

C Haltemprice & Howden Contact!

Newsletter for Members & Supporters



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Alan Williams Our new Chairman

Alan Williams lives in Cottingham and has been a member of the Liberal Democrats since the party's inception. Alan says: "These are testing times for the Liberal Democrats locally and

nationally. Despite our best efforts, we did not get Jon Neal elected as our constituency MP, and recent events in our parliamentary party have given us plenty to think about."

"Nevertheless, everyone I have spoken to recently is in buoyant mood, and determined to create success in next year's East Riding elections. The Constituency Executive is full of ideas and ambition, and our councillors are campaigning enthusiastically."

"As your new Chairman I have a hard act to follow. **Denis Healy** did a great job. We wish him well as he pursues his ambition to become an MP." Everyone concerned with the general election also sends their thanks and best wishes to **Richard Pinnock**, our agent and the regional organiser. He worked selflessly and tirelessly on our behalf, and much of our vote is due to his determination."

Thanks to Jon



Jon Neal served as our Parliamentary candidate for some six years, standing at the 2001 and 2005 elections in his mid-20s while trying to

establish a business career. Those involved in the general elections will know how hard Jon worked to raise the profile of the Lib Dems. In any other Tory constituency his hard work would have paid off.

Jon has now gone off to pastures new, in Welwyn Garden City, to concentrate on developing his career. We wish him and Hilary well, and look forward to their return to political life some time in the not too distant future.



The Liberal Democrats need You!

R U interested in

- your community?
 - improving your area?
- Have you ever considered being a local councillor? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these we want to hear from you.

For more information please contact Alan Williams 01482 849661 or Tony McCobb on 01482 656090



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Leadership Election - It's a Three-Horse Race

At the time of going to press, there were three candidates to



take over from Charles Kennedy: Menzies Campbell, Simon Hughes and Chris Huhne.

Do listen to or watch what they have to say in the media, and please use your vote - the party's future is in your hands!

The new leader is announced on 2 March, the day before our Spring Conference in Harrogate.

WHAT'S ON

A round-up of various events. Please make a note in your diary of forthcoming social and political events.

Haltemprice & Howden
Liberal Democrats
Central Haltemprice Branch
FORTIES NIGHT
11th February, 7.30 onwards
39 Well Lane, Willerby

If you're into great food, don't miss this annual event. The theme this year is the 1940s.
SIX POUNDS ONLY FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK

Get your 'ration book' now from
Cllrs. Mike and Sandra Stocks (651727)

Yorkshire & The Humber
Liberal Democrats
Regional Conference
18 February
Northallerton

Christmas Dinner 2005



Yorkshire's newest MP, Greg Mulholland, was the guest of honour at our Constituency Dinner last December. The Dinner was held at the Mill House, near Skidby Windmill

Haltemprice & Howden
Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive

The Executive meets once a month at 7.30 in the small room at the Darby & Joan Club, Finkle Street, Cottingham.
Next Meeting is 15 February

Fundraising Group

Fundraising for the next general election has to start now if we are to mount an effective challenge to the sitting Tory MP.

If you enjoy fund-raising or have good ideas for raising money, please contact Alan Williams on 01482 849661 or any other of our officers.

Haltemprice & Howden
Liberal Democrats
500 Club



The 500 Club offers three cash prizes every month to those making a monthly contribution of £5. It is an easy way for members to contribute to fundraising, and the chances of winning increase the more tickets you have. (If you don't agree with lotteries, you can always make a standing order or donation.)

Federal Conference Harrogate, 3-5 March

The Federal Conference is the conference of the national party. It takes place twice a year, over one weekend in spring and for a week in autumn.

This year the spring conference is relatively near, in Harrogate, so it's a good chance to see and hear the great, the good and the ugly!

Hull City Council Elections 4th May - Can You Help?



There are no East Riding elections this year, so this is a perfect opportunity to hone your campaigning skills. Start today to help Hull Liberal Democrats regain Hull City Council. It will affect our chances in the East Riding elections in 2007. Contact Tony McCobb (01482 656090)

Garden Parties - a great way of getting to know people - the vagaries of our climate permitting! We are planning a few in 2006.



Haltemprice and Howden Constituency - Where is it?

Our constituency has no natural centre, since it runs from the Hull western boundaries all the way to the River Derwent, to the west of Howden. It goes as far north as the A1079, and includes Skidby, Holme on Spalding Moor. The vast majority of the voters live in the part between Brough/Elloughton and the Hull boundaries. So it is difficult to organise activities over such a geographically diverse constituency.

The Constituency or Local Party Executive is responsible for making sure that Liberal Democrat activity takes place throughout the constituency, and co-ordinates activity for East Riding of Yorkshire Council elections and the general election. The Constituency comprises members from the four

Branches

The branches are based on electoral wards.

- **DASH** covers **Dale Ward** (Elloughton, Brough, Brantingham, Ellerker, Skidby and Rowley (Litttle Weighton) and **South Hunsley Ward** (North Ferriby, Swanland, Melton and Welton).

The Chair of DASH is Cllr. David Nolan (see contact details on back page)

- **CENTRAL HALTEMPRICE** covers Anlaby, Willerby, Kirk Ella, West Ella and Anlaby Common. The Chair is Peter Gardiner (01482 657409: email peter@gardinerp.freemove.co.uk).

- **COTTINGHAM** The Chair is Alan Williams (see front page for contact details)

- **HOWDENSHERE** covers Howden itself, Gilberdyke, HoSM, Eastington, North Cave, Hotham, and many small settlements. The Chair is Ingrid Ridley (01430 432653: email: ingrid.ridley@virgin.net)

Each branch has its own Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and is responsible for organising activity in its area.

Branches meet, in general, once every couple of months, although this often becomes monthly in the run up to elections.

Regional Party - Yorkshire and The Humber

Haltemprice and Howden is part of the Regional Party, which meets primarily in Leeds and York. Two members of our constituency, Stuart Arnold and Tony McCobb are on the Regional Executive, and can raise matters there if local members wish.

The Region has an MEP Diana Wallis, whose office is in Harrogate. Her Secretary, Angela Hunter, lives in and works from Brough. (See contact details on front page). We will give fuller details in a future Newsletter.

The new regional organiser is Dave McCobb, who is based in Hull, but who knows this constituency and East Yorkshire generally very well indeed.

Parish Councils.

The Liberal Democrats are well represented on some Parish Councils, especially in the east of the constituency, and we will say more about them in a future Newsletter

Our next Prospective Parliamentary Candidate

The Chair of the Regional Candidates Committee has nominated a Returning Officer to conduct the selection of our next PPC to replace Jon Neal.

We are expecting to contact members within the next few months about a date for the hustings.

TRAINING

The Constituency is keen to see as many people as possible get campaign training if they are interested.

Contact Cllr. Tony McCobb on 01482 656090 in the first instance.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) Liberal Democrat Group

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is run by the Conservatives with Labour support. There are 22 Lib Dems, 29 Conservatives, 8 Labour, 6 Independents and 2 SDP. In Haltemprice and Howden Constituency there are 9 Conservatives and the 9 Lib Dems below with their contact details. **To contact the Lib Dem Group Office,** ring 01482 393231 or 393232, or fax 01482 393239 or e-mail: Liberal.Democrat.Group@eastriding.gov.uk



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