

*Letter from the Chair*

Dear Members

A devastating couple of months have left us all rather shell shocked. We did not expect to do very well but to lose so many wonderful MPs and councillors across the country was beyond our worst expectations.

Now to learn of the tragic death of Charles Kennedy is a real blow, and his young son and family are in our thoughts.

*Lynne Whitehouse*

**... on the plus side..**

**New Members**

Nationally more than 14,000 new members have joined the Liberal Democrats since May 7th and 50+ of those are in the East Kent Coast area. So if you are one of those new members (or in some cases, a returning member), we warmly welcome you and thank you for giving us something to cheer about in the grey days after the Election. We hope to make contact with you all and meet you very soon – perhaps at one of the planned social events advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now we are determined to put all our efforts into sticking firmly to our principles and rebuilding the strong grass-roots of our Party.

**The Fightback starts here.....**

Hope to see you all at the BBQ!

**Di Osborn  
(Secretary EKCLD)**

**EKCLD Parliamentary, District and Town/Parish Elections**

Our Parliamentary candidates worked tirelessly on our behalf and are to be warmly congratulated for running such committed campaigns. Russ and George offered well thought out plans to keep Manston Airport open and ensure its commercial viability. Sarah produced similarly innovative ideas for the revitalization of Dover and control of its traffic problems. All performed superbly at the many hustings and their results were no reflection of the regard the electorate held for them personally. This warmth and regard must be the bedrock of our campaign to win back the trust of the voters for our national party.

We have received a complaint that there were no LD tellers at polling stations.

This is something we regretted but with limited number of volunteers and resources, we took the decision to concentrate on leafleting in target seats and attending the hustings. The complaint has been noted for next elections. Thank you for your comments.

There were some successes, locally. Martin Pennington (Westgate-on-Sea), Lynne O'Donoghue Whitehouse (Sandwich), and Bill Furness (Birchington) were all elected to their Parish/Town councils. A huge thank you goes to all those members



who put themselves forward to stand for the TDC and DDC elections. To those who were paper candidates, thank you for the use of your name, and to those who campaigned to win, we hope you are not too disappointed but now “have the bug” and are keen to have another go! Aston Mannerings increased the LD vote in the DDC elections in Capel-le-Ferne as did Matt Brown in Dane Valley in the TDC elections. We also must thank Clive Meredith who acted as the Designated Nominating Officer for both TDC and DDC, John Brazier and Seth Proctor who acted as agents for Russ Timpson in South Thanet and for George



Cunningham in North Thanet, and to Louisa Latham who did sterling work as agent for Sarah Smith in Dover and Deal and for all DDC candidates. Their hard work and commitment were greatly appreciated.

# Annual Dinner

November 2015

The Executive Committee is planning the Annual Dinner to take place in November

[Details to be announced](#)

## Lib Dem Annual Conference 2015

This event is to be held in Bournemouth and several members are planning to attend.

Also several members are planning to speak and/or propose motions, and amendments to motions. So hopefully, EKCLD will be well represented in political debate, and their reports will be circulated to members in the next newsletter.

If you can attend, then register on the website now ([www.libdems.org.uk](http://www.libdems.org.uk))

Dick Perry  
and the East Kent Coast Liberal Democrats

invite you to a

Saturday  
1st August  
2015

12 noon  
- 4 pm



**BBQ**

at 2 the Ramparts, Knightrider Street  
Sandwich CT13 9ER

**\* ENTRANCE FREE \* DONATIONS WELCOME \***

RSPV 01304 619439

**Please bring as many guests as possible – to raise money for our coffers, and let us know numbers in advance for catering. Contact Lynne (013043 619439) or Linda (01304 380787) to confirm you can come along. And more help needed!**

## Executive Committee

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# Join the 100 club!

Cost: £1 per month payable monthly or annually. (For July - December its just £6

## Winners!!

- March £10 Mr. D Perry  
£5 Mrs. D Osborn
- April £10 Mrs. L Hook  
£5 Mr. N Whitburn
- May £10 Mr. N Whitburn  
£5 Mrs. M King
- June £10 Mrs. M Whitburn  
£5 Mr. P King



More than half the money raised is paid out in prize money and the balance donated to the local party.

If you would like to join please complete the form below

## East Kent Coast Liberal Democrats

*(Formerly Dover & Deal & South Thanet)*

### 100 Club Membership Form

I would like to become a member of the East Kent Coast Liberal Democrats 100 Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership costs £1 per month which gives you the opportunity to win a prize every month.

I wish to pay monthly / annually. (please delete)

By cash / cheque / Standing order. (please delete)

*Thank you for your support.*

Please return completed form to:-

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