

# Fylde Conservative Association Newsletter - Autumn 2013

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## NEWS FROM OUR MP

Since the 2010 election the Government has been working hard to tackle the major issues that were left by the last Labour Government. Following the biggest financial crisis in our history it was always going to be difficult task to repair the economy. The actions taken by this Government have helped put the UK economy back on the road to recovery. Some of these achievements include: cutting Labour's deficit by a third, creating 1.4 million new private sector jobs and reducing income tax for over 24 million people. With the 2015 election closing in, it is important that this crucial work is not undone by a Labour victory. Only with a Conservative majority after the next election will the recovery remain on track and give the British people a real choice on the UK's membership of the EU by 2017.



Over the past twelve months I was delighted to have worked alongside the Housing Minister, Mark Prisk MP, to achieve many important goals in the Department for Communities and Local Government. A great deal of this work centred around enterprise zones, an area of great interest to me personally having campaigned hard to secure an one in Warton. I was also greatly honoured when the Prime Minister appointed me to the role of Private Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Development, Alan Duncan MP. I look forward to working with the Minister directly on tackling development issues that arise in areas such as Asia and the Middle East.

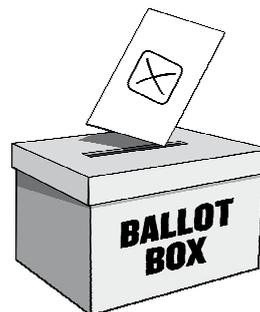
Finally, I would like to thank the Conservative Association members for the hard work and time they have given supporting both me and the local community over the past three years. I would also like to show my gratitude to the association members of the executive committee for unanimously backing me to fight the 2015 election as their Conservative candidate. It has been a real pleasure working with them on many issues and I look forward to continuing this close relationship in the future.

*Mark Menzies MP*

## Can you help us win in 2015?

**With a General Election and Borough elections on the same day it will be all hands to the pump to ensure we get a Conservative MP and a Conservative Fylde Borough Council. Let us know if you can:**

- Deliver leaflets**
- Make phone calls**
- Knock on doors**
- Become a council candidate**
- Help raise money**
- Help organise**



**Email [fyldeconservatives@tory.org](mailto:fyldeconservatives@tory.org) if you can help us.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 2nd November, 10am**

### **BIG Breakfast**

At St Thomas' Church Hall, St Annes

Cost: £8

Contact Karen Buckley on 01253 725510

**Saturday 14th December**  
**'Let's Celebrate Christmas'**  
**Luncheon**

At the home of Fabian Craig-Wilson  
15 Riley Road, St Annes

Tickets: £5

Contact Fabian 01253 640151

**Saturday 11th January 2014**  
**ANNUAL LUNCH**

At the Glendower Hotel

Tickets: £18

Contact Brenda Ackers on 07824 751942

**Friday 8th March 2014**

### **Spring Ball**

At the Villa, Wrea Green

Contact Steve Butler on 01995 670196 for  
further information

**Friday 28th March 2014**  
**Annual General Meeting**

For all Members

At St Margaret's Church Hall

7.30pm

*If your branch is planning on holding a fundraiser, please contact Viv Willder (Deputy Chairman, Fundraising) on 07940 213216 to have it included in the Events Listing.*

**Conservative Policy Forum**  
3rd Monday Every Month 7:30pm  
The Hole in One,  
Forest Drive, Lytham.  
**Free Admission**  
Tel: Brenda Ackers  
(01253 733935)



## CONFERENCE ROUND-UP

by Karen Buckley

The conference in Manchester was close enough to home for many of us to travel in on a daily basis, commitments permitting. The Northern Reception on

the Sunday night was especially good as both the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary came to address us, as they realise just how important it is for the Party to do better in the North if we are to have a hope of delivering a Conservative Government at the next election. I bumped into our Party Chairman, Grant Shapps, who agreed that it must be a priority. There were many solid policy announcements at conference; here's just a flavour:

- ✓ Tax break for married couples
- ✓ Help to buy mortgage scheme
- ✓ Freeze on fuel duty for remainder of the parliament
- ✓ A fiscal plan to not just balance the economy but to achieve a surplus
- ✓ Extending the Cancer Drugs Fund
- ✓ Help to work scheme for long-term unemployed
- ✓ Immigration appeals from outside the UK, not inside

Let's not forget the achievements of the Government already in just a few short years, as Mark sets out overleaf. We cannot afford to see these unravelled by a Labour leader who is wanting to take us back to their high tax, high spend policies.



## SWEEPSTAKE UPDATE

The latest winners of the FCA sweepstake are:

### **June 2013**

£50 - Tim Ashton

£25 - Clara Chatfield

### **July 2013**

£50 - Tim Armit

£25 - Nigel Goodrich

### **August 2013**

£50 - Ray Jackson

£25 - Martin Chatfield

### **September 2013**

£50 - Peter Buckley

£25 - Pat Butler

### **October 2013**

£50 - Ray Jackson

£25 - Karen Buckley

**Please contact us if you would like to join - £5 per month**