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# WEALDEN CONSERVATIVES NEWS



## Great Evening With Tom Tugendhat

Tom Tugendhat MP, Conservative MP for Tonbridge and Malling and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, seen here with Nus Ghani MP, addressed a lively audience at Hendl Manor Barn. He talked about a variety of topics and answered questions.

Having himself served in Afghanistan he spoke from a deep personal knowledge of the situation there and clearly felt deeply about what had happened.

## Sussex Gala Dinner

A number of Wealden members attended the Sussex Area Gala Dinner held at the Hickstead Showground. The speaker was to have been Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing but he was sacked from the Cabinet just before the Event.

Instead the audience was addressed by the new Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi MP, who had only been in post for a few days, but proved a lively speaker with already a good knowledge of his brief.

There was a raffle, a silent auction and Police Commissioner Katy Bourne auctioned some special lots.



## Hartfield & Hailsham Council Elections Thursday 2nd December 2021

Hartfield District Council By-Election - 1 Seat

*We must not let the Greens win*

Hailsham - 3 Town Council Seats

Help needed for the Campaigns

Nus Ghani MP and Roy Galley  
are organising teams of helpers

Contact the WCCA Office if you can help.

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Saturday 20th November & Saturday 27th November

Hailsham - Vicarage Lane lower car park @ 10am

Hartfield - Anchor Inn @ 10am





## Christmas Lunch with Nus Ghani

*including 200 Club Draw*

11th December

Blackboys Inn, Blackboys

Menu & Tickets Available Shortly

Save The Day



### Roy's Jottings

A few brief notes from Councillor Roy Galley, Deputy Chairman Policy and Campaigning

Police numbers are up with 129 new officers recruited in 2020 and 117 so far in 2021 which is good news. The new police station in Crowborough is now open with a sergeant and 6 PCSOs.

The County Council have announced they are going to spend more money on roads which is much needed in many areas of East Sussex. If you know of a road which you believe is in urgent need of repair let Roy know.

Council Covid-related grants have now ended. Over £65m has been distributed and Wealden District Council have dealt with over 1,400 applications.

Planning is still a major problem in Wealden and largely in limbo. The Council are receiving a large number of apparently indiscriminate applications across the area which have the potential to threaten our rural way of life and landscape. With the new Secretary of State Michael Gove now appointed and the Prime Minister's recent announcement that there will be no more construction on green field sites we are hoping for a change in policy direction.

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### Michael Gove Speaks

#### At Lewes Constituency Dinner

Michael Gove MP, the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities was the guest speaker at the Lewes Constituency Conservatives Dinner held recently at the East Sussex National Hotel. Several Wealden members were present including a number of Councillors.



Mr Gove was left in no doubt that those attending were not against house building but thought that government figures for housing targets were wrong in being too high. It was stressed that we did not want Sussex concreted over by bullying house developers.

He took a lot of questions and the point was made that planning applications took too long to be processed & that we also need more business space to provide jobs for all those new residents.

