

# The Bostonian

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BOSTON CONSERVATIVES BRANCH NEWSLETTER

BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS  
By Niel McCafferty



It is pleasing to report that membership numbers for the Boston Branch have been ticking up over the last month or so and it is great to welcome so many new members to the Party.

Myself and other Branch officers have also been contacted by members wanting to air their views over the leadership election and resignation of Boris Johnson. It is always said that the Conservative Party is a broad church

and these conversations have shown that to be very true. Yes, some members are angry at the way the current Prime Minister has been treated, others pleased he is leaving and backing one or the other candidates, or wanting others added to the ballot. You get the gist. Another thread is how long this is all taking and how the so called 'blue on blue' attacks are damaging the party.

At least the conversations are flowing as to where we want to go next, and who is best placed to do that. Some people locally are taking an interest and joining us.

As a Branch, we are trying to increase the number of members actively involved. There is much to do. For example, we need to elect a representative from each council ward to sit

on the Executive Council of the Boston and Skegness Association. It is not a big commitment and involves a small number of meetings each year. As a representative, you could also play a key part in choosing candidates to stand in local elections. At the moment, several wards in Boston have no representation.

You could also help by volunteering at elections and joining in (and helping with) our various fundraising events and initiatives. We had a great Summer BBQ at the end of last month with more events coming soon. Sadly, these events don't organise themselves.

If you would like to get more involved with the work of the Branch, do get in touch. I'm sure we could find something!



## THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM (CPF)

By  
John Maltby



### CPF

Last CPF meeting covering Jobs and Pensions went extremely well with strong debate throughout. This report is now out for clarification from the members who participated.

Our next discussion point is on "Ideas for the Next Manifesto" This will be programmed for early September and once the current election has been finalised. All members will be notified of the date and venue asap.

Following this we will have a debate in November on how we can "Strengthen Grassroot Conservatism"

This should prove interesting !!

As ever if you feel and want to participate we would welcome your input, please contact John on [Johnsmaltby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Johnsmaltby@hotmail.co.uk)

### Westminster Club

We were delighted to welcome Lord David Frost, Baron Frost of Allenton Derby



to our latest Black-Tie Dinner on Friday 29th of July at the Boston County Club. After an extremely excellent meal Lord Frost enthralled us with stories of his past and his current involvements in politics. He then took questions from the floor covering a diverse set of questions for almost an hour.

Arrangement are now in hand to revisit the Carlton Club in London hopefully in November.

### MATT WARMAN MP



The Conservative Party leadership sees two highly capable candidates vying for the immense responsibility of being Prime Minister in uniquely challenging times. I know that both would do a superb job and I pay tribute to them. They will build on Boris Johnson's handling of the vaccine roll-out, his commitment to Ukraine and his focus on levelling up that has seen unprecedented local investment. Above all, they will inherit the majority he won and have two years to deliver on their policies. That too is an immensely challenging prospect.

In this stage of the contest, my vote is worth no more than that of any other Conservative Party member. Ultimately, however, my commitment to all voters in

Boston and Skegness is to tackle their priorities and today number one is the cost of living. It's inflation that is causing the greatest pain, and in my view it is Rishi Sunak's plan to tackle inflation that will make the greatest difference in the short term, giving the opportunity to then cut taxes in a sustainable, affordable way. That in turn means a properly funded NHS and the broader public services we all need. I look forward to working closely with whichever candidate wins to deliver on local and national priorities

### NOTE TO MEMBERS

Whilst recognising that Matt is fully entitled to express his views on whom he is supporting in the leadership election, members should be aware that the local Assoseatin and Boston Conservatives Branch have not taken any views on which candidate they would recommend or support and will leave that decision to individual members.



# Letters to the Editor

Hello Editor,

Has anyone taken the time to look at Boston Town Centre lately? we are suppose to have a Conservative Council, that's a joke, this lot who are hiding under the umbrella of Conservatism, who got rid of one of the best leaders Boston has had in recent years (Peter Bedford) and since then they have sold out to East Lindsey and absolutely ruined the Town.

I was a Portfolio Holder on the Council when we took it over from the Boston Bypass Party, many of you may not know that at that time the Council had the Improvement Board in, we worked long tireless hours to turn it round, this we did and within eighteen months we were used as an example of how a Council should be run, didn't we waste our time? just look at it now, for goodness sake lets let's get the people back on the Council who know what they are doing although I think that even with them in it would be difficult to turn it round now, I think that it is probably in the biggest mess it has ever been in and it makes me ashamed, when talking to the people who keep commenting on how bad Boston is now to say that I am a Conservative, please listen to the community of this Town and don't bury your heads in the sand.

When selecting the next group of candidates please please get rid of this lot and select genuine Conservatives or our reputation will be gone forever.



**Have you any comments or feedback  
Please send to**

**The Editor  
The Bostonian**

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## July Survey Results David Skipworth

Here are the results of the July Survey. With members comments included.

Having reached the final two candidates, do you think that MPs have made the right choice for the country?

**Yes – 22.8% No – 52.6% Not Sure – 14%**

Each of the candidates are there purely by intent from the voting MPs. It was never going to go to the membership any other way. Boris should not have been ousted.

Boris should have been leading the country into the next election, now the party are facing oblivion for many years.

Kemi Badenoch would have been a real alternative.

We need fresh blood to unite & excite the Party but sadly those who got it so wrong in getting rid of Boris are rooted in the past so unbelievably they vote for more of the same but without the star quality of Boris! Kemi would have been a risk but one well worth taking. What they have achieved is an almost certain Labour coalition Govt in '24. So very sad and we now need a clear out of the dinosaurs who seem to wield so much influence. What were Brady & Baker thinking???

What do you think should be the priorities of the candidates if they are successful and become the next Prime Minister? (please select 3)  
**In order of priority: Controlling Immigration, Removing EU regulations, cancelling the Tax increase, Tackling NHS backlog, Increase defence spending, Suspend net Zero policy, Raising Personal Allowances by inflation, Levelling up, Fix NI Protocol, Increase borrowing for cost of living**

Tackling the problem about the grooming gangs, those mostly were labour councils and heads so to speak should role, not good enough that this has not been addressed. Stop the nonsense about what is taught in schools also at young age, like critical race theory, teach-

ings about trans gender and all woke.

Reduce the level of benefits for those seeking WTC & CTC and only working part time by providing affordable childcare. Make it beneficial to work full time. This would reduce the workforce shortage and increase NHS spending

All of the above except the last one - increase borrowing

Getting No.10 functioning as it should, honorably with principles, integrity & morals so No.10 is fit for purpose. The press/media have, thanks to Dominic Cummings been given a field day with the leaks from No. 10 by Cummings and the Civil Service providing killing ammunition for Boris Johnson's downfall. Clearly, the No.10 modus operandi under BJ has been a disgrace - the behaviour within No. 10, the attitude 'Do as I say, not do as I do' disobeying the necessary rules of the Pandemic they, the Government had imposed articulated by Boris was a complete farce & unbelievable! He lost all credibility with this serious error of judgment! Then allowing Matt Hancock to conduct a tawdry 'love/sex' affair with a female member of staff using No.10 as a knocking shop when he and SHE were being paid by us the British taxpayers to work was - was again unbelievable on Boris's watch - he has made stupid errors of judgement on his No. 10 appointments. So... to reinstate faith in the Conservative Government the next PM needs as a priority to get No.10 watertight on confidentiality - if breaking No.10 confidentiality isn't a sackable offence for all Ministers and Staff it should be - there should be a 'brick wall' to stop press/media leaks thereby avoiding their ability to manipulate No.10 decision-making .

The now unassailable power of the press/media should be stopped - they can no longer be trusted to 'self-govern' so abolish the Press Complaints Commission and establish a public body with members from the rank & file public, not those in high office who network/benefit/are blind to obvious press/media manipulation or indeed, in some cases welcome this as it supports their negative agenda!

"Getting inflation under control"

Are you intending to vote in the Leadership election?

**Yes – 78.9%, No – 17.5%**

Were either of the final two candi-

dates your initial preferred candidates?

**Yes 33.3%, No – 63.2% still want Boris"**

"No, as I was not given a choice as a member as to whether Boris's resignation should have been rejected."

What do you think is the likely outcome of the next General Election?

**Conservative majority – 28.1%, Labour Majority – 7%, Conservative Coalition – 10.5%, Labour Coalition – 21.1%, Conservative Minority – 21.1%, Labour Minority – 3.5%**

"Conservatives have until then to show what it is to be a Tory, if intern arguing ,back stabbing and being complacent is not the way to go. Being fearless is. Standing up to the EU, immigration, honour all those who voted for the conservatives in the last election.,we will not win in the next general election if you don't listen, the people of the UK deserve better and definitely do not want a Labour Party. So let's hope you so get it right."

"I believe in these uncertain times no change was required I believe Boris was let down by those he appointed to run the country and the press"

"Depends on how new PM performs to improve the country's view of the party"

"Need to wait and see who becomes Prime Minister."

"It depends who wins the leadership contest. If Truss wins the Conservatives will not remain in power after the next general election."



# Boston Conservatives Supper Club

Tickets : £<sup>17.00</sup> Each

Reserve your tickets now

Contact: **Dudley Bryant**

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 **Conservatives**

You and your friends are invited to

## SUPPER CLUB

*FRIDAY*

**16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

at 7.30pm

To be held at

***Boston & County Club***

***Parkgate, Boston PE21 6RL***

RSVP by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Guest Speaker*

***Cllr. Ben Bradley MP***

*Member of Parliament for Mansfield and  
Leader of Nottinghamshire County  
Council*

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### *Supper Menu*

Honey Roast Gammon & Mustard Sauce;  
Cherry Pie & Ice Cream; Coffee & Mints

**Forthcoming Events** *Supper  
Clubs*

**18 November 2022**

## REPLY SLIP

Please reserve ..... Tickets @ <sup>£17.00</sup> each, for the Supper on:  
**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to **"Boston Conservatives Supper Club"**

NAME :

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Return this form and your cheque to **Dudley Bryant, 13, Somersby Green, Boston PE21 9PH**  
**BOOK EARLY / RSVP by Friday, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

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## Boston Branch Lottery

David Skipworth

Another month has passed and that means that here is another Lottery article and another go at me banging on about it.

To date after 5 draws we still are waiting to see a winner, so the prize fund has grown, but the good news is that so has the money being raised for the local Branch, and as this was the primary reason for the lottery it is down to the generosity of those subscribing members and supporters, and to these I would like to express a very grateful Thank You.

It is however, interesting and somewhat slightly disappointing to note that only about 15% of the Branch membership are engaging with and supporting fundraising activities arranged by the Branch, including participation in the Lottery scheme. Now I don't know why that is and there can be no objection or criticism as everyone has their own views on what they will or will not support and why, to which they are perfectly entitled,

and they will no doubt include national and local political events and/or scandals, ability to attend events, the personal impact of the Covid pandemic, anti gambling beliefs, the date and time events are held and/or financial constraints, especially in current economic times, but, given we have a branch membership of 200 members, it is perplexing as to why we are failing to attract more support for Branch initiatives, not only the Branch Lottery, despite publicising and promoting them extensively.

If anyone can suggest what more the Branch could do to encourage participation, even if you are not personally keen on actually attending events there is always the Lottery, (and there it is again, the shameless plug! Some people never give up do they!), which you can join and would not require you to do anything else, plus you may be a lucky one and get your money back if you win it, then please let us know, without you the members, and your support, the Branch and local party would not survive or at the very least would have to curtail activities.

Again, if you can or would like to subscribe to the Branch Lottery please email me at [bostonconservatives@mail.com](mailto:bostonconservatives@mail.com) I am only too happy to speak to you and to send you the necessary forms, I could even be persuaded to deliver them personally.

The Summer barbecue enjoyed glorious sunshine and was enjoyed by all who attended. Net proceeds to the Association was £804.69 Thank you to all who participated and to those who gave their time to help with the organisation and food preparation and to Kath and Dudley for the use of their garden for what was a resounding success.

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[Michael Cheyne](#)

# LOTTERY RESULTS



No winner this month  
Prize fund to rollover