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***THE TEAM THAT GETS THINGS DONE***



Colin Leckonby, Lynne Apedaile and Keith Dewison are the Liberal Democrat candidates for the Billingham North Ward in the Stockton Borough Council Elections on Thursday 5th May 2005




**Colin** has represented Marsh House ward for the last three years and also from 1991 to 1995. He is a member of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee and the Coporate Policy Review Committee and is involved with Social Services. As secretary and treasurer of Low Grange Community Centre he works with the Management Committee

to improve the centre and its facilities. Colin is a leader of St. Luke's Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade working with children and young people aged 5 to 21. He also finds time to be a racing cyclist and help with training young cyclists. He is President of Stockton Wheelers Cycling Club.

**Lynne** has been a councillor for the Marsh House ward for the last four years, and has been a member of the Health and Social Care Select Committee which has looked into drug education and the provision of aids to elderly and disabled residents. She is also a member of the Licensing committee. Lynne's council duties include visiting children's care homes to check on the the welfare of children. Lynne is Chair of Wolviston Parish Council and works part time at a market research company. When she occasionally has time to spare she enjoys seeing her grandchildren.

**Keith** was born in Billingham and has worked for many years with the Billingham Town Centre Residents Association in an effort to improve the Town Centre and make it a more attractive and interesting place. After caring for an elderly mother for many years Keith has a good understanding of the Social Services supplied by Stockton Borough Council. Keith has worked as a commercial fisherman and also in the construction industry. He enjoys walking and coin collecting.

**Remember - This is Stockton Borough Council Election and you have 3 votes**

1	Apedaile, Lynne, J		<b>X</b>
2	Dewison, Keith		<b>X</b>
3	Leckonby, Colin		<b>X</b>

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## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The Liberal Democrat team with Lynne, Colin and now Keith have delivered **Focus**, every year, all year round for 104 issues. If they are elected to represent you on May 5th they promise to keep on doing that - all year, every year.

## MARSH HOUSE SERVICE STATION

A planning application was submitted to demolish the service station opposite the Merlin pub and replace it with 19 flats and 27 parking spaces. The entrance would have been on Wallington Road.



Lynne, Colin and Keith thought that Stockton Council didn't consult enough residents in the area so they distributed the information to about 150 houses. Many residents agreed with your Focus team that the proposal was too cramped on the site and would worsen the traffic problems on Wallington Rd. The good news is that the developers have withdrawn the application and will think again.

## FORUM THEATRE

As the interim works are carried out on the Billingham Forum Theatre we can at last see some light at the end of the tunnel. After the cabinet meeting on Thursday 7th April it was announced that the theatre is expected to open in July. The work being carried out is the minimum needed to make it safe and do not include any refurbishment.

## BUS SHELTERS

Following requests from residents Lynne, Colin & Keith have asked for shelters at the bus stops on both sides of High Grange Avenue near Westminster House and the northern end of Low Grange Avenue close to Speeton Close.



## BILLINGHAM TOWN CENTRE

In Billingham we have one of the most neglected town centres in the North East of England. This is after we have had a Labour controlled council for 25 years. Our town has the unenviable distinction of being listed 33 in a publication about the 50 worst places to live in the UK. Over the years we have had promises of investment in the town by the Labour controlled Stockton Council but nothing has happened. In the recent Gateway Development plan we were given "Notification but very little consultation". No doubt we can expect more promises from the Labour candidates in the run up to the Council elections on May 5th. This is your chance to make a difference - don't leave it to others to vote for Lynne, Keith and Colin. Others might be leaving it to you. If elected we promise to involve as fully as possible all sections of the community in Billingham in deciding on the future way forward.

## FOUR POINTS TO REMEMBER THIS ELECTION

A Liberal Democrat run Council would be:

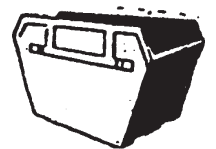
**FAIR:** making decisions without prejudice or favour, on the basis of genuine need.

**HONEST:** making decisions with respect for the people of the Borough - all of its communities and people.

**OPEN:** making decisions only after genuine and full consultation with those affected.

**GREEN:** making decisions which recognise our commitment to the environment.

THE NEXT SKIP will be on Thursday 26th May near the car park entrance at Low Grange shops on Low Grange Avenue.



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