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The Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club, Ashton-under-Lyne, has used its annual charity bowls match to raise funds for local Charities.

The Club, which was the 2016 winner of the Sir Marcus Fox award, raised a total of £200 and has donated it to the Alzheimer's Society and Marie Curie Cancer Nurses.

Everyone who attended enjoyed a great day of bowls action, with Scott Foley winning the cup after beating Phil Wight in the final.

Leon Tamcken, Committee Member, said 'Our club is going from strength to strength and we really wanted to be able to give something back to local worthwhile causes'.



Scott Foley, Bowls Match Winner.



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# Stanley Ward Conservative Club, Blackpool, Hosts Surprise Birthday Party For Longstanding Conservative Councillor

Councillor Lily Henderson MBE received a surprise birthday party in her honour upon reaching 90 years of age. She has been a Conservative Councillor for over 33 years. Her local Club, the Stanley Ward Conservative Club, Blackpool, invited Lily to the Club under the context of her giving a speech but instead presented her with a surprise party to celebrate her birthday.

Cllr Henderson MBE said 'I had an amazing birthday and have been overwhelmed with the amount of cards and good wishes I have had. I went to the Club where I was expecting to give a speech and present some prizes, and it turned out to be a surprise party. It was lovely to see so many friends there. I am carrying on with my council work, although I cannot get to as many meetings due to being blind in one eye and I have to walk with a stick. But I'm still very busy helping my constituents in Highfield ward. Today I am having a meeting about what is happening at

Fisher's Field, and I also want to raise money for a new MUGA (multi use games area) for the children. I love working for the

people of Blackpool – I just wish I was 40 instead of 90!'

Cllr Henderson MBE was also Mayor of Blackpool in 2003/4 and

received an MBE in the 2005 New Year's Honours List in recognition of her services to the voluntary sector.



Councillor Lily Henderson MBE celebrating her 90th birthday at the Stanley Ward Conservative Club.

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# CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

## DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY AND 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.

### Fees for a CPC

Rateable Value	Band	Annual Fee
No rateable value to £4,300	A	£70
£4,300 to £33,000	B	£180
£33,001 to £87,000	C	£295
£87,001 to £125,000	D	£320
£125,001 and above	E	£350

### Performing Rights Society & Phonographic Performances Ltd

The PRS and PPL Licenses need to be renewed each year. These Licenses cover different types of copyright payable for playing any type of music within the Club.

There are two types of license required to be paid to the PPL depending on whether the Club plays background music or uses recorded music at a dance or discotheque or similar function. In the case of the latter, the fee is on a

sliding scale basis.

In January, fees are payable to the PRS. These payments are fixed under an Agreement with the PRS and the appropriate fee for a Club is calculated according to the type of music used. There is often confusion between the licenses of the PPL and PRS but, as a general rule, if a Club has music it must have both of these respective licenses.

### 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.

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.

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.

### Risk Assessments

As part of managing the health and safety of the Club, the Committee must ensure that potential risk in the workplace are identified and planned for. To do this Clubs need to think about what might cause harm to people and decide whether you are taking reasonable steps to prevent that harm. This is known as risk assessment and it is something businesses are required by law to carry out. If the Club has fewer than five employees then you do not have to write anything down although it is useful to do this so you can review it at a later date, for example if something changes. If you have five or more employees you are required by law to write it down. Any paperwork you produce should help you to communicate and manage the risks in your business. A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks in the workplace.

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Clubs are likely already taking steps to protect their employees, but a risk assessment will help the Committee decide whether you have covered all you need to. Think about how accidents and ill health could happen and concentrate on real risks – those that are most likely and which will cause the most harm.

The Health and Safety executive (HSE) is trying to encourage all organisations see risk assessments as part of the day to day aspect of business management and not as something separate and unique:

“Risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork – it is about identifying

sensible measures to control the risks in your workplace. We want to put more emphasis on controlling risk and less on written assessments, without reducing standards. The HSE advises that the assessments ought not to be considered as a separate, box-ticking exercise, but should instead form part of the ordinary and every day running of a company.”

We are happy to assist the HSE with these efforts and include a practical guide to risk assessments below.

### Identify the hazards

One of the most important aspects of a risk assessment is accurately identifying the potential hazards in

the Club. A good starting point is to walk around the Club and think about any hazards. In other words, what is it about the activities, processes or substances used that could injure your employees/members or harm their health? Overtime it is easy to overlook some hazards, so here are some tips to help you identify the ones that matter:

- Check manufacturers’ instructions or data sheets for chemicals and equipment as they can be very helpful in explaining the hazards and putting them in their true perspective.
- Look back at your accident and ill-health records – these often help to identify the less obvious hazards.
- Take account of non-routine operations (e.g. maintenance, cleaning operations or changes in production cycles).
- Remember to think about long-term hazards to health (e.g. high levels of noise or exposure to harmful substances). There are some hazards with a recognised risk of harm, for example working at height, working with chemicals, machinery, and asbestos.
- Visit the Health and Safety Executive website ([www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)) – HSE publishes practical guidance on hazards and how to control them.

### Who might be harmed?

Then think how employees and Members might be harmed. Ask your employees and Members what they think the hazards are, as they may notice things that are not obvious to you and may have some good ideas on how to control the risks. For each hazard you need to be clear about who might be harmed – it will help you identify the best way of controlling the risk. That doesn’t mean listing everyone by name, but rather identifying groups of people (people working in the cellar etc.).

### Evaluate the risks

Having identified the hazards, you then have to decide how likely it is that harm will occur - the level of risk and what to do about it. Risk is a part of everyday life and you are not expected to eliminate all risks. What you must do is make sure you know about the main risks and the things you need to do to manage

them responsibly. Generally, you need to do everything ‘reasonably practicable’ to protect people from harm. This means balancing the level of risk against the measures needed to control the real risk in terms of money, time or trouble. However, you do not need to take action if it would be grossly disproportionate to the level of risk. Your risk assessment should only include what you could reasonably be expected to know – you are not expected to anticipate unforeseeable risks.

The key question is: Can I get rid of the hazard altogether? If not, how can I control the risks so that harm is unlikely? Improving health and safety need not cost a lot. For instance, placing a mirror on a blind corner to help prevent vehicle accidents is a low-cost precaution, considering the risks. Involve the Club’s employees and Members, so you can be sure that what you propose to do will work in practice and won’t introduce any new hazards

### Record your significant findings

Make a record of your significant findings – the hazards, how people might be harmed by them and what you have in place to control the risks. Any record produced should be simple and focused on controls. For most Clubs this does not need to be a big exercise – just note the main points down about the significant risks and what you concluded. When writing down your results keep it simple, the potential hazard and what steps have been made to control the hazard as a result. A risk assessment should show that a proper check was made, you asked who might be affected, you dealt with all the obvious significant hazards, the precautions are reasonable and the remaining risk is low.

If your risk assessment identifies a number of hazards, you need to put them in order of importance and address the most serious risks first. Identify long-term solutions for the risks with the biggest consequences, as well as those risks most likely to cause accidents or ill health. Remember, the greater the hazard the more robust and reliable the measures to control the risk of an injury occurring will need to be. Make sure your risk assessment stays up to date by reviewing the risk assessment you have produced on a regular basis.

## Premier League Fixtures January

### Friday 30 December

8pm Hull City v Everton (Sky Sports)

### Saturday 31 December

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8pm Stoke City v Watford

### Wednesday 4 January

8pm Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

### Saturday 14 January

12.30pm Tottenham Hotspur v West Bromwich Albion (Sky Sports)

5.30pm Leicester City v Chelsea (BT Sport)

### Sunday 15 January

1.30pm Everton v Manchester City (Sky Sports)

4pm Manchester United v Liverpool (Sky Sports)

### Saturday 21 January

12.30pm Liverpool v Swansea City (BT Sport)

5.30pm Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur (BT Sport)

### Sunday 22 January

1.30pm Arsenal v Burnley (Sky Sports)

4pm Chelsea v Hull City (Sky Sports)

### Monday 23 January

8pm Southampton v Leicester City (Sky Sports)

### Tuesday 31 January

8pm Liverpool v Chelsea (BT Sport)

### Wednesday 1 February

7.45pm West Ham United v Manchester City (BT Sport)

## Questions and Answers

**Q**A Member of our Committee is also a part-time Member of staff. He works behind the bar as relief for the Steward and has been employed in this capacity for a number of years. The Committee understand that the Club Rules do not permit employees becoming Members and some Members of the Committee are now uncomfortable with this situation. What is your advice?

**A**The situation you have described is one which often occurs in Clubs. A Member is asked to help out behind the bar and temporary arrangements become permanent over time. The Committee should appreciate that he is in an unusual position of having rights as a Member to be elected to the Committee and also rights as an employee under the Employment Acts.

Club Rules often state that no employee of the Club shall be eligible for Membership. The fact is that part-time employees have exactly the same rights as full-time employees and, therefore, any definitions of part-time or full-time are meaningless, so far as employment law is concerned. The terms of the Club's Rules cannot now be imposed on the Member in question since he is a Member with Membership rights and he is an employee with employment rights. The Committee at the time of his employment should have imposed the terms of the Club's Rules. I suggest that in future no Member is employed unless he is prepared

to give up Membership of the Club and that no employee is ever elected to Membership.

I would also advise that the Member who is currently employed and serves on the Club Committee is restricted from taking part in any discussion or voting at Committee meetings on any matter relating to the employment of any Member of staff or staff issues. The reason for this restriction is due to his vested interest and this is usual management procedure.

**Q**At the recent AGM the Members elected to amend the Rules to increase the subscription fee. The Treasurer thinks it will come into force on the 1st January 2017, but the Chairman thinks it needs to go to the next AGM in March 2017 to confirm the amendment. Who is correct?

**A**I confirm that your Treasurer is correct. It is not a requirement for a Minute of a meeting to be confirmed at a subsequent meeting in order for an agreed resolution or motion to come into effect. We are asked this question fairly frequently and I think it must be one of those myths which have been established over the years.

Once a decision has been made at a meeting it may be brought into effect immediately, unless, of course, the meeting has agreed for action to be taken from a specified date. In the case of your query it has been agreed that subscriptions for next year increase and therefore on 1st January 2017 the subscriptions shall increase.

**Q**We have a lady who is employed by the Club who until recently was paying tax and national insurance at the normal rate, she is now over sixty and does not pay national insurance anymore. She is, however, paying tax on her earnings. Is she entitled to sick pay now she no longer pays national insurance?

**A**Below is an extract from a Statutory Sick Pay advisory document published by the Pay & Employment Rights Service which answers the query which you have raised. Please note that payment of Statutory Sick Pay may be recovered by the Club.

"Remember: Your right to SSP does not depend on your actual payment of NI contributions. As long as your average pay is £90 per week or above, you are entitled to SSP. For example, women over 60, who are no longer liable to pay NI, will still get SSP if they earn at least £90 per week."

**Q**We have had a dispute in our Club concerning bingo whereby a player insisted she had called 'house' but due to the fact that she was not heard the caller carried on with another number. The Entertainment Secretary insists that as the call was not heard, the chance to win was lost. What is your view?

**A**The requirements of playing bingo are determined by the Rules and regulations of play in each particular Club. The Club must ensure that all participants

are aware of what these Rules and regulations are. It is normally a requirement for the winning card to contain the last number called out, leaving the responsibility for being heard with the individual player. It is not enough for other players to hear a call of 'house.' It is the caller who stops the game and it is therefore the caller who needs to hear the winning call. Bearing in mind what I have advised, bingo should not be played in an area where all the players cannot be seen or heard by the caller.

**Q**Is it acceptable for Inter-Affiliation (IA) Ticket holders visiting our Club to introduce guests?

**A**By joining the Inter-Affiliation (IA) Ticket Scheme, Clubs undertake to extend the same rights and privileges as their own Members enjoy to visiting IA Ticket holders, except the right to take part in the management affairs of the Club.

IA Ticket holders are subject to the same Rules and regulations applicable to the host Club's Members. Therefore, any attempt to place restrictions on IA Ticket holders is contrary to the whole concept of the reciprocity which is the foundation of the IA Ticket Scheme. IA Ticket holders are entitled to purchase drinks, play the gaming machines and introduce guests in accordance with the host Club's Rules; they are also entitled to participate in a host Club's bingo or lottery activities, unless the Club's Committee have decided that such activities are 'Members only.'

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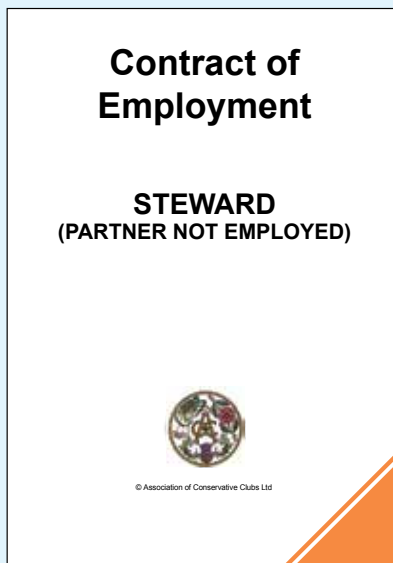
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All Contract Packs now include a high quality and durable employee disciplinary and grievance policy handbook which should assist both Clubs and employees when these issues arise. Contracts for use with employees who live on the Club's premises now 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.

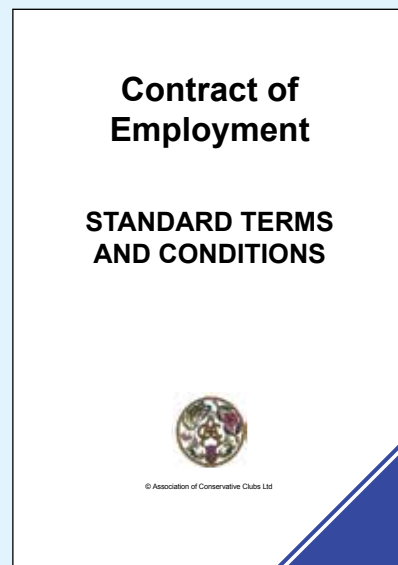
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## Steward Contract

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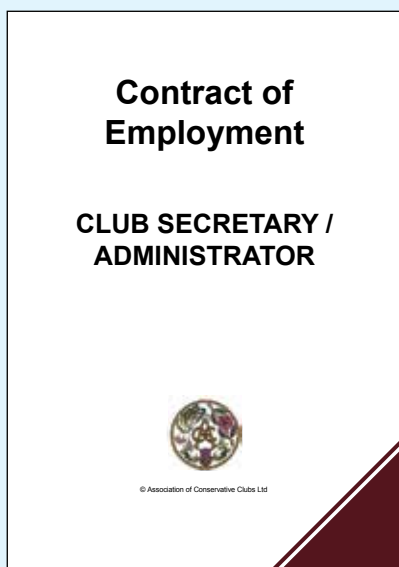
- 2 x Club Steward Contract
- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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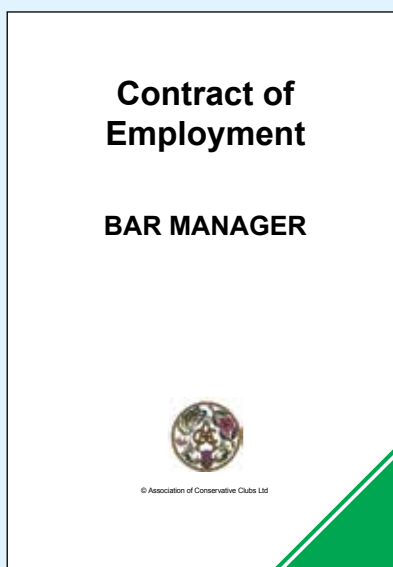
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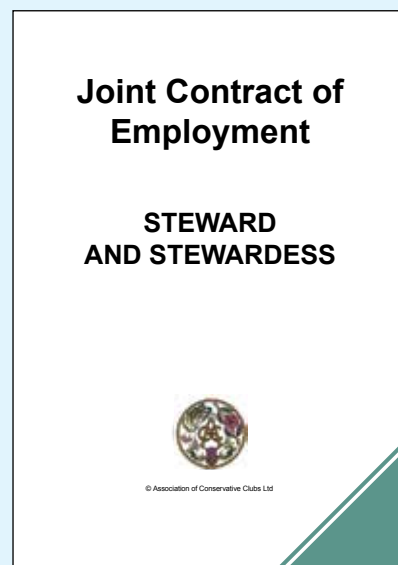
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- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



## Bar Manager Contract

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- 2 x Bar Manager Contract
- 2 x Club Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Handbook.



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- 2 x Service Occupancy Agreement
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# Didcot Conservative Club Members Cycle Four Marathons In One Day

Didcot Conservative Club, Oxfordshire, Members Ann-Marie Mould and Emma Fame decided to raise funds for Southampton Hospital Cardiac Children's Unit by cycling over 100 miles each on exercise bikes which had been installed in the Club. They completed this impressive feat in less than 6 hours and were supported by Club Members, family and friends.

Ann-Marie felt compelled to raise funds for the Children's Unit after a close friend gave birth to a baby boy with aortic stenosis. This is a narrowing of the aortic valve in the heart. Ann-Marie said that the support the hospital gave her friend's family during the birth and thereafter was fantastic. "Because

it is such a specialist unit, it is the closest one for people in Didcot to go to."

The idea for the cycling challenge came as Ann-Marie started cycling as part of her fitness regime and decided to set herself a challenge of 100 miles and to try and raise funds for charity whilst doing so. Her friend Emma was immediately on board with the idea. The two friends also organised live discos, face painting, a cake stall and a fish and chip van outside the Club in order to raise additional funds. In total they raised £510 on the day with their other fundraising activities bringing the total to an amazing £1,200.

Didcot Mayor Steve Connel



Ann-Marie Mould and Emma Fame during the cycling marathon.

Photo: The Herald

was invited to the Club to start the cycling marathon effort and said 'This cause means a lot to me because a close family member was saved by the care he received

at the Children's Unit. He would not be around if this amazing facility was not available. This is an opportunity to help people too small to protect themselves.'

# Flixton Conservative Club Awarded Greater Manchester Club of the Year



The Flixton Conservative Club.

The Flixton Conservative Club has been named the best in Greater Manchester for the second year running by the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA). The Club has been named Club Of The Year by its local Trafford & Hulme CAMRA branch for four consecutive years and after winning the regional title, the Club will now go forward to be judged against 15 other regional winners for the National Club Of The Year title.

Clubs are judged on a range of attributes including the range and quality of beer & cider, customer

service, warmth of welcome, and value for money. Judges praised Flixton Conservative Club for the devotion of its staff, the wide range of beers on offer and the warm welcome extended to guests.

Club Stewards Nigel and Sharon Porter have transformed the beer range at the Club from two real ales when they arrived five years ago to six on the bar at one time and the Club is reaping the benefits with membership flourishing. Nigel said "Feedback I get from the Committee is that many new Members cite the beer as their main

reason for joining the Club with others stating that they come here because they find it a welcoming, safe and secure place to enjoy a good beer".

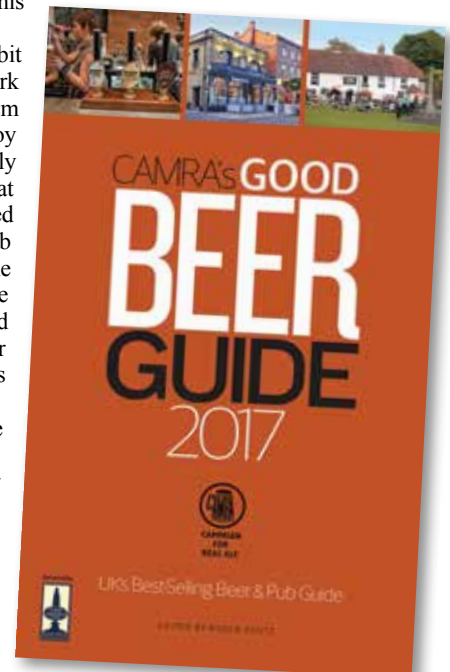
One judge commented "The Club is astonishing. Nigel's devotion to real ale knows no bounds. For anybody with even the slightest interest in real ale, this club is a god send."

Nigel said "It requires a bit of dedication and hard work but basically enthusiasm carries us through. We enjoy what we do - especially the market research - that bit is important!" Asked what makes running a Club different to running a pub he commented "Thanks to the support of the Committee and Members working together with us, the Club moves forward as a family unit".

As well as a great range of real ales, Club members have an active snooker league, a number of bowling teams, a walking group which uses the Club as a base and even a popular chess club which meets once a week in the Club's function room. On the last Friday of the month, the Club holds a Brewers Night with

the pumps turned over to a single brewer - September's visiting brewery was the Lancaster's Borough Brewery and October saw the highly regarded Acorn brewery travel from Barnsley.

The ACC congratulates the Club, which is now listed in the Good Beer Guide, on its continued success at the CAMRA awards.



The Club is now featured in the annual Good Beer Guide.



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# Penarth Conservative Club Hosts Charity Quiz

The Penarth Conservative Club, Vale of Glamorgan, has hosted a charity quiz in aid of the Marie Curie charity. Over £650 was raised during the quiz night with many teams from across the local area taking part and

with local businesses supplying donations towards food and a charity raffle.

The winners were the 'Railway Children' team who stormed to victory during the hotly contested quiz evening.



The Penarth Conservative Club.

Photo: Penarth News

# Sale Conservative Club thanks retiring Chairman

The Sale Conservative Club, Cheshire, would like to place on record its huge thanks to retiring Chairman Richard Bowyer.

Richard has been with the Club since its opening almost 25 years ago and has consistently served the Club by filling various roles. In recent years he has served the Club as Club Chairman.

The Club's Committee and

Members expressed their thanks to Richard during a presentation evening held for him where he was presented with a watch and a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his long and distinguished service.

The ACC thanks Richard for all his work on behalf of the Club and wishes him all the best for the future.



Left to right: New Club Chairman Tom Millington, Club President Beryl Harrop, Retiring Club Chairman Richard Boywer and his wife Linda.

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# ACC Chairman Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP visits Llandudno Conservative Club

The ACC's Chairman Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP was delighted to visit the Llandudno Conservative Club, Clwyd, after he finished speaking at a political event taking place in the town. Alistair was delighted to be able to meet some of the Club's Committee and Members and the Club kindly laid on some food and drinks for

his visit. The Club had recently featured on the front cover of the Conservative Club's Magazine after the Club's annual day out trip had proven to be once again a huge success.

Alistair enjoyed his visit to the Club and commended the Committee on all their hard work.



Left to Right; Ken Edwards (Secretary), Rt Hon. Alistair Burt M.P. (ACC Chairman), Janet Finch-Saunders A.M. Club President, Lyndon Jones, MBE, (Deputy Chairman of the Welsh Conservative Party & Former Secretary of the Wales Conservative Clubs).

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# Runcorn & District Conservative Club Hosts Family Fun Evening

The Runcorn & District Conservative Club, Cheshire, has hosted a family fun evening to raise funds for Breast Cancer research.

The evening, which raised funds of £225, was organised by Lorraine

Meadwell. The evening included a charity raffle and a karaoke session.

Lorraine decided to raise the money after she had a cancer scare earlier in the year. Although she was lucky, she wanted to raise

funds for those who were less fortunate. Speaking of the evening, Lorraine said 'It was absolutely fantastic. We had a great laugh and I want to thank everyone who donated prizes, all the staff at the

Conservative Club and everyone who came along and supported the event. We made people aware of breast cancer, raised important funds and we hope to do it again next year.'

## OBITUARIES

### Brian Curnow 1938-2016



**Brian at his desk in the Club and pictured again with his wife Rose during the presentation evening held at the Club.**

The Committee and Members of the Market Harborough Conservative Club are saddened to announce the news of the death of their Treasurer Brian Curnoe. He had been suffering from cancer for some time but faced his illness with stoicism, preferring to discuss matters involving the Club or one of his many other interests rather than his own health.

The Club presented Brian with a ACC Badge of Honour and a specially inscribed pen shortly before his death to honour him for almost twenty-five years' service as Club Treasurer. This was a poignant occasion as his wife,

Rose, had advised the Club that it would have been unwise to delay the presentation much longer. In expressing the Club's gratitude to him, Mr Andrew, the Club President, referred to his long, loyal and conscientious service. Even during the following last two weeks of his life Brian insisted on carrying on with his regular duties though increasingly with help from others. Mr Andrew went onto say that 'The Chairman, Secretary and I worked

closely with him over the years and admired him and his impish sense of humour. He will indeed be difficult, if not impossible, to replace at the Club.'

Brian had also been the President of Market Harborough Golf Club since 2014. As a keen supporter of Leicester City Football Club Brian was delighted when they became Premier League Champions last season.

Brian will be much missed by all the Members of the Club.

### Colin Emmins MBE

The Southall Conservative and Unionist Club, Ealing, are sad to announce the death of Colin Emmins MBE.

Colin was also a long standing and much respected member of the Ealing Conservatives. He had previously been a Councillor for the County Borough of Ealing in addition to his previous service as Chairman of the Ealing South Association's Political Committee and steadfast and loyal campaigner for the Conservative Party.

Colin Emmins was briefly the Secretary of the Association of Conservative Clubs having been appointed in 1988. Although his term of office was for just under one year, he was liked by the staff of the ACC at that time and made friends easily with those Club Officers who

he had the opportunity to meet.

Colin will be much missed by everyone who knew him.



**Colin Emmins MBE.**

## Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back to October 1901 where the magazine featured an article regarding the newly formed Society of Working Men's Rifle Clubs. Major-General Charles Luard had decided to create a system which would allow the practice of shooting to take place inside halls and other enclosed spaces. As explained by the Conservative Clubs Magazine at the time, such a system was exceptionally safe and, indeed, we cannot see any potential flaws

in the logic of allowing shooting to take place inside a venue primarily designed for drinking large quantities of alcohol. Of course, Clubs in 1901 did not have access to the detailed and interesting article on proper risk assessment procedures that we have helpfully included in this month's Club Law and Management.

Interestingly the Society of Working Men's Rifle Clubs is still active. In 1903 its title changed to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs which it

maintained under 1947 when it became the National Smallbore Rifle Association which exists to this day. The motto of the organisation is, quite appropriately, 'Look Forward'. Rumours that the AA are considering also adopting this motto are unconfirmed.

The article concludes by stating that Clubs which host these 'pop-up' rifle ranges can expect them to be a source of great attraction from the Club's Members and visitors and that lessons learned from the recent

Boer war include the benefit of being able to accurately aim at moving targets. For any Clubs now thinking of setting up a shooting range in the Club's function room we wish them luck in completing the risk assessment.



## Society of Working Men's Rifle Clubs.\*

UNDER "A.C.C. Notes" in last month's issue we informed our readers that a new society had been formed, under the above title, to encourage the formation in Working Men's Clubs and kindred associations, of miniature Rifle Clubs for the use of their members.

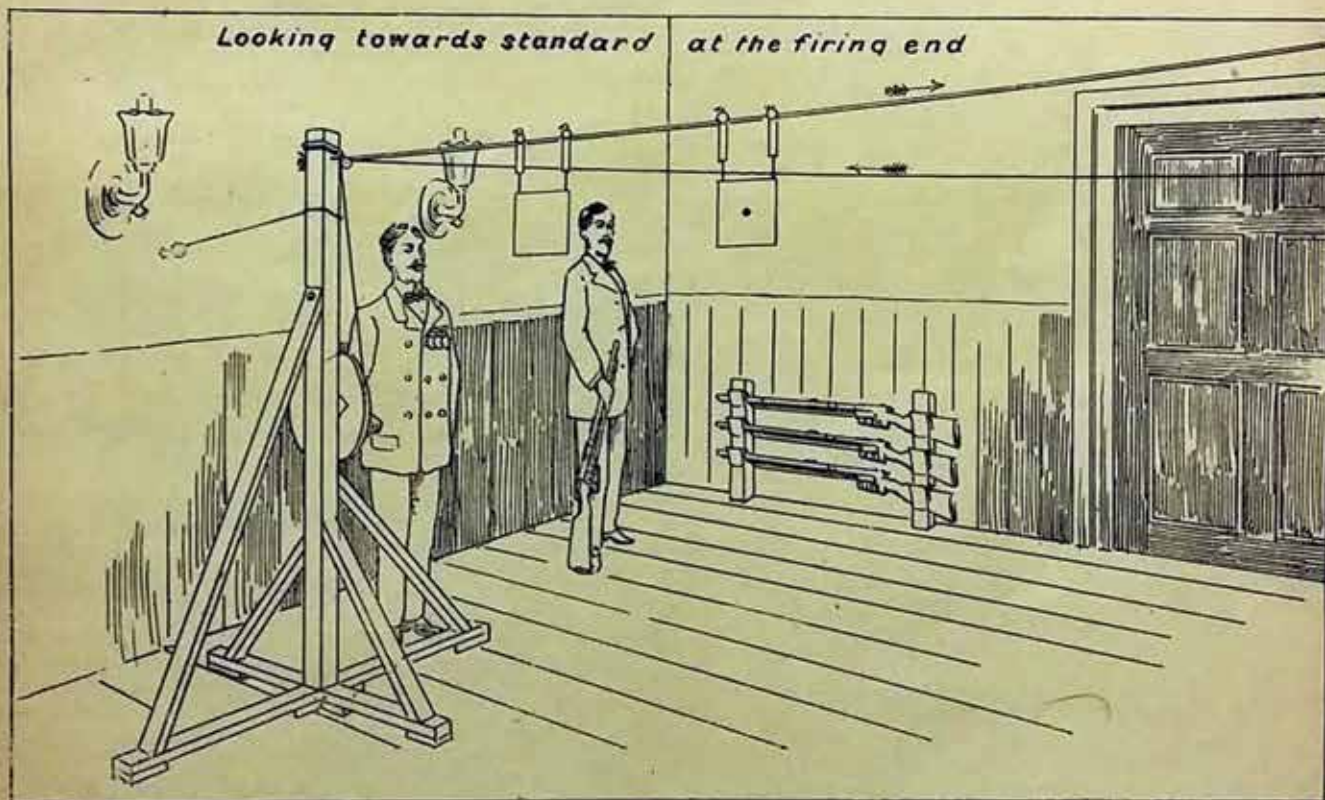
Major-General Luard, R.E., has invented a very ingenious portable apparatus, which was exhibited at the Mansion House recently and can be seen in active operation at the West Newington Conservative Club, 120, Walworth Road. This apparatus possesses the following advantages:—

It is specially contrived for rifle shooting with miniature ammunition, in halls (public or private) and other

at any time, from the commencement to the close of the shooting, whether the practice be at stationary, disappearing, or moving targets.

The rifles recommended in connection with this apparatus are of very small bore with magazines, and cost £3 each and the ammunition 10s. per thousand rounds. By charging 3d. or 2d. for eight shots, a substantial profit can be obtained. In cases where clubs are not in a position to purchase the necessary plant outright, application can be made to the Society to obtain such on loan or the hire-purchase system.

The Society issues a set of model rules for use of clubs starting miniature Rifle Ranges, and admission to the central body can be secured on payment of a fee of 5s. per hundred members. The Society also offers prizes for competition, in the shape of stars and challenge cups, and the *Graphic* has also offered prizes. It is hoped that in the early autumn a series of competitions will be in active progress.



covered spaces, either by day or night, and for each description of rifle shooting usually practised, viz., at stationary, disappearing, and moving targets.

The arrangement is such that it can be put up and taken down, and packed into boxes if necessary, with great ease and slight expenditure of time; and the initial cost is very moderate. For the steel stop butt, the frame which carries it and the targets, the connections between the frame and the firing point, the travellers which carry the targets, and everything complete, the cost is about £13 for an 8-foot run, the range being from about 35 to (say) 70 feet.

Then, again, marking costs nothing, and is not capable of being disputed, for the card target is the record of the shooting.

Another advantage is that it is exceptionally safe, for no one need proceed from the firing point to the stop butt

Apart from the fact that the establishment of a miniature Rifle Range in connection with a club will undoubtedly prove a source of great attraction to it, the lessons that have been learnt from the war have strongly emphasised the value of accurate shooting at moving targets combined with rapidity of fire, which the Society's apparatus enables to be accomplished in a manner hitherto impracticable, whilst the score on moving targets can be recorded at the firing point without having to go down to the butts, and without using a marker.

To those that object that shooting under this system is not the real thing, we may reply that half a loaf is better than no bread.

It is true that there are no calculations to make for effects of wind, and sighting is all point blank, but competitions can be made exceedingly keen between man and man, squad and squad, and club and club, with miniature bull's-eyes, and a larger number of rings on target than obtain upon an open range.

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