

# Winning is sweet

## Robert Jenrick swept to victory



Robert Jenrick swept aside all the competition to win the by-election with 17,435 votes and a comfortable margin of 7,407 over second placed Ukip with 10,028. Labour came a poor third with 6,842 votes and the Lib Dems were forced into 6th place with 1,004.

In his victory speech Robert commented that not for the first time in its history the eyes of the nation have fallen on Newark.

He said the by-election had wider national significance because the Conservatives had not won a by-election in Government since William Hague some 25 years ago.

He continued; "The people of Newark have voted to back this Government and its economic plan to secure the future of this constituency and of this great country. We have fought this by election on the issues that matter to the people of Newark."

Robert Jenrick said that he would now work to deliver on the key issues including improving transport infrastructure and securing the future of Newark Hospital.

Ukip's Roger Helmer proved to be a poor loser and used his thankyou speech to criticise the Conservative campaign. Labour's Chris Bryant said they (Conservatives) still haven't got a winning streak with them. So where has he been?

## Two for Europe



Emma McClarkin has retained her seat as an East Midlands member of the European Parliament and has been joined by fellow Conservative Andrew Lewer to equal the two MEP's elected for the previous session. This despite the big efforts by Ukip which saw the Liberal Democrat lose his seat and leaving Labour with only one representative for the East Midlands.

## Comment

There's going to be a by-election they said when Patrick Mercer resigned his seat.

And what a by-election! Never has Newark seen so much political activity and never have so many Tory members of Parliament descended on the town with such frequency that it all became quite bewildering to not only the electorate but to the many volunteer workers who also found their way into the constituency from all parts of the country to make sure that Robert Jenrick retained the seat.

Volunteers found themselves sitting next to Theresa May as she stuffed leaflets into envelopes at campaign headquarters whilst Defence Secretary Philip Hammond spent a morning doing the same at the Party shop in Newark's Stodman Street.

David Cameron came to Newark on four occasions, George Osborne and William Hague were close behind him, the latter fitting in a coffee morning out in the sticks at Fiskerton.

Boris Johnson wooed the crowd in the Market Place, Michael Gove was present and Kenneth Clarke added his weight to the proceedings.

It would take up far too much space to list the names of all Cabinet Ministers and MP's who came to lend their hand at leaflet dropping, canvassing and even giving out balloons to children. Prospective candidates were put on trial pounding the streets in towns and villages

The excitement of the chase was upon everyone and Newark's local activists rubbed shoulders with their opposite numbers from almost every Association in the country.

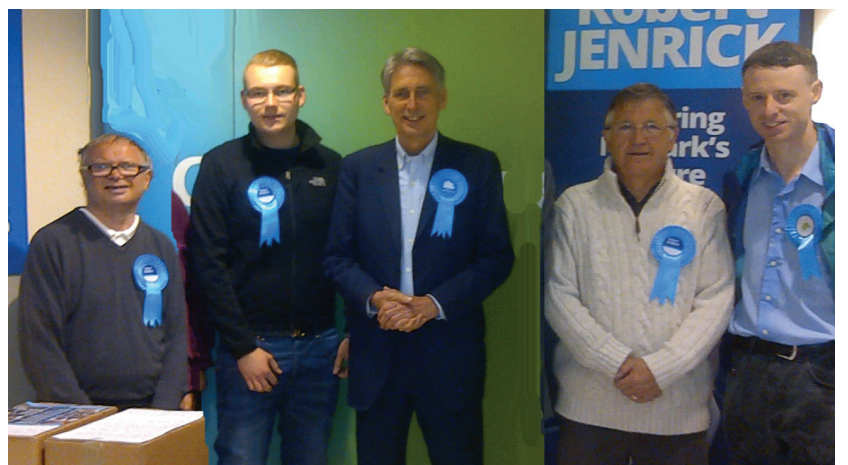
We saw the outrageous candidates as well as the more serious ones and it was all down to by-election fever.

We knew who was going to win and win he did with a clear mandate too.

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# Balloons, rosettes and people power



## The area team



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