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BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE ON Thursday 5th May

David, Charles and Dave would like your support for another four-year term as local councillors.



L-R David, Charles, Dave

CHARLES WOOD has lived in Epsom for 28 years and has two children at local schools with a third recently graduated from Kingston University. He works as a Psychiatric Nurse.

He has 8 years experience as a councillor, has dealt with numerous social housing issues and is concerned with issues such as dog-fouling, graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. He understands the frustrations of Court ward residents who want to see a cleaner, safer place in which to live.

In his spare time Charles attends his local church, sings in a choir and plays cricket.

DAVID BUXTON lives in Norris Close and as your councillor has spent the past four years championing local issues including Livingstone Park build and landscaping problems, Horton Chapel and Horton Tower.

He works as a Chief Executive Officer for the British Deaf Association and is the only deaf councillor in the UK who uses a British Sign Language interpreter. His background is in finance and he has served on both the council's Environment and Strategy committees.

His interests lie in youth, disability, older people and education.

DAVE MORGAN, ex-soldier (Royal Signals) and graduate of Brunel University, has lived in Pound Lane for over 20 years. He works in IT providing support for a major retailer.

Dave has served on the Planning Committee during his time as your councillor and has been particularly vocal concerning "over-development" planning issues. He is keen to see more planning control handed back to local authorities and the regeneration of the shop units at Hollymoor Lane.

Dave is a keen motorcyclist and enjoys spending time with his children and young grandchildren, who all also live in Court ward.

..... **see inside pages for our 2011 Manifesto**

Your Survey Response led directly to our Manifesto

We sent out over 12,000 surveys. You told us what was most important to you, including the Green Belt, Epsom Hospital, Low Council Tax and Recycling.

Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrats : Manifesto 2011 – 2015

Our Six Key Priorities

Secure Value for Money
Work Together as a Community
Protect our Environment
Help Those in Need
Deal with our Parking and Congestion Problems
Support Small Shops and Businesses

SECURE VALUE FOR MONEY

Our Council must provide good services with less money. Liberal Democrats will ...

- ◆ Consult residents before setting the council tax – and give feedback on how the money is spent.
- ◆ Stop Town Hall excesses – the Mayor's car, dining with other councillors, glossy magazines, councillors' computers.
- ◆ Maximise income from the planning process and ensure that council-owned venues earn more.



WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

We believe that the whole community should be encouraged to take an active role in local issues. We will ...

- ◆ Open up council meetings to questions from local residents.
- ◆ Set up “neighbourhood” planning committees for our borough and extend our policy of holding public meetings to discuss major planning applications.
- ◆ Encourage residents, voluntary groups, the Police and other public bodies to work together on safety matters (e.g. street lighting, parks patrols, town centre night patrols).

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Liberal Democrats champion sustainability and defend the Green Belt. We will ...

- ◆ Place green thinking at the heart of council decision-making (e.g. find more allotment sites) and make sure that our borough is cleaner.
- ◆ Improve recycling, promote the use of recycled goods and make Epsom & Ewell a Fairtrade (and plastic bag free) borough.
- ◆ Campaign to get waste vehicles and other large lorries re-routed away from residential areas.

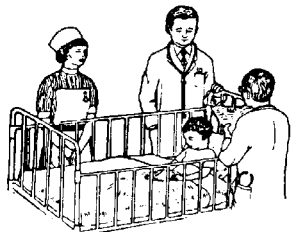


Local Residents working for Local Residents

Our 2011 Manifesto is based on YOUR priorities

If you would like more details of our Manifesto, please contact your local Liberal Democrat FOCUS team.

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HELP THOSE IN NEED

Helping the young, the elderly and the vulnerable is a mark of a civilised society. We will ...

- ◆ Continue to work cross-party to ensure that Epsom Hospital provides the full range of acute services.
- ◆ Maintain good relationships with the Police and other groups on safety issues.
- ◆ Ensure that the borough council, the county council and the voluntary sector work together to improve transport and facilities for older people.

DEAL WITH OUR PARKING AND CONGESTION PROBLEMS

Epsom town and Ewell village suffer badly from congestion and have parking problems of all kinds. We will give these issues top priority and ...

- ◆ Improve parking enforcement and progress a Residents' Parking Scheme in roads where residents want it.
- ◆ Fight for better public transport, with Zone 6 extended to Epsom, more evening buses and a weekend night bus.
- ◆ Support "green" travel, cyclists and pedestrians, whilst investigating ways of reducing traffic in the shopping areas of Epsom town centre and Ewell village, so as to reduce our air pollution problems.



SUPPORT SMALL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

More must be done to help retain the local businesses we all need. Liberal Democrats will ...

- ◆ Make sure that businesses can recycle their waste, can have parking for both staff and customers and can liaise regularly with a new Town Centre Manager based at our Town Hall.
- ◆ Create incentive schemes (e.g. green travel vouchers, parking permits and reduced long-stay parking charges).
- ◆ Expand our street market by allowing small traders to take occasional pitches and sell art, crafts or other quality goods – so that Epsom market becomes one of the best in Surrey.

LOCAL LIBERAL DEMOCRATS SUCCEED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- ◆ Liberal Democrats have been running the London Borough of Sutton since 1986.
- ◆ We have also run the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames since 2001.
- ◆ The Liberal Democrats are now the largest party on Mole Valley District Council.

With your support, we can be successful in Epsom & Ewell too!

VOTE LOCAL – VOTE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT



TO
FAIRER
VOTES

- On May 5th there is a nationwide Referendum on changing the way we vote in General Elections.
- The Lib Dems are supporting the change because after the 2010 General Election, two-thirds of MPs lacked majority support, the highest figure in British political history.

The Alternative Vote (AV) is very much like First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) which is the system we all know. Rather than marking one 'X' on the ballot paper, the voter has the chance to rank the candidates on offer. The voter thus puts a '1' by their first-choice candidate and can continue, if they wish, to put a '2' by their second-choice and so on, until they don't care any more or they run out of names. If a candidate receives a majority of '1' votes (more people put them as number one than all the rest combined), then they are elected. If no candidate gains a majority, the candidate who comes last is eliminated and their votes are redistributed. This process is repeated until someone gets over 50 per cent. www.yestofairervotes.org dispels some of the myths about the AV system.

Rebuilding the East Street railway bridge

Network Rail have announced that their historic steel bridge spanning East Street built in 1892 is in need of replacement. East Street will be closed to vehicles at the junction with the High Street from 17th April until 1st May. It will be closed to pedestrians from 23rd-26th April during which period the bridge itself will be rebuilt. No trains will run on any line northbound from Epsom between 23rd-26th April (Easter). Replacement bus services will operate between Sutton and Leatherhead and between West Ewell and Leatherhead stations.



Diversion routes between 17th April and 1st May will take traffic along A2022 Upper High St, College Road (past Epsom College) and Reigate Rd (passing NESCOL) and via Waterloo Rd, Chase Rd and Hook Rd.

Liberal Democrat councillors tabled a Motion to council in February 2011 which would allow residents to ask questions at meetings when all councillors are present (similar to procedures already used by most borough councils in Surrey)

All RA councillors voted against the Motion.

Lib Dem councillors also tabled a Motion asking the council to condemn the county council's plans to introduce charges for parking bays on our streets, near to local shops and near to doctor's surgeries.

Other councils nearby have already agreed such a Motion.

Our RA-led council decided not to debate the issue but to discuss the matter at a later date.

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