



LESS THAN 160 DAYS TO DECISION TIME

Comment

Campaigning that works



Nottingham Conservatives were joined by nearly 70 volunteers and campaigners to help deliver Jane Hunt's latest newsletter. .

The enthusiasm was infectious. Nearly 11,000 leaflets were delivered in key target

areas and already the response from the electorate has been extremely supportive.

The party contrast is clear

The contrast between the Conservatives and Labour could not be more clear.

We're reforming welfare; Labour want to turn the taps back on. We celebrate the businesses who create jobs; Labour demonise them. And while Labour want to put up taxes on people's homes, pensions - even their deaths - the Conservatives are committed to cutting your taxes.

Over the past four and a half years, as we have reduced the deficit, we have also cut income tax for 26 million people.

In the next Parliament, we will go further. We have made two clear commitments that will benefit 30 million taxpayers:

- We will raise the tax threshold again, so that nobody earning less than £12,500 will pay income tax
- No-one earning less than £50,000 will pay the 40p rate of tax

Financing these tax cuts while continuing to cut the deficit will be hard, but doable.

Labour could not deliver any of this. A Labour Party offering more spending, more borrowing, more debt and more taxes. Or the Conservatives offering a long-term plan that is working; tax cuts that are credible; a future that is more secure for you and your family.

The choice could not be more stark. So please donate to our campaign today and let's secure a better future for Britain:

Go to www.Conservatives.com and fill in the form

More in employment

After a number of difficult years for many people as we have rebuilt our economy, writes Anna Soubry in an email, we are now beginning to see the very real positive results. We now have record levels of employment; in Broxtowe the number of people looking for work has halved since April 2010. I am particularly pleased that the number of under 24's out of work has halved from 560 in April 2010 to 280 last month.

The news that wages have at last risen faster than inflation shows that we are making a real difference to people's lives, delivering a better economic future not just for ourselves but also for our children and grandchildren.

Iain Duncan Smith goes on to say "Today in Britain, there are 1.7 million more people in work than under Labour.

That's 1.7 million more people with the security of a pay packet - 1.7 million more people able to provide for their families and get on in life.

This really matters. We're building a stronger, healthier economy, and helping to create the jobs that will secure a better future for you and your family.

And we need to get this important news out there to the electorate.

Important dinner dates

Boris Johnson at Sherwood

Boris Johnson is the star guest at a fundraising dinner organised by MPs Mark Spencer and Anna Soubry on Thursday the 11th December. Venue to be announced but in the NG6 area.



All profits will go to Mark and Anna's target seats election campaign funds. If you would like more details email borischristmasparty@yahoo.co.uk or contact Anna or Mark.

Mathew Parris at Newark

Political columnist for The Times and former Conservative

Member of Parliament Mathew Parris will be the chief guest at the Newark Conservative Association dinner at the Cedric Ford Pavilion on Newark Showground on 30th January 2015. Tickets £45 inc three-course meal and drinks on arrival. Dress is lounge suits. For more details, and to book please email to:

admin@newarkconservatives.com or telephone 01636 703269



The County Executive wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year

So the season of goodwill is upon us. A season when we should think of others and above all remember what Christmas is all about.

So for a short while we may stop our canvassing and enjoy the spirit of Christmas which for many faiths is a very special time. But we must not forget that for some faiths there are other times that are sacred to them and we should be ready to observe and acknowledge them.

Over many years, and one could say it all started with William the Conqueror, people have been coming into this country from Europe and further afield un-stopped and at one time in relation to Jamaica and other West Indian islands they were encouraged.

But never so many as with the open border philosophy of a "United Europe".

Tony Blair's manta was education, education, education and hardly a mention of immigration which became out of hand under his government.

But the word on the lips of much of the electorate in this present day is immigration, immigration, immigration and it is a word that could lose us a good many votes unless it is seriously looked at.

Other parties such as Ukip use it as their election promise but without the ability to bring any change about. Their hope is that they may secure enough seats in Parliament to become part of a coalition and in that capacity force an issue.

Coalitions are not ideal and should be avoided at all costs. The "hard" solution is to make sure there is not a risk of one happening and the only way to do that is to have a clear majority at the May elections.

This column has long advocated the need for government to capture the attention of the electorate with policies that will attract votes. Firm action, not just words.

Any of the views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Conservative Party.

Getting it right

Families left without the security of a pay packet; parents not able to provide for their children. That was the legacy of a Labour government says Iain Duncan Smith

Under Labour, the number of households with no-one in work rocketed. Families were left on benefits, out of work, with no stability or prospects.

But while Labour were happy to write these families off, we weren't.

We set about changing the welfare system so that it encourages and rewards work - and we backed businesses so they could create the jobs and opportunities people needed.

As a result, the number of households where no-one works is at the lowest level since records began - and we need to make sure everyone knows the progress we've made would be hit by Labour's latest tax proposal.

This makes it clearer than ever that a Labour government would mean a return to higher taxes, more debt, and a stalled economy.

The area team



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Michael Gove in Nottingham



Nottingham Conservatives held a meeting with former Education Secretary and current Chief Whip, Michael Gove MP at their regional headquarters at King Edward Court, Nottingham.

Michael was conducting a regional tour of Nottinghamshire to check in with local Associations and see how preparations are going for May next year. Members there quizzed him on policy and sought advice on local campaigns etc.

George Osborne on tax

For the first time ever, writes George Osborne in an email, hardworking taxpayers will start to receive a personalised Annual Tax Summary. This will set out how much direct tax they pay and how that money is spent. This is a revolution in transparency and it will show how hardworking taxpayers have to pay for what governments spend.

By working through our long-term economic plan, we have rooted out the waste and inefficient spending of the last Labour government. We have got a grip on public finances, so that Government spending is now effective and efficient.

And because we have got the deficit down and got a grip on spending, we have been able to cut taxes so that people keep more of the money they earn.

To help us win the next election and build on what we have achieved, please donate £20 today to our campaign.

Because this progress could all be put at risk.

The Labour party spent and borrowed their way through the good times. Given the chance, they would do it all over again. They want to take us back to the same old policies of more spending, more borrowing and higher taxes.

We need your help to stop that happening.

So please donate today to prevent the Labour party taking Britain back to the days of wasteful spending and higher taxes: Go to www.conservatives.com to donate.

Matthew Hancock at Wollaton

The Wollaton Conservative Branch invite you to their Christmas Dinner at Wollaton Park Golf Club on Friday 5th December 2014 with very special guest, The Rt. Hon. Matthew Hancock, Member of Parliament for West Suffolk and Minister of State for Business, Enterprise and Energy.

Starting at 7.00pm at Wollaton Park Golf Club, Lime Tree Avenue, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, NG8 1BN.

The evening should be a memorable one. Tickets £21.00 – to include Carvery plus Mince Pies, Coffee and Mints. Service included, drinks and raffle tickets extra. Dress code: lounge suit.

Be quick! Closing date to apply for tickets is noon Monday 1st December. Tel: 0115 948 4533.

Europe change

Britain's relationship with the EU isn't working. It needs fundamental change.

The Conservatives have already delivered change in Europe

We have the record of delivering for Britain in Europe – and now we want to go further, renegotiating Britain's relationship with Europe then giving YOU the final say with an in-out referendum by the end of 2017.

Our plan is clear: We will negotiate a better deal for Britain in Europe then give the British people their say in an in-out referendum by the end of 2017.

Only the Conservatives will give you that referendum. Labour and the Lib Dems won't and UKIP can't

TAXING ISSUES

With every policy they announce it's clear that a Labour government would mean higher taxes and a more financially insecure future for you and your family. It's the same old Labour - looking to raise taxes on what people earn and work hard to build up for their families. We need to make sure that don't get the chance to put their plans into action next May

IF LABOUR WIN NEXT MAY THEY WILL PUT

1

A NEW TAX ON THE FAMILY HOME

Even Labour MP's like Tessa Jowell have warned this tax would force people to "move out of their family homes".

2

A TAX RISE ON YOUR INCOME

Not only have Labour opposed every single one of our income tax cuts they are also looking at plans to raise National Insurance - just like they did in 2002.

Be in no doubt Labour would take more of your hard earned money.

3

HIGHER TAX ON FUEL

Labour opposed the fuel duty stabiliser - which would mean more tax each time you fill up.

4

A NEW TAX ON PENSIONS

Labour would hit your pension - increasing taxes on pension funds by £145 million by reinstating the stamp-duty reserve tax charge.

5

LARGER COUNCIL TAX BILLS

Labour opposed our council tax freeze - they want councils to be able to tax you more

We must not let it happen for everyones sake