



Making Progress

Both locally and nationally we are making progress.

Locally:

- Increased membership by about 12% since May This appears to be part of a national trend
- Agreed on important local issues in the form of resolutions
- Have a functioning District Party who are in the process of developing a Manifesto for the May 2011 elections
- Held a House Meeting for the Labour Leadership Campaign
- Had the opportunity to meet David Milliband in Harlow

Nationally:

- Achieved very good results in local government by-elections, including a win in Worksop West with a swing of 24% from the Tories and achieved excellent results in Norwich
- Much improved opinion poll ratings now consistently in the region of 39% voting intentions as against 29% at the General Election
- A leadership election involving all elements of the Labour Movement.

Locally we now need to:

- Identify and select candidates for the upcoming elections
- Have clear policies and strategies for the elections in 2010
- Have more social events. Ideas and offers please!

Peter Mitchell

Our policy positions on important local issues

Your OGM on September 9th passed the following resolutions unanimously:

1. "Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth Labour Party opposes planning permission being granted for the 'super school' at Whittington Road. We support the construction of a new school on Hadham Road"

2. "Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth Labour Party accept a development on the Causeway Site providing the following conditions are met:

- **East Herts Council explain why derelict land near Bishop's Stortford Station is unsuitable for a similar project**
- **Any town centre project should have a high proportion of affordable accommodation and include significant social housing**
- **A full impact study on existing shopping facilities is presented to residents of Bishop's Stortford if planning permission is to be granted**
- **An integrated transport plan reflecting the impact of the development is presented with the specific purpose of improving public transport.**
- **Any development should include the provision of high value community facilities which could include medical and cultural aspects which are easily accessible, at most times, to local people"**

Linda Mitchell

STOP PRESS – URGENT

Due to the resignation of the Independent Councillor for Sawbridgeworth EDC we intend to initiate a by-election this autumn. Ideally our candidate should have local knowledge and/or live in the ward. If you would like to be considered as a candidate please contact one of the Branch Officers.



Events and Dates for the Diary

100 Club Draw

August

- 1 No.33 Dave and Gill Perkins, N.E Herts.
- 2 No.144 Olga Parish, Hertford
- 3 No. 112 Brenda Bruce, Hertford

September

- 1. No.70 Clive Millard, NE Herts
- 2. No. 172 Elizabeth Walker, Hertford
- 3. No 11 Barbara Lerner, Hertford.

The 100 Club raises funds for fighting elections. You can contact us for the forms or ring Peter Wood on 01992 584398

Dates for the Diary

The next Branch Meeting will be held at Pearse House, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday 13th October at 8.00 pm.

The next CLP Meeting will be held on 18th October in Bishop's Stortford. All welcome.

Your Newsletter, Your Say

Not getting your views heard? Ring a Branch officer or email the Secretary on mitpeter1@ntlworld.com. The deadline for items for the next newsletter is:

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WELCOME TO OUR 5 NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THIS MONTH

