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CHAIRMAN'S SPRING NOTES 2017

AGM - thank you to all those who were able to attend the AGM in March: the line-up remains the same as above with the welcome addition of Murray Naylor, Martin Vander Weyer and Ashley Burgess as Vice-Presidents.

General Election – again many thanks to those who managed to make the short-notice Re-Adoption meeting for Kevin Hollinrake as our Parliamentary Candidate which was unanimous. I do hope that everyone will support Kevin as he seeks re-election and to increase his 19,456 majority. Please make contact with the office if you can help in any way.

Kevin and this Association have been asked to provide mutual aid to **York Central's** candidate Ed Young so if you feel able to offer them some time whilst you are in York please make contact with them direct at edyoung4york@gmail.com or 01904 788355/07919 523093 to find out what's going on, where and when. Mention T&M then we'll get some brownie points!

North Yorkshire County Council Elections

Congratulations to 11 out of our 12 candidates who were elected to NYCC on May 5th. There were three gains in Filey, (Helen Swiers), Norton (Keane Duncan) and Pickering (Greg White). The holds were Kirkbymoorside (Val Arnold), Thornton Dale & The Wolds (Janet Sanderson), Hovingham & Sheriff Hutton (Caroline Goodrick), Easingwold (Peter Sowray), Hertford & Cayton (Roberta Swiers), Sowerby (Bob Baker). Stillington (Caroline Patmore) and Thirsk (Gareth Dadd) were uncontested. I want to pay tribute to Malton's candidate Michael Cleary who increased our share of the vote but sadly was not elected on this occasion. Thanks to Mel and Gilly in the office for their support of candidates throughout their campaigns.

Campaign Fighting Fund

As you might expect, great successes in County elections mean that with such a short call for a General Election, our fighting fund is somewhat depleted. A letter is enclosed about this and I would ask you please to dig deep and give as generously as you feel able to. The Association is in good heart but needs a bit of a cash injection at this time.

Local Government Forum

As members will know the Association has a constituency branch of the Conservative Policy Forum under the convenorship of Bob Gardiner which discusses national party policy.

Some years ago, we had a Local Government Advisory Committee which did much the same for local government matters.

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The Executive has decided to relaunch this as the Local Government Forum. Its membership will include all councillors at all levels – County, District, Town and Parish – along with members who are interested in local government and those who might be interested in becoming candidates in future local elections – District/Town/Parish elections are less than two years away now.

Whilst we have a list of all County and District councillors, we have no information on members who are on Town and Parish Councils. If that is you or you are just interested local matters or being a candidate, could you please let Mel & Gilly in the office know so that we can start building a database.

We aim to launch the Forum in the Autumn of this year.

Conservative Women's Organisation

The Executive has also approved the setting up of a constituency branch of the Conservative Women's Organisation. As well as being a supporting branch of our constituency, nationally it has a new focus of encouraging more women to get into public life whether as councillors, MPs, members of public boards, running forums, fundraising, canvassing or doing more locally.

If you would like to join this group, please let Mel and Gilly know and we will keep you informed of developments in its formation: as a minimum, it would be good to have a representative from each Area to help get it started.

Future Events

Friday May 12th Golf Day & Annual Dinner is **cancelled** due to the General Election

Friday June 9th Business Club Lunch with Kevin Hollinrake and Nigel Wray (Domino's Pizza) at The Oak Tree Inn, Helperby – bookings through 109 office **asap**

Sunday July 2nd Association Summer Lunch at The Furze, Ganton (by kind permission of Linda Folwell) – booking details shortly

Friday July 21st Association Dinner at Ganton Hall (information to follow) (by kind permission of Nicholas & Venetia Wrigley) – booking details shortly

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