

BluePrint



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Newsletter of the Great Ayton & District Conservative Club



Notes from the chair ...

Ladies and Gentlemen - welcome to another edition of BluePrint, our three times a year Club newsletter which aims to keep you members up-to-date on what's happening in your Club.

Membership is still increasing, with more ladies putting their name forward for membership. Once the new names on the board have been processed, we will have over 37 female members and we are still getting new males putting their names forward to join also.

I would like to thank Mr Tony Stokeld for laying a wreath on behalf of your Club at the village remembrance service on Remembrance Sunday - thank you again Tony. The club this year raised £145.66p from our poppy box on the bar - many thanks to all who contributed.

To date this year (end of October), the Club is showing a profit, which is a very positive move forward and our thanks are due to you, the members for your support and use of our Club - without you this would not be possible.

Several committee members had a recent meeting with our architect to look at draft plans for our new ladies and disabled toilet facilities. Several good ideas were put forward which he took on board and will do another proposed design. What we are looking for is a design that suits our membership at the most cost-effective price.

John Hoult, a member of the Sports Committee, organised an excellent evening out at Sunderland greyhound track - the trip included transport, a three course meal, plus a race card - all at a very reasonable price.

The shopping trip to Meadow Hall Retail Park was another success, so continue to read the notice boards for up and coming events. If you have any ideas, suggestions that you would like to see happen - either see a committee person or write a letter so we can consider all options.

I would like to thank the Sports Committee for all the excellent work they do in organising events, along with the Club membership who buy the weekly draw tickets to finance such events. If you read Chris Thompson's report on Sports Committee matters, you will see what a busy and inventive year they have had.

It will soon be that time of year for our annual Smoker Night which is on Wednesday December 19th - please come along and enjoy an excellent social evening along with one of Karen's famous buffets. Tickets are still on sale for the bottle draw which you can purchase from behind the bar just see a member of staff who will gladly take your money in exchange of possible winning ticket. The dress code for the evening is smart casual with men to wear a tie. If you are going to attend the evening, there is a list on the notice board so just put your name down - this is to give Karen an idea of how many to cater for.

When you renew your membership for 2019, you will be given a small form to fill in; this is to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. The President in his article will give you more information on this.

Finally, I would like to thank Paul and Karen for all the excellent work they do in the smooth running of your Club, along with thanks to Jodi, Jen, Lucy and Jane - what a team we have - well done.

Barry James, Chairman

SMOKER NIGHT

Wednesday 19th December

With the usual mix of presentations & raffles, to say nothing of one of Karen's legendary buffets, it's a night not to miss. Full details are on the Club's noticeboards, with a list for you to indicate whether you'll be attending (to help Karen plan the supper).

BONUS TICKETS

These are now being redeemed at the Bar. The PINT vouchers are worth 50p each, with the half-pint ones valued at 25p. Full details are on the noticeboards in the Club, and you can redeem the tickets up to and including the 31st December 2018.

Sports Committee

As we come to the end of another year in the life of our Club, I checked my diary to look back on what seems to have been another year that has flown by, but has also been a very busy one. We started off with the usual darts and snooker doubles handicaps in the Spring, and our darts team finished a successful season in the league.

A senior snooker league was started but sadly not finished - we will give it another go next year

The golf outings were reduced from three to two this year but the quality of play remained high.

An evening trip to Thirsk races was a success, and the revival of our trips to the dog racing at Sunderland was a very good night out with more than 20 members enjoying a lovely meal - and the fun of seeing their dog coming last ! There's no doubt we'll be repeating that trip in 2019.

The interest in bowls is growing within our Club and a full team of 14, plus supporters, went to Middlesbrough Conservative Club one Sunday and came a very close second playing for the Mavis Trattles Trophy. Against the same Club, our annual snooker contest for the Ted Appleyard Trophy (which lives in the corner of our snooker room) was played for. With us winning both home and away games, we retained the trophy for another year. Our friendship with the members of Middlesbrough Conservative Club grows stronger with every year and each competition we hold between us - if you've not taken part, even as a supporter, then you are missing out on an excellent day/night out.

The John Edwards horse racing competition continues to be well supported

A group of members made a trip up North to Newcastle to watch the rugby and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We now have a team playing in the Cleveland Snooker League which takes us to 12 other clubs from Ayton to Redcar & beyond. This league is proving an eye opener to our skills - or lack thereof. The level of skill in the League was highlighted on the 20th November, when we hosted their Summer competition final. With breaks of over 80 being made on our tables, it's obviously not the size of our pockets that's the problem!

The Christmas snooker handicaps are underway and the darts ran on the 4th December.

We are working hard on preparations for Smoker Night, to be held on Wednesday 19th December, with all the usual presentations and draws and Karen's Buffet. We look forward to seeing the Club full .

In 2019, a trip to a Brass Band concert is been planned - details are on the notice board with all the other things we try to organise for your enjoyment

The Sports Committee are committed to working hard to run events in and out of your Club and will strive to continue this in 2019. Your support of the Friday Night draws is vital—thank you and please continue!. We must say a big "thank you" to Paul , Karen and all the bar staff for their help and input to the events we organise.

Chris Thompson - Secretary



FREE Members' Draw

The Free, Saturday night Members' Draw (*into which all members are automatically entered*) prize has now been claimed a total of 4 times, with over £2,000 paid out to the winners.

At the moment (Saturday 1st December), the prize fund stands at £230 - which would be a very nice addition to your finances just before Christmas!

Remember, the draw takes place at a randomly selected minute between 9pm and 10pm every Saturday night. All you have to do to win is to be in the Club at the moment your number is drawn - no cost, no tickets - just be there!

**Don't forget
- you must be in it
(the Club, on the night) to win it!**

100 CLUB



The last draw, made on the 29th September, produced the following winners:

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| 1st PRIZE | No. 54 | D Pearson | £254 |
| 2nd PRIZE | No. 12 | R Horner | £ 50 |
| 3rd PRIZE | No. 75 | C S M Brown | £ 34 |

The next draw will be on Monday 31st December

Please ensure that your subscription is up-to-date before the draw is made!

There are still numbers available if you would like to join the 100 Club - simply ask any Committee Member.

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President's Pitch

Lady Members

Welcome to all our new members who have joined in 2018. I am delighted at the way all new members, both male and female have integrated into the Club.

Data Protection

2018 has been an interesting and challenging year for all involved in the management of the Club. We are challenged annually with complying with many regulations, the latest of which is G.D.P.R. or General Data Protection Regulation. For information, the Club Privacy Notice is on the Club website on the contacts page.

All members will be asked to complete a form regarding our data protection policy, when renewing their subscriptions for 2019. If you would like to save a little time, you could print out the 2019 Subscription Renewal Form which is included with the electronic version of this newsletter. Simply print out pages **5 & 6**, fill them in, staple them together and hand in with your subscription payment.

Thank You

On behalf of all the members, I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Steward and Stewardess Paul & Karen - their input has again been invaluable to say nothing of the service they give to us all.

Thanks of course to our barmaids Jen, Jodie and Lucy for their excellent attitude and service throughout the year and last, but by no means least, Jane our cleaner who keeps the Club so spick and span.

Again, on your behalf, sincere thanks to our Trustees, Treasurer / Secretary, Assistant Secretary and all our General and Sports Committee members who contribute so much to the running of our successful Club.

I wish all our members the Compliments of the Season.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

*Ernie Taylor
President*



Laughter
- the Best medicine

A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about the living conditions in a circus, but the couple produce photos of their 50-foot luxury motor home, which is clean and well-maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers also raise concerns about the education a child would receive whilst in the couple's care. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

Then the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. "Our nanny is a certified expert in paediatric care, welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied and ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter - as long as the kid fits in the cannon."

Hatched, Matched and Despatched

Since the last issue of BluePrint, one new member has been welcomed to the Club:

Mr Jon McKinney 6/09/2018

At the time of preparing this newsletter, there were a further 7 membership applications on the notice board, which will be processed over the next few weeks.

We hope all our new Members will make the most of their membership and enjoy the facilities we provide.

Sadly, since issue 22 of BluePrint in August, we have lost the following the following members:

Mr Allan Cross in October 2018
Aged 75 years, Allan was a Life Member, having joined the Club in 1974.

Mr George Nelson 3rd December 2018
Aged 69, a Member for 12 years

The Club's membership now (as at 30th September) stands at a total of 556 (including 34 Lady Members and 11 Country Members), broken down as follows:

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| Honorary Members | 11 |
| Life Members | 38 |
| Honorary & Life Members | 4 |
| Senior Members | 201 |
| Full Members | 302 |

Thanks are due to Phil Quigley for the way he maintains the Club's Membership Database - the details above are taken from his meticulous records.

DON'T FORGET - annual subscriptions are due on the 1st January 2019 and should be paid by 31st January to avoid your membership lapsing.



The unusual story of Stanley Raine Dobinson

Following an article in Issue 7 of Blueprint dated July 2013, I have received from various sources, including Hannover 96, information regarding one particular Club Member - **Mr Stanley Raine Dobinson**.

Stanley Raine Dobinson was born in 1888. His father, Charles Dobinson, had an ironmongery business in Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough and was a director of Middlesbrough Football Club. Stanley went to boarding school in Coventry, where he played rugby although his first love was soccer. Leaving school in 1904, he decided to go to Hannover to learn German.

Stanley saw a training session of the premier local team, Hannover 96.

When he picked up an out-of-play ball and elegantly kicked it back onto the field the team coach, Fritz Schlüter, started a conversation with him. Within days Stanley was playing in the first team, where he turned out to be a superb ball technician and dribbler. English soccer talent was to the fore in Hannover, as soon a second Englishman by the name of Tripp joined the team. Tripp was an incredibly good shot with either foot, the goalkeeper rarely being able to save his torpedo penalties. The fans loved them, christening Dobinson (5' 3" tall) and Tripp (6' 6" tall) 'David and Goliath'. Hannover 96 are now in the Bundesliga, the first tier in the German football league system, and currently have no English players.

Dobinson and Tripp returned home after a year, whereupon Stanley began training as an accountant, whilst playing football for Stockton Amateur Football Club. At the outbreak of war he enlisted as a private in the Territorial Army, a reserve force of volunteers, joining the 10th Battalion attached to the Yorkshire Regiment. He crossed to France in April 1915 and fought at Ypres. Recognized as officer potential, he was sent back to England for training, and was commissioned in December. Second Lieutenant Dobinson returned to the 10th Battalion in January 1917, fighting with them at Arras and Passchendaele. He then joined the 4th Battalion at Ypres. Following the 1918 Revolution and Russia's withdrawal from the war, the Germans sent many more troops to the western front. On 21 March they launched an offensive with 76 Divisions against the 28 Divisions of the Allies. The 4th Battalion was rushed up to the Somme in an unsuccessful attempt to stem this German advance. Stanley was killed in action on 31st March 1918, aged 29, one of the 180,000 British soldiers lost in that action.

Stanley Dobinson has no known grave, but his name is on the Pozières Memorial and on Middlesbrough War Memorial. It is one of the countless tragedies of the war that Stanley, once cheered on by the Germans, should have been shot by the Germans.

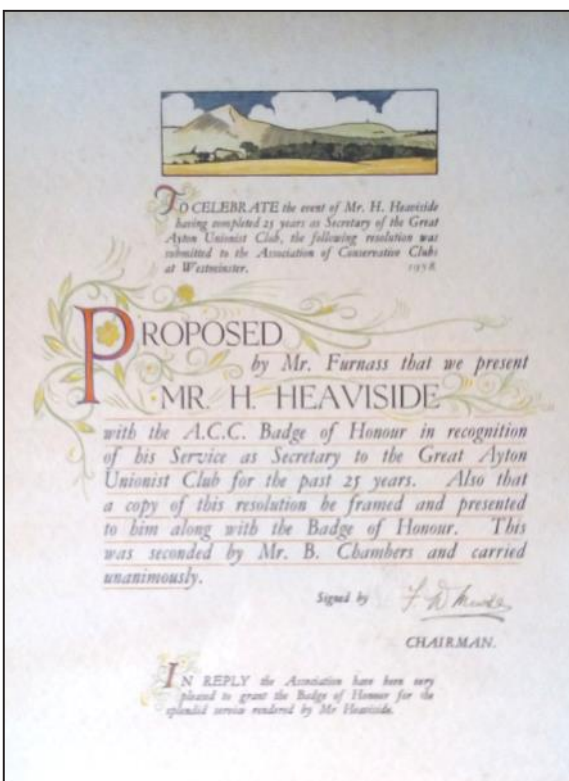
Stanley Dobinson was a member of the Great Ayton Unionist Club, now the Conservative Club.



Photograph received from Hanover 96

I was recently asked by a friend if the Conservative Club would like a framed certificate presented to his Great Grandfather Mr Herbert Heaviside in 1938. I of course readily accepted, and this is now in the Club.

A copy of the certificate is reproduced below.



A little about Herbert Heaviside taken from the Club's Centenary Book "The first 100 years 1910 – 2010" follows.

In August 1911 an *application was made for the Tees Side Billiard League* and Mr. Herbert Heaviside was appointed as the Clubs first Billiards Captain in that October.

At the A. G. M. of January 28th 1938 Herbert Heaviside Secretary reported

"In Presenting my 25th Annual Report, I am pleased to inform you that we have had a very good year financially, and I congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Brown on their success, during the first year they have been at the Club, and I thank them for the manner in which they have carried out their duties at the Club."

The Meeting concluded with Mr. Mewse presenting the Secretary with "... an Illuminated address, and the A.C.C. Badge of Honour, in recognition of his services for the past 25 year, for which the Secy., returned thanks."

In December 1943 Mr. Herbert Heaviside who was then in his Eightieth Year, resigned as Secretary having completed his Thirty first year in the post.

Sadly prior to starting the General Committee Meeting held 11th May 1951 the Committee tendered their sympathies to the then Chairman Mr. M. W. Heaviside on the death of his father Herbert "...a great servant and Club Member..."

The frame is in poor condition, therefore I hope to have it reframed and then we will hang the certificate in a suitable place in the Club.

Ernie Taylor

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Membership Renewal Form

PLEASE NOTE: Due to data protection regulations, one form is required per member. Multiple forms can be returned in one envelope. Please complete all details in block capitals.

MEMBER DETAILS

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| First Name | | Surname | |
| Address | | | |
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| Telephone | | Mobile Number | |
| Email Address | | | |

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Please read the full privacy notice carefully to see how the Club will treat the personal information that you provide to us. We will take reasonable care to keep your information secure and to prevent any unauthorised access.

In addition to receiving general club communications please let us know how else you would like to hear from us:

- I WOULD like to receive information via email from the Club about events and general news updates.
- I do NOT want to receive information via email from the Club about events and general news updates.

In addition to email I am happy to receive communications via:

Post

I consent to the Club sharing information about my membership status for Club inter-affiliation purposes (only relevant if you purchase an inter-affiliation ticket).

PAYMENT

Payments can be made in cash or cheque. Please return this form to the Club regardless of the payment method used.

2019 Inter-Affiliation Tickets are available to all Members. Please complete the appropriate box.

Please make cheques payable to: *Great Ayton & District Conservative Club*

| | Cost | Total |
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| Full Membership | £ 25.00 | £ |
| Senior Membership | £ 12.50 | £ |
| 2019 Inter-Affiliation Ticket IF REQUIRED (<i>to visit other Clubs</i>) | £ 2.00 | £ |
| If you wish to make a donation to the Club | Donation | £ |
| TOTAL | | £ |

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE ON 1ST JANUARY.

Please return this form to The Secretary, Great Ayton Conservative Club.

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Signed: