

Association Officers

President: Kenelm Storey

Vice- Presidents: Ashley Burgess OBE Lady Clarissa Collin John Greenway Peter Sowray MBE Peter Steveney

Chairman: Linda Folwell

Deputy Chairman Membership & Fundraising: Claire Docwra

Deputy Chairman Political: Sue Graham

Treasurer: Rob Hall

27th October 2020

Dear Member

As I sit writing this Autumn Newsletter reflecting on the past few months, I am hoping that you and yours have stayed safe through these unprecedented times.

We must now all start to try and look forward to better and happier times in the future....

At the Thirsk and Malton Association AGM held on the 9th October, the following were elected to serve as Officers of the Association:

President - Kenelm Storey

Chairman - Linda Folwell

Treasurer - Rob Hall

Deputy Chairman Membership/Fundraising - Claire Docwra

Deputy Chairman Political - Sue Graham

Fundraising: We as officers have held our first meeting since the AGM to find the best way forward to raise funds for the Association which isn't an easy task with the current Covid situation, but we have ideas which are in the planning stage and you will all be updated and notified in due course.

We recently ran an online auction, and my thanks go to Melanie and Gilly for their hard work monitoring it on a day to day basis. The final amount raised was £7386 and my thanks must also go to our members and supporters who generously donated the items and thus helped make the auction such a success.

Local Elections: At this point in time we are still planning to hold the NYCC Elections in May 2021 together with the Police Crime Commissioner election with Philip Allott as the Conservative candidate.

As an Association, we are in a position to field candidates for the county elections, but now there is a possibility they might not proceed due to the Government deciding that they want a Unitary Authority in place for 2023 which would possibly mean all elections will be cancelled... We await further instructions from Government as to how, when and if we proceed.

Membership: The support of our membership is always greatly appreciated and we currently have 805 members.

Branches: We now have all 8 Branches represented on the Executive Council.

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Party Conference: Conference was due to take place from the 4th - 7th October in Birmingham but was another casualty of Covid-19. I hope that some of our members logged in and enjoyed the virtual experience. On the plus side you could enjoy the speeches in the comfort of your own homes, but I am sure we all missed meeting in person and exchanging views on the various subjects.

We can only hope that we will all meet up in October 2021.....

Email Addresses: Can I please ask all members who may have changed email addresses to contact the office to enable us to update our files.

Finally, if any members have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office. I hope you will appreciate that Melanie and Gilly are still mostly working remotely and shorter hours, but your queries will be dealt with asap.

Please stay safe and remain positive.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. S. Folwell'.

Linda Folwell

Chairman