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Members Newsletter

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Next Event:

Annual Association Dinner With Priti Patel MP

We are happy to announce that this years speaker will be Priti Patel MP. The often outspoken MP for Witham, known for her views on Europe, Law & Order and many other issues will be joining us at the Clandon Regis Golf Club on the 8th of February at 7pm. This event is not to be missed.



Association News

Chairman's Comments

This has been a busy and productive year for the association. Most importantly, we have, with your help, campaigned hard to maintain our position on the District Council and also fought a county wide campaign with the Police and Crime Commissioner election. A particularly pleasing aspect of the PCC election was the emergence of Conservative Future as a dynamic campaign asset. In 2013 we will be fighting seven County Council seats across the constituency on the 2nd of may with a full campaign programme... ALL POLLING STATIONS TO BE MANNED!



The association office at South Street has made a number of encouraging improvements which have aided the financial position of the association and the efficiency of running the office. For example we have streamlined our administrative systems – we now use online banking, electronic communication is our preferred method of communication and we have begun to use social media in more innovative ways. We have also been sharing resources with other local associations and are actively exploring further opportunities to provide better value for money to our members.

News From Westminster

Mole Valley MP's Private Members Bill Passes All Stages

Sir Paul Beresford MP's Private Members' Bill, the Prisons (Interference with Wireless Telegraphy) Bill will allow the Secretary of State to authorise prison governors to interfere with wireless telegraphy in order to detect their use. The Bill had both government and cross party support. It started its journey through Parliament on 28 June 2012 and continued expeditiously with a formal second reading without debate, then passed a money resolution and was referred to a Public Bill Committee. The Committee then met on Wednesday, 17 October 2012 and went through in just 12 minutes – so quickly that veterans of the Commons believe this to be a new record.



Mobile phones and similar devices in prisons have long been associated with problems such as organised crime, drug supply, bullying and harassment of victims. The previous Government introduced criminal offences of bringing unauthorised electronic communications devices into or out of prisons, and of possessing a mobile phone in prison without authorisation, to add to the existing disciplinary offence of possessing an unauthorised article.

In spite of being in coalition **Conservatives in Government** have achieved:-

{Do not forget we inherited From Labour an appalling economy with the worst deficit since WWII}

- Deficit cut by 25%
- £33 billion savings on interest payments
- OBR growth forecast - 1.2% in 2013 - 2.0% in 2014 - 2.3% in 2015
- Forecast growth in 2016 is 2.7% & 2.8% in 2017 (with Conservatives re-elected)
- Biggest fall in unemployment in last quarter since 2001
- 1.1 million lowest paid out of tax
- Labour's fuel tax rises cut & then frozen
- £3.3 billion saved for businesses in red tape cuts
- UK exported more cars than it imported for first time since 1976
- 1.2 million new private sector jobs & 24,000 less public sector jobs

AND immigration down 60,000 - that is just for starters.

FAIR VOTES - the Electoral Commission is to put before Parliament new constituencies that are nearly equal sizes and for a Parliament with 50 LESS MPs. Both Labour & the Liberals are set to vote for no change!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!