



Local news from Woking Labour Party Kingfield, Westfield & Barnsbury Rose

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Chris Martin – your Labour candidate for Kingfield & Westfield on May 5th

Chris Martin has lived in Woking all his life. Educated at St John the Baptist School, he has campaigned for the people of Kingfield, Westfield and Barnsbury for the last fifteen years, raising many issues and concerns of the local residents. Chris was the founder member of the Barnsbury Action Group which he set up with residents to protect over development in back gardens.

Chris has recently campaigned against the deforestation of Woking Park .

Chris says “already we have the tree carnage in Woking Park and the bridge to be closed for seven months. I am also concerned about the proposal for massive development in Moor Lane and question the wisdom of building on a flood plain.”

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YOUR JOB...YOUR HEALTH...YOUR HOME

...All put at risk by the Tory/LibDem cuts which are too far and too fast

- **Savage cuts to housing benefit** will threaten many social tenancies and essential workers will be priced out of town. They will be unable to afford to live locally and this will threaten the stability of our mixed communities in Woking.
- **Unemployment is never a price worth paying** and there are already five claimants chasing every job. One in five of those aged 16 to 24 is out of work, creating a lost generation.
- **The young are hit the hardest** with cuts to Sure Start and to teachers, the abolition of the Educational Maintenance Allowance and the trebling of university fees.
- **NHS waiting lists are rising** 53,000 job cuts are announced already and the NHS will be turned into a market place.
- **The average family** will be £400 a year worse off through increased VAT and with inflation now at 4% and rising.

Labour did not cause the economic crisis – the credit crunch was caused by the banks and has affected nearly every country in the western world. Before the crash the UK under Labour had the second lowest debt of all the G7 countries. Labour took the difficult steps to prevent the banks crashing our economy and set Britain back on the road to recovery.

When Labour left office mortgage rates were at a record low – unemployment had been reduced and was stable – the UK had come out of recession – the UK had good underlying growth – and Britain had low inflation.

All this is being put at risk by the Tory/Lib Dem Government. THESE CUTS ARE BEING RUSHED THROUGH TO SUIT TORY “SMALL STATE” IDEOLOGY.



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Promises, promises...

They say actions speak louder than words, so let's take a look at some of the things the Conservatives and Lib Dems said before the election about education and what they have done since.

NICK CLEGG ON UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES *"The Liberal Democrats are different. Not only will we oppose any raising of the cap, we will scrap tuition fees for good, including for part-time students."*

And what have they done? University tuition fees are now set to nearly triple to £9,000 per year and higher education funding has been savagely cut.

DAVID CAMERON ON THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE *"We've looked at Educational Maintenance Allowances and we haven't announced any plan to get rid of them."*

EDUCATION SECRETARY MICHAEL GOVE *"Ed Balls keeps saying that we are committed to scrapping the EMA. I have never said this. We won't."*

And what have they done? The Government is scrapping the Educational Maintenance Allowance.

Remember that none of this would have been possible without the complicity of Nick Clegg and his Lib Dem colleagues. It was Clegg who signed the pledge not to support any adverse changes to tuition fees.

NO WONDER SO MANY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ARE NOW SWITCHING TO LABOUR.

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