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An impromptu visit was made by Suzy Davies AM to Ruthin Conservative Club whilst she was en-route from Wrexham to Machynlleth where she was to hold a meeting with Powys County Times to talk about her bid to be Welsh Conservative leader. She spent a little while chatting to the patrons of the Club and the President Mr David Thomas. All

the Members of the Club enjoyed her impromptu visit and hope to see her again soon.

Suzy Davies was first elected in May 2011 and was re-elected in 2016. She is currently the Shadow Secretary for Social Services, Culture, Welsh Language and the Swansea Bay City Deal. She also serves as a Commissioner for the National Assembly.



Suzy Davies AM and David Thomas.

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Newport & District Conservative Club Installs Defibrillator

The Newport & District Conservative Club, on the Isle of Wight, has successfully fundraised and received donations from two Members in order to install a defibrillator on an external wall of the Club. This means that it can be used by any member of the Club's local community should the need arise.

Diane Boughen, the Club's Chairman said "We on the Committee had been considering holding fundraising events with a view to buying a defibrillator after someone collapsed nearby. Fortunately for us, two of our members, Ginny & Barry Taylor, offered to provide the funds which enabled us to bring the device into availability sooner than expected. On behalf of the committee and membership I offer our grateful thanks to them both".

Club Member Barry Taylor said "Whilst we would like to think it won't ever be needed we are aware there have been incidents nearby. The device is registered with the local Ambulance Service via the NHS Trust and, should an incident occur within 200 metres, a caller can be directed to collect it. There are often incidents in the nearby town centre where a defibrillator may help save a life. Ginny and I



Left to right: Barry & Ginny Taylor with Diane Boughen, Chairman, along with the newly installed Defibrillator.

decided such a thing would be a fitting and practical memorial to our family members and friends now departed". Speaking on behalf of his wife as well Barry said,

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Matthew Clark Update

Regular readers of the Magazine will know that the ACC has entered into a partnership with Matthew Clark and already many ACC Clubs are benefiting from Matthew Clark's low pricing, alongside offers such as an introductory £1,000 of free stock and 33% of a Club's Sky Sports Subscription.

A question was raised regarding the maintenance and cellar breakdown coverage of a Club's bar equipment if they purchased through Matthew Clark instead of through their brewery. Matthew Clark has confirmed that it will

not make any difference simply because a Club purchases through Matthew Clark instead of direct from a brewery.

The same rules apply to Clubs purchasing through Matthew Clark as if the Club was with one or more brewers. Matthew Clark is a partner supplier to all the major brewers so cellar breakdown service for Matthew Clark supplied accounts is the same.

Matthew Clark commented: "The reality of the trade these days is that brewers have contracted out anything that isn't sales and

marketing of their brands to thirds parties. So as an example - if a Club had a problem with their John Smith's not pouring - they would report it to HUK in the normal way, an Innserv technician would arrive to fix it - he wouldn't know or care about whether the product is supplied from HUK direct or through Matthew Clark, just that a HUK product needs fixing and the bill is sent to HUK. In terms of the wider equipment within the cellar such as the python, coolers, boards and buoys etc. The majority brewer is responsible for this; this is measured in terms of heads on

the bar. Again utilising MC makes no difference to this rule. If a Club was using 60% Coors and 40% HUK brands but buying it all from MC. Coors would still be the majority brewer and therefore responsible for it. In short - the brand owner remains responsible for their brands, no matter who you buy it from. "

We hope this information is of assistance to Clubs who are thinking about purchasing their bar products through Matthew Clark. If any Club has any questions about the ACC Matthew Clark deal then please let us know.

Motion Picture Licencing Company – Has Your Club Mistakenly Purchased a Licence?

We have previously published information about the Motion Picture Licencing Company (MPLC). The advice we have provided, and which is correct, states the following:

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.

the Club which is not correct, programmes such as BBC News or Sky Sports Premier League Games do not require a MPLC licence.

We raised this directly with the MPLC and they replied as follows:

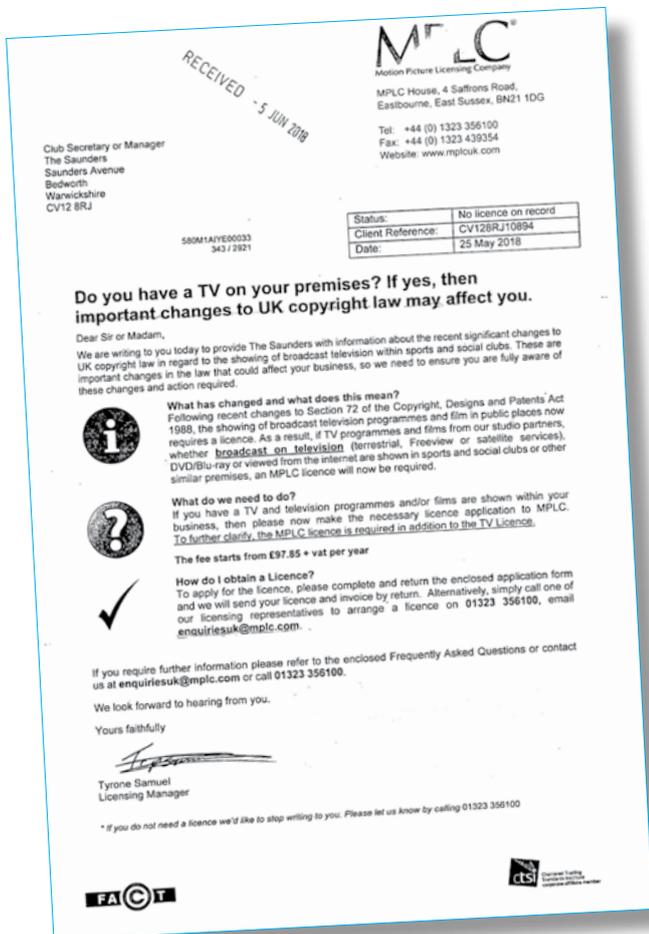
The MPLC Licence does apply to films and television programmes. So, if you show films or TV shows in your club then a licence is required. This also applies to any televisions in staff areas, breakrooms etc.

The MPLC licence fee does not apply if the television only shows sport (for example Sky or BT Sport) or rolling news (such as BBC News Channel, Sky News). To prevent liability for the fee you must have a mechanism in place to ensure

We have, however, received information that the MPLC is sending Clubs letters, such as the one pictured, which states the following information:

'If you have a TV and television programmes and/or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.'

This implies that Clubs require a MPLC licence for any television programme which is shown in



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that if you are only showing live sport or news only, no films or TV programmes are inadvertently shown to the public. An example would be live broadcast of football or tennis on terrestrial TV, the broadcast ending and the television showing a TV programme or film after the sport. A procedure must be in place to ensure the TV is switched off after the live sport content has ended.

As with Sky and BT, MPLC carry out checks that pubs, bars and clubs are not showing their products illegally, so if you chose not to apply for an MPLC Licence then you need to ensure that you have evidence a robust procedure is in place so that the television only shows sport or news, which are not covered by this licence.

Tyrone Samuel
Licensing Manager

We hoped that this acceptance that the information that the MPLC are providing is incorrect would limit further attempts to convince Clubs that they require an MPLC licence when they do not legally require one. We were therefore disappointed to hear more reports of emails and phone calls being directed to Clubs by the MPLC using hard sales tactics and not being open about when an MPLC licence is required and when it is not required. An example of such an email from the MPLC to a Club is below:

From: JGane@mplc.com
<JGane@mplc.com>
Sent: 09 August 2018 12:18
To: JGane@mplc.com
Subject: MPLC Copyright Licensing - Public Performance of Copyrighted Material within your business

We have now sent you three requests for a response.

Whilst we trust nothing other than the urgency of other business has prevented a response, there is still an obligation and legal requirement to ensure our members rights are observed. As such, I do now need to press you for a response regarding a licence application.

MPLC and its studio licensors await your response.

Kind regards

Jennifer Gane
Licensing Representative

To clarify, Clubs are **not required** to respond to the MPLC. Clubs only need to communicate with the MPLC if they consider that they require an MPLC Licence. We were disappointed that the MPLC would place such pressure on a Club to reply when there is no requirement for a Club to enter into a dialogue with the MPLC. We raised our concerns directly with the MPLC:

Dear Mr Samuel,

I am very disappointed to have to write to you once again but we consider the email below to one of our Member Clubs to be completely disgraceful. In our previous conversation you objected to the use of the word "harassment" but I really see no other choice than to classify these continual threatening messages to our Member Clubs as "harassment".

Our Member Clubs have no legal obligation to respond to you or to enter into a dialogue with you. If our Member Clubs choose not to correspond with you and not to purchase a MPLC licence then this is their right. If you consider that they are violating your copyright then you can pursue them through the proper legal routes. You will, of course, have to show evidence of such a breach of copyright to be successful and I do not believe you have any such evidence against any one of our Member Clubs. The apparent lack of any such evidence of any copyright infringement by any of our Member Clubs makes your continued correspondence with them all the more concerning.

In our previous conversation

you accepted that the correspondence you are sending our Member Clubs is factually inaccurate. Your correspondence, attached, states 'If you have a TV and television programmes and/or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.' As you accept in your reply to my email, also attached, sports programmes and news programmes can be lawfully shown without an MPLC licence. This is not what your correspondence with our Member Clubs states. After you were made aware of this factually inaccurate statement I am not aware that you have taken any steps to inform Clubs of the correct information.

Once again, I ask your organisation to cease and desist all further correspondence with our Member Clubs. You have already written to them informing them, albeit in a misleading manner, of the MPLC licence and no further action is required to be taken by your organisation, least of all emails such as the one below and follow up phone calls which we have been informed are also taking place.

We will now be raising your actions with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, CORCA (The Committee of Registered Clubs Associations), The All Party Parliamentary Clubs Group, and other interested parties. Since you have also mentioned that MPLC's studio licensors are awaiting a reply we will

be contacting them directly regarding the actions you are taking.

Please now refrain from entering into any further correspondence with our Member Clubs.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Littlewood
Assistant Chief Executive

The MPLC replied as follows:

Dear Mr Littlewood

Thank you for your email 14 August 2018.

Following the changes in legislation in June 2016, MPLC made every effort over several months, to ensure the law change and cost implications were handled in a very sensible and reasonable manner, so we read the tone and content of your email with some disappointment.

The law change came into place in June 2016, but MPLC placed all of our approaches to the pubs, clubs, hotels and hospitality sector in general on hold until we had the opportunity to meet with as many associations as possible, including the BBPA, ALMR, BHA and BII. You will also find many articles in the trade press in the last 2 years to ensure as many groups as possible were aware of the law change and properly informed. We are sorry we did not have the opportunity to meet with your association, but would be pleased to meet and further discuss these important changes in the law and the impact they will have on your members.

In the meantime I would advise that the demands outlined in your email are unreasonable and unnecessary. We also again do not accept your claims of harassment. The copyright owner has every right to protect its intellectual property and MPLC are obligated to ensure our studio partners rights are protected. There were some significant changes to UK copyright law that will have an impact on your members with some offering opportunity to view broadcast television within areas such as bars and lounges. It was therefore both

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reasonable and important these changes in the law and the impact were communicated to your members. We would add that until our approach your members appeared totally unaware of this law change 2 years ago and its legal implications.

In addition to our letter, the licensing team then make 3 attempts to make contact and ensure all have received the information and are fully aware of the law change and licence now required, where necessary. This is standard practice, not harassment. As with other licensing organisation, your members can make the choice to ignore our attempts to communicate with them, but it would be difficult to understand why and appear counter productive in only prolonging a process that could be quickly resolved. In your email you appear to be suggesting that only one letter should be sufficient and without a response then referred straight for legal action, where necessary. This is not a course of action MPLC or sure other licensing organisation would chose to take. We protects the rights of our licensors and take all reasonable steps to ensure those playing copyright film and television programmes from our studio partners in public are made aware of the need for a licence. They will then have full knowledge of the law together with a cost effective means of licensing.

We hope this has helped answer the concerns raised and do apologise if we have made any incorrect assumptions in our dealings to date with your members. MPLC hope we can build some bridges to create a positive working relationship with the Conservative Association and its members.

Kind regards

Tyrone Samuel
Licensing Manager

Since we considered that the MPLC had not accepted the seriousness of the situation we again replied and pressed the points on why they were targeting Clubs in such a heavy handed manner, why they were insisting that Clubs respond

to them and what they had done about the originally misleading information they had sent to Clubs. Our response is below:

Dear Mr Samuel,

Thank you for your email. We are disappointed that you have not responded to several of the points raised.

We are very concerned that you have sent incorrect and misleading information to our Member Clubs. I remind you again of the statement which you have sent:

'If you have a TV and television programmes and/or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.'

This statement is untrue and you have accepted that there are a great number of television programmes which do not require an MPLC licence, notable Sports and News programming. To our knowledge, you have not informed Clubs that you have previously provided them with misleading information (despite continuing to send unsolicited communications), nor have you provided details of how Clubs, which may have entered into a financial relationship with MPLC as a result of misleading statements, could obtain a refund. Do you intend to inform Clubs that you did make a untrue and misleading statement and do you intend to offer Clubs a full refund if they purchased a MPLC licence as a result of

this statement?

We trust you fully appreciate the seriousness of this issue and that you understand that making untrue statements in order to obtain a financial benefit is unlawful.

You seek to class your actions as legitimate attempts to communicate the change of law to our Members, however, none of your correspondence is straight forward and none of it provides a clear overview of when a Club might require an MPLC licence, or importantly, when a Club would not require an MPLC licence. From discussions with our Club Officers it would appear that MPLC has sought to complicate and cloud the issue when discussing this topic with our Members. The vast majority of Private Members' Clubs only use their televisions to show sport and news programming, which does not require an MPLC licence, yet MPLC has not made this clear. We consider that MPLC's correspondence with our Member Clubs has been entered into in bad faith and that it is designed to extract as many licence applications as possible irrespective of whether the Club making the licence application actually requires one.

Finally, in addition to the misleading information you are providing, we are once again concerned at the level of correspondence you are directing at our Member Clubs. Given that you stated in your email that there have been "many articles in the trade press in the last 2 years", and that you have now used

letters, emails and phone calls to communicate with our Member Clubs, I think we are entitled to question when this campaign is scheduled to come to an end. We are also unsure why MPLC requires a response from Clubs when undertaking this information campaign. If a Club has not responded then surely this lack of response is as a result of the Club having concluded that they do not require an MPLC licence.

We remind you of MPLC's own words: 'I do now need to press you for a response regarding a licence application'. If your objective is to communicate the change of law to our Members, why do you need to press for a response regarding a licence application? You have not provided any evidence that any of our Clubs have infringed the copyright you represent but your continual correspondence and tone of this correspondence indicates that you believe that they are doing so.

We will await to hear from you regarding the steps you are taking to inform Clubs of your previous misleading statements, together with the process for Clubs to obtain a full refund in the event that they have incorrectly paid for a licence.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Littlewood
Assistant Chief Executive

As of the 30th August we have not received a response to this email. If your Club considers that MPLC provided you with incorrect information and that this resulted in your Club purchasing an unnecessary MPLC licence then please contact us and we will try and get MPLC to provide a refund. We understand that MPLC use letters, phone calls and emails to contact Clubs and we can confirm that Clubs are not obliged to enter into correspondence with the MPLC unless you consider that you are required to purchase an MPLC licence.

If any ACC Club is concerned about the contact that they have had from the MPLC please contact us. We will continue to update Clubs on the activities of the MPLC through the ACC Magazine.

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Wilmslow Conservative Club Completes Successful Refurbishment



Esther McVey MP pictured with a selection of the Club's Members.

Regulars at the Wilmslow Conservative Club will now be able to enjoy new surroundings after the Club completed its first refurbishment in more than 25 years.

Tatton MP Esther McVey cut the ribbon to mark the re-opening of the new lounge bar, before turning her hand at pulling a pint and enjoying a quick game of bowls on the green.

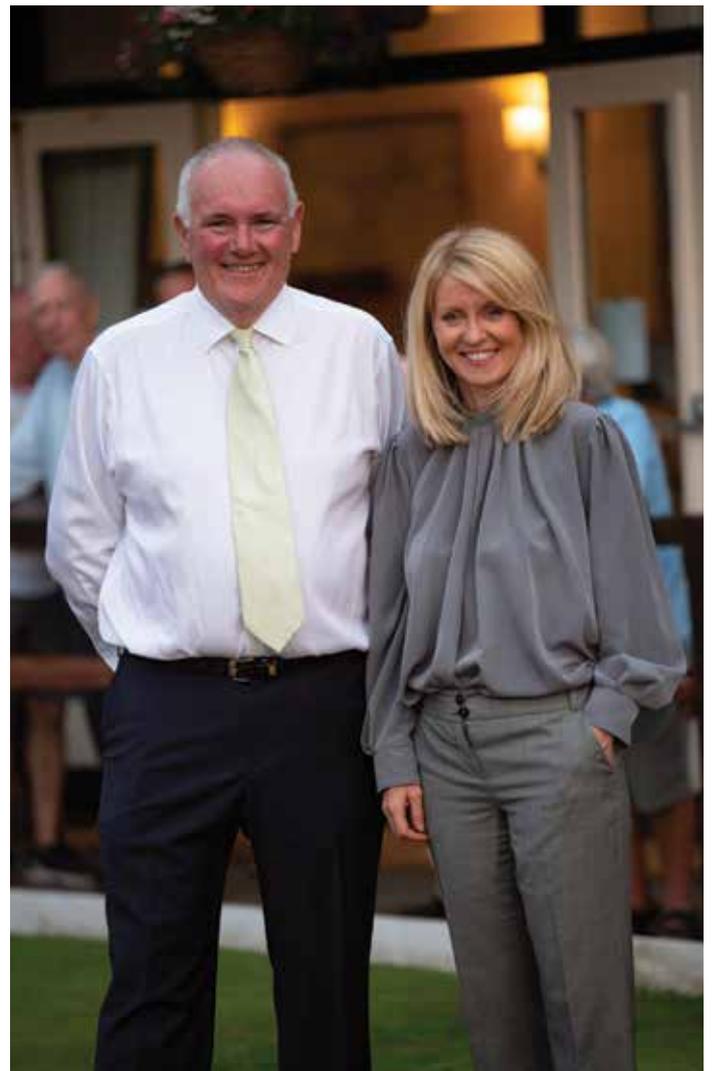
She said: "It was a fantastic evening and it was great to be able to spend time talking to everyone. This lounge holds so many memories for so many people and we look forward to creating more memories in our newly refurbished Club house for generations to come."

People were also treated to cabaret entertainment by Emma James before tucking into a buffet. The Grove Avenue site has been home to the Club since it was founded in 1924 and the current club house was built in 1992.

Club Chairman Martin Mullen said: "The turnout has been great and everyone appears to have enjoyed a lovely evening. I'm sure our newly decorated lounge bar will provide a welcome to old and new members alike".

Treasurer of the Association of Conservative Clubs and MP for Shipley Philip Davies also attended the event.

The Club also includes a bowling green and snooker room and a large function room that can be hired out.



Esther McVey MP alongside Club Chairman Martin Mullen.



Esther McVey MP.

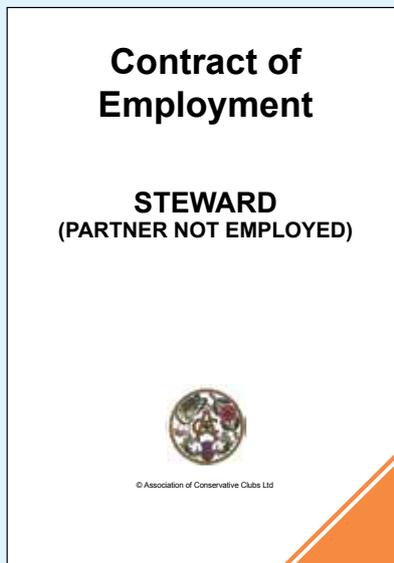
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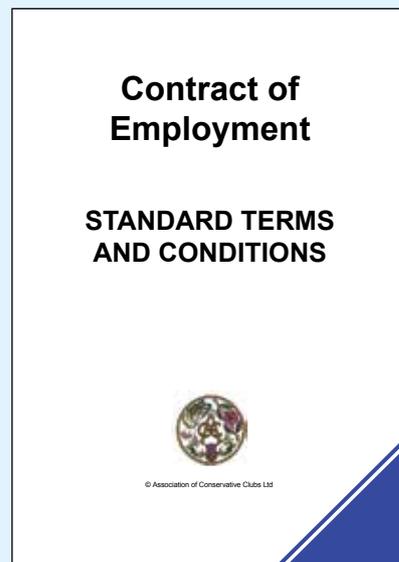
The contracts which are offered by the ACC are as follows:



Steward Contract

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

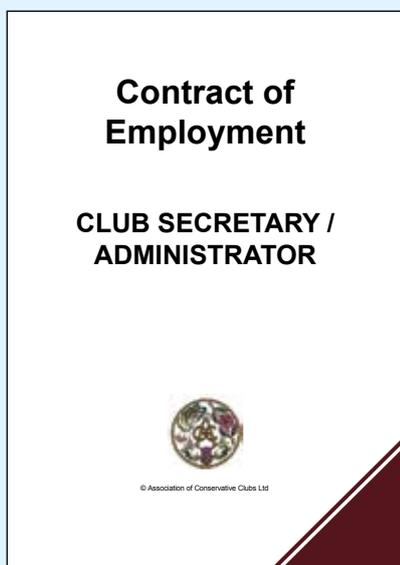
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- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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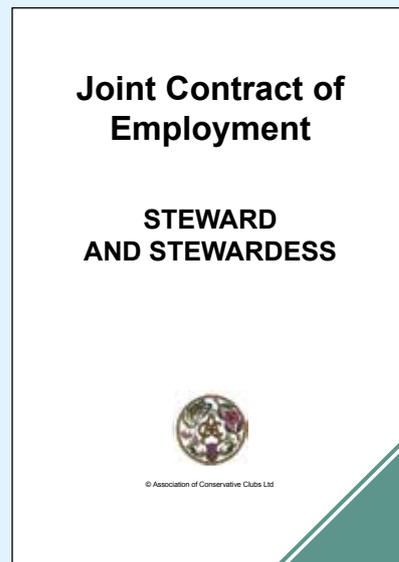
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- 2 x Bar Manager Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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

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

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Distinguished Service Award Presented to Veronica Blythe For Her Long Service at the City of Chester Conservative Club

A nonstop 90-year-old who helps to keep the Club's bar buzzing four nights a week has had her remarkable service recognised. Veronica Blythe, of Brook Lane, Chester has just celebrated her 90th birthday and 75 years of working life, since 1992 at the City of Chester Conservative Club.

Founded in 1886 the club moved to its present home on Nicholas Street in 1964. Veronica has now received a 25 year distinguished service medal to recognise her



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achievement at the club. Born in Liverpool on July 6, 1928 Veronica has been a dedicated member of society according to daughter Anne Paterson. Having her early years disrupted by World War Two, she decided to start her career at 15-years-old as a trainee nurse. She then went on to become a specialist eye nurse at St Paul's Hospital in Liverpool.

Her marriage to Edward Blythe saw her move to Chester in her late 20s and, after becoming a mother to her two children, Stephen and Anne, she decided to take up part time bar work at the Bache Hotel in Upton. This was the start of a long career in the pub trade and after eventually persuading her husband to leave Shell in 1965 she became a landlady for the first time at the Bulls Head in Ellesmere Port. Two years later they acquired the pub of their dreams and moved to the Headless Woman at Duddon near Tarporley.

Veronica had 23 very happy years there before retiring to Chester. However her retirement lasted just one week and she started

working at the Morris Dancer in Kelsall and at Chester Golf Club. In 1992 Veronica was asked if she would work at the Conservative Club in Chester which she wasn't to know would be her perfect job. Still a 'very active' member of staff she works four nights a week and provides buffets for all events.

At her 90th birthday party the club committee honoured her with the long service medal for 25 years of service. In her spare time she plays whist twice a week and is still a big part of the domino team. She is described as 'an amazing lady who has time for everyone' and has even worked in her spare time at the Hope House hospice charity shop in Chester. Club secretary Clive Bond said it was his pleasure to order the medal from the London based Association of Conservative Clubs which the club had engraved on the reverse to recognise Mrs Blythe's achievement.

He said: "We feel it is not only unusual to reach such a level of service, but for a lady of her age of 90 to still be working nearly 20 hours a week covering some

four bar shifts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4pm until 8pm each day and then on Saturday from 3pm until 9pm is quite extraordinary." He added: "She tells us she has no intention of stopping working and intends to carry on for the foreseeable future!"

The medal was presented to Veronica by club chairman Les McKenna together with treasurer John Owens-Kay.



Veronica Blythe with her Distinguished Service Award.



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Cullingworth Conservative Club Hosts Annual Garden Party

The Cullingworth Conservative Club has once again hosted its popular and free garden party for Members and their Guests. The annual garden party and free BBQ was held on Sunday 22 July in aid of Manorlands, the Club's local Sue Ryder hospice. This coincided with the opening of the new patio by the Conservative Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Zafar Ali. On the day the Club got through 270 burgers and 300 sausages.

The Club hosted stalls and also took donations from the Club's Members on the day. The total raised for this important charity on the day was £1,500.00.

The Club has a continuous programme of increasing and enhancing the Club's facilities for their members. Terry Key, Club Secretary, said: "The success of this policy is demonstrated by the fact that we have had 691 new membership applications in the

last 3 years. The latest completed project involved extensive building and groundworks in our rear garden including building a second tier to our patio, a third tier will be built

during this summer."

The ACC congratulates the Club on the opening of its new patio and the success it has had with Membership recruitment.



The Club's new patio was opened on the day by Conservative Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Zafar Ali.



Left to right: Julian Wharton (Club Chairman), The Lord Mayor of Bradford and Terry Key (Club Secretary).



The entrance to the Club: Left to right - Terry Key (Club Secretary), The Lady Mayoress, The Lord Mayor and Julian Wharton (Club Chairman).



Club Members Enjoying the Day.



Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council Summer Meeting Report

The summer meeting of The Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council was hosted by Weymouth Conservative Club. The meeting was well attended and very informative. Weymouth Club made us very welcome and provided an excellent buffet afterwards.

Chairman Ray Johnson opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and called for a minutes silence to remember Secretary Sue Cosgrove who sadly passed away on June

22nd. Ray stressed that continued support is essential to the ongoing success of The Western Area and it is always a pleasure to rekindle so many friendships. He asked for attention to be paid to the article in the July magazine regarding the Clubs' Drinks Purchasing Scheme with Mathew Clark which has been negotiated with the ACC. The gains are self explanatory with a wide and comprehensive range of Beers, Wines and Spirits available

for consideration allowing a greater freedom of choice of products. Clubs can also benefit from £1,000 of free stock for joining the deal and also 75% off their Sky Sports Subscription package.

The Delegates Club reports were very interesting and gave everyone food for thought on various matters concerning our Clubs.

Jenny Povey stood in as Secretary/Treasurer giving reports for both of these roles. She delivered a healthy report on the accounts but stressed we do not know of any surprise bills that may arise in the near future. Only time

will tell. Picking up where Sue left off is no easy task and Sue will be a hard act to follow. Delegates were asked to give some thought to finding a replacement to fill the role of Secretary/Treasurer with some urgency.

The update for Conference 2019 was given by Organiser Margaret Henderson and application forms were distributed to the Delegates. This will be held at The Livermead House Hotel, Torquay 5th - 7th April.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.50 pm and wished everyone a safe journey home.



The delegates enjoying the hospitality of Weymouth Conservative Club.

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Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back 123 years to our September 1985 edition in which Conservative Club Members were being invited to join an 'excursion' to Switzerland, with 'Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son'. The price for this holiday was £8 8 shillings which in today's money, according to the Bank of England Price Inflation calculator is just over £1,000. The article gives details of the Countries which would

be travelled through on route to Switzerland and additional excursions were being offered for the extra price of 10 shillings.

At the bottom of the page, reference is made to the ACC library which could be sent to any Club applying for a six week loan for between 24-30 books and also to 6 Clubs which had been applied for membership of the ACC at that time, 4 of which are still in existence today.

EXCURSIONS TO SWITZERLAND (STARTING EVERY FRIDAY.)

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son for a visit, under most convenient and agreeable auspices, through Belgium, Luxembourg, Alsace and Lorraine, to Switzerland.

This excursion will give our members an opportunity of seeing Lucerne and the Lake of the Four Cantons; ascending either the famous Righi or Mount Pilatus; visiting Fluelen (for Altdorf, the scene of Tell's famous feat); traversing the most interesting portion of the celebrated St. Gothard Railway; making a delightful excursion to the Alps; journeying by carriages from Goschenen, *via* the Devil's Bridge, to Andermatt and the Furka Pass; visiting the Rhone Glacier; proceeding by the Grimsel Pass to Meiringen; and thence by the Brunig Pass to Lucerne, and home. The Railway Tickets will be available for passengers to return home at a later date without extra payment.

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For Itinerary and all further information apply to the Sec., Excursion Department, A.C.C.

Library.

THE following books have been added to the Library:—

<i>Boswell</i>	- -	"Life of Dr. Johnson."
<i>Gordon</i>	- -	"Journals at Khartoum."
<i>Seeley</i>	- -	"Napoleon Buonaparte."
<i>Max O'Rell</i>	- -	"John Bull's neighbours in his true light."
<i>Foxe</i>	- -	"Book of Martyrs."
<i>Drummond</i>	- -	"Natural Law in the Spiritual World."
<i>Petrie</i>	- -	"Egyptian Tales."
<i>Gunter</i>	- -	"That Frenchman."
<i>Fouqué</i>	- -	"Undine."
<i>Maarten Maartens</i>	- -	"The Sin of Joost Aveling."

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- Blackburn: Galligreaves Hall Cons. Club, Agnes Street, Blackburn, Lancashire.
 - Brigg and District Cons. Club, Coney Court, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 - Devonport: Ford W. Men's Const. Club, 7, Kent Road, Ford, Devonport, Devon.
 - Pontypool Const. Club, Osborne Road, Pontypool, Monmouthshire.
 - St. Asaph Const. Club, St. Asaph, Flintshire.
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- Complete lists of affiliated and inter-affiliated Clubs are issued on the 1st of each month, price One Penny, and can be obtained from Club Secretaries.

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