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On St Thomas

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News from VANESSA NEWCOMBE / CLLR ADRIAN FULLAM and the local Lib Dem Team

VANESSA NEWCOMBE Your Lib Dem St Thomas Council Candidate on 2nd May

Vanessa Newcombe has a long association with St Thomas and welcomes the opportunity to represent the community and work alongside Cllr. Adrian Fullam. She has been working with and helping Adrian over several months and if elected will help him to be a stronger voice – speaking up for St Thomas.



Road Closure Notice

Devon County Council have given notice that there will be a road closure beginning Monday 29th April, which should last no longer than 5 days.

The roads affected are **SYDNEY ROAD, FERNDALE ROAD & OLD VICARAGE ROAD.**

The closure will be in operation from 7am to 4pm

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable Devon Highway Patching works



Road closure will affect traffic flows around the area

The alternative, signed routes for vehicles will be
DIVERSION 1 – COWICK STREET, ALPHINGTON STREET, ROAD OVER EXE BRIDGE NORTH, EDMUND STREET, ROAD OVER EXE BRIDGE SOUTH, ALPHINGTON STREET, ALPHINGTON ROAD
DIVERSION 2 - ALPHINGTON ROAD, ALPHINGTON STREET, COWICK STREET

City Council budget update

Adrian worked with others to mitigate the damage of the Labour budget as they make cuts to pay for their debts and the leisure service subsidy.

Adrian spoke at Council for a change to the Labour budget to protect the street cleansing budget, fund the resources needed to deliver the food waste collection scheme and defer some of the increase in allotment fees.

Every Labour Councillor voted against it, but no-one said why.



It's time for change.

Change to P bus route (again!)

Residents of Okehampton Road will welcome the change to the P bus route which starts on April 14th, but many St Thomas residents will not welcome the change. Due to intervention by the Labour party who instigated negotiations with Stagecoach, the new route will NOT service Bowhay Lane. Also the Health Centre will NOT be covered on the new inward journey route. After the downwards route on Isleworth Road, Stagecoach website states the bus will cross Buddle Lane into Okehampton Road, and then into Buller Road.



New P bus route inconveniences many St Thomas residents

Council Candidate **Vanessa Newcombe** said " Many elderly residents in higher St Thomas rely on the bus for surgery appointments in Cowick Street. It is disappointing that the local Labour Councillors did not consider or consult with the residents of St Thomas who may be affected by the changes to the new route."

Allotment fees to rise

Labour voted through their intention to raise allotment fees by 40%.

Under opposition pressure, they will now spread the increase over 2 years instead of 1. Allotment holders are paying more while leisure users are getting a £2.2 million a year subsidy - the St Sidwell Point centre not being the money-spinner Labour claimed it would be in 2015.



Vanessa visits the allotments in Newman Road

Working hard all year round

VANESSA & ADRIAN'S Priorities for St Thomas

1

To hold the council to account for financial waste and mismanagement of major projects.

2

Press the council to reverse the cuts to the cleansing budget to ensure that St Thomas is a pleasant place to live and work.

3

To keep residents informed so the community can have their say before decisions are made.

Closed toilet concerns

There are concerns about the 'temporary' closure of the ladies public toilets in St Thomas Pleasure Grounds.

A leak in the roof is affecting the light fittings and was reported in December of last year.

At the time of going to print we are not aware of any date from the City Council when repairs will be carried out.



Alphington Road Application Refused

Following representations from the public, the planning application to build 54 flats on the Claremont/former Exe Engineering site on Alphington Road has been refused.



March Budget 'Desperate Deception', says Exeter Lib Dem MP candidate

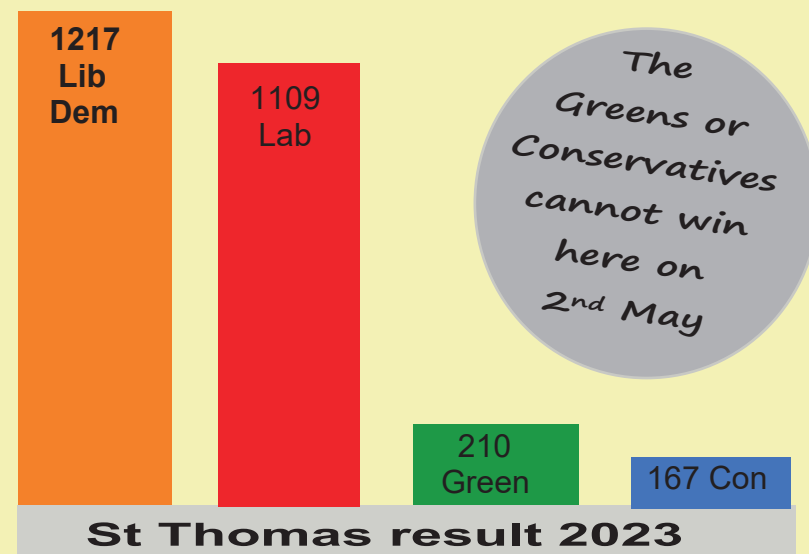
"What I hear time and time again on the doorstep is people fed up with the financial mismanagement by the Conservatives nationally and Labour locally.

Between public services on their knees, poor green investment incentives, and stealth taxes on working people: this budget is an act of desperate deception. It's high time for real change."

Will Aczel, Lib Dem MP candidate for Exeter,



It's Lib Dem or Labour here !



The Greens or Conservatives cannot win here on 2nd May

The City Council elections on May 2nd cannot change the government, but it is your opportunity **locally** to elect a candidate who would be a hard working councillor, **helping Adrian** to be an even stronger voice **speaking up for St Thomas.**



It's a 2 horse race

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