



THE BIG CHOICE - and now it's all over

WHAT A WIN!

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WINNING MARGINAL SEATS WITH INCREASED MAJORITY AND INCREASES AT NEWARK AND RUSHCLIFFE TOO

David Cameron's email message

Together we have laid the foundations for a better future - and now, with a Conservative majority government, we must build on them.

We are on the brink of something special in our country.

We can make Britain a



place where a good life is in reach for everyone who is willing to work and do the right thing.

Our manifesto is a manifesto for working people. 3 million apprenticeships. More help with childcare. Cutting taxes for 30 million people. Building more homes. Creating millions more jobs. And an in-out referendum on our future in Europe.

And as we conduct this vital work, we must ensure that we bring our country together. So we will govern as a party of one nation. One United Kingdom.

That means ensuring the recovery reaches all parts of our country; giving everyone a chance in life, no matter where they're from; and of course it means bringing together the different nations of our United Kingdom.

Five years ago, our country was in the grip of an economic crisis. Five years on,

Britain is so much stronger.

But the real opportunities lie ahead. And I'm convinced that we can take these islands, with our proud history, and build an even prouder future.

Cabinet role for Anna Soubry



In David Cameron's reshuffle we see Anna Soubry attending the Cabinet as Small Business Minister.

Comment

In future years we may remember 7th May as the date of two great victories.

On that date in 1945 the Germans unconditionally surrendered and the war in Europe was over. This year, history will recall, against all pollsters predictions, we scored a momentous victory by gaining an overall majority at Westminster.

It also saw the demise of the Liberal Democrats with the resignation of Nick Clegg, the embarrassing failure of Labour with the resignation of Ed Milliband and the failure of Nigel Farage to get a parliamentary seat resulting in his resignation as Ukip leader, since rescinded! It also saw the emergence of the SNP as the power force in Scotland.

Then we come to the excuses. Labour hierarchy has hinted that Labour did not lean far enough to the left and Lib Dems alleged they put the country before their party. Some cynics may say that the opportunity to get themselves on the front seats in the chamber overlooked any other aspirations the party may have had and so be it.

So what happens next?

David Cameron has already said he will progress with negotiations to change our relationship with Europe including the yes/no referendum and many other things that the manifesto highlighted as a continuance of the country's recovery.

We are proud of our election performance in Nottinghamshire and in particular with Anna Soubry and Mark Spencer who both turned a marginal majority into a wacking 4,000 plus one to make their seats much, much more safe. Ken Clarke and Robert Jenrick came home as expected with the latter increasing his majority to a record level.

But we must not forget our other candidates, listed on the next page who fought their battles with enthusiasm, some of them with little chance of success but better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all.

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This is how our candidates fared



Broxtowe's Anna Soubry showed how hard work in her constituency paid its reward when she turned an under 400 majority into an over 4,000 one to make Broxtowe a relatively safe seat



Mark Spencer worked equally hard in Sherwood and was rewarded when the electorate showed their appreciation by helping to also turn a less than 350 majority into one of more than 4,000



In Newark Robert Jenrick showed how hard work throughout his patch was rewarded when he turned the 7,000 odd majority at his by-election into a record majority of 18,474



Kenneth Clarke sailed home as expected with an increased majority of 13,829 in this safe Rushcliffe seat that he has held since 1970 making him one of the longest serving members of Parliament



From left to right above: Jane Hunt worked her socks off in Nottingham South but Labour held the seat with an increased majority. In Nottingham East Garry Hickton was only able to poll 7,314 votes against Labours 19,208. Louise Burfitt-Dons in Nottingham North came second to Labour who increased their majority to 11,860. Bassetlaw saw Sarah Downes take second place to John Mann with a creditable 15,122 votes. Caroline Abbott at Gedling had a tightly-fought contest with early exit polls suggesting that she might win. Her poll of 17,321 gave Vernon Coaker a majority of only 1,985. In Mansfield although Andrea Clarke increased the Conservative share of the votes it was a seven times in a row victory for Sir Alan Meale. Helen Harrison at Ashfield polled 10,528 against Gloria de Piero who took the seat for the second time. The county is grateful to all of the candidates for the work they put in

The Party Conference beckons

The annual Conservative Party Conference, in Manchester from Sunday 4th to Wednesday 7th October is a chance for our members, the press and the public to come together and hear about our ideas, policies and plans for the year ahead.

This year, we're returning to the Manchester Central and the Midland Hotel for four days of speeches, debates and receptions, and a packed schedule of fringe events, including our busy exhibition. All Party Members and Activists will also get to hear first-hand the Prime Minister's highly-anticipated closing speech. For information contact

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David Cameron is pictured here with the new Conservative intake, all raring to go!

Hold broken at Southwell

Conservatives now have control of Newark & Sherwood District Council but perhaps the most significant part of this victory is the end of the virtual stranglehold that LibDems had on Southwell following several elections. This election saw the remaining two councillors defeated with Conservatives now taking all three seats.

Winning team ready to work



Picture shows Nicky Morgan, Sajid Javid, Theresa May and David Cameron intently listening on what George Osborne has to say to them