

# June 2019 NEWSLETTER

North West Cambridgeshire Conservative Association

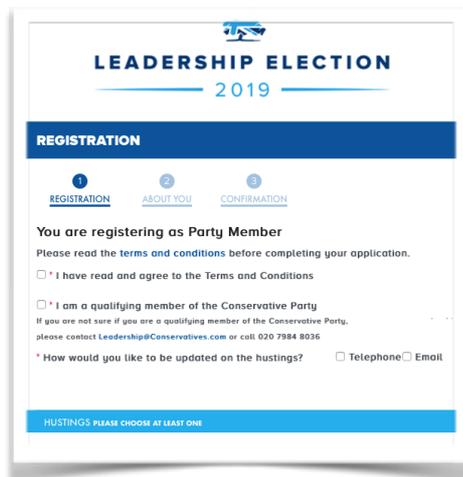
## Will you be voting for the new Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party?

Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt are going forward to the vote of the party members. You can hear their bid for your support at regional hustings.

Choosing the leader of our party and the Prime Minister of the country is an awesome responsibility for us all, and the news is currently full of betting odds, television debates and emails to members from the candidates asking for our support

There will be a series of regional hustings events between 22nd June and 17th July and members are encouraged to book online. The venues of the meetings have yet to be announced, but you can register your interest on the party website : <https://www.conservativehustings.com>., There are three hustings in our area - the East Midlands on 6th July and hustings in the East of England and Easy Anglia on 13th July,

It is important to remember that members who have subscribed for three months or more will be eligible to vote, so if you have any doubts about your qualification to vote, please contact [leadership@Conservatives.com](mailto:leadership@Conservatives.com) or call 020 7984 8036



## MARCH 50/50 CLUB WINNERS



The 50/50 Club Draw took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and was drawn by John Wreford, a member of the Association, Cllr Irene Walsh, Peterborough City Councillor for Orton Longueville Ward and Michael Perkins, Association Treasurer

**3rd Prize - £15**  
Matthew Perkins (24)

**2nd Prize - £25**  
John Costin (189)

**1st Prize £315.**  
Jennie Gatherall (130)

FOR FURTHER  
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THE 50/50 CLUB  
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## VARA'S VIEW - NEWS FROM OUR M.P.



Shailesh opening the new premises of Ben Burgess in Ellington

"To say that a lot has happened since the last Members' Newsletter is an understatement. Having previously suffered losses at the local elections, the Conservatives have gone on to a massive defeat in the European elections and failed to regain the Peterborough seat despite having an excellent candidate in Paul Bristow. And the contest to succeed Theresa May is well underway following her resignation as Prime Minister.



All of these occurrences have a very distinct commonality. The Conservative Party's failure to deliver on Brexit. Irrespective of our individual views on whether we should remain or leave the European Union, the brutal truth is that the British public expect Parliament to deliver on the referendum result. Our failure to do so, as the governing party, has cost us dearly. This is particularly the case given that 80% of all MPs were elected on manifestos promising to leave.

Addressing members of the farming community at Ben Burgess

If the Conservatives are to remain a major political force in the UK at both local and national level then we must deliver, difficult though that may be for some. Failure to do so means that the political wilderness awaits us..... for many years ahead. "

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Catching up with Cllr. Brian Rush after surgery in Hampton.

# COULD YOU CHAMPION YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

**Do you want to stand up for your local community and the interests of local residents?**

North West Cambridgeshire Conservatives are looking for Councillor candidates who want to serve their local community. We welcome all candidates who care about representing local people's views and looking after the interests of their local area.

In May 2019, Councillors will be elected to serve their local community in the City of Peterborough and you could be part of our strong, supportive and friendly team of Councillors and campaigners. If you are interested in finding out more about what might be involved, we want to hear from you.

To find out more please email the NWCCA Deputy Chairman (Political)

**Sheila Scott**

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or call 07831 597711

## Who may be a candidate?

To stand for your local council you must be over 18 years of age AND a British citizen; a Commonwealth citizen; or a citizen of an EU Member State, AND resident in the UK. In addition, one of the following criteria must apply to you:  
You must be and continue to be a local government elector for the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both nomination day and the day of the election, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area of the local authority

OR

Your principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding your nomination day and the day of election must have been in the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both your nomination day and the day of the election resided in the area of the local authority

## Do I know enough to stand for election?

Don't underestimate your own abilities. Each councillor will have something different to offer the council and you will not be expected to take direct responsibility for running the council on the first day that you are elected. Your main qualifications are a genuine concern for the community and a willingness to learn. Knowledge and experience will soon follow.

## Have I the time to be a councillor?

The time commitment involved in being a councillor will vary depending on the responsibilities you decide to take on. Many councillors have work and family commitments as well as other interests which they successfully balance with their role as a councillor.

**1****OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

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www.facebook.com/  
NWCambsConservatives](https://www.facebook.com/NWCambsConservatives)

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## Councillor Mac McGuire

### Cambridgeshire County and Huntingdonshire District Councillor

**Mac was first elected in 1985 and has served on both the County Council and Huntingdonshire District council, Mac was elected unopposed as Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council this year.**

"My main priority for the County is to focus on our highways - working with the combined authority to make sure the transport plan for the region's future is delivered smoothly to benefit the region - the transport plan is now open for consultation with a series of consultation events across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the proposals are also online: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp/>.

My priority for our party is to make sure that North West Cambridgeshire as an association gets back on its feet. The Euro and local elections, and the Peterborough by-election showed the rise in popularity of the Brexit Party. Next year there are 9 Conservative Councillor posts up for re-election in Peterborough and there will be further elections in the County the following year and then Huntingdonshire the year after that. Politically it is really important to demonstrate that in local government, it is the Tories who deliver for local people. We have to prove that we can deliver for those naturally conservative voters who voted for the Brexit Party tis time and we all have to work together to win back control of Peterborough and to secure majorities in Huntingdonshire and the county.

My passion is to show support for our armed services personnel - I'm the Armed Forces Champion for Cambridgeshires and Peterborough and I'm also Chairman of the Armed Forces Covenant Board. We owe a debt of thanks to those who have fought for this country and we must recognise and remember the sacrifices made. It's my job to to encourage local communities and the armed forces community to provide each other with support and to promote awareness of the issues affecting the armed forces community in Cambridgeshire. There is also the need to help integrate the armed forces community into our local life.

Another of my passions has been my role over the years in Protective Services - oversight of Policing and especially responsibility for the Fire Service as a member of the Fire Authority. I've been open in my opposition to moving the Fire Authority responsibilities to the Police and Crime Commissioner. This was proposed by Brandon Lewis when he was Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service as a way to deal with poorly performing fire authorities around the country, but I would say our Fire Authority is well run and the service has always collaborated effectively. It's also true that our elected members on the Fire Authority have operational responsibility for the service, which is not the case for the role of Police and Crime Commissioners in their relationship with Chief Constables. I hope the current arrangements continue, but the final decision on this proposal was referred to Judicial review which is due to report back in July, when we will know the outcome.

# EVENTS



## 10th July Tory Reform Group Summer Party 2019 with Matt Hancock MP



Venue: The Royal Horseguards, 2 Whitehall Court, Westminster, London SW1A  
Tickets: £35 for TRG Members (£47.50 for non-members) to include wine and canapés

Tickets are available from the TRG website and members should log-in before booking to access discounted tickets: [www.trg.org.uk/event/trg-summer-party-2019](http://www.trg.org.uk/event/trg-summer-party-2019). Our AGM will take place immediately before the summer party, at the same venue, and is open to all members.

28/7/2019

West Ward Conservatives  
(Peterborough)  
fundraising Summer  
barbecue

Tickets £25



YOU CAN PROMOTE EVENTS THAT ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS ON THIS PAGE. CONTACT [NWCCAMEDIA@GMX.CO.UK](mailto:nwccamedia@gmx.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner produces regular newsletters. Spring 2019 can be downloaded here:  
<https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/media.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/uploads/2019/03/Connect-Spring-Newsletter-2019.pdf>

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Mayor James Palmer also produces monthly news. You can read June's press releases here:  
<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/date/2019/06>