



Liberal News Spring 2012

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Local Election Timetable 2012

- Notice of Election Published and Nominations Open March 27th
- Nominations CLOSE 12 Noon April 4th
- Publication of Persons Nominated 12 Noon April 10th
- Latest Appointment of Election Agent & Candidate Withdrawal 12 Noon April 11th
- Last Date for Postal Vote Applications 5pm April 18th
- Last Date for Proxy Applications 5pm April 25th

Remember if YOU need to be a Delegated Nominating Officer contact Jenny Roach (jennyroach2@aol.com) NOW

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Party President, Cllr. Steve Radford to stand as Liberal Party Candidate in Election for Directly Elected Mayor of Liverpool



The February meeting of the National Executive Committee unanimously resolved that, if local Party Members agreed, Party President, Cllr. Steve Radford would be OUR Liberal Candidate in May 3rd's Election for Directly Elected Mayor of Liverpool. We had hoped to be able to put Sir Henry Boyle up as our Candidate for the London Mayoral Election but, at very short notice our extremely

UNDEMOCRATIC Government increased the Deposit for London Mayoral Candidates to an "eye watering" £10,000. As a small Party there was simply No Way we could afford to risk such a huge amount of money!
As well as Standing in the Mayoral Election, Steve is up for Re-Election in his Tuebrook and Stoneycroft Ward on the City Council.
NEC also resolved to appoint John Tyler as an Honorary Life Vice President of the Party.



The Waltham Forest Team is delighted to offer their Training & Development packages to other Associations – **ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

Based on half and one-day interactive workshops for members & supporters, they are practical, tried and tested campaign tools, organisational planners and election winners.

Informative, participative – and great fun – each workshop covers a different topic:

- Effective Teambuilding
- Refreshing & Revitalising the Association
- Mature Team Development
- Presentation Skills
- Running Effective Meetings
- Time & Personal Management
- Communication Skills
- Creativity & Innovation
- Local Campaigning
- Running Elections
- Practical Training for Election Agents

It's also possible to build hybrid workshops to match exactly your local/area requirements. For instance, you may want to spend half a day on Campaigning and the other half on Creativity & Innovation.

You provide the venue, participants and refreshments – and the Waltham Forest Team provides the workshop/s, Facilitators and comprehensive notes manuals; it's that simple!

Want to know more? Please contact Sir Henry Boyle at sir.henry@walthamforestliberals.org or call him on 020 8524 6837 or 07931 411493.

WINNING WAYS!



Ballot Paper descriptions for May 3rd Elections

Please note, the **ONLY** Ballot Paper descriptions which Liberal Party Candidates can use are the descriptions listed below:

- **Liberal Party Councillor for Re-Election**
- **Liberal Party Candidate And Local Resident**
- **Liberal Party-Save Our Parks**
- **Liberal Party-Abolish Council Tax**
- **Liberal Party in Scotland**
- **Liberal Party in Wales**
- **Liberal Party in Cornwall**
- **Liberal Party Steve Radford's Candidate**
- **Liberal Party-Keep Local Liberal Team**
- **Liberal Party-Against Coalition Cutbacks**
- **The Liberal Party Candidate**

NO other descriptions will be accepted by Returning Officers!

You have been WARNED!



And **THIS** is the logo to use.

Name is Liberal Sunburst logo.

Arrangements for 127th Liberal Party Assembly 2012

The 127th Liberal Party Assembly will be held on **Saturday October 20th 2012** at **The Friends Meeting House**, 8b Summerfield Rd. (off Bath Rd.), Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton, WV1 4PR

Motions

Motions for Debate should be sent to:

Daniel Wood
26, Archers Green Rd.
Kingswood,
Warrington, W85 7XS

or by e mail :liberalassembly@hotmail.co.uk

The deadline for receipt of Motions is **Friday 20th July 2012**

Once published, amendments to the main motions, together with any topical motions, should be sent to Daniel Wood at the postal address or e mail address above to arrive no later than **Saturday 22nd September 2012**.

Further Information

Further Details about the Assembly including Registration and Accommodation options will be published in an Assembly Special Edition of **Liberal News** to be published on September 1st.

Liberal Democrat Spring Conference; Party in Total Disarray!

The Liberal Democrat Spring Conference in Gateshead came pretty near to descending into sheer FARCE!

On **Saturday Feb.10** the Conference narrowly voted **NOT** to debate a “**Kill the Bill Motion**” but instead narrowly agreed to debate a supine Motion put in by the Party Leadership which approved the Bill as amended in Parliament.

Then on **Sunday Feb 11th** Dr. Evan Harris (former LD MP) skilfully and successfully moved an **Amendment** which successfully **Removed** Liberal Democrat support for the **Bill at 3rd Reading in the House of Lords**.

Amazingly Nick Clegg seems to think that his Party **AGREES** with him on the future of the NHS! Other notable “posts” on LibDem Voice include Tony (Lord) Greaves saying that Conference has got him off the hook!

Not satisfied with chaos on the NHS, Clegg then went on to support a “Tycoon” Tax as an apparent alternative to the 50% Tax Band when Business Secretary Vince Cable has been promoting a “Mansion Tax” instead!

As one commentator has put it “**If it goes on much longer, pretty soon Cameron won't have a Clegg to stand on!**”

Congratulations, Emma!

The Rydale Liberal “ machine” is marching on, on Thursday Feb. 16th in a By Election for Pickering Town Council (West Ward) Emma Woodward (Liberal) was Elected with 254 Votes, a majority of 21 over her only opponent!
Well done Emma!

Liberal News welcomes the new Cannock Chase Liberal Group



We are absolutely delighted that three well known and long serving former Liberal Democrat Councillors, Neil Stanley, Diane Bennett and Tony Williams have joined us to form the Cannock Chase Liberal Group.

Neil is current Chair of Rugeley Town Council whilst Diane represents the Cannock West Ward on Cannock Chase DC and Tony represents the Hagley Ward on Cannock Chase DC.

Liberal News Editor, Cllr. Fran Oborski has known Neil for more years than either would care to remember as it would prove our age, (suffice to say

well over 30 years!). Neil is a superb campaigner who, (until he was defeated at last May's Elections where the North Midlands saw a massive swing against the Lib Dems) was Leader of Cannock Chase Council.

Hopefully Neil, Diane and Tony will do to Cannock Chase what John Clarke is achieving in Rydale!

We look forward to future news!

More News from the NEC

NEC Appointed James O'Rourke as pro-tem Press Officer and agreed to invite James and Cllr. Neil Stanley to serve as co-opted members of NEC.

NEC is in contact with the new “Liberal Left” Grouping within the Lib Dems and recommends other members to consider joining it.

Next NEC Meeting: Saturday June 16th, 11 am, The Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London. Members are welcome to attend as Observers. Lunches are available in the bar!

Candidate Info Needed.

Would ALL areas fielding Candidates on May 3rd **PLEASE** send details i.e. Name of Council; Name of Ward; Name of Liberal Party Candidate by e mail to : **franoborski@btinternet.com** as soon as nominations are accepted.