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SUMMER GARDEN PARTY:

2pm Sun 5th July: An informal welcoming event free to all members and their partners. **Venue:** 13 Morville Road
Post Code: M21 0UG

PARTY CONFERENCE:

Sun 4th - Wed 7th October: The party conference comes to Manchester this year! Book now online at:
<https://conservativepartyconference.com/registration>

PARTY CONFERENCE RECEPTION:

Fri 2nd October 7pm: Chancellors Hotel
A three course meal with a coffee
Speaker: TBC
Tickets £35 (see website soon)

FIVE MORE YEARS!

When we launched our General Election campaign six months ago we welcomed no fewer than seven parliamentary candidates to the Manchester Federation Annual Dinner. The rest as they say is history. We won all three of the local target seats. Even more importantly a Conservative majority government has been returned for the first time 23 years!

The Manchester Conservative Federation can be proud of the part we have played in turning **Bolton West (Chris Green MP)**, **Cheadle (Mary Robinson MP)** and **Hazel Grove (Will Wragg MP)** blue.

Meanwhile here in the City our "Team Manchester" candidates (**Rob Manning (Withington)**, **Mo Afzal (Gorton)**, **Xingang Wang (Central)** and **Michelle Tanfield-Johnson (Blackley & Broughton)**) fought exciting active campaigns that succeeded in doubling our membership and financial resource base.

I am also proud to report that for the second year running we fielded a full slate of 27 local City Council candidates. This is always a huge team effort but, we are particularly indebted to **David Semple** (Deputy Chairman Membership) who was tireless in collecting the nominations and canvassing supporters.

I am always realistic about the challenges we face in Manchester. However, it is fair to say that the Manchester Conservatives ("The Fed") is in good shape.

With the party conference just around the corner, not to mention the advent of Devo Manc and, local elections again next year there is plenty to see and do. So come along, get involved and, enjoy the Party!

Nick Savage, Chairman



Parliamentary Candidates 2015 - (left to right) **Michelle Tanfield-Johnson (Blackley & Broughton)**, **Mo Afzal (Manchester Gorton)**, **Xingang Wang (Manchester Central)** and **Rob Manning (Manchester Withington)**

IN BRIEF

- Garden Party**
Peter and Sue Hilton have kindly offered to host for us a Garden Party. This is an informal and relaxed event and excellent chance to get to know other members.
- Party Conference comes to Manchester**
The party conference is a wonderfully exciting event and a great chance to meet MPs, Ministers and even the Prime Minister. It's important to book early as prices rise. Please put down Nicholas Savage (Chairman) as your "approver".
- Call for Candidates**
The election may have only been a few weeks ago but we shall soon be looking for candidates for the May 2016 local elections. If you are interested come and find out more at one of our meetings or events.

CAMPAIGN REPORT SPECIAL

Blackley & Broughton

The Conservative result was just short of 5,600 votes. Unfortunately that was down on 2010 - when we came second on a massive swing. This time we came third, behind UKIP. However, our vote held up well despite the much bigger organisation UKIP now have in the constituency.

I decided to focus my efforts on the two target wards: Crumpsall (**Sham Raja**) and Kersal (**Arnold Saunders**). Together with my assistant **Arian**, and some local activists we made real progress. In the local government election in Kersal, we came within 238 votes of winning! Our best result in the ward in many years. We believe we took many of these votes from Labour. In Broughton Park, people were even running over to meet us and to take copies of our leaflets. Without doubt the Miliband effect was working wonders for our campaign!

Where we lost votes to UKIP, we gained votes in the Jewish communities in Kersal, Crumpsall and Broughton. I attended three hustings, in St Paul's Church, Kersal, the Red Bank Cafe, Cheetham and at Manchester University, in addition to being interviewed by Manchester Confidential and BBC World Service on video. The campaign saw us delivering leaflets and meeting voters every day over a four week period. In addition, I found time to help out in the target constituencies of **Hazel Grove** and **Cheadle**. Defeating Labour's Graham Stringer was always going tough but we gave it our best shot and got our message out.



David Semple
Campaign Agent and
Deputy Chairman Membership

INTRODUCING THE MANCHESTER TEAM

The "Manchester Federation" is the local voluntary Conservative Party established in the four seats of the City of Manchester, i.e. Blackley & Broughton, Manchester Central, Manchester Gorton and Manchester Withington.

Over the coming year we shall be organising lots of member events. In the past 12 months these have included: a **coffee morning**, a **Sunday luncheon** at a **family pub** in Withington, various **pub night socials** and, **constituency events**. We aim to arrange a varied programme. For instance, previous venues have ranged from an **Islamic Centre in Gorton** to an award winning **City Centre Chinese Restaurant** and a **Turkish Kebab House in Blackley**. In January we hosted **1922 Committee Chairman Graham Brady MP**, three newly elected local MPs, and 70 guests to our **Annual Dinner at Chancellors Hotel** in Fallowfield. We are now planning a **summer garden party** and, a **reception at the party conference**. For younger folk Conservative Future (CF) have a wonderful social and travel programme and have recently been to **Brussels** and **Northern Ireland** as well as all around our region and the country campaigning. So, whether you wish to be involved politically, or just socially, you will all be very welcome!

Please keep an eye out on our website for stories of events and activities

<http://www.manchesterconservatives.com/events>

ELECTION COMMENTARY: PARLIAMENTARY

I would firstly like to thank everyone who contributed to our General Election campaign in Manchester. We know that we face a difficult challenge here in what is now a 100% Labour city but it was at this election in particular that our voice had to be heard; on the economy, on jobs, on apprenticeships and home ownership, and with your help we were able to make that voice heard. We saw very encouraging swings across the city and a firm base upon which to grow and build into the future.

Finally I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to what was a fantastic effort in our local 40:40 seats on behalf of the Manchester Conservatives. A big shout out to our CF in particular who worked tirelessly on behalf on Manchester to help get Chris Green MP, Mary Robinson MP and Will Wragg MP elected in Bolton West, Cheadle and Hazel Grove. A truly tremendous result!

Rob Manning Deputy Chairman Political

Campaign in Pictures

January: Campaign Launch



Above: Members pose for photo after selecting candidates



Right: Graham Brady addresses the Campaign Launch

February: Team Manchester Campaign Day



Above: Rob Manning with this campaign team in Withington, Middle: Michelle Tanfield and Team Manchester in Blackley Far left: Xingang Wang canvassing in City Centre

March & April: Constituency Events

Left: Campaign Launch (Blackley)



Middle: Mo Afzal, with Chris Green MP, Mary Robinson MP and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi at Gorton Campaign Launch event



Right: Xingang Wang addresses City Centre Campaign Launch

May: Election Day 7th May



Above: Mo Afzal, and Sir Gerald Kaufman at the Gorton count

Right: At the count - Xingang Wang and agent Dan Kallmunzer

Posters promoting Mo Afzal in Gorton



DEVO MANC:

Last autumn agreement was reached in creating a "Northern Powerhouse" of Greater Manchester under an elected mayor.

The dust had not settled after the General Election before George Osborne confirmed a cities devolution bill would be introduced later this year. Powers will be devolved from London on police, housing, health and transport.

This is good news for Manchester and the wider region to redress the imbalance between the North and London and the South East.

Peter Hilton
Federation President
Campaign Agent for Gorton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th Jun **Members General Meeting**
Clayton Conservative Club
8 pm Clayton Conservative Club, 625 Ashton new Road, M11 4RX

5th July **Members Garden Party**
13 Morville Road, M21 0UG
Free Nibbles and Cakes
Croquet!
Start 2pm
If you are coming please call Sue on (0161) 8814318 so we know numbers

2nd Oct **Party Conference Reception**
7pm Chancellors Hotel
Exclusive members meal
Speaker: TBC

4-7th Oct **Conservative Party Conference**
Manchester Central Conference Centre
Book now online as prices rise!

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