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West Lancs Conservative Association Newsletter



Conference 2016.

The Conservative Party Conference took place in Birmingham between Sunday 2nd October till Wednesday 5th October. It was well attended by West Lancs and South Ribble party activists, members and councillors. Attendees visited many fringe events, key note speeches and much more. The final day was when delegates heard the Prime Minister's speech.

Only the Conservatives can build a "united Britain" in which "fairness is restored" and opportunities are shared more equally, Theresa May has said.

The prime minister told the party's conference the UK must change after the "quiet revolution" of the Brexit vote, urging people to "seize the day".

In her set-piece speech in Birmingham, less than three months after she became prime minister, Mrs May said her vision was of a country "where everyone plays by the same rules and where every single person, regardless of their background or that of their parents, is given the chance to be all they want to be".

The vote to leave the EU, she said, was a "once-in-a-generation chance to change the country for good" and write a new page in its history.

Pledging to build a "stronger, fairer and brighter future", she urged people whichever way they had voted in the referendum "to come with me as we rise to meet this moment, come with me and together let's seize the day".

The vote to leave the EU, she said, demonstrated not only a desire for greater control but also reflected the deep divisions that had built up in the country over generations, with working people too often ignored by the "privileged and powerful".

"It was not the wealthy who made the biggest sacrifices after the financial crisis, it was ordinary working class families," she said.

The next Conference will be held at Manchester Central in Autumn 2017.

Full details will be here-<https://conservativepartyconference.com/index>

EVENTS

- **A Tribute Evening to George Michael. Saturday, 15th Oct 2016.**
Time 730pm to late.
Parbold branch invites you to a Tribute Evening to George Michael. At Harrock Hall Barn, Hilldale. Fish and chip supper provided with dessert. £25. Casual dress, raffle and bar.
Harrock Hill Barn, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale, Heskin, Chorley Lancashire PR7 5PX.
Contact Cllr May Blake 01257 463636 or at cllr.blake@westlancs.gov.uk.
- **Breakfast with Rt Hon Liam Fox MP, International Trade Secretary in Blackpool. Saturday, 15th Oct 2016** 10AM-12PM. Tickets are priced at just £7 per person and can be paid in advance or on the door. To book your place call 01253 473070 or click the link- <https://www.facebook.com/events/184065145363838/>
- **Forum for the Future. Thursday, 20th Oct 2016.** 7pm for 730pm. Food-beef. Topic-The Challenges of an Ageing Population with regard to healthcare. Meal with a glass of wine £10. Briars Hall, Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk Lancs L40 5TH.
- **Join our team at the regular Pub Quiz Night on Tuesday, 1st Nov 2016.** At the Hopvine Pub Quiz in Burscough. Quiz starts at 9pm, the team will be there earlier at 8pm. The Hopvine, Liverpool Rd North, Burscough, Ormskirk Lancs L40 4BY. Call Edward 07971 299606 or email westlancsedward@btinternet.com

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- **Forum for the Future at Briars Hall.**

Thursday, 17th Nov 2016.

- **South Ribble Conservative Association
Friday 18th November.**

Dinner at the Leyland Hotel with the previous Secretary of State for Wales and Work and Pensions Minister Stephen Crabb MP as our Guest Speaker. Cost £35 pp. Lounge suits.

Contact Bill Weingart or Edward McCarthy by 10th November.

Cheques payable to South Ribble Conservative Association.

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- **A Christmas Get-Together At The Aviary**

Thursday, 8th Dec 2016. 730pm. Christmas Get-Together with a buffet, quiz and raffle which includes a Christmas Hamper.

Burscough & Lathom Branch Event. Ticket price £15. The Aviary, Blindman's Lane, Ormskirk Lancs L39 3AD. Tickets available from Cllr Ruth Melling on 01704 896373.

- **Forum for the Future. Briars Hall.**

Thursday, 19th Jan 2017

7pm for 730pm.





Forum for The Future.

September saw the first of our Forum for the Future nights. A Meal with glass of wine £10. Briars Hall, Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk Lancs L40 5TH.

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. Confirm your place by the Monday before event- by e-mail thecharmels@aol.com , or by telephone on 01704 896373.



Fresher's Fair 2016.

Local West Lancs Conservatives members and officers attended the Edge Hill University Fresher's Fair in September.

Rebecca Gregory Secretary for West Lancs Conservative Future said: "It was great to be able to talk to the students and discuss the benefits of not only being active in politics, but the Conservative Party as well. Given that I will be going to university myself in a couple of weeks, I know that the Freshers Fair is a great way to get to know about all sorts of societies, so it was good to be able to have a stall there."

Edward McCarthy West Lancs Conservatives Deputy Chairman for Membership added: "We had a very positive response from the students. Since the summer we have had many new members. We welcome all our younger members and encourage them to attend our events and become actively involved. Being involved also helps develop skills such as campaigning, communication and volunteer management."

Chairman's Report

The children are back at school, the leaves are starting to drop, and preparations for Christmas have begun – autumn is definitely here. Our Disraeli/Forum for the Future meetings have started again, with a great discussion on 'Conservative Values' in September, and I hope to see you all on 20th October to discuss the challenge of increasing medical costs and an aging population. I myself am very interested in the US Presidential elections, as the result will have a worldwide impact.

Have a very happy holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Bill Weingart ,
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Association Chairman.**



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Membership News

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

If you receive this in the post we don't know your email address. Please email the office so we do.

Membership queries call Edward 07971 299606 or email westlancsedward@btinternet.com

Next Newsletter will be in the New Year please let Edward know about any news or events at the office.