

WEST LANCs News

from David Westley June 2018

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019

The process of selecting candidates to contest all of the eighteen council seats across West Lancs next year is

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Our calendar of fundraising and social events for the year ahead is taking shape. See overleaf for details.

Mixed Local Election Results

The outcome of the Borough Election on the 3 May was disappointing with the WLBC Group losing 2 seats, Burscough East in our Constituency and North Meols in the South Ribble Constituency. Ruth Melling, Association President, was an excellent councillor, very active within her local community and despite a hard fought campaign lost by only 31 votes.

Elsewhere, the results were much more encouraging with Doreen Stephenson substantially increasing her majority in Aughton Park despite a very strong challenge from Labour and Dave Marsh who was challenging the Labour Leader in Up Holland doubled the Conservative vote.



South West Lancashire Conservative Partnership

At the AGM in March it was agreed that our Association would work in partnership with the Southport, South Ribble, Chorley and Preston Associations to improve campaigning, attract more members and increase fundraising. The Party have provided and are paying for George Rear, an experienced full time professional Campaign Manager who is now based at Glover House.

The Chairmen from the 5 Associations recently held their first formal meeting and agreed the following:

- The name of the new organisation was to be the South West Lancashire Conservative Partnership and the Governing Document was to be a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a Constitution as both of these better reflect it is a partnership of independent associations rather than a multi constituency association.
- Chairman – David Westley (West Lancs)
- Vice-Chairman Political – Harry Bliss (Southport)
- Vice Chairman Fundraising – Michael Green (South Ribble)
- Vice Chairman Treasurer – Andy Pratt (Preston)
- Vice Chairman Membership – Andy Riggett (Chorley)

As not an MCA there will be no membership levy on the constituent associations.

SWLCP will generate income from its fundraising activities e.g. an annual dinner, business club, patrons and donations.

I am working with George to produce a Draft Memorandum of Understanding and a Business Plan that after consideration by the other chairmen will go to the inaugural meeting of the Partnership's Executive Council for approval.

Chairman's message to Members

The uncertainty over the Brexit negotiations and the real threat posed by Jeremy Corbyn and Momentum to the future of our country make it essential that we in West Lancashire do everything possible to ensure the Conservative Party retain power.

The prospects of our returning a Conservative MP for West Lancashire may seem remote but it is possible as you only need to consider the progress the Party is making in Scotland that was once a Labour heartland. The new South West Lancashire Conservative Partnership is a very positive development and the benefit of having George Rear based in Glover House is already apparent. The 5 associations working together with professional support will make a tremendous difference and augers well for the future both in local and parliamentary elections.

Labour are strong in West Lancs and enormously helped by Rosie Cooper's staff who specialise in public relations and at election time the huge amount of manpower they bring in from Merseyside. By us mounting effective campaigns we make West Lancashire a key battleground for Labour and provide help to our two neighbouring Conservative MPs – Damien Moore in Southport and Seema Kennedy in South Ribble.

David Westley WLCA Chairman

WORKING FOR A CONSERVATIVE WEST LANCs

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Conservative Central Office are taking over responsibility for the membership renewal process from July onwards. At the same time CCHQ are stipulating a minimum of £25 for full membership, other than exceptions for under 23s and serving and ex members of the Armed Forces. Those of you who may wish to pay less than this amount will still be accepted as a "Conservative Friend" member, but please note that in doing so you will not have voting rights on Party matters or leadership elections. Membership cards are also being re-introduced and you will receive one as you renew. If you have any concerns relating to these changes please contact Dave Marsh at davemmarsh013@gmail.com or on 07525 135 143.

Policy Forum Meetings to change.

The series of Thursday evening events held during the winter months at Briars Hall are set to change from this coming Autumn. It has been felt recently that the format should change and our intention is to invite speakers to address attendees on particular interests or on local /national politics, followed by a question and answer session. The evenings will begin as before with a meal and a glass of wine. Watch out for the first dates in the next edition of your newsletter.

Summer Prize Draw

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a book of ten £1 raffle tickets for The Conservative Party's Summer Draw, offering members a chance to win £5000!

These raffles represent one of our major fundraisers with a full 75% of proceeds going into our local election campaign funds. We have enclosed a pre-paid envelope for your use. Please help us to fight a vigorous campaign against Labour next year. Cheques should be made payable to WLCA or you can pay by bank transfer to the NatWest sort code 01-01-45 account number 86997777.

200 Club Winners

Lucky winners for April and May's £30 prizes were David Rowley and Burscough&Lathom Womens Group. If any member wishes to join please contact davemmarsh013@gmail.com

Ascot Ladies Day

See below for details



ARE YOU ON EMAIL?

Association Officers are very keen to make sure West Lancs Conservative Members are regularly kept in touch with all that's going on in the Association— but with the costs of postage always rising, we're keen to cut down on stamps to allow more money to be spent on election campaigns.

Could you therefore please provide your email address if you're not already on our regular mailing list? Simply send a quick email to Dave Marsh, Membership at office@westlancsconservatives.com



Forthcoming Association Events

Thursday 21st June 12 noon. Ascot Lady's Day, Buffet lunch, gentlemen very much welcome. Briars Hall, Briars Lane, L40 5TH Raffle and Sweepstake. Hats optional! Tickets £20 Contact Marilyn Westley on 07738 680 752

Thursday 5th July 10:30 am. Coffee Morning at The Kicking Donkey, Narrow Moss Lane, L40 8HY. Raffle, Tombola & bring and Buy tickets £5. Contact Marilyn as above.

Sunday 29th July 1:00pm for 1:30pm. North West Conservative Women's Organisation, Two Course Lunch with guest speaker, Baroness Newlove of Warrington. Haydock Park Golf Club, tickets £20, contact May Blake on 01257 463636

Friday 14th September 12 for 12:30. Ladies Three Course Lunch at the Blue Mallard, Canal Wharf, Bursough. With Scarf Demonstration and scarf bring and buy. Tickets £15 contact Ruth Melling on 07742 824 066

Friday 19th October 7:30pm. Quiz night and Hot Pot supper. Lathom Scout Hut, Hall Lane Lathom

Friday 7th December 10:30. Coffee Morning at The Kicking Donkey. Mulled wine and Mince Pies

BE ASSURED OF A WARM WELCOME TO ANY OF THE ABOVE

North West Conservative Women's Organisation

Invite you to a

Summer Lunch

Being held on Sunday 29th July 2018

1:00pm for 1:30pm at

Haydock Park Golf Club

Golborne Park, Newton Lane, Newton Le Willows, WA12 0HX (M6 Junction 23)

Guest Speaker: Baroness Newlove of Warrington

Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords

Menu

Roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Chicken in White Wine Sauce

Salmon with Hollandaise sauce

All served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and a Selection of Vegetables

Dessert, Coffee and Mints

Tickets £20: available from

Mrs Anne Elliott, 42 The Beeches, Bolton BL1 7BS. Tel: 01204 306701, email:
aelliott42@btinternet.com. Please specify choice of main course when booking. Cheques
payable to NWCWO

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I would like to reserve.....tickets at £20 each and enclose a cheque for £.....

Name.....

Tel No or e.mail.....

Menu Choice(s).....