

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Newsletter
For Members & Supporters
January 2013



Members and friends are invited to a

Constituency Dinner

on Friday, 1st March

at The Royal Hotel, Hayfield

7.00 for 7.30pm

to be addressed by

Rt Hon Andrew Stunell OBE MP

Member for Hazel Grove, former Coalition Minister and one of the four LibDems to negotiate the coalition agreement.

Your opportunity to find out what being in the centre of the coalition, and working for Eric Pickles, is really like!

To book contact:

Tickets £25

Stephen Worrall 07411 950287, worrall.steve@sky.com or

Barrie Taylor 01663 732334, barrietaylor@cix.co.uk

(Menu choices and money in advance please.)

County Elections - Can You Help?

We are gearing up for a big effort in the County Council elections to take place on 2nd May. The main emphasis will clearly be on the seats we hold, in New Mills and Whaley Bridge, and campaigning is already underway, with thousands of leaflets, Christmas cards and calendars distributed at the end of last year.

With control of the County at stake the other parties will also be fighting for every vote, especially as this is a key parliamentary seat. From now on there will be deliveries to be done most weeks, and your help will be crucial, to give our candidates the time to do their real job - knocking on doors and meeting the public.

Of course not everybody has the time or ability to deliver leaflets, but leaflets cost money and elections are expensive, even though we do most of the printing ourselves. We need to raise another £1,000 by May. A £20 donation will pay for another thousand leaflets.

However it is also important to give everyone in High Peak the chance to vote LibDem, and we still need people to put their names forward as candidates in Buxton, Glossop and Chapel. Anyone resident in Derbyshire can stand.

If you can help in any way, contact:

Barrie Taylor - 01663 732334

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Or to make a donation, the Treasurer:

Bob Hobson - 01663 750331

glenandbob@gmail.com

See overleaf for other local events.

Future Events

Coffee Mornings

Liberal Democrat fundraising events will be held on:

**Saturday, 23rd February
at the Mechanics' Institute
Market Street, Whaley Bridge
from 9.30am to Noon**

also

**Saturday, 9th March
at the Womens' Institute Hall
Lower Lane, Chinley
from 10.00am to Noon**

For both events we will be glad of Tombola and Raffle prizes or Cakes, and at Chinley good quality Bric-a-brac. More help on the day will be needed, and particularly at Chinley. Please ring 01663 732334

Have You Joined Our 200 Club?

As well as fundraising events, like our Coffee Mornings and the Constituency Dinner, to raise the money we need to fight our elections we need to ask all members and supporters for a little bit more. If you don't want to make a one off donation at present, the most painless way is a regular monthly contribution to our '200 Club'.

And this has the added attraction of 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, to give you one chance to win the prize, or multiple contributions of £2 to give you multiple chances. Just 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:

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Liberal Hall Update

As explained in our previous Newsletter, the the trustees of the Liberal Hall, behind the Police Station off Union Road, New Mills had applied for Planning Permission to convert the deteriorating and hardly used building into a dwelling.

Although the application was refused the trustees have decided to appeal. One of the reasons for refusal was the loss of a public building, but there is plenty of evidence that there are more than enough public buildings available for local organisations to use, and the building will soon become unusable unless substantial repairs are undertaken. Also planning authorities are under government pressure not to refuse permissions for housing without very good reasons.

If planning permission is obtained the aim would be to dispose of the site, and we hope invest the proceeds to provide a regular future income.

But What About the Printer?

Our Riso printer, which makes production of leaflets very much cheaper and is essential to give the turnaround and flexibility we need during an election, is still housed in the Liberal Hall.

It is becoming more urgent to find an alternative home for it. Hiring somewhere to keep it would make it unviable. **If anyone has an outhouse or garage where it might be kept and operated, or any other ideas, please think about it and let us know!**

Can You Help Us Address Envelopes?

During the County elections we will want to send hand-addressed letters, particularly to postal voters, who are very much more likely to vote.

This is a task we can begin straight away. Please let us know if you can help.

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