

High Peak Liberal Democrats

Newsletter

For Members & Supporters

November 2014



The Annual General Meeting of the constituency party will be held on Tuesday 18th November at the Old Packhorse Inn, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith, SK23 0NT from 8.00pm., to be followed by a general discussion of Policy and Strategy for the forthcoming Borough elections and the General Election.

AGM AGENDA, 2014

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd December 2013
3. Reports from:-
 - 3.1. Chair
 - 3.2. Treasurer
 - 3.3. Membership Report
 - 3.4. Conference Representatives
 - 3.5. Liberal Democrat Groups of
 - 3.5.1. Derbyshire County Council
 - 3.5.2. High Peak Borough Council
4. Election of Honorary President (See note 1)
5. Election of Officers, Executive Committee Members
 - 5.1. Chair
 - 5.2. Secretary
 - 5.3. Treasurer
 - 5.4. Membership Development Officer
 - 5.5. Data Officer
 - 5.6. Executive Committee Members
6. Election of Federal and Regional Conference Representatives
 - 6.1. Federal Conference Representatives
 - 6.2. Regional Conference Representatives
7. To note the Accounts for 2013
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2014 Local Party Accounts

Note 1 Section 5.2 of the Local Party Constitution allows for the election of an Honorary President.

Selection of Parliamentary Candidate

The formal process of selecting a PPC has begun. The advertisement has been placed by our external Returning Officer and circulated nationwide to all on the list of approved candidates. To date we understand there has been one application, from a local member. Following the closing date, 28th November, there will be a ballot of all members in the constituency. This will take place even if there is only one applicant, the alternative name on the ballot paper being 'RON' (Re-Open Nominations).

Council Candidates Needed

It is important that we give everyone in High Peak the chance to vote Liberal Democrat in the Borough elections next May, even though most of our efforts need to be targeted in key areas.

There are 28 wards in High Peak and four years ago we came close to full coverage. This is a challenge to you all, as it means that about half our members need to put their names forward!

Anyone resident or working in High Peak can stand anywhere in the Borough, not just where you live. Allowing your name to be put on a ballot paper need involve no further commitment of your scarce time or energy. Realistically in a number of wards the danger of being elected may be minimal, but to ensure that those electors who support our values and principles do not feel abandoned is most important.

To find out more, or other ways you can help, contact our High Peak Borough Council group leader, David Lomax, or Barrie Taylor. (Phone numbers below.).

'200 Club'

As always we need more money to fight next year's important elections. A painless way to help is to contribute monthly to our '200 Club'.

This offers the chance to win a monthly prize, equal to half the total contributions made to the club in that month.

Contributions can be as little as £2 each month, for one chance to win the prize, or multiple contributions of £2 for multiple chances. Ask for the simple form to set up a standing order, - or if you prefer pay £24 in a lump sum for 12 monthly entries. For an application form contact: Barrie Taylor 01663 732334 barrietaylor@cix.co.uk

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday, 20th December
at the Womens' Institute Hall
Lower Lane, Chinley
from 10.00am to Noon

Tombola and Raffle Prizes, Cakes,
good quality Bric-a-brac,
Children's Books and Toys
will be most welcome.

We will also need extra help that
morning - please ring 01663 732334.

Liberal Hall Update

The Trustees have finally obtained planning permission to convert the Liberal Hall (near the Police Station, Union Road, New Mills) into a dwelling.

The building has deteriorated and would no longer be safe to hire out due to plaster detaching from the ceiling. It is now on the market, but a buyer will need to carry out major conversion work. The trustees are considering the possibilities of investing the proceeds to provide a regular future income.

Home for the Printer

We are still operating our Riso printer and guillotine from the Liberal Hall in the rooms near the entrance, and a more permanent home will be needed as soon as the building is sold. This equipment is essential in a year with both the Borough and General Elections.

We urgently need ideas or offers of

Current Officers

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