

*Boston Conservatives Branch  
Wishes you*



*A very Merry Christmas*



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BOSTON CONSERVATIVES BRANCH NEWSLETTER



***It is the tradition at this time of year to thank you for your loyal support over the past 12 months and to look ahead to the next. This time the 'thanks' are deep and sincere. To say the year has been a bit tricky for the Conservative party would be an understatement. Pick a topic, from fuel prices, strikes, immigration or on-shore wind farms and then expect a very lively discussion, before we get onto how many Prime Ministers we have burned through in the space of a year.***

***Can it get worse? Probably. Can we do anything about it? I hope so.***

***It would be good to see the Government start to tackle the various strikes and the controversy over arriving in the UK via rubber dinghy head-on. For that, the Party's associations and branches need to keep feeding back what our supporters are telling us. The message we get is simple. Get a grip, start sorting out the problems and provide us with strong leadership which follows Conservative values.***

***So thank you, so much, for your support over 2022. Your membership really does matter at this critical time. As a Conservative Branch, we'll do our best to share your views and suggestions with the wider Party. To do that, we need to keep our local party strong.***

***I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

# BOSTON CONSERVATIVES

## SUPPER CLUB

### NEXT SUPPER CLUB

7pm Friday 20th January 2023

Boston & County Club

Guest Speaker

Cllr. Ben Bradley MP

MP for Mansfield and Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council



The November Supper Club was once again well attended with 63 guests enjoying a steak and ale pie supper at Boston & County Club.

Cllr. Philip Jackson, Leader of N.E. Lincolnshire Council was the guest speaker who talked about local government in his area and the unitary council method of delivering local services together with ideas for local government devolution and the proposal for the whole of Lincolnshire to be led by a single Greater Lincolnshire Unitary Council with an elected Mayor. The subjects generated an interesting set of questions and discussion.

By Dudley Briant  
M.B.E.



### Ben Bradley Photo

Tickets : £18.00 each  
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# Out and About

By Paul Skinner council leader



## Property owner prosecuted for failing to maintain Grade II building

This week we sent a clear message to property owners that the council will take action if processes to secure the renovation of important, historical buildings in our town centre are ignored. It comes after the council successfully took a property owner to court after repeated requests to properly maintain a building in the conservation area. The property at 15 High Street, Boston (also known as 1 Bridge Street) is a Grade II statutorily listed building, due to its historical and architectural importance. It is also located within the Boston Conservation Area that covers the centre of Boston, which is recognised by Historic England as an area of special historical importance.

The building is still required to be renovated and the Council will now be seeking that the owner of the property carry out the necessary works so that the building is restored.

## Household Support Fund

We are pleased to have been allocated £5.46m for this third round of the HSF, which covers the period from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023. This time, the government has not ringfenced any of this funding for particular groups of people. However, local authorities are asked to give particular consideration to groups who may not have benefited from any of the recent cost of living support.

## ITV Tonight documentary

On Tuesday Cllr Deborah Evans did a recorded interview with ITV Tonight for a fly-tipping documentary they are doing across

the country. She talked about how Boston has seen a reduction over the last 12 months and spoke about the ongoing work which is being done to achieve this by both staff and our community volunteers. Mat Anger our waste supervisor also did a recorded piece to support this. They also went out and did a piece with the Wyberton Wombles highlighting the general issues with fly-tipping and littering. The documentary is due to be aired at 8.30pm on Thursday 5th January 2023 on ITV.

## LOTTERY RESULTS



No winner this month

Prize fund to rollover

Must be a winner next month

## The Westminster Club

### Annual visit to London.



This has been our first visit for a few years due to the Covid pandemic and members once again enjoyed a dinner at the Carlton Club.

We were honoured to have as our guest speaker the Rt. Hon Penny Mordaunt MP for Portsmouth North and Leader of the House of Commons and Lord President of the Council



She spoke very eloquently and in detail on the current situation within Government reminding us of the numerous benefits we now enjoy as a nation which would not have been implemented if there had been a Labour Government thereby emphasising the importance of the challenges ahead in the next general election. In addition Penny gave us an insight into her personal roles

within government as well as fielding numerous questions from members during dinner .

We also had the pleasure of the company of the Rt. Hon. Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE, PC, FRSA and Lady Taylor.



Business in the House of Commons continues into the evening and when votes were called Penny Mordaunt and Matt Warman MP had to leave us. Lord Taylor very kindly and quickly stepped forward and with details of the House of Lords workload and he too took questions from our members.

As we move into the new year, plans are already a foot for our annual Black-tie event at the Boston & County Club and a visit to the corridors of power in Westminster.

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On the 1st of December we held our latest CPF discussions/debate. This was held in person in the Boston County Club

The subject matter under discussion was

“ Making the case for Capitalism”

Our views where, as usual, varied - frank but none the less friendly and general conclusions agreed on all the questions posed.

15 members of the Boston branch attended along with 2 younger conservative supporters. Unfortunately, on this occasion we were short of the ladies who normally attend. Whilst the considered opinions and contributions of the newer people were welcomed, we missed the female perspective.

CPF meetings, which are held every other month, is open to all so if you are interested can attend it would be most helpful.

The full report when agreed, by the attendees of this meeting, will be made available for any member of the constituency on request. Our reports are generally held in high esteem and indeed are always in the top ten of reports submitted to CCHQ.

Our next discussion point will be

“Making the case for Freedom”

This will be organised for some time in February / March. Details will be supplied nearer the date.

We hope you will be able to join us.

THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY  
FORUM (CPF)  
By  
John Maltby



# Letters to the Editor

Na then did you see Boston wlt tely further night all about the Christmas lights or lack of blamed it all the cost of living crisis. So how come they refused an offer to do the lights as usual for £6000, & then spend £20,000 of our money on plastic tree

By Old John



HAVE YOUR SAY

Have you any comments or feedback  
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