



THE BIG CHOICE - only 37 days away

Conservative women meet



The East Midlands Region Conservative Women's Organisation conference was held at Morley Hayes Golf Course on March 7th. The event was well attended and was a great success with speakers from the House of Lords, Members of Parliament, Prospective Parliamentary Candidates, Plan UK and the Internet Watch Foundation. Members had requested that the conference addressed issues of cyber security. The event was sponsored by Member of the European Parliament Emma McClarkin. Picture left shows Emma McClarkin with the region's chairman Maureen Stockwood and right with Nottingham North PPC Louise Burfitt-Dons

Comment

The moon is their oyster is a saying often used to point out the sometimes banana republic wishes of those who can promise far reaching things but more often than not provide nothing. Promises can be empty!

When you are not in power it is easy to criticise the government and at election time to promise the earth, to revolutionise the country and to make things easier for everyone. In this pre-election period we have already seen a lot of this. Ed Miliband is going to provide thousands more nurses, more police and more tax on "the rich" to pay for it all. Nigel Farage will no doubt want cheaper beer, getting out of Europe and tighter immigration laws.

So we would all like more nurses, more police and tighter immigration but there is just one thing that those "once in a blue moon" thinkers have not taken on board. Much of it is not possible until we have the economy on a more level playing field.

And at least three parties are already making moves to cosy up to a party without a majority with big plans on what they will force that potential coalition to do.

It is quite clear that the only way forward after 7th May is a Conservative majority government without the shackles of a coalition and it is on this that we have to campaign.

Pre-election fever is reaching its zenith but there will be lots more innuendos and "he said this's" plus what we can't do but what they can do before the ballot paper appears in front of us.

Every party will be the very best for the good of the country and there will often be, at times, very little realism in what the current opposition parties may accuse the government of in their strife to be the top dog!

The one thing we can boast is that we have already made more than half good what Labour left us with and that is the overwhelming reason to vote Conservative

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Alex Salmond's ambition

Alex Salmond has made it clear why the SNP want to prop up Ed Miliband as Prime Minister:

'If you hold the balance, then you hold the power.' (Alex Salmond on The Marr Show, 22/03/15)

Although Ed Milliband has denied it a deal between Labour and the SNP would give Alex

Salmond the veto over every Budget, every law, every vote - he would, in his own words, 'call the tune'.

A deal with the SNP - the party who want to break up Britain - is the only way Ed Miliband can get into power.

And ordinary families would pay the price with higher taxes, more debt and weaker defences as the SNP try to scrap Trident, our independent nuclear deterrent.

Help stop it by campaigning for Conservative votes on 7th May.

Labour will wreck it

Since 2010, we have been getting Britain's economy back on track: we have been cutting the deficit, backing businesses, creating jobs.



Our plan is working. Britain's economy is recovering. But Labour's plans for more spending, more borrowing and more debt would wreck the progress the country has made - and mean chaos for the economy and higher taxes for hardworking families.

Ed Miliband said no!

Do you think the last Labour government spent too much? Because when Ed Miliband was asked that by Jeremy Paxman he said 'no'.

Just a reminder - that's the Labour government that left us with the biggest deficit in our peacetime history.

The Labour government that literally left a note saying 'There's no money left'.

And Ed Miliband doesn't think they spent too much?! We dare not risk it again.

Here is the election line up



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Ashfield



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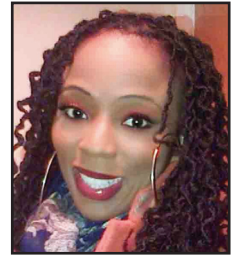
Anna Soubrey
Broxtowe



Carolyn Abbott
Gedling



Robert Jenrick
Newark



Andrea Clarke
Mansfield



Garry Hickton
Nottingham East



Jane Hunt
Nottingham South



Louise Burfitt-Dons,
Nottingham North



Kenneth Clark
Rushcliffe



Mark Spencer
Sherwood

This is the line-up of the Nottinghamshire seats for the election on 7th May
Kenneth Clark and Robert Jenrick should be safe seats but we need every effort to help the others and make sure they can also be winners

George Osborne's choice

Because we now face a critical choice. Do we return to the chaos of the past? Or do we keep on working through the long-term economic plan that is delivering for you?

With this latest Budget we choose the future and a future that will benefit everyone in the longer term:

We choose stability - committing to run a budget surplus and keep our debt share falling

We choose jobs - backing business and skills that will create full employment, and supporting pubs and brewers by cutting tax on beer and cider

We choose the whole nation - investing for a truly national recovery

We choose responsibility - helping savers with a new Personal Savings Allowance and abolishing savings tax altogether for 17 million people to create tax-free banking

We choose aspiration - with a new Help to Buy ISA for first-time buyers - so if you save up to £12,000 towards a deposit, the government will contribute up to £3,000

And we choose families - cutting income taxes for 27 million hardworking people, and cancelling Labour's planned rise in fuel duty

These changes are all part of our long-term economic plan, and it's critical we keep working through it.

There is a simple choice on May 7th: between Labour, propped up by the an ambitious minor party, who offer the chaos of the past - or the Conservatives, with our long-term economic plan that is working.

We have a plan that is working, and a Budget that works for you. Thanks to our long-term economic plan, Britain is now walking tall again,

Everyone needs to know. Make sure you tell them.

Committed to a good education standard

Every parent wants their child to have the best start in life says Education Secretary Nicky Morgan.

They don't want them to go to a failing school - or one that's coasting. They don't want them to leave primary school unable to read, write or add up.



Nicky Morgan

But under Labour, schools were allowed to hide behind artificially inflated exam results. Poor performance was accepted and we slid down the international league tables. Parents, and children, were let down.

Working together with our incredible teachers, we are turning things around.

With a more rigorous curriculum, and a refusal to tolerate failure, we're raising standards in schools - and a million more children are now being taught in schools ranked 'good' or 'outstanding'.

But there is still more to do. We are determined to tackle illiteracy and innumeracy. Getting English and Maths right has to be at the core of our education system.

So we will expect every pupil by the age of 11 to know their times tables off by heart, to perform long division and complex multiplication, and to be able to read a novel and write a short story.

This is about giving every child the chance to master the basics and succeed in life.

Recently, I've watched my own son learn to read and it's been a magical experience. I want to make sure every parent in our country experiences that too.

So please, get behind our plans to build a Britain that gives every child the best start in life:

Education is important and is a vote getter!

May In Touch

The Nottinghamshire In Touch issue for May will not appear until after the General Election on 7th May.

Two to do.....

If you have not already done so sign up for Team 2015 to help secure a Conservative majority. www.conservatives.com/team2015.

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English votes for English laws

Imagine this scenario. The Scottish Parliament votes to reduce income tax in Scotland, then Scottish MPs come to Westminster and vote to increase income tax in England.

You don't have to think for long to realise how unfair that would be. That's why we are committed to bringing in English votes for English laws.

Under our plans, English MPs will have an effective veto over legislation - including income tax - that only affects England. This is a fundamental issue of fairness - we need your support.

It is not right to have Scottish MPs voting on laws and parts of budgets that only apply to English voters without the consent of English MPs.

Labour are looking to fudge this important issue and cheat English voters of their democratic rights.

They are more interested in their own political self-interest than taking the right long-term decision for our country. Again, all they can offer voters is chaos and confusion.

Sign the petition today and let's make sure that only MPs representing English voters have the final say on English-only laws: Go to Conservatives.com to sign.