

The Bostonian

BOSTON CONSERVATIVES BRANCH NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE NEW BOSTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

by Neil McCafferty

Boston Conservatives Branch Chairman

Welcome to this, the first of a monthly newsletter to be sent to all members and supporters of the Boston Conservatives Local Party.

In it we are aiming to keep you informed of items of interest like the results of the Branch Lottery, discussions from the Policy Forum, news from the Leader of the Borough Council and his cabinet members and our local MP,

If the local Party is to grow and succeed, something we all know would all welcome, we need to keep everyone engaged and informed of what is happening in the party, and our aim is to hopefully inform and encourage you to join in and participate, maybe not immediately but hopefully sometime in the future.

We would also like to hear from anyone who may have any ideas or suggestions on how we could improve the work of the Branch on email at bostonconservatives@mail.com



THE BOSTON CONSERVATIVES SUPPER CLUB

by Dudley Bryant MBE



The Boston Supper Club was established by Dudley Bryant MBE in 2009 with five suppers each year held on the third Friday of January, March, May, September, and November at the Boston & County Club.

In January 2022 Matt Warman MP gave us an update on Westminster followed by an excellent session of questions and answers.

The 59th Supper Club will be held on Friday 18th March 2022 and the Guest Speaker will be Mr. Toby Dennis, The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire

Ticket Price : £15.00 per person

If you wish to be added to the invitation list, please send your email address to: dudleybryant@tory.org



by Matt Warman MP

Future issues will also include a column from our local MP Matt Warman



Members Comments

Do you have any questions, ideas or suggestions to make to improve how the local Party operates and communicates?

Do you think we do enough, too little or are we about right in our approach?

If we started to hold Branch meetings for ALL members to attend would you be interested, and if so what would you want to see debated and do you think we should have guest speakers attending?

We are looking to start getting members views in the future, using surveys and questionnaires.

If you have any comments or questions now please address them to Branch Secretary, bostonconservatives@mail.com or the address below.

Thank you

THE BOSTON CONSERVATIVES BRANCH LOTTERY

by David Skipworth

Sign Up for the Boston Conservatives Branch Lottery.

There's still time to sign up for the new lottery. The first draw is next month. If we meet our target to get 50 members or supporters to join, the prize could be as high as £250 each month, more if we beat the target.

The first draw in April will include a 'bonus', making the prize a possible £350.

The lottery is being set up to raise money to be spent by the Conservatives locally, for example by supporting our candidates to get elected to Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey and Lincolnshire County Council.

We are also looking to provide support for future communication and membership activities to try to increase our local membership numbers, which have been in decline for the past few years.

If you can, I would urge you to complete the forms you were sent, or contact me on bostonconservatives@mail.com for more information or replacement forms.

You can also get the forms from the Boston and Skegness Conservative Association Website.

Don't forget the added bonus of £100 for the first draw.



You're Invited!

PLANNING FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

by Michael Cheyne

Hopefully the worst of Covid is behind us and now it is time to learn how to enjoy life again. We have been putting together some ideas for social events, which we hope you will enjoy and we look forward to seeing you. Here are some ideas for the coming months, in no particular order:-

River cruise up the Witham; A tour of St Botolphs; Theatre trip (Spalding/Lincoln); Garden party and BBQ; Scalextric racing; A trip around Tattershall Castle; Lincoln castle and Magna Carta; Lincoln concerts and meal; Trip to the House of Commons; A day at Duxford; Everyman theatre cinema (Lincoln/Wisbech); A day at the races - Fakenham/Doncaster; Sea trip Hunstanton seals.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for any other type of social events, please let us know so that they can be considered and possibly included in our planning deliberations.

We also have other fundraising Ventures; **The 100 Club** organised by Ruth Street, and **The Westminster Club** organised by John Maltby, details of which can be obtained by emailing bostonconservatives@mail.com, and which we hope to feature in future newsletters.

INTRODUCING THE BOSTON BRANCH COMMITTEE

During the year we have lost some valuable members of the committee, Kurt and Mandy Mather, Marianna Biddlecombe, Joe Dean, Carl Smith and Geoff Wray. We would like to thank them all and wish them well.

Current Branch Committee: Neil McCafferty - Acting Branch Chairman, Dudley Bryant MBE - Branch Treasurer, Michael Cheyne - Acting Deputy Chairman membership and Fundraising, Tony Raven - Branch Secretary, Cllr Jonathan Noble - Deputy Chairman Policy and Campaigning

Committee members : John Maltby, Faye Baillie, Eddie Speke, David Skipworth, Terry Haywood, Cllr Paul Skinner (Leader of the Council), Cllr Judith Skinner, Ruth Street (Association President), Cllr Tom Ashton - Association Deputy Chairman.

THE BOSTON CONSERVATIVES POLICY FORUM

by John Maltby



The Conservative Policy Forum (CPF) consists of 160+ groups throughout the UK, Boston Branch is proud to be a regular contributor to this National Forum.

We are friendly group which meets, either in person at the Boston County Club or via Zoom. Once a quarter we are given a subject matter to discuss from a local/national level perspective and we have previously covered topics such as the NHS, Housing, How to support families and many other issues.

Two of our recent feed in documents have resulted in the group sending representatives down to Downing Street to explore our views further, which indicate that we are being listened to!

If you have an interest in helping discuss and formulate possible future policies or have a special interest, then you are welcome to attend and join the lively discussions with a friendly group. Upcoming discussions will include discussions around a dynamic and relevant UK, Jobs, pension and microbusiness and ideas for the next Election Manifesto, so, if you are interested in attending future meetings, please email johnsmaltby@hotmail.com

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