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North West Conservative Clubs AGM Report

The North West Area AGM took place at the High Crompton Conservative Club in Oldham.

The meeting was preceded by an excellent buffet provided by the Club. The Club is one of the oldest in the North West having been established in 1881.

Cllr. The Chairman John Hudson welcomed delegates to the meeting and gave his annual report delivered in John's unique style. The Treasurer Jeff Simpson J.P. presented the accounts for 2018 which were accepted unanimously. All Officers were elected unopposed. President. Dame Jacqueline Foster. Vice-President. Geoffrey Knowles. OBE. Chairman. John Hudson. OBE. Treasurer. Jeff Simpson J.P. Vice Chairman. Charlie White.

The raffle and a very tuneful rendition of the National Anthem concluded the meeting.



Left to right: Charlie White, Vice Chairman, Cllr John Hudson, Chairman, Geoffrey Knowles OBE, Vice President and Jeff Simpson J.P., Treasurer.

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Message From The Prime Minister:

After the election result I went to Buckingham Palace and I pleased to confirm that I am forming a new Government and I am proud to say that members of our new one nation Government – a people's Government – will set out from constituencies that have never returned a Conservative MP for 100 years.

And yes, they will have an overwhelming mandate, from this election, to get Brexit done and we will honour that mandate by January 31.

And so, in this moment of national resolution I want to speak directly to those who made it possible and to all those who voted for us, for the first time, all those whose pencils may have wavered over the ballot and who heard the voices of their parents and their grandparents whispering anxiously in their ears.

I say thank you for the trust you have placed in us and in me and we will work round the clock to repay your trust and to deliver on your priorities with a parliament that works for you.

And then I want to speak also to those who did not vote for us or for me and who wanted and perhaps still want to remain in the EU. And I want you to know that we in this one nation Conservative Government will never ignore your good and positive feelings – of warmth and sympathy towards the other nations of Europe. Because now is the moment – precisely as we leave the EU – to let those natural feelings find renewed expression in building a new partnership, which is one of the great projects for next year.

And as we work together with the EU as friends and sovereign equals in tackling climate change and terrorism in building academic and scientific cooperation, redoubling our trading relationship, I frankly urge everyone on either side of what, after three and a half years after all has been an increasingly arid argument, I urge everyone to find closure and to let the healing begin.

Because I believe, in fact I know, because I have heard it loud and clear from every corner of the country that the overwhelming priority of the British people now is that we should focus above all on the NHS – that simple and beautiful idea that represents the best of our country with the biggest ever cash boost 50,000 more nurses, 40 new hospitals as well as providing better schools, safer streets.

And in the next few weeks and months we will be bringing forward proposals to transform this country with better infrastructure, better education, better technology. And if you ask yourselves what is this new Government going to do, what is he going to do with his extraordinary majority, I will tell you that is what we are going to do; we are going to unite and level up – unite and level up, bringing together the whole of this incredible United Kingdom England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland together – taking us forward unleashing the potential of the whole country delivering opportunity across the entire nation.

And since I know that after five weeks frankly of electioneering, this country deserves a break from wrangling, a break from politics, and a permanent break from talking about Brexit. I hope that everyone has had a Happy Christmas and will greet the New Year secure in the knowledge that here in this people's Government the work is now being stepped up to make 2020 a year of prosperity and growth and hope and to deliver a Parliament that works for the people.

Thank you all very much for your help and support during our election campaign.

Boris Johnson Prime Minister

Prime Minister

ACC Services

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

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

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

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

Sale and Leaseback

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

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Trusteeship

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

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

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

ACC Contracts of Employment

The ACC are pleased to supply a range of Employment Contracts. These contracts are designed specifically to comply with the needs of ACC Clubs and are produced to a high quality with a glossy finish. All Contracts were fully revised and updated in 2015, with minor revisions made in 2016, and are compliant with all current UK legislation. We recommend that all Clubs use our current contracts of employment for their employees.

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:





Dates For Your 2020 Diary and General Reminders

Club Secretaries will have in their minds – and hopefully in their diaries – the dates by which certain returns and applications have to be made. I hope the following check list will assist Clubs in carrying out this useful exercise.

Club Premises Certificate

Whilst there is no specific renewal date of a Club Premises Certificate it is necessary for an annual fee to be paid to the local Licensing Authority in order for the Club Premises Certificate to remain in force. Therefore, look out for any renewal invoice received from your local Licensing Authority and ensure that it is paid promptly.

Rateable Value	Band	Annual Fee
No rateable value to £4,300	А	£70
£4.300 to £33,000	В	£180
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PPL PRS Ltd is a new joint venture between the UK's two music licensing societies - PPL and PRS for Music.

Previously Clubs may have had to purchase two separate music licences, one for PRS and one for PPL. Currently in the roll out stage, eventually they

Audits

Clubs registered under the Industrial & Provident Societies Act, the Friendly Societies Acts or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act must submit an Annual Return to the Financial Conduct Authority no later than the date required under the terms of the Club's particular Rules. Failure to comply may result in prosecution. Such Clubs must also ensure the annual fee is paid, the amount of which depends upon the Club's assets.

will be combined under a single licence.

Typically, in January, fees are payable to the PRS and PPL. These payments are fixed under an Agreement with the PRS PPL and the appropriate fee for a Club is calculated according to the type of music used

Clubs which are incorporated as companies must ensure that their company returns are made to Companies House by the agreed submission date in order to avoid fines and must also ensure that their Accounts are filed.

Unincorporated Members' Clubs are not required to submit annual returns or to file Accounts with any outside body.

In addition to the above, please make a note of the date for VAT returns, insurance renewal and the Club's TV licence.

Temporary Event Notices

Clubs are able to apply for up to 15 Temporary Event Notices per calendar year. A Temporary Event Notice allows Clubs to hold events which are open to the public such as Open Days and Beer Festivals or simply private events which are not held by Members. A Member holding a private event and inviting their guests will not normally require a TEN to be obtained.

Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) Licence

Clubs may receive a letter from this Company which indicates that they are required to pay for an 'Umbrella Licence'. This is an annual licence from MPLC which allows commercial premises to broadcast copyrighted material such as film DVD's to the public.

Clubs do not need an MPLC licence to show channels such

2020 Insurance Trends

From slips and trips through to burglary and flooding, there's always a claim occurring for one of our customers. And as we head towards a brand New Year, we don't think this is going to change any time soon – but that's okay, because that's exactly what insurance is there for.

So what are our predictions as we head into 2020?

Clubs will continue to prioritise risk management

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.

You can't prevent everything. But you can give it a good go. By regularly assessing your risks and working out how you can minimise the chances of accidents and incidents, you could save your club needing to make a claim.

And claims defensibility will be a big thing

Should an accident or incident occur, clubs will rely on evidence and documentation to defend **To page 6** ►

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a claim. For example, our data show it takes an average of 76 days for a public liability claim to come in. Yet many CCTV systems record over footage after 60 days (if not sooner). Knowing how to download and securely store footage of accidents and incidents at your club will help you to defend a claim should it arise. This is just one small example of the importance of keeping documentation and knowing what regulations your club needs to meet. A risk management expert can help you with this.

• Clubs will be vigilant all year round

Our stats show there are no spikes in the number of Public Liability claims made at any point throughout the year. You might think you should be extra vigilant around winter when it comes to slips and trips, but that isn't necessarily the case. Therefore, clubs should be aiming to mitigate risk all year round. For example, don't leave it until the winter arrives to check your guttering – this should be done at least every six months. • We'll begin preparing for "new" risks

Terror attacks have been a big problem for a long time, but Terrorism Insurance cover is growing in prominence to protect businesses just like your club from damage that occurs due to a terror attack. This isn't just physical cover – if your club can't trade or you experience loss of revenue as a result of a nearby attack, you'll be covered financially.

• Cyber attacks will rise

You might think your club won't be a target, but you'd be surprised. Clubs can often be a target due to being run by part-time volunteers, who won't necessarily understand how to recognise and combat cyber-crime. Sensitive data could be compromised, and the cost of a cyber attack could run into the tens of thousands. Over the coming years, Cyber Insurance will become particularly important, ready to protect your club should an attack happen.

Make sure you're covered for all the 'what ifs' next year. Contact the ACC's Recommended Suppliers, Club Insure, for a confidential review.



Questions and Answers

QThe Committee has recently made a disciplinary decision which some Members are unhappy with. What, if anything, can the Members do to overturn the decision?

A We can confirm that under the Club's present Rules only the Committee can make or reverse disciplinary decisions. The Members cannot reverse or change a disciplinary decision, even by voting for such a specific change at a General Meeting.

Should the Members he unhappy with the Rules which that the Committee state determine disciplinary decisions, they could organise a rule change so that in future disciplinary decisions are taken by the Club's Members although it is unclear how this would work in practice (and indeed, how it would affect the present decision which was made under the Club's current rules) and if this is a sensible or desirable change. It is, however, within the gift of the Members to determine the rules relating to disciplinary matters. Any such rule change would have to follow the normal rule change procedure.

Alternatively, Members who have a strong interest in this situation could stand for election to the Committee at the next AGM. The Club's Committee can overturn previous decisions and by being on the Committee the interested Members will be able to hear all of the arguments which are made when disciplinary decisions are discussed and put forward their points of views.

Unless a revised Committee is elected that wishes to revise

this disciplinary decision or the Club's Rules are modified in some way then this disciplinary decision cannot be directly amended by the Members.

We would like to hold film nights and charge an entrance fee. Under our licence are we able to do so?

A Technically, the Club will require an additional licence/ authorisation to hold a film club and charge admission. This is more of a copyright issue than a licensing issue. Therefore whilst your Club Premises Certificate permits you to show films, you still need approval from the copyright holder to do so.

Filmbank are widely considered to be the correct organisation by which to show films in a commercial or public setting. The Club would fall into at least one of these categories. Filmbank takes care of the copyright licence for movies obtained through themselves as they liaise with the individual studios to obtain copyright permission and they cover most commercial films. Their Public Video Screening Licence will permit you to show films from their catalogue of titles for a non-paying audience, for an audience where you are charging you will likely need a slightly more expensive licence. Details are available here: https://www. filmbankmedia.com/licences/stsl/ If you wish to show a film that Filmbank does not represent then you would need to seek the copyright permission from the relevant licence holder. If you are sticking to fairly mainstream films then you are likely to be able to licence these titles through Filmbank

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Que held our AGM and the Members declined to approve the accounts although no specific reason was given apart from some Members wanting more time to review the accounts. We therefore adjourned the meeting in order to seek further advice.

A Without knowing precise information it is difficult to provide advice on what the Committee needs to do in order for the Members to approve the accounts. Would it be possible to speak to some of the Members who attended the meeting and try and ascertain the reasons why they did not approve the accounts? If it only the requirement of additional time to review the accounts then the adjournment was the right course of action to take.

I therefore suggest you recommence the AGM and ask the Members to once again approve the Club's Accounts. Hopefully if the Members have no questions, and have had a further opportunity to review the accounts, they will approve the accounts.

If the Members are not willing to approve the accounts they should provide a reason so that the Committee can address their concerns and then once again ask them to approve the accounts.

Que are wishing to take on a caterer on a franchise basis. Do you have any documents or contracts that we could use to regulate the catering franchise agreement that is reached?

Wednesday, 1 January 2020

12:30 Brighton v Chelsea (BT Sport)

Newcastle v Leicester (BT Sport)

Southampton v Spurs (BT Sport)

Watford v Wolves (BT Sport)

Thursday 2 January 2020

Saturday 11 January 2020

Friday 10 January 2020

Chelsea v Burnley

Everton v Brighton

12:30 Burnley v Aston Villa (BT Sport)

17:30 Man City v Everton (BT Sport)

20:00 Arsenal v Man Utd (BT Sport)

20:00 Liverpool v Sheff Utd (BT Sport)

20:00 Sheff Utd v West Ham (Sky Sports)

12:30 Crystal Palace v Arsenal (BT Sport)

17:30 Norwich v Crystal Palace (BT Sport)

17:30 West Ham v AFC Bournemouth (BT Sport)

Yes, we have a standard Catering Franchise Agreement which Clubs can use or adapt for their specific needs. The standard agreement includes clauses for both a percentage of the profits from the catering to be provided to the Club, a set monthly fee or both. Clubs can also adapt the document as they require. Should you require the agreement please email assistance@toryclubs.co.uk.

We have a Member who is trying to obtain signatures to call for an SGM to remove the current Committee due to a decision he does not approve of. Are there any rules or regulations relating to how a Member can gather signatures for an SGM? Does it have to be within the Club or can the signatories be gained outside the Club? We are concerned this person may harass Club Members on the street.

A There is no prescribed manner in which signatures should be obtained in view to calling a SGM. Clearly if a petition is presented to the Committee amidst allegations of harassment or intimidation in order to gain the signatures then the Committee can investigate these allegations further.

I think you simply have to wait and see if a valid petition is presented to the Committee. If a petition is presented and there are concerns then you can have a quiet word with some of the names on the petition to ensure that they did not feel intimidated into signing the petition. Assuming it is a valid petition then an SGM will have to be called as per the Club's Rules. The benefit of the doubt should be with the petition to call an SGM and unless there are serious issues which call the petition into question then the request should be granted if it is supported by sufficient signatures.

Our Licensing Officer has mentioned to us that we could consider applying for a Premises Licence. Do you have a view on this type of licence? We currently have a Club Premises Certificate. Some of our Committee Members are concerned that with a different licence we would have to operate an 'open doors' policy.

A Premises Licences is the type of licence that a pub uses and would enable the Club to sell alcohol to non-members without restriction. In general terms, a premises licence is the type of licence that a pub uses and allows alcohol to be sold to anyone. Currently your licence only allows alcohol to be sold to Members and guests.

Historically, Licensing Officers have understood Premises Licences better than Club Premises Certificates and so you will have to ensure they do not push you all the way towards a sole Premises Licence if and when you further discuss the options with them. A Club Premises Certificate has many advantages and you do not want to give these up unless necessary.

A premises licence therefore allows increased flexibility serving visitors and hosting events at the Club. As a result of this licence you would need an employee to become a Designated Premises Supervisor. This is common and all Pubs have one (usually the Manager). You would also likely face an increased corporation tax bill since you could no longer reduce it due to mutual trading. Your gaming machines would also have to be replaced with different models, typically ones with a lower jackpot although if you kept a duel licence then the Club Machines could be retained in the Club areas.

Many of our Clubs have a duel licence and this often means that the premises licence covers the function room area and the Club licence covers the Club areas. You would still be operating a Member's Club and be taking subscriptions and we would envisage the Premises Licence would simply allow you more flexibility when it comes to holding functions. It would be strange for a Members Club to operate an open doors policy since this would remove any need for the Membership aspect of the Club. It is difficult to imagine how an open door policy would work in conjunction with remaining a Membership Club and we would be surprised if the Club's Members would approve of such a wholesale change in any event. Simply by having a Premises Licence does not mean the Club has to cease to function as a Club or have an 'open doors' policy. Most Clubs which have this licence simply use it to assist them to hold frequent public and private events.

We can confirm that the Club's Members should approve any change of the Club's licence.

Premier League January Dates and Times

All times 3pm unless otherwise stated

Leicester City v Southampton Man Utd v Norwich City Wolves v Newcastle United 17:30 Spurs v Liverpool (Sky Sports)

Sunday 12 January 2020

14:00 AFC Bournemouth v Watford (Sky Sports) 16:30 Aston Villa v Man City (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 18 January 2020

12:30 Watford v Spurs (BT Sport) Arsenal v Sheffield United Brighton v Aston Villa Burnley v Leicester City Liverpool v Man Utd Man City v Crystal Palace Norwich City v AFC Bournemouth Southampton v Wolves West Ham v Everton 17:30 Newcastle v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

Sunday 19 January 2020

14:00 Burnley v Leicester (Sky Sports) 16:30 Liverpool v Man Utd (Sky Sports)

Tuesday 21 January 2020

19:30 AFC Bournemouth v Brighton
19:30 Aston Villa v Watford
19:30 Crystal Palace v Southampton
19:30 Everton v Newcastle
19:30 Sheff Utd v Man City (BT Sport)
20:15 Chelsea v Arsenal (BT Sport)

Wednesday 22 January 2020

19:30 Leicester v West Ham (BT Sport) 19:30 Spurs v Norwich 20:15 Man Utd v Burnley (BT Sport)

Thursday 23 January 2020

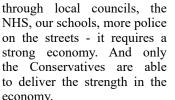
20:00 Wolves v Liverpool (BT Sport)

Chancellor Keeps His Eye On The Reds

During the Election Campaign, Chanchellor Sajid Javid visited the Peterborough Conservative Club to speak about the Conservative's commitments to public spending and Brexit.

The Chancellor met voters at the Club alongside his party's candidate for the Peterborough seat at the General Election Paul Bristow. Mr Bristow came third in a by-election in the constituency in June which was narrowly won by Labour's Lisa Forbes ahead of Mike Greene from the Brexit Party. The Chancellor said at the event: "In terms of public spending, in my first spending round which was back in September we were able to increase local authority funding across the country - including here in Peterborough - and it was one of the biggest increases in funding we've had in a decade," he said.

"The reason we were able to do that is because our economic fundamentals are strong. Ultimately, to pay for those fantastic public services that we all want to see - whether



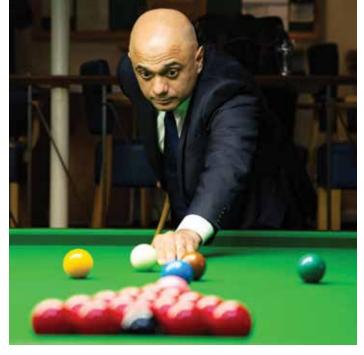
"If you look at the history

of every Labour government we've ever had, they've all finished off with an economic crisis."

After delivering his speech and meeting with the voters, the Chancellor found time to enjoy a game of snooker at the Club.



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Salisbury Conservative Club Raises Funds For Defibrillator

The Salisbury Conservative Club, Droylsden in Manchester, has raised over $\pounds 1,000$ with the aim on installing a defibrillator within the Club.

The Club's main fundraising event was preceded by a few raffles which had taken place throughout the year and had got the fundraising off to a good start. The main event was in the Club's function room and was held in late October 2019. The event was well attended and everyone who attended had a fantastic evening. Everyone was entertained all night by the fantastic band, "The Retro Knights" who very kindly performed free of charge and had everyone up and dancing.

There were lots of cash donations and raffle prizes donated by committee, staff, members, friends, family, the brewery, the local hairdressers and shops. Manchester United Football Club kindly donated a signed football. Prizes included champagne, gin, whisky, perfume, hairdryer, chocolates, prosecco, books, wine, gift sets, t-shirts, hoodies, laptop bag, beanie hat and many more. The event helped the Club exceed its target of $\pounds1,000$.

Club Secretary Nicola Stewart said the event was hard work but absolutely worth the effort. The defibrillator has now been fitted although everyone hopes it will never be needed to be used. Club Committee Members and employees have attended a CPR practice session, and received a bonus training pack, provided by the British Heart Foundation. "We raised a total of £1,049.25 - both myself and the President, Jackie, would like to thank everybody, on behalf of all the Committee, for their support and generosity in making it happen - we really couldn't have done it without them."



Evening of the Club's fundraising event.



Showing the defibrillator fitted. Left to right: Barrie Orchard, Chairman, Nicola Stewart, Secretary, and Jackie Stewart, President.



Donations being taken at the bar.



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Spalding Constitutional Club Hosts Annual MNDA Snooker Fundraiser



Champion Peter Ransome and runner-up Chris Dunmore with Nigel Brasier. Story and Picture: Spalding Today

Waterloo and Taunton Organise Brewery Tour For Club Members

The Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club, Ashton-under-Lyne, paid a visit to one of their real ale suppliers in October. Donkeystone Brewery, based in Greenfield, Saddleworth, brew a selection of pale ales and stouts and gave Club Members a full guided tour of the brewery.

Club Chairman, Leon Tamcken said 'The opportunity to visit one of our beer suppliers was fantastic, giving club members a real insight into the brewing process'



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The trip then moved onto Marsden, Huddersfield, where members visited Marsden Conservative Club where all the Members enjoyed the hospitality of the Club.

President Gary Tunstall said "Meeting with another ACC Club allows us to both share ideas and work together'. Thank you to Marsden Conservative Club President, David and his team for their hospitality. A fantastic day was had by all."



An annual charity snooker tournament took place at Spalding Constitutional Club on Saturday, raising funds and awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). The Club has become the regular host for this event and the Committee and Members are pleased to be able to support such a good cause.

MP Sir John Hayes MP was in attendance at the event, which has been running for five years and raised over £13,000 for MNDA.

The amount raised at this's event was still be calculated at the time of going to press. The driving force for the event is Donington man Nigel Brasier, who himself suffers from Motor Neurone Disease.

The Constitutional Club once again provided their premises and snooker tables free of charge and 42 players took part, with funds raised through entry fees, a raffle, donations and sponsorship. The ACC congratulates the Club on assisting such a worthy event and cause.



Sir John Hayes with the Braiser family and friends.



Photographs from the day.

Plodder Lane Conservative Club and Bitterne Conservative Club Raises Funds For Macmillan The Plodder Lane Conservative their guests who attended. The

Club has raised over £1.200 for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking part in the 2019 Coffee Morning fundraising programme. The Bitterne Conservative Club also took part in the event, raising £2,788.

The 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. People all over the UK host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. The official date was Friday 27 September but Coffee Mornings can take place throughout the year. In 2018 the mornings raised an incredible £26,914,382 and Macmillan are hoping to have topped that when the 2019 contributions are calculated.

The first ever Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, it became an permanent addition to the Macmillan fundraising programme. Since 1990, Coffee



The Plodder Lane Cheque Presentation.

Mornings have raised over £200 million for Macmillan.

The Committee of the Plodder Lane Conservative Club were overwhelmed with the success of the Club's Coffee Morning and organised a cheque presentation evening. A cheque for £1,280.42 was presented to Mr John Rullo - Fund Raising Manager for

Macmillan - by Sue Tombs, Club Committee Member and event organiser. Sue was assisted by Jaqueline Tombs (Committee Member) and Joyce Hodhkinson who is a Club Member who assists the Coffee Mornings. The Club would like to thank all the people who helped run the event along with all the Members and Club are hoping their 2020 Coffee Morning will be just as successful.

From the Bitterne Conservative and Unionist Club Jim Gauld provided a report: "For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Bitterne C&UC took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning event held on the 27th September 2019. The Coffee Morning is held in memory of past Chairman (Norman Ballard) who started the event in 2004. This year, a sum of £2,788 was raised. In sixteen years, the Club has now raised over £70,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Grateful thanks are due to all those who supported the Club's efforts in so many ways (including the Club's suppliers and local traders). The Club's contribution to Chanty doesn't just stop there. In the last 15 years, the Club has also raised and donated over £63,000 to various local charities."

If you want to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning please go to https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/ for more information.

Chard Conservative Club Raises Funds for Defibrillator

The Chard Conservative Club has also raised funds to install a defibrillator machine. The Club raised funds over 11 weeks by holding quizzes. raffles and bottle draws. Some Members even returned their prizes to allow the Club to reach its fundraising target faster.

In total over £1,650 was raised which provided sufficient funds to install the defibrillator machine. The Club's caterer got into the celebration spirit by baking a cake in the form of the heart to go with the official unveiling of the machine.

The Club's President, Ray White, was on hand to undertake the formalities and was able assisted by the Vice Chairman of the Chard Defibrillator Group.

The ACC congratulates all Clubs spending time on fundraising for these worthy and lifesaving machines



The Heart Cake.





The presentation of the defibrillator machine.

Desborough Conservative Club Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On the 27th October 2019, the Desborough Conservative Club celebrated their 125th Anniversary by hosting a party with entertainment and, of course, lots of cake. included a performance by the Happy Together ukulele group and a ceremonial cake cutting with Club President Richard Morris. Earlier in the week, there had been a steak night, raffles, an open mic night, and a film titled "Old Desborough Photos Street

The Club rounded off a week of celebrations with the event that



Desborough Conservative Club's committee celebrate their 125 year anniversary with a cake, cut by President Richard Morris. From left to right: Carol Moss, Tony Hull, Richard Morris (President), Barrie Laywood, Bronia-Maria Laywood, Richard Lewis, Sean Owens, Andy Walker.

by Street" which was put together by Club Member Stephen Richards.

Bronia-Maria Laywood, a member of the Club's Committee, said the celebrations were about welcoming a new era for the Club, which opened in 1894. She said: "Clubs and Pubs are having a difficult time so we always have to look to the future. We won't be here forever unless we keep renewing and appealing to new Members. We have thankfully done so well for so long but you can never rest on your laurels. We hope the week of celebratory events will have encouraged more people to sign up for membership after showcasing what is on offer at the Club. There is bingo every Wednesday, a chocolate draw every Sunday and a quiz on the last Tuesday of every month. There is also a Lucky 13 card game every Saturday and a members draw every weekend. Among regular events, there is plenty else going on, not to mention plentiful food and drink!"

The Club welcomes IA Ticket Holders to visit the Club.

Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past feature we go back to October 1936 which featured an article on the popularity of darts, a popularity which endures to this day. Back in 1936, darts was such a popular pastime in Clubs that area competitions were organised and the ACC offered dart supplies directly to our Member Clubs. The article also mentions how darts can provide a revenue stream for the Club in the same way that snooker and pool continues to provide sustainable revenue for Clubs now. We seldom see Darts in Clubs now but

it may be worth considering if your Club's Members, or potential future Members, would appreciate a darts area and equipment. Unlike many sporting facilities, the ease and cost of setting up a darts area makes the provision of darts possible for the majority of Clubs and can provide Members and their guests with an additional reason to visit the Club. We hope Clubs will always consider ideas, such as a darts area, to continually encourage existing Members to visit the Club and assist with the recruitment of new Members.



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POPULARITY OF DARTS.

"ALL THE YEAR ROUND" ATTRACTION WHICH IS FINDING FAVOUR WITH CLUBS.

No game, in recent times, has made more rapid progress in popular favour than Darts. This is primarily due to the pastime being simple, inexpensive, and requiring relatively little space in which to play it—all material considerations in the case of a large number of affiliated Clubs.

Time was when Darts were looked down upon as unworthy of the serious attention of sportsmen, many of whom—in their ignorance of the finer arts of the game regarded it as a diversion fit only for yokels or those who had "nothing better to do." Gradually this idea

ALCONDUCTION OF THE MARKET	SETS OF DARTS.
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has been exploded and to-day finds Darts ranking high amongst games of skill and its devotees increasing in number "by leaps and bounds."

Inter-Club Competitions.

So many Clubs have recently added Darts to their attractions that, in many districts, friendly contests with neighbouring Clubs have been arranged for the coming season. In some instances "Dart sections," with the sanction of the General Committee, have been instituted and are promoting competitions and tournaments. In short, all along the line there is marked activity on " the Dart front," which augurs well for the further advancement of the game.

With the object of directing aright this popular pastime, and bringing about uniformity in the rules, etc., which govern it, the British Darts Council has been formed with Mr. R. B. Tillcock of 32 Gough St., London, W.C.1, as its hon. Secretary. A handbook issued by the Council (price 2d.) contains model rules and particulars of various games which can be played on a dart board. The "B.D.C.", which is promoting championship competitions for teams and individuals, represents every phase of the game and its advice is open to all.

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The A.C.C. for Dart Requisites.

To meet the growing requirements of Clubs, the A.C.C. is now in a position to supply all requisites for an up-todate Dart section. From it can be obtained the best elm and bristle boards, feather and brass darts, score boards, etc. The new illustrated A.C.C. Price List, a copy of which was sent to every affiliated Club last month, gives full particulars. Clubs are advised to buy direct from Headquarters for, by so doing, they can rely on getting the highest-class goods at the most reasonable prices.

Although the total outlay for an up-to-date equipment for Darts is a very moderate one, Clubs are advised to purchase the best boards and darts for they will find it pays them to do so. To meet the initial expenditure, and that for replacements, many Clubs now install boxes for the contributions of players who willingly agree to pay any " calls " which it is agreed shall be imposed on participants in the game. In some cases the receipts from this source are sufficient to pay the expenses of the team when playing "away" matches and for the Club to provide hospitality to members of visiting teams. As an addition to the usual attractions provided by Clubs--billiards, snooker, and cards--Darts come as a "boon and a blessing," particularly at this season of the year and in cases where means, and accommodation, may be limited.

As a, charge is imposed for playing billiards, snooker and, in some cases, cards, a correspondent suggests that Committees are entitled to look for some corresponding revenue from darts to assist in the upkeep of the Club, pay for the accessories for the game, etc. His proposal is that dart players should be charged either a penny or a halfpenny, this entitling them to use of the board for, say, half-an-hour in which time, he says, six games could well be played. The payment would include provision of darts to be supplied by the Club and obtainable from the Steward. Such are the correspondent's suggestions. We should welcome the views thereon of other devotees of the game and alternative proposals likely to produce revenue.

The A.C.C. for all up-to-date Dart requisites. See New Price List. Orders should be addressed to the A.C.C. Darts Dept., Palace Chambers, Westminster, S.W.I.

DARTS : ACCIDENTS MAY HAPPEN.

What is the legal position of a Club should a member, or visitor, sustain injury through a carelessly thrown dart, or from one which rebounds from the board ? Can compensation be claimed ?

The attention of Committees of all Clubs at which darts are played is directed to the article on page 150 entitled "Accidents on Club Premises." Therein is stressed the advisability of Clubs taking out, through the A.C.C., a Public Liability Insurance which, at small cost, relieves Committees of all worry should any claim arise. Particulars of this insurance will be forwarded on application to the Secretary, A.C.C., Palace Chambers, Westminster, S.W.1.

THE POLITICAL SIDE.

The annual report to the Central Council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations contains the following gratifying reference to the political work of A.C.C. Clubs in the Lancs., Cheshire and Westmorland Area:—

"Foremost in the excellent work of the Area Clubs' Advisory Committee was a drive to increase the amount of political education in Clubs. At the A.C.C. Conference, attended by over 1,000 Clubmen, a resolution calling for special efforts to make Clubs more effective political centres was carried unanimously."

NO NEED FOR IT!

Addressing delegates from various Clubs in North Lincolnshire, representing a membership of 15,000, at Scunthorpe, Mr. D. J. Quibell, Socialist M.P. for the Brigg division, said that "properly conducted Clubs would have nothing to fear from police supervision." If Clubs are properly conducted, there is no need for police supervision of them, any more than the M.P.'s private residence.

Sports Records.—Up-to-date sports records appear in the A.C.C. Pocket Book for 1937. See front cover.

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