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OUR TEAM ON ONE OF OUR REGULAR ACTION DAYS

The Task Force team pictured as they begin campaigning and delivering

We have lots more leaflets which need delivering so if you can help please call the office on 01536 200255

We send out regular emails via Mailchimp to let supporters know TaskForce details

A MESSAGE FROM THE RT HON THERESA MAY, MP, PRIME MINISTER

Today, we announced our detailed plan for Brexit. We're taking back control of our borders, our money and our laws.

This plan delivers the result of the referendum:

- Ending the free movement of people - so we control our borders.
- Ending the huge annual payments we make to the EU - so we control our money.
- Ending the rule of the European Court of Justice - so we control our laws.

We will cease to be a member of the European Union on 29 March next year.

Our Brexit plan means we can make our own trade deals. So we can protect British jobs – while creating new ones.

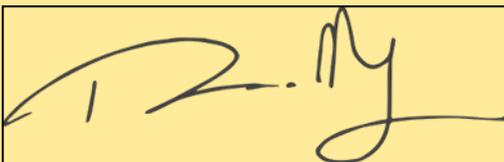
We will leave the EU's Customs Union and Single Market – free to make our own trade deals with old friends and new allies around the world.

At the same time, we're proposing a new free-trade area with the EU for goods, based on a common rulebook and a business-friendly customs model – so British business can continue to trade with our nearest neighbours in Europe.

But the decision whether to apply new rules on goods will be made in our Parliament, by the people you elect.

We're also taking back control of our rural communities and our fishing waters – leaving the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy so our farmers and our fishermen can take decisions that are best for them.

Our plan will deliver on the result of the referendum. Taking back control – while protecting British jobs. So if you support our plan, then help us share the facts about it.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'T. May'.

The Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP

Prime Minister & Leader of the Conservative Party

13 July 2018

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Helen Harrison (Association Chairman)

Aug 2018

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A
COUNCILLOR?
DO YOU WANT TO STAND UP
FOR YOUR LOCAL AREA?
DO YOU WANT TO REPRESENT
THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY?**



Whilst writing, you might like to know that we have some great events coming up. On Friday the 19th October, we have a dinner with the Rt. Hon Esther McVey MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. The venue is The King's Head, Wadenhoe and tickets are £32 pp.

Dear Member,

Thank you for your continued support of the Conservative Party both locally and nationally. As Chairman of the Association, I am always truly grateful for this support, without which we would be unable to support our Prime Minister, Theresa May, our excellent MP, Tom Pursglove, fight elections, or run a Conservative office.

We are always looking for good Conservatives who might like to be a local Councillor. Local Councillors decide matters affecting issues in their local community, from planning issues to the running of local services. It is local Councillors who make these decisions. It is a very rewarding roll and a great way to give something back to your community.

In May 2019, we are scheduled to have Borough, District and Town Council Elections and will need candidates across the board. In May 2020, it is likely that there will be elections to a new Unitary Authority.

If you think you would like to be a Council candidate then please contact Ann in the office for further details. If there is a particular area that you would like to represent, or specific Council, then please let us know this when contacting the office.

In addition, if you know anyone who shares our Conservative values, I would be grateful if you would encourage them to consider being a Councillor too.

This may be a family member, neighbour, or friend.

We have a dinner with the Rt Hon Liam Fox MP, Secretary of State for International Trade on Saturday 24th November at the Holiday Inn in Corby. Our Annual Christmas lunch will take place on Friday 14th December at the Corby Conservative Club, with Philip Davies MP pencilled in as our guest speaker.

It would great to see you and any of your family, friends or neighbours at these events.

I look forward to hearing from you, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ann at the office - 01536 200255, or me on 07717 578772.

Sincerely

Helen

CCA Membership 2018/19

Our existing Councillors are reminded that Membership of the CCA became due on 1st June. **All councillors seeking re-election in May 2019 must have up-to-date CCA membership otherwise they will be ineligible for nomination.**

Once again, CCA are offering a **special membership for Conservative council candidates** who have been selected to run in the 2019 local elections. New Council candidates are welcome to join for a special rate of **just £12**. Please ask at the office for more information.

RAY JACKSON - 'Doing their Best'

Jul 2018

As I write, the Party is in some turmoil. Two cabinet ministers have resigned and there is talk of the Prime Minister being voted out of office. It is right that the government in power should be tasked with bringing into effect the outcome of the referendum, that Britain should leave the European Union.

How easy it would have been if the government had been able to duck out of its responsibilities and been able to invite the leavers to organise the withdrawal and seek final authority for its actions in a general election. A bit like inviting the other side to bat. But that is not the way we work – thank goodness. The government took on the task of unwinding all aspects of the Union, great and small, with at least the minimum outcome of maintaining at the least the present standard of living.

We recognise that many who are motivated only by a sense of duty are working on the project and are doing so when their instinct tells them to stay in the Union. They had seen 2 billion of Euro-money being spent in Corby on infrastructure of new roads, factories, power and water supply. In the North East it is reported they wanted to give David Cameron a severe smacking at the risk of the new car industry which seems to be doing well up there. I and about 999 others were part of a work creation scheme up there in the '60s and saw what long term unemployment can really do. I hope they get some satisfaction in having given David Cameron a severe smacking.

If you are a politician who wants to do your best for your constituents, you have been set a hard task indeed to make Brexit acceptable.

However good your results, they will be scorned. Yet that is your job.

Even if the outcome after five years can be demonstrated by economists to have maintained our standards of living, those who have had to work so hard will never get any thanks from the public. The unfortunate tendency to mistrust our politicians means that they will be blamed for everything, even those which could be claimed to have gone well.

And while they are wrestling with Brexit, projects like Tax Reform, Welfare Funding, Aligning Defence with Foreign and North Atlantic Foreign Policy will have to be put on the back burner.

We live in a democracy and the will of the people as expressed in the referendum has to be implemented. Now we are right on top of it and the very best people in our country are straining every sinew to find a way of maintaining our economic wellbeing and defending our institutions

We Conservatives should recognise we could not have rejected the poisoned chalice. We should try to sink the differences between us and work for the common good. The other side spends its time, not on presenting a case but on personal insults. It does seem that the Labour tribalism we often find on the doorstep is rampant in the House of Commons and stronger in newer MPs. It really is stomach-turning to have to listen to Diane Abbott or Emily Thornberry respond on 'Question Time'. No wonder David Dimbleby is retiring.



Ray Jackson

Ray Jackson continued>>>

Our best hope is to complete the negotiations as well as we can. As a retired businessman with some overseas experience I would love to be able to exploit the business opportunities Brexit presents. Money is blind and instinctively goes where it can make the best return. The savings to be made by repatriating work back to Germany as new models emerge is easy money and will help to offset the challenge from China for manufacturing innovation.

One would be able to grow rich and fit on the profit. But once we know our new role in business, we must work closely together to

rebuild everything we can and fiercely defend whatever we can gain. Once we see what cards we have been dealt, then we try to think up some national strategies to get us out of this mess.

Sincerely

Ray Jackson

If you would like to comment on Ray's thoughts you can email the magazine editor and your email will be forwarded on to him

Association Annual Christmas Lunch

Friday 14th December
Churchill Suite, Corby
Conservative Club, 12 for
12.30 pm Speaker and
ticket price to follow

Chequers Comment | Greg Hands

A customs union 1) – As a former Remainer, and an ex-Trade Minister, I know that joining one would deliver Britain the worst of all worlds

We British often like a good compromise. This would be the wrong one.

Chequers Comment | Simon Clarke

A customs union 2) – As a convinced Brexiteer, and an optimist about Britain, I see that joining one would lock us into decline. We shouldn't be glued as a vassal state to a declining European market.

ConservativeHomeDaily 16 Jul 2018

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES

As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that constituents have. As such, unlike most MPs, he holds weekly advice surgeries, both in Corby and in East Northamptonshire. The venues for his surgeries are:

Corby: Corby VCS, The TA Building, Elizabeth Street, Corby, NN17 1PN

Irthlingborough: Irthlingborough Children's Centre, Scarborough St., Irthlingborough, NN9 5TT

Raunds: The Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LT.

Oundle: Oundle Baptist Church, 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG

Thrapston: Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, as Tom has decided to operate his surgeries on an appointments basis, in order to ensure that constituents do not have to rush through their concerns. This approach also allows Tom to provide immediate help - he often makes a start on casework matters prior to an appointment, to try and resolve concerns more quickly, whilst it also allows him to seek any appropriate advice, or obtain clarification on technical points, in advance of the meeting.

MEMBER DEE DAVIES

On 22nd May 2018 the Evening Telegraph reported that Corby Borough Council is in debt to the tune of more than £123 million.

So many questions that come to mind about this aren't there? Where has all this money gone? Why is C.B.C borrowing from all over the UK? Where are all our council taxes going? Is it to be in repayments? It is said we owe money to Sheffield, Chelmsford, Wakefield and Winchester plus goodness knows who else plus 14 loans from the Public Works Loan Board. The interest alone must be eye-watering and what will happen to Corby tax payers when interest rates rise again?

It is claimed that C.B.C has £9.1 million in reserve but 2 payments of £17.5 million have to be repaid this year alone, how are they going to achieve this ?

Tom Beattie claimed that the Government are to blame as they have encouraged & recommended councils to update housing stock, improve the infrastructure, etc , BUT do they need to take us this far into debt to look like a good competent council?

He also mentioned the fact that two warehouses that have been invested in: one would trigger a return of £1 million to the council, that of course if it is let. Is it let though?

Looks rather like a typical Labour Party's ethos to borrow until we are broke.

Previous recent history proves this to be quite true.

Being cynical of course the C.B.C will be able to walk away from all this debt once we have the two unitary councils which are probably going to replace Northamptonshire County Council. On the subject of N.C.C and lost money: someone must know where this money has been lost, after all it was not delivered by suitcase in cash to person/persons so where is the paper trail ?

If any of us did not keep track of our personal incomes and expenditure we too would be broke, but, officials who have total responsibility of monies in the treasury departments of councils are duty bound to keep accounts correctly, someone is responsible for losses, but, will they too be able to walk away from it all now ?

C.B.C must have someone responsible for financial accounting or has it been the council's policy to just sign everything off without asking questions of the accounting department? It does make you wonder.

There has always been the saying , ' A week in politics is a long time ' . Recently a day in politics is a very short time with all that has happened this last week. I cannot make any comment except –Let's wait and see **Dee Davies.**

If you would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine please email the editor on ray.boyd@talktalk.net

Copy for the next issue must be received by 10th September please.

Contributions and letters from members are welcome but some editing may be necessary by the editor.

You can email the editor, Ray Boyd at ray.boyd@talktalk.net
All emails will be acknowledged.

The Rt. Hon. Dr Liam Fox, MP

The Trade Secretary warned Brexiteers hoping to scupper the government that they risk costing British jobs.

Four amendments have been tabled by Jacob Rees-Mogg's European Research Group (ERG).

Former Brexit Secretary David Davis, who resigned last Sunday, is planning to vote with the rebel MPs, who number around 60-80.

Mr Fox said: "Failure is not an option. The majority of parties elected in the last election ran on a platform to leave the EU.

"The public - rightly - won't accept anything that goes against the values of taking back control and neither will I.

"This Bill delivers on our commitment to trade and I urge everyone to back us in this fight for Britain's future."

The Bill was "vital" to allow Britain to enjoy "continued prosperity" and for "protecting jobs", he added.

Daily Express 16 Jul 2018

TOM PURSGLOVE MP

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SOME THOUGHTS ON BREXIT PROGRESS

BY TIM MARTIN - CHAIRMAN OF JD WETHERSPOON

Doom-laden predictions do not bear scrutiny

During the referendum campaign, the majority of the establishment tried to frighten the public by the spectre of Armageddon in the immediate aftermath of a leave vote. Their forecasts were embarrassingly wrong. Since then, the CBI, the chairmen of Whitbread and Sainsbury's, the Financial Times and their allies have perpetrated the myth that food prices would automatically rise, if we left the EU without a 'deal'. As the last edition of Wetherspoon News predicted, the dishonest campaign to dupe the public about food prices was followed by a 'solution': stay in the 'customs union' and the problem is solved, say Clegg, Clarke, Adonis, the CBI, the House of Lords and others. However, staying in the customs union effectively means staying in the EU, without having a say in the creation of the rules.

Truth But the public has an instinct for the truth – and a parliamentary committee (EFRA, Brexit: Trade in Food, 18/2/18), dominated by remainers, has admitted, through gritted teeth, that under WTO rules: “..the UK government could decide to reduce all tariffs on imports into the UK. This would lower the cost of imported goods, reducing prices for UK consumers.” Contrast this with the fib in the Financial Times (17/10/16) that a “... 'hard Brexit' will lead to 22% EU food tariffs...” or the Guardian (7/7/17) that “there would be customs duties of ... 19% on drinks and an average of 12% on meat and fish”. The Sunday Times (15/10/17), too, falsely stated that “a 'no deal' Brexit would raise the cost of shopping” – and the 'Resolution Foundation' (17/10/17) said that “under a 'no deal' Brexit scenario ... tariffs on clothing, footwear, beverages and tobacco will rise by 10%. Tariffs on dairy products will rise by 40% and by 37% for meat products”. Let's not beat about the bush. These organisations were talking b*****ks and were involved in a concerted campaign to mislead the public.

Devastated It is clear that MPs can vote to eliminate import taxes post Brexit, reducing food prices at a stroke, but the desperadoes have now switched tack, arguing, absurdly, that food standards will fall, if we leave the EU without a deal, and that UK farmers will be devastated. What nonsense! The reduction in food prices from leaving the customs union relates to food and beverages which are ALREADY sold in the UK; in any event, whether it be cars, electrical goods or food, imports have to comply with UK legislation, so there is no legal or logical reason why food standards should slip. As regards the effect on UK farmers, the majority of whom voted to leave the EU, the government has pledged to support them financially through environmental subsidies, helping to relieve economic pressures. Also, countries like New Zealand abolished agricultural subsidies and protection decades ago, and their farmers have thrived – there is no reason why the UK should not match this performance. In the long run, farmers know that there is no security in trade barriers anyway. They didn't help the UK's Morris Oxford, in the past, did they? In fact, the EU's customs union is a sham – it masquerades under the banner of free trade, but is really a protection racket. It imposes taxes on the 93% of the world which isn't in the EU, including New World wines, oranges, rice and coffee, as well as children's clothes and hundreds of other products, most of which aren't even produced in the UK. For example, Wetherspoon's customers pay import taxes on every glass of Aussie and Kiwi wine consumed in our pubs – the government collects these taxes and sends the money to Brussels, where it disappears into the unaudited coffers of the EU. In its tax policies, the EU is like Monty Python's Dennis Moore, who robbed the poor and gave the proceeds to the rich – since the least-well-off are affected most by taxes on food and drinks.

Paranoia In order to placate the paranoia of the CBI, the House of Lords and the other

elites who control so many of the levers of power in the UK, the government has agreed to pay Brussels £39 billion as a leaving present – which is also supposed to facilitate a ‘deal’. This is a tragic mistake. If, instead of being paid to Brussels, the £39 billion were to be divided among the UK’s 650 electoral constituencies, that would amount to about £60 million per MP, which could be allocated to local projects.

If you were to ask the public: ‘Do you think that your local MP should spend £60 million in the constituency or, instead, send the money to Brussels?’ ..what do you think the answer would be? As government lawyers have repeatedly pointed out, the UK has no legal obligation to shell out these vast sums to Brussels, and it is astonishingly muddled thinking to agree to do so. The muddled thinking results from the mantra, promoted by the CBI and others, which says that the UK would be in dire trouble without a ‘deal’. By promoting this idea, the UK’s negotiating position has been undermined. In fact, the UK doesn’t need a deal, but the EU does, since we import from the EU twice what we export.

Embargo If, for example, trade barriers, or indeed pub customers themselves, were to create an effective embargo on excellent EU products like Lavazza coffee, Moët Champagne or Kopparberg cider, Wetherspoon would be able to find high-quality substitutes from the UK or the rest of the world, so who would suffer most? Not the UK, for sure... The second tragic mistake is to have agreed to a ‘transition period’ of two years, as requested by the pusillanimous CBI and its lazy big boardroom supporters. Wetherspoon is ready to leave the EU now, even though we have an extensive European ‘supply chain’. Believe me, leaving the EU requires 95% of companies to do almost nothing, so this is an elitist attempt to delay leaving as long as possible. The public can now see that there is no point in our democratically elected politicians doing backwards somersaults to reach an agreement with the unelected presidents and apparatchiks who run the EU. If the EU is keen on a free trade agreement, so

are we. If not, no problem, we’ll be better off under WTO rules than we are today, anyway.

In the meantime, we should not be held to ransom, but should take the following sensible actions which will help to ensure our prosperity in the future. First, as indicated above, abolish import taxes, increasing the spending power of the UK consumer and providing a boost to the economy – a dividend for the hard-working taxpayer! Second, don’t pay £39 billion to Brussels bureaucrats, but allocate £60 million each to UK MPs for spending in their own constituencies, on local projects. The taxpayer pays the piper and should call the tune, Mrs May! Third, re-establish control of our own fishing waters, helping to regenerate coastal communities and reversing the damage done in recent decades as a result of 60% of fish from these waters being landed by EU boats. The rod of iron rules, OK?

Finally, take the moral high ground and grant citizenship to EU migrants who have legally moved to the UK. This will inevitably happen, in any event, so it’s pointless and demeaning to be involved in phoney negotiations in this area. If the UK adopts these suggestions, it is likely that the EU negotiators will opt for a free trade deal, which their exporters will welcome. If they don’t, UK shoppers and the economy will still benefit.

So, come on, MPs, the time has come to stop cowering and to copy free-trading nations like New Zealand, Australia and Singapore. It’s not in the interests of democracy, or of the UK public, to be beholden to the arrogant and overbearing demands of the unelected Juncker, Barnier and their friends – or to perpetuate dishonest scare stories about food-price rises in the event of ‘no deal’.

Tim Martin, Chairman JD Wetherspoon

The winner of the Summer Draw was Mr J F Bowman - Perth - £5,000
Unfortunately no winners for our Constituency but the winner of the Bottle of Whisky is Mr Seth M Goddard who lives in Corby.



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOLD



Jul 2018

At the last meeting of the County's Police and Crime Panel, I was delighted that the members present unanimously supported Nick Adderley who was my preferred candidate for Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police. Nick was an outstanding candidate who stood out throughout a rigorous selection process that culminated in two days of interviews, including a panel of local authority leaders and chief executives.

As part of this ambition, I have invested millions of pounds into frontline policing, which has come at a time when policing in Northamptonshire faces ever greater demands on its budget. I have also continued to raise my concerns with the government that Northamptonshire Police do not get a fair funding settlement when compared to other police forces. Whilst I accept there is only a finite amount of money they can commit to policing, I do not believe the way this money is allocated is fair or equitable.



I was very pleased to hear the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, say that he will prioritise police funding during the next Home Office spending review. Our resources have been consistently frozen and so this year, I asked council taxpayers to contribute more to

Nick is currently the Assistant Chief Constable at Staffordshire Police and brings a wealth of experience in operational policing and partnership working. Nick's appointment represents an exciting new chapter in the history of Northamptonshire Police and I am sure he will bring renewed energy and focus to my overall ambition of making our county a safer place.

support policing. Northamptonshire Police has had more funding each year since I became Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016, but central government funding continues to be uncertain. Sadly, the current funding formula is based on outdated measures and needs to reflect the changing nature of crime and its effects, and to be more accurately based on the size of our population.

Stephen Mold— continued>>>

I can guarantee that we'll be doing everything possible to make the best use of public money, including working more closely with the Fire Service to share buildings and other enabling services. I am accountable to the public for the way their money is spent and I take that responsibility seriously

As part of this responsibility, it is also important that we continue to look at innovative ways to improve and enhance frontline policing. A good example of this is our new sponsored PCSO scheme. The role is part of a new scheme which we have developed to allow communities to pay for a PCSO that will be dedicated to their area. The scheme is open to organisations such as parish councils and business districts.

There are currently three locally sponsored Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Northamptonshire and more will soon be taking their place in the police family. Sponsored PCSOs supplement the work of Northamptonshire Police in a local area. What makes this scheme different is the guarantee that the sponsored officer will be

dedicated to their area. Sponsored PCSOs are only deployed on other duties in exceptional circumstances such as a major incident.

Northamptonshire Police pays for all training, uniform and equipment for a sponsored PCSO – a sponsor simply covers their salary and on-costs.

I have been delighted by the response to this scheme from partners and I know that given the valuable work that PCSOs do, this will undoubtedly lead to a safer Northamptonshire. More details of the scheme can be found on my website at:

<https://www.northantspcc.org.uk/sponsor-a-pcso/>

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk

Stephen Mold

Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

Jacob Rees-Mogg is the MP for North East Somerset.



This is the response from Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Chairman of the European Research Group (ERG) to the recent White Paper on Brexit:

"This is the greatest vassalage since King John paid homage to Phillip II at Le Goulet in 1200.

"This White paper has not needed age to turn yellow. There are very few signs of the Prime Minister's famous red lines. It is a pale imitation of the paper prepared by David Davis, a bad deal for Britain. It is not something I would vote for nor is it what the British people voted for.

"In particular this paper sets out that the UK will be subject to EU laws while having no say in their creation.

"The Common Rule Book will not be Common it will be EU law, interpreted by the EU Court with the UK subjected to EU fines for non-compliance.

"The UK has accepted it cannot diverge from 'ongoing

harmonisation' without activating repercussions for Northern Ireland. In effect Parliament will have no say over future EU laws implemented in the UK.

"The UK has accepted that it will collect and hand over EU taxes. This is an unwarranted intrusion into the control of our border. The absence of reciprocity is concerning and the cost to the taxpayer unknown.

"Taken as a whole this recreates many of the worst aspects of the EU the British people voted to leave. This does not respect the referendum result."

TOM PURSGLOVE

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Parliamentary Private Secretary to the
Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon Sajid Javid MP.



Jul 2018

A few months ago, I had a meeting with a representative from Dementia Friends, who told me about the great work they are doing in raising awareness surrounding dementia and Alzheimer's - something which sadly, in all likelihood, affects at least one person we know. Following on from the meeting, the Alzheimer's Society kindly organised for some Dementia Friends representatives to come in and give me and my staff a training session, which was extremely helpful for all of us.

During the session, we all learnt a lot about the illness, how best to approach it and how to ensure that the people living with it are not defined by it, and how they can be best supported so that they are able to retain their own independence, and ensure that the disease does not define their lives. As the local Member of Parliament, I have helped a number of families affected by dementia in our area and I was particularly keen to understand how I, and my office, could best support those affected by it in future.

Dementia Friends is currently encouraging people to become a 'Dementia Friends Champion' to spread the word further. 'Dementia Friends Champions' are trained volunteers who encourage others to learn a little bit about dementia. 'Champions' run information sessions in their community and inspire others to help those living with dementia to live well.

One of the things that particularly stuck with me is the need for us all to be more mindful - we all lead busy lives, but those living with dementia and those supporting them, could often be helped enormously by us just being patient. We have all been in a rush at some time or another, and it is all too easy to lose sight of the fact that someone around us might be struggling. So if nothing else, just being alive to this can make a big difference.

Dementia Friends' very noble aim is to educate the general public about the illness, and as 1 in 3 people born in the UK this year will develop dementia in their lifetime, there is no better time to be doing more to learn about this very important issue. I would certainly encourage others to go through this training and if I can be of any help in putting local people or groups in touch with the organisers, I would be delighted to do so.

Tom

***Tom Pursglove, MP for Corby &
East Northamptonshire***

We were hoping for Canada +++ but we've got Tories ÷2

I watched the Horizon program last night about Time Travel.

It was fascinating, some scientists have a theory that if you can travel back in time you can also travel forward in time and if you can travel forward in time it means things have already happened and therefore are predetermined and can't be changed.



This is only slightly less mind blowing than BREXIT. You could sit back and relax and think what will be will be and nothing we do will change the actually outcome because it's already happened.

What would we give to hop in a time machine and zoom forward 10 years to see what this outcome actually is, well we can't.

We can't see the future but we can see the past. Churchill said, "*Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.*" So, let's get in our time machine and pop back to the mid 90's where the Tory party was at war over, yes, the EU.

We all know the outcome. 1997 and a Labour Landslide "Things can only get better" they belted out. Well it wasn't a complete disaster, partly because they followed the Tory spending plans for the first 4 years.

But eventually after 11 years they finally ran out of money and we are still paying for their "money is no object" attitude.

Gordon Brown had his famous Golden Rule about borrowing but when the money ran out he had the Treasury recalculate the Golden Rule and guess what: he could continue to borrow!

One aircraft carrier NO! let's buy two and chuck in a load of long term PFI to boot. To be truthful New Labour were a bit Tory lite, they didn't repeal any trade union laws, what had been privatised stayed Privatised and some more happened.

Back to the present day. We're told the David Davis White Paper was a Canada+++ option but the equation we've actually ended up with is Tories ÷ 2 which as any Twitter savvy Tory knows is written this way

Tories ÷ 2 = #JC4PM.

We don't need a time machine to see Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell's (shudder) future Britain; we can just read the Labour Party Manifesto of 2017. Borrowing, Borrowing on Steroids and repeal of the Trade Union Laws.

Let's get in that time machine and go back to the 70's, strikes without ballots, secondary picketing, flying pickets, chuck in a heavy dose of antisemitism but ultimately the country on its knees.

Me? I'm going to watch the Horizon program again because as I said it's slightly less mind blowing than BREXIT.

Cllr Kevin Watt

Leader of the Conservative Group

Just a thought: "I think we should ask everyone in Britain whether or not we should hold another Referendum" (Anon)

*But, seriously, we know that the EU are playing their old game - keep on having referendums until the people give the **right** answer. When they win, even by one vote there will be no more talk of referendums. The decision will be permanent.*



CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM

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2 July 2018

It is extremely impressive that the CPF office received submissions on 'Conservative Values' from well over a hundred CPF groups, representing over 1,200 members across the country. It is also encouraging that over 4,000 party members responded to the CPF's recent online poll and agreed that all of the Conservative values identified by the CPF are important. This demonstrates the huge interest in policy making that exists in our Party, which the CPF is harnessing to great effect.

Policy making over the course of this Parliament will perhaps be more important than in any time in recent memory. As we seek to seize the opportunities that Brexit presents, we will have greater scope to make changes to our domestic legislation than in any Parliament for over 40 years. This presents a huge opportunity for our Party.

To update members on what has been announced so far, the CPF Commission will consist of five Task Forces, which will be tasked with answering key questions that they will be set. The Task Forces to be established cover some of the key challenges for Britain as we approach the next decade:

- ***Energising our economy***
- ***Transforming our public services***
- ***Building a fairer society***
- ***Sustaining our democracy***
- ***Shaping a Global Britain***

Each Task Force will be chaired by two of our backbench MPs, with a wider membership that will include the relevant Chair of the 1922/Association of Conservative Peers Backbench Committee and other Conservative MPs. In what I envisage will be the largest single exercise of its kind ever undertaken by the Conservative Party in government, each Task Force will be committed to a monthly evidence gathering session across the country, visiting every region and where applicable the devolved nations. Across five Task Forces, this will mean that there will be at least thirty evidence sessions taking place across the country from September to late Spring 2019.

I want Task Forces to be engaging with CPF groups across the country. Each Task Force will be set around twenty questions to answer as part of their work, and I am keen that the opportunity to answer these questions is also put to CPF members once they have been finalised.

Each Task Force will then produce an Interim Report, to be published in stages in Summer 2019. Final Reports for each Task Force will then be published around Conference 2019, providing the Conservative Party with a wealth of ideas to take forward, either in government or as part of a future manifesto process for 2022.

CPF members identified education and vocational training as the area in which the most persistent inequalities exist.

Nobody's background should determine their life chances.

That is why the Prime Minister has spoken of her desire for Britain to be the world's great meritocracy – as she put it, 'a country where everyone has a fair chance to go as far as their talent and their hard work will allow'.



As CPF members identified, making a success of Brexit will be crucial. We also want to help the House of Lords to reduce in size, and in the House of Commons we want to ensure fair and equal representation for the voting public by equalising the size of constituencies to ensure everyone's vote will carry equal weight.

I want to ensure that CPF members and groups feel that I am approachable and want to engage with them. Please pass my email on to any CPF group that would like me to address them, and I will try my best to arrange this over the coming year.

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Chris Skidmore

Chair, Conservative Policy Commission and Vice Chair for Policy

Due to the length of this article considerable editing has been necessary but the full report can be read on the CPF website.

If you would like to take part in CPF discussions contact the office.

Tom Pursglove, MP.

10th June 2018

On Friday morning, I had a series of meetings about the future of several local libraries in the constituency – specifically, Oundle, Thrapston and Raunds. I arranged these meetings so that officer representatives from Northamptonshire County Council could meet with me, the local county councillors, representatives from the ‘Friends’ groups, and representatives of the respective town councils, so that we could discuss the latest situation with regard to each and get answers to outstanding questions. It was also useful for NCC to understand the very valid practical concerns of the local people involved with each of the library campaigns,



to make a number of suggestions as to how matters could be moved forward positively and opening up a channel of communication, to help ensure bespoke solutions for each, not just in the short-term, but longer-term too. Rest assured I will continue to proactively support our communities in this endeavour.

ASSOCIATION DINNER

Friday 19th October



Guest Speaker:

Rt Hon Esther McVey

Member of Parliament for Tatton,
Secretary of State for Work and
Pensions

Venue: the King's Head, Wadenhoe
7pm for 7.30pm.
Tickets £32

If anyone saw the retweeted video of Jean-Claude Juncker (unelected President of the European Commission) recently where he seemed to have great difficulty in standing upright they might have thought he was the worse for drink. But it appears that sciatica was the cause.

Wouldn't mind a few bottles of that myself!

BRITAIN

THE PRIME MINISTER

7TH JULY 2018

- 1 Leaving the EU on 29th March 2019
- 2 Ending free movement and taking back control of our borders
- 3 No more sending vast sums of money each year to the EU
- 4 A new business friendly customs model with freedom to strike new trade deals around the world
- 5 UK-EU free trade area with a common rulebook for industrial goods and agricultural products which will be good for jobs
- 6 Commitment to maintain high standards on consumer and employment rights and the environment
- 7 Parliamentary lock on all new rules and regulations
- 8 Leaving the Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fisheries Policy
- 9 Restoring the supremacy of British courts by ending the jurisdiction of the ECJ in the UK
- 10 No hard border between NI and Ireland or between NI and GB
- 11 Continued close cooperation on security to keep our people safe
- 12 An independent foreign and defence policy working closely with the EU and other allies

A MAN OF HONOUR



Robert Courts MP.

15 Jul 2018 (Twitter)

I have taken the very difficult decision to resign my position as PPS to express discontent with **#Chequers** in votes tomorrow. I had to think who I wanted to see in the mirror for the rest of my life. I cannot tell the people of WOXon that I support the proposals in their current form.

Robert Courts MP was guest speaker at the recent CENCA dinner

Spectator.co.uk/Rodliddle 13 Jul 2018

And one by one, Eurosceptic parties or coalitions are winning elections. This is something we should have exploited from day one. We should make common cause with the Hungarians and the Greeks and Czechs and the Poles and the Austrians and the Italians. Oh, and of course the Catalans. Support them in their struggles against the very machine which we voted to be rid of. Tell Barnier we will pay not a single penny to the EU and that he can do his worst.

I cannot remember a time when the British public have been more let down

Strike an immediate trade deal with the USA, Australia and China. If the EU threatens tariffs against our exports, do the same back: they lose more than we do. If this leads to a 'hard border' in Northern Ireland, so be it. We should leave the border soft, because that is what our people want. If the EU wishes to police it and set up customs posts from Donegal to Newry, let them, and then let the people of that island see who, exactly, is causing the problems. Call their bluff. It would be bumpy for a while. But scarcely less bumpy than it is now.

A READER WRITES

Well done to Kevin Watt for his letter in the last magazine. Why are 3/4/5/ bedroom luxury homes still being built in Corby out-numbering 1 or 2 bedroom affordable homes? It can only be greed by the companies who have perhaps 'Land Banked' some years ago and just wishing to make big money, we know there is a great divide between the rich and poor in our country but surely pure greed could be curtailed somehow by our government of which ever colour ?

M.O.G.– The more I read him/her the more I would love to meet up and chat,

I wish Mrs May and cabinet would be as honest in their speech around their table as M.O.G..

In the last CENCA Magazine I did have to laugh [or cry] over Stephen Mold's attempt at convincing us all. Front line officers are to get more help by issuing Smart Phones helping officers to deal with complex issues while out and about on the beat?

I haven't seen a police officer or community support officer for over 3 years in Corby, and am quite shocked if I see one anywhere I travel.

Dee Davies

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**Ross Thomson is
Conservative MP for
Aberdeen South.**

Jul 2018

Ross Thomson, MP, says the Conservatives would be "screwed" going into a general election and MPs in marginal seats would lose their seats if Theresa May doesn't back down on her current Brexit proposals.

Speaking on the BrexitCentral podcast, he attacked the Chequers plan as being "in the Customs Union in all but name, in the Single Market in all but name, and essentially still under the jurisdiction of the ECJ."

The Brexiteer said the fact that 60 Tory MPs were unhappy should be "sending a red warning

light to the government" and he failed to deny the idea that backbench Conservative eurosceptics could block government legislation that was unconnected to Brexit if the Prime Minister did not change course.

The Tory MP, who gained his seat at last year's general election, said he supported the resignations of David Davis and Boris Johnson as they could not sell the plan in European capitals as being good for Britain.

He said the Tories were telling business that "the rules that have burdened you for years... are not going to go anywhere... and we're going to be aligned to these rules in perpetuity."

He added: "If we do not make changes to what is being put before us then we are, to be quite frank with you, screwed going forward to a general election."

Shared on Twitter by Peter Bone MP

Labour facing 'existential' crisis

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John Stolliday, who was Labour's head of governance and legal, said moves by Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters to change the party's rules represented "a tyranny of a majority" over those who it was founded to represent.

Mr Stolliday - who also headed up the Labour compliance unit dealing with disciplinary issues, was among a number of senior officials who quit their jobs earlier this year ahead of Jennie Formby's appointment as the party's general secretary.

A review of Labour party democracy was launched by Mr Corbyn last year, and is expected to publish its finding shortly.

Among the proposed reforms are moves to reduce the number of MPs needed to nominate a leadership contender and increase the influence of trade unions and Labour members.

Speaking at an event in London, Mr Stolliday took aim at those who want to give greater power to the party's membership - which has expanded massively under Mr Corbyn's leadership - warning that it could leave Labour in permanent opposition.

He said: "Simplistic opposition for its own sake is an easy path to take, but it is one that ends in the overgrown wilderness. The Labour party might have brought into its ranks those many people in the country who are disaffected, who want to oppose, who were previously attracted to the political fringes.

"But by choosing this path they ignore the great majority out there who put Labour into government three times in the past 25 years and are waiting for a credible alternative to what we have now."

Mr Stolliday added: "The Labour party is a delicate coalition of its elected representatives, its affiliates and its members. The party's rule book gives some powers - but crucially not absolute power - to each of those groups.

"For years that delicate balance has kept in check the ambitions of any one of those groups who tried to assume too much control.

"If you start to change that balance, by scrapping the policy process or fundamentally changing the party's rules, it will lead to the most fundamental realignment within the party since its formation.

"It is not mass democracy to subordinate the will of the Parliamentary Labour Party or Labour groups in local government or Labour's affiliates - it is a tyranny of a majority over those who this party was founded to represent.

"It speaks to an existential crisis for Labour - is it a party of opposition and protest, or is it a credible party of leadership in the national interest to better the lives of millions of working people?

"It was Dora Gaitskell who told her husband Hugh in 1962 that the problem with his policy is that 'all the wrong people are cheering'. I love the Labour party and want it to do well more than anything. But I'm afraid right now all the wrong people are cheering."

A Labour party source said: "Labour is a mass democratic movement that last year put on our biggest increase in vote share since 1945, destroyed Theresa May's majority and is ready to fundamentally transform our society so it at last works for the many not the few."

"The only thing stopping Jeremy Corbyn from becoming Prime Minister is Jeremy Corbyn."

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THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'A LARGE HELPING OF FUDGE.....'

Hello all fellow Conservatives.

What a summer it's been so far for weather, although I suppose like me you all could really do with some rain now for the gardens. I was in Ely a few weeks ago, on a beautiful day, and came across a traditional English sweet shop, so I went in and ordered some traditional old English Fudge.

I need not have bothered because what followed a couple of weeks later from the gathering of our so-called Leaders at the magnificent Chequers was the largest amount of Fudge I have seen for many years.....

Why has it taken us two years from the date that the nation spoke to get to some negotiating stance which is not even close to what the voters who voted out require. What is it about our present Leaders, and why do they feel that tough negotiation is 'not the right way' to approach the EU. It is certain that those guys at the opposite side of the table must be just waiting to say 'Non, non' to what was agreed at Chequers. Why is it that the present leadership so lets us down when it comes to negotiating for what's right for the United Kingdom. We were once a great Nation and could be again, however we appear to want to cling to the coat tails of an overly governed, overly bureaucratic, greedy non-elected bunch. These guys even voted down having to account for the £3950 of expenses a month for travel and subsistence they all draw which they currently do not need to account for and still don't. No wonder they don't play fair.

I read with regret the passing recently of Peter Carrington. Some will remember he, Lord Heseltine and Lord Tebbit, who were once the great power brokers in the eighties Government. Hasn't life changed. I have had the privilege of listening to and hearing speak these great men.

How do you think that they would have handled the state of affairs we are in today. If they believed in leave (and two did not) they would have gone to Brussels in July 2016 and stated our terms and if we didn't get close agreement by September 2016 the EU would receive no more money and we would be gone. I believe that Mrs May has received advice from President Trump to act along those lines. Like him or loath him, he is getting what he wants and it's now time to emulate his approach. If our exit from the EU fails then politicians in the UK will not be trusted for many years.



Mrs May, I believe that you have let the side down. I believe that what has been agreed at that summit is a 'fudge' and will not stand us at all well in negotiations going forward. I sadly believe that you have let us all down, even those who voted remain, because in democracies they would honour the view of the majority. We have left it too late and our European colleagues are revelling in their advantage.

I see no happy ending to all of this and I see possible change in leadership, probably in the autumn. I see another General election and then, Heaven forbid, I see an oldish man, who has a grey beard and has learnt to act in a deferential way trying to persuade rather than dictate taking the keys to Number 10.

Not a happy prediction.....

MOG

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