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Corby

Corby's £19.9m Towns Fund award is a 'big moment' says our MP, Tom Pursglove. Plans for the money include a new sixth form centre and an improved route to the railway station

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LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO GO ON THE BANK HOLIDAY?

THE CORBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB BANK HOLIDAY TRAILER GIG IS A GREAT EVENT. ALL PARTY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME AS VISITORS TO THIS SUPER DAY.

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THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ASKED EVERYONE TO USE THEIR COMMON SENSE TO HELP DEAL WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER WAVE OF THE VIRUS

How to watch the new channel GB News

You'll find GB News at Freeview channel 236, Freesat 216, Sky 515, Virgin TV 626, and Youview 236.



Possibly you might need to retune your television. To do this, select Menu and then Set-Up, Installation, or Update. Most sets have an automatic scan option. Or be like the editor and ask one of the kids to do it.

Since its start GB News has had a few problems with technical issues and, more importantly, finding its format and viewers are starting to ask where the news is.

It is a brave concept and hopefully it will find its feet before losing too many viewers.

Posted by Annabel de Capel Brooke

Have you visited Elsie's Vintage Tea Room in Nassington yet? Owned by Graham and Claire Marshall the post war themed tea room sells a selection of mouth-watering cakes and lunches. The cafe is named in honour of Graham's late mother Elsie and many of the recipes come from a book that belonged to Elsie, who was a cook at Conington Castle.



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The shop is open 3 days a week from Friday - Sundays only.

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Trip Advisor 94% 5 star.

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MORE THOUGHTS ON WOKENESS

'Mum, mother, mummy. I am proud to call myself all these things'. In common with countless women throughout the ages, being a mother is a fundamental, undeniable and indelible part of my identity as a woman. Stonewall has declared that a woman referring to herself as a 'mother' is wrong and very possibly wicked. It asserts they should be referred to as 'a parent who has given birth'. It is rather ironic that Stonewall, which fought so hard for so long against the persecution of one group of people – gay men – is now participating in the hounding of another: women.

Sarah Vine 5 June 2021

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.

JUST A THOUGHT: Jeremy Clarkson delivered a brutal analysis of the woke nature social media has adopted in recent years. He said, "Twitter now is just an opportunity for very left-wing people to express increasingly left-wing views to other left-wing people." 18 Jun 2021

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

27 Jul 2021

This is my first Chairman's Report since "freedom day" on 19th July 2021. It is good to see the country starting to tentatively return to a form of normality after more than a year of coronavirus restrictions - but we absolutely must remain cautious.



There had to be, at some stage, a "freedom day" (a dreadful expression), as we couldn't remain in lockdown forever, and deciding on that date was never going to be easy, nor the aftermath predictable. At the moment there are around 46 million people in the UK who have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccination (nearly 90% of the adult population), part of the biggest inoculation programme the country has ever launched. Of those around 36 million, about 70 of all adults, have had both doses. Of course in addition to those impressive numbers, we are also preparing ourselves after the emergence of the Delta variant - first identified in India but now running rampant across the world.

Recent analysis from Public Health England shows that 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against hospitalisation from the Delta variant - we can only hope they are right and we can maintain our path towards "freedom". Elections! Whilst the elections for North Northamptonshire Unitary and local Town Council elections are now a distant memory (although I imagine there are still a few blistered feet and damaged fingernails out there), by-elections around the country continue apace.

In the recent well-publicised Batley and Spennings by-election, Labour narrowly held on to their seat, one they had held since 1997, by just 323 votes. Despite a gigantic effort, the Conservatives couldn't quite get the same win we magnificently achieved in nearby Hartlepool. The Batley and Spennings by-election was, according to the media, one of the dirtiest campaigns in

recent years. Certainly Labour were widely castigated for producing an "anti-Indian" leaflet in order to presumably appeal to the large Pakistani population. The flyer for Labour candidate Kim Leadbeater had a picture of Indian PM Narendra Modi with UK PM Boris Johnson along with message "*The risk of voting for anyone but Labour is clear*"... "*Don't risk a Tory who is not on your side*".

It is maybe no surprise therefore that, a few weeks later, Labour comprehensively lost the council ward by-election of Humberstone and Hamilton, in the Labour stronghold of Leicester - an area with a large Indian population! The by-election saw the Conservatives increase their share of the vote by 18% to 45%, with Labour losing over 15% of their share and finishing with 33%. Whilst it remains an incredibly difficult time for the Government, both practically and politically, we can take some small comfort in the recent election results.

Management and Executive Meetings: With the relaxing of coronavirus restrictions, the next Management and Executive meetings will shortly be arranged. Remember that, due to a recent change in our Party's Constitution, there are now more opportunities for Members to join the Executive. See further details elsewhere in this publication. Boundary Review: The Boundary Commission for England, the independent organisation responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England, has recently published their proposals. You can find the dedicated review page with the various maps, here:

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>. Comments can be submitted through this portal.

Take care all.

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lee Wilkes', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Lee Wilkes

Chairman - Corby & East Northamptonshire
Conservative Association

OFFICE OPENING TIMES UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The Corby Conservative Club has opened fully and we are able to man the office at the Club once again from Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm.

Outside office hours you can reach me at:

Email: ray.boyd@talktalk.net. The office email address is: office@cenca.co.uk. Both email addresses are monitored 7 days a week. The office telephone is manned during the above hours. My home telephone is: 01536 742954 (Unless already registered you may have to identify yourself on this phone before being connected). If I am unavailable please leave a message and I will get back to you. You can also contact the Chairman, Cllr Lee Wilkes. Email me if you need to get in touch with Lee.

Kind regards and keep well, **Ray Boyd**

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR MAILCHIMP COMMUNICATIONS WHICH MAY GO TO YOUR EMAIL SPAM BOX



Image by PourquoiPas from Pixabay

100 Achievements in Two Years

It's two years since Boris Johnson became Prime Minister and his Conservative Government is delivering on the people's priorities.

From getting Brexit done to supporting the country through the coronavirus pandemic, the Prime Minister has helped Britain Build Back Better, safer, fairer, and greener over the past twenty-four months.

On the second anniversary of the Prime Minister entering Number 10, it is good to list some of the many achievements made together with your support. You can see the list at the website below.

And alongside each unique accomplishment, you can find a link to more information about what the government is doing in office to unleash Britain's potential.

<https://www.conservatives.com/news/two-years-on>



Photo: R Boyd

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES

Following government advice Tom's surgeries are being held on line. Telephone 020 7219 8043 to make an appointment.

Regular surgeries will continue once we get through this period of difficulty.

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RAY JACKSON - SO MANY PROBLEMS AHEAD

18 Jul 2021

The situation in South Africa, (the Rainbow Country) where large numbers of rioters are defying the Law in favour of late president Zuma whom the courts have order to gaol. People are being killed and factories and even food distribution centres are being destroyed so that some of the poorest of the poor will soon be facing starvation without much sympathy from anyone. After all the promise of the Mandela era and the hope that the riches of the country will be developed for the benefit of all its citizens, the country now finds itself in a very desperate situation. Until there are signs of social stability any form at all of foreign aid will be denied unless countries like China buy and control in their interest major assets like ports, airports and gold mines, gradually taking over the country as new colonists as they are doing in other parts of the world.

There are many excellent people in South Africa, but somehow president Zuma has cheated them and got away with robbing his country of massive amounts of assets, desperately needed by the poor. I was attracted to South Africa, by stories returning uncles and their friends in the RAF brought back after the War. More important for Corby are the people from the Steelworks who went out to build up the steel industry there, liked it a lot and many stayed if they could tolerate the apartheid system. (My brother in law who ran the Cadbury's business couldn't and had to come home. It's a fascinating political problem, but much more than academic because the country is being destroyed and people killed. Thank goodness we still get agitated about the source of funds to decorate the Prime Minister's flat. Let us hope some beneficent power will arise and take over the system.

The coronavirus crisis rolls on. The Prime Minister and his advisors, like ourselves, wants both to save lives and return the country to 'business as usual'. But every time a decision is made, in good



Ray Jackson

faith, the information changes and every one blames the PM's group. The Labour opposition have a difficult job trying to make any political argument out of it. There is some grim humour in hearing them blame the Government for allowing it to happen and not forecasting the numerous changes the virus brings. And of course their final line each time is that much more money should be poured in to help those coming off the various benefits. It is the teaching unions who worry me most. They, by switching their plans to help children to catch up, often it seem to me I hope wrongly, with the expectation of staying at home on full pay, much to the annoyance of those people who are struggling to get back into regular work. About 80% of primary school teachers are ladies and it is easy to understand their desire not to spend time in the summer holiday period back in school. But the teachers I know do worry about the loss of education their beloved charges face and are torn. There is a possibility that many teachers will reject their union and do their best to help their children catch up. Leisure is good but good will and professionalism are more value in the long run. Imagine interviewing this generation of youngsters for a job in 15 years and finding their serious lack of numeracy and literacy skills – but you have no choice but to employ them.

Ray Jackson

President and 200 Club organiser

Just a Thought : The most pernicious aspect of woke culture is that it seeks to drain life of all joy.

Petronella Wyatt 10 Jul 2021

PHISHING/SCAM WATCH



Sainsbury's has confirmed that an email promising £90 for taking part in a 'marketing survey' has nothing to do with it. Here's what the email looks like.

We're all used to seeing slick marketing from brands. Many feature recognisable logos and familiar brand colours to promote their offers across emails, social media, TV adverts... the list goes on. But Sainsbury's has confirmed that this 'marketing survey' email and the site it takes you through to have nothing to do with the supermarket. The survey and its offers of free 'rewards' are fake, and eventually encourage you to part with sensitive personal information.

AND HERE IS ANOTHER ONE

Scammers are hoping to cash in on any confusion around the end of pandemic restrictions – watch out for these fake emails and texts.

The NHS COVID Pass was recently launched so people can show their COVID vaccine or test status, which might be needed to travel and gain entry to some events.

Vaccine passes are completely free. You can download a digital version using the NHS app, or ask for a physical copy to be posted to you.

But fraudsters have been sending out fake NHS branded emails, falsely inviting people to apply – and pay – for a pass. We've also seen fake text messages along the same lines. These texts can be especially convincing as the NHS does contact patients using text messages.

This example is fake

This information is provided by 'Which' .scam protection service.

NHS: You are eligible to apply for a Covid Pass proving you have been vaccinated against COVID-19. You can apply for this here: <https://nhs.pass-application.com>

Phishing emails can also be reported to the National Cyber Security Centre on report@phishing.gov.uk

If you are in Corby shopping and looking for somewhere to eat why not try the Corby Conservative Club. Lunchtime snacks available from Wednesday to Saturday

Non-members welcome.

Check the Club website:

www.the-cons.co.uk

Phone to check Restaurant opening times

01536 203711

A report from our new, youngest member of the Unitary Council Cllr Macaulay Andrew Nichol (Corby Rural)

On 21 Jun 2021 I went over to Spinney Road to take a look at the parking situation. For 81 houses there is extremely limited parking offered, so I, along with a local surveyor (who voluntarily accompanied me) took a look at what work could potentially be done to solve this. Spinney Road residents should expect a knock on their doors in the coming weeks for some public feedback.

Alongside my ward work in Corby Rural, I have been attending a multitude of Committee and Council meetings. I have been working on the Constitution and the code of conduct, via the democracy and standards committee, as well as focusing on our great healthcare throughout North Northants, on the Health and Well-Being Board, attaining the vice-chair position in both groups.

I will be having further such meetings in the future and I look forward to focusing on both my ward and committee work.

Just a Thought : *'I hope my camera is on, is it? I mean the one on my laptop – not the one in the ceiling.'* Sajid Javid beginning his speech at the LGA annual conference. 9 Jul 2021



Northamptonshire PFCC Stephen Mold's Newsletter

19 Jul 2021

Now that the elections are over, I can continue to focus on the important business of putting communities – rural and urban – at the heart of what drives our police and fire services.

We have more police officers and more firefighters than ever before, and I am committed to making sure that they provide high quality services that keep Northamptonshire safe and make its residents feel safer than ever. There is still more work to do. I will be working hard with the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer to build on the progress that we have made, such as the significant reductions in burglary and the improved fire response times and availability.

There will be more focus on neighbourhood policing, with named officers in all rural and urban communities and a greater focus on community safety activity. I want to see work to reduce the harm from domestic abuse and on early intervention to protect children and prevent crime.

The renewed focus on neighbourhood policing takes a further step as 13 new recruits take up their first posting on a neighbourhood team, and new livered vehicles are introduced to help teams become more visible and accessible in their local communities.

The additional officers and new vehicles are part of the changes to local policing I



announced earlier this year, which will see the number of neighbourhood constables increase from 50 to 100 by mid-2022, with the ambition for a further 60 by 2023.

The increase in officer numbers means, for the first time, a cohort of new recruits will begin their policing career in a neighbourhood team.

Thirteen new officers completed their initial training last month and are now progressing with the next stage of their development under the guidance of experienced neighbourhood officers. To support the increase in officers, neighbourhood teams have been given additional patrol vehicles, which include four new Skoda Octavias.

I know how important it is to people that their police are truly local – visible, accessible and focussing on the crime that matters to them where they live and work. We have the benefit of more than 200 extra officers in the past four years, with more than 100 still to be recruited by 2023 and I am determined that we now make the most of this and get more police out on the beat and into the heart of the community. I am delighted to see the new recruits begin their policing career in such a vital role.

A key priority in my Police and Crime Plan has been early intervention which helps to keep people out of the criminal justice system and provides support.



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Stephen Mold— continued>>>

More than 800 families across the county have received support from the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Team, a project set up to provide early intervention in domestic or family related incidents. The ACE Team was set up in February 2019 and over the past two years, has helped 830 families, with a total of 1,514 children and young people.

The Team works with families in situations where police have been called to domestic incidents that are unlikely to result in prosecutions, or when they are referred by a school if a young person is at risk of exclusion, for example. Workers from the ACE team work with the family to offer support to prevent issues from escalating further, including giving guidance on issues like domestic abuse, relationships, parenting, online safety, mental health and substance abuse. Their work is complemented by two specialist Domestic Abuse Support Officers, whose role is to help people in incidents where the police have been called specifically to a domestic incident regarded as low level. Since their appointment in January, the Domestic Abuse officers have dealt with 272 incidents, supporting 458 children.

This team is providing a really valuable service, meeting the needs of families who, without some support, are likely to come into contact with Northamptonshire Police and ultimately, may enter the criminal justice system. This work ultimately enhances the life chances of children and young people and I believe, prevents them being involved with or a victim of crime later in life.

As the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the county, I am proud of the work we have undertaken to invest in and improve the Fire and Rescue Service. Ten transferees have now been welcomed to the Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue family which I funded in addition to 20 recruits that were needed earlier this year to replace outgoing staff. The ten firefighters will now be working out of Daventry and Rushden fire stations, having recently completed their intensive training at the fire training centre in Chelveston.

Of the ten starters, three had served as on-call firefighters in Northamptonshire but wanted to make the role full-time - while seven have moved from other services in the country. The move also offers an alternative job path for many of them, with previous careers of the new intake including spells working in logistics, the food industry and the Royal Air Force.

It's really exciting to welcome ten new recruits to Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service. We made a commitment to the people of Northamptonshire that we would make them even safer. It's really pleasing to hear these new recruits say they joined us because the fire service is on the move and is a good place to come and work.

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

Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE 2021

We are going hybrid in 2021: Physical & virtual conference tickets available
This year, Conservative Party Conference will be a hybrid event, meaning you can visit us in Manchester or from the comfort of your own home using our virtual platform, tickets are currently available for both.

Where: Manchester Central / Online When: 3rd -6th October 2021

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yg4y6tmk>

TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

29 Jul 2021



A tough call and a tricky balance - but we have to get back to normal with good judgement, common sense and consideration for others at the fore

Week on week we are seeing increasing numbers of people vaccinated against COVID-19 - a very significant achievement - and locally, the roll-out continues apace. It's remarkable that more than 87.5% of people aged 18 and over have now received at least one dose of one of the vaccines, and more than 70% of adults have now had both doses. It is crucial that we don't slow down now - and welcome, access to the vaccines is being bolstered and improved in our community all the time. Thanks to the incredible success of the vaccination programme, we have been able to re-open further in recent days and lift the restrictions in a substantial way and I'm hugely grateful to all of the amazing volunteers and staff that are continuing to make it happen here on the ground in Northamptonshire and across the country. I've now had both jabs, having been along to the drop-in vaccination clinic at Willow Place in Corby at the weekend to get my second, and I urge everyone here in North Northamptonshire to get vaccinated too at the first opportunity!

Ultimately, the further lifting of restrictions on the 19th July was a moment of great relief for many, but for others I know it was a source of genuine anxiety, worry and concern. Of course, there are mixed emotions on this, as there have been throughout the last 18 months, but in the end there was never going to be a perfect moment to do this.

For my part, I am clear that the risks of the disease, which the vaccines have reduced, but far from eliminated, had to be balanced with

the risks of continuing with legally enforced restrictions that inevitably take a grave toll on people's lives, livelihoods and physical and mental health; something I have seen very starkly for myself in recent months as a constituency MP and which has been reflected in much of the correspondence I have received from my constituents and in the discussions I have had, and continue to have, locally. Some of what I have heard has been truly heartbreaking - both in terms of accounts shared with me by those who have experienced the disease itself and devastatingly lost loved ones, as well as the stories of those who have had COVID wreak havoc on their lives in so many other ways.

My postbag on the issue of easing the restrictions has been polarised, with deeply felt and sincere views expressed both ways. But the alternative to the plan to move to the approach we have adopted, which is undoubtedly helped by the summer and by the school holidays, would have been to open up in the winter when the virus would have an advantage, or not at all this year, which I do not believe would have been a sensible course of action, or indeed at all sustainable. Ultimately, the toll on many people's fragile mental health, on the economy and in relation to wider health considerations is now far too great and cannot be ignored.

Instead, the emphasis of the national response to Coronavirus has now shifted from rules and regulations towards expecting people to protect themselves, and others, through informed choice. Clearly, we must remain vigilant and go about enjoying these returned freedoms responsibly. I believe that the approach taken will achieve that balance.

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However, it also relies upon people showing ongoing common sense, good judgement and consideration for others, and I am confident that, as we have seen throughout this pandemic, the vast majority of people will continue to do just that. For example, if you're in a crowded place or on public transport, it makes sense to pop on a face mask if you can and personally, that is exactly what I intend to do.

We also have to show personal responsibility in that we all know our own risk scores better than anybody else and we should act in accordance with them. For example, the Government recognises how difficult the situation is for clinically extremely vulnerable people, both for their physical and mental health and so I welcome that guidance has been published for this group regarding ongoing support and assistance. Indeed, a person who is at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill if they were to catch Coronavirus may wish to take additional precautions going forward. These could include choosing to limit close contact with those they do not usually meet; meeting outside if possible; and if socialising indoors, ensuring the space is well ventilated; continuing to practice social distancing; and asking family and friends to take lateral flow tests before visiting. A recent study from Public Health England, which looked at more than one million people in at-risk groups, also found that people who are immunosuppressed are significantly better protected from symptomatic infection following the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

That said, cases will continue to rise as set out from the start of the 'road map', as will hospitalisations and deaths. However, hospitalisations are far lower than they were at this point during the previous wave and it is encouraging that people aged over 65, who are more likely to have had both doses of a vaccine, currently make up 31 percent of admissions, compared to 61 percent in January. It is clear therefore that our vaccines are working and building a wall of protection against hospitalisation and weakening the link

between infection, hospitalisation and death. It is reassuring that the current data does not suggest that unsustainable pressure will be put on the NHS, but all data will be kept under constant review and I really do urge people to get vaccinated.

I know many will also be reassured to know that the most vulnerable in our society will be offered booster jabs from September for the winter months.

I do just want to really emphasise that I know none of this is easy for anybody, and for some more than others - these are some of the toughest decisions politicians have ever had to take outside of war. At many times throughout this pandemic, these decisions have weighed extremely heavily on my mind. There are no easy answers - no textbook to refer to, no choices without risk and no single prevailing view about the best way forward. Nobody has a monopoly on wisdom, and it is easy to be wise after the event. Instead, this is an unprecedented, multi-faceted challenge which continues to evolve and develop. I know some will strongly agree with the approach taken, whilst others will stand strongly opposed. But for my part, I think Ministers reached the right, balanced decision in the circumstances at this stage.

Clearly, COVID-19 isn't over and people should continue to show common sense and exercise good judgement, but in the end, continuing as we have been simply wasn't tenable for much longer and we were always clear that the rules would only remain in place for as long as they were absolutely essential. The time had come to move forward and concentrate on our recovery - both socially and economically - because when all is said and done, we are going to have to learn to live with COVID-19 in our day-to-day lives, much as we all wish it weren't so.

Yours sincerely

Tom Pursglove Member of Parliament
for Corby & East Northamptonshire

A READER WRITES

11 Jul 2021

500 illegal e-scooters have been confiscated in London in a short space of time, so why then have I witnessed 5 illegal/trial ones in one day on Corby's pavements, one with a police car passing by and officers inside laughing about the rider who looked about 14 years old. Someone is going to be seriously hurt by these speeding devices. It is my opinion this trial of e-scooters should be stopped.



Photo: R Boyd

Shameful is perhaps one word I would use to describe our recently departed health secretary's behaviour. He is a hypocrite and undermined everything the government is trying to do. Having an affair is not our business but blatantly breaking the rules definitely is. It is just the latest example of one rule for certain people and another for us. I am glad that Boris saw sense and got shot of him fairly quickly.

'Freedom Day' is here. Hopefully this will mean we have more police on the streets, doctors back to seeing patients, clean streets, graffiti cleaned up, bins emptied etc. Personally I would like to see the police stop being merely 'Spectators of Crime' and taking more action in removing drunks from our Corby town centre. We can but hope.

In summing up I do believe that, apart from the hideous on-line trolling morons, most people respect other people's views and the freedom we do have.

Dee Davies [Member]

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Would you like to be more involved in the management of our Association?

The Governing Body of our Association is called the Executive Council and thanks to a change in our Party's Constitution we are in the process of reconstituting it.

Would you be interested in joining? The Executive meets between 2 and 6 times a year and has control over the Association's organisation, finances and branches. It has a key role in the selection of candidates at all levels and holds the Association Officers to account.

All of our Conservative elected councillors in the local authority are members of the Executive Council but all members can be considered. This is particularly important if you live in a ward in Corby Town Council area where we have no elected Conservative councillor on the Unitary Council or the new Corby Town Council.

You don't need to be an elected officer in the party or a councillor or to make a large time commitment.

Under our new rules each ward must elect a minimum of one member to sit on the Executive Council. If you would like to represent your local ward then please submit your nomination to office@cenca.co.uk by 31 August 2021. You may nominate yourself for the Executive. You do not need a seconder.

If there is more than one nomination for your ward then we may hold a ballot to elect the representative.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more then please contact Ray Boyd at the above email address.

EARLY WARNING

**Our Annual Christmas Lunch will be on
Friday 3rd December 2021.**

**It will be at the Corby Conservative Club.
Full details will be in the next magazine but book the
date in your diary now**

If any members would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine or comment on our contributors' articles please email the editor at ray.boyd@talktalk.net. Letters may be edited.

The comments of all Magazine contributors are obviously their own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Association or its management.

200 CLUB NEWS

Great news for 200 Club members - we have now



held the draws for all of last year and right up to August this year.

Apart from the monthly prizes we have held the draws for the big prizes for 2020 and 2021. The list of winners is here. Cheques will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Our Annual Lunch will be held in February 2022.

2020			
Month	No:	Prize	Winner
Jan	9	£25	A Whittaker
Feb	11	£25	Mrs G Singlehurst
Mar	11	£100	Mrs G Singlehurst
Mar	37	£50	B Cromie
Apr	2	£25	RG Jackson
May	24	£25	K Burdett
Jun	50	£25	PW Long
Jul	2	£25	RG Jackson
Aug	35	£25	Mrs SM North
Sep	50	£25	PW Long
Oct	36	£25	Mrs JM Fortescue
Nov	47	£25	Mrs H Cromie
Dec	6	£25	RG Jackson

If you are interested in joining for £15 a year please contact Ray Boyd at the office.

2021			
Month	No:	Prize	Winner
Jan	49	£25	AP Huntingdon
Feb	37	£25	B Cromie
Mar	33	£100	DA George
Mar	29	£50	DA George
Apr	51	£25	R Davies
May	1	£25	Mrs C Cater
Jun	38	£25	B Cromie
Jul	20	£25	TW Lane
Aug	54	£25	R Brudenell



Conservative Policy Forum

The CPF is getting ready to recommence the regular local meetings to discuss topics of interest which can be put forward for inclusion for future discussions.

Now, more so than ever before, there is a genuine recognition at the top of the party that members views need to be sought and heard: 4-out-of-7 commitments in the Party's 2019 election manifesto can be traced back to ideas proposed by CPF members.

The next two consultation papers will be on '**Conservative Values - our relationship with the state**' and '**Planning and Housing**'.

Our CPF Chairman, George Whittaker, will get our local discussions going again as soon as permitted.

Any member (and other interested persons) can take part in these discussions. Please let the office know if you would like to be included and papers will be sent to you when they are published.

CORBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB NEWS

The Club opened up again fully on Monday 19th July.

The Committee are now busy getting everything back to normal and have a full programme of entertainment in place for the remainder of this year. The popular August Bank Holiday Trailer Gig will take place as usual.

VISITORS WELCOME



The Famous Bank Holiday Trailer Gig
returns to

Corby Conservative Club
Sunday 29th August at 2.30pm

Featuring Live Acts
'OUT OF ORDER'
'POINT BLANK'
'ELLIS OCCLESHAW'

Many members have been asking about subscription payments. A large number pay by standing order and these have gone through as normal. Since partial reopening many members have been in to pay and the Club reports that 80% of members have now renewed. Nobody will lose their membership because of the pandemic.

Club committee meetings have resumed and the postponed AGM will be held on Thursday 5th August at 7pm. The 2020 accounts have already been audited and examined by the committee. In line with legal guidance the members elected to committee in 2020 will continue in office for a further year so there will be no elections this year.

Association members could help the Club considerably in two ways:

1. Perhaps consider joining the Club.
2. Make use of the Club once it reopens.

You can find details of how to join and see what facilities are on offer at: www.the-cons.co.uk

Our two organisations are mutually reliant on each other and it would be great to see us working together. We have a number of Club members on our books and a few more have joined us this year, and some of our

members already have Club membership but more joining both organisations would be really appreciated.

The Club has around 1,000 members and each one pays us a small subscription to show their support. However during the pandemic our Association has not claimed this fee for these two years and allowed the Club to retain it to help with finances. Our Association has already booked the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Club in December. Details are elsewhere in this magazine.

As soon as we hear from Raunds Conservative Club about their opening plans members will be advised via Mailchimp.

Just a thought: *"If he was so brilliant why were things a mess before he left? His stupidity in revealing himself as a vindictive narcissist is monumental."*
Sir Bernard Ingham's comment on Dominic Cummings: 27 Jul 2021

MEMBER-GET-MEMBER

THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE
CALLING YOU!

To all members and supporters.

Last week saw the launch of a national membership recruitment campaign entitled '**You started it. Now be part of it**'.

Recognising the tremendous backing given to the Party across recent elections we're asking supporters to help cement that success by joining the Party. Every current member, with a usable email address, has been contacted with a unique referral code to share with family and friends.

When joining using the code at conservatives.com/join we'll automatically register those connections, and one lucky new joiner and their referring member could receive a welcome phone call from the Prime Minister.

So come on — join or encourage a friend to join and you might get a call from Boris.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

To minimise local administration, the Voluntary Party's Membership Committee has recommended that no new **local** Standing Orders or Bank Transfers are set up from this point. They advise associations to direct members to pay through Direct Debit or Credit/Debit Card (online or via the CCHQ Membership Team). Please note, the money received by Associations remains the same whether payments are made centrally or locally.

So if you know of someone who would like to join please ask them to go to:

www.conservatives.com/join

NEW CONSTITUENCY

BOUNDARIES

After several starts and restarts the Boundary Commission have now laid out their plans for restructuring the boundaries of constituencies in order to comply with the ruling that all constituencies (with the exception of those that cannot be altered, such as the Isle of Wight) will have the same number of constituents within a small margin.

The plans affect the Northamptonshire boundaries as some have too many people and some have too few. Unfortunately the Commission's plans are quite disruptive as they will slice up some communities and move some towns away from their traditional groups.

All members were notified via Mailchimp of the proposed changes and the alternate proposals which have been submitted by our local MPs.

These amendments are supported by CCHQ and all members and were asked recently to write to the Commission to express their support for them.

The deadline for proposed amendments is 2nd August.

It is very likely that the new boundaries will not take effect in time for the next general election but will certainly be in place for the following one. And of course, with the massive amount of building going on in the county it is likely that the boundaries will be altered once again in the future. The plan is for a review every 5 years.

Our MP, Tom Pursglove, has asked that the name of our constituency should be changed from 'Corby' to 'Corby & East Northants'. We have always referred to it with the full name but legally it is called the short name so it would be good for this to be altered.

Members can see the proposed boundaries by going to the website for the Boundary Commission.

This is the website to go to

<https://tinyurl.com/yj4dfjdf>

THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'A LONG-TERM PROBLEM'

16 Jul 2021

Until 2010 I had thought that a 'triple lock' was something that was required by my Insurance Company to secure my house. Then in 2011 my understanding changed.....

I have three questions for this current Government and by implication to your Member, Tom.

First: Is the current Government going to withdraw or amend the triple lock agreed in 2010 by a Conservative led coalition ?

Let me say that if there is any tampering with this very needy piece of legislation then votes will be lost. For some reason, Parliamentarians believe that £170 per week or thereabouts is a 'living wage'. It is not.....and I know plenty of pensioners, as I'm sure you do, who only just get by with their state pension and a small private pension. Touch this at your peril Boris Johnson or Rishi Sunak. Mrs May implied changes at her final election and this cost her dearly. Pensioners should be looked after and not cast aside like unwanted citizens. I urge you all to write to either your MP or Government to show displeasure.

Second: When will the Social Care crisis be fixed?

For three successive manifestos the Conservatives have promised that the Social Care crisis will be sorted out. I don't think that there are many of us who do not believe that there should be some sort of personal payment towards older life care, however , I believe that this should be capped at £50,000. This is a reasonable amount and would allow care for about a year prior to the State kicking in. On top of this I would like to ask all Members or Parliament if they believe that they are worth five times the annual salary of a care worker either in a residential home setting

or in the cared for home settings. I believe that they are not. I am not saying that MPs are overpaid - I am saying that care workers are drastically underpaid, Most earn the

minimum wage of £8.91 per hour not even the widely accepted living wage of £9.50 per hour. Currently in Northamptonshire there are 43 vacancies in the sector advertised at below the living wage threshold. Surely this is wrong. How can we expect care for the elderly to be maintained at current levels with this situation. 18 of those vacancies are in Corby and some of you may have relatives in homes where these rates are advertised! This sector needs rapid reform before implosion and I would urge the current Government to act without delay instead of kicking the ball down the road.

Third: When can we see a GP?

The situation of not being able to have face to face visits with GPs is intolerable and must be fixed. Not being able to see a GP puts the NHS in potential crisis in that patients who require a GP appointment in person then go to A & E and clog up the system. I cannot think of a front-line supermarket worker who has not been 'on duty' for the whole of this crisis. So where are our GPs ?

Let's get some answers.

Have a great summer and stay safe,

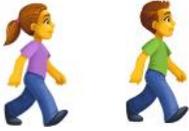
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