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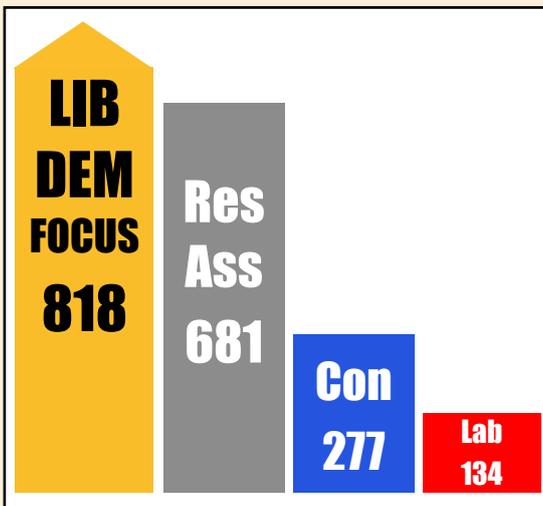
Election Results

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THANK YOU for your support

Results in COLLEGE WARD

Average votes for each
party's candidates



As expected the result in our area was very close.

David Gulland and Julie Morris were both elected as councillors but Andre Kubicek narrowly missed out by a mere 11 votes. Andre will continue to be an active member of the FOCUS team.



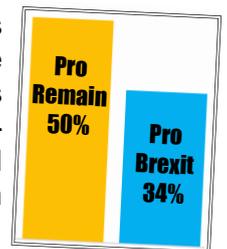
Thank you to all local residents who cast a vote this May and an extra special thanks to the hundreds of you who voted for the local Lib Dem FOCUS team.

We have promised to work for you, consult with you and keep you informed. We will hold the Residents' Party-controlled council to account and provide an effective opposition in the council chamber.

To get in touch with us, please see our contact details on the back page.

...and the EU election results

Here in Epsom & Ewell, the Lib Dems almost topped the EU election poll. The chart on the right shows the result in this borough when votes for recognised pro-Remain and pro-Brexit parties are added up. As with the UK as a whole, pro-Remain votes easily exceeded pro-Brexit votes.



Working hard for you all year round

Lib Dems denied Planning brief

The Planning committee comprises 13 members, essentially one for each ward in the borough. The Residents' Party majority on the council has decided to allocate the place for College ward to its own newly elected RA Councillor Nigel Collin, despite the fact that he was elected with fewer votes than either of the College Ward Lib Dem councillors. Moreover, **Cllr Collin has already been barred from voting on the South Hatch planning application** because of statements made during his election campaign.

Julie sits on the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, but this doesn't discuss or determine individual planning applications. She and David hope that one of them will be able to represent you on the Planning Committee next year - if the RA-controlled council agrees.

OUR COMMITTEES

(if you want to know more about the work of these committees, please look on the council's website. But we will keep you informed!)



JULIE MORRIS:

- Environment and Safe Communities
- Community and Wellbeing,
- Licensing and Planning Policy



DAVID GULLAND:

- Financial Policy
- Strategy and Resources
- Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny

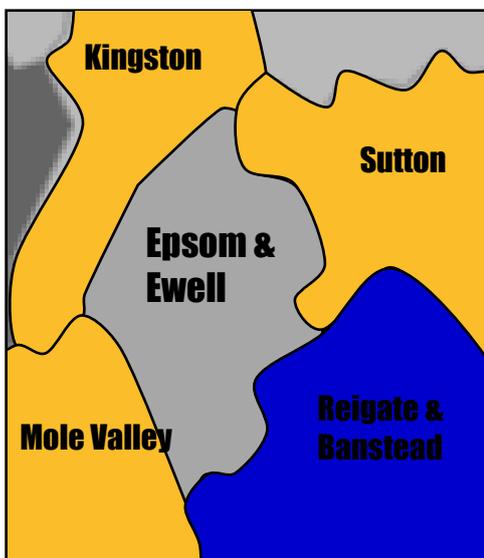
College Ward part of "the success story"

Liberal Democrat leader **Vince Cable** has called his party's local election results in May the "big success story of the night". The Lib Dems made gains across the country, taking seats from both Conservative and Labour-run councils. In total, the Lib Dems made 704 net gains, two of them right here in **College Ward!**

Extraordinarily, the disastrous results for the pro-Brexit Conservatives and Labour were interpreted by them as a message that they should get on with Brexit, despite the enormous gains made by pro-Remain parties like the Lib Dems and the Greens.



WE'RE SURROUNDED (almost)



Congratulations to Liberal Democrats in neighbouring **Mole Valley**, who were elected by residents there in the recent local elections to take overall control of the council.

Together with last year's fantastic victory in **Kingston**, in which the Liberal Democrats gained 18 council seats from the Conservatives and two from Labour, as well as the long-standing Liberal Democrat council in **Sutton**, that means that Epsom & Ewell is almost surrounded by Lib Dem controlled councils.

The only non-Lib Dem escape route for Conservatives and Residents' Party is now via Reigate & Banstead, still controlled by the Conservatives. But even there the Conservatives lost seats in the 2019 elections to the Liberal Democrats and the Greens!

Your New Councillors Hit the Ground Running

There have been problems in **Alexandra Rec** car parks, particularly the main car park, with anti-social behaviour of various kinds, vandalism, commuter parking abuse and travellers' incursion.

After consultation with the Friends of Alexandra Park, the **FOCUS** team councillors have now submitted a bid to the borough council for CCTV in these car parks. The money available would come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a planning charge (introduced by the Planning Act 2008) to help deliver infrastructure that will support development of the area. The borough council has £250,000 available from CIL for 2019/20.

We don't know if the bid will be accepted and move to stage 2 of the bidding process but we will keep you informed. There is a raft of privacy laws to negotiate too if the bid moves forward and nothing will happen quickly.



FOCUS team on Facebook

We promised that we would be active on social media.

Now you can keep in touch with the **FOCUS** team between newsletters on the brand new Facebook page for College Ward Liberal Democrats. Use this URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CollegeWardFocus/>



The page is in its infancy so please bear with us in these early stages. But we're sure you will want to bookmark this page.

Next task - a Twitter account so you can get our news even quicker.

Progress on Parking

We promised that we would involve local residents BEFORE parking restrictions are implemented.

We are confident that at least some of the parking schemes in which we've been involved, if not all of them, will be discussed at the Local Committee meeting on Monday 16th September at Ewell Court House starting at 7pm.

The agenda will be available online a week before the meeting at surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/your-local-area/epsom-and-ewell/committee.

These schemes are for part of **Zone M** Residents Parking, **Lynwood Road**, **Bridge Road**, **The Ridings** and **Milburn Walk**. There may be suggestions on the "parking list" for other problem areas in College Ward. Please let us know if you are planning to go along to this meeting which is open to the public and would like to ask a question. You can also contact Julie for more information.

ANDRE'S AGENDA



THE WAR ON PLASTIC

The first of a regular column by Andre Kubicek on environmental issues

We promised that we would ask the council to lead the way with reducing plastics.

The **FOCUS** team has learned that the borough council has made 5 pledges on the reduction of plastic. A rather woolly borough council policy statement with substantial use of the words "audit", "encourage" and "support" appears to be devoid of a single initiative to directly involve the community in its plans.

Single use plastic is still in evidence at council events - we hope it is at least recycled plastic! We will be asking the council to lead the way on this subject and will report back to you about progress.

There is one piece of good news though - the Market Place refurbishment is scheduled to have a water bottle refill station.

Local action - Global values

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

Help Us Keep In Touch

We promised during the election campaign that we would keep in touch with you via the regular **FOCUS** newsletter, telling you what we've been doing and asking your opinion. **AND WE WILL KEEP THAT PROMISE!**

But we rely on a number of dedicated volunteers to deliver our regular **FOCUS** newsletter. **Can you help** to deliver a round near your home? It will only take an hour a few times a year. It's great exercise and an excellent way of connecting with your neighbours and seeing places in College ward that you may not know existed. You don't need to be a member of the Liberal Democrats, just interested in keeping the community informed. If you can help, please contact us by using any of the methods below. (Don't leave it all up to the lady on the right!)



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

We will be coming to see you

The first of our new monthly mobile surgeries will begin on Saturday 13th July when we will be visiting **Lynwood Road, Lynwood Avenue, Mospey Crescent and Burghfield**. Residents in those roads will receive a letter which you can then display in a prominent position if you'd like us to call to speak to you personally. Your ideas and grumbles will be welcome.

The following mobile surgery will be on Saturday 10th August and will cover **Wallace Fields, Dorling Drive and St Johns Avenue**. And on Saturday 14th September we will be in **Albert Road, Cope Edge Avenue, Bridle Road and Bridle End**.

WE EXPECT TO VISIT THE ENTIRE WARD PERSONALLY AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

Can't wait for the mobile surgery? That's not a problem!

Send your ideas and issues on the form below to 7, Bridge Road, Epsom, KT17 4AN

Or ring 01372 744297

Or email college-focus@epsom-ewell-libdems.org.uk

Your details:

Let us know your issues, concerns or ideas...

Name.....

Email.....

Telephone.....

Postcode.....

Can you help us?

- I can give about 1 hour every quarter to deliver leaflets in my area.
- I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.



If you return this form, the Liberal Democrats, locally and nationally, may use information provided, including your political views, to further our objectives, share it with our elected representatives and/or contact you in future using any of the means provided. Some contacts may be automated. You may opt out of some or all contacts or exercise your other legal rights by contacting us. Further details are in our Privacy Policy at www.libdems.org.uk/privacy.

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