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Maldon Constitutional Club's Easter Raffle raises £500 for Farleigh Hospice

The Maldon Constitutional Club, Essex, has raised over £500 for Farleigh Hospice by holding a Good Friday Easter Raffle.

The Farleigh Hospice provides support for people suffering from life limiting illnesses. A host of sweet treats, alcohol and even a big cuddly bear were available to win at the event, with all the proceeds going to the charity.

The Club's Committee were so pleased to see the Club's Members come together to provide prizes for the raffle and then take part to raise such a significant amount of money for the local Hospice. The cheque was presented by Club President, Brian Fisher to Sara Fisher, the

manager of Farleigh Hospice's shop in Maldon.



The Cheque Presentation by Club President Brian Fisher to Sara Fisher on behalf of Farleigh Hospice.



The raffle prizes.

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Newton Road Conservative Club Raises Funds For Local Causes

The Newton Road Conservative Club in Ipswich has held a 12 hour darts, pool and snooker marathon to raise money for the John La Vay Centre and Woolverstone Macmillan Centre at Ipswich Hospital. The total raised was £1365.80. Money was also raised from a raffle and bingo session held on the day. In the photo with the Club Darts Team are Sue Sparkes, Angie Barker, Lyn Warren, and Marilyn Bardwell who helped tremendously on the day. Louise Smith from the Ipswich Hospital recently visited the Club for the presentation of the cheques.



The Cheque Presentation Event

Longridge Organises '10 Mile 10 Pubs' Walk To Raise Funds For Charity

The Longridge Conservative Club has hosted a 10 mile, 10 pub walk, starting and finishing at the Club which is the sixth occasion this annual walk has taken place. This year the walk raised over £800 to fund research into Alzheimer's and dementia. The walk took in Alston and Grimsargh before returning to Longridge.

Organising Committee Member Annie Timbrell said the walk had become an annual fixture, but the charities changed: "We are a group of friends. It was organised by Margaret Harrison. She started doing organised walks about six years ago. She did the first one for cancer. It was so successful we've just done one every year since. A big thank you from the organisers to all the walker and those who donated during the day and the evening."

The walk is part of a general campaign in Longridge to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society by wearing denim. The Longridge

Does Denim initiative will coincide with the national Dementia Action Week which runs from May 20 - 26.

Elaine Little, of Longridge Dementia Friendly Community Steering Group, said: "It's an easy and fun way to support a great cause - just encourage everyone at your workplace to wear denim/dress down for a day during Dementia Action Week and make a donation to the Alzheimer's Society. Longridge Does Denim For Dementia is gathering pace. The cinema said they wouldn't just have a collection for the whole action week but if someone comes in denim to the cinema they would have a free cup of tea provided they put the cost of the tea in the collection box. A few places have agreed to dress their windows in denim like the RSPCA shop."

Other local organisations taking part include the town's hospital, NHS surgery and many local schools.

Caerphilly Conservative Club raise more than £1,500 for charity

The Caerphilly Conservative Club in South Wales has raised more than £1,500 at a charity fundraising event. The Club's Committee selected Prostate Cancer UK as the Club's nominated charity and held events in March to raise funds.

During the events, Welsh comedian Phil Doyle and his daughter, singer Natasha Doyle, both performed at the Club to an audience of over 150 Members and Guests. The second event organised was to watch the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament where Wales achieved a grand slam with their win over Ireland.

Organiser Pete McCarthy said: "It was terrific. It went exceptionally well. Everyone had a good time. It was good to raise awareness of prostate cancer. One of our members, Ken Green, has prostate cancer and gave a great speech. It all went down well and everyone had a good time - lots of people parted with their money.

Our target was to raise £1,000 and we were amazed that we managed to exceed it."

Also on the Saturday, Club Member Ashley Edwards, 27, dyed his beard red to raise money for the charity.

Gabriella Bailey, Interim Director of Fundraising at Prostate Cancer UK, said: "We're so grateful that Pete decided to organise this event to help raise vital funds for Prostate Cancer UK. The money raised will help us fund research for real change, from more effective testing to better treatments. Currently one man dies every 45 minutes from prostate cancer in the UK. That's more than 11,500 men a year and by 2030, prostate cancer is set to become the most commonly diagnosed cancer of all in the UK. We need to turn the game around for men and make prostate cancer a disease that the next generation of men do not fear."



The 10 Mile 10 Pubs Walk.

Photo: Longridge News



The Members attend the Club's comedy evening.

Photo: Caerphilly Observer

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

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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.

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

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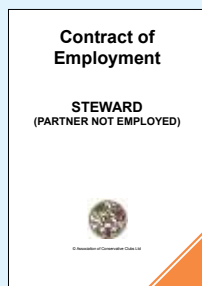
All Contract Packs now include a high quality and durable employee disciplinary and grievance policy handbook which should assist both Clubs and employees when these issues arise. Contracts for use with employees who live on the Club's premises now come with a specifically drafted Service Occupancy Agreement for the employees, and their partners if applicable, to sign in relation to their accommodation.

Our newest introduction to our contracts range is a contract of employment for use by Clubs which employ Bar Managers. We know that many Clubs employ Bar Managers as opposed to Club Stewards and we are pleased to now supply a specific contract pack for Bar Managers.

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



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CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Gaming Machines: Are you properly insured?

Many Club gaming machines are now only emptied by the gaming rental company rather than the Club themselves. This means that if collection is on a weekly or bi-weekly basis that the machines can be holding several thousand pounds each which is making them a target in Clubs.

Access to the premises might be gained by tampering with the alarm contacts when the Club is open. When employees close up for the night they may not notice that the alarm has not armed properly leaving the Club vulnerable to an undetected attack. If the alarm is not sounding to notify of a break in the thieves can spend a long period of time breaking into the machines using axes or hammers for example.

It is vital that anyone who is responsible for setting the intruder alarm when the Club is closed understands exactly how the alarm works and can recognise if

the alarm does not set properly. If they are in any doubt the premises should not be left unattended if the alarm is not fully operational otherwise any potential claim is unlikely to be paid.

Even with a fully operational alarm your Insurance policy may typically only provide cover in gaming machines to a limit of £500 per machine and £1,000 in total unless you have specifically notified your insurers and arrange for the cover to be extended.

Although the gaming machine rental company may insure the machine itself they will usually expect the Club insure the contents. Read your rental agreement to clarify your responsibility and if you have any queries please contact the gaming machine supplier along with your insurance provider.

Club Insure assisted with this article. They are the ACC's recommended Insurance providers to Clubs and can be contacted on 0844 488 9204.

What is an Inter Affiliation Ticket?

The ACC's Inter Affiliation Ticket (IA Ticket) allows any ACC Club Member to visit any other ACC Club throughout the whole of the UK and use their facilities. A person holding an IA Ticket can also bring guests with them to the ACC Club which they are visiting.

IA Tickets can be purchased from the ACC for £2 per ticket. Clubs typically sell these onto their Members at the cost price of £2 although a small mark-up is also permitted. Some Clubs choose to automatically provide Members with an IA Ticket upon payment of their Membership subscription.

IA Tickets are valid for one calendar year and Club employees should be trained to be aware of the IA Ticket Scheme. IA Tickets can be purchased from the ACC in the usual way.

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Questions and Answers

Q We are about to submit our Annual Return to the FCA* and we would like to know if you have standard answers which we can use to complete the FCA form which accompanies the Return.

A We do indeed have standard answers which Clubs can use. Clubs can consider using or amending the following standard answers when completing the new Annual Return form. The section relating to Community Benefit Societies does not need to be completed.

Bona fide co-operative society

7A.1 The Business of the Society is to run a Private Members' Club, the facilities of which are made available to the Club's Members and their guests. Members benefit from the trade of the Society by use of the Club's facilities and the enjoyment of a safe social environment with others who hold the same principles and values.

7A.2 The Members wish to have access to a Private Club which provides a safe community environment where the Members can socialise and also support the Club's Political Objects. The Club's Members elect the managing Committee and can participate in the Society's Annual General Meeting and can call Special General Meetings. The Members will undertake mutual trading with the Society and benefit from the facilities which the Society provides as well as participate in events and functions organised by the Society.

7A.3 The Club enforces disciplinary rules to ensure a safe environment is provided for all Members and also the Committee ensures that the Club's political objectives are properly promoted.

7A. 4 The Members elect a Committee according to the election rules contained within Rules 26 and 27. The Members

can remove an elected Committee using Rule 48. All Members have an equal vote and are able to qualify to stand for Office.

7A.5 Any annual surplus was utilised in the interests of the Club and in furtherance of the Club's Objects. No surplus was distributed among the members.

*** Around 50% of ACC Clubs are registered as Co-operate Societies and need to complete an FCA Annual Return each year. Clubs which have Trustees do not need to submit an Annual Return unless they are registered as Friendly Societies which is increasingly uncommon.**

Q We are looking to introduce a card machine for payment over our bar. We are concerned about the transaction fee which varies from 1.65% to 2% for low volume users. Obviously if a member takes cashback as well then the handling fee starts to affect our margins.

One solution would be to not offer cash back but we wondered whether or not the Association have considered contacting a service provider with a view to negotiating a fee across the whole Association, and therefore enable all members to benefit from lower fees.

A We do have a relationship with Streamline/Worldpay but we are aware that despite their good customer service and bar integration options aware that they are not always the cheapest option. Newer firms such as Square - <https://squareup.com/gb/> - are promising but all tend to be around the 1.75% mark for fees per transaction.

We do look at agreements which would lower the cost for all ACC Clubs although do not have any specific agreements in place at the moment. Since ACC Clubs are always run at a local level by

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Club Committees we can present an option to Clubs, such as our popular Matthew Clark deal, to consider but ultimately Clubs have to make their own decisions. This is not a problem for us but does mean we are limited by the type of deals we can strike with merchants since the most attractive deal for a merchant would be if we could promise that all ACC Clubs would use their system which is not a type of agreement we would be willing to enter into.

QI am a Member of my local Conservative Club and have a number of questions I would like my Club's Committee to answer. Some of them are financial in basis but others revolve around individual Committee Members. Is my Club's Committee obliged to answer my questions or can I use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the information I am looking for?

AA Club's Committee is only obliged to provide to the Club's Members the Minutes from the previous AGM and a copy of the Club's yearly accounts. These documents should be made available to the Members each year in advance of the Club's AGM. Whilst Members can request additional information from the Committee, the Committee is not obliged to provide the requested information. A Committee will likely review such requests on a case by case basis before deciding if to make available the requested information or not. I would imagine many of your questions regarding the Club's finances would be answered by reviewing the Club's published accounts for the 2018 financial year.

The Freedom of Information Act only applies to Public Organisations, and Private Clubs are not included within this category. This information is stated on the official page regarding Freedom of Information requests - <https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request> - The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives you the right to access recorded information held by public sector organisations.

I can also confirm that Committee Minutes are considered confidential and

cannot be released to Members unless the Committee specifically authorises such a release. Without a specific Committee decision to release the Minutes they are not available for view or inspection by Club Members.

Members who have an interest in the management and running of the Club are always encouraged to stand for election to the Club's Committee where they can play an active role in the Club's management and decision making process.

QHistorically our employees have been allowed to have the occasional alcoholic drink whilst working. Most of the time this is fine although there have been a few occasions when arguably an employee has had too many drinks and this affects their job performance. Do you have any advice regarding how many drinks an employee can be permitted to have each shift?

AI think the Committee must give consideration to removing the right for employees to drink whilst on duty.

Your employees have a legal obligation not to serve anyone who is intoxicated, in addition to other requirements such as not serving people who are underage. I am not convinced that an employee who themselves is under the influence of alcohol is best placed to make decisions about the sobriety of the people they are serving. I also think if the Club ever has any problems with your licensing authority that it will not do you any favours if you have to admit that it is Club policy to allow your employees to drink whilst on duty. If a difficult situation arises at the Club and medical attention needs to be sought or a disruptive customer that needs to be handled I once again think that your employees are better placed to handle such incidents if they themselves are sober. Finally, if employees are allowed to drink on duty it also raises questions about whether each drink is being properly paid for by the employee (and whether indeed your employees are legally allowed to purchase alcohol from the Club, if you hold a Club Premises Certificate then the Club can only sell alcohol to Members, Members' guests and IA Ticket Holders).

This is, of course, a matter that

the Committee will have to make an ultimate decision about. In regards to your specific question I am simply not sure there is a prescribed limit which I would be comfortable advising you to allow your employees to drink to. I also think that a firm 'no drinking on duty' is easier to enforce than 'You're allowed one/two drinks' whilst on duty.

QWe have entered into a five year lease agreement but whilst the equipment has been delivered the expected maintenance and support has failed to materialise. When we reviewed the contract in order to complain we found that the actual contract was with a finance company and not with the company which offered us the equipment and ongoing maintenance and associated services. It also appears that we can also not terminate the agreement without paying a large penalty fee.

AUnfortunately, what you have described is a very common problem for Clubs and one of the reasons we advise Clubs never to enter into lease agreements or, if absolutely necessary, to ensure that they are not lengthy (two years or less) and that the Committee understand the termination procedure and requirements. On a fundamental basis, it is always important for any Club to fully read a contract before signing and to question any aspects of the contract which are unclear or unmentioned. For instance, if you have been verbally told an assurance or anything crucial to the Committee agreeing to a contract but this does not clearly appear in the final contract you

are provided you must check this and have it put into the contract before signing. It is, sadly, very common that a company promises a Club lots of benefits which never materialise but invariably few of these promises are actually included in the actual contract signed by the Club.

Nevertheless, if you can forward to us the contract you have signed will review the contract and advise of the Club's rights. Our fear is that the contract will be fairly barebones in respect of what the company you dealt with verbally promised you and will primarily deal with the equipment you were offered and not the ongoing service aspect. This is further complicated by your situation (which is common) in that the contract you have signed is not with the equipment supplier but rather with the finance company. Any service related problems which you raise may be refused by the finance company as they can just claim that they are simply handling the finance of the equipment and are not responsible for the maintenance and ongoing service aspects of the equipment. However, once we have sight of the contract we will be better able to advise you of what options are available to the Committee in respect of this situation.

As a general note to all Clubs we always advise being very cautious before entering into an agreement, ensuring that you carefully read the entire agreement before signing and are aware if the agreement is with an intermediary rather than the company you have been dealing with directly. It is always worth taking a bit of extra time to understand the agreement before signing it and Clubs are always welcome to forward a

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copy of the proposed contract to the ACC to obtain our comments prior to signing it.

Q What should the Club be doing to prevent customers from drink driving? Should employees actively prevent a customer from driving if they think they have had too many drinks?

A If a Member of your bar staff believes that a Member intends to drive home then I would suggest that they stop serving them prior to them reaching the legal limit for driving. Obviously, in the real world it is not always known if a Member intends to drive home but from a theoretical question point of view, I would suggest that you do not serve anyone who is nearing the limit who you know will be driving home.

The Committee can also use the Club's disciplinary procedure to suspend or expel a Member who has been found guilty of drink driving.

I suggest that you actively promote the drink drive limit and that when it is known that a person is intending to drive home to avoid serving them drinks which would place them over the limit. Alternatively, since I acknowledge that that policy requires some knowledge that the bar staff may not possess at the time a drinks order is made, you may wish to encourage your bar staff to offer to phone a taxi for a person who they believe to be intoxicated so that they do drive themselves home.

Ultimately persons who are intending to drive home should avoid drinking. There is a legal limit to which a person can drink and drive home legally but it is almost impossible to accurately

calculate since it depends on a host of factors such as a person's weight, age, sex and metabolism along with the type of alcohol being drunk and what food has recently been consumed. It can therefore be easier and wiser to simply promote a policy of 'when driving, do not drink'.

Q Our Club is unincorporated and the Committee wish to propose the possibility of transferring the Trustee responsibilities to the ACC as we are finding it increasingly difficult to find members who are willing to take on this important role. Could you please confirm how such a change would work in practice and why it would be beneficial to the club?

A This transfer of Trusteeship has increasingly become popular amongst unincorporated clubs such as yours as 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 and once elected will act as the club's Trustees on a permanent continuous basis, thereby also saving the club future legal costs since Trustees will not be changed by re-election as they are now. 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. This Association will not be involved in the day-to-day business of the club and will be subject to the lawful instructions of the committee in respect of its role as the club's Trustee in exactly the same way as the existing Trustees.

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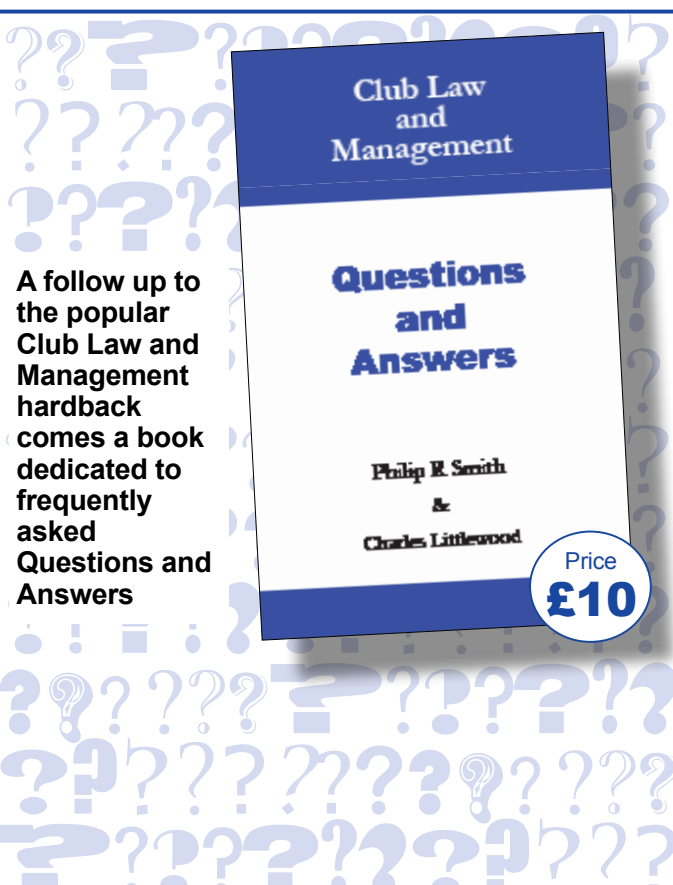


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Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council Conference Report 2019

The Western Area Conservative Clubs' Council's 25th Annual Conference Weekend was celebrated in style at the Livermead House Hotel in Torquay. Unfortunately the Area's Secretary Sue Cosgrove passed away in June 2018 and was sadly missed by all. A minutes silence was held at the AGM to remember her.

After a very enjoyable evening meal in the hotel restaurant on Friday a fun quiz was held to begin the weekend. After this, a very large luxury hamper, sponsored by Brian Tottle and Jenny Povey was raffled to raise funds. On Saturday



morning a coach trip to Trago Mills Shopping Complex was followed by a visit to Preston Conservative Club. The Club Committee and Staff made all the attendees feel extremely welcome and the Club's Chef provided everyone with a fantastic buffet meal. The Saturday afternoon was taken up with the Area's AGM and with the election of Officers for the year. This was followed by an update on Club matters by ACC Chief Executive Lord Smith which was followed by an informative question and answer session. Philip congratulated the Western Area on holding their 25th Weekend Conference and said he has attended every single one. A warm welcome was extended to Welly Woodward of K and M Club Refurbishment Ltd which is the successor to former ACC Recommended Suppliers Harris Brothers.

On Saturday evening a drinks reception was sponsored by the ACC and was enjoyed by all attendees who were also entertained by a world famous close up magician. Once seated for dinner, everyone was amazed at the way the restaurant had been



decorated, including table favours, by Jenny Povey and Margaret Henderson, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the WACCC. Miniatures were also supplied by ACC Recommended Drinks Supplier Mathew Clark for the guests to enjoy. Very informative speeches were delivered by Lord Smith, Neil Parish MP and Kevin Foster MP.

Following the dinner entertainment was supplied by

Debbie Farrell. During the break the Grand Raffle took place with many prizes donated by Delegates, Clubs and Suppliers. On Sunday morning presentations were given by Dransfields, Mathew Clark and Club Insure. Chairman Brian Tottle thanked everyone for attending, wished them a safe journey home and closed the conference. The 2020 event will again be held at the Livermead House Hotel April 17th – 19th.



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Northern Area Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Area Conservative Clubs was held at the West End Conservative Club in Sunderland on the 27th March. This well attended meeting with Representatives from a significant number of Clubs within the Northern Area was chaired by Area Chairman Bill Newall.

Bill Newall opened the meeting gave a report on the Area's activities and thanked the Vice Chairmen of the different sub regions of the Northern Area. The accounts were presented and approved by Area Treasurer Mr Keith Bibby and a report was given by Area Secretary Mr. John Dinsdale. At the meeting John Dinsdale announced his retirement from the role of Area Secretary and he was elected with acclimation to the role of Area President. Bill Newall thanked him for his many years of hard worked and congratulated him on his election to the position of Area President.

The ACC's Assistant Chief Executive Charles Littlewood was present at the meeting and updated the meeting on ACC activities and current and ongoing legal matters concerning the management of Clubs.

Charles Littlewood was delighted to be asked to present



The Cup Winners with Area Chairman Bill Newell.

the Area's Sporting Trophies which included the Fanthorpe Trophy, the Bransome Trophy, the Earl of Stockton Golf Trophy and the Lord Smith of Hindhead Bowling Challenge Cup. The winning Clubs were presented with both the Cups and prize cheques.

Following the Meeting, Representatives enjoyed an excellent buffet supper and enjoyed the Club's facilities.



Club Representatives at the AGM.

Bitterne Conservative Club Charity Presentation Event

The Bitterne Conservative Club, Hampshire, has presented cheques totalling £4000 to their two adopted charities for 2018. £2000 was given to RNLI Calshot Branch and another £2000 was given to Southampton Foster Carers Association from fund-raising events held during 2018. A further £2777 had already been donated earlier in the year to Macmillan Cancer Support from monies raised at the Club's Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Representatives from the RNLI Calshot Branch and Southampton Foster Carers Association received

their cheques from Club President Chris Mitchell, accompanied by Club members at a special evening dedicated to the presentation event.

Southampton Foster Carers Association is an independent organisation run by the city's foster carers and is a registered charity.

The association offers activities and social events for fostering families and the children in their care. It gives additional help to foster carers with monthly support groups in two regions of the city. The SFCA also provides newly approved foster carers with 'buddies' - putting them in contact

with experienced carers who can offer advice and support when needed.

The RNLI are the charity that saves lives at sea. They do this through lifeboat search and rescue, lifeguards, water safety education and flood rescue.

In the last 15 years, Bitterne

Conservative Club has donated £130,924 to charity - £68,109 to Macmillan Cancer Support and £62,815 to a variety of local charities.

The ACC congratulates Bitterne on all their fantastic charity fundraising work over the years. A phenomenal achievement.



The Newark Conservative Club are pleased to announce that they have raised £579 in aid of the popular Macmillan Coffee Morning movement. In the photo is pictured Club Member Gaye Rollitt selling hers and other Members' cakes on the coffee morning. Money was also raised by a quid and other activities taking place on the day.



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Woodhill Spa Teams up With Lions For Charity Snooker Event

Woodhill Spa and District Conservative Club has raised over £200 for Charity by holding a snooker tournament attended by the Woodhill Spa Lions Club. The funds raised were donated to the Lions' Charity Fund.

Each Member of the Lion's Snooker Club who participated was paired with a member of the Conservative club and the tournament took place on a knockout basis.

The tournament runners up were Colin Graby from the Club Lion Member Caroline Chapman. Both the winners and the runners-up received trophies, which had been donated by the Lions club and manufactured locally.

A total of £200 was raised for charity and everyone who attended the day enjoyed themselves. The Club are hoping to hold another tournament next year.



Picture From The Day.

Photos: Horncastle News

Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past feature we go back to June 1919, exactly 100 years ago, which saw the ACC host its 25th Annual General Meeting on the 27th June. It is interesting to note that during the course of the meeting it was hoped to distinguish as many Distinguished Service Awards as possible with the total amount of awards to be presented totalling in excess of 2000. Over the course of the last 100 years the custom for the presentation of these awards has changed from being presented at the ACC's AGM to that of a more personal awards ceremony held at the Member's own Club.

Another sign of the times was also the apology that the ACC will not be able to provide refreshment or 'smokes' during the event but that smoking would be permitted during the concert which had been arranged to follow the business of the AGM in the evening. The Carlton Club has been home to the ACC's more recent AGMs and we are pleased to reassure attendees that we will be providing refreshments after the meeting and that the Club has a designated smoking area

outside. Due to pesky licensing regulations we are still unable to provide 'smokes' directly to attendees.

Finally, the page refers to equipment that can be purchased from the ACC which will allow Clubs to test the 'gravity'* of beer. Whilst we no longer sell such testing equipment we are pleased to confirm that employees of the ACC are always available to visit Clubs to test the Club's beer using the old fashioned, but arguably vastly superior, method of consuming the beer straight from a pint glass alongside a packet of salt and vinegar crisps.

*A beer's original gravity (OG) is a measure of the fermentable and un-fermentable substances in a beer before fermentation. Those substances are often the sugars that will be converted to alcohol during the fermentation process.

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THE A.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

Instructions to Delegates for the Conference on Friday, June 27th.

The Annual Meeting of the A.C.C. will take place at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday, June 27th. The proceedings will consist of a Conference in the afternoon and a meeting and Concert in the evening.

NOTE.—The Caxton Hall is situated in Caxton Street, and is within five minutes' walk of the Houses of Parliament. The nearest underground station is St. James's Park (one minute) and buses from the Strand to Victoria Station pass within a few yards of the Hall. Alight at Army and Navy Stores.

THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference will start at 2.30 p.m., and be continued until 5 p.m. Sir Herbert Mackworth-Praed, Bart., Chairman of the A.C.C., will preside. Each club will be invited to be represented by one delegate in addition to the Secretary, and the member awarded the A.C.C. Distinguished Service Medal.

If the medalist is unable to attend, the club can elect another delegate in his place.

The proceedings at the Conference will consist of a brief address by the Chairman on the activities of the A.C.C. since the last Annual Meeting. The Secretary will speak on "Our Clubs and their Future," and a general discussion, in which it is hoped all delegates possible will take part, will follow.

EVENING MEETING AND CONCERT.

Starting promptly at 7.30 p.m., there will be a meeting of delegates at which the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres will be the principal speaker. A Grand Concert will follow, the programme at which will be contributed to by a number of well-known artists.

The Earl of Balcarres and Crawford.

The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres needs no introduction to a gathering of Unionists. As Lord Balcarres he represented the Chorley division of Lancashire in Parliament from 1895 to 1913, and during his last two years in the Commons was Chief Unionist Whip. Premier Earl of Scotland, and when 44 years of age, he astonished the military authorities at Aldershot at the outbreak of war by presenting himself at the dépôt of the R.A.M.C., requesting to be enlisted as a private "for the duration." His desire was complied with, and, donning khaki, he duly took his place and served with other recruits. In 1916 Lord Crawford's military career was interrupted, and he was appointed President of the Board of Agriculture. He has lived and worked in the East End of London, and is thoroughly familiar with working-class problems.

DISTRIBUTION OF A.C.C. MEDALS.

Owing to the large number of Distinguished Service Medals to be conferred, it is proposed to distribute as many as possible at the Conference in the afternoon, so as to leave as much time as possible for the speeches and Concert in the evening. The Governing Body therefore hope that as many medalists as possible will be present

at the earlier gathering. The Distinguished Service Certificates and extra-bars, which together will exceed 2,000, will be forwarded to clubs by post after the annual meeting.

It was found impossible to secure a larger hall for the Conference and Concert, the Portman Rooms—the scene of many memorable gatherings of the A.C.C.—being still in the occupation of the military authorities. The Governing Body therefore had, regretfully, to limit the number of invitations.

It is particularly requested that, owing to the limited accommodation, only those tickets should be applied for which will be used, and that should it subsequently be found that any delegate is unable to attend, intimation should at once be sent to the Secretary of the A.C.C.

Invitations for the Conference and Concert should reach clubs in the course of a few days. All applications for tickets must be forwarded to the Secretary A.C.C., 1, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W., not later than Thursday, June 19th. As announced in the May issue of the C.C.G., it will be impossible on this occasion to supply either refreshments or smokes at the evening gathering, but smoking will be permitted during the concert.

The proceedings both at the Conference and Concert are likely to be of exceptional interest and importance, so the Governing Body are particularly desirous that every club shall make a special effort to be represented. Admission to either will be by ticket only.

WAR TROPHIES FOR CLUBS.

Here is a chance for Clubs to win two interesting mementoes of the Great War. The A.C.C. has obtained, through Sir Theodore Chambers, two 18-pounder shells, which will be awarded to the Clubs which, by the end of the present year, have the best record in the matter of War Savings. Many of our Clubs are running, with great success, War Savings Associations, and the above offer should induce them to redouble their efforts, and so, at the close of 1919, secure a permanent and interesting memento of the titanic conflict.

A.C.C. STOCKTAKING DEPARTMENT.

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