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FOCUS

Forward Together

From your Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett
Cllr Mike Heap
Cllr Richard Whitehouse
Mrs Sandra Terry
Mr David Murray

David Murray your LibDem candidate for Parliament

David Murray recently retired after a long career designing new products. After six years with a Bilston company, he worked locally for the Design Council, Business Links and the University of Wolverhampton. He supports engineering activities in secondary schools, and campaigns on local issues. David said "I am delighted to stand in an area I know so well. Since Labour came to power in 1997, 1,000,000 UK manufacturing jobs have been lost."

Meanwhile Labour has:

- * raided working people's pensions
- * introduced student top-up fees
- * talked about being tough on crime
- * caused huge Council Tax increases
- * increased taxation by "stealth"
- * forced hospitals into debt
- * tied up police time with red tape
- * spent £5 billion on an illegal war in Iraq



David Murray

has the full backing of your local Lib Dem councillors.

Bus News

Councillor Richard Whitehouse at the SpringVale/Blakenhall Area Forum called on Travel West Midlands to ensure its buses ran on time and where there are missing buses on low frequency routes, such as the 581, a replacement found as a matter of urgency. He also called on Centro to look at putting bus shelters all along the 581 route. Councillor Mike Heap said "Both Centro and Travel West Midlands need to be shamed in to taking action. If you feel, as we do, about the state of the bus service please write to: Traffic Manager Park Lane Garage, Travel West Midlands, Park Lane, Wolverhampton, WV10 9QG and if you feel we deserve more bus shelters on the 581 route write to: Centro, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3SD"

Massive hike in council tax

Inflation is running at barely 2% yet this council raises council tax by 4.5%. This is because of a wasteful local Labour run council and under-funding from a Labour government. Parliamentary candidate David Murray said "It is about time this unfair tax was scrapped and replaced with Local Income Tax which is much fairer as it is based on the ability to pay.

Only then will our low paid and our pensioners have a fair deal (only households with incomes over £40,000 will pay more than now, everyone else will pay about the same or substantially less with many pensioners paying nothing). I also call upon the government to scrap the impending council tax band revaluation because it will put many of us in higher tax bands making us pay more".

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- The new off-street parking provision is well underway in Genthorn Close and it is complete in Sunset Place. Councillor Heap can now report funding has been allocated for work next year in Norbury Crescent. Sandra Terry said "This is good news for the residents of Norbury Crescent but the exact scheme must be agreed by the residents and local councillors. This will be done through the Tenants and Residents Association which meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm at Lanesfield School".
- Councillor Malcolm Gwinnett reports "The Chair of Lanesfield Tenants and Residents Association is Mrs Gladys Pearson and it was because of her actions (not as one Labour activist claimed) that the lower end of Laburnum Road is to be resurfaced in the near future. I believe the community should be proud of people such as Gladys who help to get things done in a totally non-political manner".

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Office	555005	3 pm - 5 pm
David Murray	458059	

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Councillors' Saturday Advice Centres

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