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NEWS FROM HASTINGS & RYE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS No.2



PERRY FOR PARLIAMENT

As the summer progressed the imminence of a General Election became more and more apparent; it could be upon us at any moment. As with the Euro-Elections, we needed to get prospective candidates in place as soon as possible. Constitutional emergency procedures of the Federal Party were invoked and under those the executive asked Nick Perry has who carried the standard at the last three elections to take the challenge. Nick agreed and is now leading the campaign vigorously. Taking 18% of the Euro vote and Tories and Labour crumbling, we believe we are back in the 1997 situation when Hastings & Rye was a three-way marginal seat. We are about to launch our third leaflet since the Euros, so get out on the streets and keep those donations rolling in if you want to stop Brexit with a Liberal Democrat MP. Lets go for it!

Report from Lib Dem Conference – 14 – 17 September 2019

The annual LibDem conference was held from 14 to 17 September in Bournemouth. The conference was an exceptionally positive event, with 900 conference first timers, the celebration of 700 gains in local council elections, 16 new MEPs and 40,000 new party members since May. MPs Chuka Umunna, Luciana Berger and Sarah Wollaston, recent recruits from Labour and Conservative parties, participated in packed fringe debates. Many meetings were overwhelmed by unprecedented numbers.

Motions were passed including those pressing for faster progress on Climate Change, increased spending on the NHS with a strong focus on mental health and the young, public budgets targeted at improving peoples' well-being, major investment in new social housing, and to end Brexit immediately if the LibDems gain a majority in a General Election. The party still backs a second referendum in the meantime. Alas, our amendment to the Brexit motion wasn't taken, but it was a step forward for us to submit it.



Paul, Susan, George & Jonathan at Bournemouth

ANNUAL LUNCH & AGM

YOU ARE INVITED! We will be holding our Annual Lunch on **Sunday 3rd November at 12.30 for 1.00pm at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0BD** and would like you to join us. Our Speaker is Baroness Grender of Kingston, who had been responsible for a Private Members Bill on Tenancy Conditions and was Paddy Ashdown's Press Secretary. The price of the tickets is £25 per person for a three-course lunch so please send us an e-mail to info@har0ld.org.uk to obtain tickets or phone Pam Brown on 01424 424693.



Ahead of the lunch, we are holding our **Annual General Meeting at 11.30-12.30 am** and would welcome your attendance. We would also invite you to join the Committee so send us an email (above) if you would like to be nominated, or write to the PO Box below. (The Agenda and formal notice will be dispatched 21 days ahead of the meeting.)

Our President, Pam Brown OBE and former Hastings Mayor, says that "in light of recent events we need to get our voice heard, now more than ever" and she would welcome your support.

Kate Tudgay, Secretary.



CANDIDATE SELECTION

To run with a serious chance in the Hastings Borough elections next May it is important for candidates to be in place and working in their wards as soon as possible. Candidate selection for Central St. Leonard's, Gensing, St. Helen's and West St. Leonard's will take place at the AGM on 3rd November (closing date for applications 20th October). If anyone wishes to stand for those or any of the borough's 16 wards please contact Paul Hunt for an informal discussion on 01424 441197. Work needs to start on our target seats immediately and also on policy formation.

In the 2018 borough elections & this year's Rother, we were pleased with the diversity of our candidates, but we must strive to improve on this, so ladies, lbgt+, people with disabilities, minorities, don't be shy – the sooner prospective candidates come forward, the better we can plan to support you and work towards winning.

Meanwhile, Wishing Tree Liberal Democrats have adopted Emlyn Jones, for many of them, their former GP, to lead the fight.



 **Follow Nick on social media**

If you want to see the Lib Dems do well locally (and across the country) at the next General Election, please can you invite others who are local to visit and share Nick's new Facebook page:

facebook.com/nickperrylibdem

And don't forget, Nick's Twitter handle is [@nickperrylibdem](https://twitter.com/nickperrylibdem).

This is an invaluable way of showing folk where we stand on the issues. Many thanks for your help!