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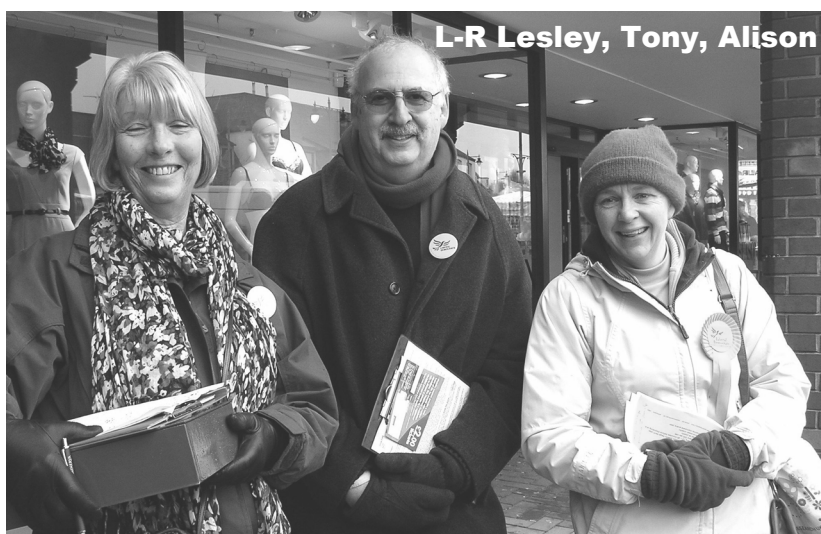
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Borough Council Elections Thursday 5th May

Cllr **Alison Kelly** would like your support for another term as your local councillor and introduces local campaigners **Tony Axelrod** and **Lesley Neville** as your **FOCUS** team candidates for Town Ward.



TONY AXELROD lives in Hudson House in Epsom town centre, where he is chairman of their management company. He is standing as your councillor because of his increasing frustration at the way the council is run by the Residents' Party.

He is a solicitor, has always supported the voluntary sector and is currently Vice-President of Epsom Rotary Club.

Tony's interests include the anti-social behaviour problems of the town centre but he has a great sense of fairness and will understand all views.

Tony's interests include football and trying to play musical instruments.

ALISON KELLY lives in Whitehorse Drive near her daughter's school and has served four years as your councillor. She works as a Business Analyst with Philips.

Alison's interests lie in the areas of energy efficiency, recycling and council finance.

Her interest in local affairs came from her dismay at planning decisions that were severely depleting open areas and back gardens. Her voting record on the Planning Committee includes numerous refusals which she considered "over-development".

Her interests include jogging, cycling, gardening and baking cakes.

LESLEY NEVILLE lives in West Street and has worked in the borough for 23 years.

Lesley worked for the borough council in their social housing department until 2010 and has also worked for Rosebery Housing Association. She has a proven track record of being able to address local issues quickly and efficiently.

Lesley is particularly concerned about parking problems, lack of enforcement and town centre congestion, air pollution and litter problems.

In her spare time, Lesley stewards at Epsom Playhouse.

..... 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.

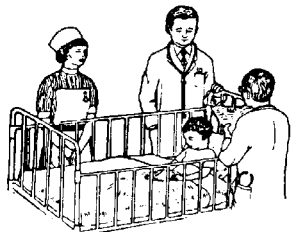


Local Residents working for Local Residents

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

LIB DEMS SUPPORTING LOCAL SHOPS

Local Liberal Democrats have surveyed hundreds of shoppers in Epsom High Street to find out their priorities for our borough. Apart from the expected support for **Retaining Key Services at Epsom Hospital**, Epsom & Ewell residents put **Help for Small Businesses and Shops** at the top of their priority list.

Once again it is the Lib Dems who have shown that they are in touch with public opinion, as Town Ward Cllr **Alison Kelly** showed when she told the council they should promote our street market and appoint a Town Centre Manager. Funding would come from a previous decision to reduce the amount paid to the Surrey Chamber of Commerce.

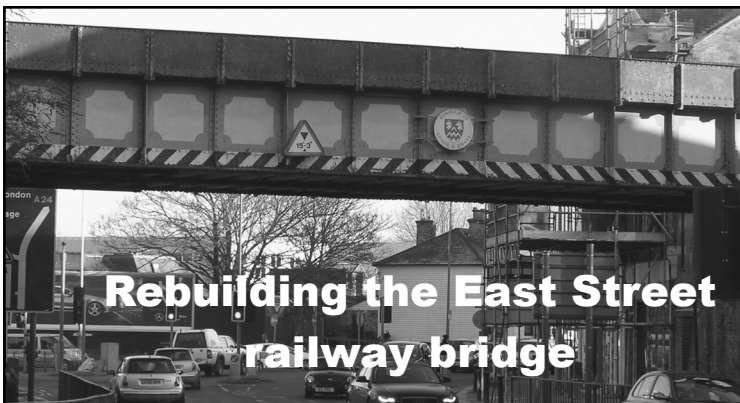
"It is the small independent shops that make Epsom a destination town," said Alison. "We're really keen to do everything we can to support our small local shops, including developing a coherent tourism strategy."



Alison Kelly and Lesley Neville handing out posters to Upper High Street shopkeepers. The posters call for the Conservatives' parking charge proposals to be scrapped.

Now the Lib Dems are running a poster campaign against the Conservative-led County Council's decision to impose on-street parking charges in Upper High Street, Waterloo Road and other shopping parades in the borough.

When the Lib Dems called for a council debate on the issue, the Residents' Party majority decided to postpone the matter till a later date. So the Lib Dem FOCUS team has taken to the streets, handing out posters to local shopkeepers calling for the proposals to be scrapped. Whilst delivering the posters, FOCUS team campaigner **Lesley Neville** met Amy from Cafe Metro, who said: "Making the disabled pay for parking is awful and now adding charges for stopping here is a disgrace".



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 to 26th April during which period the bridge itself will be rebuilt. No trains will run on any line northbound from Epsom between 23rd and 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 NESLOT) and via Waterloo Rd, Chase Rd and Hook Rd.

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