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Incompetence beyond belief

Labour can't even organise a Christmas Party



Cllrs John Popham and Ian Gibb get some practical experience helping out in the beer tent at the 2005 Party in the Park organised by Pitshanger Community Association

The new licensing act came into force in November. All pubs and places of entertainment had to apply for a new licence. However, one important landlord forgot to apply in time — Ealing Council!

An immediate effect of the Council's incompetence was the staff Christmas Party, which had to be cancelled. More alarmingly, to prevent the risk of being sued by disappointed revellers who had booked halls and had intended to run cash bars, Ealing Council has given free booze to the organisers—one event alone cost you, the taxpayer, £4000 and the final cost will be in excess of £12000!!

Cleveland Councillor, and the Conservatives lead spokesman on licensing issues, Cllr John Popham said, "It beggars belief. The taxpayer is paying for free booze because of Labour councillors' incompetence".

Conservatives will improve Recycling Rates

Your local Conservatives have pledged to improve recycling rates in Ealing if they take control of the Council in next year's elections.

Conservative Plans outlined in their manifesto include replacing the pink bag scheme with a reusable bag similar to the one operated in neighbouring Conservative controlled Hillingdon. This scheme will be **free**, with the reusable bag returned to the householder along with their Green Box each week.

Cleveland Councillor Ian Gibb strongly supports the initiative. "Having to order pink bags is a real disincentive to some residents to recycle their garden waste. Our scheme will be free, make it easier

and therefore more people are likely to use it.

The Liberal Democrats' proposal to make the pink bags free would cost a lot of money and still be inconvenient. They have not really thought it through properly".



Cllr Brian Castle added, "We are also committed to expanding the Green Box scheme to include Cardboard. We hope this will make a real difference".

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Cleveland residents back David Cameron

In the run up to the Conservative leadership contest, Cleveland Conservatives surveyed hundreds of residents on whether they would like to see David Cameron or David Davis as the new party leader.

The results were overwhelming with 2 in every 3 of you backing David Cameron. Since his election, David Cameron has outlined the major challenges we face:

David Cameron's 6 Challenges

- Making our Economy more competitive ✓
- Improving our quality of life ✓
- Public Service improvement ✓
- Protecting our security ✓
- Social justice ✓
- Globalisation and global poverty ✓

Cleveland Conservative Councillor Ian Gibb met David Cameron during last year's General election campaign. Ian said, "I was very impressed by David. He quickly got a grasp of issues and came across well to the media and members of the public"



Cllr Ian Gibb with new Conservative Party leader, David Cameron

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Drayton Green Junction Improvements Underway

Work is progressing well on the improvements to the Drayton Green/Courtfield Gardens junction. Cllr Brian Castle, Chairman of the Conservative controlled Ealing Area Committee, which funded the improvements to the junction said, "I'm delighted that after years of our campaigning we've seen some action taken on this dangerous junction. Although we ideally would have liked to see a pedestrian crossing included, there was insufficient budget available."



Cllrs Castle and Popham inspect the junction improvements

Cllr Ian Gibb added, "This is another step in an ongoing campaign to improve pedestrian and motorist safety. A couple of years ago we managed to get the awful junction at Castlebar Hill/Mount

Avenue improved, despite Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors opposing the initiative. We need to make these dangerous junctions safer if we are going to encourage people to walk more and help reduce congestion."

St David's Home expands its services

St David's Home, the home for ex-servicemen on Castlebar Hill has recently opened a new wing to provide intermediate care. The new wing was officially opened before Christmas by His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor (the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster).

Cleveland Councillors Popham and Gibb were pleased to attend the opening and show their support for the work of all the people at St David's Home. Cllr Gibb, who is the Conservative's spokesman on Adult Services welcomed this new service saying, "There is a shortage of this type of care in the Ealing area, which caters for people that are well enough to leave hospital but may not be quite ready to return home".

Cllr Popham added, "It was great to see His Eminence here in Ealing supporting this tremendous Home".

Conservatives put Environment at heart of manifesto

Ealing's Conservative Councillors recently have launched their manifesto for next year's Council elections and they will put the environment at the heart of the campaign.



Conservatives are committed to reverse the decline in our streets following years of Labour misrule that has seen the environment budget bear the brunt of the cuts in service. From dog bins to black sacks, replanting trees to road maintenance—all have been cut in the name of efficiencies.

On top of these cuts, many charges have been implemented including charges for:

- ◆ ***Pink bags for garden waste***
- ◆ ***Collecting old fridges***

Ealing Conservatives have pledged to:

Invest in the Environment

On taking control of the Council, Ealing Conservatives will immediately move an additional £1.8 million into the environment budget. This money will come from making overspending departments at the Town Hall balance their budgets.

We also pledge to put an additional £1.5 million every year into the budget so that over a 4 year term an extra £7.8 million will be invested in making our streets cleaner, tackling graffiti and fly tipping, renovating broken pavements and generally making Ealing a better place to live and work.

Clean Streets

Enough is enough—it is time for our streets to be clean. A Conservative controlled Council will introduce a number of new elements to the rubbish collection and street cleaning service.



Litter strewn Manor Road W13

- 1) Every street in the Borough will be allocated a set day and time when the rubbish will be collected and the street will be swept
- 2) Every street will be swept at least once a week
- 3) Street sweeping will be coordinated so that it happens immediately after rubbish collection
- 4) We will move away from the use of black sacks which are easily ripped by foxes leaving litter strewn over the streets and will move to an alternative system (eg wheelie bins) following consultation with residents over the most appropriate system.

Recycling

Conservatives are pledged to improve recycling rates—more details are given on page 1 of this edition of the Chronicle—including free collection for garden waste and the recycling of cardboard in the green box scheme.

Graffiti and Flytipping

Conservatives are committed to setting the



Cllrs Castle and Gibb (pictured) and Popham recently inspected and reported the graffiti outbreak in the Draytons. The Cleveland Councillors are demanding action be taken by the Council, Network Rail and Notting Hill Housing Association to clear up and keep on top of the mess.

right example and we pledge to remove all graffiti from Council owned property within 24 hours. We will remove all flytipped waste on public land within 24 hours of it being reported.

Parks and Open Spaces

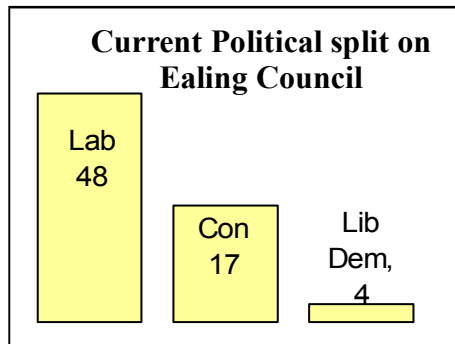
We are blessed in Cleveland ward with our parks and open spaces and we are committed to cleaning them up and tackling any anti-social behaviour in them.

Happy New Year from Cleveland Conservatives

The Cleveland Conservative team would like to wish all residents a Happy New Year. Have your New Year's resolutions lapsed yet? We've made ours but we need your help in making it happen. You won't be surprised to learn that we want the New Year to bring a New Council. Elections for Ealing Council will take place in May so if you want:

- ✓ An end to Labour incompetence
- ✓ A Council committed to opposing the Tram
- ✓ A Council committed to improving the local environment

The only way to achieve this is to vote Conservative on 4th May 2006
Put it in your diary—you can make this New Year resolution happen!



Out of Focus



Liberal Democrat Focus leaflets always proclaim they work all year, not just at elections. Interestingly, figures for attendance at Council meetings in the last full year show that Liberal Democrat Councillors are the worst attendees at the Town Hall! As they say, actions speak louder than words!

How to contact your Conservative Councillors


Face to Face

Your Conservative Councillors hold three surgeries each month – just turn up - no appointment required. Each surgery runs from 10.00 to 11.00am

- 2nd Saturday of Month**—Methodist Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane
- 3rd Saturday of Month**—Gurnell Community Centre, Gurnell Estate
- 4th Saturday of Month**—International Presbyterian Church, Drayton Green

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What is wrong with the Country, Ealing, Your Neighbourhood? Let us know by dropping an e-mail to the addresses above or write to our FREEPOST address at the bottom of the page.

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I would like to

- Find out about joining the Conservative Party
- Help deliver leaflets in a few streets near where I live
- Get a postal vote for the Council Elections
- Donate to your fighting fund (cheques payable to Cleveland Conservatives)

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