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West Lancs Conservative Association Newsletter—Election Special

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election is on May 7th, 2015, and our candidate is Paul Greenall. Paul was chosen by party members at a special meeting in November at The Grove Community Centre in Burscough.

Paul, 47 lives in Westhead Village with his wife Louise and sons George and Henry. Paul has been a West Lancashire Borough Councillor for Derby Ward, where he lives, since 2001. He was the Mayor of West Lancashire in 2012/13 and in May became the deputy leader of West Lancashire Borough Council.



At the 2010 General Election, he was the Conservative candidate for St Helens North and has also stood previously as a County Council candidate in Skelmersdale. Paul, who hails from Kirkby and is a foundation governor at Ormskirk School, said: "I am honoured to be chosen as the Conservative candidate for the area where I have lived for the past 15 years." I am passionate about West Lancashire and public service - it is a privilege to serve and that is one thing which I never forget." This General Election is about who we want to lead the country and who will be West Lancashire's voice in Westminster. I have a record of action in West Lancashire spanning many years, and if elected will do my utmost to fight for West Lancashire to ensure we get the best deal possible."

Bill Weingart, West Lancashire Conservative Association chairman, said: "Paul is a first class candidate who I know will work tirelessly to deliver a Conservative victory for West Lancashire." Cllr David Westley, Conservative leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "Having worked closely with Paul, I know how diligent and committed he is. It's important we have a Conservative MP working closely with a Conservative-run borough council which, together, will deliver for the whole of West Lancashire."

If you would like to help with the General Election please get in touch, we have signs if you would like to put one up nearer the time. Our website has all the latest information.

Local Elections

These take place on the same day. The candidates are listed below. If you would like to help please get in touch. Our website has the latest information.

Cllr Rob Bailey- Knowsley *

Cllr David Griffiths-Bickerstaffe *

Charles Marshall-Scarisbrick

Cllr May Blake-Parbold *

Cllr David Westley Aughton & Downholland *

Edward McCarthy-Derby

Cllr Pam Baybutt-Wrightington *

Marilyn Westley-Aughton Park

Bill Weingart- Scott

Richard Shepherd-Digmoor

Amanda Shaw-Tanhouse

David Meadows-Birch Green

George Pratt-Ashurst

Jenni Mayer-Skelmersdale South

Sue Janvier-Skelmersdale North

Ruth Pollock-Up Holland

* Denotes existing borough councillor

EVENTS

- Feb 3rd at 1030am. Scarisbrick Branch Coffee Morning at The Farm Shop , 71 Martin Lane, Burscough Ormskirk Lancs L40 0RT. Bring and Buy raffle.
- February 6th 200 Club AGM at the office 730pm.
- Feb 13 8pm West Lancs Conservatives Association AGM will be held at New Church House, Park Rd ,Ormskirk, Lancs L39 3AJ.
- Feb 19 Disraeli Night. Our speaker is Damien Moore Southport's Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC) for the 2015 General Election. Time: 7pm for 730pm. Roast dinner and a glass of wine for just £10. Confirm your place by the Monday before event by e-mail thecharmels@aol.com, or by telephone on 01695 574073.
- Mar 19 [Disraeli Night - Meet the Candidates](#). Come and meet the 2015 Conservative candidates. Time: 7pm for 730pm. Confirm your place by the Monday before event by e-mail thecharmels@aol.com, or by telephone on 01695 574073.

NEWS

- West Lancashire Borough Council is confident it will be able to maintain the current level of services it provides for the next financial year when it sets its budget in February 2015. The authority had been facing a £1.3m budget gap for 2015/16, due largely to central government cutting its core revenue support grant funding by around £1m next year.
- Christmas arrived early in Coronation Park as the new play area was launched. Work has now been completed to transform the 5-12's play area in Coronation Park near the entrance by Morrison's. Children will be able to unwrap the delights of the fun new basket swing along with a great multi-play climbing unit, unique style multi-person spring mobile and a donkey spring mobile. Traditional swings have also been installed. Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for leisure, said: "The new play equipment in Coronation Park looks great and I am sure children will have many happy hours playing on the swings, mobiles and climbing frame."
- A local councillor's three year battle over a road surface hazard on the M58 in West Lancashire has ended in victory. Cllr David Sudworth raised the issue of a large bump in the carriageway with Highways Agency officials back in 2011. Work was carried out late last year.
- Labour's breathtaking hypocrisy over the proposed closure of Glenburn Sports College in Skelmersdale has been exposed by local Conservatives. Labour-run Lancs County Council have put the Yewdale school under threat of closure. Yet local Labour councillors, and even the MP, have been seen supporting the campaign to keep it open! Once again, Labour is publicly split about an important local issue.



Connect 2015

If you would like to join our phone canvassing team at the office during the evenings please get in touch. We have a number of phone lines. Refreshments provided.

Former Councillor Jack Carrington

We sadly announce the death of former Upholland Councillor Jack Carrington who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Vote Source/ Elections

We are now using Vote Source for our election campaigns. It means you can canvas on a computer, tablet or mobile phone, thus saving both paper and shoe leather! If you would like to be involved in our election campaigning please contact Paul/Edward / George or Bill. A big thank-you to George for ordering all our election stock and for agreeing to be our election agent. Candidates for 2015 can register for Vote Source, please ask Edward.

MAYORESS' CHARITY EVENTS

There is a meal at The Hopvine on the 2nd February. For more information on this event and future ones contact the Mayor Cllr Doreen Stephenson or Cllr Ruth Melling.

Membership

You can use Safe Pay on our website to pay for any event you attend or to renew your membership. It means you can use a Credit or Debit Card and the money goes straight into our account here in West Lancs. When you renew your membership you will only get a new card if you request one. If you receive this in the post we don't know your email address. Please email the office so we do.

Chairman's Column

I hope all our readers had a very Merry Christmas, and wish you all a Happy New Year. 2015 is going to be momentous, because Britain will decide if we are to continue the gradual healing of our severely damaged economy, or go back to the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. We need to do all we can to promote the first of these alternatives, not only for our sakes but for our children's and grandchildren's. Any help you can give, such as delivering leaflets or phone canvassing, will assist us in this noble cause.



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Next Newsletter will be in the summer please let Edward know about any news or events at the office.

