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Monthly e-Newsletter for Members of New Forest West Conservative Party

Desmond's Diary



I was off first thing on Saturday 1st October up to Manchester to prepare for the Conservative Party Conference which ran from Sunday 2nd until the afternoon of the 5th. Then back to London to catch up on the office work on 6th, and on down to the Forest to 'chew the cud' with our New Forest West conference delegates in the evening. Friday 7th surgeries and another on Saturday 8th and I attended the official re-opening of St Thomas' in Lymington on Sunday 9th.

Then it's back to the parliamentary routine of Monday to Thursday in Westminster with surgeries and visits on Fridays and weekends, until the end of the month. On Friday 14th in addition to my surgery I will attend the Luncheon club at Elmer's Court which is being addressed by my colleague Rt Hon James Arbuthnott MP who is chairman of the Commons Defence Select Committee, a former Defence minister and chief whip. In the evening I will address a meeting for members and supporters near Fordingbridge. The following Friday, the 21st, I will be addressing the Poole Conservatives luncheon club, before travelling to Shropshire for the weekend. On Saturday the 29th, I hope to manage an hour or so helping in a charity shop before attending the launch of the Ringwood branch of the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

For me the highlight of last month was on September 27th when I addressed the Kings College London Conservative Association (of whom I am the Patron). It was really exciting to be in a hall packed with young people full of enthusiasm and fizzing with ideas and questions. They are the future of the Conservative Party, and from where I was standing it looked a very bright one.

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LEADERSHIP FOR A BETTER FUTURE



Conservative Party Conference 2011



Report by Rt Hon Desmond Swayne MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

4000 members attended the conference, 8 of us from New Forest West. Add to that another 8000 exhibitors, traders, journalists, TV crews, and lobbyists and it makes for a healthy crowd with a lively atmosphere. I went into the auditorium for the highlights: the Chancellor; Boris; and the Prime Minister. Most of my time however, was spent in our nerve centre on the 4th floor of the Midland Hotel, or at the more 'lively' fringe meetings with my ear to the ground, then till early in morning at the various receptions taking the temperature and getting feedback from colleagues. I did manage one early morning run with the PM along the canal tow paths. The powerful message I came away with is that the decision we took 15 months ago,

to form a coalition government, remains as right and important now as it was then: we have to give Britain the stability of a full parliament to sort out our disastrous public finances and that we cannot solve our debt problem with yet more debt. What was clear, on the other hand, is that everything that we can sensibly do to release enterprise and promote economic growth will be done. Notwithstanding, the difficulties that we face there was a profound sense of optimism, that we are building a stronger better economy, and that our greatest days are still ahead of us. The key line from the Prime Minister's speech was "remember what counts is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog".



Conservative Future

What do Stephen Canning, Jennifer O'Grady, Becky Brunskill and myself all have in common? The answer - that we are all some of the youngest councillors in the country. We share another important characteristic too as all of us are Conservative. Before 2005 there was a noticeable lack of young people getting involved in elected politics. The BBC even ran a series of articles about the subject and suggested that the answer was partly due to a 'broken generation' of disinterested young people caused by a Labour Government. I, in part, would actually disagree. The reason why I got involved in politics was because of what I saw a Labour Government do to this country. £8,562 a minute being spent on NHS bureaucracy, red tape that strangled business, unelected quangos that had unprecedented power, the national debt increased by £310,122 every minute and a culture of dependency that went against everything that is British. The list continues, but we don't have time.

If we sit back and do nothing then nothing will change and this is why I, like many other young people, support the Conservative Party. This is the party of Government at all levels, and we are the only party that is capable and willing to make difficult decisions, weathering the storm knowing that eventually tomorrow will be better than today. We are not about party or self interest, we are about the national interest and this resonates with



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young people. We grew up watching as a very powerful Labour Government sat back on its huge majority offering reform, but never actually doing it. Whereas we Conservatives work hard and hit the ground running, something that the majority of young people are used to.

The inevitable truth is that the future of our country rests with our young people. It is they who will be the lawyers, entrepreneurs, teachers, doctors, and yes, politicians of the future which will decide the fate of our great country. So it gives us confidence to know that, with over 18,000 members nationally, Conservative Future is the largest political organisation of its kind for young people. CF is truly representative of our young people as we all come from a wide range of backgrounds and beliefs, but we share one common theme throughout - that no matter what your background, sex, age, race, religion or colour you can succeed if you try. This is what our great party is all about and that is why we have more young Councillors than any other party in the United Kingdom.

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EVENTS

Members and their friends and family are welcome at all events.

Sat 15 October ■ QUIZ NIGHT

New Milton Branch ■ 7.00pm ■
Bashley Village Hall, Bashley Road,
New Milton, BH25 5RY ■ Tickets £10
includes supper ■ Contact Cllr Valya
Schooling on 01425 623 388
*Bar Available. Don't worry if you are
coming alone or don't have a team
there are always teams grateful for
extra members!*



Sat 22 October ■ AUTUMN BARN DANCE with FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Barton & Becton Branch ■ 7.00pm ■
St Mary Magdalene Church Hall,
Church Road, New Milton, BH25 6QN
■ Tickets £8.50. Bring your own
drink. For tickets contact Pat &
Maureen Keegan on 01425 612
947. *Fun for all the family, all ages
welcome!*



Fri 2 December ■ TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Guest Speaker: Rt Hon Desmond
Swayne TD MP ■ 12.15 for 12.45pm
■ South Lawn Hotel, Milford on Sea,
Lymington, SO41 0RF ■ For tickets
contact Janet Litten on 01425 617
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*For details on the NFWCA Lunch Club
are available form the Constituency
Office.*

Tue 6 December ■ CHRISTMAS DINNER with CAROLS

Barton & Becton Branch ■ 7.00pm ■
New Milton Conservative Club ■ For
further details please contact Cllr
Christine Ward on 01425 621 161.



Fri 9 December ■ CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Guest: Rt Hon Desmond Swayne TD
MP ■ Milford on Sea Branch ■
11.45am ■ All Saints Church Hall,
Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea,
SO41 0SQ ■ For tickets please
contact Lynne Kendal on 01590 642
575.



Sat 10 December ■ MINCE PIES & SHERRY

Barton & Becton Branch ■ 10.00am
■ Becton Rough, Barton Common
Road, Barton on Sea, BH25 5PR ■
For further details please contact Cllr
Christine Ward on 01425 621 161.



Sun 18 December ■ A TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

Barton & Becton Branch ■ 5.00pm ■
2 The Coach House, Angel Lane, New
Milton, BH25 7JU ■ For further
details please contact Cllr Christine
Ward on 01425 621 161.

Tue 17 January ■ COACH TRIP TO WESTMINSTER with Guided Tour of the Houses of Parliament

Barton & Becton Branch ■ Pick-up
times from 6.25am ■ Arrives at
Westminster Palace at 9.50am.
Guided tour followed by an afternoon
to spend at your leisure. Leaves
Westminster for return journey home
at 4.00pm. Further details and
booking form available from the
Constituency Office on 01425 629
844.





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