



HORSHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

September 2019



Chairman's Newsletter Comment, Adrian M Lee

Welcome to the latest quarterly HCA Chairman's Newsletter, and a lot has changed since our first Newsletter only three months ago. We now have a new Prime Minister, of course, and the focus of Boris and the UK government is firmly on ensuring a departure from the EU on or before 31 October.

In Horsham Conservative Association, change has also been taking place, albeit at not quite such a rapid pace! Since June, we have made some changes to Gough House to improve security and the functionality of the Office so that it can better support the needs of all our Members. Our Administration Manager, Karen, has worked hard along with Bill Roff our Deputy Chairman (Membership and Finance) to improve our member numbers. These have now grown by over 20% since the AGM in March. I am also pleased to announce Andrew Baldwin has agreed to become Deputy Chairman (Political and Campaigning) with immediate effect. Congratulations to Andrew and thank you for joining the team.

A number of our Branches have held events and I have tried to attend as many of these as possible. The YCs held a Curry Night for our younger members in mid-June and Slinfold Branch ran a "Pimms O'Clock" evening in late-June. Crawley Down, Turners Hill and Copthorne Branch (CDTHCB) held a Quiz Night in early July which attracted a fantastic turnout and Holbrook Branch held a fabulous Garden Party in mid-July which was blessed with great weather. There was another Garden Party put on by CDTHCB at the end of July and Billingshurst, Southwater and Shipley Branch hosted a private Garden Opening at the end of August. These events have all been well-attended and have allowed Members to socialise in a range of different ways.

Political Activity

For those of you keen to get involved in the cut and thrust of politics, we can offer a number of ways to take part. Throughout September, with Jeremy, we are delivering Voter Surveys across Horsham. These need people to simply push them through doors. They contain a questionnaire and a Freepost return envelope. We need volunteers to stuff the envelopes on a Friday and we need people every Saturday for just a couple of hours in the morning to deliver them; so, if you would like some exercise with like-minded people then come along!

We also run political discussions through our Conservative Policy Forum (CPF). Our CPF Chairman, Katie Nagel is always keen to welcome new members to the group to discuss the key topics of the day. Views are fed back to Conservative Campaign Headquarters (CCHQ) for incorporation into Party policy. The last one was on the Post-Brexit Economy and there are others planned this year. We will discuss Value-Based Policy-Making on 23 September and Under-18s Education at a later date.

Upcoming Social Events

In the coming quarter we have even more events on offer to Members and these are detailed in the enclosed pages. In particular, I want to highlight the CWO Lunch (Conservative Women's Organisation) coming on Saturday 21 September. This will be held at Côte Restaurant in Horsham and Mims Davies MP will be the guest speaker. Mims is the Minister for Employment at the DWP and is a local Sussex girl. Please support our new CWO Chairman, Kimberley Williams and your Association by going along to this lunch. Men are most definitely welcome too! Please contact Karen in Gough House for tickets.

For our younger members, please note the YCs are getting together at The Anchor in Horsham on Friday 13 September at 6:00pm for a few drinks. This is an end of summer get together and a chance to catch up after the holidays as well as bid farewell to those off to Uni. Please let Karen in Gough House know if you plan to attend so we can let Miles our Chairman know you are going to be there!

There are so many other events too, such as a Bridge Drive, Wine Evenings and an Autumn Supper. Of course, there is also the Patrons Dinner in London in October at which the guest will be one of the most senior members of the Cabinet. Look at the enclosed 'Events Guide' and make a point of coming along and getting to know your fellow Members! I particularly encourage all our fantastic new Members to come along too. Jeremy Quin often comes to these events and so there is a great opportunity to discuss local or even national issues with your Member of Parliament in a relaxed social setting.

Become A Councillor

We are currently looking to hear from any Member interested in being considered to stand as a Conservative Councillor at the elections for West Sussex County Council to be held in May 2021. The aim is to have all candidates applications in place by March 2020. The process is beginning now.

There is lots more information on our website on '[Become A Councillor](#)'. Those interested should, in the first instance, email the office in Gough House on office@horshamconservatives.com. If you have the time, it is a great way to serve your community and we are keen to hear from all our Members.

The closing date for applications will be 31 October 2019.

Stay Connected

Finally, please stay informed with Association news via our website at www.horshamconservatives.com. It is now maintained up to date on a regular basis and is the primary method for the dissemination of information to all our members!





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DIARY DATES 2019-2020

2019

13/20/27 Sept	Survey preparation at Gough House, many hands make light work
13 Sept	YC Drinks at the Anchor Hotel, Horsham
14/21/28 Sept	Leaflet delivering in the Horsham area
21 Sept	CWO Luncheon at Côte Restaurant, Horsham
23 Sept	CPF Meeting, Gough House, Horsham
25 Sept	Billingshurst, Southwater & Shipley Branch "Bridge Drive"
29 Sept	Conservative Party Annual Conference
5 October	Slinfold Branch "Wine and Canapes" Party
23 October	Patrons Club Dinner
24 October	Management Meeting
25 October	Sussex Area Dinner at the Brighton AmEx Stadium "An Evening with James Cleverly"
8 November	Billingshurst, Southwater & Shipley "Cheese and Wine" Evening
23 November	HCA Autumn Supper - details to follow - check HCA website
29 November	Roffey Branch "Cheese and Wine" Evening
7 December	Holbrook Branch Christmas Reception
14 December	Crawley Down, Turners Hill & Copthorne Branch "Christmas Party"

2020

7 February	Executive Council Meeting
20 March	AGM, Drill Hall, Horsham
17 April	Executive Council Meeting

