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The Members of the Tiverton Constitutional Club, Devon, are celebrating the Club's award success after picking up yet another award, the Club Committee of the Year Award for 2017. The Club is a serial award winning, having won awards in each year since 2013.

The Club held a celebration evening and were joined by local MP Neil Parish. In addition, representatives from Maldon Constitutional Club and Heavitree

Conservative Club also travelled to the Club to attend the celebration.

The Club's most recent award was the Club Mirror 'Club Committee of the year' award. Over 60,000 Clubs enter the awards each year and therefore to win an award is high praise indeed.

Since 2013 the Tiverton Constitutional Club has won the following: Best Committee (2013, 2015, 2017), Most Innovative Committee (2014, 2015) and Green Club (2016).



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Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club Host Tameside Bowls Cup

Waterloo and Taunton Conservative Club Ashton-under-Lyne, played host to the Tameside Glass Trophy crown green bowls cup on Sunday 23rd September. The Cup is sponsored by Tameside's Glazing Specialists. The final saw Albert Anderson play

Scott Foley to determine the winner of the competition with Scott Foley ultimately prevailing.

A fantastic afternoon was had by all, with hot food, disco, and raffle.

The event saw winner Scott Foley lift this year's title during a presentation by the Club

Chairman, Leon Tamcken, and bowls committee member, Stephen Radcliffe.

Leon said 'thank you to everyone who has supported today's exciting cup, with special thanks to Tameside Glass for sponsoring the event - congratulations to today's winner, Scott'.



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Newark MP Saves Couple's Wedding Day

Newark MP Robert Jenrick has been presented with a new Union Jack flag after he personally intervened to ensure that the wedding between Robert Sharp and Heidi Sinclair could take place. The MP decided to donate the flag to his local Club, Newark Conservative Club, which the Club have used to replace their well-worn former Union Jack Flag.

Robert was first contacted by the couple when their wedding plans ran into trouble with a late arriving visa for Mr Sharp. Mr Sharp was born in the United States and met his future wife through mutual friends in November 2016. He applied for a visa extension but this was delayed which forced the couple to contact Robert and ask him to assist their efforts to get married.

Heidi said: "Robert was only allowed to be here for so long at a time before he had to go back to the US, and he needed a visa to get married. We paid an extra £750 to be fast-tracked through the process, but we were kept waiting to see if we could get married on time. She said they were told not to plan the

wedding until they had an answer about the visa, but had gone ahead to ensure everything could be organised.

Mr Sharp said: "After Heidi spoke to Robert we were not sure what was done, but a visa arrived and we were able to go ahead with the lovely event that Heidi had planned. It was a fairytale wedding for our fairytale romance, and we are extremely grateful to Robert."

The couple live near the Conservative Club and noticed its flag was in poor condition, decided to present it as a thank you gift.

Mr Jenrick, President of the club, said: "I wanted Robert and Heidi to enjoy their big day so we worked behind the scenes with the Home Office to make sure Robert could be here and the wedding could go ahead. They are a wonderful couple and the Newark area is very special to them. Robert is an Anglophile and loves Newark. They both deserved it. I am married to an American who is more passionate about this country than many people who are born and bred here. Sometimes it takes an immigrant to remind us how wonderful our

country is." Mr Jenrick said he was touched by the gift and said it was always nice to receive thanks for the work of himself and his team.


Conservative Club Chairman

Mr Michael McIlroy said: "The current flag has been up for many years in all weathers. It was very tattered so we are pleased to have a new one."



The happy couple present the flag to the Club.

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CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Local Beer – Are Clubs Missing Out?

There are an estimated 18,000 different beers brewed in the UK each year and this is a growing trend. Clubs have experienced considerable success when holding special Beer Festival events but should Clubs consider stocking one or more local beers permanently in the Club's bar?

Initially Clubs may wish to engage with their Members to assess the preference of Members and if there are any specific types of local beer or brands they would like to see the Club trial. Clubs could even hold a mini beer festival over a period of weeks to allow the Members to sample a selection

of local beers and choose their favourite.

The Club can consider stocking a variety of locally brewed products from cask ale and craft keg products to flavoursome beers available in an easy to stock range of bottles and cans. If space in the Club's cellar is limited then a selection of local bottles and cans will provide an easy opportunity for the Club's Members to sample new locally brewed products.

By stocking local products the Club can tap into the emerging interest for consuming locally produced food and drink and allow the Club to offer a different

experience to the national brands which supermarkets and off licences tend to sell in large quantities.

Independent breweries are producing many styles of beer. Golden Ale was the most popular produced beer in 2014 with 92% of small breweries offering it with traditional bitter being produced by 81% of breweries. By offering a selection of different products the Club can appeal to its entire Membership to try the new range.

Clubs can also consider devoting a handpull to a local beer and changing the selection every month or even every couple

of weeks. This way the Club can offer a refreshing ale in the summer whilst offering a more substantial beer in the winter.

Clubs wishing to find out where their local breweries are located can visit <http://siba.co.uk/directory/brewery-finder/> to find out which suppliers are located nearby. Matthew Clark, ACC Recommended Drinks Supplier, stocks a wide range of local and craft beer which can be ordered by Clubs alongside their nationwide drinks range. Matthew Clark can also assist Clubs wishing to hold a Beer Festival and can be contacted on 0844 822 3910

Winter Weather – How Should the Club Prepare?

Over recent years, increasingly extreme weather patterns and snowfall are causing disruptions and creating hazards that can lead to slips and falls. Clubs should endeavour to make the entrances and exits to the Club as safe as possible.

Gritting and Protecting Surfaces

Arrangements should be made to minimise risks from snow and ice, by gritting, snow clearing and the closure of some pathways, particularly outside stairs. It is wise to keep a good supply of grit handy to help clear them. Gritting is not an automatic way of ensuring you are blameless but it is definitely recommended especially around important thoroughfares like car-parks, entrances and exits.

Temporary closures and footwear

If some pathways or entrances become too dangerous or troublesome to clear, place barriers and signs to close any footpaths that may propose a significant risk. Also making sure all employees are wearing correct footwear is advisable to help protect against avoidable slips/falls. Alternatively if the Club's clothing policy typically involves smarter shoes it could be worthwhile to allow boots or more hard-wearing footwear during winter.

Preparation as well as reaction

Ignorance is not a defence against a claim so make sure steps are taken to reduce foreseeable risk whenever possible. Paying attention to weather forecasts can help you get a head start in preparing for upcoming hazardous conditions such as pre-emptively laying down grit or arranging appropriate signage to be placed on pathways.

Records

It is important to document as much as possible such as retaining invoices and receipts for items in order to show you have taken an active effort to combat the problems and potential dangers caused by snow and ice. Keep a log to demonstrate when snow and ice have appeared and the action taken to reduce the risk posed. Remember that a claimant has three years from the date of the incident in which to pursue a claim so it is important that checklists and logs are retained for at least this period. Any incidents which could give rise to a claim should be communicated to the Club's insurers. You should arrange to take photos of the area where the accident took place to demonstrate conditions at the time, especially if you have made significant attempts to make the Club safer. If you have CCTV covering the area please ensure that

any images are retained securely for three years.

Written Warnings and Signage

Arrange to have some written instructions and warning signage on hand to inform members of the public that there is a risk of falling/

slipping and that reasonable care should be taken. Not providing these warning signs will leave the Club more open to a liability claim. The ACC's Recommended Insurance Brokers Club Insure assisted with this advice and can be contacted on 0844 488 9204.

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Any premises serving food has to detail if the individual dishes sold contain any of the following items: Eggs, molluscs, crustaceans, celery, milk, fish, tree nuts, sulphites, soya, sesame, peanuts, mustard, lupin and gluten.

Clubs have to be aware of what food is being used to prepare meals and be in a position provide this information on the main menu, on separate listings or on request. Our informal research suggests that many licensed establishments which serve food are placing a sign stating that the allergen information is available to customers upon request but as the recent press coverage of the death linked to sesame seeds allegedly used in a Pret contract identifies it is important to ensure the Club does have this information available in some clear form.

Allergen information must be provided for non-pre-packed foods (such as plated dishes) in written or oral formats with clear signposting to where consumers can obtain this information if not provided in a written format. Waiting staff will

need to explain which ingredients in which dishes may be allergenic.

This is a demonstration of ways the above information can be provided:

How can allergen information be provided by food providers?

Allergen information can be provided to customers in any of the following ways:

- On the menu under each item (contains gluten, milk, soya etc)
- On a chalkboard next to each item (contains gluten, milk, soya etc)
- Orally, although they need to hold allergen information in writing to back up any statements made
- If they do not supply allergen information on the menu or chalkboard, they have to provide customers clear notices letting them know where the information can be found.

If food is “pre-packed” there is no change in the law and any allergenic ingredients need to continue to be emphasised in the labelling by the product’s manufacture.

Club Law and Management September Correction

Last month we stated the following:

Clubs do not need an MPLC licence to show channels such as rolling news, sports, or music channels. Therefore, for most Clubs the only licence that is required is a Television Licence. In the ACC’s experience it is rare that a Conservative Club would need to obtain the aforementioned licence as most Conservative Clubs do screen films or drama series inside the Club.

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We apologise for any confusion caused.

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Friday, 5 October

20:00 Brighton v West Ham (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 6 October

17:30 Man Utd v Newcastle (BT Sport)

Sunday, 7 October

12:00 Fulham v Arsenal (BT Sport)

14:15 Southampton v Chelsea (Sky Sports)

16:30 Liverpool v Man City (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 20 October

12:30 Chelsea v Man Utd (Sky Sports)

17:30 Huddersfield v Liverpool (BT Sport)

Sunday, 21 October

16:00 Everton v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports)

Monday, 22 October

20:00 Arsenal v Leicester (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 27 October

12:30 Man Utd v Everton (Sky Sports)

17:30 Leicester v West Ham (BT Sport)

Sunday, 28 October

13:30 Crystal Palace v Arsenal (Sky Sports)

13:30 Burnley v Chelsea

16:00 Spurs v Man City (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 3 November

12:30 AFC Bournemouth v Man Utd (BT Sport)

17:30 Arsenal v Liverpool (BT Sport)

Sunday, 4 November

13:30 Wolves v Spurs (Sky Sports)*

**Should Spurs be involved in the UEFA Champions League the next Tuesday, this match will move to 3 November, at 19:45.*

16:00 Chelsea v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports)

Monday, 5 November

20:00 Huddersfield v Fulham (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 10 November

12:30 Cardiff v Brighton (Sky Sports)

17:30 Crystal Palace v Spurs (BT Sport)

Sunday, 11 November

12:00 Liverpool v Fulham (BT Sport)

14:15 Chelsea v Everton (Sky Sports)

16:30 Arsenal v Wolves

16:30 Man City v Man Utd (Sky Sports)

Saturday, 24 November

17:30 Spurs v Chelsea (BT Sport)

Sunday, 25 November

13:30 AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal (Sky Sports)

16:00 Wolves v Huddersfield (Sky Sports)

Monday, 26 November

20:00 Burnley v Newcastle (Sky Sports)

Making Tax Digital Update – A R H Jeffs and Rowe Accountants Article

Making Tax Digital (MTD) is the most fundamental change to the administration of the tax system for at least 20 years. Keeping your financial records will become increasing digital and most businesses will need to use software or apps to keep business records – the days of manual record keeping will be over! For sports and social Clubs this is probably the most important change in the administration of the tax system since the introduction of VAT in 1973.

The essential elements for Clubs are:

- **Paper records will no longer be sufficient:** It will become mandatory for almost all Clubs to use software to keep accounting records. Paper accounting records will cease to meet the requirements of tax law.
- **Quarterly reporting:** There will be a requirement to submit updates to HMRC each quarter directly from accounting software, within one month of the end of each quarter.

The Club's Accountants should be able to support the Club through these changes and will hopefully provide the ongoing services that are needed. However, the changes are so fundamental that it will be necessary to review your current record keeping systems and to reconsider what work you decide to do yourself and which services you wish us to provide.

When does it start?

VAT: If the Club is registered for VAT and its takings is above the VAT threshold you will be required to keep digital accounting records and to file your VAT returns using MTD compliant software from April 2019 (the first VAT quarter starting on or after 1 April 2019). The current online VAT return will not meet the requirements.

Corporation Tax: Clubs pay corporation tax on non mutual income usually rent and interest. The timings for Clubs MTD for corporation tax have yet to be confirmed but it will not become mandatory before April 2020.

What are the exemptions?

- There are exemptions for those who are not able to engage digitally for religious reasons or due to a factor such as age, disability or location (e.g., no availability of broadband). These exemptions are the same as the current exemptions for VAT online filing.
- VAT registered Clubs with takings less than the VAT threshold (i.e., those who have registered voluntarily) will initially be exempt from MTD VAT reporting but this exemption may be removed from 2020 or later.
- When MTD for income becomes mandatory there will be an exemption for social Clubs with a very small turnover; the level and nature of this exemption has not been set.

What does the Club need to do now?

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1. Where we prepare VAT returns we will ensure compliance with MTD for VAT and Machine Games Duty (MGD). We may have to make minor changes to current reporting procedures.
2. You may need to consider the possibility of a digital exclusion exemption although, however, unless you currently have this exemption it is unlikely to be granted for MTD.
3. In respect of maintenance of the Club's VAT record keeping system:
 - If the Club currently use accounting software, for example Quicken, it will need to be upgraded or new software acquired.
 - If the Club currently maintain VAT records on a spreadsheet you will need to acquire software which will allow returns and updates to be made directly from the spreadsheets, or engage us to do this work.
 - If you currently prepare manual VAT records on paper your processes will need to change. The Club will need to acquire and use appropriate software or engage us to do the bookkeeping and quarterly reporting.
4. To minimise reporting under MTD the Club should ensure the quarterly reporting dates for both VAT and MGD tie in to the Club's financial year end. If annual VAT accounting is in operation you should review this election and consider whether it is still beneficial.

In respect of corporation and other taxes MTD will not become mandatory until at least 2020 by which time we should have a greater clarity of the full record keeping requirement for Clubs. Clubs may wish to raise Making Tax Digital with their own Accountants to ensure that they are prepared for this change.



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West Bridgford Conservative Club raises over £1800 for the Trent Group Community First Responders

A sum of £756 was raised by West Bridgford Conservative Club for The Trent Group Community First Responders at their Spring Fayre on Saturday 26th May bringing the total raised this year to over £1800.

Club Secretary, Peter Brunger, said "Each year the Club supports a chosen charity and members organise a raft of raffles and events from January through to December to raise much needed funds. In 2018 we are delighted to be supporting Trent Group Community First Responders who do so much to help the community.

"This group of highly trained volunteers works closely alongside East Midlands Ambulance Service and respond in their spare time, unpaid, to answer 999 medical emergencies within their local communities. During busy periods they can often reach patients faster, particularly those living in rural areas, which may make all difference to the outcome.

"The team operates as a registered charity as it must purchase all its own specialist, and very expensive,

medical equipment. At present, it costs around £1000 to fully equip each individual First Responder. This year we are aiming to raise a total of over £3500".

Peter added "We are exceptionally grateful to all those people who came along to support the event, to all the local businesses who generously donated a range of marvellous raffle prizes and, of course, to everyone who helped organise and run it on the day including members of the TGCFR team. It was a very successful afternoon".

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The club also holds a popular coffee morning every Monday from 10am until noon which is open both to members and non-members alike. Tea, coffee and a selection of inexpensive brunch items are always available.

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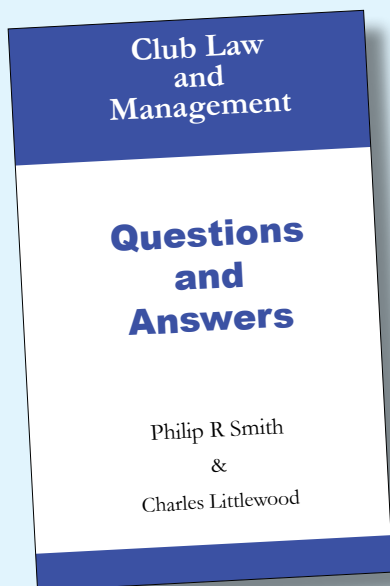
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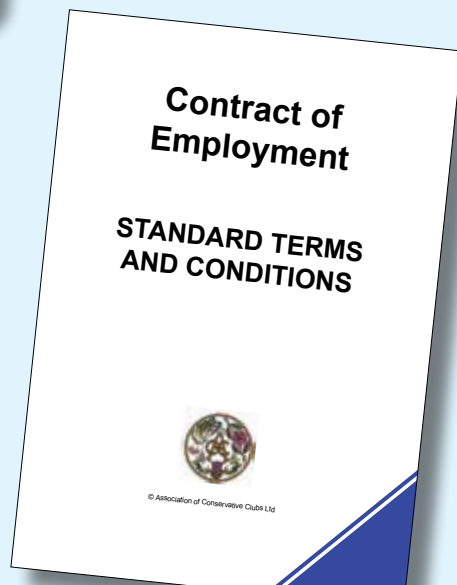
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