



Message from GCA Chairman

The membership of Guildford Conservatives has grown over the last few months. We also now have e-mail addresses for most of our members, which means we can keep in touch with you more regularly. This means we can more easily let you know about our campaigning locally and how we will involve our members in developing policy, and keep you up to date with what we are doing to raise money and enjoy ourselves.

In a few days' time, all Party members have the opportunity to vote for our new leader and Prime Minister. Many of you will have signed up for the hustings meetings or the virtual opportunities to hear both candidates. Of course those who have joined us in the last 3 months do not have a vote this time. If anyone is unsure about their membership status, please do get in touch with our Administrator, Bev, who will try to sort out any problems. *[continued on next page]*

Message from Westminster



I am delighted that during this leadership contest we have already had a significant number of opportunities to hear from the final two candidates. It's important for us to listen to their speeches, hear their answers to questions and see how they perform under fire from some tough questioners.

The contest has been notable for the large number of candidates who put their names forward at the beginning. An interesting and great mix of ideas and thoughts. I know from some of the emails I have received that many people appreciated the range of ideas that we heard. The candidate might not have been the one we would vote for but it's always good to listen to, and be open to new ways of looking at the challenges we face as a country. However we are now down to the final two - Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt..

Both Michael Gove and Jeremy Hunt are our immediate constituency neighbours. Although I supported Michael

from the start I didn't hesitate to throw my support behind Jeremy, once Michael was eliminated. I believe Jeremy has the right skills needed to negotiate our way through Brexit and beyond. Bringing the Party and the country back together will be critical in the months ahead.

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*There has been a dramatic shift in politics and Parliament since I was elected in 2005. The rise of social media, a very different Labour Party from the one Tony Blair led and for us in Guildford of course, the Liberal Democrats still have significant support. I am sure none of us underestimate the challenges for the next Prime Minister: a very small majority in the House of Commons; managing the economy; increasing demands on our budgets for social care, education, health; and rising concerns about the changes in our climate. *[continued on next page]**

Message from GCA Chairman (continued)

Locally, as you will see below, we have several social events coming up. Our party to welcome new members is on 26th July and open to all members—details to follow. We have an Argentinian style barbeque on 1st September and our Trafalgar Day Dinner on 19th October.

In the autumn we will resume our political discussions so that our members can have their say about the manifesto the Party will put to the country at the next General Election as well as considering our policies here in Guildford, Cranleigh and the villages.

I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Bob Hughes
Chairman Guildford Conservative Association

Message from Westminster (continued)

All of you, and Party members across the country, will be electing a Leader and a Prime Minister who will have to manage those challenges and appeal not just to our members but to the young and old across the country.

I would like to thank you as always for the unfailing support you give me, the help you give to Guildford Conservatives and like you I look forward to the winner being announced on 23rd July!

The Rt Hon Anne Milton MP

Panorama Gatecrash Midsummer Dinner



Around 70 members enjoyed a Midsummer Dinner at Bramley Golf Club (BGC) last month with Jeremy Hunt MP and prospective Conservative Party Leader—even if it didn't quite start as planned.

When we arrived, BBC's Panorama team was filming an interview with Jeremy on the terrace where we had planned to have our welcome drinks and once the noise began to rise we were asked to go inside. Not exactly what we had planned for the start of our evening! Eventually, however, the filming ended, we were allowed out, members were able to speak to Jeremy and a convivial party atmosphere prevailed.



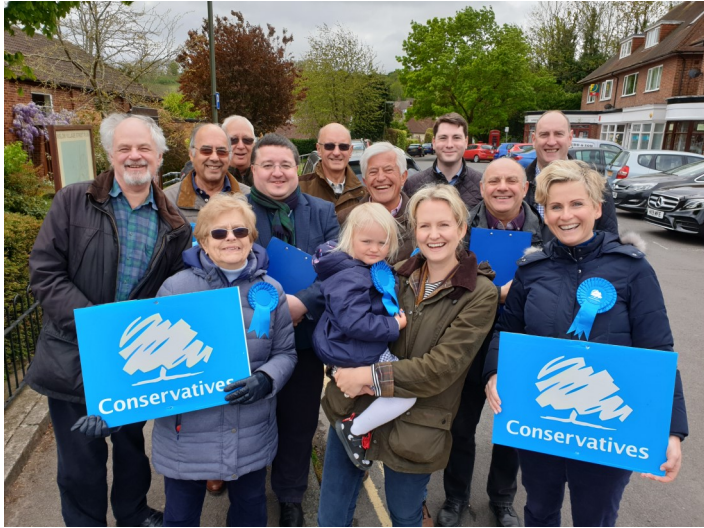
A delicious three course meal was provided by BGC and during the starters Jeremy spoke about his vision and ambitions for the country, if he was elected. Despite the pressures of his leadership campaign, he spoke for about 45 minutes, taking questions from members.

Following his departure we carried on with our meal and Anne Milton MP, gave us her insight into the leadership campaign.

Overall a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, with some great raffle prizes to take home.

Sallie Barker
Deputy Chair Membership and Fundraising

Election and Campaign Update



On Saturday 15th of June we held a well-attended 'wash up' meeting for candidates and activists who took part in the recent local elections in May. It was lovely to have our MP, Anne Milton, present to give her view and input into our future direction.

While we managed to retain seven out of nine of our Waverley Borough Council seats, we saw the loss of every sitting Guildford Borough Councillor in the Constituency. This was not for want of a well-run campaign nor effort put in to delivering and knocking on doors by our candidates and activists.

The determination to do our Party proud and resolve to continue to deliver for the residents was clear and unwavering.

However, our efforts were equally matched by the determination of voters to send a clear message to Westminster that they were unhappy that we as a party had not delivered on our Manifesto commitments to Brexit in a timely way. This was compounded in Guildford by the timing of the adoption of the Local Plan. Our record of delivery as Conservatives did not factor in decision-making by voters this time.

We are currently drafting a piece of Literature to go out to residents, confirming that we have heard the message they have sent and we continue to listen. This will be delivered in the next several weeks.

We will work hard in opposition in both Guildford and Waverley at Borough level and will commence the process of selecting our County Councillors for the 2021 Elections this Autumn. In the meantime, we will be supporting Charlie Chirico who is standing as the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Candidate in 2020 and volunteers will also extend support to Shaun Bailey as he fights to become the new Mayor of London next year.

Do please contact me if you would like to help deliver leaflets in your area or join us as we begin campaigning for Charlie and the County Council elections.

Angela Richardson
Deputy Chair Political

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11th July

Summer Drinks and Canapes at The Harbour Hotel, Guildford

Friday 26th July

New Members' Drinks, Worplesdon Memorial Hall

Sunday 1st September

The Villages BBQ Argentinian Style, Shackleford

Saturday 19th October

Trafalgar Day Dinner, Cross Keys Farm ,Shackleford

Sunday 15th December

Christmas Drinks at the home of Anne Milton MP

We aim to provide a full and varied programme of events for our members and are happy to consider your suggestions and ideas. Full details of the events are on our website www.guildfordconservatives.com/events. For further information or to give your ideas and suggestions for future events, please contact our Administrator, Bev on 01483 300330 or email info@guildfordconservatives.com.

Advice for renewing your membership

Conservative Campaign Headquarters (CCHQ) took over the administration of Membership last summer. They have been contacting members who pay subscriptions to the Association suggesting they instead renew their membership and pay subscriptions centrally. For couples choosing to pay centrally who usually pay one sum for both members, it is particularly important that you make it clear the sum you're paying is for two memberships. If you're renewing online, then it would be advisable to make two separate transactions. Of course, if you're more comfortable paying your subscriptions to GCA, we're happy for you to continue to do so.

Useful Information


To contact Guildford Conservatives:


Our postal address is currently:

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We will shortly be changing this to a PO Box address so check our website for the latest information if you plan to write to us.

 info@guildfordconservatives.com

 01483 300330 (option 2). The office is usually manned between 10 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday. Occasionally, we leave the office for short periods so please leave a message if your call doesn't get answered and we will get back to you promptly.

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