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West Lancashire Conservative Association Members Newsletter

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2016.

Over the summer the following candidates have been selected for next year's borough council elections taking place in May:

Aughton and Downholland - Sam Currie

Halsall – Doreen Stephenson

Derby - Tom Burton

Knowsley ward – Edward McCarthy

Burscough East – Rob Bailey

Burscough West - Leon Graham

Wrightington – Carolyn Evans

Please try and help our candidates between now and May.

Cllr Paul Greenall, Conservative member for Derby Ward, Ormskirk "Cutting the cost of politics".

Cllr Greenall has brought a motion to Full Council on July 22nd calling on the Electoral Commission to review the number of Councillors in West Lancashire. Presently, there are 54 Councillors and Cllr Greenall wanted to ask the Electoral Commission to reduce the number of Councillors by a third. Additionally, he wanted to move the Council to all-out elections every four years, rather than the current elections by every third, and estimates these proposals will save Council Tax payers around £100,000 per year.

Cllr Greenall said "In recent years the Council has had to make big savings and this process will continue for a number of years to come. "

"While every area of the Council has been examined in order to make these savings, so far the political structure of the Council has escaped examination. "

"Reducing the cost of politics was a Conservative manifesto pledge in last May's local elections. Had we still been in control of the Council, we would have done exactly what I am now proposing."

There are numbers available in the Club 200 Club, please contact the office for details.

Chairman's Column By Bill Weingart

Dear Colleague

Best wishes,
Bill Weingart.



Party Review

Some of our Association members went to the National Conservative Party Review in Bury in September.

Enthuse at Infusions

Why not come to our new meal with discussion event? Taking place at Infusions in Burscough over the winter months. With guests speakers/topics to discuss. Price £10, roast dinner with a glass of wine. For more details read our events section.

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Recent News Stories

Events.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our Summer events.

Ormskirk Candidates announced for May 2016:

Thomas Burton, a school teacher who lives in Aughton has been chosen to fight for the Derby ward in the Local elections next May. Thomas who has lived in the Derby ward for several years wishes to represent the views and opinions of people on the Borough Council.

Thomas said, "During the coming months I aim to speak to people who live and work within the Derby ward and listen to their views and opinions on how we can make Ormskirk a better place for all."

Edward, 35 an ex Ormskirk Grammar School and Edge Hill University student, works as a support worker for adults with learning difficulties and has, for many years, volunteered on holidays for children with diabetes. He is also a charity director for a group supporting adults with disabilities to participate in sports.

Edward, a qualified teacher, said: "I am delighted to have been chosen as the Conservative candidate for Knowsley Ward, and am looking forward to meeting residents over the months ahead and tackling any issues that crop up."



For more information about our activities, or if you would like to help contact us



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- **Thurs 17th September 2015 7pm for 730pm. Enthuse at Infusions - Discussion night with meal** Infusions, Orrell Lane, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 0SQ. Speaker-Rob Bailey North West Conservative Chairman. Talking about the 2015 General Election. Confirm your place by the Monday before event- by e-mail thecharmels@aol.com or by telephone on 01695 574043. Price £10, roast dinner with a glass of wine.
- **Fresher's Fair at Edge Hill University. Wed 23rd September 2015 10-3pm.** Get in touch if you would like to help. Also for members aged under 30 an event- meal/drinks at night on same day.
- **Party Conference 4th-7th October 2015.** Contact office for information. If you would like to go to the North of England Reception you need a ticket they cost £10. Please ask the office for a form. <https://conservativepartyconference.com/index>
- **Enthuse at Infusions Wed 14th October.**
- **Sat 17th October Parbold Branch Event A Tribute Act to Gary Barlow. Limited places.** Contact Cllr May Blake.
- **Mon 19th October Fashion Show Burscough Branch.** Lunch and Fashion Show. With raffle. £15. Blue Mallard, Burscough Wharf, Smithy Walk, Burscough, Ormskirk Lancs L40 5RZ. Contact Cllr Ruth Melling or the office for a ticket.
- **Fri 23rd October 2015 12pm for 1230pm Cheese and Wine Night.** The Aughton Institute. Bold Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 6SG. Cash Bar/ Raffle. Ticket price £20. 23rd October. 730pm.
- **Thursday 29th October Ormskirk Branch Coffee** morning to held at The Kicking Donkey, Narrow Moss Lane, Ormskirk Lancs L40 8HY. 1030am-12pm. With tea/coffee/biscuits and raffle. Price £5.
- **Enthuse at Infusions** also on Thur 19th November 2015 7pm for 730pm and Thur 21st January 2016.
- **Christmas Event.**

If you have any future events to advertise please get in touch with Edward.

Membership Drive

Do you know anyone who might like to become a member? Ask Edward for a membership form.

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<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/grants-and-funding/voluntary,-community-and-faith-sectors-grants-and-funding/local-member-grants.aspx> Grants for Community Groups also are available from

West Lancs Borough Council-

<http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/your-community/grants-to-voluntary-groups.aspx>

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