlikely to be significantly different than the costs of handling cash.

Q Our Club's Rules states that our AGM should take place in March. This year our Accounts are not ready in time. What should we do, hold the meeting in March without the Accounts or delay the Meeting until April?

A We accept that on occasion when the accounts are not ready that Club Committees are forced to delay the meeting. For most Clubs the publication of the Accounts and the election of the new Committee are the most important items on the AGM's agenda and as a result a small delay to allow the Accounts to be ready could be the most sensible course of action.

It is not ideal to delay the AGM but if there is no other choice then the Committee will have to make such a decision. As a result of this, we tend to recommend that Clubs consider changing their Rules to allow an AGM date in April or May since Clubs often have problems meeting a March target date.

Q We may have to invite an employee to a disciplinary meeting. Could you let us know the correct procedure to follow?

A Many Clubs find that they receive legal advice and support as part of their insurance policies so I suggest that you contact the Club's insurers to ascertain if you have such cover. If the Club does have employment coverage as part of the insurance policy then it is likely that the

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insurance company will wish to be involved with the case at the very start and that the Club will, to be covered under the terms of the policy, be required to follow the advice provided by the insurance company or their appointed legal representatives.

Customarily an employer would give an employee a written warning, a final written warning and then this would be followed by dismissal unless the Committee considers the conduct so serious as to justify immediate dismissal because of gross misconduct. If you are proposing to discipline any member of staff with any sanction other than a verbal warning, they must be informed in writing of the allegations against them, invited to a disciplinary hearing, given the right to be accompanied by a work colleague or a trade union representative and given the right to put forward representations at the disciplinary hearing before

any sanction can be imposed. The employee must be given a right to appeal any disciplinary or dismissal sanction.

When the alleged misconduct could reasonably be considered to possibly constitute gross misconduct then the Club may wish to suspend the employee on full pay whilst carrying out the investigation. The employee must be made aware of the issues that are being investigated against them and the investigation should be carried out only to establish the facts and ascertain if formal disciplinary action should be taken; do not form a conclusion as to an employee's guilt or innocence prior to the disciplinary being held. Suspensions cannot be indefinite or for protracted periods of time and therefore the investigation should be completed as soon as 'reasonably practicable'.

The ACAS Code (which we

advise Clubs to follow) requires that before dismissing for misconduct or poor performance, an employer should:

- Investigate the issues;
- Inform the employee of the issues in writing;
- Conduct a disciplinary hearing or meeting with the employee;
- Inform the employee of the decision in writing.
- Provide the employee with a right of appeal.

The Committee should also consider taking independent legal advice prior to making any decision to dismiss an employee. The Committee may also wish to consider requesting independent legal advice to assist them throughout the disciplinary procedure if they are not confident of being able to follow the proper procedure without a legal advisor attending the disciplinary meetings with them.

Club's Members. Dransfields can be reached on 0845 094 3063.

QWe are finding it difficult to recruit new members part way through the membership year as some Members of the Committee believe that new members have to pay an entire year's subscription fee even if they join part way through the year. Are we able to charge the membership fee pro rata so that new members only pay for the remaining period of the initial year? We also reward new members and their proposers and seconders with bar vouchers, is this acceptable?

AWe can confirm that it is common for Club's to charge pro rata membership fees as the year progresses. It is not sensible to charge a new member the full membership fee if they are only going to have to renew again in a few months' time.

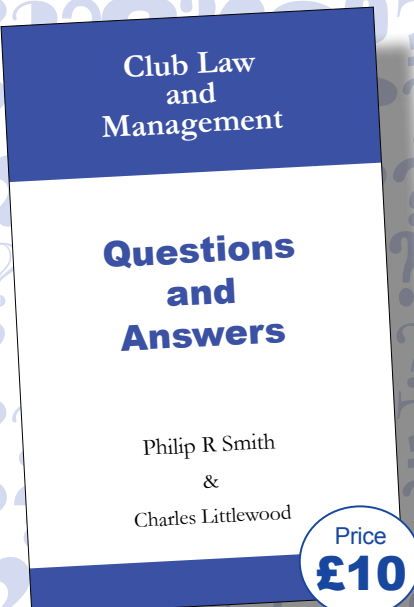
We can also confirm that a bar voucher as either a reward for existing members proposing new members or as an incentive for a new member to make early use of the Club are also common.

QThe Committee wish to implement a system where Members pay a lower price for drinks than their guests or other users of the Club (such as when a private event is being held). Can you confirm that such a pricing policy would be legal?

AWe can confirm that such a policy would be entirely appropriate. With the introduction of modern tills this business model is becoming more popular in Private Members' Clubs and provides a clear reason for guests to become Members of the Club. Depending on the till system the Club is using there are a few days that this policy can be implemented, we have certainly seen cases where an employee simply chooses 'Member' or 'Non-Member' when serving and the till then calculates the correct price based on that information. To comply with licensing legislation we would recommend that either two price lists are available or that the advertised price list is correct for Non-Members with Members being provided with a discount to the advertised prices.

QOur Club has a pull tab lottery machine which is very popular and delivers a healthy profit to the Club. We are also looking into installing a B3A gaming machine inside the Club as they are also free from taxation and we think such a machine could prove to be popular amongst our Members. There is some concern though that a B3A machine may cannibalise the sales of the pull tab lottery machine and simply split the revenue received and increase our costs. Do you know if this is ever the case?

AWhilst I do not have any statistical evidence which I can send you regarding the change of usage of pull tab machines following the introduction of a B3A, I can safely say that I have rarely been into a Club with a B3A machine which does not also have a familiar pull tab ticket vending machine in some other part of the Club. I do think that the pull tab tickets have a following from part of the membership which is not particularly interested in playing any form of gaming machine even though I accept that the B3A machine is a very simple one to use compared with the more complex B4 machine features. The ACC's Recommended Machine Supplier, Dransfields, will be able to provide you with some ideas for B3A machines which may appeal to the



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Western Area Conservative Clubs Conference Weekend 14th-15th April 2018

The Livermead House Hotel in Torquay was once again the setting for the 24th Western Area Conservative Clubs Conference weekend. Sadly Sue Cosgrove, Area, Secretary was unable to attend due to ill health.

On Friday evening, after a delicious dinner, we were kept busy with an amusing quiz devised by Nick Johnson from Bristol, with prizes for both the winners and losers. Saturday morning was taken up with a coach trip to Dartmouth. The sun shone and everyone enjoyed a leisurely time exploring the historic town. After a scenic journey back the delegates stopped for lunch at Preston Conservative Club. The coach party was warmly welcomed by all of the officers of the Club and an excellent buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday afternoon the Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council held its Annual General Meeting where all the Officers were re-elected unopposed for a further twelve months' duties. Following the AGM Lord Smith of Hindhead spoke on ACC and Club Matters, including serving on the Licensing Act Select Committee. This session is particularly popular and delegates who were joined by several representatives from local Clubs. Lord Smith answered a variety of questions.

On Saturday evening the Gala Dinner was preceded by a reception sponsored by the ACC. During this reception Anne Marie Morris MP (Newton Abbot) was introduced to delegates by Brian Tottle (Vice Chairman). After the Gala Dinner, interesting speeches were delivered by Lord Smith



Lord Smith of Hindhead, Ray Johnson, Area Chairman, Anne Marie Morris MP, Brian Tottle, Area Vice Chairman, Margaret Henderson and Jenny Povey, Conference Organisers.



and Anne Marie Morris. After the dinner entertainment was provided by singer/comedian Chris Chaplain until the early hours of the morning. During a break in the entertainment there was a very sizeable raffle with many prizes donated by suppliers and delegates.

On Sunday morning Chairman Ray Johnson closed the Conference and wished everyone a safe journey home. The conference for 2019 will be the 25th and is confirmed for April 5th -7th 2019 at The Livermead House Hotel, Torquay.



Members visiting Preston Conservative Club.

Wilmslow Conservative Club Celebrates Refurbishment

The Wilmslow Conservative Club has celebrated the completion of the Club's refurbishment effort. As part of the Committee's membership recruitment campaign it was decided that the Club's lounge, last fully redecorated 25 years ago, was looking a bit tired and it was agreed for a full refurbishment to take place.

Committee Member Brian Smith became the project manager for the refurbishment and ensured the job was completed to a full professional standard. The Club's Members are delighted with the refurbishment project and the Committee are pleased that the newly refurbished area has already been responsible for new membership applications being submitted to the Club's Committee. The Club's Committee have said that they had some reservations prior to starting the project but that in hindsight they believe the project should have been undertaken much

sooner. It is an important lesson to all Clubs on the importance of ensuring that all the Club's facilities provide a good first impression to both existing and new Members.

The Club is pleased to announce a full schedule of events in the new lounge which Members and IA Ticket Holders are welcome to attend. Each Tuesday the Club hosts a popular Jazz and Swing evening and once a month the big Club quiz on Saturday night takes place. The Committee are also pleased that the Club has increased its selection of real ales with local breweries recently featured such as: Storm Brewing, Tatton Brewery, Winkle Moberly, Dunham & Massey, Beartowns Beartskinfull, Westgate English Pale Ale, Butcombr Moxee and Draught Bass.

The ACC congratulates the Club on the success of this project and thanks Brian Smith for his hard work in ensuring the project was completed on budget.



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Tunbridge Wells Wins CAMRA Award



The Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club has won the West Kent branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) award for Club of the Year.

Club Trustee Chris Beames beamed as he said it was 'nice for the Club' to be recognised in

this manner.

The ACC congratulates the Club on this award. ACC Clubs have a growing reputation for real ale and local beers and are increasingly being recognised by CAMRA for the excellent beer offering they provide to their Members.

Mid-Devon Constitutional Club Member scoops £160,000 on Cheltenham Festival

A Member of the Mid-Devon Constitutional Club successfully won over £160,000 during the Cheltenham Festival. Martin Palk placed a £1 each way Lucky 31 bet which was successful and won him this amazing sum. Martin was worried that his last selection of the day, Missed Approach in the 5.30, would be the horse to let him down but thrillingly the horse came in first to net him the big win. Martin went for Sheltered Love in the 1.30 at 5/1, Delta Work at 9/1 in the 2.10, Penhill at 12/1 in the 3.30 feature race, The

Storyteller at 7/1 in the 4.10 and Missed Approach at 10/1 in the 5.30 race.

To celebrate his success he is taking himself and six friends to Las Vegas for a holiday after he promised them all he would if his final horse came in. Martin, aged 55 said: "It was a bit of banter, but I'm a man of my word, so the Magnificent Seven are off to the Strip. It will cost me £10,000, and I've told them they could bring their own spending money. They were all cheering, but I went as white as a sheet I just couldn't believe it



Martin and his friends celebrating his win.

Photo: Devon Online



Martin and his wife open the Champagne.

Photo: Devon Online

and still cannot. Four of the five horses I selected are trained by Willie Mullins or Gordon Elliott, and I knew Missed Approach was a stayer who would like the mud, and on Thursday the going was heavy. I put my bet on at Betfred and then went off to the Conservative Club fifty yards away. After the first four won, I came back to the bookies for the buzz. The manager Darren Newberry was outside because he knew what was on if I won the 5.30. There was a great atmosphere in the shop as my choice Missed Approach led from virtually start to finish. I'm normally quite tanned, but everyone says I went white as a sheet. Before the last race I said half-jokingly if I win I'm taking

all of us, all seven to Las Vegas for four days which of course I have honoured! I still feel numb like I am dreaming and someone will be pinching me and waking me up. As soon as the fifth horse won I rang everyone up and we went to the Conservative club to start celebrating. I was pleasantly surprised that although the drinks were on me, the bar bill was only just over £100. Next day I was at work at 5 am as usual. I had to be because everyone else had been celebrating with me – and phoned in sick!"

The ACC congratulates Martin on his incredible success although next time we want to see a higher bar tab achieved! We wish him and his friends a good time in Vegas.



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John Jenkins, Secretary – Aintree Conservative Club



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Liskeard Constitutional Club Hosts Charity Presentation

The Liskeard Constitutional Club, Cornwall, raised £3,789 during the Club's 2017 charity fundraising year.

The money was raised by a collection of events held in the Club during the year including weekly coffee morning, open days and event evening. In addition Committee Member Dave Billings has been sponsored to perform a parachute jump which is scheduled to take place during the Spring. It is hoped that this will raise further funds.

The funds were raised in order to support the Children's Hospice South West. Children's Hospice South West is a registered charity that provides palliative, respite, end of life and bereavement care for life-limited and terminally ill children and their families from the South West England region. The ACC congratulates the Club on this important fund raising effort and wishes Dave every success in his parachute jump.



Left to right: Maureen Higman (Vice President) John Scott (President) Mike Hoskin (Member) Steve Rowe (Chairman) Chris Billing (Steward) Zoe (Children's Hospice South West) Peter Downham (Treasurer) Dave Billing (Member) Jane Williams (Secretary).



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Tyldesley Conservative Club Raises £4,000 For Charity

The Members of the Tyldesley Conservative Club, Blackpool, have raised £4,000 after holding several charity fundraising events. The Club have decided to donate the funds to the Trinity Hospice. The Hospice focuses not on cure, but on improving quality of life for the patient and their family, because the stress of caring for a loved one with a terminal illness can be a heavy load indeed. They offer their services completely free of charge for as long as they are needed, whether that is weeks, months or years.

Former President of the Tyldesley Conservative Club, John Kyle, elected to support Trinity Hospice when he took up his post and organised fundraising events throughout his term, including a weekly raffle and a President's Charity Night. For his fundraising effort, John personally attended the Club each week to run the raffle.

Club Secretary Ron Bell said:

"John wanted to support Trinity, because, as with a lot of our members, the charity is one which personally resonates with him; I think we've all had a personal connection with it for one reason or another. This is probably the largest donation we've ever made to a charity and made possible because our members have been so supportive."

Receiving the donation, Trinity's Community and Corporate Fundraising Assistant, Chloe Rossall said: "We are very grateful to everyone at Tyldesley Conservative Club who has taken part in this magnificent fundraising effort, and helped reach this fantastic amount of £4,000.

"This money will help to provide the best end of life care to people across the Fylde coast."

The ACC congratulates the Club for this important fundraising effort which we know is a personal charity choice for several of the Club's Members.



Tyldesley Conservative Club President John Kyle presents a cheque for £4,000 to Community and Corporate Fundraising Assistant Chloe Rossall at Trinity Hospice.

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OBITUARY

Keith Archer, Tong Conservative Club

The Tong Conservative Club (Bradford) is sad to report the death of their longstanding Chairman, Keith Archer, who sadly passed away on 19 March 2018 after a battle with cancer. He had been a member of the Club for several decades and served as Chairman for over 10 years

until his death. He was loyal, fair, honest and well respected by Members of all ages. His family came first, but, he regarded the Club as his second home and spent many hours ensuring that it was a success and ran smoothly. He will be missed by the Club's Members.

Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From the Past we go back to June 1938 which included an advert for beer, clearly promoting the most popular beverage consumed in a Club, both then and now. It is likely that the Advertising Standards Authority these days might have something to say regarding any type of alcohol promotion which suggested that alcohol consumption might actually increase a dart player's

playing ability! Across the page is a tongue in cheek article extracted from the previous ACC Blackpool Conference. Clubs will, of course, be aware from Page 2 that the ACC's Annual General Meeting this year will be held at the Carlton Club on the 2nd of June and Clubs can request delegates tickets in the usual way. We look forward to seeing as many Clubs attending our AGM as possible.

WISDOM WHILE YOU WAIT

This leaflet was distributed at the A.C.C. Conference held in Blackpool last month and aroused much interest amongst the 1,100 delegates who attended it.

A Hint.—Take this leaflet home with you. It will be evidence—if needed—that even the beauties of Blackpool could not lure you from this wonderful Conference of Conservative Clubmen.

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A Crash!—What's Happened?—Is your Club insured for accidents happening on the premises to officials, members and visitors? The A.C.C. policy covers it for compensation claims for injury to health, or person, caused by the negligence of Committee or employees. Annual premium less than a penny a day! Particulars for the asking from the A.C.C.

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"One for the Road."—When you get home ask the Secretary if your Club is one of those which have not yet sent their customary subscription to Headquarters?

On the reverse side of the leaflet, brief biographies appeared of the principal personages on the platform.

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Observe the skill with which he'll aim
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