

Prime Minister

Party Conference, Blackpool

1. I attach 'A' - a suggested outline Party Conference programme based on previous Party Conference experience, and on the fact that you wish to arrive on Tuesday.
2. I also attach 'B' - the entire programme for the Party Conference, so that you can decide what additions/omissions you would like to make to 'A'.
3. Sir Hector Laing has offered you his plane for the journey to and from Blackpool. He has also offered it to Jim Prior. Do you have any objections to sharing? *I shall have to be there for the opening. It is important to coincide a lot this year.*  
If you go by plane, you will arrive in time for the Northern Ireland debate, which I assume you would like to attend if you can. *Yes.*
- May I go ahead and confirm that you would like to borrow the plane for journey to and from Blackpool? *Yes, Monday evening I think.*
4. You will see that on your programme I have put in the European Democratic Group lunch. Sir James Scott-Hopkins is very keen for you to do so. Alternatively you could have lunch in your suite.
5. On Tuesday afternoon, you will see that I have put in either the law and order debate, or a visit to the Blackpool and Fylde Society for the Blind Industrial Centre, where blind, partially sighted and disabled people are employed. They are very keen for you to visit them in this, the International Year for Disabled people. *OK to do debate.*
6. I have assumed that on Tuesday evening you would like to dine privately, although I would suggest that you look in at the Civic Dance, where you will be able to meet the Mayor. As there is no Civic Dinner, this is your only opportunity. ✓
7. I have omitted Area Receptions, except Greater London Area. as has been your practice since you became Prime Minister. I have included the International Office and Treasurers' Receptions. ✓
8. Last year you attended the Blue Revue. I have not included this on your programme this year, assuming that you would not wish to make this an annual undertaking. *Repeat.*
9. I attach a letter from Ken Dodd. I am sure that you would not think it appropriate to go to his show, when you are having to turn down so many Party engagements. I have, however, put him in your programme for a drink at lunchtime on Wednesday, or alternatively you could invite him to your Conference helpers tea party. *Monday evening.*
10. You may remember that Peter Blaker has written several times inviting you to undertake a social and fund-raising event for Blackpool and surrounding constituencies. May a draft a refusal on grounds of lack of time for your signature? *Repeat.*
11. Please could you approve the attached draft, so that we can go ahead with arrangements?

*D.H.*  
Derek Howe

11th September 1981

*Agreed except as do it me*

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PARTY CONFERENCE 1981

(1st Draft)

Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th October 1981

Tuesday 13th October

*Leave Monday to arrive  
about 5.30p. Mon evening.  
? Visit Ken Dodd's show.*

EITHER

OR

08.20 DEPART NO 10 for Denham Airport

07.15 DEPART NO 10 by car for Blackpool

09.10 DEPART Denham for Blackpool

11.15 ARRIVE Imperial Hotel

10.00 ARRIVE Blackpool Airport

11.45 DEPART Imperial Hotel

10.15 ARRIVE Imperial Hotel

10.45 DEPART Imperial Hotel

*Attend opening of N-I debate -  
and chair next speech.*

11.00 ATTEND Northern Ireland Debate - Atkins

12.00

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12.00- LAUNCHING OF IMPACT 80's

12.10

12.10- CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH ✓

12.30

12.30 DEPART Winter Gardens

12.45- ATTEND European Democratic Group Lunch ✓

14.00

Imperial Hotel,  
Ballroom

14.15 DEPART Imperial Hotel

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OR

14.30- ATTEND Law and Order Debate - Whitelaw

15.00

14.30 ARRIVE Blackpool and Fylde  
Society for the Blind  
Industrial Centre

15.40 DEPART Winter Gardens

15.30 DEPART for Imperial Hotel

15.55 ARRIVE Imperial Hotel

*Visit  
Disability Centre.*

15.45 ARRIVE Imperial Hotel

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Keep free for speech

Dine Privately in suite

22.30 Look in at Civic Dance - Meet Mayor ✓

Winter Gardens,  
Empress Ballroom

23.00 Return to Imperial Hotel

Wednesday 14th October

08.30	Hair (Carmen Rollers)	PM's suite
	Morning free for speech	PM's suite
12.00	Ken Dodd for a drink (?) <i>See memo on page.</i>	PM's suite
12.45 for	Constituency Lunch <i>Rating Reform</i>	PM's suite
13.00		
14.15	DEPART Imperial Hotel	
14.30 -	Attend Economic Policy and Taxation Debate - <i>✓</i>	Winter Gardens
15.40	Sir Geoffrey Howe	
16.40 -	Attend Defence Debate - John Nott <i>✓</i>	Winter Gardens
16.40	Leave Platform and Tour Conference Stalls <i>✓</i>	Winter Gardens
17.10	Depart Winter Gardens	
17.25	Arrive Imperial Hotel	
17.25 -	Free	
18.30 -	Look in at Treasurers' Reception <i>✓</i>	Imperial Hotel,
19.00	Receive cheque from Bernard Audley (Chairman AGB)	Court Lounge
19.15	Depart for Agents' Dinner <i>✓</i>	
(approx)		
19.30 for	Attend Agents' Dinner	Winter Gardens (?)
20.00		
22.30	Depart	
22.45	Look in at Young Conservatives' Ball <i>✓</i>	Tiffany's
23.15	Return to Hotel	
23.30	Arrive Hotel	

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Thursday 15th October

Keep Free for speech

11.05 Depart Imperial Hotel

11.20 - Attend Inner Cities Debate - Michael Heseltine  
12.30

Winter Gardens

12.30 Depart Winter Gardens

12.45 - Attend Lady Young's Lunch  
14.00

Imperial Hotel,  
Egerton Room

14.15 Depart Imperial Hotel

14.30 - Attend Employment and Industrial Relations Debate -  
16.00 Mr Prior

Winter Gardens

16.00 Depart Winter Gardens

16.15 Arrive Imperial Hotel

16.15 - Free  
18.30

18.30 Depart Imperial Hotel

18.45 - Look in at Greater London Area Reception  
19.15

Winter Gardens,  
Spanish Hall

19.15 Depart Winter Gardens

19.30 - Look in at International Office Reception  
20.00

Imperial Hotel,  
Court Lounge

20.00 - Dine privately in suite & work on speech  
22.15

22.15 Depart Imperial Hotel

22.30 Look in at Conference Ball

Winter Gardens,  
Ballroom

23.00 Depart Winter Gardens

23.15 Arrive Imperial Hotel

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Friday 16th October

Morning free for speech

12.00 - Carmen Rollers and Make Up (Joan Price?) *Granada*  
13.00

13.00 Lunch in suite

14.10 Depart Imperial Hotel

14.25 Arrive Winter Gardens

14.30 - ADDRESS PARTY CONFERENCE  
15.15

Talk in Overflow Hall on way out

16.00 Tea in Prime Minister's suite for helpers

17.00 DEPART for Chequers

Either

Or

By Car

By Plane

21.00 Arrive Chequers

18.35 Arrive Chequers