

Summer 2016

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West Lancs Conservative Association Newsletter

## EVENTS

### Local Elections 2016.

Here is a breakdown of the results.

Sadly we didn't gain seats in Burscough East , Burscough West, Upholland, Derby, Scott or Knowsley. We lost in Halsall. We did win in Aughton & Downholland, Rufford and Wrightington. A big thank-you to everyone who helped.

Ward	Conser	Labour	Green	OWL	UKIP	Majority
Aughton & Downholland	952	686				266
Burscough East	541	760				219
Burscough West	524	912				370
Derby	339	710	72	806		96
Halsall	289	313			118	24
Knowsley	744	1063	85	174		319
Rufford	472	188				603
Scott	300	770	82	640		130
Upholland	529	1113				714
Wrightington	668	432	148			236

### Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.

In the first preference count Mr Grunshaw was the outright winner with 132,261 votes, Mr Pratt was second with 96,746, James Barker, UKIP, finished third with 49,987 and Graham Roach, Lib Dem, was fourth with 23,164. A total of 9,697 papers were rejected and the turnout was 29 per cent, with 311,855 voting. That forced it to a second preference vote, which saw Mr Grunshaw winning by 152,714 votes to Mr Pratt's 118,941.

### Future Elections.

The European Referendum is on Thursday 23rd June.

County Elections for Lancashire County Council are on May 4th 2017.

### West Lancs Conservatives AGM.

The following roles were elected-Chairman Bill Weingart, Deputy Chairman for Membership Edward McCarthy, Deputy Political Chairman Rob Bailey, President Cllr Ruth Melling and Treasurer George Pratt.

**Football and Food.** Members are invited to Wetherspoon's Ormskirk on Saturday 18th June for tea, drinks and football meeting at 6pm. Wetherspoons, 4 Wheatsheaf Walk Ormskirk Lancashire L39 2XA. Call Edward on 07971 299606 or email

westlancedward@btinternet.com .

### **Referendum Day 23rd June.**

**Afternoon Tea.** You are cordially invited to attend the North West Conservative Women's 'Summer Afternoon Tea' On Sunday 3rd July 2016 at 2.00pm at Briars Hall Hotel, Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, L40 5TH . Contact Cllr May Blake on 01257 463636 or cllr.blake@westlancs.gov.uk

### **County Council Candidate**

**Selections.** Saturday 16th July 2016 at 10.00 am. The Grove Community Centre, Station Approach, Burscough. L40 0RZ.

**Coffee Morning.** £5. 1030am-1130am Thursday 12th July. £4. The Woolpack at Burscough Wharf. L40 5RZ. With bring and buy.

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Despite our Local Election results our candidates worked hard here are some issues they worked on-

- Local residents have contacted Edward McCarthy Conservative Candidate for Knowsley ward about an obstruction on Southport Road in Ormskirk. Edward reports "Relating to roadworks there is a huge diversion sign on the pavement, it completely blocks the pavement meaning pedestrians including scooter or wheelchair users have to go onto the busy road. I have contacted Highways England and asked them to either remove the sign or put it in a more suitable place." Update-The sign has now been moved. A quote from a resident: "Thank you Edward I am really surprised you were able to do it so efficiently, and you certainly have convinced me you deserve my support, as we always have done anyway. Cheers and good luck in the election."
- Unhappy local residents on South Terrace have asked Edward McCarthy Conservative Candidate for Knowsley Ward for help over the increase to their visitor parking permits. The Labour controlled Lancashire County Council have increased the permits residents need for visitors from £10 to £25. Edward McCarthy said: "This increase is unjustifiable and far too high. I fully understand the pressures Lancashire County Council are under, but this increase is a huge jump. Residents on roads like South Terrace struggle for parking anyway, and this increase might make some residents not apply for a visitor permit. This will mean any visitors or contractors will have to park miles away. This will make many residents isolated. I urge the Council to think again. This increase is unreasonable and extremely unfair. I also believe in the future permits can only be renewed online, online applications should be an option but not the only option."

## Chairman's Report

I can't really concentrate on anything other than the Euro Referendum later this month. The recent local election results pale into insignificance compared with the Brexit question, an issue the effects of which will impact onto our children's children.

Thank you to all who helped with our spring campaign - let's take some well-deserved time off to enjoy the best time of the year, and to recharge our batteries for the on-going struggle to redeem our country's future.



**Bill Weingart ,  
West Lancs Conservatives  
Association Chairman.**

## 200 Club Report

We still have numbers available for our 200 Club , please contact Bill Weingart if you want to get one.

Please get in touch ———



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### Under 50's Men's Curry Night.

Friday 22nd July at 7pm at Passage to India, Moor St Ormskirk. Contact Edward on 07971 299606 or email [westlancsedward@btinternet.com](mailto:westlancsedward@btinternet.com)

### Conservative Party Conference

The Conservative Conference will be held in Birmingham between 2nd-5th October 2016.

The Conference is a lot of fun, there are the key note speeches, fringe events, opportunities to have your say and a chance to meet liked minded individuals. Visit-

[www.conservativepartyconference.com/](http://www.conservativepartyconference.com/)

Please contact the office or Edward for more details.

### Conservative Policy Forum Night.

Meal with glass of wine £10. Briars Hall.

22nd September, 17th November, 19th

January, 23rd February, 30th March and

27th April. Each night will include

discussion of a topic provided by

Conservative Central Office. Our feedback

from this is sent back to them. We will have

guest speakers linked to topics where

applicable. CPF at Briars Hall Hotel on

Briars Lane, Lathom. Join like minded

people for political debate about topical

issues, this is the West Lancashire

Conservatives-Conservative Policy Forum.

Confirm your place by the Monday before

event- by e-mail [thecharmels@aol.com](mailto:thecharmels@aol.com), or

by telephone on 01704 896373.

## Membership News

You can use Safe Pay on our website to pay for any event you attend or to renew your membership. It means you can use a Credit or Debit Card and the money goes straight into our account here in West Lancs.

When you renew your membership you will only get a new card if you request one.