



Update

Truro and Falmouth Liberal Democrats Members' Newsletter
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Dear Members



Hopefully, we have all had a few weeks to recover from the exertions of the early summer, and from the undeniable disappointment of the General Election. Most commentators seem to agree that the results were bizarre and unexpected, and no-one seems quite sure what they mean. Clearly the Tories are in a mess of their own making, and there is considerable evidence that Labour's awkward and contradictory stance on membership of the single market is beginning to unravel.

We, however, have a new Leader and Deputy Leader, and early signs are that Vince Cable, with his background in government and economics, is going to be one of the go-to commentators as the nation navigates the difficulties ahead. Jo Swinson, too, is a respected parliamentarian who will give the party a fresh and articulate liberal voice. There is much to be optimistic about.

This Newsletter has information about forthcoming social events, and three (yes, three!) conferences this autumn. I can't recommend these events highly enough – the national conference is hugely encouraging and intellectually stimulating, as are the regional events (at a fraction of the cost). And this year we have our very own Cornwall Liberal Democrats conference – a great opportunity to meet with the wider Cornish Liberal family and to enjoy some high quality speakers and workshops.

So are we downhearted? Not a bit of it! Truro and Falmouth Liberal Democrats are gearing up to fight the next election, whenever that may come – and below are details of our exciting new Campaign Group, open to all members old and new.

I look forward to meeting lots of you at our autumn social events, and on the conference circuit.

With very best wishes

Iain MacDonald Constituency Chair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY, 26TH AUGUST - PENRYN FAIR



We will be having a fund-raising stall at this Fair and we need volunteers to help run it, as well as good quality goods for sale. If you are able to help on the day please contact Beverley Hulme (01326 374548). Donations of small goods for sale to Nan Hurst please (01872 273108).

SUNDAY, 27TH AUGUST 12.30-3.30 BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND BARBECUE

Hosted by Simon Taylor at Azura,
Atlantic Way, Porthtowan TR4 8AQ

Come and join us at Simon's luxurious clifftop hacienda for fine al fresco food and drink and stunning views. RSVP to Iain (07791 961484 chair@trurofalmouth-libdems.org.uk) for further directions, and help with transport if you don't drive.



£5 per head plus raffle/donation to party funds.

SATURDAY 16TH - TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER - AUTUMN CONFERENCE



The Autumn Conference this year will be held in sunny Bournemouth Conference is always an interesting and enjoyable event, featuring lively debates, speeches and policy discussions, There are also fringe events, training sessions, and a range of social events, including a reception for members from the South West on Monday 18th September

Details available on the Lib Dem National Website

www.libdems.org.uk

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm POST CONFERENCE CHILLI AND CHAT

Hosted by Helen and Andrew Ellis
28 Kimberley Park Road Falmouth TR11 2DB £5.00
RSVP 01326 312616/ 0783 4676022

Numbers limited



SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER - CORNWALL LIB DEMS CONFERENCE



Come and meet fellow Liberal Democrats from across the county

Details will be circulated when available

SATURDAY, 25TH - SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - DEVON AND CORNWALL/WESTERN COUNTIES JOINT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

At the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

Includes speakers, debates, workshops, stalls Conference Dinner on the Saturday night with Alistair Carmichael MP

Registration opens online in mid September at

devon-cornwall-libdems.org.uk



ELECTIONS 2017

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART



So much work put in by so many people. Our thanks to everyone who helped in the election campaigns: from the candidates who worked tirelessly (some of whom had their arms twisted to even stand in the first place); the people who regularly came into the office to help; those, who traipsed the streets delivering, often in appalling weather; and those who masterminded the campaign. The results were good in the local elections, not so good in the parliamentary, but we should all congratulate ourselves on the combined effort we achieved.

On Cornwall Council we gained two more Councillors than in the 2013 elections, with the two sitting candidates increasing their percentage share of the vote, and with substantial wins for the two new Councillors. On Falmouth Town Council, we have three new Lib Dem councillors joining Matthew McCarthy, and on Truro City Council, we now have eleven councillors - the biggest single group and our largest number for some time.

More about all our Councillors can be found on our website, (www.trurofalmouth-libdems.org.uk) Full details of the results can be found on the Cornwall Council website, but here is a brief summary:

CORNWALL COUNCIL

FALMOUTH PENWERRIS: Matthew McCarthy consolidated his success as a Town Councillor for this ward by winning the Cornwall Council seat, previously held by Labour, with 502 votes (39%). **ST AGNES:** Pete Mitchell re-elected with 908 votes (64%) compared with 613 (53%) in 2013. **THREE MILESTONE AND GLOWETH:** First time candidate Dulcie Tudor achieved a stunning win with 502 votes (40%) with the sitting Independent councillor receiving 371 (30%) **TRURO REDANNICK:** Rob Nolan re-elected with 887 votes (59%) compared with 702 (53%) in 2013

TRURO CITY COUNCIL

Truro City Council has twenty four councillors - six for each of its four wards. Four new Liberal Democrat Councillors were elected this year, as follows

**Lucy Jones (Trehaverne) Dulcie Tudor (Trehaverne)
Steve Webb (Boscawen) Mike Wilson (Boscawen)**

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Falmouth Town Council has sixteen councillors representing five wards Three new Liberal Democrat Councillors were elected this year as follows:

Steve Eva (Boslowick) : Tony Parker (Arwenack): John Spargo (Smithick)

AND MANY THANKS TO....Maureen Davies and Oliver Cramp, two long standing Liberal Democrat Town Councillors retired at this election, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work for the Party and for Falmouth over the years .Maureen is a past Mayor and also served on the former Carrick District Council, and Oliver also served on the former Cornwall County Council.



WANT TO JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE?

We are setting up a standing Campaign Committee to lay down plans and procedures for future elections, building on our experience in our last two election campaigns.

All are welcome, new members in particular.

If you are interested, contact Iain 07791 961484 chair@truro-falmouth-libdems.org.uk

The winner of 50:50 club draw in July was Jeff Muir, and the June winner was Adrian Fitt. Both won £42.50



You have to be in to win. So join now. Download a form from our website or contact Treasurer Carol Swain 01872 240139



VERY MANY THANKS to Nan Hurst and her team of helpers who have been running stalls at various local Fairs throughout the summer. So far this year they have raised the fantastic sum of £1000!

If you are able to help with the Penryn Fair on August 26th see Dates for Your Diary above.

SAD NEWS



We are sorry to have to tell you of the recent death of Cait Hutchings, who was for several years a popular Liberal Democrat Councillor for Penryn West.

Following the untimely death of her husband Stuart in 2006, Cait fought and won the seats previously held by him on Penryn Town Council and Cornwall County Council. She held the County Council seat until the advent of the Unitary authority in 2009, and resigned from the Town Council in 2015 for personal reasons, moving away from the area. Cait was very active in the Constituency Party and will be remembered by many of us with great affection.

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