

# Activist

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## West Lancashire Conservative Association Members Newsletter

### 2014 ELECTIONS

On Thursday 22nd May 2014 there will be borough council elections and also the European Parliament Elections are on this day. The 2014 wards are - Knowsley, Scarisbrick, Burscough West, Burscough East, Up Holland, Scott, Tanhouse, Aughton and Downholland, Newburgh, Derby, Moorside, Hesketh with Becconsall, Parbold, North Meols, Skelmersdale South and Tarleton. If you would like to help the election candidates please get in touch, you could help with phone canvassing, leaflet delivering, door step canvassing, campaigning, and possible social action projects.

### Branches

If you would like to get involved in our Skelmersdale or Ormskirk branches please get in touch for further information.

### Local Plan.

West Lancashire Borough Council recently received the final report of Mr Roger Clews, the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the Local Plan Development Plan Document. He concluded that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant, subject to his recommended modifications. A consultation on the changes recommended by Mr Clews was carried out during the summer. These have been incorporated into the modified Local Plan document which will be considered for adoption by Council on 16 October 2013.

## WEST LANCS CONSERVATIVE FUTURE

- West Lancs Conservative Future have had a successful Fresher's Fair Stall at Edge Hill University and Debate Night with Jacqueline Foster MEP.
- There will be future events and a Christmas Social Action project please see website.
- Details of the latest meeting have been sent out.
- Please get in touch if you want to find out more.

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- Sat 16th November-The North West Conservative Future Regional Conference at the Chadwick Lecture Theatre at the University of Liverpool 10am—5pm.



### Chairman's Column By Cllr Ruth Melling



**WELCOME to our latest edition of Activist.**

Sadly Mrs Freda Skinner and Cllr Barbara Keane died in the summer. Freda was chairman of the Newburgh Branch and the Womens' Committee and gave many years of service. Barbara worked in the office before becoming a councilor and fought cancer with dignity. She will be missed on the back benches. As this newsletter goes to print we are fighting a bye election in Parbold and send good wishes to David Whittington for a successful outcome. Between now and Christmas are several really enjoyable events organised by the branches, raising money to fight the challenging elections next year. I hope you will be able to support us and look forward to seeing you.

Cllr Ruth Melling. Association Chairman.





# Recent News Stories



- ◆ Ormskirk's third Motorfest brought power to the people as thousands of visitors crowded into the town to celebrate everything that's great about cars and bikes on the 25th August.
- ◆ Exciting and innovative new recreation facilities are the latest youth attraction in Coronation Park as result of funding made available by the Conservative Borough Council. Project costs of £30,000 for the new facilities were raised by the Council through developer contributions from nearby housing sites. Edward McCarthy the candidate for Knowsley ward in next year's borough council elections said "I am delighted that pupils from Ormskirk School have been consulted on what new equipment should go into the park. I am sure many young people from across West Lancs will enjoy using these new facilities in Coronation Park. It is great that the new play equipment has been funded from contributions from nearby developments. The Conservative Council has invested and improved the park a great deal since taking office in 2002."
- ◆ West Lancashire Borough Council is urging local people and organisations to give their views on a package of measures of savings, efficiencies and increases in income, before the consultation closes on 11 September. People and organisations can give their views through the Your Views section of the borough council website. Comments can also be submitted by letter or email. The closing date is on Wednesday 11 September.
- ◆ Earlier in August West Lancashire parks retained their prestigious Green Flags.
- ◆ Community groups and individuals across West Lancashire have been given almost £7,000 worth of funding by the Conservative Borough Council earlier in June.
- ◆ In June Conservative controlled West Lancashire Borough Council has unveiled its new CCTV surveillance suite at a secret location. The new suite has the latest infra-red technology and will be the hub for security, overseeing an eventual total of 86 cameras all over the borough. In a project costing £360,000, the council has replaced all of its 59 existing cameras and will install a further 27 later this year.
- ◆ Election Results, from May the Conservatives won in West Lancs East, West Lancs South and West Lancs North. We did not win in West Lancs West, Skelmersdale West, Skelmersdale East or Skelmersdale Central. Labour won the borough council Digmoor by election. Thank-you to everyone who helped.
- ◆ There have been many summer West Lancs Conservative branch events , thank-you to everyone who went and everyone who helped.

For more information about our activities, or if you would like to help, please contact us:



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## Parbold By-Election Result 10<sup>th</sup> October

Conservative Hold.

David Whittington won with 554 votes. (Labour 461 and UKIP 103)

### DIARY DATES

If you have any future events to advertise please get in touch with Edward.

**Thur 31st Oct**

**October's Disraeli Night.**

**West Lancs' CPF. At Briars Hall 730pm for 830pm start.** Roast dinner and a glass of wine for 10. Call Carmel on 01695 574073 or email thecharmels@aol.com to book your place. CPF Topic- Housing and Planning.

**Tues 5th of November Scarisbrck Branch Coffee Morning.**

10.30am at SNS Club on Bullens Lane Scarisbrick L40 9RR. £3 for coffee and biscuits . With a bring and buy stall.

**Sat 23rd November**

**Aughton Branch Wine Tasting Event**

Tickets available call 07979 537228 or email office@westlancsconservatives.com Price £15. With raffle. The Aughton Institute. Bold Lane Aughton Ormskirk Lancashire L39 6SG

**Sun 1st Dec. Parbold Branch Christmas Carols. WI Hall, The Common, Parbold. 2-5pm.**

Complimentary Mulled Wine. Hot pot. £12.50 Contact May Blake on 01257 463636

**Sun 8th Dec. Wine and Mince Pies. 3-5pm, Ivy Cottage, Flash Lane, Rufford. £5. Contact Sue Janvier on 01704 822210.**

**Jan 23 Disraeli Night 730pm.**

The Disraeli Club at Briars Hall Hotel on Briars Lane, Lathom. For details see Oct. CPF Topic- Local Government.



### North West Candidate Selections for MEP Elections

The Conservative Party in the North West has picked its eight candidates for the European Parliamentary Elections in May 2014. Its follows a party ballot of Conservative Party members to rank candidates for the region - which comprises Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. Jacqueline Foster MEP topped the ballot. Full details on the WLCA Website.

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