

# Can YOU afford to let the Conservatives back in?

The Conservatives are being bank rolled by millionaire Lord Ashcroft, who is based in a central American tax haven.

The Conservative tax plans will only help millionaires, while taxes for ordinary people are likely to go up.

They want to buy your vote with glossy leaflets, but won't help you out when you need it most.

*"You can bet your last penny Ashcroft isn't spending to elect a Government that would force the rich to pay fairer taxes."*

*Daily Mirror, 4th Nov 2009*

Jacque Bell says: "As your MP I promise to be hardworking and raise the issues that face Eaglescliffe residents at Westminster.

I have a track record in working for people as a Social Worker and Councillor and building local concerns into Liberal Democrat national policies.

You voted for change in the last Council elections only to see the Conservatives form a coalition with Labour to ensure that nothing changed.

The only way to bring a real change in Parliament is to vote Liberal Democrat.



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## Or see your councillors at Ward Surgery:

Tuesday 20th April, 6 -7pm, Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane

Friday, 7th May, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue

Tuesday, 18th May, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane

Friday 4th June, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue

**Don't forget your MEP:** Fiona Hall can be contacted at 55A Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HN, 0191 383 0119, e-mail [fiona@fionahallmep.co.uk](mailto:fiona@fionahallmep.co.uk)



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## Extra Cash for Eaglescliffe Schools

Jacque Bell, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate, is delighted that Lib Dem education plans would mean extra cash for schools. Smaller classes, extra equipment, more help in the classroom could all be part of the plans. Schools would choose how to spend the extra cash to help their pupils. Across the borough this year there would have been over £12m extra.



Jacque says "A vote for the Liberal Democrats is a vote for the future of our children. Extra cash for schools, a commitment to phase out tuition fees for higher education and support for young people into training and employment all mean that all young people will get a **fair start** in life under a Liberal Democrat government.

*Neither Labour nor Tories will give that."*



**For Change that Works for YOU**

it has to be the **Liberal Democrats**

## MAKE SURE YOU CAN VOTE

You need to be registered to vote by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 20th April.

If you think you will not be able to vote at the polling station for any reason, the last date for returning your postal vote

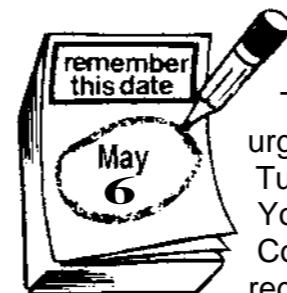
application is also 5.00 pm Tuesday 20th April.

The date for (non - urgent) Proxy votes is Tuesday 27th April.

You can contact the Council electoral registration department on 526196 or

[electoral@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@stockton.gov.uk).

You can also contact us for more information.



**Jacque Bell**

### Help the Lib Dems win

Help the Lib Dems win by filling in and returning this.

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Phone / e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

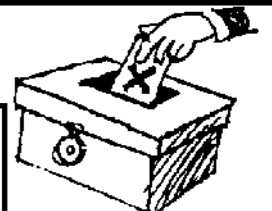
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I'd like to know more about the Lib Dems

I'd like to make a donation to the Lib Dems

I'd like to join the Lib Dems

Please return to : Jacque Bell, FREEPOST, NEA 765, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TS16 9BR



# Labour and the Conservatives won't deliver change and fairness

Decades of Labour and Conservative governments haven't delivered real change in Britain.

After thirteen years, it's clear that Labour has failed on the economy, on climate change, on civil liberties and even on tackling poverty. They've lost touch with real life in Britain.

But a Conservative government won't change anything. Everyone remembers the damage they did when they were last in power. Today's Conservatives haven't changed at all.

**Our NHS, our economy and our environment will not be safe in Tory hands.**

## It's up to the Liberal Democrats

Four Steps to a Fairer Britain

### 1. Fairer taxes that put money back in your pocket

You will pay no tax on the first £10,000 you earn – cutting most tax bills by £700.

### 2. A fair chance for every child

Smaller class sizes, more money into schools and abolish university tuition fees.

### 3. A fair future: create jobs by making Britain greener

Invest in public transport, renewable energy and energy efficient homes.

### 4. A fair deal for you from the politicians

Make politicians accountable and give you the right to sack corrupt MPs.

Jacque Bell & Vince Cable MP



### SNIPPETS

- Network Rail have now erected metal fencing at both ends of the "Blue Bridge" to deter groups of youngsters sitting on the fence (*Focus* 154).
- **Urlay Nook Level Crossing** will be closed to vehicles from 2245 on 24 April to 0500 on 26 April.
- Stockton Council propose to resurface the footpaths of **Aspen Road & Uldale Drive** and the carriageway of **Carnoustie Drive** between Muirfield Road & Glenluce Close.
- There is a planning application to build 2 live & work units in **Aislaby**.
- While Leven Bridge is closed, the X6 bus is diverted and does not serve **Valley Gardens**.
- Over 20 years ago our councillors got a yellow box at the end of **South View** to help drivers turn into **Urlay Nook Road**. As this is being used by drivers "rat-running" from Yarm Road to enter the queue for the *Cleveland Bay* lights, Stockton Council propose to remove the left-turn half of the box.
- Your councillors reported flooding in **Carnoustie Drive** subway. This was found to be caused by a broken drain. Owing to technical difficulties, this cannot be repaired until the ground dries out.
- The new dog bin (*Focus* 156) is on the path between **Langdon & Lartington Ways**.
- Congratulations to the non-party-political **Friends of Tees Heritage Park** on winning a grant which, with matching funding, will amount to more than £600,000!



# Labour's Housing Disgrace

Witham House has been demolished. People who lived there are scattered round the borough. Many Eaglescliffe people who want to move to sheltered housing for the last years of their lives find they can't because Eaglescliffe has none they can afford.

For years Stockton Council and Tristar tenants paid rent which was top-sliced by the government to go to councils in other parts of the country. Neither Stockton Council nor Tristar could do the improvements needed.

**Liberal Democrat Councillor Suzanne Fletcher has campaigned tirelessly for a change in rules over the last 15 years, speaking out nationally as well as locally. But Labour, and Tories before them, did not listen.**

In desperation 3 years ago Stockton Council transferred **Witham House** to Erimus Housing who promised they would rebuild it, with some flats for rent and others for sale.

Your Liberal Democrat councillors argued that we needed them all for rent but were told that wasn't possible.

2 years ago Vince Cable, Lib Dem shadow chancellor, predicted a crash in the housing market. He saw clearly that people were being encouraged to borrow more than they could afford to repay. But Labour didn't listen.

Now, Erimus will not rebuild Witham House in the near future. They say that they wouldn't be able to sell the flats.

Jacque Bell, Parliamentary candidate for the Lib Dems says

**"This is a disgrace. If all the money that went from Stockton tenants to the Government had stayed here, we could have had Witham House rebuilt to modern standards for rent as well as new doors and windows years ago in Tristar houses. The £177 MILLION over the last 20 years could, and should, have been spent on what YOU wanted."**

Would you vote for parties that treat our senior citizens like this?



Jacque Bell outside Witham House

### Call this Consultation?

Over a couple of years residents of the estates between the Golf Course and St Margaret's Play Area have had letters from the Council asking their opinion about proposed traffic calming and a "school zone" in **Carnoustie Drive**. There was insufficient support for speed humps, but we've now learnt that (contrary to what we wrote in the last *Focus*) people who voted for the school zone were deemed to have voted for speed humps in Carnoustie Drive! We believe that the Council's public consultation has been confusing, but a committee (of Labour, Tory & IBIS councillors) saw nothing wrong with it. So speed humps will be put there if the money can be found. We're all in favour of road safety outside schools, but we think that speed humps aren't needed here.

### Preston Park

We're pleased that a non-party-political group ("**Protect Preston Park**") has been formed to carry on the fight (*Focus* 156). They have our full support. Meanwhile, our Labour MP, having spoken out at the meeting in February at which it was made clear that building a school there would take the overflow car park, Quarry Road Allotments and a big chunk of parkland, wrote in March to Ingleby Barwick residents saying that the site would be "the overflow car-park at Preston Park (not the Park itself...)". Do we want an MP who can't get her facts right?



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