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Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

10 Sep 2019

Dear Members,



At the time of writing my last report, we were eagerly awaiting the outcome of the Leadership contest. As many of you will know, not only did I vote for Boris, I actively campaigned for him, in fact Helen and I hosted a "Back Boris" event. My rationale, when deciding who to vote for, wasn't necessarily who would make the best Party Leader or the best Prime Minister, although I think Boris will be great at both, it was who could win us a General Election.

Well, it looks like a General Election is just round the corner, and I remain convinced that Boris is the best person to lead us into that Election.

Irthlingborough By-election. This by-election was as hard fought as we expected, with Labour literally bussing in activists. On one particular session we came face-to-face with Beth Miller, the Labour Party's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, who loudly told us that Labour were going to win Irthlingborough on their way to winning Corby and East Northants, and they really did throw everything at it. However, on 8th August we managed to win the seat with just over 53% of the vote. The actual result is recorded elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

Thanks to everyone who helped out, from stuffing envelopes, to telling, to campaigning and delivering leaflets – it was a great team effort, and one we will no doubt need to repeat in the near future. Taskforce, Canvassing and the incredible doorstep feedback. The regular Saturday Task Force continues to be well attended, with those who are able campaigning or delivering leaflets for an hour or so afterwards.

Recent canvassing sessions across the constituency have started to throw up some bizarre results, so unusual in fact that we checked with neighbouring constituencies to see if we were getting freak results – but they are all seeing the same thing, that being a remarkable number of Labour voters switching their support to the Conservatives – long may it continue.

With Town and Unitary elections next year, and a General Election before that no doubt, we really need to capitalise on the current mood and get as many voting intentions as we can – any and all help will be hugely appreciated. General Election. Amazingly it is Labour who are currently preventing a General Election being called, crazy times. An Election though is unavoidable, we just don't quite know how soon it will be.

What we do know is that, when it comes, we need to be as prepared as possible, and that means having as much data on our voters as we can.

As always, if we can just get our voters out to vote, we should be able to return Tom with an even bigger majority. Fail, and we could easily see a Jeremy Corbyn Government, or maybe more likely a Jo Swinson Government whose first act would be to revoke Article 50 (they aren't even pretending they'd have another "People's Vote" any more).

Even if you can only devote an hour a month to help canvass or deliver, those voters you identify could be the difference between winning and losing. Anyone wanting to see what canvassing is all about can just join a small group and observe.

Continued>>>>

CENCA – more members than ever before. I have recently been trying to improve our communication with our voters by sending emails to all Conservative pledges for whom we have an email address (you honestly can't imagine how valuable email addresses are to CENCA), which is less than 10% of all Conservative pledges. Emails have included asking voters to Back Boris (after he was elected, not before!), asking them to help with leaflets, and asking them to join CENCA/the Party. You will be delighted to know that, in the last 8 weeks or so, we have managed to increase the membership of CENCA by almost 15%, resulting in a membership of over 400 – more than at any other time in our history. What we need to do now is get members more actively involved.

I would particularly like to thank members of the Management Committee (George, Harriet, Helen, Ray B, Ray J, Richard and Eileen) who really are working incredibly hard to improve communications and contact with our members and voters.

CENCA – Award Winners. CCHQ have this year launched their “Association Incentive Scheme”, a scheme that aims to measure the success of Associations by recording their communication, membership, VoteSource activity and so on. All Associations are automatically entered into the scheme. You will be delighted to hear that CENCA won the East Midlands Region best Association Award, beating Derbyshire Dales into 2nd place with High Peak coming in 3rd .

When you elected me as your Chairman, I committed to lead from the front, to increase membership, to support Tom, to get more Conservative Councillors elected and to prepare for the forthcoming elections. With the invaluable assistance of the team, we are getting there. With the continued help and support of the wider Membership, we really can make Corby and East Northants solid, long-term, Blue.

Onwards and Upwards.

Yours,

Lee

Senior French official Jean-Marc Puisseuseau has dismissed fears of transport chaos around the Dover-Calais crossing as “*C'est la bulls**t*”, saying: “*Nothing is going to happen the day after Brexit... Britain will be a third country, that's all, and there is no reason why this should lead to any problems. If both sides do their homework traffic will be completely fluid*”. He should know, he's only the head of the French channel ports...



He adds that while no deal would have been a problem in March “*because nobody believed it was going to happen and they were all dragging their feet*”, now everyone has an extra seven months is actually getting ready. *Including the UK Government, this time...*

Puisseuseau accuses “*certain individuals in the UK*” of “*whipping up this catastrophism for their own reasons*”. *Who could possibly want to do that...*

Guido Fawkes 12 Aug 2019

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Mail: CENCA, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1SZ

CORBYN MADE A FLYING VISIT TO CORBY TO MEET AN INVITED AUDIENCE OF WORSHIPPERS

In a really bland speech to the faithful on 25th August Corbyn said he would step in as a caretaker prime minister to save the country.

In his speech he managed to slip in that it was the dreadful Tories who had brought Corby to its knees by closing the Steel Works.

This incensed one person who saw the speech on TV and caused him to do follow this up as he had always thought that the Steel Works had been closed by Labour.

Sure enough records reveal the truth.

To: Andrew Pierce <andrew.pierce@dailymail.co.uk>

Subject: Corbyn in Corby

Dear Andrew

I have just watched Jeremy Corbyn's speech in Corby today when he said Margaret Thatcher closed Corby Steel Works. However, it closed in April 1979 under Callaghan's Labour government and a full month before Margaret Thatcher came to power.

Unfortunately Margaret Thatcher is no longer able to defend herself against these false accusations. Your own Sherelle Jacobs made a similar mistake when she appeared on Radio 4's Any Questions on 24th May. She commented on the closure of Bilston Steel Works which she had remembered as it destroyed her grandfather's life when it closed in 1980. This was, she stated, in Margaret Thatcher's first term of office but like Corby it was closed in April 1979 under Callaghan. The correct date is firmly fixed on my mind as my father worked at Corby Steel Works and I remember it as I was at university at the time.

Similarly on the Channel 4 news programme at 7.00pm on 25th July it was stated that Ravenscraig Steel Works was closed by Margaret Thatcher in 1992.

Margaret Thatcher's Ministry ended in 1990 and she was subsequently replaced by John Major.

Despite several letters and emails to both Ms Jacobs and also to Channel 4, I still await a reply.

It is unfortunate that when wrong information is given out on live radio and TV programmes it cannot be unsaid, so how can it be corrected?

Yours

David Kemp

The Daily Mail replied as follows:

You're right - they closed in February 1979. She was elected in May 1979. I'm going to do it in my column on Monday. Many thanks. Andrew

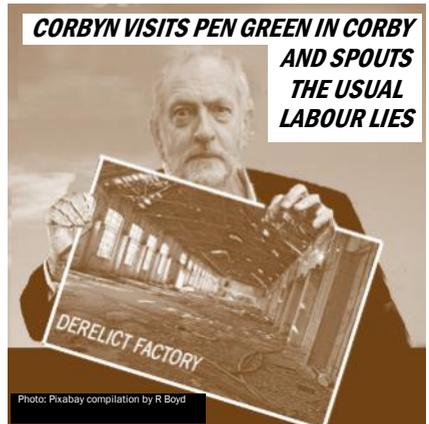
(to Andrew Pierce)

That's great thanks, it will be interesting to see the reaction. The prospective Labour candidate for Corby has now replied to say that it was not Labour's fault as they only started the consultation on closure before being kicked out of office.

The closure of Corby Works (and Bilston) was announced in February 1979 and the closures took place in the April. Interestingly it was a nationalised company in those days! And of course, it is never mentioned that the problems on our railways are largely due to the nationalised Network Rail rather than the privatised rail operators.

Regards

David



13 Sep 2019

It's been a strange few weeks for Labour. One minute, Jeremy Corbyn demands an election. The next minute, he blocks it.

Others are losing their heads. We're not.

We'll deliver Brexit by October 31st. And I'm asking you to help us do it.

Over the past two weeks, I've travelled across Europe meeting with EU leaders.

We've been making real progress. The chances of getting a deal have been rising.

That's because EU leaders could see we want a deal. And they could see that if we don't get a deal, we're ready to leave without one.

But Labour MPs are trying to stop us. They voted for more delay. That's why we're calling for an election. So will you chip in and help us win it?

Corbyn and Labour MPs are undermining our chances of leaving – with or without a deal.

They passed a law that would force us to beg the EU for a delay. And we'll never do that.

More delay would mean more uncertainty for our economy. That means our priorities would be ignored – priorities like the NHS, police and schools

Yours sincerely

Steve Barclay

Secretary of State for Exiting the EU

If any members would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine or comment on our contributors' articles please email the editor at ray.boyd@talktalk.net. Letters may be edited.

Yesterday (17 Sep 2019) the Liberal Democrats' conference came to a close. It would be easy to have missed it. But this is what you need to know.

Despite calling themselves "Democrats" they want to ignore the biggest vote in British history and cancel Brexit.

Jo Swinson confirmed the Liberal Democrats would revoke Article 50 and cancel Brexit without even having a second referendum.

Don't let the Liberal Democrats get away with it.

The Liberal Democrats' plans will just cause more pointless delay, division and uncertainty. See Jeremy Corbyn as Prime Minister. And risk important issues at home not getting the attention they deserve.

They are already working with Corbyn. So we all know that they would be willing to put him in Downing Street at the head of a remain alliance government – no matter what they say now.

And when they did talk about something other than Brexit, they proved they don't share the values of the British people.

They want to raise taxes on workers and businesses – meaning people will keep less of the money they earn.

They want to stop automatically sending people to prison for carrying knives and acid – making our streets less safe.

And they want to give free smartphones to people claiming benefits – a slap in the face for hardworking taxpayers.

But with your help the Liberal Democrats will never be able to put these plans into action.

James Cleverly

Chairman of the Conservative Party

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CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM MEETING

REPORT IN RESPONSE TO CCHQ QUESTIONNAIRE

9 Attendees.

Meeting held on 15th August 2019

Start by getting Brexit concluded once and for all because it has ruled our political thinking for the last three years. Boris has started to talk about crime, Police numbers and the NHS. This should be encouraged so that the general public follow his lead and discuss matters that really are important. Another subject close to our hearts was the recruitment of labour from the rest of the world not just Europe. As one of our members said "the world is not enough - now Trump that".

Universal credit is a good idea but has been badly implemented. The system must be simplified and made more user friendly.

Raise the personal allowance so that more people are taken out of tax altogether, this would further encourage employment.

All countries that trade in this country should pay tax, including google and amazon etc. People like James Dyson who puts his wealth to the benefit of our society by building his own places of education should be encouraged.

Transport, tourism, environmental health, social housing and sporting facilities ie anything that needs local knowledge should be funded by local communities.

6 agree 3 disagree

We all agreed that we did not mind paying higher taxes for more police and a better NHS. BUT we must be able to see the improvements.

Luxury items such as jewellery should be taxed at a higher rate (30% VAT) but the more essential items such as electricity should be tax free. Tax should be levied on electric cars because the lithium in the batteries is both rare and difficult to recycle most of which is both produced and returned to China.

More products should be manufactured in this country such as fridges and parts for motor cars. Warehouses should be converted from stores for imported products to production facilities all encouraged by tax incentives. This would stop the problem of last minute deliveries.

Improve schooling to teach more practical subjects such as brick laying, plumbing, carpentry, especially mechanical engineering.

The priority should be in more basic skills such as everybody should be able to read, write and speak English to a high standard before road, rail and fibre.

Rail should be improved so that more freight can be taken off the roads, as was done in the 1950s.

HS2 should be cancelled because capacity is more important than speed. Better fibre connections should be available to everybody even in our rural areas not just for those in our cities.

Invest in the youth of Britain so that we would not require so much from abroad.

Talk to top business men rather than bankers and consultants. The people that run companies such as Next or Wetherspoons understand finance better than those such as Mr. Carney who is always trying to talk the country down.

Better credit control - no more unsecured loans.

Encourage more free trade this will be easier after Brexit.

All MPs who voted against the wishes of the people over Brexit should be deselected. If they are not with us then they are against us.

George Whittaker CPF Chairman

The next topic (election permitting) will be Under-18s Education. Date of discussion to be decided. Please let Ann in the office know if you are interested in attending.

Oundle & District Branch Annual Dinner

Friday 6 December 2019

The Montagu Arms, Barnwell, PE8 5PH

Time - 7 for 7.30 pm

Dress Code - Lounge Suit

Guest Speaker - Tom Pursglove MP

Tickets - £30 pp



Menu choices

TO BEGIN

Crispy whitebait with brown buttered bread & tartar dip.

Chicken liver parfait, caramelised onion chutney & toast.

(V) Tomato & Basil soup with crusty bread.

Smoked salmon & prawns, sauce Marie rose & brown buttered bread.

MAIN

Roast Chicken breast, wild mushroom & cream sauce.

Or

Salmon fillet, pan fried in lemon butter.

Or

Rump steak of Aberdeen Angus beef with green peppercorn sauce.

All served with a selection of potatoes & vegetables.

(V) butternut squash red Thai curry with jasmin rice.

PUDDING

Apple crumble & custard.

Madagascan Vanilla cheesecake.

Stilton & Lincolnshire Poacher with chutney & biscuits.

Dark chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream.

Contact Rupert Reichhold direct to purchase tickets on 01832 274315 or e-mail

rrreichhold@hotmail.co.uk. Cheques should be made payable to Oundle Branch of Corby & East Northants

Conservative Association and the menu choices should also be sent. Please supply a stamped self addressed envelope so that tickets can be sent.

Open Letter from Sir Bill Cash, MP

15 Aug 2019



Sir - Philip Hammond has never understood Brexit. He says that "leaving the EU without a deal would be just as much a betrayal of the referendum result as not leaving at all." He further asserts that the British people did not vote to leave the European Union without a deal.

In fact, and in law, the vote to leave, which was a significant majority, was implemented by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The statutory law of the land is that this repeals the European Communities Act 1972 on October 31, 2019.

He, and every other Conservative Member of Parliament, voted for this Act of Parliament. He also voted for the Referendum Act and the Notification of Withdrawal Act. The statutory law of the land is also that if there is no Withdrawal Agreement within two years or an agreed extension of time, then we leave without a deal.

To seek to reverse these Acts of Parliament is the real democratic betrayal - not only of the referendum, but also on Mr Hammond's own votes in Parliament, which he very clearly cast on behalf of his own constituents.

Indeed, this week's ComRes Poll (15 Aug) shows that 62 per cent of people who expressed a view think Boris Johnson is more in tune with the British people than Parliament.

Sir Bill Cash, MP (Con)

London SW1

RAY JACKSON - 'COME AND HELP US WIN BACK CORBY TOWN'

13 Sep 2019

The Executive Meeting last week was one of the most stimulating for a long time.

When Tom announced what we all felt that no one has any idea of where we are going: with Brexit and possible economic problems and that some highly respected members of the Parliamentary Party could be leaving at any time; against such a background, there was a sense of determination to succeed never experienced even in the very good times.

It started with Chairman Lee Wilkes saying in the presence of Ann, who knows about these things better than most, that membership stands at over 400 – the highest figure ever. Even I can remember, vaguely, a few years ago being Deputy chairman Membership and trying to recruit (unsuccessfully) new members. And these new members are not your £3 membership but the full committed £25. These are people who really want to get involved, who will bring new energy and ideas to CENCA.. Whereas in the recent turmoil we have tended in some cases to have put personality clashes above the urgency for Party unity and been quite prepared to acknowledge differences of opinion and conflict in public, these new members are not contaminated by this friction. They want Conservatism to succeed and will work hard for it.

But what attracted them to our Party? Undoubtedly that spirit of goodwill and being prepared to join teams of canvassers weekend after weekend reminding electors we are very active, have lots of ideas and want to hear how people see the 'better

society' we want or admittedly are frightened to death by the Labour Party and Momentum who would destroy the economic successes now coming through.

It is marvellous to to hear the enthusiasm expressed by members of those active canvassing teams in East Northants and the inspiration they are bringing to to us. The question is – what can the Corby end of the constituency do to obtain a similar outcome?

We have a very lively, committed and hardworking MP. the best we have had for years.

We can certainly talk to the new membership who are living in the Town. They have joined us because they want action and most likely have ideas of their own. Hopefully some may want to be candidates. It would do us all good – Town and East Northants –to see how we can replicate what is happening in East Northants in the Town. We have a very lively, committed and hardworking MP. the best we have had for years. We have a very good Club House near the centre of Town with excellent facilities for meetings and a well edited magazine open for use by anyone with good Conservative messages. With these facilities we should be able to copy what East Northants has achieved - if we can't, we should be able work out why and do something about it. Now truly is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of the PARTY.



Ray Jackson

Ray Jackson
200 Club Chairman

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE UNITARY COUNCIL PLANS

Councillor Martin Griffiths was elected Chair of the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee . Councillor Tom Beattie was elected vice chair.

The currently understood timeline of Local Government Reorganisation in Northamptonshire anticipates the creation of a unitary authority for North Northamptonshire with elections for the shadow authority planned for 7th May 2020, at which point 78 new members for North Northamptonshire would be elected. The shadow authority would then have until 1st April 2021 to ensure everything was in place to allow the new unitary authority to adopt the powers of the County Council and existing borough and district authorities.

The Northamptonshire Structural Change Order (SCO) was anticipated to be laid before Parliament after the 2019 Summer Recess. Completion of the Parliamentary process on the SCO might be expected by the end of 2019. The first meeting of the Shadow Authority would take place within 14 days of the designated election day of 7th May 2020. Therefore, it is estimated, the first meeting of the Shadow Authority would take place

by the end of May 2020. In summary, the role of the Shadow Authority will be to do all that is necessary to prepare for the establishment of the North Northamptonshire Council in April 2021 and the taking on of full local government functions and powers from that time. Until April 2021, the Shadow Authority will have no service delivery role as the current Councils will continue in existence until then.

Much of the preliminary work of the Joint Committee involves the planning of the structure of the new unitary authority and the appointment of Interim Head of Paid Service (HoPS); Interim Chief Finance Officer (CFO); Interim Monitoring Officer (MO); and if appropriate a Returning Officer (RO) for the purpose of the first elections to the new unitary body; and to recommend a recruitment process for the selection of Permanent Head of Paid Service (HoPS).

The Transformation committee meets regularly and reports that the County Council is fighting hard to keep to the budget. Children's Services are still costing a lot but everything else is coming under control. Most problem areas have been addressed.

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES

As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that constituents have. As such, unlike most MPs, he holds weekly advice surgeries, both in Corby and in East Northamptonshire. The venues for his surgeries are:

Corby: Corby VCS, The TA Building, Elizabeth Street, Corby, NN17 1PN

Irthlingborough: Irthlingborough Children's Centre, Scarborough St., Irthlingborough, NN9 5TT

Raunds: The Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LT.

Oundle: Oundle Baptist Church, 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG

Thrapston: Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, as Tom has decided to operate his surgeries on an appointments basis, in order to ensure that constituents do not have to rush through their concerns. This approach also allows Tom to provide immediate help - he often makes a start on casework matters prior to an appointment, to try and resolve concerns more quickly, whilst it also allows him to seek any appropriate advice, or obtain clarification on technical points, in advance of the meeting.

THE REAL REASON FOR THE FAILURE OF BREXIT

In Barnier's own secretly recorded words, there is a *"strategic and tactical reason.. to use Ireland for future negotiations. To isolate Ireland, leaving it open for the next 2/3yrs"*, with the aim of creating *"permanent pressure on the negotiations for trade"*

The Irish border issue was always a red herring created by Barnier to prevent the UK leaving the EU.

200 CLUB NEWS



Ray Jackson, our 200 Club Chairman, has plans to improve this draw. He held a successful lunch during 2019 and intends to repeat this for next year.

In future the draw will be held regularly each month rather than drawing a block of numbers every six months.

Ray would also like to improve the prize structure but to do this he needs more of our members and friends to take part.

So he asks all members to think about purchasing a number or numbers. If every member did this then we would be able to rename it the '400 Club' and there would certainly be some even bigger prizes to be won.



Photo: Pixabay

The cost is not great, just £15 per year and at the moment the monthly prize is £30 with the annual prizes standing at £100 and £50. The big prizes are drawn at the Christmas Lunch. We also have an annual lunch in the Spring (usually at a reduced price for members).

So why not give it a go? Just contact Ann in the office and she will fill you in on how to take part.

Aug. winner: Isobel Richardson - No: 125

Sep. winner: Christopher Cater No: 135

LABOUR'S BREXIT CHAOS



Jeremy Corbyn has been calling for a general election for years. Yet he now can't decide if he wants a general election or not.

Labour's manifesto pledged to respect the referendum result. Now, they are refusing to get us out of the EU by October 31st.

Labour can't even agree on their own Brexit plan, let alone a plan for how they would run the country.

Tom Pursglove on the 'Town Fund' for Corby



17 Sep 2019

It was good to catch up with Councillor Tom Beattie, the Leader of Corby Borough Council recently to discuss a number of matters, but in particular the transition to unitary authorities in Northamptonshire and the new money made available to Corby through the 'Towns Fund'. It was good to be able to discuss progress and ask one another questions about these important issues and I look forward to being able to support the Council as they bid for the money from the 'Towns Fund' in particular, given that £25 million is a very significant boost and we must all work together to get the bid right to maximise its impact.

I was also pleased to be able to pass on feedback to Ministers regarding the transition to a unitary authority locally and we will continue to work constructively on this too for the good of local residents

NE-GO-TI-ATE v. [ni-goh-shee-eyt]

to deal or bargain with another or others, as in the preparation of a treaty or contract or in preliminaries to a business deal.



Parts of the EU are slowly coming to the realisation that the UK is serious about No Deal – the *Telegraph* carries the headline “Brussels expects no deal” while the *Guardian* has “PM intent on hard Brexit and has no desire to renegotiate, EU told.” The EU’s previous calculations have centred around the assumption that Parliament will be able to block no deal, and failing that the UK Prime Minister will back down anyway. *They are gradually waking up to the fact that this is no longer the case...*

EU officials are now putting out spikey quotes including: “It was clear UK does not have another plan. No intention to negotiate, which would require a plan. A no deal now appears to be the UK government’s central scenario.” This is not accurate, Boris has made clear he will negotiate if the EU drops the backstop. *Evidently EU officials have forgotten that “negotiating” does not consist exclusively of grovelling for concessions at Barnier’s door like May did...*

However, the memo doesn’t appear to have reached as far as stagnating Germany yet, as according to *Bloomberg*, German officials are still banking on Parliament blocking No Deal, even as Remainers start to grasp at increasingly desperate schemes.

As the CBI of all people warned last week, the EU is actually less prepared than the UK, while Ireland is continuing to get increasingly jittery. *The EU is finally starting to take its cues from what the Prime Minister says, not Dominic Grieve’s wet dreams...*

Guido Fawkes 6 Aug 2019

Prime Minister Boris Johnson...

“Never mind the back stop, the buck stops with me... The doubters, the gloomsters, the doomsters are going to get it wrong. No one in the last few centuries has succeeded in betting against the pluck and nerve of this country. They will not succeed today”

I DID NOT KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT THE EU

I have realised the remoaners have been right all along when they say I did not know all the true facts before voting to leave, so I decided to do a little research.

I just voted to leave because I thought our sovereignty was being compromised by foreign unelected masters, and that we were compelled to have unlimited uncontrolled immigration, our laws and export agreements dictated by Brussels bureaucrats, and had to pay eye-watering amounts for the privilege.

- I did not know more than 10,000 EU officials get paid more than our prime minister. I did not know that unlike the UK, 18 countries get more back from the EU than they put in. I did not know that the EU occupies over 45 buildings 2 of which were purpose built monuments of grandeur and are the largest buildings in Europe.
- I did not know that the EU parliament spends 150million Euros a year moving to Strasbourg every month for 4 days of committee meetings, any attempt to stop this stupidity is vetoed by France.
- I did not know that the EU has had a huge luxury shopping Mall built in Brussels for the exclusive use of EU employees.
- I did not know that every day queues of chauffeur driven cars with their engines running, wait outside EU establishments while their occupants go in, sign in for their attendance allowance and expenses, then come straight back out and are driven away.
- I did not know that many of them (like the Kinnocks) end up as millionaires as a reward for looking the other way
- I did not know that Clegg was lying when he mocked Nigel Farage for saying that an EU army was being planned.
- I did not know that the EU had been financing the mass movement of industries from UK to mainland Europe.

I could go on and on but suffice it to say that I have never for a moment doubted the correctness of my decision, I am so glad that the remoaners prompted me to look deeper into the bureaucratic absurdity of being in the EU.

Apart from all that, everything’s fine!

Written by Dave Murray

BY ELECTION RESULT FOR IRTHLINGBOROUGH WATERLOO WARD

Thursday 8 August 2019

Labour Party candidate 478

WILKES, Lee Robert Charles Conservative and Unionist Party 542 Elected

Electorate: 3402. Ballot Papers Issued: 1030
Rejected papers 10. Turnout: 30%

AND WE NOW HAVE A BY-ELECTION IN CORBY

The editor of this magazine, Ray Boyd, is possibly well-known to many of you and he has volunteered to stand in this by-election which will cover the Corby Beanfield Ward. This has always been a strong Labour ward but with the current political situation we might just be able to give Labour a fright.



The election will be on 10th October.

if you can help our team deliver leaflets or canvass in this area - it would be really appreciated. **And if you live in the Beanfield ward please make sure that you vote for Ray.**

With the threat of a general election looming, it is also vital we make the most of the good weather and take our message to doorsteps across the whole constituency. There is much to do and many hands make light work!

If you can help deliver Tom Pursglove's latest Westminster leaflet in the **East Northants** area please call. We can easily get leaflets to you. If you just do your own road it will help.

You can telephone Rosemary Armstrong on 07876 846752, or email her at: rosemary.armstrong@conservatives.com

PLEASE help the students to fight climate change.

No phones, no ipads, no computers, no tv, no xbox,

No new clothes and shoes and bags, no make up.

No public transport and no lifts to school. WALK.



LABOUR VOWS TO ABOLISH PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Labour will campaign to abolish all private schools after activists voted in favour of making the policy part of Jeremy Corbyn's next general election manifesto.

Holly Rigby, a spokeswoman for the Abolish Eton campaign, said: 'This is what a democratic Labour Party look like. We will dismantle systems of privilege and inequality and build a society that works for the millions and not the millionaires.'

The motion passed today (22 Sep 2019) calls for private schools to be stripped of their charitable status, to have limits placed on the number of their pupils who can attend certain universities and for their endowments and assets to be distributed in the state education sector.

It states: 'The on-going existence of private schools is incompatible with Labour's pledge to promote social justice, not social mobility in education.'

Tory MP Ben Bradley said campaigning to abolish private schools when a number of senior party members (including Diane Abbot and Shami Chakrabarti) have had their children educated privately them would amount to 'blind hypocrisy'.

'It's one rule for the Corbyn few and another rule for the many,' he said

TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

25 Sep 2019

I have to say I am angry and very frustrated at the decision by the Development Control Committee of Northamptonshire County Council to approve the Shelton Road waste incinerator proposal yesterday. I firmly believe this is the wrong decision on so many levels and that it flies in the face of local feeling, ignoring the very grave concerns - environmental, heritage, and in relation to local housing delivery - set out so eloquently in the many objections submitted by local residents, the other local authorities, and by me as your local Member of Parliament on behalf of my constituents. From my perspective, and that of many local residents and local councillors, there were enough planning grounds on which to throw these plans out, or at the very least, pause for thought and investigate further. Unfortunately, apart from a legal challenge of the decision, or an appeal on the basis of a procedural technicality, there is virtually nothing that can be done to reverse the outcome of last night's meeting. Not only is a legal challenge very difficult to mount, but it also requires significant financial outlay for concerned parties.

This is all extremely disappointing and I feel let down - yet again - by the Development Control Committee of Northamptonshire County Council, as I know so many of my constituents will too.

In the end, much has been said about the move to a new unitary authority - and this is of course no consolation today - but one of the big positives will be that significant strategic decisions currently taken remotely in Northampton, like this, with no reference to the views, feelings, and realities of life for people in the North of the county, will be a thing of the past. Instead, in future, those decisions will be taken in North Northamptonshire, by North Northamptonshire people, on behalf of North Northamptonshire.

I want to pay tribute to all those local residents who took the time to stand up and be counted on this and who have run a tireless and energetic campaign. In our part of the county, we got it right on this and urged NCC to listen and refuse these plans. Instead, they refused to listen and in so doing, ultimately let us down

Tom

*Tom Pursglove, MP for
Corby & East Northamptonshire*



Just a thought: Labour criticises Boris for saying 'Humbug' but read this:

"I want to be in a situation where no Tory MP can travel anywhere in the country, or show their faces, without being stabbed." - John McDonnell, MP. Labour Shadow Chancellor. Yet Jeremy Corbyn insists Labour stands for 'kinder, gentler' politics. (Baah, Humbug)

COMMENTS ON THE TWITTERSPHERE



Tom Pursglove MP 27 Aug 2019 As I said a few weeks ago the BBC should do what it promised to do when it accepted the settlement and cover the TV licence fee costs for the over-75s. The Prime Minister is absolutely right to say that they should "cough up".



Andrew Lewer MP. 4 Sep 2019 Today the remainder shenanigans begins in the Commons. I remember the wording on the #Brexit #referendum ballot paper. "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" We voted to leave and we're leaving! End of!



Guy Verhofstadt 9 Sep 2019 John Bercow is a driven speaker and gifted orator but above all the keeper of the great British parliamentary tradition. I would love if we could welcome him in the European Commission or European Parliament (MEP and Brexit Coordinator for @Europarl EN#IamEuropean)



Peter Jones 18 Sep 2019. The Scots want another independence referendum. I find it hilarious the SNP want to leave a union and become an 'independent' nation, that would then become part of a union that aspires to become 'an empire' and where they would have little or no independence. Strange



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All of above are served with roast parsnips, carrots and
sprouts

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Or

Red Velvet Cake with whipped cream

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A MEMBER WRITES ON LOCAL MATTERS

23 Aug 2019

Well done to all those who voted Boris in. For goodness sake let's NOT have another election and please, please stop this in- fighting/ sniping; let's rebuild the party's trust with the public.

I cannot understand logic in most of the electorate, but our politicians are even harder to understand. Why not trying to work with Boris rather than destroying our country? Give us a chance to become Great Britain again and work with his plans. If our Conservative politicians do not we will have Corbyn in power, I personally believe he is mentally ill. I despair every morning as soon as I put the radio on and hear his Marxist ranting!

A recent report was that children as young as 4 years old were self-harming, talking of suicide, struggling generally with life in our country. This is truly shocking.

My four children in turn went to nursery just one half afternoon a week for 6 months pre-school. I worked strange hours working from home usually through until early hours, that meant I was at home when they returned from school so as to spend time with them. Has this violence on our streets something to do with each child growing up to be insular, not knowing their parents from other adults who take care of them while Mum and Dad pursue a social life and more interested in social media ? Nursery schools are great but from 6 months of age? As I have said before 'out sourcing' has done a lot of damage now to our children too-----outcome companies get richer. As regards our housing problem the private landlord is the real winner here. Selling off council homes did not help as Kevin Watt states in the last issue - at least he and I think alike.

A Police Officer attacked in East London and one recently tragically killed. How much respect are our current and new recruits going to get on our streets?, the respect that once was has now gone for our police forces. No more smacking wrists - we must get tough, our magistrates/judges must do more, our laws need a total overhaul.

Boats are now arriving almost daily onto the South Coast. We are being invaded NOT by a Spanish Armada but from France while our politicians have not got our defences secure. Surely they must realise by now the reason these people wish to come here, We are such a soft touch. These people risk all to arrive and disappear.

As a country UK is overcrowded and under resourced.

Dee Davies (Member)

In 1975 there was a Referendum on whether or not to join the EEC (Common Market). Join won the referendum with 17,378,581 votes. So we joined and nobody argued about this; we just got on with our lives even those of us who had voted not to join.

Coincidentally, in 2016 there was a Referendum on whether to leave the European Union or not. Leave won with almost the same number of votes: 17,410,742. However for the past 3 years the losing remain voters have steadfastly refused to accept this verdict. Remain lost so accept it. And while we are on this topic why aren't all those protesters in London week after week at work?

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JEREMY CORBYN'S SPEECH TO THE TUC CONFERENCE

10 Sep 2019

Recently addressing the TUC Jeremy Corbyn (in a luke-warm speech) said he wanted to give state officials the right to enter workplaces and prosecute bosses. The worst offenders could even be sent to prison. He told the conference that he would deliver the biggest extension of workers' rights ever seen if he won the next general election. Zero-hours contracts would be banned and a workers' protection agency set up to rein in 'bad' employers. Mr Corbyn pledged to revive collective bargaining, a policy that once led to widespread industrial strife



Mr Corbyn wants to repeal the 2016 Trade Union Act, which stops many unions from going on strike unless a significant number of workers take part in ballots. Electronic and workplace ballots would make it easier to organise strikes, and there will be greater protection for union representatives against unfair dismissal. Unions will also be given the right of entry to workplaces to organise and represent members.

Business chiefs at the CBI warned the radical proposals would damage the economy. But Mr Corbyn compared company bosses to 'dictators'. He said: 'Why should democracy end when you walk into work? Why should the place where you spend most of your day sometimes feel like a dictatorship?

'In the next few weeks the Establishment will come after us with all they've got, because they know we're not afraid to take them on.' He continued: 'We're going after the tax avoiders. We're going after the bad employers. We're going after the dodgy landlords. We're going after the big polluters destroying our climate. Because we know whose side we're on.'

Mr Corbyn said Labour's proposed ministry for employment rights, headed by a Cabinet minister, would be responsible for delivering a huge expansion of individual and collective rights at work. The workers' protection agency would be tasked with enforcing the law and ensuring that all employees receive the proper rights and protections. It would be given wide-ranging powers to inspect workplaces and bring prosecutions and civil actions on behalf of staff. There would be tougher penalties for defying court orders. A Labour government would also introduce collective bargaining across industrial sectors by establishing councils of worker and employer representatives.

Bosses will be forced to bring in gender pay audits and allow their staff to work flexibly. Mr Corbyn told the TUC: 'The next Labour government will bring about the biggest extension of rights for workers that our country has ever seen. We will put power in the hands of workers. Labour is on the side of the people in the real battle against the born-to-rule Establishment that Johnson represents.' Mr Corbyn confirmed plans to put workers on company boards and give tenants more rights including a cap on rents. He added: 'We'll bring rail, mail, water and the national grid into public ownership, so the essential utilities that people rely on are run by and for the public.'

COMMENTS

Paul Scully, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, said Mr Corbyn would wreck the economy and let militant union barons hold the country to ransom.

He added: 'Every Labour government leaves more people out of work. Under the Conservatives, we've seen unemployment falling to a record low and wages rising for working people.'

Corbyn's radical plans were unveiled as official figures showed that wages are growing at their fastest for a decade and unemployment is at its lowest level since 1974. The Tories said that Labour's plans would mean a return to the wildcat strikes and flying pickets of the 1970s.

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOLD



11 Sep 2019

A lot has happened over the summer and I am very pleased that the new office base in the Corby Cube for Northamptonshire Police will mean local Response officers will be spending more time in and around the town from next month.

From September 20, Response officers will use the facilities at the Corby Cube in George Street, in a move which will see the town's Neighbourhood Policing Team also relocate from Deene House.

Corby Cube already houses the Police Enquiry Desk on the first floor of the council building, which is open for the public to visit and get advice, report incidents and traffic collisions or enquire about property amongst other things.

The new office base will bring the town's policing resources under one roof in a central location, which will help to increase both the responsiveness and visibility of officers in Corby and surrounding villages.

This will also mean that Response officers will be able to complete any office-based work in Corby without having to return to the Force's Northern Accommodation Building in Kettering during their shift.



The office base is part of the Chief Constable's plans to reshape the Force and comes from our shared desire to make sure Northamptonshire Police is visible and accessible in the

communities it serves but at the same time, able to respond effectively.

This is a positive move which will enable Response officers to remain in and around Corby between incidents and while carrying out related tasks.

"I will always prioritise investing in frontline staff rather than maintaining buildings because our people – not our buildings – keep the public safe.

In the longer term, we will see a joint police and fire hub on the site of the fire station that give Corby a true response and neighbourhood base that supports the delivery of high-quality services to the public and is also efficient and affordable.

The move to the Corby Cube will be an interim one while work takes place to create a new joint police and fire hub on the site of the town's existing Corby Fire Station in Phoenix Parkway.

In addition to this new base, a new policing model, which will be in place from this autumn, will see the creation of two local policing areas in the north and west of the county and will ensure that there is better ownership, accountability and flexibility from Northamptonshire Police.

This will mean that criminal investigation and other core functions are locally based.

This is just one of a package of measures aimed to improve the performance of Northamptonshire Police. Recent developments include:

- A 101 call-back pledge so that no-one ringing with less urgent matters will have to wait more than five minutes to be answered or offered a call back
- The introduction of a new investigation team at Wootton Hall so that now victims of less serious crimes will be contacted in a timely way by an investigator, who provides a single point of contact and deals quickly and efficiently with their crime report, identifying any investigative opportunities and giving professional advice

Stephen Mold— continued>>>

A new approach to household burglary so that every victim is visited by police. This combined with Operation Crooked, is projected to reduce the number of offences by up to a third over the next few months

Since I appointed the Chief Constable last July, he has identified and taken a grip of issues that have affected the force and he has a clear plan to improve performance. Already we have seen a much stronger focus on dealing with crime and a commitment to robust enforcement.

When we receive the report from our Inspectors in September, I still believe it will tell us that there is a lot of work to do. But there has been a lot of progress since the inspection – which took place last year – and I want people to feel the difference in the policing service they receive."

As you know I have invested in increasing the number of front line officers. A major new recruitment campaign has now begun to increase applications and help bolster the ranks. The Force is using the strapline #FitTheBill and an inspirational video, available on the Force website and YouTube channel, is hoping to motivate and attract applications from a diverse background.

For more information go to

www.northants.police.uk/careers

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at:

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Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

Jeremy Corbyn went to see the Queen and asked her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient organisation? Are there any tips you can give me?"

"Well," said the Queen, "The most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people." Jeremy Corbyn then asked, "But how do I know if the people around me are really intelligent?" The Queen took a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy; you just ask them to answer an intelligent riddle, watch me and listen" The Queen pushed a button on her intercom. "Please send Prince Charles in here, would you?"

Prince Charles walked into the room and said, "Yes, Mother?" The Queen smiled and said to Charles, "Answer me this please Charles. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?" Without pausing for a moment, Prince Charles answered "That would be me." "Yes, very good!" Said the Queen. "Ah ha I get it said Jeremy, thank you Ma'am." And in a great rush he left.

Corbyn went back to Parliament and decided to ask Diane Abbott the same question. "Diane, answer this for me." "Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?" "I'm not sure," said Abbott. And then in true Diane Abbott style she went on to say. "Let me get back to you on that one." She went to her advisers and asked everyone, but none could give her an answer.

Frustrated, Diane went for a coffee and met Nigel Farage. "Nigel, see if you can answer this question." "Yes Diane," replied Nigel. "Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?" Farage immediately answered, "That's easy, it's me!" Abbott grinned, and said, "Good answer Nigel, I see it all now!"

Abbott then, went back to find Corbyn and said to him; "Jeremy, I did some research, and I have the answer to that riddle." "If your mother and father have a child who is not your brother or your sister, the child is Nigel Farage!" Corbyn went red in the face, got up, stomped over to Abbott, and yelled in her face, "No! You bloody idiot! It's Prince Charles."

Submitted by David Kemp

Tom Pursglove on Police presence in Corby

19 Aug 2019

Having been actively discussing the need for a new urgent response police base in Corby with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Stephen Mold, and others at Northamptonshire Police for months, it is really good to see this deal done and to see this facility based at the Cube.

This will undoubtedly help boost frontline police presence and urgent response in the town



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THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'AN UNMITIGATED MESS IN PARLIAMENT'

25 Sep 2019

As I write this article the Labour party et al are calling our Prime Minister Boris Johnson all the names under the sun for closing Parliament down recently. According to the eleven just men (and ladies) he was wrong entirely to prorogue Parliament the way he did despite this being done on many occasions in the past from all colours of the political spectrum.

I believe that this puts us in an even better position to win the next election convincingly - the Labour Party is run by a Marxist and the Liberal Democrats is run by a fantasist.....

BUT we must leave the EU on 31st October without fail.

Will this happen? by the time you read this article it could have done and lets all hope that it does, but I will now send a warning to the future manifesto writers for the prospective new Conservative Government in waiting. It should contain:

- Leave the triple lock on pensions alone.
- Leave us with our bus passes.
- Leave us with our winter fuel allowance - if we want to donate to charity - we will.
- Sort out the care crisis for particularly dementia sufferers and let's have that promised limit on what we personally need to spend for our later-life care.

- Have local forums who meet regularly with people outside of London so that the Government gets to know what the grass roots feel.
- Give us the plan for how you will negotiate trade deals and with whom following Leave.
- Revise the overseas aid budget downwards and cancel aid to nuclear powers completely.
- Improve and reinvigorate the NHS - don't tinker just do it. It may be that some of us will pay a little more tax but that's what we want.



Well, it's a very tall order, but I sincerely feel that all of these initiatives and requests deserve a hearing and also deserve to be part of the Conservative Party and Government going forward.

I would urge all you readers to get a hold of your local MP (who I know to be a personable and approachable individual) and ask him what he intends to do to ensure that the Manifesto is what we want.

I'll leave that enormous task to you all, I've given you a clue to my age in points 1, 2 and 3.....

Have a great autumn

Yours sincerely

MOG

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